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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:04,700

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00:00:04,700 --> 00:00:07,040
The date is March
2, and we're talking

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00:00:07,040 --> 00:00:11,210
with Mrs. Catherina, or Ina
Polak in East Chester, New

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00:00:11,210 --> 00:00:12,680
York.

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00:00:12,680 --> 00:00:15,680
Mrs. Polak, could you tell us
a little bit about yourself?

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00:00:15,680 --> 00:00:18,650
First of all, what was
your name during the war

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00:00:18,650 --> 00:00:21,050
and where were you born,
and when were you born,

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00:00:21,050 --> 00:00:24,650
and what was your family
like, and your life?

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00:00:24,650 --> 00:00:27,380
Well, my name, as you
said, is Catherina.

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00:00:27,380 --> 00:00:29,570
Officially, everybody
called me Ina.

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00:00:29,570 --> 00:00:33,510
And I had the same name
during the whole time.

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00:00:33,510 --> 00:00:38,330

People did not change
their name during the war.

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00:00:38,330 --> 00:00:41,300

I was born on January 3, 1923.

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00:00:41,300 --> 00:00:45,260

My father's name was
Abraham Soep, S-O-E-P.

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00:00:45,260 --> 00:00:50,540

My mother's name was
Toni Fredrika Soep,

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00:00:50,540 --> 00:00:53,840

and she was born with
the name Kauffman.

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00:00:53,840 --> 00:00:55,370

Her parents were German.

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00:00:55,370 --> 00:00:57,620

They moved to
Holland from Germany

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00:00:57,620 --> 00:01:01,310

in the 1880s for
the single reason

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00:01:01,310 --> 00:01:04,640

that my grandfather loved--

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00:01:04,640 --> 00:01:06,230

who did business
with Holland a lot

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00:01:06,230 --> 00:01:13,580

in his profession,
which was, I think,

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00:01:13,580 --> 00:01:17,630

something which you
would call now textiles.

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00:01:17,630 --> 00:01:19,700
He loved Holland,
decided to move there,

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00:01:19,700 --> 00:01:23,810
and all his six children
were born in Holland.

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00:01:23,810 --> 00:01:26,480
So my mother grew
up totally Dutch,

27
00:01:26,480 --> 00:01:29,090
although, she spoke German
very well, of course,

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00:01:29,090 --> 00:01:32,390
because her parents
spoke German.

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00:01:32,390 --> 00:01:34,070
My grand-- I remember
my grandmother

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00:01:34,070 --> 00:01:36,020
speaking Dutch very well
with a German accent.

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00:01:36,020 --> 00:01:40,680

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00:01:40,680 --> 00:01:44,420
We lived a very free,
carefree life in Holland.

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00:01:44,420 --> 00:01:46,040
My parents were well-to-do.

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00:01:46,040 --> 00:01:49,460
My father was a diamond

manufacturer in a--

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00:01:49,460 --> 00:01:51,410
he had a big plant in Amsterdam.

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00:01:51,410 --> 00:01:56,720
He was, I would say, one of the
two biggest men in his field

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00:01:56,720 --> 00:01:59,090
in the city.

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00:01:59,090 --> 00:02:01,670
The diamond industry was
big in Holland at the time.

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00:02:01,670 --> 00:02:03,380
It has deteriorated
after the war

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00:02:03,380 --> 00:02:05,660
because much of the
diamond people were Jewish,

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00:02:05,660 --> 00:02:07,560
and most of them
didn't come back.

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00:02:07,560 --> 00:02:09,440
But then it was a big
flourishing thing.

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00:02:09,440 --> 00:02:11,880
He was very well-esteemed.

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00:02:11,880 --> 00:02:15,170
He was on all kind
of committees, not--

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00:02:15,170 --> 00:02:18,350
in his field in
diamond industry,

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00:02:18,350 --> 00:02:20,490

but also in the
Jewish community.

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00:02:20,490 --> 00:02:24,500

He was for many years president
of the Jewish community

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00:02:24,500 --> 00:02:28,790

in Amsterdam, which is a little
different than it's here.

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00:02:28,790 --> 00:02:31,160

People did not belong
to a synagogue.

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00:02:31,160 --> 00:02:35,390

People belonged to the Jewish
municipality of each city,

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00:02:35,390 --> 00:02:37,490

and actually paid
taxes according

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00:02:37,490 --> 00:02:39,530

to income to the city.

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00:02:39,530 --> 00:02:41,260

And they maintained
all the synagogues.

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00:02:41,260 --> 00:02:43,280

You could go
wherever you wanted.

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00:02:43,280 --> 00:02:46,820

Usually, you went to one that
was nearest to you, especially

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00:02:46,820 --> 00:02:49,520

since most practicing Jews--
or all practicing Jews,

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00:02:49,520 --> 00:02:51,770

actually, in Holland
were orthodox.

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00:02:51,770 --> 00:02:57,380

There was no such thing
as reform or conservative.

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00:02:57,380 --> 00:02:59,370

And as I said, he was orthodox.

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00:02:59,370 --> 00:03:01,370

My mother was not
brought up that way,

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00:03:01,370 --> 00:03:04,730

but she learned to
be a kosher housewife

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00:03:04,730 --> 00:03:08,240

after she married my father.

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00:03:08,240 --> 00:03:09,890

We went to a regular school.

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00:03:09,890 --> 00:03:12,800

I was brought up totally
in a Montessori system.

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00:03:12,800 --> 00:03:15,320

I went to a Montessori school
when I was four years old

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00:03:15,320 --> 00:03:19,670

in kindergarten, which was
very progressive, friends

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00:03:19,670 --> 00:03:23,180

of my parents thought, because
Montessori had just started

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00:03:23,180 --> 00:03:27,560

to be a educational
system in Holland, maybe

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00:03:27,560 --> 00:03:30,290
three or four years
before I started there.

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00:03:30,290 --> 00:03:32,480
Maria Montessori
was very involved

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00:03:32,480 --> 00:03:34,490
in Holland with the system.

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00:03:34,490 --> 00:03:38,180
She started in Italy as a--

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00:03:38,180 --> 00:03:42,140
she started it in Italy as a
program for neglected street

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00:03:42,140 --> 00:03:47,540
children, and her methods were
very explicit and very visual.

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00:03:47,540 --> 00:03:50,210
And Holland caught on
to it, and it was really

76
00:03:50,210 --> 00:03:51,750
one of the pioneering countries.

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00:03:51,750 --> 00:03:55,040
So I went in the Montessori
system for my fourth

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00:03:55,040 --> 00:03:58,890
till my 17th year, even
at Montessori High School.

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00:03:58,890 --> 00:04:02,000
I had a very happy time
at school, and especially

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00:04:02,000 --> 00:04:03,210
in high school.

81
00:04:03,210 --> 00:04:04,400
Had a lot of friends.

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00:04:04,400 --> 00:04:08,150
We led a good, kind of--

83
00:04:08,150 --> 00:04:12,500
I would say luxurious life
except I didn't realize

84
00:04:12,500 --> 00:04:13,940
that until I was much older.

85
00:04:13,940 --> 00:04:17,660
Because in those days, kids
were not very spoiled, at least

86
00:04:17,660 --> 00:04:19,040
not in my family.

87
00:04:19,040 --> 00:04:22,070
So it was always, don't
take so much of this,

88
00:04:22,070 --> 00:04:24,102
and don't take too
much butter, and do you

89
00:04:24,102 --> 00:04:25,310
have to make that phone call.

90
00:04:25,310 --> 00:04:28,010
And I thought my poor
father didn't have it.

91
00:04:28,010 --> 00:04:29,690
But I realize today
that it was more--

92
00:04:29,690 --> 00:04:31,220
that was the principle
of the thing.

93
00:04:31,220 --> 00:04:33,770
It had nothing to do with money.

94
00:04:33,770 --> 00:04:35,300
And every summer we--

95
00:04:35,300 --> 00:04:37,340
my parents were
rented a house in--

96
00:04:37,340 --> 00:04:40,720
on the shore for two
months, and we all went.

97
00:04:40,720 --> 00:04:43,730
And it was like a big moving
because all our kosher pots

98
00:04:43,730 --> 00:04:45,915
and pans had to go along.

99
00:04:45,915 --> 00:04:49,980
So a moving van came, and
for two months we moved away.

100
00:04:49,980 --> 00:04:52,760
And I thought that
we were not very well

101
00:04:52,760 --> 00:04:55,670
off because my friends
and their parents

102
00:04:55,670 --> 00:04:58,250
would go abroad to
Switzerland and France

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00:04:58,250 --> 00:05:00,787
for vacations for
two or three weeks,

104
00:05:00,787 --> 00:05:03,370
and I thought it was much more
glamorous than going every year

105
00:05:03,370 --> 00:05:05,720
like two hours
away to the shore.

106
00:05:05,720 --> 00:05:07,640
But later on, I
realized, of course,

107
00:05:07,640 --> 00:05:11,660
that that was a very
luxurious thing to do.

108
00:05:11,660 --> 00:05:13,910
And when I came
out of high school,

109
00:05:13,910 --> 00:05:17,960
I did my final exams right
after the invasion of Holland,

110
00:05:17,960 --> 00:05:20,990
which was in May 1940.

111
00:05:20,990 --> 00:05:25,580
And after that, I went
to a secretarial school

112
00:05:25,580 --> 00:05:27,800
where I learned--

113
00:05:27,800 --> 00:05:31,310
it was a very intensive
one year course

114
00:05:31,310 --> 00:05:35,930

where I learned
shorthand, typing,

115
00:05:35,930 --> 00:05:40,070
business correspondence,
business law, bookkeeping.

116
00:05:40,070 --> 00:05:48,560
And the shorthand and the typing
and the business correspondence

117
00:05:48,560 --> 00:05:50,300
was all in four languages--

118
00:05:50,300 --> 00:05:52,383
Dutch, French,
German, and English.

119
00:05:52,383 --> 00:05:54,300
And German, French, and
English, of course, we

120
00:05:54,300 --> 00:05:56,770
had in school for many years.

121
00:05:56,770 --> 00:05:59,060
So we had a good
basic knowledge of it,

122
00:05:59,060 --> 00:06:01,130
especially-- maybe not
so much in speaking

123
00:06:01,130 --> 00:06:05,320
as in reading and translating.

124
00:06:05,320 --> 00:06:06,570
Can we jump back a little bit?

125
00:06:06,570 --> 00:06:07,220
Yeah.

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00:06:07,220 --> 00:06:10,910
How-- you said you did-- you
did go to a Montessori school.

127
00:06:10,910 --> 00:06:13,110
Did you have like a
Hebrew school or--

128
00:06:13,110 --> 00:06:17,860
Yes, we went-- there were--

129
00:06:17,860 --> 00:06:19,520
I went to a private
Hebrew school.

130
00:06:19,520 --> 00:06:22,720
And my father was on the
board there, and we all--

131
00:06:22,720 --> 00:06:25,900
there was no school in
Holland on Wednesday afternoon

132
00:06:25,900 --> 00:06:27,070
and Saturday afternoon.

133
00:06:27,070 --> 00:06:29,080
Saturday morning
there was school,

134
00:06:29,080 --> 00:06:31,390
except we never went
because we wouldn't

135
00:06:31,390 --> 00:06:32,830
go to school on Saturday.

136
00:06:32,830 --> 00:06:34,830
On Wednesday afternoon,
I went for about 2

137
00:06:34,830 --> 00:06:37,360
and 1/2 hours to Hebrew

school, and on Sunday morning

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00:06:37,360 --> 00:06:39,685

an equal amount of
time, with homework.

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00:06:39,685 --> 00:06:42,460

It was a very fairly intensive.

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00:06:42,460 --> 00:06:44,230

We learned a lot--

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00:06:44,230 --> 00:06:49,930

history, translation from the
Chumash about the holidays

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00:06:49,930 --> 00:06:51,050

and everything.

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00:06:51,050 --> 00:06:53,395

So I was very well educated
in the Jewish religion.

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00:06:53,395 --> 00:06:57,220

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00:06:57,220 --> 00:07:00,670

Also, especially in high
school, I had a very happy time.

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00:07:00,670 --> 00:07:01,900

I had lots of friends.

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00:07:01,900 --> 00:07:05,753

I always had-- even in the
beginning, kind of a boyfriend.

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00:07:05,753 --> 00:07:07,420

But you were a little
shy in those days.

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00:07:07,420 --> 00:07:09,610

You didn't really
express yourself.

150
00:07:09,610 --> 00:07:11,560
But we knew we were
boy and girl friend.

151
00:07:11,560 --> 00:07:14,530
And when I was about 16,
became a little more serious

152
00:07:14,530 --> 00:07:16,720
about each other
and really stuck

153
00:07:16,720 --> 00:07:19,270
together till the
day my boyfriend

154
00:07:19,270 --> 00:07:23,290
was arrested in a
raid when he was 20

155
00:07:23,290 --> 00:07:30,220
and I was 19, which was a
terrible upset and shocked me.

156
00:07:30,220 --> 00:07:32,710
I got an asthma
attack, which I--

157
00:07:32,710 --> 00:07:34,640
which lasted for
about three months.

158
00:07:34,640 --> 00:07:38,260
I was in really bad shape
and I had to stay home.

159
00:07:38,260 --> 00:07:40,060
I couldn't go in
different temperatures,

160

00:07:40,060 --> 00:07:42,200
because it would set it
off every time again.

161
00:07:42,200 --> 00:07:44,380
So I was confined then.

162
00:07:44,380 --> 00:07:47,620
And by that time, we didn't have
any central heating anymore,

163
00:07:47,620 --> 00:07:49,870
so I stayed in the
dining room where

164
00:07:49,870 --> 00:07:51,520
we had a little potbelly stove.

165
00:07:51,520 --> 00:07:53,680
And that's where I spent
about three months trying

166
00:07:53,680 --> 00:07:54,640
to get over this.

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00:07:54,640 --> 00:07:57,953

168
00:07:57,953 --> 00:08:00,370
What about-- what-- did you
have hobbies or other pursuits

169
00:08:00,370 --> 00:08:00,953
as a teenager?

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00:08:00,953 --> 00:08:04,000
Well, between the
homework, which

171
00:08:04,000 --> 00:08:07,570
is quite a bit in
Dutch high schools,

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00:08:07,570 --> 00:08:09,340

much more than here,
I would say, yeah,

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00:08:09,340 --> 00:08:14,410

easily had maybe three hours
of homework every night.

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00:08:14,410 --> 00:08:17,860

And your school hours
were longer, too.

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00:08:17,860 --> 00:08:20,560

And the Hebrew school
on Wednesday afternoon.

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00:08:20,560 --> 00:08:24,490

And on Shabbat morning,
I used to go to shul.

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00:08:24,490 --> 00:08:26,650

And on Saturday
afternoon, we often

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00:08:26,650 --> 00:08:30,670

had in the shul kind
of a youth group

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00:08:30,670 --> 00:08:34,140

where we play games and
sang songs and stuff.

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00:08:34,140 --> 00:08:37,690

Of course, without music,
because everybody was orthodox.

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00:08:37,690 --> 00:08:40,299

And I played tennis,
which I enjoyed.

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00:08:40,299 --> 00:08:44,350

And in high school, we
played field hockey.

183
00:08:44,350 --> 00:08:47,410
Everybody did that, so
that was often done.

184
00:08:47,410 --> 00:08:48,940
On Wednesday
afternoon, I guess, I

185
00:08:48,940 --> 00:08:51,610
was older then and didn't
go to Hebrew school anymore.

186
00:08:51,610 --> 00:08:54,010
After Hebrew school,
went-- you went only

187
00:08:54,010 --> 00:08:58,030
through maybe age 13 or 14.

188
00:08:58,030 --> 00:09:01,270
My sister and I took private
table conversation lessons,

189
00:09:01,270 --> 00:09:05,230
Hebrew language lessons,
privately once a week at night.

190
00:09:05,230 --> 00:09:06,970
And then there was
homework for that.

191
00:09:06,970 --> 00:09:08,940
I did a lot of homework.

192
00:09:08,940 --> 00:09:12,790
And otherwise, this life was
very much built on families.

193
00:09:12,790 --> 00:09:15,700
On Saturday-- Friday night
we went to my grandmother's.

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00:09:15,700 --> 00:09:18,460

On Saturday morning, we
went to my grandmother's.

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00:09:18,460 --> 00:09:20,770

And one of us would always
stay for lunch there.

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00:09:20,770 --> 00:09:23,440

That was half your
Saturday afternoon gone.

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00:09:23,440 --> 00:09:26,260

Sunday mornings, we went to
the non orthodox grandmother

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00:09:26,260 --> 00:09:30,250

and met there with older
uncles and aunts and cousins.

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00:09:30,250 --> 00:09:34,270

Life is very much
geared around family.

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00:09:34,270 --> 00:09:38,140

And in high school, I spent a
lot of time with my friends.

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00:09:38,140 --> 00:09:40,870

Almost every night
after school was done,

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00:09:40,870 --> 00:09:44,590

we would meet each other
and have fun, play records

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00:09:44,590 --> 00:09:46,480

and talk.

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00:09:46,480 --> 00:09:48,760

And we were very--

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00:09:48,760 --> 00:09:52,120
we were a close-knit
group to the point where

206
00:09:52,120 --> 00:09:54,480
we would spend all our free
time together, and then

207
00:09:54,480 --> 00:09:56,480
go home and write each
other notes and read them

208
00:09:56,480 --> 00:09:57,820
the next day.

209
00:09:57,820 --> 00:10:00,550
So that was kind of
the extent of our life.

210
00:10:00,550 --> 00:10:03,130

211
00:10:03,130 --> 00:10:07,420
So can we then lead up
closer to the war period?

212
00:10:07,420 --> 00:10:12,310
Well, then in May, I--
oh, the summer of '93

213
00:10:12,310 --> 00:10:13,490
I spent in England.

214
00:10:13,490 --> 00:10:15,040
I was 16.

215
00:10:15,040 --> 00:10:18,370
And my-- it was between
my fourth and fifth year

216
00:10:18,370 --> 00:10:19,780
in high school.

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00:10:19,780 --> 00:10:24,880

And the department of
the high school I was in

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00:10:24,880 --> 00:10:26,180

was only five years.

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00:10:26,180 --> 00:10:28,810

So it was just prior
to my last year.

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00:10:28,810 --> 00:10:31,060

So my parents sent me to
England and I stayed there

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00:10:31,060 --> 00:10:34,540

with a German Jewish
family who they

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00:10:34,540 --> 00:10:36,880

had to find somebody
who was kosher.

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00:10:36,880 --> 00:10:39,940

And not to be in
London all the time,

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00:10:39,940 --> 00:10:44,410

I spent also a few weeks
at a boarding school

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00:10:44,410 --> 00:10:47,800

in Kent near the ocean.

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00:10:47,800 --> 00:10:51,310

But the kids that were there
were from a London boarding

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00:10:51,310 --> 00:10:53,080

school of refugee children.

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00:10:53,080 --> 00:10:57,670

These were all children whose parents were still in Germany.

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00:10:57,670 --> 00:10:59,330

They were sent to England.

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00:10:59,330 --> 00:11:05,110

So I spent about three or four weeks with this group.

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00:11:05,110 --> 00:11:09,250

I hated it because I hate all mass productions where

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00:11:09,250 --> 00:11:12,470

everybody has to do the same thing at the same time.

233

00:11:12,470 --> 00:11:15,200

I learned to speak German a lot because most of the kids

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00:11:15,200 --> 00:11:16,820

spoke German, of course.

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00:11:16,820 --> 00:11:19,230

And German came to me easier than English.

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00:11:19,230 --> 00:11:23,390

And we had to pay a penalty if we were caught speaking German.

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00:11:23,390 --> 00:11:24,700

But I did learn English.

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00:11:24,700 --> 00:11:27,920

I really-- when I came back after six weeks,

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00:11:27,920 --> 00:11:30,530

I learned to speak and have learned to speak English.

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00:11:30,530 --> 00:11:33,810
My father-- I was supposed to go
back at the very end of August

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00:11:33,810 --> 00:11:36,950
'39 back to Holland,
and then it looked

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00:11:36,950 --> 00:11:41,160
as if the Germans were going
to make war, invade Poland.

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00:11:41,160 --> 00:11:44,540
And my father called and said
you have to come home early.

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00:11:44,540 --> 00:11:45,890
I want you to be back.

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00:11:45,890 --> 00:11:47,690
I think there's going to be war.

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00:11:47,690 --> 00:11:49,948
Had we known what
was going to happen,

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00:11:49,948 --> 00:11:51,740
he should have said it
was going to be war,

248

00:11:51,740 --> 00:11:53,210
why don't you stay there.

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00:11:53,210 --> 00:11:57,240
But I was 16 and that was even
younger then than it is now.

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00:11:57,240 --> 00:12:02,120
So I went back, finished my
last year in high school,

251

00:12:02,120 --> 00:12:03,920
did my final exams in May--

252
00:12:03,920 --> 00:12:05,670
in June 1940.

253
00:12:05,670 --> 00:12:09,200
But we were invaded in May
1940 on the 10th of May.

254
00:12:09,200 --> 00:12:12,030
It was a five day war.

255
00:12:12,030 --> 00:12:15,260
Holland defended
itself for five years--

256
00:12:15,260 --> 00:12:16,790
five days.

257
00:12:16,790 --> 00:12:18,890
They thought they were
invincible because we

258
00:12:18,890 --> 00:12:21,410
had this beautiful water line.

259
00:12:21,410 --> 00:12:25,520
They flooded everything so that
the troops couldn't go over it,

260
00:12:25,520 --> 00:12:29,000
something like the French
with the Maginot Line,

261
00:12:29,000 --> 00:12:31,370
never realizing that it
was very easy for planes

262
00:12:31,370 --> 00:12:34,520
to fly right over
the water and bomb.

263

00:12:34,520 --> 00:12:38,930

And after five days, the
Germans bombed Rotterdam.

264

00:12:38,930 --> 00:12:41,030

And they said, if
you don't surrender,

265

00:12:41,030 --> 00:12:43,340

then we're going to do
the same to every city.

266

00:12:43,340 --> 00:12:44,690

So that was the end of the war.

267

00:12:44,690 --> 00:12:47,660

And then the Germans
occupied Holland.

268

00:12:47,660 --> 00:12:50,930

In the beginning, they
were very low key.

269

00:12:50,930 --> 00:12:51,830

They didn't do much.

270

00:12:51,830 --> 00:12:53,720

They said we will
honor Dutch law

271

00:12:53,720 --> 00:12:57,020

and Dutch can go on
living as they wish.

272

00:12:57,020 --> 00:13:01,490

And also, I have to add
that most Jews did not

273

00:13:01,490 --> 00:13:04,060

see it coming.

274

00:13:04,060 --> 00:13:07,700

Few families moved
away, moved to America.

275
00:13:07,700 --> 00:13:10,790
And they were kind of
just before May 1940.

276
00:13:10,790 --> 00:13:13,310
And they were considered
like traitors.

277
00:13:13,310 --> 00:13:15,470
How can you leave your country?

278
00:13:15,470 --> 00:13:17,690
And World War I we were not in.

279
00:13:17,690 --> 00:13:20,600
We are not going to be
in the next World War.

280
00:13:20,600 --> 00:13:24,140
So we were really caught.

281
00:13:24,140 --> 00:13:26,180
In the beginning, it
didn't seem so bad.

282
00:13:26,180 --> 00:13:28,700
There were a little
measurement slowly taken,

283
00:13:28,700 --> 00:13:30,290
and we could live
with all of them.

284
00:13:30,290 --> 00:13:33,100
So you didn't have your bike, so
you couldn't go on street cars,

285
00:13:33,100 --> 00:13:34,710
so you wouldn't have your radio.

286

00:13:34,710 --> 00:13:36,440

So you had to give
your bikes here

287

00:13:36,440 --> 00:13:40,400

and you had to give
in your valuables.

288

00:13:40,400 --> 00:13:44,420

And except for
some reprisal raids

289

00:13:44,420 --> 00:13:47,720

where they picked up mostly
young men, one of which

290

00:13:47,720 --> 00:13:51,440

my part of a squad, which
was in June 1941, already,

291

00:13:51,440 --> 00:13:55,160

no official deportation
started until July '42.

292

00:13:55,160 --> 00:13:57,620

And then it started
with the list

293

00:13:57,620 --> 00:14:01,670

where every week so
many hundreds of people

294

00:14:01,670 --> 00:14:04,850

had to bring themselves
to a certain point

295

00:14:04,850 --> 00:14:05,720

with their rucksack.

296

00:14:05,720 --> 00:14:07,940

They told you bring
just the work sock

297

00:14:07,940 --> 00:14:10,280
and told you exactly
what to take.

298

00:14:10,280 --> 00:14:15,140
And you'll be shipped to
a work camp in the east.

299

00:14:15,140 --> 00:14:16,130
That's all we knew.

300

00:14:16,130 --> 00:14:19,820
We had no-- not
the slightest idea.

301

00:14:19,820 --> 00:14:21,530
We just-- we wondered
what are you going

302

00:14:21,530 --> 00:14:22,670
to do with the little kids.

303

00:14:22,670 --> 00:14:26,510
What are you going to do with
the old people and the sick.

304

00:14:26,510 --> 00:14:31,010
I remember in one case, a
woman who was a teacher--

305

00:14:31,010 --> 00:14:34,250
kindergarten teacher, she knew
that eventually she probably

306

00:14:34,250 --> 00:14:36,360
would have to go, and
she had a little girl.

307

00:14:36,360 --> 00:14:38,690
And she was crazy about
the cutest little thing.

308

00:14:38,690 --> 00:14:41,570

I see the child
still in front of me.

309

00:14:41,570 --> 00:14:43,430

And she said, oh,
nothing's going to happen.

310

00:14:43,430 --> 00:14:45,650

I'm just going to put
on a nurse's uniform

311

00:14:45,650 --> 00:14:47,600

and I say I'm a
children's nurse.

312

00:14:47,600 --> 00:14:49,700

So wherever we go,
wherever the children are,

313

00:14:49,700 --> 00:14:51,200

I'll be a children's nurse.

314

00:14:51,200 --> 00:14:54,470

Nobody had any idea what
was at the other end.

315

00:14:54,470 --> 00:14:57,320

316

00:14:57,320 --> 00:15:01,460

I often wonder what we would
have done had we known.

317

00:15:01,460 --> 00:15:05,420

There would have probably
been, I don't know, riots,

318

00:15:05,420 --> 00:15:07,220

and many more people
trying to flee,

319

00:15:07,220 --> 00:15:11,990

and many more people being caught, of course, too.

320
00:15:11,990 --> 00:15:13,820
But the Germans were clever.

321
00:15:13,820 --> 00:15:16,250
They didn't want all these uproars and everything.

322
00:15:16,250 --> 00:15:19,820
They just hid everything.

323
00:15:19,820 --> 00:15:21,920
And of course, it didn't only happen in Holland.

324
00:15:21,920 --> 00:15:24,553
The same thing happened in Belgium and in France, except--

325
00:15:24,553 --> 00:15:26,720
I don't know if my husband told about this already--

326
00:15:26,720 --> 00:15:32,150
but in Holland, it's a very precise, punctual bureaucratic

327
00:15:32,150 --> 00:15:34,220
people, a little bit like the Germans.

328
00:15:34,220 --> 00:15:38,690
Everybody-- everything has to be in order and documented

329
00:15:38,690 --> 00:15:44,580
and in cities and in villages and in the country.

330
00:15:44,580 --> 00:15:48,320
So every-- everybody who

got born that was Jewish--

331

00:15:48,320 --> 00:15:50,090
state that it was
Jewish in Holland,

332

00:15:50,090 --> 00:15:54,170
and if they said you come and
get yourself your passport

333

00:15:54,170 --> 00:15:57,470
with your J on your pass-- with
your J on it, you come to this

334

00:15:57,470 --> 00:15:59,750
and you come and you
declare yourself a Jew.

335

00:15:59,750 --> 00:16:01,340
So there you were
with your J on it.

336

00:16:01,340 --> 00:16:03,620
And now you have to
come and get your stars

337

00:16:03,620 --> 00:16:05,090
and wear them on your clothes.

338

00:16:05,090 --> 00:16:06,830
So we went.

339

00:16:06,830 --> 00:16:08,840
In the other countries
where everything

340

00:16:08,840 --> 00:16:13,220
wasn't so precise and so
bureaucratic, a lot of people

341

00:16:13,220 --> 00:16:15,350
got away by just not doing it.

342

00:16:15,350 --> 00:16:18,440

Not everybody knew who
was or what they were.

343

00:16:18,440 --> 00:16:23,480

But Holland, that's why the
toll in Holland was so high.

344

00:16:23,480 --> 00:16:28,160

So to what point did I come?

345

00:16:28,160 --> 00:16:31,190

Then I was arrested one night--
that the whole family was

346

00:16:31,190 --> 00:16:34,760

arrested one day because
somebody in our house

347

00:16:34,760 --> 00:16:37,670

turned out to be in the
resistance and Jewish,

348

00:16:37,670 --> 00:16:38,810

which we didn't know.

349

00:16:38,810 --> 00:16:40,320

She came after curfew.

350

00:16:40,320 --> 00:16:42,020

They had followed her.

351

00:16:42,020 --> 00:16:45,080

They arrested her,
wanted to arrest us.

352

00:16:45,080 --> 00:16:47,840

We managed to talk ourselves
out of it because my father was

353

00:16:47,840 --> 00:16:50,270

a member of the Jewish council.

354

00:16:50,270 --> 00:16:57,080

One of the SS men who came
was impressed with our home.

355

00:16:57,080 --> 00:17:03,860

Everything was brand new there
from five, six years before.

356

00:17:03,860 --> 00:17:07,640

So he arrest us the next day
so that he could take the home.

357

00:17:07,640 --> 00:17:09,140

In the end, he
didn't live in it.

358

00:17:09,140 --> 00:17:11,630

The one who lived
in it was a German.

359

00:17:11,630 --> 00:17:15,020

The German physician who was
at the head of the biggest

360

00:17:15,020 --> 00:17:16,490

Dutch municipal hospital.

361

00:17:16,490 --> 00:17:18,740

He lived there all by
himself in the big house

362

00:17:18,740 --> 00:17:24,810

with a Japanese servant and
kept everything beautifully.

363

00:17:24,810 --> 00:17:27,050

We saw the bullet
holes in the door

364

00:17:27,050 --> 00:17:30,110

from when they arrested
him and he was taken out.

365
00:17:30,110 --> 00:17:33,650
We were still in Germany then.

366
00:17:33,650 --> 00:17:36,920
The Dutch contingent
of the Canadian army

367
00:17:36,920 --> 00:17:38,990
made it their
officers' headquarters.

368
00:17:38,990 --> 00:17:42,200
So when I came back, I asked
if I could see the house.

369
00:17:42,200 --> 00:17:46,100
And there was a big huge mess
because all these officers

370
00:17:46,100 --> 00:17:48,200
lived there and ate
there on our best.

371
00:17:48,200 --> 00:17:52,250
The table was always pulled out
with our best China and linens

372
00:17:52,250 --> 00:17:55,160
on the table, and they had
maids in the kitchen and all.

373
00:17:55,160 --> 00:17:59,780
But after several months, we
were able to get our house back

374
00:17:59,780 --> 00:18:01,670
after it had to be
cleaned out, I think,

375
00:18:01,670 --> 00:18:04,830
by four people for five
days so we could go back.

376
00:18:04,830 --> 00:18:08,900
So that's in a nutshell,
our goings and coming back.

377
00:18:08,900 --> 00:18:10,137
Can we back up?

378
00:18:10,137 --> 00:18:11,720
And you mentioned
that your father was

379
00:18:11,720 --> 00:18:13,012
a member of the Jewish council.

380
00:18:13,012 --> 00:18:13,550
Yes.

381
00:18:13,550 --> 00:18:17,910
I would like to talk about your
father a little bit of length

382
00:18:17,910 --> 00:18:18,410
later.

383
00:18:18,410 --> 00:18:20,330
But could you just
discuss that a little bit?

384
00:18:20,330 --> 00:18:21,660
How did that come about?

385
00:18:21,660 --> 00:18:25,130
Well, at one point,
the Germans--

386
00:18:25,130 --> 00:18:28,970
the German occupation wanted
a liaison between them

387
00:18:28,970 --> 00:18:31,250
and the Dutch people.

388

00:18:31,250 --> 00:18:33,920

They really used
the Jewish council.

389

00:18:33,920 --> 00:18:36,080

In the beginning,
it wasn't realized.

390

00:18:36,080 --> 00:18:37,880

It was to help--

391

00:18:37,880 --> 00:18:41,480

the Jewish councils thought they
were there to help their people

392

00:18:41,480 --> 00:18:43,570

and not be a help
to the Germans.

393

00:18:43,570 --> 00:18:46,130

Right.

394

00:18:46,130 --> 00:18:48,890

It slowly, slowly, of
course, deteriorated.

395

00:18:48,890 --> 00:18:51,800

And like my husband always
mentions in his speeches,

396

00:18:51,800 --> 00:18:55,880

it went from cooperation
to collaboration.

397

00:18:55,880 --> 00:19:01,100

But again, nobody knew when
they sent these people away

398

00:19:01,100 --> 00:19:03,800

that they were sending
them to their death.

399

00:19:03,800 --> 00:19:08,420

And the best proof is that
of the whole Jewish council,

400

00:19:08,420 --> 00:19:11,540

I think, I don't know how many
there were, about 15, maybe

401

00:19:11,540 --> 00:19:14,010

or 23 came back.

402

00:19:14,010 --> 00:19:15,650

So in the end, they went, too.

403

00:19:15,650 --> 00:19:16,740

Of course.

404

00:19:16,740 --> 00:19:22,460

And so it was a little bit
of a position of influence,

405

00:19:22,460 --> 00:19:24,770

because my father
got me a job in one

406

00:19:24,770 --> 00:19:26,510

of the offices of
the Jewish council.

407

00:19:26,510 --> 00:19:28,490

They had different offices
all through the city

408

00:19:28,490 --> 00:19:29,448

for different purposes.

409

00:19:29,448 --> 00:19:33,750

410

00:19:33,750 --> 00:19:36,230

I wanted to go in
hiding, actually.

411
00:19:36,230 --> 00:19:38,610
I didn't look Jewish.

412
00:19:38,610 --> 00:19:40,550
And I had already found my way.

413
00:19:40,550 --> 00:19:42,080
I had false papers.

414
00:19:42,080 --> 00:19:46,430
I was having pictures made
to put on, and I would go.

415
00:19:46,430 --> 00:19:48,500
My father forbid me to do it.

416
00:19:48,500 --> 00:19:50,090
He said it's too dangerous.

417
00:19:50,090 --> 00:19:52,160
I have a feeling I'll
get you through this.

418
00:19:52,160 --> 00:19:54,650
If they come for us
and you're not there,

419
00:19:54,650 --> 00:19:57,050
they're all going to be
in trouble because of you.

420
00:19:57,050 --> 00:19:58,908
You have to stick with us.

421
00:19:58,908 --> 00:20:00,200
At the time, I wanted to do it.

422
00:20:00,200 --> 00:20:04,940
I was 19, I think, and you
did what your father said.

423

00:20:04,940 --> 00:20:10,520

He was rather authoritative
person for good reasons.

424

00:20:10,520 --> 00:20:12,200

He was really a presence.

425

00:20:12,200 --> 00:20:17,750

You can see from his pictures
he's a very dynamic person.

426

00:20:17,750 --> 00:20:19,490

Everybody had a lot
of respect for him.

427

00:20:19,490 --> 00:20:22,430

All my girlfriends
were afraid of him,

428

00:20:22,430 --> 00:20:24,470

because he had these
penetrating eyes.

429

00:20:24,470 --> 00:20:27,650

430

00:20:27,650 --> 00:20:29,300

So I did not go into hiding.

431

00:20:29,300 --> 00:20:31,190

I stayed with my family.

432

00:20:31,190 --> 00:20:34,130

They took us out of that
house because they wanted it.

433

00:20:34,130 --> 00:20:36,230

With our little
rucksack, they put us

434

00:20:36,230 --> 00:20:39,980

in the Jewish theater, which

was a transit point for people

435

00:20:39,980 --> 00:20:41,555
before they were deported.

436

00:20:41,555 --> 00:20:43,430
Usually, people stayed
there one or two days,

437

00:20:43,430 --> 00:20:47,000
and then the ship-- were
shipped off to the Dutch transit

438

00:20:47,000 --> 00:20:48,470
camp of Westerbork.

439

00:20:48,470 --> 00:20:51,050
But because the
Jewish council had

440

00:20:51,050 --> 00:20:52,880
started to keep our
family out of it,

441

00:20:52,880 --> 00:20:56,630
we stayed there for five weeks,
managed not to be sent away.

442

00:20:56,630 --> 00:20:59,720
They let us go on the
stipulation we could-- got back

443

00:20:59,720 --> 00:21:01,110
into our house.

444

00:21:01,110 --> 00:21:04,880
So we stayed with my
father's brother for a while,

445

00:21:04,880 --> 00:21:11,460
and then we got an apartment in
the eastern part of Amsterdam,

446

00:21:11,460 --> 00:21:13,470

which was a poor
neighborhood, and where

447

00:21:13,470 --> 00:21:16,535

they tried to make a little
ghetto with the final--

448

00:21:16,535 --> 00:21:22,070

with the remnants of whatever
there was left of the Amsterdam

449

00:21:22,070 --> 00:21:23,077

jewelry.

450

00:21:23,077 --> 00:21:25,160

There were also a lot of
people from the provinces

451

00:21:25,160 --> 00:21:27,290

who had already been
sent from the provinces

452

00:21:27,290 --> 00:21:28,200

first to Amsterdam.

453

00:21:28,200 --> 00:21:31,040

They tried to more and
more concentrate us.

454

00:21:31,040 --> 00:21:35,150

And so we lived in the
eastern part for maybe six

455

00:21:35,150 --> 00:21:36,890

weeks or something with--

456

00:21:36,890 --> 00:21:39,350

we were able to
furnish with furniture

457

00:21:39,350 --> 00:21:42,530

of people who were also sent
there from big houses who

458
00:21:42,530 --> 00:21:43,980
had a lot of surplus.

459
00:21:43,980 --> 00:21:46,340
So they each gave--
they gave us beds

460
00:21:46,340 --> 00:21:48,680
and there was living
room furniture.

461
00:21:48,680 --> 00:21:54,950
So we lived in the ghetto
until September 30, 1943, which

462
00:21:54,950 --> 00:21:56,180
happened to be Rosh Hashanah.

463
00:21:56,180 --> 00:22:00,080
The Germans were always very
good at picking these dates.

464
00:22:00,080 --> 00:22:04,370
And that was really
the last pickup.

465
00:22:04,370 --> 00:22:06,620
Those were the
remnants of the Jews.

466
00:22:06,620 --> 00:22:10,310
And this was the last
transport to Westerbork.

467
00:22:10,310 --> 00:22:12,620
And so we arrived
there the night

468
00:22:12,620 --> 00:22:16,630
of September 30, October 1st.

469
00:22:16,630 --> 00:22:19,880
And we stayed in Westerbork
for eight months,

470
00:22:19,880 --> 00:22:22,640
which was quite a long time.

471
00:22:22,640 --> 00:22:25,990
I don't know if it was because
of my father's Jewish council

472
00:22:25,990 --> 00:22:27,260
thing-- could be.

473
00:22:27,260 --> 00:22:28,780
You never quite knew.

474
00:22:28,780 --> 00:22:34,810
He knew some people there, too,
in the German Jewish hierarchy.

475
00:22:34,810 --> 00:22:37,450
Westerbork was a camp
that had been set up

476
00:22:37,450 --> 00:22:42,100
by the Dutch government
for German Jewish refugees

477
00:22:42,100 --> 00:22:47,500
before 1940-- between 1933, who
had no relatives who would take

478
00:22:47,500 --> 00:22:48,970
care of them, and
who had no money

479
00:22:48,970 --> 00:22:50,800
to take care of themselves.

480
00:22:50,800 --> 00:22:55,150

So it was already a
little internment camp.

481
00:22:55,150 --> 00:22:58,410
And these German Jews lived
there with their families.

482
00:22:58,410 --> 00:22:59,410
The kids went to school.

483
00:22:59,410 --> 00:23:01,450
They all learned to some
extent to speak Dutch.

484
00:23:01,450 --> 00:23:03,790
I have to give them
credit for that.

485
00:23:03,790 --> 00:23:05,920
But they didn't like
the Dutch Jews too much,

486
00:23:05,920 --> 00:23:09,130
because they were the ones
who kept them in the camp

487
00:23:09,130 --> 00:23:11,810
and didn't take
better care of them.

488
00:23:11,810 --> 00:23:15,370
So when we came in
droves, the Dutch Jews,

489
00:23:15,370 --> 00:23:18,255
the Germans were in charge,
the German Jews, in the daily--

490
00:23:18,255 --> 00:23:20,950

491
00:23:20,950 --> 00:23:21,880
what do you call it--

492
00:23:21,880 --> 00:23:23,320
management of the camp.

493
00:23:23,320 --> 00:23:25,180
And they lived in little houses.

494
00:23:25,180 --> 00:23:28,360
We, of course, were
put into barracks.

495
00:23:28,360 --> 00:23:30,520
My mother found
like a second cousin

496
00:23:30,520 --> 00:23:32,380
who was in that position
who lived there,

497
00:23:32,380 --> 00:23:34,990
and they kind of helped
us in little ways,

498
00:23:34,990 --> 00:23:38,470
but always kind of grudgingly.

499
00:23:38,470 --> 00:23:42,670
We took care of quite a few
of my mother's relatives

500
00:23:42,670 --> 00:23:43,930
from Germany--

501
00:23:43,930 --> 00:23:45,670
cousins and second
cousins who came.

502
00:23:45,670 --> 00:23:47,380
But we couldn't take
care of all of them.

503
00:23:47,380 --> 00:23:47,880

Right.

504

00:23:47,880 --> 00:23:50,037

So some of them
ended up in the camp.

505

00:23:50,037 --> 00:23:51,370

And they didn't have a bad life.

506

00:23:51,370 --> 00:23:52,620

They were just not free.

507

00:23:52,620 --> 00:23:53,120

Right.

508

00:23:53,120 --> 00:23:55,810

509

00:23:55,810 --> 00:23:58,840

My father worked in the
laundry, which was a nice job.

510

00:23:58,840 --> 00:24:01,430

At least was better than
working in batteries

511

00:24:01,430 --> 00:24:02,650

and other dirty jobs.

512

00:24:02,650 --> 00:24:06,040

He took in dirty laundry and
talked to all the people.

513

00:24:06,040 --> 00:24:07,960

He liked that part.

514

00:24:07,960 --> 00:24:09,670

And everybody
always said, oh, did

515

00:24:09,670 --> 00:24:12,085

you see Mr. Soep,

this big sharp guy,

516
00:24:12,085 --> 00:24:14,590
he's taking in dirty
laundry and everything.

517
00:24:14,590 --> 00:24:16,780
But I never had
the feeling that he

518
00:24:16,780 --> 00:24:19,120
found it demeaning or
anything, because everybody

519
00:24:19,120 --> 00:24:21,730
was in the same position.

520
00:24:21,730 --> 00:24:24,850
I was asthmatic, and
my parents were always

521
00:24:24,850 --> 00:24:26,140
very worried about me.

522
00:24:26,140 --> 00:24:28,870
I was always sick a
lot when I was a child.

523
00:24:28,870 --> 00:24:34,000
And we used-- that second cousin
of my mother's, who was there

524
00:24:34,000 --> 00:24:36,920
for a long time to see if
I could get a cushy job,

525
00:24:36,920 --> 00:24:40,030
but I ended up in
a linen room where

526
00:24:40,030 --> 00:24:44,020
the German Jews who
had lived a long time

527

00:24:44,020 --> 00:24:47,290

got their linen towels
and sheets for their beds.

528

00:24:47,290 --> 00:24:51,290

And I learned how to repair and
patch sheets on the machines

529

00:24:51,290 --> 00:24:51,790

already.

530

00:24:51,790 --> 00:24:53,140

We had a little education there.

531

00:24:53,140 --> 00:24:55,300

It was clean.

532

00:24:55,300 --> 00:24:57,770

And then all of a sudden,
somebody decided, well,

533

00:24:57,770 --> 00:25:00,520

why is this young girl
working in this job that's

534

00:25:00,520 --> 00:25:01,340

for old people?

535

00:25:01,340 --> 00:25:02,830

You can't do this anymore.

536

00:25:02,830 --> 00:25:05,050

And then somehow
my father got me

537

00:25:05,050 --> 00:25:10,240

into the hospital
compound, which

538

00:25:10,240 --> 00:25:12,610

had its own management

and everything.

539

00:25:12,610 --> 00:25:15,340

And he managed with somebody
I would get a hospital job.

540

00:25:15,340 --> 00:25:18,100

I ended up in a little
room in the hospital, which

541

00:25:18,100 --> 00:25:21,650

is not a good job.

542

00:25:21,650 --> 00:25:26,590

So I really never had any
dirty work to do or anything.

543

00:25:26,590 --> 00:25:28,990

The conditions weren't
too good for me

544

00:25:28,990 --> 00:25:31,180

because it was all straw
mattresses and stuff.

545

00:25:31,180 --> 00:25:34,420

So I did have a lot of
problems with my asthma.

546

00:25:34,420 --> 00:25:38,080

I also got diphtheria
there and ended up

547

00:25:38,080 --> 00:25:41,620

in the hospital with diphtheria
in an isolation barracks, where

548

00:25:41,620 --> 00:25:44,920

there were old people
with diphtheria.

549

00:25:44,920 --> 00:25:46,600

It was very prevalent.

550
00:25:46,600 --> 00:25:48,580
I don't really know why.

551
00:25:48,580 --> 00:25:51,070
I know there was a lot
of middle ear infections.

552
00:25:51,070 --> 00:25:56,590
I know that was because we were
in a very sandy surroundings.

553
00:25:56,590 --> 00:26:00,160
It was all flat heath land
and it was not a good climate,

554
00:26:00,160 --> 00:26:03,370
and it was always wind and
we got sand in our ears.

555
00:26:03,370 --> 00:26:07,700
There was diphtheria a lot, and
there was a lot of hepatitis.

556
00:26:07,700 --> 00:26:12,010
Did-- now you-- when you mention
these hospitals, were they--

557
00:26:12,010 --> 00:26:15,520
They were barracks
with like wards.

558
00:26:15,520 --> 00:26:16,900
A lot of people, but--

559
00:26:16,900 --> 00:26:18,110
Was there medicine?

560
00:26:18,110 --> 00:26:18,610
Yes.

561
00:26:18,610 --> 00:26:20,080

In Holland there was.

562

00:26:20,080 --> 00:26:22,060

The best doctors,
the best German

563

00:26:22,060 --> 00:26:26,670

and Dutch doctors who were
there, nurses, everything.

564

00:26:26,670 --> 00:26:27,340

It was clean.

565

00:26:27,340 --> 00:26:30,250

It was-- you were
well taken care of.

566

00:26:30,250 --> 00:26:32,320

While I was in the
hospital with diphtheria,

567

00:26:32,320 --> 00:26:35,077

one night they decided to do--
the next transport wasn't full.

568

00:26:35,077 --> 00:26:36,910

They were going to empty
the whole hospital,

569

00:26:36,910 --> 00:26:38,618

and everybody from
the hospital was going

570

00:26:38,618 --> 00:26:40,660

to go in transport to Germany.

571

00:26:40,660 --> 00:26:42,400

Because my father
in a panic, and he

572

00:26:42,400 --> 00:26:43,960

knew in the meantime,
the higher ups

573
00:26:43,960 --> 00:26:48,100
in the Jewish German
hierarchy who were almost as

574
00:26:48,100 --> 00:26:51,040
bad as the SS, I must tell you.

575
00:26:51,040 --> 00:26:53,360
But they had influence
with the camp.

576
00:26:53,360 --> 00:26:55,000
And I got out.

577
00:26:55,000 --> 00:26:56,860
I did not have to.

578
00:26:56,860 --> 00:26:59,270
Then when I came out of the
hospital from diphtheria,

579
00:26:59,270 --> 00:26:59,770
we man--

580
00:26:59,770 --> 00:27:02,530
I managed to get into
tiny little barracks.

581
00:27:02,530 --> 00:27:05,770
These-- the houses where these
German Jews lived all the time

582
00:27:05,770 --> 00:27:09,580
in the middle had like a--

583
00:27:09,580 --> 00:27:11,530
called an assembly
room where they

584
00:27:11,530 --> 00:27:13,000
would go together for things.

585

00:27:13,000 --> 00:27:15,850

And they rebuilt those--
or they built them up

586

00:27:15,850 --> 00:27:20,950

as beds for maybe about
10, 12, 14 people.

587

00:27:20,950 --> 00:27:24,510

They call that the little
halls, or something,

588

00:27:24,510 --> 00:27:27,330

which was a lot better
than the big barracks.

589

00:27:27,330 --> 00:27:31,200

So because I was weak and
everything from the illness,

590

00:27:31,200 --> 00:27:34,710

my father managed
to get me into that,

591

00:27:34,710 --> 00:27:36,540

which was a better existence.

592

00:27:36,540 --> 00:27:38,380

While I was-- oh, yeah--

593

00:27:38,380 --> 00:27:41,610

in the meantime, I had met
my husband in the camp.

594

00:27:41,610 --> 00:27:43,650

And we kind of
became very friendly.

595

00:27:43,650 --> 00:27:45,150

And there was a
little complication.

596

00:27:45,150 --> 00:27:46,650

He was married.

597

00:27:46,650 --> 00:27:49,650

They had decided to split
after the war anyway,

598

00:27:49,650 --> 00:27:52,140

so it was not like I
was a home wrecker.

599

00:27:52,140 --> 00:27:55,170

But his wife, of
course, didn't like it

600

00:27:55,170 --> 00:27:58,140

too much because it didn't
reflect very well on her.

601

00:27:58,140 --> 00:27:59,490

It was a little embarrassing.

602

00:27:59,490 --> 00:28:00,840

What did your parents think?

603

00:28:00,840 --> 00:28:01,980

My parents didn't know.

604

00:28:01,980 --> 00:28:03,990

OK.

605

00:28:03,990 --> 00:28:05,730

Somehow there were
enough people there

606

00:28:05,730 --> 00:28:08,130

you could always kind
of melt in the woodwork.

607

00:28:08,130 --> 00:28:09,750

They did not know--

608

00:28:09,750 --> 00:28:12,690

I tell you in a minute
how they did find out.

609

00:28:12,690 --> 00:28:16,080

While I was-- had of diphtheria,
my husband went on transport

610

00:28:16,080 --> 00:28:18,600

into Bergen-Belsen.

611

00:28:18,600 --> 00:28:20,760

Now, we didn't know much
about Bergen-Belsen.

612

00:28:20,760 --> 00:28:24,030

We didn't know much
about the other camps,

613

00:28:24,030 --> 00:28:29,310

except that on the note that you
got where you were deported to,

614

00:28:29,310 --> 00:28:34,590

Bergen-Belsen they called a
privileged camp, Vorzugslager.

615

00:28:34,590 --> 00:28:37,470

And we were sent there
in passenger cars

616

00:28:37,470 --> 00:28:41,460

while the ones to Auschwitz
went-- were cattle cars.

617

00:28:41,460 --> 00:28:42,240

Right, right.

618

00:28:42,240 --> 00:28:44,520

So we knew there must
be little difference.

619

00:28:44,520 --> 00:28:50,220
Everybody tried to do something
to get to Bergen-Belsen.

620
00:28:50,220 --> 00:28:52,620
One of the things was the--

621
00:28:52,620 --> 00:28:55,770
probably we were almost a
Palestine list for Zionists,

622
00:28:55,770 --> 00:28:57,960
and the other one was--

623
00:28:57,960 --> 00:29:00,750
my father managed to get
South American papers

624
00:29:00,750 --> 00:29:07,605
that we were citizens of
the country of El Salvador.

625
00:29:07,605 --> 00:29:09,480
And he did that while
you were at Westerbork?

626
00:29:09,480 --> 00:29:10,110
He managed to--

627
00:29:10,110 --> 00:29:12,750
I think it was done while
we were in Westerbork.

628
00:29:12,750 --> 00:29:15,060
I'm not 100% sure.

629
00:29:15,060 --> 00:29:18,420
And then the diamond industry
that they wanted to set up,

630
00:29:18,420 --> 00:29:20,820
and a lot of people had bought--

631

00:29:20,820 --> 00:29:25,950

had paid the Germans
diamonds, 100,000 guilders

632

00:29:25,950 --> 00:29:31,558

worth of diamonds per person
to get a stamp on your pass.

633

00:29:31,558 --> 00:29:32,850

They were all different stamps.

634

00:29:32,850 --> 00:29:35,730

This was called
the 100,000 stamp.

635

00:29:35,730 --> 00:29:39,510

The 30,000 stamp was
for the baptized Jews.

636

00:29:39,510 --> 00:29:44,580

The 40,000 stamp was for
some other protection.

637

00:29:44,580 --> 00:29:46,260

These were all protections.

638

00:29:46,260 --> 00:29:48,090

This was all done
through bribery.

639

00:29:48,090 --> 00:29:50,490

Well, it was kind of--

640

00:29:50,490 --> 00:29:51,870

it was an official bribery.

641

00:29:51,870 --> 00:29:54,047

They said if you give
us \$100,000 to give you

642

00:29:54,047 --> 00:29:56,130

that stamp, you can go to

Bergen-Belsen instead of

643
00:29:56,130 --> 00:29:56,820
Auschwitz.

644
00:29:56,820 --> 00:30:00,180
So we had a feeling that
somehow it was better.

645
00:30:00,180 --> 00:30:02,640
Because the better was like
you weren't killed the moment

646
00:30:02,640 --> 00:30:03,300
you got there.

647
00:30:03,300 --> 00:30:04,920
Right.

648
00:30:04,920 --> 00:30:06,840
And the families were together.

649
00:30:06,840 --> 00:30:08,490
Men and women were
in the same camp.

650
00:30:08,490 --> 00:30:12,300

651
00:30:12,300 --> 00:30:13,110
Where was I?

652
00:30:13,110 --> 00:30:17,550
Oh, I was now in Westerbork
and in this little room.

653
00:30:17,550 --> 00:30:20,630
And then Jack was sent away,
and I had met him there

654
00:30:20,630 --> 00:30:22,560
and we courted there.

655
00:30:22,560 --> 00:30:30,180
And while-- then in May
1944, another transport

656
00:30:30,180 --> 00:30:33,190
went to Bergen-Belsen
and we had to go on it.

657
00:30:33,190 --> 00:30:34,830
But my mother was
in the hospital

658
00:30:34,830 --> 00:30:38,760
with hepatitis, so my
father and she stayed back.

659
00:30:38,760 --> 00:30:41,845
I went with my sister,
my father's brother who

660
00:30:41,845 --> 00:30:44,220
was married to my mother's
sister, and my little cousins.

661
00:30:44,220 --> 00:30:44,720
Really?

662
00:30:44,720 --> 00:30:45,780
Yeah.

663
00:30:45,780 --> 00:30:49,410
And my father's brother's
10 years younger.

664
00:30:49,410 --> 00:30:51,090
My mother's sister
was 11 years younger.

665
00:30:51,090 --> 00:30:52,980
So there were
children of my parents

666

00:30:52,980 --> 00:30:56,640

married, but then
later they married.

667

00:30:56,640 --> 00:30:59,610

And they had two little
girls who were our cousins.

668

00:30:59,610 --> 00:31:02,310

But genetically, we're
almost like sisters.

669

00:31:02,310 --> 00:31:04,210

And we had the same
set of grandparents,

670

00:31:04,210 --> 00:31:05,780

so we saw each
other every Saturday

671

00:31:05,780 --> 00:31:06,930

at the one grandparent.

672

00:31:06,930 --> 00:31:08,910

Then we saw the
other grandparent.

673

00:31:08,910 --> 00:31:11,550

So we all went to Bergen-Belsen.

674

00:31:11,550 --> 00:31:16,500

While Jack was in Bergen-Belsen
and I was still in Westerbork,

675

00:31:16,500 --> 00:31:17,700

he sent me a card.

676

00:31:17,700 --> 00:31:19,117

In the beginning,
you were allowed

677

00:31:19,117 --> 00:31:23,580

to send cards written in
Germany so many letter--

678
00:31:23,580 --> 00:31:24,810
words.

679
00:31:24,810 --> 00:31:28,890
And he sent me kind of a
love note to Westerbork,

680
00:31:28,890 --> 00:31:32,250
which arrived after I was sent
away to Bergen-Belsen already.

681
00:31:32,250 --> 00:31:32,940
So my parents--

682
00:31:32,940 --> 00:31:33,565
Parents got it.

683
00:31:33,565 --> 00:31:34,300
--got it.

684
00:31:34,300 --> 00:31:40,780
So that's how they found
out, which was kind of fun.

685
00:31:40,780 --> 00:31:42,240
My father was
never too enchanted

686
00:31:42,240 --> 00:31:44,820
with any boyfriend I had,
so I didn't expect anything

687
00:31:44,820 --> 00:31:48,560
this time, either, like
most fathers of girls.

688
00:31:48,560 --> 00:31:50,160
They always think
nobody's good enough

689

00:31:50,160 --> 00:31:54,000
for their precious children.

690

00:31:54,000 --> 00:32:00,570
So I got to Bergen-Belsen
in May of '44.

691

00:32:00,570 --> 00:32:03,210
We stopped at-- in--

692

00:32:03,210 --> 00:32:07,950
I don't quite remember how
long we were on the train.

693

00:32:07,950 --> 00:32:10,890
I would say two
days and a night.

694

00:32:10,890 --> 00:32:16,510
And when we got there, we were
met at the station of Salle,

695

00:32:16,510 --> 00:32:19,090
I think it was
called, the station--

696

00:32:19,090 --> 00:32:21,700
Saale or Halle, one of the two.

697

00:32:21,700 --> 00:32:24,280
Or maybe it's
called Salle-Haale.

698

00:32:24,280 --> 00:32:29,290
And we all had to get out and
they loaded all our luggage.

699

00:32:29,290 --> 00:32:32,230
Everybody had their rucksack
with their name on it

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00:32:32,230 --> 00:32:36,550

and a bundle of
blankets rolled up

701
00:32:36,550 --> 00:32:37,960
with the name stitched on it.

702
00:32:37,960 --> 00:32:39,790
It was all prescribed,
what you have

703
00:32:39,790 --> 00:32:41,530
to have when you were deported.

704
00:32:41,530 --> 00:32:44,380
And everybody
had-- was prepared.

705
00:32:44,380 --> 00:32:46,845
And when we got there, we
had to give all that off.

706
00:32:46,845 --> 00:32:48,220
We are a little
worried about it,

707
00:32:48,220 --> 00:32:49,690
but we found it
back in the camp.

708
00:32:49,690 --> 00:32:53,510
And we had to walk from
the train to the camp.

709
00:32:53,510 --> 00:32:57,940
I don't know exact-- it was a
long walk, but it was doable.

710
00:32:57,940 --> 00:33:01,630
It was maybe an hour, an hour
and a half, or something.

711
00:33:01,630 --> 00:33:03,970
And when we got

to the station, I

712
00:33:03,970 --> 00:33:09,040
saw a man that I knew who
later became my uncle.

713
00:33:09,040 --> 00:33:12,190
But of course, then
I didn't know it.

714
00:33:12,190 --> 00:33:13,270
And I asked him--

715
00:33:13,270 --> 00:33:17,340
everybody was tense and
wanted to know what's next.

716
00:33:17,340 --> 00:33:19,090
It was all so unknown.

717
00:33:19,090 --> 00:33:21,520
And we bombarded
him with questions.

718
00:33:21,520 --> 00:33:24,510
Where are we going, and how
is it there, and who is there,

719
00:33:24,510 --> 00:33:25,870
and what do you do there?

720
00:33:25,870 --> 00:33:30,280
And all he did was
just shake his head

721
00:33:30,280 --> 00:33:33,340
and he calmed us with his
hand movements and said,

722
00:33:33,340 --> 00:33:34,030
it's all right.

723

00:33:34,030 --> 00:33:36,250
You'll be OK.

724
00:33:36,250 --> 00:33:38,020
Don't worry too much.

725
00:33:38,020 --> 00:33:40,540
But he knew it wasn't
the greatest deal.

726
00:33:40,540 --> 00:33:41,978
So then we got in--

727
00:33:41,978 --> 00:33:44,020
it was late at night, or
the middle of the night,

728
00:33:44,020 --> 00:33:45,020
when we got there.

729
00:33:45,020 --> 00:33:49,690
And they put us first in
quarantine, everybody together

730
00:33:49,690 --> 00:33:52,090
from the train, or
probably in a few barracks

731
00:33:52,090 --> 00:33:55,150
to see if nobody came down
with something terrible.

732
00:33:55,150 --> 00:33:57,610
And then we were divided
over different barracks

733
00:33:57,610 --> 00:33:59,890
in Bergen-Belsen.

734
00:33:59,890 --> 00:34:06,930
And I was-- me and
my family, and a lot

735

00:34:06,930 --> 00:34:08,969
of other people in
the diamond industry

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00:34:08,969 --> 00:34:11,639
who had anything to do with
diamonds and manufacturers,

737

00:34:11,639 --> 00:34:15,000
polishers to cutters,
the women who

738

00:34:15,000 --> 00:34:17,969
did certain type
of very fine work,

739

00:34:17,969 --> 00:34:20,280
they were all put
together on barracks.

740

00:34:20,280 --> 00:34:22,409
Because as they
said, they wanted

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00:34:22,409 --> 00:34:25,110
to set up a diamond
industry in Bergen-Belsen

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00:34:25,110 --> 00:34:27,719
with all these diamond workers.

743

00:34:27,719 --> 00:34:30,150
I guess a lot of them were
there, because they were--

744

00:34:30,150 --> 00:34:33,650
they also were safe until
that time because of the work

745

00:34:33,650 --> 00:34:34,150
they did.

746

00:34:34,150 --> 00:34:35,969
It was important for
the Germans to have

747
00:34:35,969 --> 00:34:38,580
people to know these skills.

748
00:34:38,580 --> 00:34:41,460
And these were skills
that were handed down

749
00:34:41,460 --> 00:34:42,989
from generation to generation.

750
00:34:42,989 --> 00:34:46,080
It was really families had the
skill because they were doing

751
00:34:46,080 --> 00:34:49,320
it for so many generations.

752
00:34:49,320 --> 00:34:52,199
And we never had to
work because they

753
00:34:52,199 --> 00:34:55,170
claim you have to save your
hands for the diamond industry.

754
00:34:55,170 --> 00:34:56,675
I was a daughter
of a manufacturer.

755
00:34:56,675 --> 00:34:57,550
There was no reason--

756
00:34:57,550 --> 00:34:59,670
I know nothing about diamonds.

757
00:34:59,670 --> 00:35:01,380
But they kept the
families together.

758

00:35:01,380 --> 00:35:04,860

And that was kind of a
privileged existence compared

759

00:35:04,860 --> 00:35:09,690

to people who had to work
so hard, or dirty work.

760

00:35:09,690 --> 00:35:14,040

Our only ordeal was
this-- the roll calls,

761

00:35:14,040 --> 00:35:15,510

which they drove you crazy.

762

00:35:15,510 --> 00:35:17,820

You have to stand in rows
of five and they counted.

763

00:35:17,820 --> 00:35:21,150

And if it didn't work
out exactly the way

764

00:35:21,150 --> 00:35:22,947

they thought how
many there had to be,

765

00:35:22,947 --> 00:35:24,780

then you had to stand
again, or if they just

766

00:35:24,780 --> 00:35:28,440

wanted to punish you or
tease you or whatever.

767

00:35:28,440 --> 00:35:31,560

I remember the terrible cold
in horribly cold weather

768

00:35:31,560 --> 00:35:34,980

and in horribly hot weather
where you just stood there.

769

00:35:34,980 --> 00:35:37,747

And we got our
three meals served,

770

00:35:37,747 --> 00:35:39,330

which wasn't much
of meals, but it was

771

00:35:39,330 --> 00:35:40,560

something to keep you alive.

772

00:35:40,560 --> 00:35:43,170

773

00:35:43,170 --> 00:35:45,690

I don't know how we passed--
how I passed the day,

774

00:35:45,690 --> 00:35:47,070

those endless days.

775

00:35:47,070 --> 00:35:49,470

But they did go by.

776

00:35:49,470 --> 00:35:53,640

There was a lot of talk among
the people, mostly about food.

777

00:35:53,640 --> 00:35:56,100

Everybody was
exchanging recipes, what

778

00:35:56,100 --> 00:35:57,960

they were going to do to cook.

779

00:35:57,960 --> 00:36:00,480

And everybody always
claimed they had

780

00:36:00,480 --> 00:36:02,108

had beautiful, wonderful lives.

781

00:36:02,108 --> 00:36:03,900

Where you know, some
of these people were--

782

00:36:03,900 --> 00:36:06,810

some of these diamond workers
were really dirt or poor.

783

00:36:06,810 --> 00:36:08,560

But if you heard
them, they weren't.

784

00:36:08,560 --> 00:36:12,300

They left this beautiful
lives behind them.

785

00:36:12,300 --> 00:36:16,460

And then they got very serious
about the diamond industry.

786

00:36:16,460 --> 00:36:18,780

The machinery was
already on the--

787

00:36:18,780 --> 00:36:22,170

in trains on the tracks
outside the camp.

788

00:36:22,170 --> 00:36:25,890

And they set up a committee to--

789

00:36:25,890 --> 00:36:27,250

how to go about it.

790

00:36:27,250 --> 00:36:29,280

It was all kind of stipulations.

791

00:36:29,280 --> 00:36:31,300

The diamonds would
come from there,

792

00:36:31,300 --> 00:36:33,240

and the people would
live there, and they

793
00:36:33,240 --> 00:36:36,270
would get better food
and better quarters.

794
00:36:36,270 --> 00:36:38,760
And I happened to--
and they came in

795
00:36:38,760 --> 00:36:40,320
and asked is there
anybody who could

796
00:36:40,320 --> 00:36:42,930
take the minutes of a meeting.

797
00:36:42,930 --> 00:36:45,750
And I had come from
the secretarial course

798
00:36:45,750 --> 00:36:47,310
so I could take
German shorthand.

799
00:36:47,310 --> 00:36:49,440
It was all done in German.

800
00:36:49,440 --> 00:36:51,480
Couldn't do it now,
but I could do it then.

801
00:36:51,480 --> 00:36:53,730
And my father wasn't
even there yet.

802
00:36:53,730 --> 00:36:56,040
But my uncle was
there and he was

803
00:36:56,040 --> 00:36:59,130
on the committee with this

group of other big time

804
00:36:59,130 --> 00:37:00,690
manufacturers.

805
00:37:00,690 --> 00:37:05,250
And I remember one night we
were already in bed, maybe

806
00:37:05,250 --> 00:37:08,670
11:00-- the curfew was, I think,
10:00 the lights went out,

807
00:37:08,670 --> 00:37:09,908
or maybe even earlier.

808
00:37:09,908 --> 00:37:12,450
And for us, it was like middle
of the night, all of a sudden,

809
00:37:12,450 --> 00:37:14,640
we all had to come to a meeting.

810
00:37:14,640 --> 00:37:16,180
And I had never taken minutes.

811
00:37:16,180 --> 00:37:18,870
I did business
correspondence, but I'd never

812
00:37:18,870 --> 00:37:20,650
taken minutes of anything.

813
00:37:20,650 --> 00:37:24,940
But some of the men kind of
helped me what was important.

814
00:37:24,940 --> 00:37:27,150
And then I had to
type them out later.

815
00:37:27,150 --> 00:37:30,090

We had two or three
of those meetings.

816
00:37:30,090 --> 00:37:34,170
And it looked very serious
that it was going to happen,

817
00:37:34,170 --> 00:37:35,940
although, we couldn't
quite visualize it.

818
00:37:35,940 --> 00:37:39,840
And then it was
already the end of '44.

819
00:37:39,840 --> 00:37:42,480
And then early
'45, they realized

820
00:37:42,480 --> 00:37:44,550
they couldn't do it
because they wouldn't

821
00:37:44,550 --> 00:37:46,380
know how to get the diamonds.

822
00:37:46,380 --> 00:37:50,130
Nobody would-- nobody
would give them diamonds.

823
00:37:50,130 --> 00:37:54,060
And they also did know
they were losing the war.

824
00:37:54,060 --> 00:37:59,400
So they decided to
just give up on it.

825
00:37:59,400 --> 00:38:03,450
Now, we were what was
called the diamond list.

826
00:38:03,450 --> 00:38:04,492

You had the diamond list.

827

00:38:04,492 --> 00:38:05,820

You had the Palestine list.

828

00:38:05,820 --> 00:38:07,710

You had this list, that list.

829

00:38:07,710 --> 00:38:10,890

And when a list was
no longer valid,

830

00:38:10,890 --> 00:38:17,250

they called it the list
platzt, exploded, gone.

831

00:38:17,250 --> 00:38:21,240

And they sent all these
diamond people, men, women,

832

00:38:21,240 --> 00:38:25,110

to terrible other camps
except for two families,

833

00:38:25,110 --> 00:38:27,360

which was my family
and the Asscher family.

834

00:38:27,360 --> 00:38:31,040

The Asscher was the biggest
diamond manufacturer

835

00:38:31,040 --> 00:38:32,580

in Amsterdam.

836

00:38:32,580 --> 00:38:34,810

And we didn't quite
understand why,

837

00:38:34,810 --> 00:38:40,200

and I still don't actually
exactly understand why.

838

00:38:40,200 --> 00:38:42,720

It could be that
they thought it--

839

00:38:42,720 --> 00:38:44,880

if they would still
win the war, that they

840

00:38:44,880 --> 00:38:47,360

would have some people who were
still knowledgeable and had

841

00:38:47,360 --> 00:38:49,380

the worldwide connections.

842

00:38:49,380 --> 00:38:51,390

Or if they were
losing it, that they

843

00:38:51,390 --> 00:38:54,210

had somebody to show and say,
see, we didn't kill everybody.

844

00:38:54,210 --> 00:38:55,920

Here are these people still.

845

00:38:55,920 --> 00:38:57,690

I don't know.

846

00:38:57,690 --> 00:38:59,310

And my father was terri--

847

00:38:59,310 --> 00:39:03,400

but in the meantime, my parents
had come in September '44

848

00:39:03,400 --> 00:39:04,630

after my mother got better.

849

00:39:04,630 --> 00:39:06,430

That was the very,
very last transport

850
00:39:06,430 --> 00:39:09,430
that left Westerbork
on the same day

851
00:39:09,430 --> 00:39:14,000
that Anna Frank left for
Auschwitz, September '44.

852
00:39:14,000 --> 00:39:16,285
After that, there were
no more deportations.

853
00:39:16,285 --> 00:39:20,210
So the people who stuck it out
in the Dutch camp until after

854
00:39:20,210 --> 00:39:24,560
the time were never deported
and were liberated in Holland

855
00:39:24,560 --> 00:39:27,620
by the America-- by
the American army--

856
00:39:27,620 --> 00:39:28,710
the English army, I think.

857
00:39:28,710 --> 00:39:32,710

858
00:39:32,710 --> 00:39:35,260
And my father was
very, very upset

859
00:39:35,260 --> 00:39:37,290
that the other diamond
manufacturers--

860
00:39:37,290 --> 00:39:39,105
he knew he couldn't
save everybody,

861

00:39:39,105 --> 00:39:41,230

but there were some others
that were very prominent

862

00:39:41,230 --> 00:39:42,522

and they were his good friends.

863

00:39:42,522 --> 00:39:43,990

They were fine, fine people.

864

00:39:43,990 --> 00:39:50,980

So he asked to be taken
to the camp command

865

00:39:50,980 --> 00:39:53,170

to put in a good
word for them, which

866

00:39:53,170 --> 00:39:55,910

was very daring because you
couldn't do things like that.

867

00:39:55,910 --> 00:39:57,970

And he said, these
are wonderful people.

868

00:39:57,970 --> 00:40:00,400

We need them.

869

00:40:00,400 --> 00:40:02,260

Why don't you let them stay?

870

00:40:02,260 --> 00:40:04,360

And the man got
furious and said,

871

00:40:04,360 --> 00:40:09,130

if you don't get out of here
fast, then you'll go, too.

872

00:40:09,130 --> 00:40:14,020

Later on, some of the

widows of these men

873

00:40:14,020 --> 00:40:17,275

got very upset and
very mad at my father

874

00:40:17,275 --> 00:40:19,150

and wouldn't talk to
him anymore because they

875

00:40:19,150 --> 00:40:23,380

felt that he had done
something to save himself

876

00:40:23,380 --> 00:40:26,410

and had not tried for the
others when it was really

877

00:40:26,410 --> 00:40:29,140

the other way around.

878

00:40:29,140 --> 00:40:32,170

But people were very distraught
and distressed after the war

879

00:40:32,170 --> 00:40:34,030

and said all kinds of things.

880

00:40:34,030 --> 00:40:36,950

We always like to
blame somebody.

881

00:40:36,950 --> 00:40:40,870

But it was very hard for
my father afterwards.

882

00:40:40,870 --> 00:40:43,240

And also because he had
been on the Jewish council,

883

00:40:43,240 --> 00:40:47,050

which was defiled after
the war for what they--

884
00:40:47,050 --> 00:40:49,360
also for being--

885
00:40:49,360 --> 00:40:52,690
yeah-- did things that were
not detrimental, really,

886
00:40:52,690 --> 00:40:54,160
to anybody.

887
00:40:54,160 --> 00:40:57,910
But it looked that way, like
you try to save yourself.

888
00:40:57,910 --> 00:41:01,630
You had to be appointed
to this council, I assume?

889
00:41:01,630 --> 00:41:03,790
Well, yes, they
had two chairmen.

890
00:41:03,790 --> 00:41:05,800
One was this Mr. Asscher,
and the other one

891
00:41:05,800 --> 00:41:09,880
was a professor, a university
professor by the name of Cohen.

892
00:41:09,880 --> 00:41:12,020
So Asscher and Cohen
were the leaders.

893
00:41:12,020 --> 00:41:15,610
And I think they
picked prominent people

894
00:41:15,610 --> 00:41:16,600
from different fields.

895

00:41:16,600 --> 00:41:17,500
I see.

896
00:41:17,500 --> 00:41:19,170
And that's how he got on it.

897
00:41:19,170 --> 00:41:22,060
It's not that he went to
and apply for the job.

898
00:41:22,060 --> 00:41:23,597
No, no, right, right.

899
00:41:23,597 --> 00:41:25,180
Can we stop the tape
and flip it over?

900
00:41:25,180 --> 00:41:25,680
Yeah.

901
00:41:25,680 --> 00:41:31,048

902
00:41:31,048 --> 00:41:35,380
The diamond group kind of
dispersed, not voluntarily,

903
00:41:35,380 --> 00:41:36,040
obviously.

904
00:41:36,040 --> 00:41:40,930
The man was sent to, I think
it was Buchenwald, and were

905
00:41:40,930 --> 00:41:41,860
mistreated.

906
00:41:41,860 --> 00:41:45,130
And I think one or
two only came back.

907
00:41:45,130 --> 00:41:48,310

The women were sent
to the salt mines.

908
00:41:48,310 --> 00:41:51,760
And the very old and
the very young children

909
00:41:51,760 --> 00:41:55,780
were sent to a different
compound in Bergen-Belsen,

910
00:41:55,780 --> 00:42:00,910
which was the big women's
camp known because Anne Frank

911
00:42:00,910 --> 00:42:02,800
and her sister, Margo,
died in that camp.

912
00:42:02,800 --> 00:42:05,790
The conditions were
terrible there.

913
00:42:05,790 --> 00:42:07,330
Let me first say something else.

914
00:42:07,330 --> 00:42:09,880
We stayed in the same
part of Bergen-Belsen,

915
00:42:09,880 --> 00:42:13,180
which was mostly
this privileged camp,

916
00:42:13,180 --> 00:42:17,290
which was occupied by Dutch
people, people from Greece,

917
00:42:17,290 --> 00:42:23,770
from Albania, the wives of
the French prisoners of war--

918
00:42:23,770 --> 00:42:27,970

Jewish wives of the French
Jewish prisoners of war.

919
00:42:27,970 --> 00:42:33,490
And as of, I think, February of
'45 by about 2000 Hungarians.

920
00:42:33,490 --> 00:42:35,020
They came very, very late.

921
00:42:35,020 --> 00:42:37,540

922
00:42:37,540 --> 00:42:41,920
After about a month, I think,
that Asscher family and we

923
00:42:41,920 --> 00:42:45,400
were sent to a much smaller
compound where the conditions

924
00:42:45,400 --> 00:42:48,250
were a little
better, just us two

925
00:42:48,250 --> 00:42:52,720
families and a few other people
with South American papers.

926
00:42:52,720 --> 00:42:54,600
And they wanted to treat
us a little better,

927
00:42:54,600 --> 00:42:55,600
and they were going to--

928
00:42:55,600 --> 00:43:00,790
we were going to be
exchanged to Switzerland.

929
00:43:00,790 --> 00:43:04,330
And every other day,
there was a rumor.

930
00:43:04,330 --> 00:43:07,930
Then this woman would
come from France and talk,

931
00:43:07,930 --> 00:43:09,700
and then somebody
else would come.

932
00:43:09,700 --> 00:43:12,100
And every day we were
going the next day.

933
00:43:12,100 --> 00:43:14,080
But it actually
never materialized.

934
00:43:14,080 --> 00:43:17,200
We stayed in Bergen-Belsen.

935
00:43:17,200 --> 00:43:22,240
And that was right next to
that big huge women's camp.

936
00:43:22,240 --> 00:43:26,170
And we were in this smaller
little more protected place.

937
00:43:26,170 --> 00:43:28,840
And people would come
and say who was sick here

938
00:43:28,840 --> 00:43:31,270
and other children, and we
would get a little extra milk

939
00:43:31,270 --> 00:43:32,980
for them, and stuff like that.

940
00:43:32,980 --> 00:43:35,800
It wasn't great, but it was
not quite as devastating

941

00:43:35,800 --> 00:43:39,520

as in the other camp which
had deteriorated terribly

942

00:43:39,520 --> 00:43:43,930

towards the end with dirty
conditions, and therefore,

943

00:43:43,930 --> 00:43:49,720

illness and people just starving
to death and dying like flies.

944

00:43:49,720 --> 00:43:52,900

I got a terrible toothache
one day in the smaller camp,

945

00:43:52,900 --> 00:43:56,620

and in that big woman's camp--

946

00:43:56,620 --> 00:44:01,960

women's camp, there was
a Polish woman dentist.

947

00:44:01,960 --> 00:44:04,030

And she was kind of practicing.

948

00:44:04,030 --> 00:44:07,450

There was a very old fashioned
kind of drill and everything.

949

00:44:07,450 --> 00:44:11,170

And they sent me there if she
could do something for me.

950

00:44:11,170 --> 00:44:14,740

And I had to go into that camp.

951

00:44:14,740 --> 00:44:17,710

And I can't even
tell you, it was

952

00:44:17,710 --> 00:44:20,455

one of the worst
experiences of my life,

953
00:44:20,455 --> 00:44:24,490
of my camp time, when I saw
what was going on there.

954
00:44:24,490 --> 00:44:30,040
I saw the wagons full of corpses
being dragged to the camp,

955
00:44:30,040 --> 00:44:34,210
God knows where, and heaps of
corpses lying on the ground.

956
00:44:34,210 --> 00:44:36,430
And women in these stripe--

957
00:44:36,430 --> 00:44:37,790
we wore our own clothes.

958
00:44:37,790 --> 00:44:38,680
We didn't have much.

959
00:44:38,680 --> 00:44:38,926
Oh, you did?

960
00:44:38,926 --> 00:44:39,010
Oh.

961
00:44:39,010 --> 00:44:39,510
Yeah.

962
00:44:39,510 --> 00:44:41,980
Whatever we had brought
in our rucksack, we kept.

963
00:44:41,980 --> 00:44:44,860
So we had one warm outfit
and one summer outfit,

964
00:44:44,860 --> 00:44:46,225

and that's what we wore.

965
00:44:46,225 --> 00:44:48,070
And that wasn't
very clean, either.

966
00:44:48,070 --> 00:44:49,850
That's why you got
all this stuff.

967
00:44:49,850 --> 00:44:53,170
But these women were in the
striped costumes and emaciated.

968
00:44:53,170 --> 00:44:55,240
And it was huge.

969
00:44:55,240 --> 00:44:57,738
There were-- even
as huge as it was,

970
00:44:57,738 --> 00:44:59,530
there were more people
than there was room.

971
00:44:59,530 --> 00:45:02,650
It was just a
devastating experience.

972
00:45:02,650 --> 00:45:06,220
And I just was in there for
an hour, saw the people lived

973
00:45:06,220 --> 00:45:08,110
there.

974
00:45:08,110 --> 00:45:10,000
And a woman dentist
looked at my mouth

975
00:45:10,000 --> 00:45:12,190
and was delighted
because she showed

976
00:45:12,190 --> 00:45:13,720
girls who were
working for her how

977
00:45:13,720 --> 00:45:16,240
a well kept mouth should look.

978
00:45:16,240 --> 00:45:20,950
Fillings from-- still from
Holland and everything.

979
00:45:20,950 --> 00:45:25,690
So we stayed in that
other camp till April 7.

980
00:45:25,690 --> 00:45:27,370
And they put us on a train.

981
00:45:27,370 --> 00:45:30,460
And where we were
going, nobody knew.

982
00:45:30,460 --> 00:45:33,370
They were trying to get
us away from the front

983
00:45:33,370 --> 00:45:35,560
and away from the liberators.

984
00:45:35,560 --> 00:45:40,840
And I think they were trying to
get us to go to Theresienstadt,

985
00:45:40,840 --> 00:45:43,630
Terezin.

986
00:45:43,630 --> 00:45:45,250
We went-- the train--

987
00:45:45,250 --> 00:45:51,100
we were on the train six

days and six nights, I think.

988

00:45:51,100 --> 00:45:55,600

We left on the 7th, and we
were liberated on the 13th.

989

00:45:55,600 --> 00:45:57,130

Did you have any
food on the train?

990

00:45:57,130 --> 00:46:02,710

We had raw turnips,
lots of them.

991

00:46:02,710 --> 00:46:07,840

We had a few cans of
meat, I think, and bread--

992

00:46:07,840 --> 00:46:08,860

some bread.

993

00:46:08,860 --> 00:46:12,460

So we had something to eat, but
it wasn't enough, of course.

994

00:46:12,460 --> 00:46:14,440

Of course.

995

00:46:14,440 --> 00:46:19,090

The train drove-- rode,
and then all of a sudden,

996

00:46:19,090 --> 00:46:20,800

it would stop for a few hours.

997

00:46:20,800 --> 00:46:21,880

Nobody knew why.

998

00:46:21,880 --> 00:46:22,990

Nobody knew what.

999

00:46:22,990 --> 00:46:25,910

You just didn't know
what was going on.

1000
00:46:25,910 --> 00:46:27,530
Nobody was going on.

1001
00:46:27,530 --> 00:46:30,420
As it-- there were 2,400
people on the train--

1002
00:46:30,420 --> 00:46:36,180
2000 Hungarians and about 300
Dutch, and maybe about 100

1003
00:46:36,180 --> 00:46:37,650
French people.

1004
00:46:37,650 --> 00:46:41,130

1005
00:46:41,130 --> 00:46:44,260
We knew we were getting
close to the front.

1006
00:46:44,260 --> 00:46:45,690
You could hear
shooting, and they

1007
00:46:45,690 --> 00:46:47,650
didn't know what to do with us.

1008
00:46:47,650 --> 00:46:50,160
We heard later-- we
didn't know then--

1009
00:46:50,160 --> 00:46:53,880
that somebody from Berlin
came, a high officer,

1010
00:46:53,880 --> 00:46:58,440
and said to the train
conductor that he should

1011
00:46:58,440 --> 00:47:00,300
drive the train into the river.

1012
00:47:00,300 --> 00:47:04,170
We were stuck at the Elbe River.

1013
00:47:04,170 --> 00:47:08,350
And Hungarians seem
to have heard about it

1014
00:47:08,350 --> 00:47:11,280
and they had gold
with them still.

1015
00:47:11,280 --> 00:47:14,460
They came very late, and they
had gold in their clothes,

1016
00:47:14,460 --> 00:47:20,430
and they bribed the train
commander to not do so.

1017
00:47:20,430 --> 00:47:21,810
And he didn't.

1018
00:47:21,810 --> 00:47:23,820
And then the next
morning, that same officer

1019
00:47:23,820 --> 00:47:26,850
came back and saw this train
still there and got very mad,

1020
00:47:26,850 --> 00:47:31,920
and told the train commander
that if he came back

1021
00:47:31,920 --> 00:47:33,930
in the afternoon the
train still was there,

1022
00:47:33,930 --> 00:47:36,660

he would do so and so.

1023
00:47:36,660 --> 00:47:40,500
And just after this guy
left, all of a sudden,

1024
00:47:40,500 --> 00:47:43,890
there were liberators,
the American Knights Army.

1025
00:47:43,890 --> 00:47:45,360
And they didn't
know who we were.

1026
00:47:45,360 --> 00:47:48,610
They saw this huge train
and all these people,

1027
00:47:48,610 --> 00:47:53,520
and I guess these soldiers
didn't know about camps.

1028
00:47:53,520 --> 00:47:56,380
And nobody knew about it.

1029
00:47:56,380 --> 00:47:58,630
So they didn't know what
they were encountering there.

1030
00:47:58,630 --> 00:48:04,350
So they came with their
drawn rifles and everything.

1031
00:48:04,350 --> 00:48:09,360
And then we quickly
enlightened them who we were.

1032
00:48:09,360 --> 00:48:11,940
And then on that same--

1033
00:48:11,940 --> 00:48:13,920
maybe we-- according
to my sister who

1034
00:48:13,920 --> 00:48:16,440
I talked about this recently,
we stayed one more night

1035
00:48:16,440 --> 00:48:19,260
on the train because
it was afternoon.

1036
00:48:19,260 --> 00:48:21,690
And the next morning,
they brought us

1037
00:48:21,690 --> 00:48:26,110
to the nearby village,
which was called Farsleben.

1038
00:48:26,110 --> 00:48:27,010
Can you spell that?

1039
00:48:27,010 --> 00:48:28,260
Do you know how to spell that?

1040
00:48:28,260 --> 00:48:36,560
F-A-R-S-L-E-B-E-N. And they
quartered us with the people

1041
00:48:36,560 --> 00:48:37,370
there.

1042
00:48:37,370 --> 00:48:39,620
It was a farming village.

1043
00:48:39,620 --> 00:48:44,110
And we stayed in a big farm,
and the people had to feed us.

1044
00:48:44,110 --> 00:48:47,030
And I remember the
first meal was--

1045
00:48:47,030 --> 00:48:48,440

what would you call them--

1046

00:48:48,440 --> 00:48:51,260
pancakes with bacon.

1047

00:48:51,260 --> 00:48:53,810
And then it was a beautiful day.

1048

00:48:53,810 --> 00:48:56,690
It was April 13,
the first day we

1049

00:48:56,690 --> 00:49:02,750
heard that Roosevelt had died
the day before, April 12, 1945.

1050

00:49:02,750 --> 00:49:04,250
We were very devastated.

1051

00:49:04,250 --> 00:49:06,170
We didn't know-- we
thought still then--

1052

00:49:06,170 --> 00:49:07,040
still that he was fabulous.

1053

00:49:07,040 --> 00:49:07,873
You thought he was--

1054

00:49:07,873 --> 00:49:09,320
[LAUGHTER]

1055

00:49:09,320 --> 00:49:11,823
My sister and I took a
walk, and some of the people

1056

00:49:11,823 --> 00:49:13,490
that had been quartered
where there were

1057

00:49:13,490 --> 00:49:16,580
no other people in the

houses, the Americans

1058
00:49:16,580 --> 00:49:22,550
had provided them with
food and big kegs, barrels.

1059
00:49:22,550 --> 00:49:27,020
And we found in the village
in the quarter somewhere

1060
00:49:27,020 --> 00:49:29,420
a big barrel of food--

1061
00:49:29,420 --> 00:49:33,980
soup with bacon floating on top
of it, that they had forgotten

1062
00:49:33,980 --> 00:49:34,680
or something.

1063
00:49:34,680 --> 00:49:36,830
And my sister and I went at it.

1064
00:49:36,830 --> 00:49:40,880
Now, we know a lot of
people still died afterwards

1065
00:49:40,880 --> 00:49:42,800
because they ate too much.

1066
00:49:42,800 --> 00:49:44,390
We didn't know that,
of course, so we

1067
00:49:44,390 --> 00:49:47,420
skimmed off all the bacon
from the top, all that fat,

1068
00:49:47,420 --> 00:49:48,980
and ate it.

1069
00:49:48,980 --> 00:49:50,780

Spent a whole night
in the bathroom.

1070
00:49:50,780 --> 00:49:53,780
Thank goodness, that was
all that happened to us.

1071
00:49:53,780 --> 00:49:55,430
We were sick as dogs.

1072
00:49:55,430 --> 00:49:57,440
The next morning, the
Americans came and said,

1073
00:49:57,440 --> 00:50:01,460
we have to bring you somewhere
else because the Germans are

1074
00:50:01,460 --> 00:50:01,970
coming back.

1075
00:50:01,970 --> 00:50:04,610
A front is never steady.

1076
00:50:04,610 --> 00:50:07,310
You push them back and
then they pull up again

1077
00:50:07,310 --> 00:50:09,072
and that's what was happening.

1078
00:50:09,072 --> 00:50:10,280
The Germans were coming back.

1079
00:50:10,280 --> 00:50:11,840
You could hear it.

1080
00:50:11,840 --> 00:50:13,530
So he said we have
to get out of here.

1081
00:50:13,530 --> 00:50:16,820

So they brought us down
to another village called

1082
00:50:16,820 --> 00:50:26,272
Hillersleben,
H-I-L-L-E-R-S-L-E-B-E-N, near--

1083
00:50:26,272 --> 00:50:27,736
oh, I can't think of it.

1084
00:50:27,736 --> 00:50:29,150
Was it near Leipzig?

1085
00:50:29,150 --> 00:50:31,730

1086
00:50:31,730 --> 00:50:34,700
And there was a
military village which

1087
00:50:34,700 --> 00:50:39,500
Hitler had built with big
villas for the commanders,

1088
00:50:39,500 --> 00:50:42,845
and apartments for soldiers
and their families.

1089
00:50:42,845 --> 00:50:44,600
It was all brand new.

1090
00:50:44,600 --> 00:50:49,490
And because of-- oh, and my
father and somebody, a younger

1091
00:50:49,490 --> 00:50:53,510
man, right away appointed
a commander of the train

1092
00:50:53,510 --> 00:50:55,280
by the Americans.

1093

00:50:55,280 --> 00:50:57,440
Maybe they asked
who can be taken

1094
00:50:57,440 --> 00:50:59,600
because there was my father.

1095
00:50:59,600 --> 00:51:02,600
So we lived in the
villa for a few days

1096
00:51:02,600 --> 00:51:08,160
of the commander of that
village, the German commander

1097
00:51:08,160 --> 00:51:09,710
of the village--

1098
00:51:09,710 --> 00:51:11,060
beautiful villa.

1099
00:51:11,060 --> 00:51:13,430
And we slept in
these beautiful beds.

1100
00:51:13,430 --> 00:51:14,630
And it was a huge yard.

1101
00:51:14,630 --> 00:51:18,560
And in the basement, we
found all kind of food

1102
00:51:18,560 --> 00:51:20,390
that they had put up in jars--

1103
00:51:20,390 --> 00:51:24,530
meat, vegetables, fruits
that was able to be eaten.

1104
00:51:24,530 --> 00:51:26,960
My father's birthday
was April 17.

1105

00:51:26,960 --> 00:51:28,400

We were still in that house.

1106

00:51:28,400 --> 00:51:31,580

And we had kind of
a banquet with wines

1107

00:51:31,580 --> 00:51:36,800

and champagne and lace
tablecloths and crystal.

1108

00:51:36,800 --> 00:51:39,570

And it was like a movie.

1109

00:51:39,570 --> 00:51:41,480

And then we cooked the food.

1110

00:51:41,480 --> 00:51:45,440

And then the American
hierarchy who

1111

00:51:45,440 --> 00:51:49,820

were occupying that part
of Germany at the time

1112

00:51:49,820 --> 00:51:52,550

came in with their higher
ups. And of course, they

1113

00:51:52,550 --> 00:51:54,530

wanted that villa.

1114

00:51:54,530 --> 00:51:56,720

So we had to leave it.

1115

00:51:56,720 --> 00:51:58,020

We took some stuff.

1116

00:51:58,020 --> 00:52:02,270

The funny part is that the man
who was the commander, his name

1117
00:52:02,270 --> 00:52:05,090
was Von Seither.

1118
00:52:05,090 --> 00:52:07,940
And his initial is A,
and my father's initials

1119
00:52:07,940 --> 00:52:08,870
were A-S, too.

1120
00:52:08,870 --> 00:52:11,240
So we took some linens that had.

1121
00:52:11,240 --> 00:52:13,080
I still have some of it.

1122
00:52:13,080 --> 00:52:18,690
And we each took a set of
silver, a spoon and fork,

1123
00:52:18,690 --> 00:52:20,595
because we didn't have
anything, of course.

1124
00:52:20,595 --> 00:52:22,470
We had to have give it
to Germans in Holland.

1125
00:52:22,470 --> 00:52:25,380
We knew when we come
back, we wouldn't have it.

1126
00:52:25,380 --> 00:52:27,510
And then they put us
in little apartments

1127
00:52:27,510 --> 00:52:29,010
where the soldiers have left.

1128
00:52:29,010 --> 00:52:31,090
And that was very cramped.

1129

00:52:31,090 --> 00:52:34,167

We lived with our
family, which was big

1130

00:52:34,167 --> 00:52:36,000

because my aunt and my
cousins were with us,

1131

00:52:36,000 --> 00:52:38,400

and a Hungarian family.

1132

00:52:38,400 --> 00:52:40,410

And we just had one kitchen.

1133

00:52:40,410 --> 00:52:43,480

But everything was
heaven to us after that.

1134

00:52:43,480 --> 00:52:46,290

And the Americans saw that
we always had enough food.

1135

00:52:46,290 --> 00:52:50,820

They gave us bread and
ingredients to cook,

1136

00:52:50,820 --> 00:52:52,625

and we ate, and we
ate, and we ate.

1137

00:52:52,625 --> 00:52:54,480

I mean, I can't tell you.

1138

00:52:54,480 --> 00:52:55,470

We threw nothing out.

1139

00:52:55,470 --> 00:52:56,310

Bread was stale.

1140

00:52:56,310 --> 00:52:58,200

We made bread puddings.

1141

00:52:58,200 --> 00:53:01,290

There's always some food
standing there next to the bed.

1142

00:53:01,290 --> 00:53:03,250

We just ate like crazy.

1143

00:53:03,250 --> 00:53:04,270

And then the Germans--

1144

00:53:04,270 --> 00:53:09,190

the Americans came--
what did I say--

1145

00:53:09,190 --> 00:53:11,900

1146

00:53:11,900 --> 00:53:14,190

well, towards the
end of April and said

1147

00:53:14,190 --> 00:53:15,500

we have to get you out of here.

1148

00:53:15,500 --> 00:53:18,020

It's going to be a
Russian territory.

1149

00:53:18,020 --> 00:53:22,230

And their confidence in the
Russians wasn't that great.

1150

00:53:22,230 --> 00:53:24,260

They knew what was
going to happen,

1151

00:53:24,260 --> 00:53:26,930

that it wasn't good to be--
for us to be under the Germans.

1152

00:53:26,930 --> 00:53:30,540

So they send us away, except

my father, by the time,

1153
00:53:30,540 --> 00:53:33,740
had spotted typhus
and was deathly ill.

1154
00:53:33,740 --> 00:53:36,990
And he couldn't travel so he
had to stay back with my mother.

1155
00:53:36,990 --> 00:53:39,740
My mother stayed with
him in that apartment.

1156
00:53:39,740 --> 00:53:44,240
But we left and they
brought us somewhere

1157
00:53:44,240 --> 00:53:46,160
where one night
we had to camp out

1158
00:53:46,160 --> 00:53:50,690
kind of in a
entertainment hall--

1159
00:53:50,690 --> 00:53:54,440
was all wood, wooden hall.

1160
00:53:54,440 --> 00:53:57,320
And just lie on
the floor, sleep,

1161
00:53:57,320 --> 00:53:58,790
tomorrow you go on a train.

1162
00:53:58,790 --> 00:54:05,050
And that was-- gees, I
know it all the time--

1163
00:54:05,050 --> 00:54:10,600
from where did we leave to
go back to Holland from?

1164
00:54:10,600 --> 00:54:12,570
I can't think of the
name of the town now.

1165
00:54:12,570 --> 00:54:15,970

1166
00:54:15,970 --> 00:54:19,540
And one friend of ours, the
father of a friend of mine,

1167
00:54:19,540 --> 00:54:22,900
actually, said, well,
you all go to sleep.

1168
00:54:22,900 --> 00:54:23,890
I stay awake.

1169
00:54:23,890 --> 00:54:25,900
I don't trust this place.

1170
00:54:25,900 --> 00:54:27,490
It was all wood.

1171
00:54:27,490 --> 00:54:32,590
There were-- there was a
projection room upstairs.

1172
00:54:32,590 --> 00:54:35,680
It was used for
parties and stuff.

1173
00:54:35,680 --> 00:54:36,910
So we went to sleep.

1174
00:54:36,910 --> 00:54:40,150
And all of a sudden, he
started screaming, yelling,

1175
00:54:40,150 --> 00:54:41,560
everybody out, everybody out.

1176
00:54:41,560 --> 00:54:44,950
A fire had started in
the projection room.

1177
00:54:44,950 --> 00:54:47,665
I don't know if somebody set it.

1178
00:54:47,665 --> 00:54:50,320
It was because he
was awake we were all

1179
00:54:50,320 --> 00:54:52,990
able to get out with a little
bit of belongs that we had.

1180
00:54:52,990 --> 00:54:57,460
And we sat outside and
watched this building, I mean,

1181
00:54:57,460 --> 00:54:58,730
burn to the ground.

1182
00:54:58,730 --> 00:55:01,450
It was a huge, huge, huge fire.

1183
00:55:01,450 --> 00:55:03,830
Now, I claim I saw
something and my sister

1184
00:55:03,830 --> 00:55:04,750
said it didn't happen.

1185
00:55:04,750 --> 00:55:07,240
But I cannot have made it up.

1186
00:55:07,240 --> 00:55:08,770
That on top of
the building there

1187
00:55:08,770 --> 00:55:11,590
were three pictures of

Hitler, Goering, and Goebbels.

1188
00:55:11,590 --> 00:55:14,110

1189
00:55:14,110 --> 00:55:20,740
And as the building was
starting to burn down,

1190
00:55:20,740 --> 00:55:23,510
they came tumbling
down one by one.

1191
00:55:23,510 --> 00:55:26,020
And we all stood
there and cheered.

1192
00:55:26,020 --> 00:55:27,580
Now, she doesn't
remember it at all,

1193
00:55:27,580 --> 00:55:29,038
and she said I must
have dreamt it.

1194
00:55:29,038 --> 00:55:33,250
But I don't think I
could have dreamt it up.

1195
00:55:33,250 --> 00:55:35,380
So-- but that was the
day we're leaving anyhow.

1196
00:55:35,380 --> 00:55:37,780
And they put us in these
trains with apologies

1197
00:55:37,780 --> 00:55:39,970
in these open coal cars.

1198
00:55:39,970 --> 00:55:43,810
And my family and I, we
happened to be in the first one.

1199
00:55:43,810 --> 00:55:45,550
And these were
steam locomotives--

1200
00:55:45,550 --> 00:55:47,140
with steam coming out.

1201
00:55:47,140 --> 00:55:50,500
So when we came back in Holland
after three days, we were--

1202
00:55:50,500 --> 00:55:53,260
first, it was very tan, because
it was beautiful, three days

1203
00:55:53,260 --> 00:55:57,310
of summer weather, and pitch
black face and everything

1204
00:55:57,310 --> 00:55:58,390
from the--

1205
00:55:58,390 --> 00:56:05,020
and we were received in a big
assembly hall of the Philips

1206
00:56:05,020 --> 00:56:06,780
factories and now very famous.

1207
00:56:06,780 --> 00:56:07,280
Mm-hmm.

1208
00:56:07,280 --> 00:56:09,400
Oh, sure.

1209
00:56:09,400 --> 00:56:12,550
We stayed there for one
night, took showers.

1210
00:56:12,550 --> 00:56:15,550
People-- it's a very

Catholic country

1211
00:56:15,550 --> 00:56:19,540
there in the southern
part of Holland.

1212
00:56:19,540 --> 00:56:21,310
The women who were
there to help us

1213
00:56:21,310 --> 00:56:23,860
and everything were
absolutely shocked

1214
00:56:23,860 --> 00:56:25,630
that we all walked
around there naked

1215
00:56:25,630 --> 00:56:27,740
going-- trying to
get into the showers,

1216
00:56:27,740 --> 00:56:29,500
getting bathed, and everything.

1217
00:56:29,500 --> 00:56:32,920
We had lost all shame
there, especially,

1218
00:56:32,920 --> 00:56:37,120
where we were because men and
women and you saw everything.

1219
00:56:37,120 --> 00:56:39,830
If you wash yourself on
a little bowl, that's

1220
00:56:39,830 --> 00:56:43,900
about the only washing
we could do in the end.

1221
00:56:43,900 --> 00:56:45,070
You saw everybody.

1222
00:56:45,070 --> 00:56:46,720
Nobody looked at us.

1223
00:56:46,720 --> 00:56:48,820
But I remember that
these women were just

1224
00:56:48,820 --> 00:56:51,490
saying how horrible we
were, and these Jews

1225
00:56:51,490 --> 00:56:54,050
were of no shame,
and stuff like that.

1226
00:56:54,050 --> 00:56:57,550
And then people in the
surroundings of Eindhoven,

1227
00:56:57,550 --> 00:57:01,660
in the town where Philips
is had volunteered

1228
00:57:01,660 --> 00:57:05,530
to take people in, people
who came back on these trains

1229
00:57:05,530 --> 00:57:06,910
into their homes.

1230
00:57:06,910 --> 00:57:09,940
They didn't have much, either,
because that part of Holland

1231
00:57:09,940 --> 00:57:11,240
wasn't free that long, either.

1232
00:57:11,240 --> 00:57:13,990
And there was very little
food, and it was all rationed.

1233

00:57:13,990 --> 00:57:16,480
But we got extra ration
cards and everything.

1234
00:57:16,480 --> 00:57:19,240
And a young couple that had
just been married a short time

1235
00:57:19,240 --> 00:57:22,000
in a small apartment who
had one or three room

1236
00:57:22,000 --> 00:57:24,730
got mattresses from the
Red Cross and blankets.

1237
00:57:24,730 --> 00:57:29,215
And my sister and I were
quartered there for--

1238
00:57:29,215 --> 00:57:32,550

1239
00:57:32,550 --> 00:57:37,350
this was May-- must have
been May 5, because it

1240
00:57:37,350 --> 00:57:41,070
was the day that the western
part of Holland for Amsterdam

1241
00:57:41,070 --> 00:57:43,410
was liberated, which
was quite a few months

1242
00:57:43,410 --> 00:57:47,010
after the eastern
part of Holland.

1243
00:57:47,010 --> 00:57:48,960
But we could not go
back to Holland--

1244

00:57:48,960 --> 00:57:51,072
to Amsterdam and to the West.

1245
00:57:51,072 --> 00:57:52,530
The conditions
there were terrible.

1246
00:57:52,530 --> 00:57:54,780
It had a terrible hunger winter.

1247
00:57:54,780 --> 00:57:56,040
A lot of people were dead.

1248
00:57:56,040 --> 00:57:57,123
Everything was devastated.

1249
00:57:57,123 --> 00:57:58,680
There was no food whatsoever.

1250
00:57:58,680 --> 00:57:59,820
There was no fuel.

1251
00:57:59,820 --> 00:58:00,840
There was nothing.

1252
00:58:00,840 --> 00:58:03,270
So we had to stay
in the eastern part

1253
00:58:03,270 --> 00:58:04,950
until it was
feasible to go back.

1254
00:58:04,950 --> 00:58:12,450
And I think that was maybe
the very end of May or June.

1255
00:58:12,450 --> 00:58:14,760
And my parents were
still in Germany.

1256
00:58:14,760 --> 00:58:18,060

I still have a letter that
my mother brought back

1257
00:58:18,060 --> 00:58:23,640
where I addressed Mr. And Mrs.
Soep, 5 Adolf-Hitler-Strasse.

1258
00:58:23,640 --> 00:58:25,350
That was the street
we were living on.

1259
00:58:25,350 --> 00:58:28,350
And of course, that
hadn't changed yet.

1260
00:58:28,350 --> 00:58:29,835
My parents came back in July.

1261
00:58:29,835 --> 00:58:32,610

1262
00:58:32,610 --> 00:58:35,700
I've found a very
good friend of mine--

1263
00:58:35,700 --> 00:58:37,560
I'm still very
friendly with her--

1264
00:58:37,560 --> 00:58:39,100
who had been in hiding.

1265
00:58:39,100 --> 00:58:40,860
Her parents had been in hiding.

1266
00:58:40,860 --> 00:58:43,620
And they got their
home back right away.

1267
00:58:43,620 --> 00:58:46,500
Beautiful house
with a lot of space.

1268

00:58:46,500 --> 00:58:49,770

And they took me in until
my parents came back.

1269

00:58:49,770 --> 00:58:51,540

Then we couldn't even
go back in our house

1270

00:58:51,540 --> 00:58:56,040

because the Dutch contingent
of the Canadian army

1271

00:58:56,040 --> 00:59:01,180

had taken our home to use
for our officer's club.

1272

00:59:01,180 --> 00:59:03,690

And so my parents
lived in a small hotel,

1273

00:59:03,690 --> 00:59:06,640

and I stayed with my friends, my
sister stayed with her friends,

1274

00:59:06,640 --> 00:59:10,260

until we were reunited
in our own home in--

1275

00:59:10,260 --> 00:59:13,080

I guess it must
have been July '45.

1276

00:59:13,080 --> 00:59:15,960

And my husband to
be, the man I had

1277

00:59:15,960 --> 00:59:18,720

met in camp and who I had
had this courtship with

1278

00:59:18,720 --> 00:59:22,140

and who I had mostly contact
with in Bergen-Belsen.

1279
00:59:22,140 --> 00:59:24,870
It was letters that
we wrote each other.

1280
00:59:24,870 --> 00:59:26,370
I didn't know where he was.

1281
00:59:26,370 --> 00:59:29,100
Nobody knew where
anybody else was,

1282
00:59:29,100 --> 00:59:31,000
because he had been liberated.

1283
00:59:31,000 --> 00:59:34,650
But in the meantime, also
on a train, by the Russians.

1284
00:59:34,650 --> 00:59:37,320
And he got very, very ill and
was sick for quite a while.

1285
00:59:37,320 --> 00:59:43,140
And he wasn't repatriated
until July '45.

1286
00:59:43,140 --> 00:59:46,020
We had-- he had give
me the name of friends

1287
00:59:46,020 --> 00:59:48,270
of his, Gentile
friends, and told me

1288
00:59:48,270 --> 00:59:52,500
as soon as you get back, contact
them and I will do the same.

1289
00:59:52,500 --> 00:59:55,230
And then you tell them, or
whoever gets there first,

1290

00:59:55,230 --> 00:59:55,837

where we are.

1291

00:59:55,837 --> 00:59:57,170

And then we can find each other.

1292

00:59:57,170 --> 00:59:58,462

That's how we found each other.

1293

00:59:58,462 --> 01:00:03,510

And that was, I guess,
it was July '45.

1294

01:00:03,510 --> 01:00:08,730

Then he started right
away divorce procedures.

1295

01:00:08,730 --> 01:00:11,940

And it was good that he
did, because a lot of people

1296

01:00:11,940 --> 01:00:13,890

had stuck it out
together during the war

1297

01:00:13,890 --> 01:00:15,450

and had decided to split up.

1298

01:00:15,450 --> 01:00:18,600

So there were tremendous
amount of divorces

1299

01:00:18,600 --> 01:00:19,950

and the courts were swamped.

1300

01:00:19,950 --> 01:00:22,920

But because he
started right away,

1301

01:00:22,920 --> 01:00:24,510

he was already
divorced, I think,

1302
01:00:24,510 --> 01:00:27,930
in August, September of '45.

1303
01:00:27,930 --> 01:00:31,440
And then we got engaged in
October '45 and got married

1304
01:00:31,440 --> 01:00:32,370
in January--

1305
01:00:32,370 --> 01:00:34,950
January '46.

1306
01:00:34,950 --> 01:00:39,360
We got married very romantically
in a horse and wagon,

1307
01:00:39,360 --> 01:00:44,220
because there were no cars and
no gas and no rubber for tires.

1308
01:00:44,220 --> 01:00:46,290
So it was very elegant.

1309
01:00:46,290 --> 01:00:50,760

1310
01:00:50,760 --> 01:00:56,430
Well, that's-- I'm sure
hundreds of other stories there

1311
01:00:56,430 --> 01:00:58,020
in between.

1312
01:00:58,020 --> 01:00:59,940
Is there anything that
you feel that you'd

1313
01:00:59,940 --> 01:01:00,980
like to include right--

1314

01:01:00,980 --> 01:01:09,000

Well, I guess for me, the most traumatic experiences that

1315

01:01:09,000 --> 01:01:12,300

bother me the most now, not so much what happened to myself,

1316

01:01:12,300 --> 01:01:16,380

I somehow have dealt with that, and everything came out

1317

01:01:16,380 --> 01:01:22,210

pretty much OK, was the 1941 raid, which

1318

01:01:22,210 --> 01:01:24,970

was a second raid in Amsterdam where they took young men.

1319

01:01:24,970 --> 01:01:27,330

I don't think I mentioned at the beginning, did I?

1320

01:01:27,330 --> 01:01:28,240

I mentioned to you--

1321

01:01:28,240 --> 01:01:28,642

No, we didn't discuss it.

1322

01:01:28,642 --> 01:01:29,142

--yeah--

1323

01:01:29,142 --> 01:01:30,250

Right.

1324

01:01:30,250 --> 01:01:33,570

--where my brother was taken who was then--

1325

01:01:33,570 --> 01:01:36,640

he's 41, he was born in 19--

1326
01:01:36,640 --> 01:01:38,710
so he was 22.

1327
01:01:38,710 --> 01:01:39,320
He had just--

1328
01:01:39,320 --> 01:01:40,430
What was his name?

1329
01:01:40,430 --> 01:01:43,000
His name was-- his official
name was Benjamin--

1330
01:01:43,000 --> 01:01:43,810
Benjamin Soep.

1331
01:01:43,810 --> 01:01:47,740
We called him Benno, B-E-N-N-O.
He had just married--

1332
01:01:47,740 --> 01:01:50,530
he had just been married
for seven months.

1333
01:01:50,530 --> 01:01:56,210
His girlfriend whom he met in
Switzerland skiing in 1938,

1334
01:01:56,210 --> 01:02:01,340
I think, left with her
parents early '39 to America.

1335
01:02:01,340 --> 01:02:03,160
They were one of
the smart peoples--

1336
01:02:03,160 --> 01:02:05,380
smart families to try
to get out in time.

1337
01:02:05,380 --> 01:02:08,050

1338

01:02:08,050 --> 01:02:10,760

They were terribly in love, very young, and very much in love.

1339

01:02:10,760 --> 01:02:11,770

She wrote him every day.

1340

01:02:11,770 --> 01:02:13,210

He wrote her every day.

1341

01:02:13,210 --> 01:02:15,760

And she made it her business-- she

1342

01:02:15,760 --> 01:02:18,460

went-- came back to Holland very, very

1343

01:02:18,460 --> 01:02:20,410

much against the wishes of her parents.

1344

01:02:20,410 --> 01:02:23,260

She was there, and also all of 20, I think.

1345

01:02:23,260 --> 01:02:24,700

But she just did it.

1346

01:02:24,700 --> 01:02:28,960

And that was before the war broke out in Holland.

1347

01:02:28,960 --> 01:02:30,880

And then, of course, she was caught.

1348

01:02:30,880 --> 01:02:32,930

And although they were very young,

1349

01:02:32,930 --> 01:02:36,190
they decided they might
as well get married.

1350

01:02:36,190 --> 01:02:38,590
And because they got
married, they lived separate.

1351

01:02:38,590 --> 01:02:41,440
They got a very nice apartment.

1352

01:02:41,440 --> 01:02:47,710
And the way he was caught is
kind of very sad story, too.

1353

01:02:47,710 --> 01:02:55,180
There was in Holland a
farm where they prepared

1354

01:02:55,180 --> 01:02:56,470
young men and young women.

1355

01:02:56,470 --> 01:03:00,490
And they were all refugees
from Germany and Austria,

1356

01:03:00,490 --> 01:03:02,560
who were there without
their families.

1357

01:03:02,560 --> 01:03:05,140
And they were preparing
them for agriculture

1358

01:03:05,140 --> 01:03:08,260
in Israel, Hachscharah.

1359

01:03:08,260 --> 01:03:11,197
And one of these
villages was closed,

1360

01:03:11,197 --> 01:03:13,280

and they didn't know what
to do with these people.

1361
01:03:13,280 --> 01:03:15,280
So they asked Jewish
families in Amsterdam,

1362
01:03:15,280 --> 01:03:17,890
would they each take
one of these young men?

1363
01:03:17,890 --> 01:03:18,820
And we did.

1364
01:03:18,820 --> 01:03:20,110
And my brother did.

1365
01:03:20,110 --> 01:03:23,500
And I remember my father saying
to my brother, you are-- you

1366
01:03:23,500 --> 01:03:24,670
all you just got married.

1367
01:03:24,670 --> 01:03:26,920
Don't take somebody
else into your house.

1368
01:03:26,920 --> 01:03:31,390
But my brother was a real very
orthodox, very good, very good

1369
01:03:31,390 --> 01:03:31,970
person.

1370
01:03:31,970 --> 01:03:34,270
He would literally
not kill a fly.

1371
01:03:34,270 --> 01:03:35,560
He couldn't do it.

1372

01:03:35,560 --> 01:03:38,740
And he took in one of
these young men, too.

1373
01:03:38,740 --> 01:03:43,390
And on this fateful
day of June 11, 1941,

1374
01:03:43,390 --> 01:03:46,330
they did a partial
raid because a German

1375
01:03:46,330 --> 01:03:53,200
had been killed in Amsterdam
by resistance people.

1376
01:03:53,200 --> 01:03:56,740
And they-- the reprisal
was to arrest young Jews.

1377
01:03:56,740 --> 01:03:59,410
And they had a list of all
these young men who had been

1378
01:03:59,410 --> 01:04:01,900
caught up with the families.

1379
01:04:01,900 --> 01:04:04,990
And they just went by the list,
and they came to our house

1380
01:04:04,990 --> 01:04:10,180
and took our guy who was also
a very sweet boy from Vienna.

1381
01:04:10,180 --> 01:04:13,540
And they also went
to my brother's home.

1382
01:04:13,540 --> 01:04:17,380
And my brother-- the
young man wasn't home.

1383

01:04:17,380 --> 01:04:19,960
So they said, well,
we'll just wait for him.

1384
01:04:19,960 --> 01:04:23,350
And then they started talking
and he said to my brother,

1385
01:04:23,350 --> 01:04:24,550
are you a Jew, too?

1386
01:04:24,550 --> 01:04:25,653
And my brother said, yes.

1387
01:04:25,653 --> 01:04:28,720
And he said, well, then
you go with these two.

1388
01:04:28,720 --> 01:04:32,140
So they sat there till
the young man came back.

1389
01:04:32,140 --> 01:04:37,480
And they-- and they
were sent to a camp in--

1390
01:04:37,480 --> 01:04:40,000
just north of Amsterdam.

1391
01:04:40,000 --> 01:04:41,140
You know the name of it?

1392
01:04:41,140 --> 01:04:49,180
The name-- it was
Schoorl, C--S-C-H-O-O-R-L.

1393
01:04:49,180 --> 01:04:52,180
That was June 11, 1941.

1394
01:04:52,180 --> 01:04:55,040
And my father who
had, of course,

1395

01:04:55,040 --> 01:04:58,810

quite a bit of influence
because of the Jewish council,

1396

01:04:58,810 --> 01:05:04,400

tried and tried and tried to
get my brother out of there.

1397

01:05:04,400 --> 01:05:07,060

And he almost succeeded.

1398

01:05:07,060 --> 01:05:12,760

But all of a sudden,
it was June 22, 1941.

1399

01:05:12,760 --> 01:05:16,510

That was when Germany
invaded Russia.

1400

01:05:16,510 --> 01:05:20,320

They first had the pact and
then Hitler broke the pact

1401

01:05:20,320 --> 01:05:21,670

and invaded Russia.

1402

01:05:21,670 --> 01:05:22,690

Right.

1403

01:05:22,690 --> 01:05:25,270

So all of a sudden,
Russia was the enemy.

1404

01:05:25,270 --> 01:05:27,323

So communists were the enemy.

1405

01:05:27,323 --> 01:05:28,990

And they rounded up
all that-- and there

1406

01:05:28,990 --> 01:05:30,970

were quite a few in Amsterdam.

1407
01:05:30,970 --> 01:05:33,520
They rounded up all
the known communists.

1408
01:05:33,520 --> 01:05:37,210
And they wanted that camp in
Schoorl to put the communists.

1409
01:05:37,210 --> 01:05:39,220
And here, they had
all these Jewish kids

1410
01:05:39,220 --> 01:05:43,700
and they send the Jewish
kids to Mauthausen.

1411
01:05:43,700 --> 01:05:46,160
So that's how he
got caught there.

1412
01:05:46,160 --> 01:05:47,300
And then he still--

1413
01:05:47,300 --> 01:05:51,680
my father still tried to
get him out of Mauthausen.

1414
01:05:51,680 --> 01:05:55,310
And of course, nobody did.

1415
01:05:55,310 --> 01:05:58,700
So that's how we lost him.

1416
01:05:58,700 --> 01:06:00,590
Is it possible--
back up a little,

1417
01:06:00,590 --> 01:06:02,600
talk a little bit
about his youth.

1418

01:06:02,600 --> 01:06:05,990

Well, he was the oldest
son of the oldest son,

1419

01:06:05,990 --> 01:06:08,150

you know with a decent
Jewish family everybody

1420

01:06:08,150 --> 01:06:09,540

thinks they are the top.

1421

01:06:09,540 --> 01:06:12,560

He was a very, very sweet man--

1422

01:06:12,560 --> 01:06:13,060

boy.

1423

01:06:13,060 --> 01:06:15,710

1424

01:06:15,710 --> 01:06:18,920

He was not a very good student.

1425

01:06:18,920 --> 01:06:20,810

He had problems.

1426

01:06:20,810 --> 01:06:24,320

So he went to a very good high
school, couldn't hack it there.

1427

01:06:24,320 --> 01:06:27,770

They sent him to one
that was a little more

1428

01:06:27,770 --> 01:06:31,330

trade oriented, which wasn't
as difficult, couldn't do it,

1429

01:06:31,330 --> 01:06:31,830

either.

1430

01:06:31,830 --> 01:06:32,630

And then he went--

1431

01:06:32,630 --> 01:06:35,840
for a year, he worked in
a department store as--

1432

01:06:35,840 --> 01:06:36,890
to learn a trade.

1433

01:06:36,890 --> 01:06:39,830
And then my father took
him in his business.

1434

01:06:39,830 --> 01:06:44,250
And-- well, I mean, he
died when he was 22.

1435

01:06:44,250 --> 01:06:45,500
There's not that much to tell.

1436

01:06:45,500 --> 01:06:47,810
He married this girl
that he was crazy about.

1437

01:06:47,810 --> 01:06:49,010
He enjoyed skiing.

1438

01:06:49,010 --> 01:06:49,670
Did he have--

1439

01:06:49,670 --> 01:06:50,700
He went skiing.

1440

01:06:50,700 --> 01:06:52,910
He played tennis.

1441

01:06:52,910 --> 01:06:56,000
He collected stamps.

1442

01:06:56,000 --> 01:06:57,080
He was very religious.

1443

01:06:57,080 --> 01:07:00,350

I mean, a lot of people were Orthodox and did it routinely.

1444

01:07:00,350 --> 01:07:02,360

He was really without being--

1445

01:07:02,360 --> 01:07:05,660

1446

01:07:05,660 --> 01:07:07,940

you didn't see the very, very orthodox,

1447

01:07:07,940 --> 01:07:10,580

like you see here with the black outfits and the payots

1448

01:07:10,580 --> 01:07:11,630

and everything.

1449

01:07:11,630 --> 01:07:17,950

But for Dutch ideas, he was really very orthodox,

1450

01:07:17,950 --> 01:07:18,920

and meant it.

1451

01:07:18,920 --> 01:07:21,860

It was not just you were born that way, that's

1452

01:07:21,860 --> 01:07:23,453

why you did it.

1453

01:07:23,453 --> 01:07:24,620

He was just a very good guy.

1454

01:07:24,620 --> 01:07:25,250

And he wasn't a Zionist?

1455

01:07:25,250 --> 01:07:26,000
He was just--

1456
01:07:26,000 --> 01:07:28,520
He was a little bit.

1457
01:07:28,520 --> 01:07:32,150
My father wasn't too
involved with Zionism.

1458
01:07:32,150 --> 01:07:34,040
He felt very Dutch.

1459
01:07:34,040 --> 01:07:37,250
He felt Jews could live anywhere
in the right surroundings

1460
01:07:37,250 --> 01:07:40,460
and make their mark.

1461
01:07:40,460 --> 01:07:45,260
So that was a very bad
experience, of course.

1462
01:07:45,260 --> 01:07:49,430
His wife, who was stuck
then with her parents here,

1463
01:07:49,430 --> 01:07:53,354
but then came to live first
with an uncle and aunt,

1464
01:07:53,354 --> 01:07:55,160
and later on her own.

1465
01:07:55,160 --> 01:07:57,530
And then she went
through the camps with us

1466
01:07:57,530 --> 01:08:00,350
and was liberated with us.

1467

01:08:00,350 --> 01:08:04,040
And she went back to America,
remarried, had two children,

1468
01:08:04,040 --> 01:08:06,380
divorced, married
again, then got sick

1469
01:08:06,380 --> 01:08:08,670
and she died of cancer.

1470
01:08:08,670 --> 01:08:11,120
She was-- she never got over it.

1471
01:08:11,120 --> 01:08:11,940
Right.

1472
01:08:11,940 --> 01:08:12,440
Of course.

1473
01:08:12,440 --> 01:08:15,010
She never did.

1474
01:08:15,010 --> 01:08:17,830
Would you like to stop now?

1475
01:08:17,830 --> 01:08:20,380
The other-- let me just
go to the bathroom.

1476
01:08:20,380 --> 01:08:21,930
Oh.

1477
01:08:21,930 --> 01:08:23,206