

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:03,670

2
00:00:03,670 --> 00:00:04,170
Running.

3
00:00:04,170 --> 00:00:06,212
It's a little hard to see
those numbers in there.

4
00:00:06,212 --> 00:00:39,320

5
00:00:39,320 --> 00:00:40,380
OK.

6
00:00:40,380 --> 00:00:40,880
All right.

7
00:00:40,880 --> 00:00:41,990
Let's pick up.

8
00:00:41,990 --> 00:00:45,710
We're in 1956 and
you're in the army.

9
00:00:45,710 --> 00:00:49,490
And you're in Germany.

10
00:00:49,490 --> 00:00:52,130
That was the year of
the Hungarian uprising.

11
00:00:52,130 --> 00:00:53,930
Exactly.

12
00:00:53,930 --> 00:00:54,650
Which was that?

13
00:00:54,650 --> 00:00:55,190

Was that?

14
00:00:55,190 --> 00:00:57,740
That's very impressive
that you know that.

15
00:00:57,740 --> 00:00:58,940
And the other ones below it.

16
00:00:58,940 --> 00:01:00,380
Because it did involve.

17
00:01:00,380 --> 00:01:03,290
It had a reaction in
the military, which

18
00:01:03,290 --> 00:01:05,120
nobody knows here, I think.

19
00:01:05,120 --> 00:01:07,940
Nobody has mentioned it.

20
00:01:07,940 --> 00:01:09,410
I'm trying to think.

21
00:01:09,410 --> 00:01:14,150
Ann was already in there so
it must have been late '56.

22
00:01:14,150 --> 00:01:16,220
I don't remember
exactly the month.

23
00:01:16,220 --> 00:01:19,880
But she was suddenly mobilized.

24
00:01:19,880 --> 00:01:26,120
And suddenly, you had to
switch from a regular captain's

25
00:01:26,120 --> 00:01:29,300
uniform to, you know,

a field uniform,

26

00:01:29,300 --> 00:01:30,740
and you had to assemble.

27

00:01:30,740 --> 00:01:33,320

28

00:01:33,320 --> 00:01:38,090
At the same time, they were
devising an evacuation route

29

00:01:38,090 --> 00:01:42,740
for the family through France.

30

00:01:42,740 --> 00:01:44,750
This was called off
within 24 hours,

31

00:01:44,750 --> 00:01:46,820
that the United States
apparently had decided

32

00:01:46,820 --> 00:01:48,307
that it will not intervene.

33

00:01:48,307 --> 00:01:49,640
And that was the answer to that.

34

00:01:49,640 --> 00:01:54,390

35

00:01:54,390 --> 00:01:57,720
How did you find your
experience in Germany?

36

00:01:57,720 --> 00:02:04,410
I found for many, many reasons
a very, very pleasant time.

37

00:02:04,410 --> 00:02:06,990

38

00:02:06,990 --> 00:02:09,720

Clearly, I mentioned
to you before, I

39

00:02:09,720 --> 00:02:13,980

replaced a regular army
officer as a pediatrician.

40

00:02:13,980 --> 00:02:16,770

And the nurses that
I dealt with clearly

41

00:02:16,770 --> 00:02:26,740

were regular army nurses, easily
considerably older than myself.

42

00:02:26,740 --> 00:02:31,770

And you know, I came out of
this high-powered institution

43

00:02:31,770 --> 00:02:34,480

at Stanford, you know,
where you're chief resident

44

00:02:34,480 --> 00:02:38,640

and had a whole bunch
of residents under you.

45

00:02:38,640 --> 00:02:41,130

And here, clearly,
you are low man

46

00:02:41,130 --> 00:02:45,180

on the totem pole
in terms of rank.

47

00:02:45,180 --> 00:02:47,040

And they were all
captains, much longer

48

00:02:47,040 --> 00:02:49,290

than I had been a captain.

49

00:02:49,290 --> 00:02:54,870

And so it was somewhat difficult
to establish a relationship.

50

00:02:54,870 --> 00:02:56,970

Because in long run,
I thought that if you

51

00:02:56,970 --> 00:02:59,310

don't get to see eye
to eye, you know,

52

00:02:59,310 --> 00:03:02,760

who's going to suffer it
probably will be the kids.

53

00:03:02,760 --> 00:03:07,260

So we got together, and I
made it quite clear that they

54

00:03:07,260 --> 00:03:10,770

certainly outrank me, and
if I meet them outside,

55

00:03:10,770 --> 00:03:14,250

I will have to salute first.

56

00:03:14,250 --> 00:03:16,890

But in the hospital,
in the department,

57

00:03:16,890 --> 00:03:20,340

I am in charge, and
what I say goes.

58

00:03:20,340 --> 00:03:24,750

And they are certainly
entitled to question me and see

59

00:03:24,750 --> 00:03:28,330

why the reasons or convince
me something should be done,

60

00:03:28,330 --> 00:03:34,740

but the one who is in charge
is I. It worked like a charm.

61

00:03:34,740 --> 00:03:35,730

Did it?

62

00:03:35,730 --> 00:03:37,140

It worked like a charm.

63

00:03:37,140 --> 00:03:40,120

Believe it or not, the
so-called battle axes

64

00:03:40,120 --> 00:03:42,565

were perfectly willing then.

65

00:03:42,565 --> 00:03:44,940

I mean, it took some convincing
in terms of that you knew

66

00:03:44,940 --> 00:03:46,440

what you were doing, I guess.

67

00:03:46,440 --> 00:03:48,240

Your medical skill?

68

00:03:48,240 --> 00:03:48,750

Pardon me?

69

00:03:48,750 --> 00:03:49,860

Your medical skill.

70

00:03:49,860 --> 00:03:51,180

I presume so.

71

00:03:51,180 --> 00:03:57,720

And we became, actually,
the closest of friends.

72

00:03:57,720 --> 00:04:10,770

So when Labor Day came and I had
three or four days of vacation,

73

00:04:10,770 --> 00:04:12,990

I decided, before
my wife came, I'll

74

00:04:12,990 --> 00:04:15,000

take the train to
Paris, which isn't that

75

00:04:15,000 --> 00:04:18,329

far away from the border there,
and see what Paris is like.

76

00:04:18,329 --> 00:04:19,540

Never been there.

77

00:04:19,540 --> 00:04:23,340

And I came back and
there was called--

78

00:04:23,340 --> 00:04:25,530

as a little vignette now,
this I'm telling you--

79

00:04:25,530 --> 00:04:29,410

called to the colonel, and
said, have you been some places?

80

00:04:29,410 --> 00:04:30,660

Said, yes, I've been in Paris.

81

00:04:30,660 --> 00:04:31,702

Did you have a good time?

82

00:04:31,702 --> 00:04:32,640

A wonderful time.

83

00:04:32,640 --> 00:04:34,980

He says, do you realize
you're in the military

84
00:04:34,980 --> 00:04:36,840
and you're not just
permitted to take off?

85
00:04:36,840 --> 00:04:40,950
You have to sign out, and we
have to know where you are.

86
00:04:40,950 --> 00:04:44,460
I mean, you are employed
by the military.

87
00:04:44,460 --> 00:04:47,100
I said, nobody ever told me.

88
00:04:47,100 --> 00:04:53,760
Anyway, I mean it was
clearly the awakening.

89
00:04:53,760 --> 00:04:57,960
I mean, it ultimately was
amusing, that kind of thing.

90
00:04:57,960 --> 00:05:01,770
And I learned my
lesson and it was fine.

91
00:05:01,770 --> 00:05:04,650
As I said, it was,
from the medical point

92
00:05:04,650 --> 00:05:08,610
of view, very enjoyable.

93
00:05:08,610 --> 00:05:11,220
It was difficult
only in the sense

94
00:05:11,220 --> 00:05:14,790
that they also lost
the pediatrician

95

00:05:14,790 --> 00:05:17,190

in the general hospital
in the community, which

96

00:05:17,190 --> 00:05:20,050

was in Kaiserslautern,
which was south of me.

97

00:05:20,050 --> 00:05:21,900

And I was only in
a field hospital.

98

00:05:21,900 --> 00:05:25,410

So very sick children,
I had to keep on

99

00:05:25,410 --> 00:05:28,050

in a hospital that was
not equipped for it.

100

00:05:28,050 --> 00:05:29,840

And the nurses certainly wasn't.

101

00:05:29,840 --> 00:05:35,370

And I felt I couldn't deal
with it 24 hours a day.

102

00:05:35,370 --> 00:05:39,660

Whereas by right, they should
be sent to a general hospital.

103

00:05:39,660 --> 00:05:43,470

And there were some obvious
problems that occurred.

104

00:05:43,470 --> 00:05:49,750

And sort of, you know,
serious kidney failures,

105

00:05:49,750 --> 00:05:50,840

and meningitis, and so on.

106

00:05:50,840 --> 00:05:53,340

It happens with
American personnel, too.

107

00:05:53,340 --> 00:05:56,730

The kids were all military
personnel kids at the time.

108

00:05:56,730 --> 00:05:59,325

Anyway, so that was
a bit of a dilemma.

109

00:05:59,325 --> 00:06:02,790

110

00:06:02,790 --> 00:06:11,370

On the other hand,
I became very close

111

00:06:11,370 --> 00:06:18,570

with three Germans
of the city who were

112

00:06:18,570 --> 00:06:20,195

sufficiently older than myself.

113

00:06:20,195 --> 00:06:22,830

114

00:06:22,830 --> 00:06:27,780

One lovely couple,
used to be the finance

115

00:06:27,780 --> 00:06:31,290

minister in the olden
days before Hitler,

116

00:06:31,290 --> 00:06:33,160

lived there and retired there.

117

00:06:33,160 --> 00:06:38,370

The second one was a
painter, a wonderful painter.

118
00:06:38,370 --> 00:06:43,050
And the third one was a
musician and a conductor.

119
00:06:43,050 --> 00:06:47,340
And another little
vignette, if I may.

120
00:06:47,340 --> 00:06:52,920
And so he invited me to play
with the Wiesbaden Symphony

121
00:06:52,920 --> 00:06:57,180
Orchestra that was
concertizing in Bad Kreuznach.

122
00:06:57,180 --> 00:07:03,150
Yes, piano, the fifth Feinberg
concerto, which isn't hard.

123
00:07:03,150 --> 00:07:05,520
I mean, it was fun.

124
00:07:05,520 --> 00:07:07,770
Produced a great problem
because at that time,

125
00:07:07,770 --> 00:07:10,597
you weren't permitted to
really fraternize with Germans.

126
00:07:10,597 --> 00:07:12,930
You know, it was with the
military for three months yes,

127
00:07:12,930 --> 00:07:14,850
for three months no.

128
00:07:14,850 --> 00:07:17,265
But the general said
it was OK if you,

129

00:07:17,265 --> 00:07:20,200

if there's captain
of the medical corps,

130

00:07:20,200 --> 00:07:22,450

and that kind of thing.

131

00:07:22,450 --> 00:07:24,510

So it went off very well.

132

00:07:24,510 --> 00:07:27,990

How'd you meet
them, these people?

133

00:07:27,990 --> 00:07:31,500

The preceding
physician before me,

134

00:07:31,500 --> 00:07:33,810

also coincidentally
somebody from San Francisco,

135

00:07:33,810 --> 00:07:35,100

was an internist.

136

00:07:35,100 --> 00:07:40,650

And for some reason, he had met
the first people I mentioned,

137

00:07:40,650 --> 00:07:42,750

where he was the
finance minister.

138

00:07:42,750 --> 00:07:47,640

And through him, the other two.

139

00:07:47,640 --> 00:07:53,340

It was really delightful,
very, very educational.

140

00:07:53,340 --> 00:07:58,590

I had much more serious

discussions with their friends,

141
00:07:58,590 --> 00:08:02,770
with whom I didn't
agree very often.

142
00:08:02,770 --> 00:08:09,210
But it permitted you an
entree into a situation

143
00:08:09,210 --> 00:08:11,760
where you wanted to explore.

144
00:08:11,760 --> 00:08:14,190
And that was my idea
about the exploration,

145
00:08:14,190 --> 00:08:17,961
about the thinking
processes in the 50s.

146
00:08:17,961 --> 00:08:20,160
And because I could
speak the language.

147
00:08:20,160 --> 00:08:22,740
And what kind of exploration?

148
00:08:22,740 --> 00:08:28,620
Exploration as to what went
on during the war years,

149
00:08:28,620 --> 00:08:34,140
how come they survived, what
was their role with the parties

150
00:08:34,140 --> 00:08:35,745
kind of thing.

151
00:08:35,745 --> 00:08:37,460
And these kinds of things.

152

00:08:37,460 --> 00:08:39,630

In a diplomatic way,
I've told you before.

153

00:08:39,630 --> 00:08:45,150

I'm not a provocative kind of
person who sets up an argument.

154

00:08:45,150 --> 00:08:47,620

Did they ask you to be open?

155

00:08:47,620 --> 00:08:49,560

Yes, yes, I think so.

156

00:08:49,560 --> 00:08:52,440

157

00:08:52,440 --> 00:09:00,190

To be frankly obvious
about one situation,

158

00:09:00,190 --> 00:09:05,610

my wife was very reluctant
to go to Germany.

159

00:09:05,610 --> 00:09:09,285

And ultimately, I think she
ended up having a good time.

160

00:09:09,285 --> 00:09:15,420

161

00:09:15,420 --> 00:09:16,320

I'm divorced now.

162

00:09:16,320 --> 00:09:21,750

But she has the ability being
of several-generation San

163

00:09:21,750 --> 00:09:25,680

Franciscan, in the
background of San Francisco.

164

00:09:25,680 --> 00:09:28,890

To merely become friends
with the general's wife.

165

00:09:28,890 --> 00:09:31,950

You know, I mean, your duty
in an officer's club with it.

166

00:09:31,950 --> 00:09:35,880

And merely asked to
be the vice president

167

00:09:35,880 --> 00:09:37,680

of the officer's
club, which she didn't

168

00:09:37,680 --> 00:09:42,090

accept because she doesn't
like that kind of thing.

169

00:09:42,090 --> 00:09:44,580

Which is unheard of
for somebody who's

170

00:09:44,580 --> 00:09:46,350

going to be in the
service only two years

171

00:09:46,350 --> 00:09:50,370

and not being a regular
military person.

172

00:09:50,370 --> 00:09:52,860

So she really had a good
time, though initially she

173

00:09:52,860 --> 00:09:57,360

was very concerned
about going there.

174

00:09:57,360 --> 00:10:00,000

And I did the translations,
you know, with people.

175
00:10:00,000 --> 00:10:01,710
But many of them spoke--

176
00:10:01,710 --> 00:10:03,240
the conductor didn't
speak English.

177
00:10:03,240 --> 00:10:07,260
But the people from
the finance ministry

178
00:10:07,260 --> 00:10:10,630
spoke beautiful English.

179
00:10:10,630 --> 00:10:12,300
They knew you were Jewish?

180
00:10:12,300 --> 00:10:13,440
Oh, there was no question.

181
00:10:13,440 --> 00:10:16,830
I made it quite clear.

182
00:10:16,830 --> 00:10:20,220
And they felt comfortable enough
to speak frankly about what

183
00:10:20,220 --> 00:10:22,070
had happened during the war?

184
00:10:22,070 --> 00:10:22,830
Or what?

185
00:10:22,830 --> 00:10:26,160
We didn't discuss it
that much because I

186
00:10:26,160 --> 00:10:30,170
think the ones that was
particularly close with

187

00:10:30,170 --> 00:10:32,175
was this elderly couple.

188

00:10:32,175 --> 00:10:35,580

189

00:10:35,580 --> 00:10:39,750
I think they felt--

190

00:10:39,750 --> 00:10:42,960
they had no children-- that
it was a very painful period.

191

00:10:42,960 --> 00:10:48,420
Now, they were well into
their late 70s in the '50s.

192

00:10:48,420 --> 00:10:50,670
And they felt it was
a very painful period.

193

00:10:50,670 --> 00:10:53,190

194

00:10:53,190 --> 00:10:57,840
And there was almost no point
of going into it too much.

195

00:10:57,840 --> 00:10:59,550
But anybody who was
younger, that was

196

00:10:59,550 --> 00:11:00,900
a little different situation.

197

00:11:00,900 --> 00:11:02,640
Yeah.

198

00:11:02,640 --> 00:11:05,580
Now, at some point in
your two years over there,

199

00:11:05,580 --> 00:11:07,590

you went to Vienna?

200

00:11:07,590 --> 00:11:08,790

Oh, yeah, we made--

201

00:11:08,790 --> 00:11:17,830

I went to Vienna, actually,
that's true, for a few days.

202

00:11:17,830 --> 00:11:19,170

Look around.

203

00:11:19,170 --> 00:11:23,340

In the '50s, it was still
pretty much a post-war thing.

204

00:11:23,340 --> 00:11:24,660

It wasn't what it's now.

205

00:11:24,660 --> 00:11:28,620

206

00:11:28,620 --> 00:11:30,390

How did you approach
going there?

207

00:11:30,390 --> 00:11:32,230

What did you feel
about the visit?

208

00:11:32,230 --> 00:11:35,980

209

00:11:35,980 --> 00:11:44,870

Actually, I wanted, really,
in an objective way,

210

00:11:44,870 --> 00:11:49,000

see what the city was like.

211

00:11:49,000 --> 00:11:52,780

I was appalled that
it was much better

212

00:11:52,780 --> 00:11:54,310

off than I wanted it to be.

213

00:11:54,310 --> 00:11:58,270

I know it sounds strange,
but that's the way it was.

214

00:11:58,270 --> 00:12:01,550

I went to the
opera with my wife.

215

00:12:01,550 --> 00:12:06,100

You had hoped that the city had
suffered more during the war?

216

00:12:06,100 --> 00:12:08,680

Well, yes.

217

00:12:08,680 --> 00:12:14,860

At the post-war effects,
which show a little bit more,

218

00:12:14,860 --> 00:12:16,670

for all sorts of
emotional reasons.

219

00:12:16,670 --> 00:12:21,910

Purely, it's a very
subjective thing.

220

00:12:21,910 --> 00:12:26,620

It came to a head when
we went to the opera.

221

00:12:26,620 --> 00:12:29,440

And the opera in Vienna,
of course, very important.

222

00:12:29,440 --> 00:12:32,650

The opera had opened
up a few months before

223
00:12:32,650 --> 00:12:38,050
and been rebuilt. Completely,
magnificently rebuilt. I

224
00:12:38,050 --> 00:12:42,880
don't know where they got the
money from, but they managed.

225
00:12:42,880 --> 00:12:48,790
The amount of-- this was not
a tourist time of the year.

226
00:12:48,790 --> 00:12:50,080
It was late in the year.

227
00:12:50,080 --> 00:12:54,850
It was cold, it was snowing.

228
00:12:54,850 --> 00:13:00,490
And this wasn't a time when
many people in Europe traveled.

229
00:13:00,490 --> 00:13:05,050
So most of them, clearly,
I think, were Austrians.

230
00:13:05,050 --> 00:13:12,730
I was appalled by the amount
of jewelry, fur coats.

231
00:13:12,730 --> 00:13:14,950
They had put the fur
coats in the garderobe,

232
00:13:14,950 --> 00:13:17,210
and then they took
the fur stole on.

233
00:13:17,210 --> 00:13:21,010
I was absolutely appalled,

and so was my wife,

234

00:13:21,010 --> 00:13:23,920

and so was a couple of
doctor and his wife that

235

00:13:23,920 --> 00:13:26,800

had come with us also,
who were stationed

236

00:13:26,800 --> 00:13:29,230

where I was stationed.

237

00:13:29,230 --> 00:13:31,150

And it came home to me.

238

00:13:31,150 --> 00:13:33,730

How dare they?

239

00:13:33,730 --> 00:13:34,990

Why aren't you suffering?

240

00:13:34,990 --> 00:13:39,280

Well, I mean, that
was a reaction to it.

241

00:13:39,280 --> 00:13:43,120

242

00:13:43,120 --> 00:13:47,470

Of course, I thought
for us Americans,

243

00:13:47,470 --> 00:13:49,720

things were very
reasonably priced.

244

00:13:49,720 --> 00:13:52,480

Perhaps they couldn't
afford everything,

245

00:13:52,480 --> 00:13:56,020

whereas we could afford going
into the better restaurants,

246
00:13:56,020 --> 00:13:57,370
and so forth.

247
00:13:57,370 --> 00:13:58,420
OK.

248
00:13:58,420 --> 00:14:00,170
Contrast there.

249
00:14:00,170 --> 00:14:05,060
Did you go back to
where you had lived?

250
00:14:05,060 --> 00:14:08,470
I went, passed by there.

251
00:14:08,470 --> 00:14:10,180
I didn't go inside.

252
00:14:10,180 --> 00:14:12,220
I told you, I confronted
the accountant--

253
00:14:12,220 --> 00:14:15,940
for some reason or other,
I found his address--

254
00:14:15,940 --> 00:14:18,810
who did nothing but tell me
he couldn't help himself,

255
00:14:18,810 --> 00:14:21,370
and he was under pressure,
and all that kind of thing.

256
00:14:21,370 --> 00:14:24,190
I said, I don't want to
hear more about it, left.

257

00:14:24,190 --> 00:14:27,180
Was the synagogue
still standing?

258
00:14:27,180 --> 00:14:29,050
I know it was
completely burned down.

259
00:14:29,050 --> 00:14:29,470
It was completely burned down.

260
00:14:29,470 --> 00:14:30,620
The one next to our house?

261
00:14:30,620 --> 00:14:31,360
Yeah.

262
00:14:31,360 --> 00:14:35,380
Well, none of the synagogues
had been rebuilt by that time.

263
00:14:35,380 --> 00:14:38,740
I don't-- I'm trying
to think, have we?

264
00:14:38,740 --> 00:14:42,250
I don't even know in Germany
whether it was rebuilt.

265
00:14:42,250 --> 00:14:45,430
Unless a synagogue
happened to be standing.

266
00:14:45,430 --> 00:14:47,140
There was a synagogue
in Vienna that's

267
00:14:47,140 --> 00:14:50,290
still the only real,
true functioning, quotes,

268
00:14:50,290 --> 00:14:53,500
"Ashkenazi" synagogue is

the one they sort of built

269

00:14:53,500 --> 00:14:59,800
into a building,
rather than being out,

270

00:14:59,800 --> 00:15:02,740
an obvious synagogue
standing clearly there.

271

00:15:02,740 --> 00:15:04,750
I mean, the way you
would see the synagogue

272

00:15:04,750 --> 00:15:07,720
in Rome, the temple,
or temple in Florence.

273

00:15:07,720 --> 00:15:11,800
I mean, that is a clear-cut
separate unit you didn't see.

274

00:15:11,800 --> 00:15:14,410
So the one that was
built into a house there?

275

00:15:14,410 --> 00:15:17,500
I think that was
pretty well preserved.

276

00:15:17,500 --> 00:15:19,870
I'm sure not well preserved.

277

00:15:19,870 --> 00:15:21,670
And I don't know
whether it got bombed.

278

00:15:21,670 --> 00:15:22,990
I don't know.

279

00:15:22,990 --> 00:15:26,020
But I know it's a
functioning synagogue now.

280
00:15:26,020 --> 00:15:28,840
Did you go back to the school?

281
00:15:28,840 --> 00:15:30,100
Not then.

282
00:15:30,100 --> 00:15:31,180
Not then.

283
00:15:31,180 --> 00:15:32,430
No.

284
00:15:32,430 --> 00:15:33,430
Later?

285
00:15:33,430 --> 00:15:36,310
Yes, much later.

286
00:15:36,310 --> 00:15:39,610
I passed by there.

287
00:15:39,610 --> 00:15:41,146
And did I?

288
00:15:41,146 --> 00:15:44,020
Trying to think.

289
00:15:44,020 --> 00:15:49,570
We had a, quotes, "villa"
that look like a castle close

290
00:15:49,570 --> 00:15:52,420
by the Danube just
outside of Vienna.

291
00:15:52,420 --> 00:15:58,840
And I'm trying to think
whether I went there that time.

292
00:15:58,840 --> 00:16:00,440

I don't think I did.

293

00:16:00,440 --> 00:16:03,520

I don't think I did because
when I was stationed in Germany,

294

00:16:03,520 --> 00:16:04,100

I didn't go.

295

00:16:04,100 --> 00:16:08,050

I went to Vienna only
for three days or so.

296

00:16:08,050 --> 00:16:13,000

So how would you summarize
your first visit?

297

00:16:13,000 --> 00:16:16,120

How did that feel?

298

00:16:16,120 --> 00:16:21,400

The main sort of feeling I had--

299

00:16:21,400 --> 00:16:27,600

I see what it's like, I'm glad
I don't live there anymore,

300

00:16:27,600 --> 00:16:28,735

I'm much better off.

301

00:16:28,735 --> 00:16:32,758

302

00:16:32,758 --> 00:16:34,300

In passing, I was
thinking to myself,

303

00:16:34,300 --> 00:16:38,090

if nothing would have
happened, at that age, what

304

00:16:38,090 --> 00:16:42,410

would I be doing at this point,
had I stayed on in Vienna?

305
00:16:42,410 --> 00:16:45,320
You know, and everything
would have been OK.

306
00:16:45,320 --> 00:16:48,470
I mean, these thoughts
went through my mind.

307
00:16:48,470 --> 00:16:52,390
Were there any tugs, emotional
tugs about Austria for you?

308
00:16:52,390 --> 00:16:53,610
No.

309
00:16:53,610 --> 00:16:54,770
You felt separated from it.

310
00:16:54,770 --> 00:16:57,890
None at that time, emotionally,
completely separated.

311
00:16:57,890 --> 00:17:00,620
I also was with my
wife there, you know,

312
00:17:00,620 --> 00:17:04,940
so it isn't that I
walked alone around,

313
00:17:04,940 --> 00:17:07,490
pondering my own thoughts.

314
00:17:07,490 --> 00:17:11,410
You know, I mean, that's
also a different situation.

315
00:17:11,410 --> 00:17:14,589

316

00:17:14,589 --> 00:17:16,010
So tell me when you went back.

317

00:17:16,010 --> 00:17:22,959

318

00:17:22,959 --> 00:17:24,010
I'm trying to think.

319

00:17:24,010 --> 00:17:26,069
Did I see?

320

00:17:26,069 --> 00:17:27,900
I forgot to mention one thing.

321

00:17:27,900 --> 00:17:30,560

322

00:17:30,560 --> 00:17:35,820
There were people there
who I did not know,

323

00:17:35,820 --> 00:17:38,730
but they were indirect
relatives, but not

324

00:17:38,730 --> 00:17:40,500
blood relatives.

325

00:17:40,500 --> 00:17:50,640
They were-- she was the
sister of my aunt, who is not

326

00:17:50,640 --> 00:17:53,040
a blood relative of mine.

327

00:17:53,040 --> 00:17:55,740
One of my uncles
was a pharmacist,

328

00:17:55,740 --> 00:17:58,590

his wife was the
one who, basically,

329
00:17:58,590 --> 00:18:00,720
he and she ran the pharmacy.

330
00:18:00,720 --> 00:18:06,000
But her sister, who of course,
knew the family, and after all,

331
00:18:06,000 --> 00:18:11,460
had been living in Vienna
throughout the war.

332
00:18:11,460 --> 00:18:12,940
And it's a bit of a long story.

333
00:18:12,940 --> 00:18:15,850
She sort of survived.

334
00:18:15,850 --> 00:18:18,150
She was Jewish or not?

335
00:18:18,150 --> 00:18:20,640
She was Jewish, yes.

336
00:18:20,640 --> 00:18:25,080

337
00:18:25,080 --> 00:18:27,720
The story, to make
it really short,

338
00:18:27,720 --> 00:18:35,790
is that her mother had
remarried a non-Jew.

339
00:18:35,790 --> 00:18:42,000
And thusly, her mother
survived, also, Vienna.

340
00:18:42,000 --> 00:18:45,780

Never left the house or
something of that sort.

341
00:18:45,780 --> 00:18:50,760
However, that daughter,
that so-called aunt of mine,

342
00:18:50,760 --> 00:18:55,710
the sister, was a very
beautiful, pure blonde,

343
00:18:55,710 --> 00:19:09,150
blue-eyed girl, who was
said where her father then

344
00:19:09,150 --> 00:19:13,470
said that she is his,
quote, "bastard child."

345
00:19:13,470 --> 00:19:18,030
That he had fathered her
long before and all that kind

346
00:19:18,030 --> 00:19:20,010
of situation in his past.

347
00:19:20,010 --> 00:19:27,900
And the father, actually, was in
an administrative military role

348
00:19:27,900 --> 00:19:29,130
in Austria.

349
00:19:29,130 --> 00:19:41,670
So both his wife and his
so-called daughter survived.

350
00:19:41,670 --> 00:19:43,980
Now, they were clearly--

351
00:19:43,980 --> 00:19:45,300
he had died then.

352

00:19:45,300 --> 00:19:50,250

But when I came to Vienna,
being stationed in Germany,

353

00:19:50,250 --> 00:19:57,540

this so-called aunt and
her mother were living.

354

00:19:57,540 --> 00:20:02,010

And her and the lady had
gotten back the pharmacy.

355

00:20:02,010 --> 00:20:04,350

After all, she was her
sister, and so her father

356

00:20:04,350 --> 00:20:05,670

had owned the pharmacy.

357

00:20:05,670 --> 00:20:09,200

Got in the pharmacy back.

358

00:20:09,200 --> 00:20:11,030

And that was, after
all, in the '50s.

359

00:20:11,030 --> 00:20:12,830

Yeah.

360

00:20:12,830 --> 00:20:14,750

You visited them.

361

00:20:14,750 --> 00:20:15,380

Oh, sure.

362

00:20:15,380 --> 00:20:16,275

Right, right.

363

00:20:16,275 --> 00:20:21,740

364

00:20:21,740 --> 00:20:24,970

So then when did
you go back again?

365

00:20:24,970 --> 00:20:29,320

Well, I've been
back several times.

366

00:20:29,320 --> 00:20:31,960

Well, we did a fair
amount of trips

367

00:20:31,960 --> 00:20:35,920

when I was stationed in Germany.

368

00:20:35,920 --> 00:20:40,600

Clearly, my wife and I.
And we had a daughter.

369

00:20:40,600 --> 00:20:44,731

And we had a maid.

370

00:20:44,731 --> 00:20:48,450

A full-time maid at
that time in Austria--

371

00:20:48,450 --> 00:20:52,870

in, sorry, Germany
was \$25 a month.

372

00:20:52,870 --> 00:20:55,300

We had only three days a week.

373

00:20:55,300 --> 00:20:57,180

Paid the same tremendous amount.

374

00:20:57,180 --> 00:21:01,580

A wonderful, wonderful lady.

375

00:21:01,580 --> 00:21:06,970

And who knew?

376

00:21:06,970 --> 00:21:10,930

I invariably, whereby and
whether I was in school

377

00:21:10,930 --> 00:21:14,290

or whatever, made it
quite clear I was Jewish.

378

00:21:14,290 --> 00:21:16,070

Make something of it.

379

00:21:16,070 --> 00:21:18,410

Clearly, I was Jewish.

380

00:21:18,410 --> 00:21:20,470

So the maid certainly
knew I was Jewish.

381

00:21:20,470 --> 00:21:21,940

And she was--

382

00:21:21,940 --> 00:21:27,460

I mean, I grant you, at that
time, I was 29, 28 to 29.

383

00:21:27,460 --> 00:21:30,670

And she was also
older at the time.

384

00:21:30,670 --> 00:21:33,200

But there was really
never any question

385

00:21:33,200 --> 00:21:37,750

of did you feel
whether they tolerated.

386

00:21:37,750 --> 00:21:39,940

It's hard to describe
the situation

387

00:21:39,940 --> 00:21:41,470

at this particular point.

388
00:21:41,470 --> 00:21:50,210
But the question of being
Jewish and the murderer of Jesus

389
00:21:50,210 --> 00:21:53,320
just wasn't a question
that was raised.

390
00:21:53,320 --> 00:21:56,980
If there was any
dislike or disgust,

391
00:21:56,980 --> 00:22:00,910
one would have as we, not they.

392
00:22:00,910 --> 00:22:03,310
And in this much,
I didn't really

393
00:22:03,310 --> 00:22:05,740
have it, except for anybody
who was really older, when

394
00:22:05,740 --> 00:22:10,420
I didn't know what did
they do during the war.

395
00:22:10,420 --> 00:22:13,300
Didn't really feel great
antagonism or anything

396
00:22:13,300 --> 00:22:13,900
of that sort.

397
00:22:13,900 --> 00:22:19,430

398
00:22:19,430 --> 00:22:22,960
So were your visits
back to Vienna

399

00:22:22,960 --> 00:22:24,710
any different than
the first one?

400
00:22:24,710 --> 00:22:27,400

401
00:22:27,400 --> 00:22:32,665
By the time I returned to
Vienna I'm trying to think--

402
00:22:32,665 --> 00:22:35,660

403
00:22:35,660 --> 00:22:36,575
I didn't go.

404
00:22:36,575 --> 00:22:40,040

405
00:22:40,040 --> 00:22:45,080
Well, when I came back
from Germany, then, in '58,

406
00:22:45,080 --> 00:22:47,420
you know, I had the one child.

407
00:22:47,420 --> 00:22:51,380
And the other child was going
to be born within a month

408
00:22:51,380 --> 00:22:53,270
that I got back.

409
00:22:53,270 --> 00:22:56,090
And I had no money.

410
00:22:56,090 --> 00:23:00,620
And you know, I had to hustle.

411
00:23:00,620 --> 00:23:07,340
And so we stayed for a short

time with my wife's aunt.

412

00:23:07,340 --> 00:23:12,830

And then I found a job in
a multi-specialty clinic,

413

00:23:12,830 --> 00:23:16,310

the Sally Field Medical
Clinic, as a pediatrician

414

00:23:16,310 --> 00:23:17,720

on a salary basis.

415

00:23:17,720 --> 00:23:20,180

You know, I really probably
wanted stayed in San Francisco.

416

00:23:20,180 --> 00:23:22,760

But you know, I couldn't
afford to open up a practice

417

00:23:22,760 --> 00:23:24,080

or join someone.

418

00:23:24,080 --> 00:23:27,170

But I was quite happy
to move the peninsula.

419

00:23:27,170 --> 00:23:32,010

And you know, then the hustle,
and sort of the years went by.

420

00:23:32,010 --> 00:23:33,830

And I had the kids.

421

00:23:33,830 --> 00:23:37,900

And then had the kids very
close after the last--

422

00:23:37,900 --> 00:23:41,150

423

00:23:41,150 --> 00:23:49,310
oh, my son after two girls
were born in '59, '60, and '61.

424
00:23:49,310 --> 00:23:51,200
So they were pretty
close together.

425
00:23:51,200 --> 00:23:52,430
So you couldn't do much.

426
00:23:52,430 --> 00:23:55,610
And so the next time I went
back was in '69 with the kids

427
00:23:55,610 --> 00:23:59,630
and the wife on the sabbatical.

428
00:23:59,630 --> 00:24:00,740
On sabbatical?

429
00:24:00,740 --> 00:24:01,490
Yeah.

430
00:24:01,490 --> 00:24:04,970
We went to Europe
for 2 and 1/2 months.

431
00:24:04,970 --> 00:24:06,860
What was that visit like?

432
00:24:06,860 --> 00:24:08,330
What was it like?

433
00:24:08,330 --> 00:24:10,250
Well, it was really
wonderful, number one,

434
00:24:10,250 --> 00:24:15,440
seeing things through kids'
eyes, which is wonderful.

435

00:24:15,440 --> 00:24:17,720
You know, you landed
in Copenhagen,

436
00:24:17,720 --> 00:24:19,550
so you went to Tivoli Gardens.

437
00:24:19,550 --> 00:24:22,680
And you know, went
to Europe a bit,

438
00:24:22,680 --> 00:24:24,470
visited a cousin in
Holland, and so forth.

439
00:24:24,470 --> 00:24:28,250

440
00:24:28,250 --> 00:24:29,840
Went all the way to Italy.

441
00:24:29,840 --> 00:24:32,540
And the Italians, of course,
as you probably know,

442
00:24:32,540 --> 00:24:34,400
are wonderful with children.

443
00:24:34,400 --> 00:24:36,890
Absolutely wonderful
with children.

444
00:24:36,890 --> 00:24:38,030
And then had a car.

445
00:24:38,030 --> 00:24:40,940
And then we drove up to
Vienna, which they didn't like.

446
00:24:40,940 --> 00:24:45,590
But they weren't that interested
in buildings, and museums,

447

00:24:45,590 --> 00:24:47,030
and history.

448

00:24:47,030 --> 00:24:49,760
And the Austrians are
not very nice to kids

449

00:24:49,760 --> 00:24:51,365
in the first place.

450

00:24:51,365 --> 00:24:52,512
I didn't know that.

451

00:24:52,512 --> 00:24:53,720
Well, Austrians and Germans--

452

00:24:53,720 --> 00:24:55,553
you know, kids had to
be seen and not heard,

453

00:24:55,553 --> 00:24:57,050
certainly at that time.

454

00:24:57,050 --> 00:24:59,300
And you really don't see
kids in the inner city,

455

00:24:59,300 --> 00:25:03,140
other than possibly
going to school.

456

00:25:03,140 --> 00:25:04,880
So they didn't
particularly enjoy it.

457

00:25:04,880 --> 00:25:07,640
Particularly not after Italy.

458

00:25:07,640 --> 00:25:12,062
So from my point of view,
I was a little disappointed

459

00:25:12,062 --> 00:25:14,270

to show them, you know,
where I was born, and raised,

460

00:25:14,270 --> 00:25:15,710

and so forth.

461

00:25:15,710 --> 00:25:17,430

Couldn't have cared less.

462

00:25:17,430 --> 00:25:20,670

You know, kind of thing.

463

00:25:20,670 --> 00:25:23,360

So that was the next
time I'd come back.

464

00:25:23,360 --> 00:25:28,700

Did you maintain contact all
those years with the aunt?

465

00:25:28,700 --> 00:25:35,030

By that time, of course,
the daughter had grown up,

466

00:25:35,030 --> 00:25:38,510

and had become a
pharmacist herself,

467

00:25:38,510 --> 00:25:40,430

and had gotten married.

468

00:25:40,430 --> 00:25:43,220

And so basically, they
considered me their cousin

469

00:25:43,220 --> 00:25:45,060

because they had no family.

470

00:25:45,060 --> 00:25:47,588

And because I was a first
one, who number one could all

471
00:25:47,588 --> 00:25:48,380
speak the language.

472
00:25:48,380 --> 00:25:50,900

473
00:25:50,900 --> 00:25:53,930
Come from a very,
very large family.

474
00:25:53,930 --> 00:25:56,700
First one that they
counted is the cousin.

475
00:25:56,700 --> 00:25:59,360
And sort of more or less,
we became very close.

476
00:25:59,360 --> 00:26:02,030
And we are still
very, very close.

477
00:26:02,030 --> 00:26:03,400
And they are wonderful people.

478
00:26:03,400 --> 00:26:04,400
They're still in Vienna?

479
00:26:04,400 --> 00:26:07,760
They're in their 50s,
early 50s, actually.

480
00:26:07,760 --> 00:26:11,150
Yeah, and the old
aunt is now 91.

481
00:26:11,150 --> 00:26:11,930
Still going.

482
00:26:11,930 --> 00:26:14,210
Plays bridge all over,

the typical cafe.

483

00:26:14,210 --> 00:26:15,740

And still going strong.

484

00:26:15,740 --> 00:26:19,380

And still thinks she

knows everything.

485

00:26:19,380 --> 00:26:22,710

And you know, I mean it's great.

486

00:26:22,710 --> 00:26:25,527

Obviously, she likes

me to come and tell her

487

00:26:25,527 --> 00:26:26,360

about the old times.

488

00:26:26,360 --> 00:26:30,330

489

00:26:30,330 --> 00:26:32,790

Have someone to talk

to about the old times.

490

00:26:32,790 --> 00:26:34,270

That's right, right.

491

00:26:34,270 --> 00:26:37,080

Well, but the stories I know

is from my mother, clearly.

492

00:26:37,080 --> 00:26:41,100

So it's in that sense.

493

00:26:41,100 --> 00:26:45,210

494

00:26:45,210 --> 00:26:47,440

Do you feel any attachment

to Austria at all?

495
00:26:47,440 --> 00:26:50,880

496
00:26:50,880 --> 00:26:56,350
Let me put it this way,
I still think that--

497
00:26:56,350 --> 00:26:59,290

498
00:26:59,290 --> 00:27:01,540
there was a very stupid
poster in Austria

499
00:27:01,540 --> 00:27:04,480
that I just saw because
actually, I just came back.

500
00:27:04,480 --> 00:27:09,040
I haven't touched another
aspect of my life.

501
00:27:09,040 --> 00:27:12,940
Where there was a
poster all over.

502
00:27:12,940 --> 00:27:20,590
You can take the
Viennese out of Vienna,

503
00:27:20,590 --> 00:27:23,390
but you can never take
Vienna out of the Viennese.

504
00:27:23,390 --> 00:27:26,890
I mean, there was some
propaganda kind of story.

505
00:27:26,890 --> 00:27:29,060
In some aspect, it's true.

506

00:27:29,060 --> 00:27:31,345

In fact, the introduction
to that book I

507

00:27:31,345 --> 00:27:34,630

had referenced to you before
by Berkeley, this business

508

00:27:34,630 --> 00:27:36,130

about Vienna, the Jews.

509

00:27:36,130 --> 00:27:39,700

In its introduction,
mentions the reason

510

00:27:39,700 --> 00:27:42,370

he was inspired to write
a book about Vienna

511

00:27:42,370 --> 00:27:48,250

was that he had met a
Viennese lady in New York

512

00:27:48,250 --> 00:27:50,200

and spoke to her about Vienna.

513

00:27:50,200 --> 00:27:54,670

And she is probably a woman,
at this point, easily my age.

514

00:27:54,670 --> 00:28:00,070

She was waxing
enthusiastic about Vienna.

515

00:28:00,070 --> 00:28:03,310

And he questioned her,
he says, how can you?

516

00:28:03,310 --> 00:28:06,850

I mean, what they've done to
you, what you have experienced.

517

00:28:06,850 --> 00:28:09,970

How can you have
this attachment?

518
00:28:09,970 --> 00:28:12,430
And that made him
realize, there seems

519
00:28:12,430 --> 00:28:17,530
to be some emotional attachment,
historically, psychologically,

520
00:28:17,530 --> 00:28:20,590
whatever it is, to
that particular city.

521
00:28:20,590 --> 00:28:23,950

522
00:28:23,950 --> 00:28:26,290
Which probably,
historically, I know,

523
00:28:26,290 --> 00:28:28,930
has a lot to be the
Kaiser, who ruled,

524
00:28:28,930 --> 00:28:30,820
after all, some 60 years.

525
00:28:30,820 --> 00:28:36,430
Who was actually very good for
the Jews, good with the Jews.

526
00:28:36,430 --> 00:28:40,420
That the Jews were
enthusiastic about the Kaiser.

527
00:28:40,420 --> 00:28:45,940
The Jews-- that's the problem
about the assimilation factor--

528
00:28:45,940 --> 00:28:54,340
were so strongly assimilated

until Hitler came to Austria

529

00:28:54,340 --> 00:28:58,915

that it's very difficult to
get this out of their system.

530

00:28:58,915 --> 00:29:02,950

531

00:29:02,950 --> 00:29:07,420

And it came home to
me by a friend of mine

532

00:29:07,420 --> 00:29:10,150

who was born in Vienna, who was,
that particular person, went

533

00:29:10,150 --> 00:29:13,600

to they call the Beaux-Arts,
whose parents emigrated

534

00:29:13,600 --> 00:29:18,230

from Romania and
that part of Poland

535

00:29:18,230 --> 00:29:20,980

that used to be part of the
Austrian-Hungarian Empire

536

00:29:20,980 --> 00:29:22,570

into Vienna.

537

00:29:22,570 --> 00:29:25,690

And consider
themselves, including

538

00:29:25,690 --> 00:29:29,680

that boy who was born in
Vienna, as second-rate citizens.

539

00:29:29,680 --> 00:29:36,850

On the basis that the
Viennese put a real separation

540
00:29:36,850 --> 00:29:42,460
between themselves as being
the true Viennese Jew,

541
00:29:42,460 --> 00:29:43,900
as opposed to the others.

542
00:29:43,900 --> 00:29:46,360
Because their
Jewishness was sort of

543
00:29:46,360 --> 00:29:48,190
carried on their
shoulders, considering

544
00:29:48,190 --> 00:29:50,125
the pogroms and all
the kind of thing

545
00:29:50,125 --> 00:29:51,250
they have to go on through.

546
00:29:51,250 --> 00:29:56,110
Whereas the Viennese Jews, at
least of the era of my parents,

547
00:29:56,110 --> 00:30:01,030
did not have to experience
these kinds of aspects.

548
00:30:01,030 --> 00:30:04,630
And I hadn't realized until
two or three years ago, he

549
00:30:04,630 --> 00:30:06,640
told me this in New York.

550
00:30:06,640 --> 00:30:10,780
I had no idea about this because
I was never confronted by this.

551

00:30:10,780 --> 00:30:13,840
But he tells me he
was continuously.

552
00:30:13,840 --> 00:30:16,420
So talking about the
relationship with Vienna,

553
00:30:16,420 --> 00:30:18,880
probably, he has none.

554
00:30:18,880 --> 00:30:21,820
He born and raised
in Vienna, my age,

555
00:30:21,820 --> 00:30:27,670
has absolutely no intentions
of ever going there.

556
00:30:27,670 --> 00:30:30,220
And he's going to eclectic
places like Vietnam,

557
00:30:30,220 --> 00:30:33,230
he's been to China, and
all this kind of thing.

558
00:30:33,230 --> 00:30:35,770
And I haven't.

559
00:30:35,770 --> 00:30:38,020
Now, is this the guy
who wrote the book?

560
00:30:38,020 --> 00:30:38,530
No.

561
00:30:38,530 --> 00:30:40,330
No he's this friend
of mine, who's

562
00:30:40,330 --> 00:30:41,440
a clothing, suit designer.

563
00:30:41,440 --> 00:30:45,220
Was sent to they
called it Beaux-Arts,

564
00:30:45,220 --> 00:30:47,710
you know, from Shanghai also.

565
00:30:47,710 --> 00:30:50,500
And there are certain
aspects I hear, you know,

566
00:30:50,500 --> 00:30:52,600
which is interesting.

567
00:30:52,600 --> 00:30:53,920
Probably quite true.

568
00:30:53,920 --> 00:30:55,810
And it is true, there's
no doubt about it.

569
00:30:55,810 --> 00:30:58,600

570
00:30:58,600 --> 00:31:00,460
I would like to go
back, if we could,

571
00:31:00,460 --> 00:31:01,840
to Shanghai for a little bit.

572
00:31:01,840 --> 00:31:03,280
Sure.

573
00:31:03,280 --> 00:31:08,140
First to ask you, was
it difficult for you

574
00:31:08,140 --> 00:31:09,170
when your father died?

575

00:31:09,170 --> 00:31:11,830

You were only about 18.

576

00:31:11,830 --> 00:31:17,650

It was difficult in the
sense it was expected.

577

00:31:17,650 --> 00:31:21,400

For one thing is because you
could do nothing for him.

578

00:31:21,400 --> 00:31:24,350

You know, he died of
terminal pneumonia,

579

00:31:24,350 --> 00:31:30,220

which was a cause of death
of many chronic diseases.

580

00:31:30,220 --> 00:31:31,280

He had been bleeding.

581

00:31:31,280 --> 00:31:33,940

There was no way of getting
him a blood transfusion.

582

00:31:33,940 --> 00:31:37,060

He had-- weighed
what, 85 pounds.

583

00:31:37,060 --> 00:31:43,570

584

00:31:43,570 --> 00:31:46,720

I was alone when he died
because he was obviously

585

00:31:46,720 --> 00:31:49,810

heavily breathing for
weeks with this pneumonia.

586

00:31:49,810 --> 00:31:52,790

But it was suddenly
very quiet in the room.

587
00:31:52,790 --> 00:31:56,590
And it was very, very
difficult in that sense

588
00:31:56,590 --> 00:31:59,680
that one part that was so
integral in this one room

589
00:31:59,680 --> 00:32:02,740
where we all slept
was then gone.

590
00:32:02,740 --> 00:32:03,760
It's going to be quiet.

591
00:32:03,760 --> 00:32:05,770
You don't hear that
kind of breathing.

592
00:32:05,770 --> 00:32:08,020
That was somewhat traumatic.

593
00:32:08,020 --> 00:32:11,050

594
00:32:11,050 --> 00:32:16,330
And the expectation
that he would die,

595
00:32:16,330 --> 00:32:17,950
and that you could
not live like this.

596
00:32:17,950 --> 00:32:23,230
And there was a continuous
deterioration of his health

597
00:32:23,230 --> 00:32:25,550
was very obvious.

598

00:32:25,550 --> 00:32:29,690

So it isn't like suddenly,
from one week to the next.

599

00:32:29,690 --> 00:32:33,610

How did your mother
weather that?

600

00:32:33,610 --> 00:32:38,570

Initially, for her was, again,
a bit of a survivor situation.

601

00:32:38,570 --> 00:32:42,400

She knew she had
to worry about it.

602

00:32:42,400 --> 00:32:45,010

The entire cooking-- was it?

603

00:32:45,010 --> 00:32:47,920

No, it never improved
until we left.

604

00:32:47,920 --> 00:32:50,050

The entire cooking
situation that occurred

605

00:32:50,050 --> 00:32:51,490

was on a hibachi stove.

606

00:32:51,490 --> 00:32:54,460

You know what a
hibachi stove is?

607

00:32:54,460 --> 00:32:56,410

And that means everything.

608

00:32:56,410 --> 00:32:59,650

Warming up, boiling
water, heating water

609

00:32:59,650 --> 00:33:02,635

to shave with or
wash yourself with.

610
00:33:02,635 --> 00:33:05,150

611
00:33:05,150 --> 00:33:08,308
I mean, you know the coals--

612
00:33:08,308 --> 00:33:09,100
what you call them?

613
00:33:09,100 --> 00:33:13,060
The charcoal things,
you know, burn.

614
00:33:13,060 --> 00:33:15,940
And we spent-- every day,
you spend time knocking off

615
00:33:15,940 --> 00:33:18,280
the gray ashes.

616
00:33:18,280 --> 00:33:20,620
And there's always some
black stuff in the center.

617
00:33:20,620 --> 00:33:24,010
And then with wetness,
you've hit new cold.

618
00:33:24,010 --> 00:33:30,910
That was her life, kind of a
situation all the way through.

619
00:33:30,910 --> 00:33:36,790
And you know, I mean,
it's amazing, amazing.

620
00:33:36,790 --> 00:33:38,710
And we didn't complain.

621

00:33:38,710 --> 00:33:41,030
And there were
always people around.

622
00:33:41,030 --> 00:33:42,820
Bartered a little
bit this or that.

623
00:33:42,820 --> 00:33:50,290
And there were talks, and
jokes, and music always.

624
00:33:50,290 --> 00:33:51,370
Throughout all this time.

625
00:33:51,370 --> 00:33:52,360
Pardon me?

626
00:33:52,360 --> 00:33:54,180
Throughout all this time.

627
00:33:54,180 --> 00:33:55,930
Don't forget, I mean,
we weren't in danger

628
00:33:55,930 --> 00:33:59,330
that the Nazis would suddenly
come and kill us or do things

629
00:33:59,330 --> 00:33:59,830
like that.

630
00:33:59,830 --> 00:34:00,830
There was no such thing.

631
00:34:00,830 --> 00:34:03,010
We didn't know
anything about this.

632
00:34:03,010 --> 00:34:11,290
So you didn't have the fear
of death hanging over you.

633

00:34:11,290 --> 00:34:13,644

Did you have any encounters
at all with the Japanese

634

00:34:13,644 --> 00:34:14,620

while you were there?

635

00:34:14,620 --> 00:34:17,199

636

00:34:17,199 --> 00:34:19,840

Only getting the pass.

637

00:34:19,840 --> 00:34:23,679

My father had a
serious encounter

638

00:34:23,679 --> 00:34:27,940

with this infamous
Japanese Goya.

639

00:34:27,940 --> 00:34:29,469

That was his name.

640

00:34:29,469 --> 00:34:33,790

Because a friend of his
was a piano teacher,

641

00:34:33,790 --> 00:34:34,719

went out to teach.

642

00:34:34,719 --> 00:34:38,050

643

00:34:38,050 --> 00:34:40,179

Was told she wouldn't
get a pass from there

644

00:34:40,179 --> 00:34:42,489

if she brings a guarantor.

645

00:34:42,489 --> 00:34:45,070

So she brought my
father as a guarantor.

646

00:34:45,070 --> 00:34:49,270

And that man gave my father
a horrible, horrible time.

647

00:34:49,270 --> 00:34:52,449

Removed his pass for
about a week or so

648

00:34:52,449 --> 00:34:54,190

before he got it back.

649

00:34:54,190 --> 00:34:56,330

That was the only encounter.

650

00:34:56,330 --> 00:34:59,870

The fear was being thrown into
jail for some reason or other

651

00:34:59,870 --> 00:35:05,170

because disease was
rampant in the jail.

652

00:35:05,170 --> 00:35:09,740

So only in that sense.

653

00:35:09,740 --> 00:35:13,240

But I would say
that really, I saw

654

00:35:13,240 --> 00:35:18,620

much more mistreatment of
Chinese at that time as a kid.

655

00:35:18,620 --> 00:35:20,800

What would you see?

656

00:35:20,800 --> 00:35:23,395

Being beaten, didn't
bow deep enough

657
00:35:23,395 --> 00:35:24,770
in front of Japanese
soldiers who

658
00:35:24,770 --> 00:35:29,650
were crossing the bridge towards
the Bund, this kind of thing.

659
00:35:29,650 --> 00:35:32,200

660
00:35:32,200 --> 00:35:35,920
And yet, I don't
remember anybody telling

661
00:35:35,920 --> 00:35:37,960
me or personal experience.

662
00:35:37,960 --> 00:35:42,480

663
00:35:42,480 --> 00:35:44,520
You mean, you didn't
actually see it?

664
00:35:44,520 --> 00:35:45,820
I have not to see it.

665
00:35:45,820 --> 00:35:50,220
I happened to see it
with Chinese, but not

666
00:35:50,220 --> 00:35:54,510
with anybody like myself, or any
whatever you wish to call them,

667
00:35:54,510 --> 00:35:55,500
Caucasians or whatever.

668
00:35:55,500 --> 00:35:56,000
Yeah.

669

00:35:56,000 --> 00:35:59,600

670

00:35:59,600 --> 00:36:03,920

Did you have any dealings
with Chinese people there?

671

00:36:03,920 --> 00:36:05,780

Very, very little.

672

00:36:05,780 --> 00:36:07,170

There was really no contact.

673

00:36:07,170 --> 00:36:08,330

That's the reason
why, you know, I

674

00:36:08,330 --> 00:36:10,205

could speak a little
bit of Shanghai dialect.

675

00:36:10,205 --> 00:36:12,200

But I mean, you didn't need it.

676

00:36:12,200 --> 00:36:13,520

There was very little contact.

677

00:36:13,520 --> 00:36:18,830

Except one episode, in
which I played piano

678

00:36:18,830 --> 00:36:22,590

for a Chinese opera.

679

00:36:22,590 --> 00:36:25,360

It sounds weird, but
I mean, that's it.

680

00:36:25,360 --> 00:36:27,160

How did you do that?

681

00:36:27,160 --> 00:36:30,370

It was a quiet, emotional
thing, a play, something from

682

00:36:30,370 --> 00:36:35,200

[? Verity, ?] where somebody is
dying, or things of that sort.

683

00:36:35,200 --> 00:36:37,150

You know, it was in
one of those theaters.

684

00:36:37,150 --> 00:36:38,920

And there was a big discussion.

685

00:36:38,920 --> 00:36:42,160

I mean, actually,
we spoke French.

686

00:36:42,160 --> 00:36:43,690

For some reason or other.

687

00:36:43,690 --> 00:36:45,620

Nice-looking guy.

688

00:36:45,620 --> 00:36:47,368

And he wasn't my university.

689

00:36:47,368 --> 00:36:48,910

But for some reason
or other, he must

690

00:36:48,910 --> 00:36:50,035

have gone to French school.

691

00:36:50,035 --> 00:36:52,480

It was obviously in that sense.

692

00:36:52,480 --> 00:36:55,900

It may have been after the war.

693

00:36:55,900 --> 00:37:01,030

It wasn't during the war when
I went to the other school.

694

00:37:01,030 --> 00:37:05,225

So it was when I went to
the French university.

695

00:37:05,225 --> 00:37:09,490

Did your mother
adapt to America?

696

00:37:09,490 --> 00:37:14,530

Actually, extremely well.

697

00:37:14,530 --> 00:37:17,560

Actually, it's very
obvious after Shanghai

698

00:37:17,560 --> 00:37:22,610

that everybody adapted
extremely well.

699

00:37:22,610 --> 00:37:25,210

she, I must frankly say
that most of her friends

700

00:37:25,210 --> 00:37:33,380

were clearly Europeans,
except for her sister-in-law.

701

00:37:33,380 --> 00:37:35,770

So obviously, Americans.

702

00:37:35,770 --> 00:37:40,930

And she was wonderful with
all my American schoolmates.

703

00:37:40,930 --> 00:37:44,920

704

00:37:44,920 --> 00:37:46,720

You know, there was

a very typical kind

705

00:37:46,720 --> 00:37:49,660
of Viennese hospitality,
the desserts

706

00:37:49,660 --> 00:37:51,586
and all that kind of stuff.

707

00:37:51,586 --> 00:37:53,860
And they liked to come.

708

00:37:53,860 --> 00:37:55,590
Was she speaking English?

709

00:37:55,590 --> 00:37:58,570

710

00:37:58,570 --> 00:38:00,850
She was speaking English,
everybody understood her.

711

00:38:00,850 --> 00:38:04,600
But she didn't use much grammar.

712

00:38:04,600 --> 00:38:09,010
What's embarrassing to
me was she sometimes

713

00:38:09,010 --> 00:38:12,700
spoke to the black lady who came
once a week in Pidgin English.

714

00:38:12,700 --> 00:38:17,270
Now, in China, you spoke Pidgin
English because, you know,

715

00:38:17,270 --> 00:38:20,200
you used one noun after next
noun with the verb being

716

00:38:20,200 --> 00:38:24,400

in its infinitive state.

717

00:38:24,400 --> 00:38:28,300

And that's the way she
spoke to a black lady,

718

00:38:28,300 --> 00:38:29,680

in Pidgin English.

719

00:38:29,680 --> 00:38:32,255

I said, what are you doing?

720

00:38:32,255 --> 00:38:33,880

She may not understand
what I'm saying.

721

00:38:33,880 --> 00:38:36,280

Said, you know, she speaks
100 times better English

722

00:38:36,280 --> 00:38:36,880

than you do.

723

00:38:36,880 --> 00:38:40,810

Would you please try to make
an effort of speaking English

724

00:38:40,810 --> 00:38:42,940

as well as you can with her?

725

00:38:42,940 --> 00:38:46,240

Because of that whole
concept, you know,

726

00:38:46,240 --> 00:38:48,640

somebody's a maid in
the house kind of thing.

727

00:38:48,640 --> 00:38:50,810

But that wasn't arrogance
or anything of that sort.

728

00:38:50,810 --> 00:38:53,650
It was a sort of instinct.

729
00:38:53,650 --> 00:38:57,140
And you know, she
sent me out once

730
00:38:57,140 --> 00:39:02,230
to give a wonderful party
for family, all the uncles,

731
00:39:02,230 --> 00:39:05,485
you know, big glass, big
shots, aunts and so forth.

732
00:39:05,485 --> 00:39:08,440
You know, real old
Viennese traditional style.

733
00:39:08,440 --> 00:39:11,080
A dozen people, table
beautifully set.

734
00:39:11,080 --> 00:39:14,110

735
00:39:14,110 --> 00:39:19,000
Wanted me to distribute the
napkins, which I couldn't find.

736
00:39:19,000 --> 00:39:20,860
Typical thing of a
mother, you never

737
00:39:20,860 --> 00:39:23,930
find something that's
in front of your nose.

738
00:39:23,930 --> 00:39:25,660
And so she went and
gave them to me.

739
00:39:25,660 --> 00:39:27,310

I said, you can't
use those napkins.

740
00:39:27,310 --> 00:39:28,060
She said, why not?

741
00:39:28,060 --> 00:39:31,090
Said, they're sanitary napkins.

742
00:39:31,090 --> 00:39:33,230
So she said, well,
it means sanitary.

743
00:39:33,230 --> 00:39:36,490
I want especially clean
ones for the party.

744
00:39:36,490 --> 00:39:40,060
I said, OK, I'll
go and get some.

745
00:39:40,060 --> 00:39:44,080
You know, that's the English,
in answer to your question,

746
00:39:44,080 --> 00:39:45,250
that we're dealing with.

747
00:39:45,250 --> 00:39:48,760

748
00:39:48,760 --> 00:39:50,800
How has America been for you?

749
00:39:50,800 --> 00:39:52,030
Is this your country?

750
00:39:52,030 --> 00:39:54,400
Absolutely.

751
00:39:54,400 --> 00:39:55,160
Absolutely.

752
00:39:55,160 --> 00:40:01,210

753
00:40:01,210 --> 00:40:03,700
I think I've been
successful, clearly.

754
00:40:03,700 --> 00:40:08,590

755
00:40:08,590 --> 00:40:10,870
I actually have been
successful ever since I've

756
00:40:10,870 --> 00:40:15,220
been in the States in
the sense of getting

757
00:40:15,220 --> 00:40:16,630
to what I want to do.

758
00:40:16,630 --> 00:40:19,570

759
00:40:19,570 --> 00:40:27,130
You know, college, medical
school, or other profession.

760
00:40:27,130 --> 00:40:28,510
Patients.

761
00:40:28,510 --> 00:40:31,090
I've been able to
retire at the age of 65,

762
00:40:31,090 --> 00:40:33,970
without ever having had
a lawsuit, you know,

763
00:40:33,970 --> 00:40:35,410
which is remarkable.

764
00:40:35,410 --> 00:40:39,940

765
00:40:39,940 --> 00:40:41,221
55, did you say?

766
00:40:41,221 --> 00:40:41,980
Pardon me?

767
00:40:41,980 --> 00:40:43,190
55?

768
00:40:43,190 --> 00:40:43,690
65.

769
00:40:43,690 --> 00:40:44,380
65.

770
00:40:44,380 --> 00:40:45,760
Right, I'm 71 now.

771
00:40:45,760 --> 00:40:48,870

772
00:40:48,870 --> 00:40:52,750
And I work a little part time
at Kaiser at Redwood City.

773
00:40:52,750 --> 00:40:55,916
I worked last night.

774
00:40:55,916 --> 00:40:59,200
In the evenings.

775
00:40:59,200 --> 00:41:03,640
So things have turned out
really very, very well.

776
00:41:03,640 --> 00:41:06,790
I was divorced

some 20 years ago.

777

00:41:06,790 --> 00:41:09,820

778

00:41:09,820 --> 00:41:12,010

Personality difference
after kids grew up.

779

00:41:12,010 --> 00:41:16,150

And we are better off,
both my wife and I.

780

00:41:16,150 --> 00:41:19,090

I have three kids.

781

00:41:19,090 --> 00:41:21,460

Grew up in good kids,
in spite of being raised

782

00:41:21,460 --> 00:41:25,390

in times when raising
kids in the peninsula

783

00:41:25,390 --> 00:41:31,950

wasn't very easy, considering
the drug problems and all this.

784

00:41:31,950 --> 00:41:35,440

And never had to be really
concerned about that.

785

00:41:35,440 --> 00:41:38,650

And all three happily married.

786

00:41:38,650 --> 00:41:44,830

My youngest is 39, who
in quotes is happily

787

00:41:44,830 --> 00:41:47,860

married, but unfortunately,
met a Swedish girl.

788

00:41:47,860 --> 00:41:50,800

And has been living in
Sweden for the last 15 years.

789

00:41:50,800 --> 00:41:55,000

Has three Swedish children, who
are my grandchildren, clearly.

790

00:41:55,000 --> 00:42:00,520

And that what also forced
me to go to Europe,

791

00:42:00,520 --> 00:42:01,810

which I like to do, clearly.

792

00:42:01,810 --> 00:42:05,400

793

00:42:05,400 --> 00:42:10,990

So things have turned
out very, very well.

794

00:42:10,990 --> 00:42:15,780

And I really, truly would be
grateful and very nationalistic

795

00:42:15,780 --> 00:42:17,700

if anybody says anything.

796

00:42:17,700 --> 00:42:19,830

Because I can speak--

797

00:42:19,830 --> 00:42:23,220

I can speak Italian now, too,
because I took some immersion

798

00:42:23,220 --> 00:42:25,380

courses in Italy.

799

00:42:25,380 --> 00:42:28,500

If anybody attacks
America, they have

800
00:42:28,500 --> 00:42:33,600
a hard time getting away with
it when I travel in Europe,

801
00:42:33,600 --> 00:42:35,496
clearly.

802
00:42:35,496 --> 00:42:38,190
You're really
ready to defend it.

803
00:42:38,190 --> 00:42:40,920
Which isn't difficult, I think.

804
00:42:40,920 --> 00:42:42,970
Because I know something
about Europe, too.

805
00:42:42,970 --> 00:42:45,690
And obviously, I know
the negative kind

806
00:42:45,690 --> 00:42:47,940
of things that happen in Europe.

807
00:42:47,940 --> 00:42:53,730
I indicated a few hours ago that
the whole educational system,

808
00:42:53,730 --> 00:42:56,370
business about deciding what
should happen to kids early

809
00:42:56,370 --> 00:42:59,490
on in life, is the greatest
mistake, when you thinking

810
00:42:59,490 --> 00:43:01,710
about the educational
system here

811

00:43:01,710 --> 00:43:06,780
with the junior colleges
that permits kids to mature.

812
00:43:06,780 --> 00:43:11,355
I used to be the consultant
for the educational handicapped

813
00:43:11,355 --> 00:43:12,855
for the Centerville
School District.

814
00:43:12,855 --> 00:43:15,480

815
00:43:15,480 --> 00:43:18,010
Which is the high
school district.

816
00:43:18,010 --> 00:43:21,033
So I am well aware as to
what's been happening.

817
00:43:21,033 --> 00:43:24,110

818
00:43:24,110 --> 00:43:29,300
So I can argue along
these terms also.

819
00:43:29,300 --> 00:43:32,870
Has medicine been everything
you wanted it to be?

820
00:43:32,870 --> 00:43:36,860
Yes, medicine in general.

821
00:43:36,860 --> 00:43:40,340
Yes, pediatrics, I would say.

822
00:43:40,340 --> 00:43:43,610
The most gratifying
thing, when people ask me,

823
00:43:43,610 --> 00:43:48,890
or people are medical students.

824
00:43:48,890 --> 00:43:52,910
Pediatrics is where
you have to learn

825
00:43:52,910 --> 00:43:58,730
to deal not just with the
patient, but the family.

826
00:43:58,730 --> 00:44:01,100
The most wonderful
thing I experience now

827
00:44:01,100 --> 00:44:04,820
is to see kids grow
up, achieving things,

828
00:44:04,820 --> 00:44:10,820
becoming something despite
difficulties along the line.

829
00:44:10,820 --> 00:44:12,500
You know, I mean
patients of mine

830
00:44:12,500 --> 00:44:16,160
are now in their early 40s.

831
00:44:16,160 --> 00:44:21,020
And it's so gratifying
to see doctors, lawyers,

832
00:44:21,020 --> 00:44:24,620
wonderful people,
parents themselves.

833
00:44:24,620 --> 00:44:25,510
That's your story.

834

00:44:25,510 --> 00:44:26,400
Pardon me?

835
00:44:26,400 --> 00:44:27,290
That's your story.

836
00:44:27,290 --> 00:44:29,990
Well, yes, in that sense.

837
00:44:29,990 --> 00:44:34,640
So it's really delightful.

838
00:44:34,640 --> 00:44:40,290
Perhaps I should have spent
more time, which I do now,

839
00:44:40,290 --> 00:44:46,010
in foreign affairs, and
languages, and cultural things,

840
00:44:46,010 --> 00:44:48,080
things like that.

841
00:44:48,080 --> 00:44:50,320
But I'm catching up.

842
00:44:50,320 --> 00:44:52,092
How about Judaism?

843
00:44:52,092 --> 00:44:54,050
What kind of place does
that have in your life?

844
00:44:54,050 --> 00:44:54,800
Or does it?

845
00:44:54,800 --> 00:44:56,330
Actually, none.

846
00:44:56,330 --> 00:45:01,946

847

00:45:01,946 --> 00:45:07,490

I would say that, in order
to find this further, which

848

00:45:07,490 --> 00:45:10,830

I think perhaps
would be important,

849

00:45:10,830 --> 00:45:15,860

religion has never been an
important aspect in my life.

850

00:45:15,860 --> 00:45:18,505

Philosophy or philosophical
point of views, yes.

851

00:45:18,505 --> 00:45:21,620

852

00:45:21,620 --> 00:45:25,880

I really don't believe in God.

853

00:45:25,880 --> 00:45:28,580

I would say I can't even
consider myself, as I did

854

00:45:28,580 --> 00:45:30,260

some years ago, an agnostic.

855

00:45:30,260 --> 00:45:34,130

Probably much more
of an atheist.

856

00:45:34,130 --> 00:45:42,680

With, however, the aspect
that I admire people

857

00:45:42,680 --> 00:45:44,360

who can be very religious.

858

00:45:44,360 --> 00:45:47,270

859
00:45:47,270 --> 00:45:51,170
I find, probably, life
is easier for them.

860
00:45:51,170 --> 00:46:00,560
In my being basically raised in
a Catholic-type of education,

861
00:46:00,560 --> 00:46:04,910
which I consider how anybody--
friends of mine are very strict

862
00:46:04,910 --> 00:46:05,870
Catholics--

863
00:46:05,870 --> 00:46:10,160
how anybody can believe
that so strongly, educated,

864
00:46:10,160 --> 00:46:15,320
intellectual, evolution
theories, all this,

865
00:46:15,320 --> 00:46:16,730
how can they do it?

866
00:46:16,730 --> 00:46:20,570
I mean, I sit there and admire
it how anybody can be so blind.

867
00:46:20,570 --> 00:46:22,100
But I respect it.

868
00:46:22,100 --> 00:46:23,990
But otherwise,
clearly, they wouldn't

869
00:46:23,990 --> 00:46:25,610
be some of my closest friends.

870
00:46:25,610 --> 00:46:28,820

871
00:46:28,820 --> 00:46:33,560
So one of my close
friends was a Calvinist,

872
00:46:33,560 --> 00:46:35,240
where I played at his wedding.

873
00:46:35,240 --> 00:46:38,780
Where Calvinism
doesn't permit anyone,

874
00:46:38,780 --> 00:46:41,630
even good works, unless
you're a Calvinist,

875
00:46:41,630 --> 00:46:43,460
to be permitted
to go into heaven.

876
00:46:43,460 --> 00:46:46,800
I don't know how much is known
about the Calvinist religion.

877
00:46:46,800 --> 00:46:49,610
But to me, that always has
been intriguing point of views.

878
00:46:49,610 --> 00:46:52,730
And a very close
friends of mine.

879
00:46:52,730 --> 00:46:55,250
So to me, it's really the
more philosophical aspect

880
00:46:55,250 --> 00:46:56,075
and the respect.

881
00:46:56,075 --> 00:46:58,700

882
00:46:58,700 --> 00:47:02,210
I was not bar mitzvahed.

883
00:47:02,210 --> 00:47:04,700
My father was not.

884
00:47:04,700 --> 00:47:07,754
My son is not.

885
00:47:07,754 --> 00:47:09,620
I must frankly
say, my daughters,

886
00:47:09,620 --> 00:47:11,780
too, none of my three
children are married to Jews.

887
00:47:11,780 --> 00:47:15,230

888
00:47:15,230 --> 00:47:19,910
I requested, strangely
enough, that if they

889
00:47:19,910 --> 00:47:23,690
could find a rabbi who marries
the girls, because they are.

890
00:47:23,690 --> 00:47:26,240
If they would be married to
Jews, I wouldn't have cared.

891
00:47:26,240 --> 00:47:29,210
But to non-Jews,
perhaps I felt, perhaps,

892
00:47:29,210 --> 00:47:30,860
that they could find a rabbi.

893
00:47:30,860 --> 00:47:33,560
Which was very difficult
for my oldest daughter

894
00:47:33,560 --> 00:47:37,130
because even though
I knew some rabbis,

895
00:47:37,130 --> 00:47:41,000
because of circumcisions they
had to do, wouldn't do it.

896
00:47:41,000 --> 00:47:43,280
But she found someone.

897
00:47:43,280 --> 00:47:46,265
And then my younger daughter,
it's easier in Los Angeles.

898
00:47:46,265 --> 00:47:49,400
A Reform temple
apparently permits that.

899
00:47:49,400 --> 00:47:51,140
I don't know if your
rabbi does here.

900
00:47:51,140 --> 00:47:55,070
But also was married.

901
00:47:55,070 --> 00:47:57,620
But clearly, with a bit
of a Jewish ceremony,

902
00:47:57,620 --> 00:47:59,540
with the glass, and
all that kind of stuff.

903
00:47:59,540 --> 00:48:06,900
And very nicely presented to
the non-Jewish family members

904
00:48:06,900 --> 00:48:11,580
the idea as to what
all these things mean.

905

00:48:11,580 --> 00:48:13,760

The food was always
a lot better than it

906

00:48:13,760 --> 00:48:16,670

is in my friends'
Christian marriages, being,

907

00:48:16,670 --> 00:48:18,050

after all, a Jewish father.

908

00:48:18,050 --> 00:48:21,560

909

00:48:21,560 --> 00:48:23,870

So in that sense,
strangely enough.

910

00:48:23,870 --> 00:48:27,950

And my son's son
is not circumcised.

911

00:48:27,950 --> 00:48:31,310

He lives in Sweden, it's
a Lutheran country of 99%.

912

00:48:31,310 --> 00:48:34,100

My daughter-in-law is
a doctor and a PhD.

913

00:48:34,100 --> 00:48:37,370

And you know, I can't
argue much about it.

914

00:48:37,370 --> 00:48:39,500

And then, from the
medical point of view,

915

00:48:39,500 --> 00:48:42,230

to be absolutely frank,
it's not terribly important.

916

00:48:42,230 --> 00:48:46,420

917

00:48:46,420 --> 00:48:50,060

So in answer to
your short question,

918

00:48:50,060 --> 00:48:53,900

this is my feeling
about Judaism.

919

00:48:53,900 --> 00:48:56,810

920

00:48:56,810 --> 00:48:59,300

So I do come here.

921

00:48:59,300 --> 00:49:01,820

I don't know what kind
of a temple this is.

922

00:49:01,820 --> 00:49:03,470

But I admire.

923

00:49:03,470 --> 00:49:06,950

I mean, it's beautiful to drive
up here, you know, and see it.

924

00:49:06,950 --> 00:49:09,090

It gives me a
certain warm feeling,

925

00:49:09,090 --> 00:49:11,030

there's no question about it.

926

00:49:11,030 --> 00:49:14,360

927

00:49:14,360 --> 00:49:20,930

And I don't belong to any
temple and actually never have.

928

00:49:20,930 --> 00:49:30,020
And so perhaps that's a
horrible admission in my life.

929
00:49:30,020 --> 00:49:32,090
I don't know.

930
00:49:32,090 --> 00:49:34,770
And now, I almost
think it's too late.

931
00:49:34,770 --> 00:49:35,270
Yeah.

932
00:49:35,270 --> 00:49:38,610

933
00:49:38,610 --> 00:49:40,617
What do you think
about the Holocaust?

934
00:49:40,617 --> 00:49:41,700
Could we have another one?

935
00:49:41,700 --> 00:49:45,810

936
00:49:45,810 --> 00:49:48,715
If you mean by Holocaust
what has happened--

937
00:49:48,715 --> 00:49:50,340
because I belong to
the group of people

938
00:49:50,340 --> 00:49:54,870
who consider nothing a
Holocaust except the Holocaust.

939
00:49:54,870 --> 00:49:59,010
I mean, I don't consider the
Palestinian situation this,

940

00:49:59,010 --> 00:50:01,950
you know, the way some people
would like to think about.

941

00:50:01,950 --> 00:50:05,730
Not even the Armenian
situation like that.

942

00:50:05,730 --> 00:50:08,340
Because I know a little bit
about the historical background

943

00:50:08,340 --> 00:50:10,290
of the Armenian problem.

944

00:50:10,290 --> 00:50:14,650
That is so unique, and so
horrible, and so inconceivable,

945

00:50:14,650 --> 00:50:20,550
it has also turned me from
being an agnostic to an atheist.

946

00:50:20,550 --> 00:50:23,040
That things like
this could happen

947

00:50:23,040 --> 00:50:29,640
under the auspices of a God,
of a so-called just God.

948

00:50:29,640 --> 00:50:35,220
It's to me so, so
horrible, so inconceivable,

949

00:50:35,220 --> 00:50:37,650
particularly as it
involves children

950

00:50:37,650 --> 00:50:39,690
as you see these things.

951

00:50:39,690 --> 00:50:41,760

How any human
person can do this.

952

00:50:41,760 --> 00:50:44,190

I mean, it's fine to
be nasty to each other,

953

00:50:44,190 --> 00:50:45,720

steal from each other.

954

00:50:45,720 --> 00:50:50,130

But that kind of a situation
is so beyond any kind of belief

955

00:50:50,130 --> 00:50:58,270

and expectation
that to that extent,

956

00:50:58,270 --> 00:51:04,980

I think only in
that era, let's say.

957

00:51:04,980 --> 00:51:06,883

In almost what I feel--

958

00:51:06,883 --> 00:51:07,800

what's his name, Gold?

959

00:51:07,800 --> 00:51:10,740

960

00:51:10,740 --> 00:51:12,300

The one who's within the--

961

00:51:12,300 --> 00:51:13,180

Goldenhangen?

962

00:51:13,180 --> 00:51:13,680

Goldhagen?

963

00:51:13,680 --> 00:51:14,250

Pardon me?

964
00:51:14,250 --> 00:51:20,010
Goldhagen said, this
cultural antisemitism

965
00:51:20,010 --> 00:51:23,640
is literally, to that
extent, was possible

966
00:51:23,640 --> 00:51:25,023
only in central Europe.

967
00:51:25,023 --> 00:51:26,940
I mean, that doesn't
mean antisemitism doesn't

968
00:51:26,940 --> 00:51:28,740
exist in France and England.

969
00:51:28,740 --> 00:51:34,840
But the cultural thing of it, as
he says, hasn't just happened.

970
00:51:34,840 --> 00:51:37,890
This is just a culmination.

971
00:51:37,890 --> 00:51:40,800
And therefore, I don't
think a Holocaust

972
00:51:40,800 --> 00:51:45,690
like this would happen,
along those kind of line,

973
00:51:45,690 --> 00:51:48,430
or political.

974
00:51:48,430 --> 00:51:53,280
And really, look upon a Jew
like an inferior kind of person.

975

00:51:53,280 --> 00:51:55,990

976

00:51:55,990 --> 00:52:00,340

So the only thing that
comes like it is perhaps

977

00:52:00,340 --> 00:52:05,580

Cambodia, Africa, what's
happened in terms of really,

978

00:52:05,580 --> 00:52:07,810

truly genocide in
that kind of sense.

979

00:52:07,810 --> 00:52:10,700

980

00:52:10,700 --> 00:52:14,240

Has it done anything
about your view of man

981

00:52:14,240 --> 00:52:16,460

that things like
this have happened?

982

00:52:16,460 --> 00:52:20,090

983

00:52:20,090 --> 00:52:23,960

Only, well, in the sense--

984

00:52:23,960 --> 00:52:29,530

no, I'm basically an optimist,
in that kind of sense.

985

00:52:29,530 --> 00:52:38,540

And I mean, people are
not necessarily evil

986

00:52:38,540 --> 00:52:40,310

or anything along those lines.

987

00:52:40,310 --> 00:52:42,260

I think that in
spite of everything

988

00:52:42,260 --> 00:52:46,890

that has happened with
Shanghai, and so forth.

989

00:52:46,890 --> 00:52:49,760

I would say that
I think the people

990

00:52:49,760 --> 00:52:51,830

in my educational situation--

991

00:52:51,830 --> 00:52:56,060

I mean in this Catholic
school-- were very good to me.

992

00:52:56,060 --> 00:52:58,820

And they didn't have to be.

993

00:52:58,820 --> 00:53:06,770

I think friends I've had
don't absolutely have to be.

994

00:53:06,770 --> 00:53:09,320

My reaction towards a
person who has, let's say,

995

00:53:09,320 --> 00:53:11,930

done something to me
unkind or something

996

00:53:11,930 --> 00:53:15,360

is to totally ignore them.

997

00:53:15,360 --> 00:53:17,840

I mean, they
suddenly don't exist.

998

00:53:17,840 --> 00:53:20,300

And there is, if I may
mention, one more vignette.

999
00:53:20,300 --> 00:53:23,150

1000
00:53:23,150 --> 00:53:26,030
About, I would
say, 10 years ago,

1001
00:53:26,030 --> 00:53:29,960
I had a letter
from someone whose

1002
00:53:29,960 --> 00:53:32,210
signature, from
Australia, somebody

1003
00:53:32,210 --> 00:53:34,310
I didn't really recognize.

1004
00:53:34,310 --> 00:53:39,080
And in this lengthy
letter, he indicated

1005
00:53:39,080 --> 00:53:43,760
to me was a classmate of mine
at Saint Xavier's College.

1006
00:53:43,760 --> 00:53:46,970
And he has something to tell me.

1007
00:53:46,970 --> 00:53:49,940
And he-- would it be
possible to meet me?

1008
00:53:49,940 --> 00:53:54,110
I don't remember how
he found my address.

1009
00:53:54,110 --> 00:53:57,110
And I was, I think,
going out of town.

1010
00:53:57,110 --> 00:53:59,510
I wrote him back, you
know, the only possibility

1011
00:53:59,510 --> 00:54:03,590
is that I meet him
at the airport.

1012
00:54:03,590 --> 00:54:05,690
Because I had to go someplace.

1013
00:54:05,690 --> 00:54:06,570
That would be fine.

1014
00:54:06,570 --> 00:54:08,810
How are we going to
recognize each other?

1015
00:54:08,810 --> 00:54:09,310
Where?

1016
00:54:09,310 --> 00:54:09,920
And so forth.

1017
00:54:09,920 --> 00:54:11,840
We discussed this.

1018
00:54:11,840 --> 00:54:12,830
So we met.

1019
00:54:12,830 --> 00:54:19,400
And I just didn't recognize him.

1020
00:54:19,400 --> 00:54:22,580
I didn't even
recognize his name.

1021
00:54:22,580 --> 00:54:27,710
And you know, I thought,
in conversation, you know,

1022

00:54:27,710 --> 00:54:30,320

you suddenly begin
to recognize people.

1023

00:54:30,320 --> 00:54:33,290

Or you know where you
have something in common.

1024

00:54:33,290 --> 00:54:37,260

And so I said, well, you
know, it's nice to see you.

1025

00:54:37,260 --> 00:54:39,860

I understand we were in
the same class together.

1026

00:54:39,860 --> 00:54:41,300

But tell me a little bit more.

1027

00:54:41,300 --> 00:54:44,900

What is it that you
wanted to see me about?

1028

00:54:44,900 --> 00:54:47,960

Then he told me the story.

1029

00:54:47,960 --> 00:54:52,670

And apparently,
somewhere along the line,

1030

00:54:52,670 --> 00:54:54,950

he called me in class--

1031

00:54:54,950 --> 00:54:59,390

and we must have been 14
at the time, judging--

1032

00:54:59,390 --> 00:55:00,320

a bloody Jew.

1033

00:55:00,320 --> 00:55:04,010

1034
00:55:04,010 --> 00:55:08,360
And as he got older--

1035
00:55:08,360 --> 00:55:11,600
he was not a Jew, obviously--

1036
00:55:11,600 --> 00:55:15,170
he somehow felt so
guilty about it, I mean,

1037
00:55:15,170 --> 00:55:19,190
that he even does
that kind of a thing,

1038
00:55:19,190 --> 00:55:22,100
that he over the years,
and years, and years,

1039
00:55:22,100 --> 00:55:26,240
he felt he needed to
search me out to apologize.

1040
00:55:26,240 --> 00:55:28,020
I make a long story short.

1041
00:55:28,020 --> 00:55:30,250
I couldn't remember
anything about it.

1042
00:55:30,250 --> 00:55:33,110
I can't remember him, I
can't remember his name,

1043
00:55:33,110 --> 00:55:35,510
or anything along the line.

1044
00:55:35,510 --> 00:55:38,300
And what appalled
me subsequently,

1045
00:55:38,300 --> 00:55:40,670

I said, well, listen,
the times go by,

1046
00:55:40,670 --> 00:55:43,400
I'm sure I've
called people names.

1047
00:55:43,400 --> 00:55:44,670
You know, that kind of thing.

1048
00:55:44,670 --> 00:55:46,045
We made it good
and perhaps we'll

1049
00:55:46,045 --> 00:55:48,270
see each other
again, and so forth.

1050
00:55:48,270 --> 00:55:50,360
And that was the end
of that conversation.

1051
00:55:50,360 --> 00:55:53,720
And to this day, I don't
remember the episode.

1052
00:55:53,720 --> 00:55:59,120
And yet, it was bothering
him so immensely.

1053
00:55:59,120 --> 00:56:00,643
And then I came
to the conclusion,

1054
00:56:00,643 --> 00:56:02,060
really, that's
what happens to me.

1055
00:56:02,060 --> 00:56:04,550
If somebody does
something, it's gone.

1056
00:56:04,550 --> 00:56:08,300

1057
00:56:08,300 --> 00:56:11,450
It's gone through my mind.

1058
00:56:11,450 --> 00:56:13,563
And that was an
interesting case.

1059
00:56:13,563 --> 00:56:15,980
Because at the time, when I
thought about this-- how could

1060
00:56:15,980 --> 00:56:19,328
this possibly happen
I've forgotten?

1061
00:56:19,328 --> 00:56:19,870
I don't know.

1062
00:56:19,870 --> 00:56:22,130
You as a psychologist can
make something out of it.

1063
00:56:22,130 --> 00:56:24,710
The good things,
they don't go, too?

1064
00:56:24,710 --> 00:56:25,700
No, no, no, no.

1065
00:56:25,700 --> 00:56:30,140
It's only a situation
that really, really

1066
00:56:30,140 --> 00:56:33,350
must have cut me really
to the quick and upset me.

1067
00:56:33,350 --> 00:56:34,940
And I'm not a fighter.

1068

00:56:34,940 --> 00:56:37,730
I mean, somebody else might,
who knows, and smash him

1069
00:56:37,730 --> 00:56:39,950
to the ground.

1070
00:56:39,950 --> 00:56:43,340
And my, obviously, reaction
is to totally ignore this.

1071
00:56:43,340 --> 00:56:46,770

1072
00:56:46,770 --> 00:56:49,140
Anyway, he got punished.

1073
00:56:49,140 --> 00:56:51,630
But you know, when
you went to Vienna,

1074
00:56:51,630 --> 00:56:54,490
you found yourself
having feelings.

1075
00:56:54,490 --> 00:56:56,890
Oh, yes, no question about it.

1076
00:56:56,890 --> 00:56:59,130
But they are not really
negative feelings.

1077
00:56:59,130 --> 00:57:01,410
I mean, they are not
negative feelings.

1078
00:57:01,410 --> 00:57:05,690
It came up the other day when,
again, these friends asked me.

1079
00:57:05,690 --> 00:57:07,020
Well, you see these people.

1080

00:57:07,020 --> 00:57:08,880

I mean, does it
bother you what they

1081

00:57:08,880 --> 00:57:12,570

were doing, you know, to
you and to everybody else,

1082

00:57:12,570 --> 00:57:14,730

and killing people?

1083

00:57:14,730 --> 00:57:19,410

The only thing that reminds
me is this following story.

1084

00:57:19,410 --> 00:57:21,930

There are a lot of
foreigners now in Vienna,

1085

00:57:21,930 --> 00:57:23,160

as you probably know.

1086

00:57:23,160 --> 00:57:26,070

Lots of people are
speaking with accents.

1087

00:57:26,070 --> 00:57:28,350

I really speak a
Viennese dialect,

1088

00:57:28,350 --> 00:57:33,240

so nobody knows that I'm
not as Viennese as they are.

1089

00:57:33,240 --> 00:57:36,690

And this business about looking
Jewish or not looking Jewish

1090

00:57:36,690 --> 00:57:39,360

is a question in the
eyes of the beholder.

1091

00:57:39,360 --> 00:57:44,260

So you see an elderly
couple, you know,

1092

00:57:44,260 --> 00:57:49,050

in the type, Austrian
uniform kind of thing,

1093

00:57:49,050 --> 00:57:52,590

reacting very strongly
to the lively noise

1094

00:57:52,590 --> 00:57:56,010

of these people from Yugoslavia,
from Turkey, or so forth.

1095

00:57:56,010 --> 00:57:58,500

And giving them ugly looks.

1096

00:57:58,500 --> 00:57:59,880

That bothers me.

1097

00:57:59,880 --> 00:58:01,650

And why does it bother me?

1098

00:58:01,650 --> 00:58:04,440

It's because these are
the kinds of people who

1099

00:58:04,440 --> 00:58:10,140

probably were really anti-Jews.

1100

00:58:10,140 --> 00:58:13,050

Because they still
overreact to something

1101

00:58:13,050 --> 00:58:14,730

which is relatively
natural, you should

1102

00:58:14,730 --> 00:58:17,800

overlook, or think to yourself,
I don't like that noise.

1103
00:58:17,800 --> 00:58:19,620
But what the heck?

1104
00:58:19,620 --> 00:58:21,840
It's a cultural thing?

1105
00:58:21,840 --> 00:58:22,570
Heavily.

1106
00:58:22,570 --> 00:58:25,290
This is what I react to.

1107
00:58:25,290 --> 00:58:26,550
I mean, I don't tell them.

1108
00:58:26,550 --> 00:58:29,100

1109
00:58:29,100 --> 00:58:33,270
But I would say that these
are the kinds of people

1110
00:58:33,270 --> 00:58:36,530
who would also have
done things like that.

1111
00:58:36,530 --> 00:58:42,930
It may sound strange to you, but
this overreaction on their part

1112
00:58:42,930 --> 00:58:43,980
bothers me.

1113
00:58:43,980 --> 00:58:45,700
And I see this.

1114
00:58:45,700 --> 00:58:50,680
And I'm sure there was a
lot of anti-foreign feeling

1115

00:58:50,680 --> 00:58:51,180
in Vienna--

1116
00:58:51,180 --> 00:58:52,170
There is.

1117
00:58:52,170 --> 00:58:56,730
--before the war because many
people had come from the east.

1118
00:58:56,730 --> 00:58:59,010
And they were looked down upon.

1119
00:58:59,010 --> 00:59:00,810
Well, I didn't notice that.

1120
00:59:00,810 --> 00:59:04,800
But it wasn't as noticeable.

1121
00:59:04,800 --> 00:59:10,050
The Jewishness is a much more
self-confident Jewishness.

1122
00:59:10,050 --> 00:59:11,880
Now, when I go to Vienna--

1123
00:59:11,880 --> 00:59:14,820
I mean, this has nothing to
do with the questions you're

1124
00:59:14,820 --> 00:59:15,750
asking me.

1125
00:59:15,750 --> 00:59:19,950
But from my point of view,
they are more self-confident.

1126
00:59:19,950 --> 00:59:24,270
They wear yarmulkes if they
are relatively orthodox,

1127
00:59:24,270 --> 00:59:28,350

they're really like
yeshiva people.

1128
00:59:28,350 --> 00:59:31,080
You don't see this
I want to blend

1129
00:59:31,080 --> 00:59:33,810
in, necessarily, attitude.

1130
00:59:33,810 --> 00:59:41,340
I mean, there are very few Jews
like myself who have returned.

1131
00:59:41,340 --> 00:59:43,800
But you know, when I asked
for my birth certificate,

1132
00:59:43,800 --> 00:59:47,760
in order to get my social
security benefits from Austria

1133
00:59:47,760 --> 00:59:53,280
a few years ago, you had to go
to the Jewish community area.

1134
00:59:53,280 --> 00:59:58,668
And said, would you possibly
have my birth certificate?

1135
00:59:58,668 --> 00:59:59,460
When were you born?

1136
00:59:59,460 --> 01:00:00,480
1927.

1137
01:00:00,480 --> 01:00:02,700
Well, I'm sure we'll find it.

1138
01:00:02,700 --> 01:00:05,820
So she goes into
another big room

1139

01:00:05,820 --> 01:00:13,480

and brings out a big
archives of 1927.

1140

01:00:13,480 --> 01:00:14,460

And do I want to copy?

1141

01:00:14,460 --> 01:00:15,630

Yes, I need several copies.

1142

01:00:15,630 --> 01:00:16,410

OK.

1143

01:00:16,410 --> 01:00:18,240

I said, how come you have this?

1144

01:00:18,240 --> 01:00:19,800

I mean, things were destroyed.

1145

01:00:19,800 --> 01:00:22,890

He says, all the
Jewish archives are

1146

01:00:22,890 --> 01:00:26,310

available because that's how
the German Nazis found out

1147

01:00:26,310 --> 01:00:29,340

who is a Jew and who may
have some money, or art,

1148

01:00:29,340 --> 01:00:30,210

or whatever.

1149

01:00:30,210 --> 01:00:32,070

So they are perfectly intact.

1150

01:00:32,070 --> 01:00:33,750

So I said, may I look at it?

1151

01:00:33,750 --> 01:00:38,760

There's this beautiful
handwriting with my name,

1152
01:00:38,760 --> 01:00:41,970
and which hospital I was
born in, and what time,

1153
01:00:41,970 --> 01:00:45,870
and all the perfect statement.

1154
01:00:45,870 --> 01:00:48,210
You know, that kind of thing.

1155
01:00:48,210 --> 01:00:50,460
But this lady, who
is clearly Jewish,

1156
01:00:50,460 --> 01:00:51,750
you know what she said to me?

1157
01:00:51,750 --> 01:00:56,610
She says, aren't you going
to move back to Vienna?

1158
01:00:56,610 --> 01:00:58,440
I was still in
practice at that time.

1159
01:00:58,440 --> 01:01:00,330
I said, no, why do
you think I should?

1160
01:01:00,330 --> 01:01:04,270
Well, we need more Jews like
you around here, you know,

1161
01:01:04,270 --> 01:01:07,950
who are born and
raised in Vienna.

1162
01:01:07,950 --> 01:01:10,680
And this was somebody
is Jewish who said that.

1163
01:01:10,680 --> 01:01:12,210
And that to me--

1164
01:01:12,210 --> 01:01:14,700
I mean, I didn't pick up
on it, it's not my style.

1165
01:01:14,700 --> 01:01:18,360
But you clearly
know what she meant.

1166
01:01:18,360 --> 01:01:23,130
And you know, right
in a place like this.

1167
01:01:23,130 --> 01:01:27,120
Took me, surprised me.

1168
01:01:27,120 --> 01:01:29,580
Prejudice seems to
exist on all levels.

1169
01:01:29,580 --> 01:01:34,270
It certainly exists among
Jews like anyone else.

1170
01:01:34,270 --> 01:01:36,330
Well, it's a natural feeling.

1171
01:01:36,330 --> 01:01:38,820
I mean, anybody who tries
to get rid of your prejudice

1172
01:01:38,820 --> 01:01:40,540
or so, it's ridiculous.

1173
01:01:40,540 --> 01:01:42,750
You never can.

1174
01:01:42,750 --> 01:01:44,730
You want to intellectualize

it a little bit

1175
01:01:44,730 --> 01:01:47,250
and try and control it.

1176
01:01:47,250 --> 01:01:49,770
But that's as far, I
think, as anybody can go.

1177
01:01:49,770 --> 01:01:52,800

1178
01:01:52,800 --> 01:01:55,890
On behalf of the Holocaust
Oral History Project,

1179
01:01:55,890 --> 01:01:58,200
I want to thank you
tremendously for this interview.

1180
01:01:58,200 --> 01:02:01,380
Well, thank you for
letting me be here.

1181
01:02:01,380 --> 01:02:04,350
You're going to edit
this anyway, aren't you?

1182
01:02:04,350 --> 01:02:05,790
I presume, I hope.

1183
01:02:05,790 --> 01:02:08,040
Right.

1184
01:02:08,040 --> 01:02:12,810
Actually, we keep the
whole tape as it is.

1185
01:02:12,810 --> 01:02:13,380
I see.

1186
01:02:13,380 --> 01:02:15,005

Could be used for
other purposes later.

1187
01:02:15,005 --> 01:02:15,750
All right.

1188
01:02:15,750 --> 01:02:16,290
OK.

1189
01:02:16,290 --> 01:02:20,490
And is there any way
somewhere along the line

1190
01:02:20,490 --> 01:02:21,940
that I can see it sometime?

1191
01:02:21,940 --> 01:02:23,430
Or can I go to?

1192
01:02:23,430 --> 01:02:25,110
We can certainly
send you a copy.

1193
01:02:25,110 --> 01:02:27,486
Well, you don't have to do
this, I can see it someplace.

1194
01:02:27,486 --> 01:02:27,986
No, no, no.

1195
01:02:27,986 --> 01:02:28,878
No, no.

1196
01:02:28,878 --> 01:02:29,770
We'll send it to you.

1197
01:02:29,770 --> 01:02:30,430
OK.

1198
01:02:30,430 --> 01:02:33,610
The documents is something
that you mentioned.

1199
01:02:33,610 --> 01:02:34,825
This is a--

1200
01:02:34,825 --> 01:02:35,325
OK.

1201
01:02:35,325 --> 01:02:38,210

1202
01:02:38,210 --> 01:02:42,340
This is a picture of
the first Jewish school

1203
01:02:42,340 --> 01:02:50,830
in Shanghai, China, which
was sponsored and financed

1204
01:02:50,830 --> 01:02:57,880
by Sir Horace Kadoorie
in the first year.

1205
01:02:57,880 --> 01:03:00,430
This is a professor Epstein.

1206
01:03:00,430 --> 01:03:02,710
I myself am over here.

1207
01:03:02,710 --> 01:03:07,000
And a number of these
are very close friends

1208
01:03:07,000 --> 01:03:12,550
of mine, who you subsequently
can see in the second picture.

1209
01:03:12,550 --> 01:03:22,650
This would have been 1939.

1210
01:03:22,650 --> 01:03:26,520
And the middle one
is taken probably,

1211
01:03:26,520 --> 01:03:28,470
if I may turn this around
for a moment-- yes.

1212
01:03:28,470 --> 01:03:30,760
In 1940.

1213
01:03:30,760 --> 01:03:31,260
Sorry.

1214
01:03:31,260 --> 01:03:35,310

1215
01:03:35,310 --> 01:03:37,650
In 1947.

1216
01:03:37,650 --> 01:03:41,300
And depicts the boys
club called Tikva.

1217
01:03:41,300 --> 01:03:45,115

1218
01:03:45,115 --> 01:03:50,010
Boys of the Tikva club
with Charles Jordan, who

1219
01:03:50,010 --> 01:03:52,740
was a representative of
the Joint Distribution

1220
01:03:52,740 --> 01:03:56,100
Committee, who had been
sent from the United States

1221
01:03:56,100 --> 01:03:57,420
to Shanghai.

1222
01:03:57,420 --> 01:04:03,120
And this is Mrs. Hardwick,
who was the director basically

1223
01:04:03,120 --> 01:04:05,250
of the whole school.

1224
01:04:05,250 --> 01:04:07,800
But this is a group
of the boys who

1225
01:04:07,800 --> 01:04:11,880
belong to this particular
club and obviously,

1226
01:04:11,880 --> 01:04:13,320
were considerably older than--

1227
01:04:13,320 --> 01:04:15,420
eight years older
than they were in '39.

1228
01:04:15,420 --> 01:04:18,090
And many of the boys
are the same ones here

1229
01:04:18,090 --> 01:04:19,020
as they were there.

1230
01:04:19,020 --> 01:04:21,790

1231
01:04:21,790 --> 01:04:28,030
This picture is myself
and my brother in Nanking,

1232
01:04:28,030 --> 01:04:33,790
in front of Sun Yat
Sen's memorial, when

1233
01:04:33,790 --> 01:04:43,000
my brother was working for the
United States Army in 1948.

1234
01:04:43,000 --> 01:04:44,560

And I came to visit him.

1235
01:04:44,560 --> 01:04:47,950
Actually, it's the
first and only place

1236
01:04:47,950 --> 01:04:50,740
I ever visited in China
outside of Shanghai.

1237
01:04:50,740 --> 01:04:54,710

1238
01:04:54,710 --> 01:04:56,540
I have one more
question for you.

1239
01:04:56,540 --> 01:05:02,340
And that is what made you
want to give your history now?

1240
01:05:02,340 --> 01:05:04,060
What made you come in today?

1241
01:05:04,060 --> 01:05:08,550

1242
01:05:08,550 --> 01:05:09,750
Two situations.

1243
01:05:09,750 --> 01:05:15,480
A friend of mine, apparently,
had given a history

1244
01:05:15,480 --> 01:05:17,670
some time ago.

1245
01:05:17,670 --> 01:05:23,260
And she thought it would be
worthwhile for me to do it.

1246
01:05:23,260 --> 01:05:26,550

And I mostly ignored this.

1247

01:05:26,550 --> 01:05:31,780

And then I thought
to myself, perhaps

1248

01:05:31,780 --> 01:05:36,850

if I had some record
of it, my children

1249

01:05:36,850 --> 01:05:41,350

somewhere along the line might
show a greater interest in it.

1250

01:05:41,350 --> 01:05:45,160

And if it is not them,
maybe the grandchildren.

1251

01:05:45,160 --> 01:05:46,660

If I had something interactive.

1252

01:05:46,660 --> 01:05:50,020

Before something happens to me.

1253

01:05:50,020 --> 01:05:53,620

I mean, I could dictate
something into a machine.

1254

01:05:53,620 --> 01:05:58,520

But I thought that would obviate
the main need to do that.

1255

01:05:58,520 --> 01:06:02,990

And that was probably the most
convincing reason in my mind.

1256

01:06:02,990 --> 01:06:05,040

Have you talked much
to your children

1257

01:06:05,040 --> 01:06:06,258

about your experiences?

1258

01:06:06,258 --> 01:06:08,074

No.

1259

01:06:08,074 --> 01:06:11,480

I mean, talking, you can't
just sit somebody down.

1260

01:06:11,480 --> 01:06:13,930

You have to show some interest.

1261

01:06:13,930 --> 01:06:16,420

I would say this.

1262

01:06:16,420 --> 01:06:18,760

I can't totally fault the kids.

1263

01:06:18,760 --> 01:06:22,210

1264

01:06:22,210 --> 01:06:24,010

There hasn't been
that much opportunity.

1265

01:06:24,010 --> 01:06:27,670

I've been so wrapped
up in the practice.

1266

01:06:27,670 --> 01:06:32,230

My wife wasn't at all
interested in it, either.

1267

01:06:32,230 --> 01:06:36,460

And you know, you can't very
easily take children, and just

1268

01:06:36,460 --> 01:06:38,860

sit them down, and just
tell them, let me tell you

1269

01:06:38,860 --> 01:06:40,150

something about my life.

1270

01:06:40,150 --> 01:06:43,770

Unless you get more of a
stimulus from their part.

1271

01:06:43,770 --> 01:06:47,730

1272

01:06:47,730 --> 01:06:48,840

Well, thank you again--

1273

01:06:48,840 --> 01:06:49,340

Sure.

1274

01:06:49,340 --> 01:06:51,290

--very much.

1275

01:06:51,290 --> 01:07:52,342