

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:01:03,488

2
00:01:03,488 --> 00:01:04,209
--place to start.

3
00:01:04,209 --> 00:01:05,510
Who everybody is.

4
00:01:05,510 --> 00:01:07,700
And we need about
10 seconds here.

5
00:01:07,700 --> 00:01:09,040
Today's-- what's the date?

6
00:01:09,040 --> 00:01:09,540
The 6th.

7
00:01:09,540 --> 00:01:11,980
I think it's the
6th of January, '94.

8
00:01:11,980 --> 00:01:13,376
Did I take this?

9
00:01:13,376 --> 00:01:14,322
I don't think.

10
00:01:14,322 --> 00:01:19,530

11
00:01:19,530 --> 00:01:21,270
No, I don't think I took that.

12
00:01:21,270 --> 00:01:24,370

13
00:01:24,370 --> 00:01:28,240
Today is January 6, 1994 with

the Holocaust Oral History

14

00:01:28,240 --> 00:01:29,680
Project--

15

00:01:29,680 --> 00:01:31,900
doing a second interview
with Max Erlichman.

16

00:01:31,900 --> 00:01:33,880
My name is Tami Benau.

17

00:01:33,880 --> 00:01:36,580
And John Grant is videotaping.

18

00:01:36,580 --> 00:01:39,730
Max, you were just starting
to say something happened

19

00:01:39,730 --> 00:01:41,950
after our last interview.

20

00:01:41,950 --> 00:01:45,406
Our last interview
was, I think--

21

00:01:45,406 --> 00:01:46,560
December 10.

22

00:01:46,560 --> 00:01:49,270
Yeah, the 10th--
middle of December.

23

00:01:49,270 --> 00:01:57,370
And I think it was on
a Thursday or a Friday.

24

00:01:57,370 --> 00:02:00,990
No, it was on a Friday.

25

00:02:00,990 --> 00:02:03,470
It was Friday.

26
00:02:03,470 --> 00:02:04,430
That's right.

27
00:02:04,430 --> 00:02:14,130
And in all these years, as
I had indicated earlier,

28
00:02:14,130 --> 00:02:16,257
we knew what had
happened to my mother.

29
00:02:16,257 --> 00:02:17,840
We knew the date she
was picked up by.

30
00:02:17,840 --> 00:02:19,580
In fact, I don't remember.

31
00:02:19,580 --> 00:02:23,360
And subsequently, after the
war, through the Red Cross,

32
00:02:23,360 --> 00:02:25,650
very quickly I think
at the end of '45--

33
00:02:25,650 --> 00:02:29,330
if not the end of
'45, early '46--

34
00:02:29,330 --> 00:02:31,940

35
00:02:31,940 --> 00:02:36,500
my dad was advised that
his wife, my mother,

36
00:02:36,500 --> 00:02:39,200
had died on the 21st.

37
00:02:39,200 --> 00:02:41,270

However, there
was no information

38
00:02:41,270 --> 00:02:48,190
on my older brother, who
was 16 at that time in 1942.

39
00:02:48,190 --> 00:02:55,850
I also indicated that when
we arrived in Westerbork--

40
00:02:55,850 --> 00:03:00,560
and I also stated I did
not know or remember

41
00:03:00,560 --> 00:03:03,440
the date we got to Westerbork.

42
00:03:03,440 --> 00:03:06,440
I knew it was in November.

43
00:03:06,440 --> 00:03:10,494
I knew it was after my birthday,
and I guessed mid-November.

44
00:03:10,494 --> 00:03:13,700

45
00:03:13,700 --> 00:03:16,700
And when my father went
looking the day we arrived what

46
00:03:16,700 --> 00:03:18,680
happened to his
wife and his son,

47
00:03:18,680 --> 00:03:21,320
he determined that
my mother had already

48
00:03:21,320 --> 00:03:27,170
been deported to Auschwitz,
but no information

49
00:03:27,170 --> 00:03:29,030
of my older brother,
but for the fact

50
00:03:29,030 --> 00:03:33,380
that he had been
deported one day earlier.

51
00:03:33,380 --> 00:03:36,860
And that is where
my dad, that if--

52
00:03:36,860 --> 00:03:38,060
that big letter "if"--

53
00:03:38,060 --> 00:03:41,120
we would have come
a day earlier,

54
00:03:41,120 --> 00:03:43,070
he undoubtedly would
have been alive.

55
00:03:43,070 --> 00:03:46,355

56
00:03:46,355 --> 00:03:47,480
But I didn't know the date.

57
00:03:47,480 --> 00:03:50,150

58
00:03:50,150 --> 00:03:56,120
In February last
year, February '93, I

59
00:03:56,120 --> 00:03:59,150
wrote a letter to
the Dutch Red Cross

60
00:03:59,150 --> 00:04:06,960

asking them whether they had
any information in their files X

61
00:04:06,960 --> 00:04:11,490
years after the war
regarding my older brother.

62
00:04:11,490 --> 00:04:19,589
So when I left the interview
on Friday, December 10th,

63
00:04:19,589 --> 00:04:22,410
let's say, I said
the very next day,

64
00:04:22,410 --> 00:04:24,060
I had a letter
from the Red Cross

65
00:04:24,060 --> 00:04:26,880
in which they apologized
for the delay regarding

66
00:04:26,880 --> 00:04:29,820
my request in February of '93.

67
00:04:29,820 --> 00:04:37,320
And they could determine from
the information in their files

68
00:04:37,320 --> 00:04:42,570
that my older brother,
which they did not

69
00:04:42,570 --> 00:04:49,110
know the day he was picked up
by the Germans, that he was

70
00:04:49,110 --> 00:04:53,100
deported from
Westerbork November 20--

71
00:04:53,100 --> 00:04:55,260

which, of course,
now I know what day

72
00:04:55,260 --> 00:04:57,960
we got into Westerbork--

73
00:04:57,960 --> 00:05:04,350
November 20 and that he died in
Auschwitz on February 28, 1943.

74
00:05:04,350 --> 00:05:13,500
So that was-- at
least so now I know.

75
00:05:13,500 --> 00:05:14,960
That's such an odd coincidence.

76
00:05:14,960 --> 00:05:19,082
Yeah, it was, also because
they apologized from November,

77
00:05:19,082 --> 00:05:21,040
because they could have
gone through the files.

78
00:05:21,040 --> 00:05:24,300
You could look under E
and you find his name.

79
00:05:24,300 --> 00:05:24,900
And that's it.

80
00:05:24,900 --> 00:05:30,750
But bureaucracies as they
are, this is what happened.

81
00:05:30,750 --> 00:05:33,570
But at least I knew.

82
00:05:33,570 --> 00:05:35,580
At least I know.

83

00:05:35,580 --> 00:05:37,800
And--

84
00:05:37,800 --> 00:05:40,360
You had never written to
them requesting some--

85
00:05:40,360 --> 00:05:41,970
No.

86
00:05:41,970 --> 00:05:53,420
Oddly enough, I have tried to
analyze, in fact, why because,

87
00:05:53,420 --> 00:05:56,690
broadly speaking,
if I wanted to,

88
00:05:56,690 --> 00:05:59,240
I would have known about
it within two days.

89
00:05:59,240 --> 00:06:02,000
Maybe three days,
I would have known

90
00:06:02,000 --> 00:06:03,170
what happened to my brother.

91
00:06:03,170 --> 00:06:07,320
And for one reason
or another, I didn't.

92
00:06:07,320 --> 00:06:09,710
It's not that I consciously
decide I'm not interested

93
00:06:09,710 --> 00:06:12,440
or I don't want to know.

94
00:06:12,440 --> 00:06:20,960
But I don't want to go
into any self-analysis.

95

00:06:20,960 --> 00:06:25,490

96

00:06:25,490 --> 00:06:29,900

I think it has something to
do with the open gap that

97

00:06:29,900 --> 00:06:36,110

exists in mother/son
relationship,

98

00:06:36,110 --> 00:06:39,420

because this is something
that doesn't close.

99

00:06:39,420 --> 00:06:40,170

It's an open book.

100

00:06:40,170 --> 00:06:42,260

It remains open
because you never could

101

00:06:42,260 --> 00:06:45,200

say bye bye, mom or whatever.

102

00:06:45,200 --> 00:06:52,082

So most probably, had I not
had the time, inclination,

103

00:06:52,082 --> 00:06:54,800

and opportunity to
cope with my mother,

104

00:06:54,800 --> 00:06:58,040

I might not have wanted to
know anything about my brother,

105

00:06:58,040 --> 00:07:00,980

because that would have been--

106

00:07:00,980 --> 00:07:03,020

I don't know.

107

00:07:03,020 --> 00:07:05,090

I don't want to say too much.

108

00:07:05,090 --> 00:07:06,630

One thing at a time--

109

00:07:06,630 --> 00:07:11,090

so I never tried to.

110

00:07:11,090 --> 00:07:13,790

And apparently, I think
last year, I decided,

111

00:07:13,790 --> 00:07:14,540

oh, wait a minute.

112

00:07:14,540 --> 00:07:18,970

I'm not 28 anymore,
though I say I'm 39.

113

00:07:18,970 --> 00:07:19,970

People don't believe it.

114

00:07:19,970 --> 00:07:27,140

But I decided it's about time
that, OK, let's find out.

115

00:07:27,140 --> 00:07:32,180

And I don't remember
the state of mind

116

00:07:32,180 --> 00:07:34,490

I was in when I
did write a letter.

117

00:07:34,490 --> 00:07:35,030

I did.

118

00:07:35,030 --> 00:07:41,920

119
00:07:41,920 --> 00:07:43,495
And then you get into--

120
00:07:43,495 --> 00:07:48,370
you start thinking, a
16-year-old and on his own.

121
00:07:48,370 --> 00:07:52,050
And then of course, then
who took care of him?

122
00:07:52,050 --> 00:07:55,030
Who-- I am a father
of seven children.

123
00:07:55,030 --> 00:08:00,534
And I'm a really Yiddish mama.

124
00:08:00,534 --> 00:08:01,780
There are very few like me.

125
00:08:01,780 --> 00:08:06,940
And my kids complain I'm
overprotective, which I'm not.

126
00:08:06,940 --> 00:08:11,630
But it's a perception they have.

127
00:08:11,630 --> 00:08:14,140
So I think of my older brother
at the age of 16 on his own,

128
00:08:14,140 --> 00:08:18,280
nobody to tell him, nobody
to watch, nobody to guide,

129
00:08:18,280 --> 00:08:21,080
no support.

130
00:08:21,080 --> 00:08:22,570
It must have been terrible.

131
00:08:22,570 --> 00:08:26,920
So I hope that some
adult at that time

132
00:08:26,920 --> 00:08:33,340
probably hopefully
watched over him.

133
00:08:33,340 --> 00:08:35,740
And then the same thing
applies to my mother.

134
00:08:35,740 --> 00:08:38,530
But then, of course,
that was only five days.

135
00:08:38,530 --> 00:08:43,840
But he was there from end of
November, December, January,

136
00:08:43,840 --> 00:08:46,450
February-- three and a half
months, something like this,

137
00:08:46,450 --> 00:08:48,790
or a little less.

138
00:08:48,790 --> 00:08:51,730
But it's funny.

139
00:08:51,730 --> 00:08:53,770
Then-- funny.

140
00:08:53,770 --> 00:09:00,250

141
00:09:00,250 --> 00:09:04,540
No, I think I know that I
indicated that when we were

142
00:09:04,540 --> 00:09:10,240

picked up the 21st or the--

143

00:09:10,240 --> 00:09:11,150

no, it was midnight.

144

00:09:11,150 --> 00:09:15,640

So we were picked up
the 21st of November.

145

00:09:15,640 --> 00:09:19,660

And the city
theater in Amsterdam

146

00:09:19,660 --> 00:09:23,740

was used as a collecting point.

147

00:09:23,740 --> 00:09:29,160

And then from there, the people
that they were "collected"

148

00:09:29,160 --> 00:09:30,910

then were taken to--

149

00:09:30,910 --> 00:09:34,540

during that night or
day, they were taken

150

00:09:34,540 --> 00:09:39,430

to the city hall's Harbor.

151

00:09:39,430 --> 00:09:44,558

And 6:00 AM-- and I think
last time, I said by truck.

152

00:09:44,558 --> 00:09:45,850

It was, of course, not a truck.

153

00:09:45,850 --> 00:09:47,440

It was a streetcar.

154

00:09:47,440 --> 00:09:49,720

At 6:00 AM, a

streetcar-- because there

155

00:09:49,720 --> 00:09:51,880
still was a curfew.

156

00:09:51,880 --> 00:09:55,460
And they took us to
the railroad station.

157

00:09:55,460 --> 00:09:59,350
From there on, everybody
went to Westerbork

158

00:09:59,350 --> 00:10:01,540
unless they went to
one of the other camps.

159

00:10:01,540 --> 00:10:05,500

160

00:10:05,500 --> 00:10:12,310
Subsequently, after
the war, they never

161

00:10:12,310 --> 00:10:15,650
reopened or rebuilt the theater.

162

00:10:15,650 --> 00:10:18,010
It stood there.

163

00:10:18,010 --> 00:10:21,190
And in fact, we lived
a block away from it.

164

00:10:21,190 --> 00:10:25,540
So we passed it daily.

165

00:10:25,540 --> 00:10:31,010
And apparently, I don't
know, five or six--

166

00:10:31,010 --> 00:10:35,410

three years ago, they
decided to make--

167
00:10:35,410 --> 00:10:37,120
how should I say--

168
00:10:37,120 --> 00:10:38,500
not a memorial.

169
00:10:38,500 --> 00:10:40,210
They decided to
dedicate that building

170
00:10:40,210 --> 00:10:46,610
to the purpose it was
used for, probably

171
00:10:46,610 --> 00:10:48,260
the city and the
Jewish community.

172
00:10:48,260 --> 00:10:49,840
I don't know.

173
00:10:49,840 --> 00:10:54,410
I wasn't in Holland, so
I never did go to see it.

174
00:10:54,410 --> 00:11:01,400
And then while I was
in Holland now, on--

175
00:11:01,400 --> 00:11:06,470
when was it-- last
Thursday, I read a paper.

176
00:11:06,470 --> 00:11:09,350
And then there is an article
in which they describe

177
00:11:09,350 --> 00:11:12,740
that now after a modification
and blah, blah, blah,

178
00:11:12,740 --> 00:11:18,980
it has reopened and visiting
hours from blah, blah, blah,

179
00:11:18,980 --> 00:11:20,010
the phone number.

180
00:11:20,010 --> 00:11:24,620
And so I called.

181
00:11:24,620 --> 00:11:26,720
And I said, let's take
a look what it is.

182
00:11:26,720 --> 00:11:29,570

183
00:11:29,570 --> 00:11:34,020
And my daughter,
Shelby, and I, we

184
00:11:34,020 --> 00:11:36,890
went there on the
1st of January.

185
00:11:36,890 --> 00:11:40,350
We flew back on the second.

186
00:11:40,350 --> 00:11:47,520
And yes, I don't know what it
looked prior to the final work

187
00:11:47,520 --> 00:11:48,330
they put into it.

188
00:11:48,330 --> 00:11:51,450
But you have the
inner courtyard that I

189
00:11:51,450 --> 00:11:53,860
referred to and the atrium.

190
00:11:53,860 --> 00:11:55,740
It's still there.

191
00:11:55,740 --> 00:11:57,060
There's a pillar--

192
00:11:57,060 --> 00:11:58,920
I don't want to say an
obelisk, but there's

193
00:11:58,920 --> 00:12:03,720
a pillar dedicated,
too, and the open yard.

194
00:12:03,720 --> 00:12:12,060
And as you come in, they have
a Vietnam Memorial-like--

195
00:12:12,060 --> 00:12:13,970
after the Vietnam
Memorial, there

196
00:12:13,970 --> 00:12:18,300
are copies like
this, I think, 50.

197
00:12:18,300 --> 00:12:20,110
I think today, everybody
makes it the same.

198
00:12:20,110 --> 00:12:23,340

199
00:12:23,340 --> 00:12:26,760
As you come in, on the
left side is a wall

200
00:12:26,760 --> 00:12:32,100
with all the names,
family names,

201

00:12:32,100 --> 00:12:36,870
of people that went through
there and never did return.

202
00:12:36,870 --> 00:12:40,860
So by family names, I mean
that if there were in Holland,

203
00:12:40,860 --> 00:12:45,180
say, 48 or 88 families
by the name of Thompson,

204
00:12:45,180 --> 00:12:49,650
the name "Thompson"
only appears once.

205
00:12:49,650 --> 00:12:51,900
Otherwise, probably the
wall wasn't big enough.

206
00:12:51,900 --> 00:12:54,750
Or the letters would
have been that small.

207
00:12:54,750 --> 00:13:00,420
And so our family
name was on there.

208
00:13:00,420 --> 00:13:04,590
And I, of course, phoned
earlier and said what was it.

209
00:13:04,590 --> 00:13:07,660
And they explained to me what
it was prior to visiting it.

210
00:13:07,660 --> 00:13:11,220
And they have a
record room, where

211
00:13:11,220 --> 00:13:15,210
you can go and find or
get a copy of the records.

212

00:13:15,210 --> 00:13:20,280

And I said it was January 1--

213

00:13:20,280 --> 00:13:28,020

no, December 31, December 31.

214

00:13:28,020 --> 00:13:29,520

There was, of course,
no time frame.

215

00:13:29,520 --> 00:13:30,540

He offered to make it.

216

00:13:30,540 --> 00:13:33,210

I said fine, and
he made a photocopy

217

00:13:33,210 --> 00:13:35,430

of that particular page.

218

00:13:35,430 --> 00:13:40,380

And he mailed it to my
daughter, and she faxed it to me

219

00:13:40,380 --> 00:13:41,610

yesterday.

220

00:13:41,610 --> 00:13:45,990

And so they have a
record where you can go.

221

00:13:45,990 --> 00:13:50,100

And then you'll find basically
the same information.

222

00:13:50,100 --> 00:13:51,060

Is that your--

223

00:13:51,060 --> 00:13:52,490

Of my mother and
my older brother.

224
00:13:52,490 --> 00:13:53,820
Yeah.

225
00:13:53,820 --> 00:13:55,414
Did you find your name?

226
00:13:55,414 --> 00:13:57,690
No, only those that
did not return--

227
00:13:57,690 --> 00:14:00,740

228
00:14:00,740 --> 00:14:03,690
only those that did not return.

229
00:14:03,690 --> 00:14:10,417
So Janowitz, the family that
my dad got to go with us,

230
00:14:10,417 --> 00:14:12,500
their name doesn't appear
because the whole family

231
00:14:12,500 --> 00:14:14,270
came back.

232
00:14:14,270 --> 00:14:17,780
The rabbi, Rabinovitch, it's
on there because he and his son

233
00:14:17,780 --> 00:14:19,860
came back.

234
00:14:19,860 --> 00:14:21,020
His wife died.

235
00:14:21,020 --> 00:14:25,250
So if a member of a family--

236
00:14:25,250 --> 00:14:27,500

and Erlichmans-- we are
basically the only Erlichmans,

237
00:14:27,500 --> 00:14:29,240
anyway.

238
00:14:29,240 --> 00:14:32,940
But if they were Rabinovitch,
there might have been eight.

239
00:14:32,940 --> 00:14:35,750
And the name of it
only appears once.

240
00:14:35,750 --> 00:14:43,363
Then you go into particulars,
first name and date of birth,

241
00:14:43,363 --> 00:14:44,780
which was incorrect
for my mother.

242
00:14:44,780 --> 00:14:50,810
But I'll send them a
fax today or tomorrow,

243
00:14:50,810 --> 00:14:56,900
seeing whether or
not, even though it's

244
00:14:56,900 --> 00:14:59,900
very difficult for people.

245
00:14:59,900 --> 00:15:04,850
If it is on paper,
it's like in marble.

246
00:15:04,850 --> 00:15:07,100
Even if I come and say
my birthday of my mother

247
00:15:07,100 --> 00:15:11,075
was not May--

248
00:15:11,075 --> 00:15:12,450
wait a minute--
what does it say?

249
00:15:12,450 --> 00:15:16,500

250
00:15:16,500 --> 00:15:25,070
19-- no, the 15th
of May, 1904, it's

251
00:15:25,070 --> 00:15:32,270
wrong because my mother was born
April 19, because my father's

252
00:15:32,270 --> 00:15:34,940
birthday was April 15.

253
00:15:34,940 --> 00:15:39,650
Hers was April 19, and
that was their wedding day.

254
00:15:39,650 --> 00:15:42,440
So then she wasn't
born in Moscow.

255
00:15:42,440 --> 00:15:44,240
She was born in Kyiv.

256
00:15:44,240 --> 00:15:46,880
That's a mistake.

257
00:15:46,880 --> 00:15:51,140
And also, I don't think
she was born in 1904.

258
00:15:51,140 --> 00:15:53,840
I think she was born in 1905.

259
00:15:53,840 --> 00:15:55,340
She was 26 when I was born.

260
00:15:55,340 --> 00:15:59,600
So I have to mathematically
go back and see.

261
00:15:59,600 --> 00:16:02,420
If she was 26 when I was
born in '31, take it back.

262
00:16:02,420 --> 00:16:06,260
So it must have been 1905.

263
00:16:06,260 --> 00:16:08,270
Do you know where
they got these dates?

264
00:16:08,270 --> 00:16:08,780
No.

265
00:16:08,780 --> 00:16:10,040
No, no, no.

266
00:16:10,040 --> 00:16:18,920
But people are--
they like status quo.

267
00:16:18,920 --> 00:16:20,210
It's there.

268
00:16:20,210 --> 00:16:22,460
So I come and I said,
look, that's wrong.

269
00:16:22,460 --> 00:16:23,240
I'm sorry.

270
00:16:23,240 --> 00:16:24,230
That's the way it is.

271
00:16:24,230 --> 00:16:26,330
Look, it's a mistake.

272

00:16:26,330 --> 00:16:29,300

I don't care, we don't
care, blah, blah, blah.

273

00:16:29,300 --> 00:16:31,220

Where did you get
your information?

274

00:16:31,220 --> 00:16:32,990

Oh, it's from a proper source.

275

00:16:32,990 --> 00:16:35,120

Yeah, but it's wrong.

276

00:16:35,120 --> 00:16:39,410

You need two sticks
of dynamite in order

277

00:16:39,410 --> 00:16:45,230

to get people to accept the
fact that what's there written

278

00:16:45,230 --> 00:16:46,790

or what their
opinion, it's wrong.

279

00:16:46,790 --> 00:16:52,460

So I will basically give
them the information,

280

00:16:52,460 --> 00:16:54,950

tell them that I doubt whether
the bureaucratic system will

281

00:16:54,950 --> 00:17:00,680

allow them to correct something
that somebody put there.

282

00:17:00,680 --> 00:17:04,040

It's not a world-shocking event
if they leave it as it is.

283

00:17:04,040 --> 00:17:06,480
But if you do it, you might
as well do it properly.

284
00:17:06,480 --> 00:17:09,690
So please correct it.

285
00:17:09,690 --> 00:17:13,700
I'm not-- I don't care,
because I wonder where

286
00:17:13,700 --> 00:17:15,060
they got that information.

287
00:17:15,060 --> 00:17:16,609
I don't know.

288
00:17:16,609 --> 00:17:19,482
I don't know.

289
00:17:19,482 --> 00:17:21,440
Finding out this information
about your brother

290
00:17:21,440 --> 00:17:24,500
and seeing this
sort of memorial,

291
00:17:24,500 --> 00:17:27,060
does that give you some
sense of completion?

292
00:17:27,060 --> 00:17:27,560
No.

293
00:17:27,560 --> 00:17:28,490
No, no, no.

294
00:17:28,490 --> 00:17:29,520
The memorial-- no.

295
00:17:29,520 --> 00:17:33,570

No memorial-- a number of names.

296
00:17:33,570 --> 00:17:34,070
No.

297
00:17:34,070 --> 00:17:37,430

298
00:17:37,430 --> 00:17:44,000
My older brother, it's
a period like the period

299
00:17:44,000 --> 00:17:46,627
at the end of the
sentence, most likely.

300
00:17:46,627 --> 00:17:47,960
It means that he didn't survive.

301
00:17:47,960 --> 00:17:48,460
We know.

302
00:17:48,460 --> 00:17:51,150

303
00:17:51,150 --> 00:17:57,025
But when and if I do
want to burn a candle,

304
00:17:57,025 --> 00:17:57,900
at least have a date.

305
00:17:57,900 --> 00:18:01,560

306
00:18:01,560 --> 00:18:05,840
So it's basically
David that does that.

307
00:18:05,840 --> 00:18:11,930
No, but it was a coincidence,
the day after I was here.

308
00:18:11,930 --> 00:18:12,520
That was it.

309
00:18:12,520 --> 00:18:20,220

310
00:18:20,220 --> 00:18:20,720
That was it.

311
00:18:20,720 --> 00:18:25,060

312
00:18:25,060 --> 00:18:28,030
Shall we go back to where
we left off last week?

313
00:18:28,030 --> 00:18:31,540
You had just finished
describing the wonderful feeling

314
00:18:31,540 --> 00:18:34,840
you and your brother had as
you jumped into a feather bed

315
00:18:34,840 --> 00:18:36,730
at one of the homes that you--

316
00:18:36,730 --> 00:18:37,900
Yeah, the white sheets.

317
00:18:37,900 --> 00:18:40,730
Yeah, the white sheets.

318
00:18:40,730 --> 00:18:44,230
What happened after you
stayed in those homes?

319
00:18:44,230 --> 00:18:47,050
I think we stayed
there for about a week.

320

00:18:47,050 --> 00:18:53,800
And then the US army overall--

321

00:18:53,800 --> 00:18:55,960
not just there, but
overall-- started

322

00:18:55,960 --> 00:19:00,460
repatriating the prisoners.

323

00:19:00,460 --> 00:19:11,640
So we're put on a truck
and driven to Wurzburg.

324

00:19:11,640 --> 00:19:14,900

325

00:19:14,900 --> 00:19:16,850
And I remember that ride.

326

00:19:16,850 --> 00:19:21,080

327

00:19:21,080 --> 00:19:22,970
I know we took some
mountain roads.

328

00:19:22,970 --> 00:19:25,125
The freeway-- the
highways or Autobahn,

329

00:19:25,125 --> 00:19:26,250
they were basically bombed.

330

00:19:26,250 --> 00:19:28,170
So there was not
a lot of traffic.

331

00:19:28,170 --> 00:19:33,530
So you had to go on byways
and highways and roads.

332

00:19:33,530 --> 00:19:39,680

And we took corners on
two wheels and driving

333

00:19:39,680 --> 00:19:41,510

with one hand and a cigarette.

334

00:19:41,510 --> 00:19:42,260

It was funny.

335

00:19:42,260 --> 00:19:45,825

And we enjoyed that,
because we could look.

336

00:19:45,825 --> 00:19:46,700

It was an open truck.

337

00:19:46,700 --> 00:19:47,900

So you could look.

338

00:19:47,900 --> 00:19:50,688

You could see the elbow out
of the window and a cigarette.

339

00:19:50,688 --> 00:19:51,980

So he's holding that cigarette.

340

00:19:51,980 --> 00:19:55,520

Hopefully, it's the other
hand on the steering wheel.

341

00:19:55,520 --> 00:19:59,060

So we got to Wurzburg.

342

00:19:59,060 --> 00:20:05,600

And that is a general collecting
area for Dutch, Belgian,

343

00:20:05,600 --> 00:20:08,790

and French prisoners.

344

00:20:08,790 --> 00:20:14,180
And in the collecting area
were German army barracks

345
00:20:14,180 --> 00:20:14,990
on top of a hill.

346
00:20:14,990 --> 00:20:16,880
I remember, that was not bombed.

347
00:20:16,880 --> 00:20:21,710

348
00:20:21,710 --> 00:20:23,300
They probably decided
not to bomb it.

349
00:20:23,300 --> 00:20:25,160
They could use it
once they came in.

350
00:20:25,160 --> 00:20:27,793

351
00:20:27,793 --> 00:20:29,210
And then we met
some of the people

352
00:20:29,210 --> 00:20:33,920
that were taken earlier from
our camp on the march back

353
00:20:33,920 --> 00:20:37,650
and that were
subsequently liberated.

354
00:20:37,650 --> 00:20:39,150
So we went met the
other ones again.

355
00:20:39,150 --> 00:20:42,450
We met some other people.

356

00:20:42,450 --> 00:20:48,820

And I think we stayed
also about a week.

357

00:20:48,820 --> 00:20:51,900

Then we were put on a train.

358

00:20:51,900 --> 00:20:54,400

Now, you were being
given the food you need?

359

00:20:54,400 --> 00:20:54,900

Oh, yeah.

360

00:20:54,900 --> 00:20:55,608

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

361

00:20:55,608 --> 00:20:57,725

That was under not British--

362

00:20:57,725 --> 00:20:58,350

was it British?

363

00:20:58,350 --> 00:20:58,892

I don't know.

364

00:20:58,892 --> 00:21:01,660

I think it was American.

365

00:21:01,660 --> 00:21:05,700

No, I know we're still in the
American-occupied territory.

366

00:21:05,700 --> 00:21:07,180

Yeah.

367

00:21:07,180 --> 00:21:10,330

Yeah, the British
were further up north.

368

00:21:10,330 --> 00:21:12,100

And the French had a
section in the south.

369
00:21:12,100 --> 00:21:15,280

370
00:21:15,280 --> 00:21:21,570
Yeah, we were fed and then the
paperwork and names and dates

371
00:21:21,570 --> 00:21:23,600
and piece of paper.

372
00:21:23,600 --> 00:21:26,925

373
00:21:26,925 --> 00:21:28,675
Do you remember any
specific conversations

374
00:21:28,675 --> 00:21:32,090
with any of the soldiers
or how they treated you?

375
00:21:32,090 --> 00:21:34,090
No.

376
00:21:34,090 --> 00:21:38,740
Oh, after we were liberated in
Weissenberg-- yes, Wurzburg.

377
00:21:38,740 --> 00:21:40,660
Yes.

378
00:21:40,660 --> 00:21:45,040
I mentioned that they set
up anti-aircraft battery

379
00:21:45,040 --> 00:21:45,910
outside of camp.

380
00:21:45,910 --> 00:21:53,470

And there were on the
crew, I don't know, six.

381
00:21:53,470 --> 00:21:57,540
And there was one I used to
sit practically all day daily,

382
00:21:57,540 --> 00:22:00,360
as long as we still
were in Wurzburg.

383
00:22:00,360 --> 00:22:01,740
And we chatted.

384
00:22:01,740 --> 00:22:04,140
I know he came from Chicago.

385
00:22:04,140 --> 00:22:05,700
In fact, I knew the name.

386
00:22:05,700 --> 00:22:06,780
I asked him for the name.

387
00:22:06,780 --> 00:22:10,260
And we chatted-- talked and
talked and talked and talked.

388
00:22:10,260 --> 00:22:11,370
And I had a name.

389
00:22:11,370 --> 00:22:14,250
He was from Chicago.

390
00:22:14,250 --> 00:22:18,040
And yes, there was
nothing else to do.

391
00:22:18,040 --> 00:22:20,560
So there was not a lot
of coming and going.

392
00:22:20,560 --> 00:22:23,190

You were basically
sitting there.

393
00:22:23,190 --> 00:22:26,328
And we were basically waiting
to see what happened to us.

394
00:22:26,328 --> 00:22:27,370
Do you remember his name?

395
00:22:27,370 --> 00:22:28,110
No, no, no.

396
00:22:28,110 --> 00:22:29,760
It's a pity.

397
00:22:29,760 --> 00:22:33,780
And when we got
back to Chicago, I

398
00:22:33,780 --> 00:22:39,450
said, god, then going
through channels

399
00:22:39,450 --> 00:22:43,450
to find out what anti-aircraft
battery was stationed there

400
00:22:43,450 --> 00:22:46,308
at that point in time and
what, blah, blah, blah.

401
00:22:46,308 --> 00:22:51,080

402
00:22:51,080 --> 00:22:52,380
I just got married.

403
00:22:52,380 --> 00:22:54,590
So there were other
priorities that that was not

404

00:22:54,590 --> 00:23:04,560
that uppermost in my mind,
like the feel of when

405
00:23:04,560 --> 00:23:08,580
the journals were found.

406
00:23:08,580 --> 00:23:16,350
That was also an army
person for a record.

407
00:23:16,350 --> 00:23:18,240
So that should also
be in the archives.

408
00:23:18,240 --> 00:23:21,510
So it's basically a matter of
taking the time and the effort

409
00:23:21,510 --> 00:23:25,270
and and then what?

410
00:23:25,270 --> 00:23:26,020
It doesn't change.

411
00:23:26,020 --> 00:23:28,700
So I would have
looked him up if I

412
00:23:28,700 --> 00:23:30,330
had remembered the
name throughout,

413
00:23:30,330 --> 00:23:33,260
because by the time,
it was in the '50s.

414
00:23:33,260 --> 00:23:36,650
And probably, there was
a small piece of paper

415
00:23:36,650 --> 00:23:37,670
that I kept in a wallet.

416
00:23:37,670 --> 00:23:42,660
And by the time you open up,
you can't read it anymore.

417
00:23:42,660 --> 00:23:46,210
And I was 13, anyway.

418
00:23:46,210 --> 00:23:54,630
So no, we chatted for, I don't
know, three days, all day,

419
00:23:54,630 --> 00:23:59,730
also because it allowed me
to improve our mingling.

420
00:23:59,730 --> 00:24:00,870
And he was nice.

421
00:24:00,870 --> 00:24:02,430
I remember that.

422
00:24:02,430 --> 00:24:11,100
So no, in Wurzburg, it
was basically hectic.

423
00:24:11,100 --> 00:24:14,880
I remember the hectic
movement and coming and going

424
00:24:14,880 --> 00:24:18,630
and trucks and people being
brought in and being assigned

425
00:24:18,630 --> 00:24:23,100
and trucks leaving
to the train station.

426
00:24:23,100 --> 00:24:28,770
And they were taken back to
France and Holland and Belgium.

427

00:24:28,770 --> 00:24:32,640
And I think we
were also one week.

428
00:24:32,640 --> 00:24:36,480
And then they put
us on a train back

429
00:24:36,480 --> 00:24:42,255
to Holland and
also freight cars.

430
00:24:42,255 --> 00:24:44,800

431
00:24:44,800 --> 00:24:47,260
And that's also
when my dad cooked.

432
00:24:47,260 --> 00:24:49,835
When we stopped, they said, OK.

433
00:24:49,835 --> 00:24:51,210
Everybody in their
assigned seat.

434
00:24:51,210 --> 00:24:52,790
We'll be here for two hours.

435
00:24:52,790 --> 00:25:00,780
And my dad, I remember
making lunch, a warm meal.

436
00:25:00,780 --> 00:25:06,460
And the bridges were bombed.

437
00:25:06,460 --> 00:25:10,600
So we went over Bailey
bridges and British--

438
00:25:10,600 --> 00:25:12,250
I mean Bailey bridge.

439

00:25:12,250 --> 00:25:16,250

So it was just the width
of the rail, the track.

440

00:25:16,250 --> 00:25:19,630

So if you looked over, you
didn't see anything but water.

441

00:25:19,630 --> 00:25:22,375

So I always hoped
that it'd still

442

00:25:22,375 --> 00:25:24,250

be there, the next piece
will still be there,

443

00:25:24,250 --> 00:25:26,990

because you couldn't tell.

444

00:25:26,990 --> 00:25:34,700

And I don't remember how
Amsterdam was liberated or not.

445

00:25:34,700 --> 00:25:38,650

I know that they took us to
a city in Holland, Tilburg,

446

00:25:38,650 --> 00:25:43,600

southern Holland, because
they couldn't take us

447

00:25:43,600 --> 00:25:45,700

to Amsterdam yet.

448

00:25:45,700 --> 00:25:48,130

I don't know why.

449

00:25:48,130 --> 00:25:50,230

Whether organization-wise,
they were not ready,

450

00:25:50,230 --> 00:25:54,580

whether the Germans were
still there, I don't know.

451
00:25:54,580 --> 00:25:58,510
I know that we
stayed for a while.

452
00:25:58,510 --> 00:26:02,230
I think maybe two weeks--

453
00:26:02,230 --> 00:26:05,240
two weeks, we stayed there.

454
00:26:05,240 --> 00:26:13,070
And then by then--

455
00:26:13,070 --> 00:26:15,410
oh, yeah.

456
00:26:15,410 --> 00:26:19,970
Everybody report there that
you're leaving tomorrow.

457
00:26:19,970 --> 00:26:21,710
It's too late--
day after tomorrow.

458
00:26:21,710 --> 00:26:25,790
I think three times,
we were advised that we

459
00:26:25,790 --> 00:26:30,480
would be taken to Amsterdam.

460
00:26:30,480 --> 00:26:38,580
And then finally, by the
river, by river traffic,

461
00:26:38,580 --> 00:26:42,090
they had a big barge,
a freight barge.

462

00:26:42,090 --> 00:26:51,650
And they took us to Amsterdam
and to find the rail station,

463
00:26:51,650 --> 00:26:54,965
because the River
Rhine and the mass--

464
00:26:54,965 --> 00:26:58,040

465
00:26:58,040 --> 00:27:04,154
so you can go by river
to Amsterdam or on.

466
00:27:04,154 --> 00:27:10,570
And there was-- there,
they had buses the names.

467
00:27:10,570 --> 00:27:14,020
And the bus would then drop off.

468
00:27:14,020 --> 00:27:15,720
People had given addresses.

469
00:27:15,720 --> 00:27:19,450
Whether it was their address
or a relative's address,

470
00:27:19,450 --> 00:27:20,465
I don't know.

471
00:27:20,465 --> 00:27:21,340
We were the last one.

472
00:27:21,340 --> 00:27:27,430
They took us to what used
to be a Jewish hospital,

473
00:27:27,430 --> 00:27:33,880
the Portuguese Israeli
Athletic Hospital,

474

00:27:33,880 --> 00:27:36,820

because, as I told
you, Holland had

475

00:27:36,820 --> 00:27:41,595

a large percentage
of Portuguese or what

476

00:27:41,595 --> 00:27:46,500

I think the Dutch would call
Portuguese Jews, Sephardim.

477

00:27:46,500 --> 00:27:50,220

And that was empty.

478

00:27:50,220 --> 00:27:53,790

So there, we were dropped off.

479

00:27:53,790 --> 00:27:58,170

480

00:27:58,170 --> 00:28:04,950

And then it was basically a
matter of finding an apartment.

481

00:28:04,950 --> 00:28:07,980

Now, was there an
organization there that was--

482

00:28:07,980 --> 00:28:11,370

In that building,
there was a cook.

483

00:28:11,370 --> 00:28:15,270

There were about--
it wasn't full.

484

00:28:15,270 --> 00:28:22,830

There might have been 25
people, 30, something like this.

485

00:28:22,830 --> 00:28:26,410

486
00:28:26,410 --> 00:28:31,660
So we're two to a
room, a kid my own age.

487
00:28:31,660 --> 00:28:36,790
So we turned out to be friends
for quite a number of years.

488
00:28:36,790 --> 00:28:42,650
And no, then we had breakfast
and lunch and dinner.

489
00:28:42,650 --> 00:28:45,220
And that was it.

490
00:28:45,220 --> 00:28:46,720
And then, of course,
it was a matter

491
00:28:46,720 --> 00:28:48,490
of finding a place to live.

492
00:28:48,490 --> 00:28:49,760
Did they help you with that?

493
00:28:49,760 --> 00:28:51,140
I think they did.

494
00:28:51,140 --> 00:28:51,640
Yes.

495
00:28:51,640 --> 00:28:55,300
But what do they say?

496
00:28:55,300 --> 00:28:58,900
If you don't have fingers,
you can't make a fist.

497
00:28:58,900 --> 00:29:01,860
There was nothing.

498
00:29:01,860 --> 00:29:03,310
Was there a name--

499
00:29:03,310 --> 00:29:05,920
was there a specific
organization there that--

500
00:29:05,920 --> 00:29:09,940
No, I think it was
basically the city.

501
00:29:09,940 --> 00:29:11,215
I don't know.

502
00:29:11,215 --> 00:29:13,750
My dad handled it.

503
00:29:13,750 --> 00:29:15,510
I don't know.

504
00:29:15,510 --> 00:29:21,930
But of course, there
were not any partners.

505
00:29:21,930 --> 00:29:26,820
In the latter part of
the war, end of '45,

506
00:29:26,820 --> 00:29:31,960
I told you as Holland
suffered very much.

507
00:29:31,960 --> 00:29:37,190
And at the end, they were eating
tulip bulbs and birch trees,

508
00:29:37,190 --> 00:29:42,260
the bark, to where,
I don't know,

509
00:29:42,260 --> 00:29:47,270

April or March or
April, the Americans

510
00:29:47,270 --> 00:29:54,350
requested a two-day armistice so
they could drop food with DC-3s

511
00:29:54,350 --> 00:29:57,980
to the west of Amsterdam.

512
00:29:57,980 --> 00:30:03,800
And the German general, of
course, they know they lost.

513
00:30:03,800 --> 00:30:06,050
So he agreed to that.

514
00:30:06,050 --> 00:30:07,190
And they dropped food.

515
00:30:07,190 --> 00:30:09,910

516
00:30:09,910 --> 00:30:12,000
So it was very bad.

517
00:30:12,000 --> 00:30:14,260
Then the winter-- the last
winters were very cold.

518
00:30:14,260 --> 00:30:16,170
Of course, there was
no coal, no wood.

519
00:30:16,170 --> 00:30:19,110
So what they did
is they stripped

520
00:30:19,110 --> 00:30:25,700
the empty houses that
Jewish people had lived in

521

00:30:25,700 --> 00:30:28,280
and the door, door
frames, window frames,

522
00:30:28,280 --> 00:30:30,570
any piece of wood.

523
00:30:30,570 --> 00:30:32,360
So the whole house
subsequently collapsed

524
00:30:32,360 --> 00:30:36,470
when the planks were gone
and the door frames, windows.

525
00:30:36,470 --> 00:30:39,690

526
00:30:39,690 --> 00:30:42,330
The railroad-- the streetcar,
I remember the tracks.

527
00:30:42,330 --> 00:30:48,560

528
00:30:48,560 --> 00:30:51,950
It was paved or asphalt
until the rails.

529
00:30:51,950 --> 00:30:53,450
And then between
the rails, they had

530
00:30:53,450 --> 00:31:01,990
wooden bitumen-coated
wooden blocks,

531
00:31:01,990 --> 00:31:05,410
two inches by two
inches by three inches,

532
00:31:05,410 --> 00:31:09,250
between the two tracks I think

basically because the fact

533

00:31:09,250 --> 00:31:13,060

that it would allow
for maintenance easier

534

00:31:13,060 --> 00:31:19,150

or for expansion and
dilation of the metal track.

535

00:31:19,150 --> 00:31:20,650

Those were all gone.

536

00:31:20,650 --> 00:31:22,720

Those were all gone.

537

00:31:22,720 --> 00:31:28,130

That's the way they
tried to heat themselves.

538

00:31:28,130 --> 00:31:32,210

So apartment-- it
took quite a while.

539

00:31:32,210 --> 00:31:38,530

In fact, Holland even
today, suppose you marry.

540

00:31:38,530 --> 00:31:40,360

You may have to wait
three years until you

541

00:31:40,360 --> 00:31:45,690

get an apartment-- two and
a half, two and a half.

542

00:31:45,690 --> 00:31:52,020

And right after the war,
Holland promoted immigration.

543

00:31:52,020 --> 00:31:52,800

Go to Canada.

544

00:31:52,800 --> 00:31:54,960

Go to South Africa
and Australia.

545

00:31:54,960 --> 00:31:57,020

We'll pay you 10,000 francs.

546

00:31:57,020 --> 00:31:57,520

Get out.

547

00:31:57,520 --> 00:31:59,980

Just get out-- overcrowded.

548

00:31:59,980 --> 00:32:08,070

And that is why they did not
support any or assist or allow

549

00:32:08,070 --> 00:32:10,575

any building of housing.

550

00:32:10,575 --> 00:32:12,330

And people were
married for four years

551

00:32:12,330 --> 00:32:14,610

and living with their in-laws.

552

00:32:14,610 --> 00:32:18,120

And then out of misery,
they would emigrate--

553

00:32:18,120 --> 00:32:23,010

Canada and Australian.

554

00:32:23,010 --> 00:32:25,410

And the Australian and
the Canadian government,

555

00:32:25,410 --> 00:32:28,050

well, they're
underpopulated, anyway.

556

00:32:28,050 --> 00:32:30,690

And they would
contribute with no taxes.

557

00:32:30,690 --> 00:32:33,010

And a lot of farmers went.

558

00:32:33,010 --> 00:32:37,170

A lot of people went,
basically, because it

559

00:32:37,170 --> 00:32:41,490

was a Dutch policy,
government policy, not

560

00:32:41,490 --> 00:32:44,250

to make it easier for people--

561

00:32:44,250 --> 00:32:47,520

to make it easy for
people to emigrate.

562

00:32:47,520 --> 00:32:49,470

And that goes until today.

563

00:32:49,470 --> 00:32:51,670

You cross the
border into Belgium,

564

00:32:51,670 --> 00:32:55,590

you have the same problem
in another format.

565

00:32:55,590 --> 00:33:00,280

In Belgium, there are no
government restrictions.

566

00:33:00,280 --> 00:33:03,540

So the problem there is
you look at six apartments.

567

00:33:03,540 --> 00:33:05,910

You don't know
which one to take.

568
00:33:05,910 --> 00:33:10,380
You can rent three,
if you want to pay.

569
00:33:10,380 --> 00:33:14,250
And one mile across,
one kilometer across,

570
00:33:14,250 --> 00:33:17,040
you wait three years.

571
00:33:17,040 --> 00:33:18,250
Even today, you cannot.

572
00:33:18,250 --> 00:33:19,890
Even today, you can't.

573
00:33:19,890 --> 00:33:20,850
You have to register.

574
00:33:20,850 --> 00:33:21,810
And they look at you.

575
00:33:21,810 --> 00:33:24,960
And they say, OK, one person.

576
00:33:24,960 --> 00:33:27,940
We'll let you know.

577
00:33:27,940 --> 00:33:32,440
And no, it's still I think
the only country in the world

578
00:33:32,440 --> 00:33:35,730
where they still have this.

579
00:33:35,730 --> 00:33:37,620
So how long did
you stay at this?

580
00:33:37,620 --> 00:33:41,050

581
00:33:41,050 --> 00:33:42,030
I don't know.

582
00:33:42,030 --> 00:33:46,440

583
00:33:46,440 --> 00:33:47,420
I don't know.

584
00:33:47,420 --> 00:33:53,330

585
00:33:53,330 --> 00:33:55,340
I'd say about six months--
six, seven months.

586
00:33:55,340 --> 00:33:58,760

587
00:33:58,760 --> 00:34:04,700
And then we still didn't
have an apartment.

588
00:34:04,700 --> 00:34:08,449
But in the meantime,
my dad became friendly

589
00:34:08,449 --> 00:34:13,040
with a family, a Russian
family, a couple,

590
00:34:13,040 --> 00:34:18,980
and very good friends.

591
00:34:18,980 --> 00:34:22,370
And then, of course, he wanted
to return to the United States

592

00:34:22,370 --> 00:34:26,840

to see what happened
to his parents.

593

00:34:26,840 --> 00:34:30,560

He couldn't take
Joe and me along.

594

00:34:30,560 --> 00:34:34,179

Did he have any communication
with them, letters or--

595

00:34:34,179 --> 00:34:35,710

No.

596

00:34:35,710 --> 00:34:36,710

He may have had letters.

597

00:34:36,710 --> 00:34:39,980

But then, of course,
it didn't mean anything

598

00:34:39,980 --> 00:34:42,380

because my grandpa--

599

00:34:42,380 --> 00:34:48,110

father-- had
already died in '44.

600

00:34:48,110 --> 00:34:56,808

And my grandmother was
still alive, but had--

601

00:34:56,808 --> 00:34:58,100

I don't know what it would be--

602

00:34:58,100 --> 00:34:59,805

Alzheimer's.

603

00:34:59,805 --> 00:35:02,180

When he finally got there,
she didn't even recognize him.

604
00:35:02,180 --> 00:35:03,950
She did not recognize him.

605
00:35:03,950 --> 00:35:06,700
She didn't know who he was.

606
00:35:06,700 --> 00:35:10,970
And given the fact that they
only had three kids, anyway--

607
00:35:10,970 --> 00:35:14,420
my uncle-- a brother
and a sister--

608
00:35:14,420 --> 00:35:16,650
she didn't recognize him.

609
00:35:16,650 --> 00:35:17,765
And I think she died--

610
00:35:17,765 --> 00:35:22,800

611
00:35:22,800 --> 00:35:27,790
she died in '47,
also in her 90s.

612
00:35:27,790 --> 00:35:33,360
And so he may have written.

613
00:35:33,360 --> 00:35:37,290
But then where do they live?

614
00:35:37,290 --> 00:35:41,910
Do they still live where
they lived in 1940?

615
00:35:41,910 --> 00:35:47,168
So writing is one thing
my dad-- no, no, no.

616

00:35:47,168 --> 00:35:48,960

I do it personally,
and then I get it done.

617

00:35:48,960 --> 00:35:52,200

618

00:35:52,200 --> 00:35:56,710

The only thing was, of
course, getting to the US.

619

00:35:56,710 --> 00:36:00,860

All the ships were used
to take back the GIs home.

620

00:36:00,860 --> 00:36:04,330

So there was no United
Airlines, no Air France,

621

00:36:04,330 --> 00:36:07,900

no Pan Am that you booked.

622

00:36:07,900 --> 00:36:10,630

There was no passenger air
transportation, period.

623

00:36:10,630 --> 00:36:12,190

It was by ship.

624

00:36:12,190 --> 00:36:15,150

And they used every
available ship--

625

00:36:15,150 --> 00:36:17,710

the Queen Elizabeth
and the New--

626

00:36:17,710 --> 00:36:21,160

all the shipping was
used for bringing back.

627

00:36:21,160 --> 00:36:26,030

628

00:36:26,030 --> 00:36:31,190

But my father being my father,
he got a cabin on a freighter.

629

00:36:31,190 --> 00:36:34,280

And that's why he
did make it back.

630

00:36:34,280 --> 00:36:36,590

And who did he leave,
you and your brother?

631

00:36:36,590 --> 00:36:40,220

And that couple, they said, OK.

632

00:36:40,220 --> 00:36:41,370

Have them move in with us.

633

00:36:41,370 --> 00:36:45,743

So we lived with them
for about two years.

634

00:36:45,743 --> 00:36:46,910

Do you remember their names?

635

00:36:46,910 --> 00:36:48,580

Oh, yeah.

636

00:36:48,580 --> 00:36:49,488

Hochinov.

637

00:36:49,488 --> 00:36:50,030

What is that?

638

00:36:50,030 --> 00:36:54,300

Hochinov, the Russian couple.

639

00:36:54,300 --> 00:36:54,960

He died.

640

00:36:54,960 --> 00:36:59,860

641

00:36:59,860 --> 00:37:01,710

Did you get back
into school or--

642

00:37:01,710 --> 00:37:02,210

Yeah.

643

00:37:02,210 --> 00:37:04,360

Then I got back into school.

644

00:37:04,360 --> 00:37:10,210

And that had, of
course, its angles.

645

00:37:10,210 --> 00:37:17,657

You see, whatever you heard
about Germany is true.

646

00:37:17,657 --> 00:37:20,560

647

00:37:20,560 --> 00:37:23,030

They are precise.

648

00:37:23,030 --> 00:37:25,130

And they go by the book.

649

00:37:25,130 --> 00:37:26,025

That's it.

650

00:37:26,025 --> 00:37:27,650

Somebody told you,
and that's the book.

651

00:37:27,650 --> 00:37:28,150

That's it.

652

00:37:28,150 --> 00:37:31,560

653

00:37:31,560 --> 00:37:36,810

The rules were made by people
for people and through people.

654

00:37:36,810 --> 00:37:39,690

This plays any role whatsoever.

655

00:37:39,690 --> 00:37:43,340

It's written, and that's it.

656

00:37:43,340 --> 00:37:44,930

The Dutch have the same root.

657

00:37:44,930 --> 00:37:47,820

658

00:37:47,820 --> 00:37:53,950

They're also Germanic,
which is strange.

659

00:37:53,950 --> 00:37:59,430

There are also the Danes and the
Swedes, but they are different.

660

00:37:59,430 --> 00:38:08,170

So what happened
when we got back,

661

00:38:08,170 --> 00:38:14,010

my dad had a friend
whose son went to--

662

00:38:14,010 --> 00:38:17,630

663

00:38:17,630 --> 00:38:21,680

let us say-- let's take
the reputation of Stanford

664

00:38:21,680 --> 00:38:27,230

University, not countrywide,
but in this area,

665
00:38:27,230 --> 00:38:29,738
it's I think Berkeley.

666
00:38:29,738 --> 00:38:31,280
I'm not going to
argue, but let's say

667
00:38:31,280 --> 00:38:38,210
it's the most prestigious
university in this area.

668
00:38:38,210 --> 00:38:45,030
And there was a
gymnasium, a high school,

669
00:38:45,030 --> 00:38:49,130
which was called the
Amsterdam Lyceum.

670
00:38:49,130 --> 00:38:55,520
And it had the same
reputation, which means

671
00:38:55,520 --> 00:38:57,560
the mayor's son went there.

672
00:38:57,560 --> 00:39:02,030
And the Minister of the
Interior's kids went there.

673
00:39:02,030 --> 00:39:03,890
Assuming the American
ambassador's kids,

674
00:39:03,890 --> 00:39:04,970
then they would go there.

675
00:39:04,970 --> 00:39:08,050
It was for the
creme de la creme.

676
00:39:08,050 --> 00:39:10,890
So a plain little old--

677
00:39:10,890 --> 00:39:12,710
no way would he or
she be admitted.

678
00:39:12,710 --> 00:39:16,280

679
00:39:16,280 --> 00:39:21,920
But what happened is due to the
friendship and acquaintances,

680
00:39:21,920 --> 00:39:29,360
my dad wanted to have somebody
determine at what level had

681
00:39:29,360 --> 00:39:31,810
I progressed in the last camp.

682
00:39:31,810 --> 00:39:35,960
And I remember a friend
approached two teachers

683
00:39:35,960 --> 00:39:39,680
at that school
where his son went.

684
00:39:39,680 --> 00:39:44,990
And they tested me on two
days, something like this.

685
00:39:44,990 --> 00:39:50,410
And they said that
I had reached--

686
00:39:50,410 --> 00:39:50,910
OK.

687
00:39:50,910 --> 00:39:59,140

The schooling class is different
at six years elementary,

688
00:39:59,140 --> 00:40:06,300
and five years middle school--

689
00:40:06,300 --> 00:40:09,860
high school, not four, but five.

690
00:40:09,860 --> 00:40:15,680
Or if you went into vocational,
then you went to a three-year.

691
00:40:15,680 --> 00:40:18,110
But to go to a
university or college,

692
00:40:18,110 --> 00:40:21,500
you had to finish a five-year.

693
00:40:21,500 --> 00:40:30,220
And my level was third and
with the exception, of course,

694
00:40:30,220 --> 00:40:33,555
of Dutch and national history.

695
00:40:33,555 --> 00:40:36,280

696
00:40:36,280 --> 00:40:38,390
And Dutch is language and style.

697
00:40:38,390 --> 00:40:39,700
They have grammar and style.

698
00:40:39,700 --> 00:40:42,280
It's not one language class.

699
00:40:42,280 --> 00:40:43,920
It's got two language classes.

700

00:40:43,920 --> 00:40:46,348

701

00:40:46,348 --> 00:40:47,640

That, of course, I didn't know.

702

00:40:47,640 --> 00:40:49,710

I was way behind.

703

00:40:49,710 --> 00:40:53,490

But everything else,

I was way ahead.

704

00:40:53,490 --> 00:40:54,970

I don't know.

705

00:40:54,970 --> 00:40:56,490

But one day, I'm told, OK.

706

00:40:56,490 --> 00:40:58,140

Start tomorrow,
you go to school.

707

00:40:58,140 --> 00:41:00,760

708

00:41:00,760 --> 00:41:02,530

And I'm fine, great.

709

00:41:02,530 --> 00:41:06,250

710

00:41:06,250 --> 00:41:09,900

There was no public
transportation, none.

711

00:41:09,900 --> 00:41:12,590

You had to walk.

712

00:41:12,590 --> 00:41:17,150

And lunch was from 12:00

or from 2:00 to 4:00, 4:15.

713

00:41:17,150 --> 00:41:21,950
8:45 to 12:00, 1:45 to 4:15.

714

00:41:21,950 --> 00:41:24,100
So people-- everybody
went home for lunch.

715

00:41:24,100 --> 00:41:27,840

716

00:41:27,840 --> 00:41:29,640
But I had to walk
something like--

717

00:41:29,640 --> 00:41:30,330
I don't know.

718

00:41:30,330 --> 00:41:31,230
I wanted to do it.

719

00:41:31,230 --> 00:41:35,560
I've been kidding with my sons.

720

00:41:35,560 --> 00:41:38,970
They have a bike and they want
to be dropped off in the car.

721

00:41:38,970 --> 00:41:42,840
And when I say, when I was
your age, they say, yeah.

722

00:41:42,840 --> 00:41:47,880
Yeah, you walked in the
snow uphill both ways.

723

00:41:47,880 --> 00:41:50,880
And I wanted to
determine what was

724

00:41:50,880 --> 00:41:52,710

the mileage, how many
miles a kilometer

725
00:41:52,710 --> 00:41:59,805
it was from that building
and the temporary residence

726
00:41:59,805 --> 00:42:01,680
to school, because I
had to do it four times.

727
00:42:01,680 --> 00:42:04,220

728
00:42:04,220 --> 00:42:09,950
And then homework-- homework
not only the normal courses,

729
00:42:09,950 --> 00:42:13,820
but I had especially
to concentrate

730
00:42:13,820 --> 00:42:14,960
the makeup, catch-up.

731
00:42:14,960 --> 00:42:17,820

732
00:42:17,820 --> 00:42:24,880
My father being one of
those old-time dictators,

733
00:42:24,880 --> 00:42:26,280
I had to be-- how old was I?

734
00:42:26,280 --> 00:42:30,000
14-- had to be in bed by 7:30.

735
00:42:30,000 --> 00:42:32,820
If you consider that I come out
of school-- school is out 4:15.

736

00:42:32,820 --> 00:42:36,150

By the time I'm
back, it is 5:00.

737

00:42:36,150 --> 00:42:42,370

You have 20 minutes to
fool around, then dinner.

738

00:42:42,370 --> 00:42:44,440

I had 15 minutes to do my
homework and go to bed.

739

00:42:44,440 --> 00:42:48,982

And after a little, I said,
look, that's not going to work.

740

00:42:48,982 --> 00:42:49,690

What do you mean?

741

00:42:49,690 --> 00:42:51,750

I said, look, I'm not--

742

00:42:51,750 --> 00:42:54,000

so very magnanimously,
he said, OK.

743

00:42:54,000 --> 00:42:55,050

Fine.

744

00:42:55,050 --> 00:42:55,997

You go to bed at 8:00.

745

00:42:55,997 --> 00:42:57,330

He gave me another half an hour.

746

00:42:57,330 --> 00:43:03,980

747

00:43:03,980 --> 00:43:07,440

So it took me about five months.

748

00:43:07,440 --> 00:43:08,360

And then I caught up.

749

00:43:08,360 --> 00:43:11,800

750

00:43:11,800 --> 00:43:13,680

It took a lot of work.

751

00:43:13,680 --> 00:43:19,060

It was the same
thing like in a camp.

752

00:43:19,060 --> 00:43:22,360

My dad paid for it with
food for me to learn.

753

00:43:22,360 --> 00:43:27,400

754

00:43:27,400 --> 00:43:32,350

And I'm not going to
deny 20/20 hindsight

755

00:43:32,350 --> 00:43:40,910

that he might have done this
also to create the future--

756

00:43:40,910 --> 00:43:41,890

so nothing but death.

757

00:43:41,890 --> 00:43:43,630

And learn.

758

00:43:43,630 --> 00:43:46,000

You've got to learn
because later--

759

00:43:46,000 --> 00:43:49,460

so that he may have done this
for psychological reasons,

760

00:43:49,460 --> 00:43:49,960

as well.

761
00:43:49,960 --> 00:43:53,120
But it doesn't make
any difference.

762
00:43:53,120 --> 00:43:55,400
He paid for it in bread.

763
00:43:55,400 --> 00:43:56,920
So I had to study.

764
00:43:56,920 --> 00:43:59,590
Did your younger brother
go back to school, too?

765
00:43:59,590 --> 00:44:00,430
Yes.

766
00:44:00,430 --> 00:44:02,580
He went to elementary school.

767
00:44:02,580 --> 00:44:03,480
Yeah.

768
00:44:03,480 --> 00:44:05,480
Did your father have any
work that he was doing?

769
00:44:05,480 --> 00:44:06,280
No.

770
00:44:06,280 --> 00:44:07,150
No.

771
00:44:07,150 --> 00:44:09,220
Yes, my dad had a factory.

772
00:44:09,220 --> 00:44:12,950
So what could he do?

773

00:44:12,950 --> 00:44:16,910
He could get a job.

774
00:44:16,910 --> 00:44:20,200
His Dutch was not any
better than it was.

775
00:44:20,200 --> 00:44:23,500

776
00:44:23,500 --> 00:44:25,930
So how did you have money
for clothes and food?

777
00:44:25,930 --> 00:44:26,980
OK.

778
00:44:26,980 --> 00:44:30,780
First of all, there
was a reparation.

779
00:44:30,780 --> 00:44:35,650
First, he had insurance, pre-war
insurance on the factory--

780
00:44:35,650 --> 00:44:38,050
fire, theft, blah, blah, blah.

781
00:44:38,050 --> 00:44:41,290
And that, they had to pay.

782
00:44:41,290 --> 00:44:43,030
I remember.

783
00:44:43,030 --> 00:44:47,440
And I think he had it
insured for then in 1944

784
00:44:47,440 --> 00:44:51,833
10,000 guilders or \$10,000.

785
00:44:51,833 --> 00:44:53,750

I don't know what today's
equivalent would be.

786
00:44:53,750 --> 00:45:00,280

787
00:45:00,280 --> 00:45:02,700
Then subsequently,
he established

788
00:45:02,700 --> 00:45:12,490
a factory, shirts basically
for the major stores,

789
00:45:12,490 --> 00:45:14,980
made to order--

790
00:45:14,980 --> 00:45:20,630
so not off the rack,
but made to order,

791
00:45:20,630 --> 00:45:22,280
just until I finished
school so that we

792
00:45:22,280 --> 00:45:24,790
could return to the States.

793
00:45:24,790 --> 00:45:26,770
So it was basically temporary.

794
00:45:26,770 --> 00:45:30,070
And this was before he went
back to the States on his own?

795
00:45:30,070 --> 00:45:31,390
No, after he came back.

796
00:45:31,390 --> 00:45:34,630
No, the first
thing, he went back.

797

00:45:34,630 --> 00:45:38,200
And he was gone for how long?

798
00:45:38,200 --> 00:45:39,520
Quite a while.

799
00:45:39,520 --> 00:45:40,425
Quite a while, yes.

800
00:45:40,425 --> 00:45:41,740
Was it two years?

801
00:45:41,740 --> 00:45:43,330
No, he wasn't gone
for two years.

802
00:45:43,330 --> 00:45:45,460
But he must have--

803
00:45:45,460 --> 00:45:46,930
we lived with them
for two years.

804
00:45:46,930 --> 00:45:47,430
Yeah.

805
00:45:47,430 --> 00:46:00,130
But no, he was gone for,
let's say, six months.

806
00:46:00,130 --> 00:46:04,090
There was some
property in Chicago.

807
00:46:04,090 --> 00:46:07,360
And he was about six months.

808
00:46:07,360 --> 00:46:10,360
I may be off a
month here or there.

809
00:46:10,360 --> 00:46:12,160

No, that is when he came back.

810
00:46:12,160 --> 00:46:14,470
And I was at school.

811
00:46:14,470 --> 00:46:19,900
And he wanted me to finish
school, rather than switch.

812
00:46:19,900 --> 00:46:22,210
Finish that, and then
we'll take it from there.

813
00:46:22,210 --> 00:46:27,170
As I was already two years
ahead, anyway, for my age,

814
00:46:27,170 --> 00:46:27,710
he said, OK.

815
00:46:27,710 --> 00:46:29,650
Then when we get
back, you'll have

816
00:46:29,650 --> 00:46:32,960
to adjust and fiddle
around with English.

817
00:46:32,960 --> 00:46:35,710
And then you'll be
in your same age

818
00:46:35,710 --> 00:46:39,830
group or even a year younger.

819
00:46:39,830 --> 00:46:44,860
What was the response
of the people at home

820
00:46:44,860 --> 00:46:47,610
after you were liberated?

821

00:46:47,610 --> 00:46:51,380

Did they-- was there any
antisemitism still there

822

00:46:51,380 --> 00:46:54,340

or did they make
comments about you?

823

00:46:54,340 --> 00:47:04,580

The fact is, of course, that
even the people that had

824

00:47:04,580 --> 00:47:11,690

antisemitic tendencies after
the war would be very careful,

825

00:47:11,690 --> 00:47:14,300

because just like the
Germans created the National

826

00:47:14,300 --> 00:47:21,830

Socialistic Movement,
the NSB, during the war,

827

00:47:21,830 --> 00:47:25,370

the Underground immediately
afterwards turned into what

828

00:47:25,370 --> 00:47:32,870

they called the [NON-ENGLISH],,
Interior Forces.

829

00:47:32,870 --> 00:47:34,390

They had blue uniforms.

830

00:47:34,390 --> 00:47:38,390

I remember blue
coveralls, overalls--

831

00:47:38,390 --> 00:47:43,610

blue overalls and blue
pre-war Dutch army helmet.

832

00:47:43,610 --> 00:47:45,950
And they went after the
collaborators and stuff

833
00:47:45,950 --> 00:47:47,610
like this.

834
00:47:47,610 --> 00:47:58,430
And so even though I was older
then by the number of years

835
00:47:58,430 --> 00:48:03,770
when I'd been away, I
might have been maybe

836
00:48:03,770 --> 00:48:07,250
more sensitive to antisemitism
afterwards than before the war.

837
00:48:07,250 --> 00:48:09,910

838
00:48:09,910 --> 00:48:10,870
And I don't--

839
00:48:10,870 --> 00:48:14,570

840
00:48:14,570 --> 00:48:15,300
I don't remember.

841
00:48:15,300 --> 00:48:19,280
I never forget the
years in the war

842
00:48:19,280 --> 00:48:20,530
or forget what happened to me.

843
00:48:20,530 --> 00:48:22,970
I personally up until today--

844
00:48:22,970 --> 00:48:26,390

845

00:48:26,390 --> 00:48:28,940

I don't-- either they ran
away or they avoided it.

846

00:48:28,940 --> 00:48:32,340

Or they were afraid or whatever.

847

00:48:32,340 --> 00:48:39,620

I never had any, not behind
my back or a friend was, he--

848

00:48:39,620 --> 00:48:41,670

or even openly.

849

00:48:41,670 --> 00:48:44,570

Maybe once-- maybe once.

850

00:48:44,570 --> 00:48:46,498

I had friends who would come up.

851

00:48:46,498 --> 00:48:47,540

And I said, I don't know.

852

00:48:47,540 --> 00:48:48,870

I don't know.

853

00:48:48,870 --> 00:48:55,550

I never had the
unfortunate experience

854

00:48:55,550 --> 00:49:00,650

of being involved in
any of these clashes.

855

00:49:00,650 --> 00:49:07,810

I don't know, not in
my professional career,

856

00:49:07,810 --> 00:49:11,260

not working in Germany

in the high levels.

857

00:49:11,260 --> 00:49:21,200

And even if I worked with
an older assessor who

858

00:49:21,200 --> 00:49:22,550

knew I was Jewish--

859

00:49:22,550 --> 00:49:26,000

they all knew I was
Jewish, of course.

860

00:49:26,000 --> 00:49:29,130

And then from a certain age,
if they had a certain age,

861

00:49:29,130 --> 00:49:31,280

I kept the arm's distance.

862

00:49:31,280 --> 00:49:36,080

I had friends my age
or younger in Germany,

863

00:49:36,080 --> 00:49:40,340

very good friends, very dear
friends, as dear as anybody.

864

00:49:40,340 --> 00:49:42,740

But from a certain
age and up, no.

865

00:49:42,740 --> 00:49:44,030

Because--

866

00:49:44,030 --> 00:49:45,210

I don't know what they did.

867

00:49:45,210 --> 00:49:47,043

I don't want to have
anything to do with it.

868

00:49:47,043 --> 00:49:49,730

And when they got
too smart as I worked

869

00:49:49,730 --> 00:49:54,140

there and I was
contacted by the board--

870

00:49:54,140 --> 00:49:57,110

by the board, not by
personnel, by the board--

871

00:49:57,110 --> 00:49:59,150

because I was not
German and I was Jewish.

872

00:49:59,150 --> 00:50:03,880

And it was the board of
directors's decision.

873

00:50:03,880 --> 00:50:07,250

And out of nine,
two were against it.

874

00:50:07,250 --> 00:50:08,570

I don't think they were much--

875

00:50:08,570 --> 00:50:12,530

I found afterward I don't think
not so much because of the fact

876

00:50:12,530 --> 00:50:15,840

that I was Jewish.

877

00:50:15,840 --> 00:50:17,780

It's because the
fact that I would

878

00:50:17,780 --> 00:50:21,380

be the only foreigner in an
engineering department of 33

879

00:50:21,380 --> 00:50:25,940

other people and
the only foreigner

880
00:50:25,940 --> 00:50:30,230
and in addition to
which I am Jewish.

881
00:50:30,230 --> 00:50:35,000
And they were afraid that
staff or personnel would

882
00:50:35,000 --> 00:50:38,000
get into conflict with me.

883
00:50:38,000 --> 00:50:40,760
So they voted in seven to two.

884
00:50:40,760 --> 00:50:42,680
And then I got offered.

885
00:50:42,680 --> 00:50:45,030
And I went to work.

886
00:50:45,030 --> 00:50:47,570
So if I dealt with
somebody of that age, then

887
00:50:47,570 --> 00:50:50,480
I say you might have been
on the Russian front.

888
00:50:50,480 --> 00:50:54,530
You might even have been
in Mauthausen or Sobibor

889
00:50:54,530 --> 00:50:55,740
and the other camps.

890
00:50:55,740 --> 00:50:56,710
I don't know.

891
00:50:56,710 --> 00:50:58,940

Since I don't know, I
don't want to have anything

892
00:50:58,940 --> 00:51:00,680
to do with you.

893
00:51:00,680 --> 00:51:04,670
And as my contact was saying
way, way, way upstairs, which

894
00:51:04,670 --> 00:51:10,190
everybody knew, if
anybody got smart-alecky,

895
00:51:10,190 --> 00:51:13,570
you've never seen a
bulldozer run over somebody.

896
00:51:13,570 --> 00:51:17,960
I would run-- with this
staff, I don't know.

897
00:51:17,960 --> 00:51:20,780
I cut them like this
to little pieces.

898
00:51:20,780 --> 00:51:23,370
And they couldn't do anything.

899
00:51:23,370 --> 00:51:27,993
So not because of
anything-- professionally.

900
00:51:27,993 --> 00:51:30,410
If they did something wrong
and I said, please correct it,

901
00:51:30,410 --> 00:51:31,280
they say no, no, it's fine.

902
00:51:31,280 --> 00:51:31,580
I say, no.

903

00:51:31,580 --> 00:51:32,872

No, I'm telling you it's wrong.

904

00:51:32,872 --> 00:51:33,950

I want you to correct it.

905

00:51:33,950 --> 00:51:35,930

In my opinion, I said, look,
nobody cares about you.

906

00:51:35,930 --> 00:51:36,540

Get it done.

907

00:51:36,540 --> 00:51:39,530

And if you don't get it done
by tomorrow, you'll see.

908

00:51:39,530 --> 00:51:41,530

And then it was done
by the next day.

909

00:51:41,530 --> 00:51:44,360

And that happened once or twice.

910

00:51:44,360 --> 00:51:53,240

In general, no, I cannot say
that I had any encounters.

911

00:51:53,240 --> 00:52:03,480

912

00:52:03,480 --> 00:52:05,750

No, I worked in 12 countries.

913

00:52:05,750 --> 00:52:09,770

I lived there for two years,
four years, six years.

914

00:52:09,770 --> 00:52:13,140

I don't-- no, never.

915

00:52:13,140 --> 00:52:16,620

I climbed the career
ladder irrespective,

916

00:52:16,620 --> 00:52:20,610

faster than anybody else,
with non-Jewish companies.

917

00:52:20,610 --> 00:52:23,550

Now, with Jewish companies,
I might not have made it.

918

00:52:23,550 --> 00:52:24,990

That, I accept.

919

00:52:24,990 --> 00:52:26,070

Yeah.

920

00:52:26,070 --> 00:52:30,320

I am too blunt.

921

00:52:30,320 --> 00:52:32,480

But I'm proud that
I inherited it

922

00:52:32,480 --> 00:52:37,520

from my dad and
some other things.

923

00:52:37,520 --> 00:52:38,610

No.

924

00:52:38,610 --> 00:52:40,460

No, I don't.

925

00:52:40,460 --> 00:52:47,360

The problem that I had
is when we came back

926

00:52:47,360 --> 00:52:53,040

and I went to them the
same, I had just caught up.

927

00:52:53,040 --> 00:52:57,690

And I'm telling you It
was tough, the language.

928

00:52:57,690 --> 00:52:59,870

I spoke better Russian
and better French

929

00:52:59,870 --> 00:53:05,410

and better German and
English than I spoke Dutch.

930

00:53:05,410 --> 00:53:10,760

And then I have to catch
up school Dutch and tests

931

00:53:10,760 --> 00:53:12,320

and essays.

932

00:53:12,320 --> 00:53:15,490

God, I didn't even
know the language.

933

00:53:15,490 --> 00:53:17,980

And national
history-- that we had

934

00:53:17,980 --> 00:53:25,325

an admiral in the 17th century
who beat Trump and the router

935

00:53:25,325 --> 00:53:27,700

and stuff like this and the
80-Year War and Hundred Years

936

00:53:27,700 --> 00:53:28,990

War.

937

00:53:28,990 --> 00:53:34,270

And who wanted history
in Europe at that time?

938

00:53:34,270 --> 00:53:36,910

All you did were years and
wars-- the 80-Year War,

939

00:53:36,910 --> 00:53:38,860

the War Between the
Roses, World War I.

940

00:53:38,860 --> 00:53:40,960

I didn't want to learn
about prior wars.

941

00:53:40,960 --> 00:53:42,970

I had enough with the last one.

942

00:53:42,970 --> 00:53:46,570

So all you did,
you had to remember

943

00:53:46,570 --> 00:53:50,470

the dates and a piece of
there and a piece of this

944

00:53:50,470 --> 00:53:53,680

and the war of this and
the war from then to then.

945

00:53:53,680 --> 00:53:59,650

So I wasn't too crazy about
national history, anyway.

946

00:53:59,650 --> 00:54:00,430

But I had to.

947

00:54:00,430 --> 00:54:05,680

948

00:54:05,680 --> 00:54:11,110

Oh, yeah botany-- plants.

949

00:54:11,110 --> 00:54:13,540

All that, I didn't do.

950

00:54:13,540 --> 00:54:16,520

I didn't do Hebrew
in grade school.

951

00:54:16,520 --> 00:54:18,970

I didn't do botany
in high school.

952

00:54:18,970 --> 00:54:21,550

I simply didn't
participate, and that's it.

953

00:54:21,550 --> 00:54:25,010

Plants-- who does that-- plants.

954

00:54:25,010 --> 00:54:27,880

The name of a flower, it was
not going to do any good.

955

00:54:27,880 --> 00:54:29,380

And I don't know
much about flowers.

956

00:54:29,380 --> 00:54:32,260

I know a rose when
I see the tulip.

957

00:54:32,260 --> 00:54:35,620

I know a chestnut tree because
it has six leaves, long leaves.

958

00:54:35,620 --> 00:54:37,270

That's about it and the oak--

959

00:54:37,270 --> 00:54:39,190

no, I wouldn't recognize
an oak-- a birch.

960

00:54:39,190 --> 00:54:41,890

Yes.

961

00:54:41,890 --> 00:54:49,510

So when I finally caught up,
then I said, oh, I made it.

962
00:54:49,510 --> 00:54:52,685
Now, I'm on the par.

963
00:54:52,685 --> 00:54:54,310
You have to consider
I was by two years

964
00:54:54,310 --> 00:55:00,450
the youngest in the class
and the smallest by height,

965
00:55:00,450 --> 00:55:04,130
one of the smallest.

966
00:55:04,130 --> 00:55:09,800
And the other factor that
doomed it was the school

967
00:55:09,800 --> 00:55:11,960
was situated at both
sides of the street

968
00:55:11,960 --> 00:55:16,630
with an overhead passageway.

969
00:55:16,630 --> 00:55:19,390
So basically, the teacher
went from class to class,

970
00:55:19,390 --> 00:55:21,790
with the exception of physics.

971
00:55:21,790 --> 00:55:30,290
They went to physics class
and the lab, any lab work.

972
00:55:30,290 --> 00:55:34,160
And there, I meet-- or
he meets me-- the dean.

973
00:55:34,160 --> 00:55:36,720

974
00:55:36,720 --> 00:55:38,880
And he sees that little--

975
00:55:38,880 --> 00:55:42,470
my class, 3B.

976
00:55:42,470 --> 00:55:43,380
And here, I am.

977
00:55:43,380 --> 00:55:47,850
And he says, who are you?

978
00:55:47,850 --> 00:55:49,990
I said, I am me.

979
00:55:49,990 --> 00:55:51,218
No, I mean-- oh, my name?

980
00:55:51,218 --> 00:55:52,260
My name is Max Erlichman.

981
00:55:52,260 --> 00:55:53,190
Oh.

982
00:55:53,190 --> 00:55:53,850
What class?

983
00:55:53,850 --> 00:55:54,360
3B.

984
00:55:54,360 --> 00:55:54,750
OK.

985
00:55:54,750 --> 00:55:54,870
Fine.

986
00:55:54,870 --> 00:55:55,370

Thank you.

987
00:55:55,370 --> 00:55:56,700
Go.

988
00:55:56,700 --> 00:55:59,490
The next day, my
dad gets called--

989
00:55:59,490 --> 00:56:00,180
his friend.

990
00:56:00,180 --> 00:56:02,900

991
00:56:02,900 --> 00:56:03,830
We get called.

992
00:56:03,830 --> 00:56:07,160
And I had to wait
in the anteroom.

993
00:56:07,160 --> 00:56:15,140
And I was told to grab
my bags and get out.

994
00:56:15,140 --> 00:56:16,820
Why?

995
00:56:16,820 --> 00:56:21,710
His explanation was that
I had entered school

996
00:56:21,710 --> 00:56:23,546
without his knowledge.

997
00:56:23,546 --> 00:56:27,920

998
00:56:27,920 --> 00:56:30,810
And that really burned me up.

999

00:56:30,810 --> 00:56:37,860

That burned me up, because
in addition to which--

1000

00:56:37,860 --> 00:56:38,760

I don't know.

1001

00:56:38,760 --> 00:56:40,000

We lived in Chicago.

1002

00:56:40,000 --> 00:56:44,040

We moved to San Francisco.

1003

00:56:44,040 --> 00:56:46,560

Then we moved to Sunnyvale.

1004

00:56:46,560 --> 00:56:50,050

And my girls, I would
take them to school.

1005

00:56:50,050 --> 00:56:53,242

When it was April and
September or January,

1006

00:56:53,242 --> 00:56:54,700

I took them the
next day to school.

1007

00:56:54,700 --> 00:56:56,160

And that was it.

1008

00:56:56,160 --> 00:56:58,440

In Holland at that
period, you couldn't.

1009

00:56:58,440 --> 00:57:01,350

You had to wait till September.

1010

00:57:01,350 --> 00:57:05,220

So if anybody would have moved
to Holland with children,

1011

00:57:05,220 --> 00:57:11,260

let's say, in the
month of October,

1012

00:57:11,260 --> 00:57:13,700

you can't put your
kids to school.

1013

00:57:13,700 --> 00:57:15,850

You had to wait until
next year September

1014

00:57:15,850 --> 00:57:18,520

for them to enter school,
because that is the school

1015

00:57:18,520 --> 00:57:22,420

year, September 1 until
July 30 or something

1016

00:57:22,420 --> 00:57:23,920

like this, six weeks' worth.

1017

00:57:23,920 --> 00:57:26,770

Somehow, they were six weeks.

1018

00:57:26,770 --> 00:57:33,740

So people avoided moving
except during vacation,

1019

00:57:33,740 --> 00:57:35,930

because the kids would
be running on the street.

1020

00:57:35,930 --> 00:57:40,510

1021

00:57:40,510 --> 00:57:42,980

And then they didn't
have a truancy police,

1022

00:57:42,980 --> 00:57:45,491

but they would be caught.

1023
00:57:45,491 --> 00:57:47,240
A, you couldn't walk to--

1024
00:57:47,240 --> 00:57:47,960
there was school.

1025
00:57:47,960 --> 00:57:49,520
And you're supposed
to be in school

1026
00:57:49,520 --> 00:57:51,832
below the age of whatever, 16.

1027
00:57:51,832 --> 00:57:53,540
But in Holland, you
couldn't go to school

1028
00:57:53,540 --> 00:57:56,100
because it wasn't September.

1029
00:57:56,100 --> 00:57:58,260
So this was going
back and forth.

1030
00:57:58,260 --> 00:58:00,513
This is typically Dutch.

1031
00:58:00,513 --> 00:58:02,680
Left hand doesn't know what
the right hand is doing.

1032
00:58:02,680 --> 00:58:05,965
Oh, later on, they improve.

1033
00:58:05,965 --> 00:58:06,590
So there I was.

1034
00:58:06,590 --> 00:58:11,730

1035

00:58:11,730 --> 00:58:13,360

When did I get to school?

1036

00:58:13,360 --> 00:58:17,460

That must have been six months.

1037

00:58:17,460 --> 00:58:21,795

So we came back in May.

1038

00:58:21,795 --> 00:58:24,530

1039

00:58:24,530 --> 00:58:32,770

September, October, December--
so in February, out.

1040

00:58:32,770 --> 00:58:34,510

I wasn't going to
take it in February.

1041

00:58:34,510 --> 00:58:37,242

You have to wait till September.

1042

00:58:37,242 --> 00:58:39,450

So here I was.

1043

00:58:39,450 --> 00:58:40,890

My dad tried to
get me to school.

1044

00:58:40,890 --> 00:58:43,700

He went to the
Department of Education.

1045

00:58:43,700 --> 00:58:48,140

They said, I'm
sorry, but I'm sorry.

1046

00:58:48,140 --> 00:58:48,820

That's it.

1047

00:58:48,820 --> 00:58:52,505

He said, so is he supposed
to run the streets?

1048

00:58:52,505 --> 00:58:53,400

Yeah, I'm sorry.

1049

00:58:53,400 --> 00:58:55,950

September-- but he has
to enter in September.

1050

00:58:55,950 --> 00:59:00,310

School year's September to July.

1051

00:59:00,310 --> 00:59:03,730

And then I got angry.

1052

00:59:03,730 --> 00:59:05,710

I am not aware of it then.

1053

00:59:05,710 --> 00:59:07,810

I am aware of it now.

1054

00:59:07,810 --> 00:59:10,030

You mean through all of that--

1055

00:59:10,030 --> 00:59:11,440

I always said something.

1056

00:59:11,440 --> 00:59:20,900

Through all of that past--

1057

00:59:20,900 --> 00:59:23,550

these past experiences
in history,

1058

00:59:23,550 --> 00:59:26,540

to run into something like this,
that was a little bit too much.

1059

00:59:26,540 --> 00:59:31,250

1060
00:59:31,250 --> 00:59:35,400
There are rules that
are chiseled the marble.

1061
00:59:35,400 --> 00:59:39,690
And that's what
makes me a rebel.

1062
00:59:39,690 --> 00:59:41,850
I don't take that,
not for my kids.

1063
00:59:41,850 --> 00:59:44,520
And I have never taken it.

1064
00:59:44,520 --> 00:59:45,030
there I was.

1065
00:59:45,030 --> 00:59:45,750
And then I got angry.

1066
00:59:45,750 --> 00:59:46,250
I said, OK.

1067
00:59:46,250 --> 00:59:50,080
And heck with it.

1068
00:59:50,080 --> 00:59:50,580
Whatever.

1069
00:59:50,580 --> 00:59:53,920

1070
00:59:53,920 --> 00:59:58,490
And then I didn't do anything.

1071
00:59:58,490 --> 01:00:00,000
I didn't do anything
for a while.

1072

01:00:00,000 --> 01:00:05,140

1073

01:00:05,140 --> 01:00:10,030

And then they established
a Jewish high school.

1074

01:00:10,030 --> 01:00:13,370

So then I went to a
Jewish high school.

1075

01:00:13,370 --> 01:00:18,190

I decided to go to the
Jewish high school.

1076

01:00:18,190 --> 01:00:22,250

And I was admitted.

1077

01:00:22,250 --> 01:00:27,130

1078

01:00:27,130 --> 01:00:30,850

And that did not last very
long, because then they merged.

1079

01:00:30,850 --> 01:00:35,210

And then the Dutch
government established--

1080

01:00:35,210 --> 01:00:46,910

finally, they established
what they called the Community

1081

01:00:46,910 --> 01:00:58,040

Course for Hidden Children
and Camp Children.

1082

01:00:58,040 --> 01:01:00,430

And they were high school.

1083

01:01:00,430 --> 01:01:02,180

The only thing is you
did the whole school

1084
01:01:02,180 --> 01:01:04,160
year in six months.

1085
01:01:04,160 --> 01:01:09,080
So in one year, you
did two school years,

1086
01:01:09,080 --> 01:01:14,600
which again really stoked
the fire and get going.

1087
01:01:14,600 --> 01:01:17,510

1088
01:01:17,510 --> 01:01:19,550
And I left the
Jewish high school

1089
01:01:19,550 --> 01:01:23,210
because I got into
trouble with the teachers.

1090
01:01:23,210 --> 01:01:28,220
I got in trouble with the
teachers to the extent

1091
01:01:28,220 --> 01:01:31,460
that I think of the
whole high school,

1092
01:01:31,460 --> 01:01:34,970
I was sent to the principal more
than everybody else together.

1093
01:01:34,970 --> 01:01:38,240
It got to the point
where I knocked again.

1094
01:01:38,240 --> 01:01:43,220
And Dr. Jacobsen, he had
half-glasses, reading glasses.

1095

01:01:43,220 --> 01:01:44,620
And then knock, knock, knock.

1096

01:01:44,620 --> 01:01:45,920
And I told him to come in.

1097

01:01:45,920 --> 01:01:48,290
And he says, no, not you again.

1098

01:01:48,290 --> 01:01:48,810
What is it?

1099

01:01:48,810 --> 01:01:49,310
Come on.

1100

01:01:49,310 --> 01:01:50,300
What is it this time?

1101

01:01:50,300 --> 01:01:51,650
That's the way it was.

1102

01:01:51,650 --> 01:01:53,920
I had run into conflict
with the teachers.

1103

01:01:53,920 --> 01:01:58,190

1104

01:01:58,190 --> 01:02:02,370
Laws, rules-- don't
come with me with rules.

1105

01:02:02,370 --> 01:02:02,870
No.

1106

01:02:02,870 --> 01:02:04,470
No, not after what
I went through.

1107

01:02:04,470 --> 01:02:07,160
I don't want your stupid rules.

1108
01:02:07,160 --> 01:02:10,040
And I'm not talking about rules.

1109
01:02:10,040 --> 01:02:11,360
We have to abide by rules.

1110
01:02:11,360 --> 01:02:13,220
I set rules for my kids.

1111
01:02:13,220 --> 01:02:17,540
But if they're moronic,
then I don't accept it.

1112
01:02:17,540 --> 01:02:19,970
I don't accept--
in that school, I

1113
01:02:19,970 --> 01:02:26,100
don't accept stupidity, not
from staff, not from teachers.

1114
01:02:26,100 --> 01:02:28,820
That's what I got
made the conflict.

1115
01:02:28,820 --> 01:02:31,910
And that's why I
was repeatedly sent.

1116
01:02:31,910 --> 01:02:35,510
I was never punished,
never penalized.

1117
01:02:35,510 --> 01:02:39,254

1118
01:02:39,254 --> 01:02:43,850
Fortunately, my dad was
never called to school.

1119
01:02:43,850 --> 01:02:45,390

I could kiss him for that.

1120
01:02:45,390 --> 01:02:47,130
Came at my dad--
would you please come?

1121
01:02:47,130 --> 01:02:49,310
We will discuss your son, Max.

1122
01:02:49,310 --> 01:02:52,100
He never did that
because I was right.

1123
01:02:52,100 --> 01:02:54,830

1124
01:02:54,830 --> 01:02:55,740
He was old enough.

1125
01:02:55,740 --> 01:02:57,898
He was in his 50s.

1126
01:02:57,898 --> 01:02:59,690
He was old enough to
know that I was right.

1127
01:02:59,690 --> 01:03:01,315
And I knew that I
was right, and I knew

1128
01:03:01,315 --> 01:03:03,980
that he knew that I was right.

1129
01:03:03,980 --> 01:03:04,970
So he never argued.

1130
01:03:04,970 --> 01:03:05,810
He said, OK, fine.

1131
01:03:05,810 --> 01:03:08,210
Yes, but you have to
understand, she's older.

1132
01:03:08,210 --> 01:03:11,330
And you don't do it in class.

1133
01:03:11,330 --> 01:03:13,820
I said, when do you want me
to do it if not in class?

1134
01:03:13,820 --> 01:03:15,110
After class?

1135
01:03:15,110 --> 01:03:16,610
It was something,
for example, for--

1136
01:03:16,610 --> 01:03:19,960

1137
01:03:19,960 --> 01:03:25,080
I'll give you one
example, social studies.

1138
01:03:25,080 --> 01:03:27,420
The British after
the war, war debt

1139
01:03:27,420 --> 01:03:32,610
was 15,812,000,000
pounds sterling.

1140
01:03:32,610 --> 01:03:34,860
That's what she teaches.

1141
01:03:34,860 --> 01:03:41,720
I know-- I read quite a bit.

1142
01:03:41,720 --> 01:03:43,130
And I know what goes on.

1143
01:03:43,130 --> 01:03:46,630
So I know that according
to the British white paper,

1144
01:03:46,630 --> 01:03:52,390
the after-war war debt was 24
billion, something like this.

1145
01:03:52,390 --> 01:03:53,350
She says 15.

1146
01:03:53,350 --> 01:03:56,350

1147
01:03:56,350 --> 01:04:00,190
And when she says 15,
I know it's incorrect,

1148
01:04:00,190 --> 01:04:02,650
because I had read three
days earlier the white paper.

1149
01:04:02,650 --> 01:04:05,300

1150
01:04:05,300 --> 01:04:09,160
So I said-- let's
not use her name.

1151
01:04:09,160 --> 01:04:15,470
I said, I don't know,
but it may be correct.

1152
01:04:15,470 --> 01:04:19,550
But I think that the war
debt really is 23 billion,

1153
01:04:19,550 --> 01:04:22,090
28 billion.

1154
01:04:22,090 --> 01:04:25,880
And she says, what do you mean?

1155
01:04:25,880 --> 01:04:28,570
I said, no, just

exactly what I say.

1156

01:04:28,570 --> 01:04:30,530

How would you know?

1157

01:04:30,530 --> 01:04:31,930

I don't know.

1158

01:04:31,930 --> 01:04:34,000

I read it.

1159

01:04:34,000 --> 01:04:36,160

So what did you say?

1160

01:04:36,160 --> 01:04:42,210

So you read it and that's--
then you know, like this,

1161

01:04:42,210 --> 01:04:45,740

insulting and condescending.

1162

01:04:45,740 --> 01:04:47,930

And then I got angry.

1163

01:04:47,930 --> 01:04:51,530

And then I said, now, wait
a minute, with your age,

1164

01:04:51,530 --> 01:04:54,020

you ought to be a lot
more intelligent than you

1165

01:04:54,020 --> 01:04:57,980

are, because nothing that you
know today you didn't get out

1166

01:04:57,980 --> 01:05:01,920

of books, which you read which
was written by other people.

1167

01:05:01,920 --> 01:05:04,790

So why would what

you read be correct

1168
01:05:04,790 --> 01:05:06,395
and what I read be incorrect?

1169
01:05:06,395 --> 01:05:08,270
So you stand in front
of the class of 28 kids

1170
01:05:08,270 --> 01:05:09,740
and you teach them wrong.

1171
01:05:09,740 --> 01:05:10,770
So say you are mistaken.

1172
01:05:10,770 --> 01:05:11,720
Maybe I'm right.

1173
01:05:11,720 --> 01:05:15,890
So don't talk to me like this as
if I read the wrong-- then she,

1174
01:05:15,890 --> 01:05:16,530
out.

1175
01:05:16,530 --> 01:05:17,030
OK.

1176
01:05:17,030 --> 01:05:17,530
Fine.

1177
01:05:17,530 --> 01:05:18,620
Out.

1178
01:05:18,620 --> 01:05:19,970
Then I went to upstairs.

1179
01:05:19,970 --> 01:05:21,920
And again, I said
what, blah, blah, blah.

1180

01:05:21,920 --> 01:05:25,460

I said, what was she
going to do with me?

1181

01:05:25,460 --> 01:05:28,210

I'm right.

1182

01:05:28,210 --> 01:05:29,290

I remember he said, yeah.

1183

01:05:29,290 --> 01:05:30,520

But you should have done--

1184

01:05:30,520 --> 01:05:32,843

waited after class, after class.

1185

01:05:32,843 --> 01:05:34,510

Then I had to take
the whole class apart

1186

01:05:34,510 --> 01:05:35,320

and say, wait a minute.

1187

01:05:35,320 --> 01:05:36,040

This is wrong.

1188

01:05:36,040 --> 01:05:37,210

It really is.

1189

01:05:37,210 --> 01:05:40,630

No, if she doesn't know, then
she should become a dishwasher.

1190

01:05:40,630 --> 01:05:41,890

I don't care.

1191

01:05:41,890 --> 01:05:42,550

Let her go.

1192

01:05:42,550 --> 01:05:47,197

But let her not teach
something that is incorrect.

1193
01:05:47,197 --> 01:05:48,280
And I'm not going to wait.

1194
01:05:48,280 --> 01:05:49,150
I'll tell her there.

1195
01:05:49,150 --> 01:05:51,220
And if she doesn't like it,
it's her problem, not mine.

1196
01:05:51,220 --> 01:05:51,720
OK.

1197
01:05:51,720 --> 01:05:52,900
Fine.

1198
01:05:52,900 --> 01:05:56,020
Wait outside till class
is over and then go back,

1199
01:05:56,020 --> 01:05:56,930
stuff like this.

1200
01:05:56,930 --> 01:06:01,160
That will get me up the stairs
back and forth, back and forth.

1201
01:06:01,160 --> 01:06:04,450
So did you finish
the program then?

1202
01:06:04,450 --> 01:06:08,230
Then they established
GICOL, G-I-C-O-L,

1203
01:06:08,230 --> 01:06:11,200
the community college for--

1204
01:06:11,200 --> 01:06:14,110
community school for where I
went through a whole school

1205
01:06:14,110 --> 01:06:15,590
year in six months.

1206
01:06:15,590 --> 01:06:18,460
And then I switched from there.

1207
01:06:18,460 --> 01:06:22,460
I had established a chess team
at school and a soccer team.

1208
01:06:22,460 --> 01:06:24,600
I was asked to do that.

1209
01:06:24,600 --> 01:06:27,490
That was the time
that I was told

1210
01:06:27,490 --> 01:06:28,900
to come and see Dr. Jacobsen.

1211
01:06:28,900 --> 01:06:30,040
And I said, god, wait.

1212
01:06:30,040 --> 01:06:31,280
Wait a minute.

1213
01:06:31,280 --> 01:06:33,458
What did I-- I
didn't do anything.

1214
01:06:33,458 --> 01:06:34,750
If I did something, I won't go.

1215
01:06:34,750 --> 01:06:37,460
But I didn't do anything.

1216
01:06:37,460 --> 01:06:41,185
So I really very
slowly up the stairs.

1217

01:06:41,185 --> 01:06:42,310
Why does he want to see me?

1218
01:06:42,310 --> 01:06:43,090
I don't know.

1219
01:06:43,090 --> 01:06:44,530
I didn't do anything.

1220
01:06:44,530 --> 01:06:46,300
The last thing was
with the PE teacher.

1221
01:06:46,300 --> 01:06:52,090
And I told him he was an idiot
and a stupid son of a gun.

1222
01:06:52,090 --> 01:06:53,020
But that was settled.

1223
01:06:53,020 --> 01:06:56,600

1224
01:06:56,600 --> 01:06:57,200
And I waited.

1225
01:06:57,200 --> 01:06:59,770
And he-- I knocked on the door.

1226
01:06:59,770 --> 01:07:00,770
He said, would you wait?

1227
01:07:00,770 --> 01:07:01,270
OK.

1228
01:07:01,270 --> 01:07:02,355
I'll wait.

1229
01:07:02,355 --> 01:07:03,230
And then he asked me.

1230

01:07:03,230 --> 01:07:07,540

I'm going to--
because I know I'm

1231

01:07:07,540 --> 01:07:12,640

going to get in a row with him
because I didn't do anything.

1232

01:07:12,640 --> 01:07:17,450

And he was too nice a fellow
to get into an argument.

1233

01:07:17,450 --> 01:07:19,130

I don't want to
get in an argument.

1234

01:07:19,130 --> 01:07:21,910

He was a wonderful individual.

1235

01:07:21,910 --> 01:07:31,210

He says, our school, the Jewish
high school, we decided--

1236

01:07:31,210 --> 01:07:34,450

know the teachers and
him-- we decided, faculty,

1237

01:07:34,450 --> 01:07:37,420

that we would need
and we would like

1238

01:07:37,420 --> 01:07:39,380

to have a soccer team
and a chess team.

1239

01:07:39,380 --> 01:07:41,820

Would you like to
take care of it?

1240

01:07:41,820 --> 01:07:44,440

And I said, sure.

1241

01:07:44,440 --> 01:07:47,810

And that's what we did.

1242
01:07:47,810 --> 01:07:49,080
Then they established GICOL.

1243
01:07:49,080 --> 01:07:51,070
And then I went to GICOL.

1244
01:07:51,070 --> 01:07:53,500
But GICOL only lasted--

1245
01:07:53,500 --> 01:07:56,390

1246
01:07:56,390 --> 01:07:58,130
in fact, GICOL already existed.

1247
01:07:58,130 --> 01:08:01,100
Only I didn't know about it.

1248
01:08:01,100 --> 01:08:05,860
So I never did
finish high school.

1249
01:08:05,860 --> 01:08:08,770
Did you ever talk about
your war experiences

1250
01:08:08,770 --> 01:08:11,537
with your classmates
there who obviously--

1251
01:08:11,537 --> 01:08:15,650

1252
01:08:15,650 --> 01:08:19,060
did you ever talk
about it with them?

1253
01:08:19,060 --> 01:08:20,979
I've been asked
this in the past,

1254
01:08:20,979 --> 01:08:22,500
but it was never a subject.

1255
01:08:22,500 --> 01:08:27,479

1256
01:08:27,479 --> 01:08:29,569
We had other things to discuss--

1257
01:08:29,569 --> 01:08:31,040
girlfriends, girls.

1258
01:08:31,040 --> 01:08:34,200
All of a sudden, you
start noticing girls.

1259
01:08:34,200 --> 01:08:36,040
So we talked about war?

1260
01:08:36,040 --> 01:08:36,740
She's pretty.

1261
01:08:36,740 --> 01:08:37,460
Do you like her?

1262
01:08:37,460 --> 01:08:38,420
I like her, too.

1263
01:08:38,420 --> 01:08:39,580
Why don't you ask her?

1264
01:08:39,580 --> 01:08:40,986
This was important.

1265
01:08:40,986 --> 01:08:46,710

1266
01:08:46,710 --> 01:08:49,109
There was a whole school.

1267

01:08:49,109 --> 01:08:52,710

A lot of them were
hidden during the war.

1268

01:08:52,710 --> 01:08:54,149

A lot of them were in camps.

1269

01:08:54,149 --> 01:08:56,220

So there was nothing to discuss.

1270

01:08:56,220 --> 01:08:58,750

1271

01:08:58,750 --> 01:09:00,442

It's not that I
was the only one.

1272

01:09:00,442 --> 01:09:01,359

They'll say, were you?

1273

01:09:01,359 --> 01:09:02,450

Oh, go.

1274

01:09:02,450 --> 01:09:07,600

What was it like, like you
take a three-day excursion

1275

01:09:07,600 --> 01:09:08,562

to Hawaii.

1276

01:09:08,562 --> 01:09:10,270

They pick you up and
they take you there.

1277

01:09:10,270 --> 01:09:13,660

And they feed you and
they bring you back.

1278

01:09:13,660 --> 01:09:18,160

Everybody had gone through
the war one way or another.

1279

01:09:18,160 --> 01:09:28,689
Even the GICOL, the course or
the school set up to speed up--

1280

01:09:28,689 --> 01:09:30,670
also, these were from Indonesia.

1281

01:09:30,670 --> 01:09:34,090
They were imprisoned
by the Japanese.

1282

01:09:34,090 --> 01:09:39,340
There were a lot from Indonesia,
which was called the Dutch East

1283

01:09:39,340 --> 01:09:42,020
Indies at that time.

1284

01:09:42,020 --> 01:09:44,830
So we all had something
to tell us all.

1285

01:09:44,830 --> 01:09:47,229
Oh, I don't want
to know your story?

1286

01:09:47,229 --> 01:09:48,580
What do you help?

1287

01:09:48,580 --> 01:09:53,350
It was not-- it
was not a subject.

1288

01:09:53,350 --> 01:09:56,020
We were talking about
the intercollegiate chess

1289

01:09:56,020 --> 01:09:57,968
tournament once a year.

1290

01:09:57,968 --> 01:09:59,260
And then we get the tournament.

1291
01:09:59,260 --> 01:10:01,090
It was board one, two,
three, because there

1292
01:10:01,090 --> 01:10:05,980
were 10 boards and the
soccer and the school

1293
01:10:05,980 --> 01:10:08,440
and the girls and the friends.

1294
01:10:08,440 --> 01:10:14,770
No, it-- I do not
recall that it was ever

1295
01:10:14,770 --> 01:10:19,060
any subject, which doesn't
mean that I might not have

1296
01:10:19,060 --> 01:10:22,420
been asked, where were you?

1297
01:10:22,420 --> 01:10:24,670
I'd say, several.

1298
01:10:24,670 --> 01:10:25,390
Which one?

1299
01:10:25,390 --> 01:10:25,890
OK.

1300
01:10:25,890 --> 01:10:26,585
Fine.

1301
01:10:26,585 --> 01:10:27,460
I will name you some.

1302
01:10:27,460 --> 01:10:29,680
You won't even know.

1303

01:10:29,680 --> 01:10:30,660
And they will say this.

1304
01:10:30,660 --> 01:10:31,390
Oh, OK.

1305
01:10:31,390 --> 01:10:33,100
Fine.

1306
01:10:33,100 --> 01:10:34,660
But that would be
as far as it goes.

1307
01:10:34,660 --> 01:10:37,970

1308
01:10:37,970 --> 01:10:42,260
If you form part of a group
who would have gone through

1309
01:10:42,260 --> 01:10:44,450
the same identical-- almost--

1310
01:10:44,450 --> 01:10:47,480
experience, what good
would it do for us

1311
01:10:47,480 --> 01:10:49,860
to exchange experiences?

1312
01:10:49,860 --> 01:10:51,860
That you were there three
years and eight months

1313
01:10:51,860 --> 01:10:55,100
and I three years
and four months?

1314
01:10:55,100 --> 01:10:56,780
Or that you were in Sobibor?

1315
01:10:56,780 --> 01:10:58,330

I know what Sobibor was like.

1316
01:10:58,330 --> 01:11:00,440
Why would I have to ask you?

1317
01:11:00,440 --> 01:11:07,140
So what kids did, I don't
think it was on purpose.

1318
01:11:07,140 --> 01:11:10,148
And I think basically,
it was enough.

1319
01:11:10,148 --> 01:11:10,940
The war was enough.

1320
01:11:10,940 --> 01:11:12,470
And it was history and past.

1321
01:11:12,470 --> 01:11:15,080
And now, let's go ahead.

1322
01:11:15,080 --> 01:11:19,460
And this is why my dad
had me learn and go

1323
01:11:19,460 --> 01:11:22,500
take classes in the camp, this.

1324
01:11:22,500 --> 01:11:23,720
And he would say so.

1325
01:11:23,720 --> 01:11:25,488
He would verbalize it.

1326
01:11:25,488 --> 01:11:26,030
I don't care.

1327
01:11:26,030 --> 01:11:28,300
And when I say, no, no.

1328

01:11:28,300 --> 01:11:28,800
Just sit.

1329
01:11:28,800 --> 01:11:29,610
Fine.

1330
01:11:29,610 --> 01:11:31,550
But there's a tomorrow.

1331
01:11:31,550 --> 01:11:32,550
So go on.

1332
01:11:32,550 --> 01:11:33,050
OK.

1333
01:11:33,050 --> 01:11:33,770
Fine, fine, fine.

1334
01:11:33,770 --> 01:11:33,980
OK.

1335
01:11:33,980 --> 01:11:34,480
I'll do it.

1336
01:11:34,480 --> 01:11:35,780
There's a tomorrow.

1337
01:11:35,780 --> 01:11:43,520
So I don't-- a lot
of people get stuck.

1338
01:11:43,520 --> 01:11:46,860
And today, they're still there.

1339
01:11:46,860 --> 01:11:49,280
I've met them.

1340
01:11:49,280 --> 01:11:52,440
I've met them six
eight weeks ago,

1341

01:11:52,440 --> 01:11:58,470
the first time I
attended a group of what

1342
01:11:58,470 --> 01:11:59,980
they call "hidden children."

1343
01:11:59,980 --> 01:12:02,310
Even though I was
not hidden, my wife--

1344
01:12:02,310 --> 01:12:05,160
my first wife-- was.

1345
01:12:05,160 --> 01:12:10,710
And as I never made an
issue and never made--

1346
01:12:10,710 --> 01:12:14,278
belonged to any group or team--

1347
01:12:14,278 --> 01:12:16,320
soccer team, yes, soccer
team, yes. boxing, yes--

1348
01:12:16,320 --> 01:12:16,990
I did jujitsu.

1349
01:12:16,990 --> 01:12:17,490
Yes.

1350
01:12:17,490 --> 01:12:19,020
Chess, yes.

1351
01:12:19,020 --> 01:12:21,480
I coached chess here.

1352
01:12:21,480 --> 01:12:23,895
But none of-- no political, no.

1353
01:12:23,895 --> 01:12:26,640

1354
01:12:26,640 --> 01:12:28,890
So I was asked, would
you like to come?

1355
01:12:28,890 --> 01:12:31,590
I said, why not?

1356
01:12:31,590 --> 01:12:35,370
At least I could see
some other people

1357
01:12:35,370 --> 01:12:38,610
who'd gone through this
at this stage of my life,

1358
01:12:38,610 --> 01:12:41,565
not when I was 14
or 15, and see--

1359
01:12:41,565 --> 01:12:45,100

1360
01:12:45,100 --> 01:12:47,650
a matter of-- no, not
a matter of curiosity.

1361
01:12:47,650 --> 01:12:48,910
I like people, period.

1362
01:12:48,910 --> 01:12:49,610
I study people.

1363
01:12:49,610 --> 01:12:50,110
Yes.

1364
01:12:50,110 --> 01:12:52,840

1365
01:12:52,840 --> 01:12:53,900
Yes, I will go.

1366

01:12:53,900 --> 01:12:56,680

And I went there.

1367

01:12:56,680 --> 01:12:58,870

And I encountered that in 1993.

1368

01:12:58,870 --> 01:13:05,330

Yes, there are people that
have one leg still there.

1369

01:13:05,330 --> 01:13:08,230

And she started crying
because of some--

1370

01:13:08,230 --> 01:13:12,847

and what can you do?

1371

01:13:12,847 --> 01:13:13,930

How do you rationalize it?

1372

01:13:13,930 --> 01:13:15,638

You cannot take her
and say, OK, come on.

1373

01:13:15,638 --> 01:13:19,180

Come on, like I would take one
of my children when they fell.

1374

01:13:19,180 --> 01:13:19,750

Come on.

1375

01:13:19,750 --> 01:13:20,290

It's OK.

1376

01:13:20,290 --> 01:13:20,790

Now, get up.

1377

01:13:20,790 --> 01:13:22,630

Let's go.

1378

01:13:22,630 --> 01:13:25,930

And so, no.

1379

01:13:25,930 --> 01:13:27,040

No, I did not.

1380

01:13:27,040 --> 01:13:29,920

1381

01:13:29,920 --> 01:13:33,070

This is why the last time,
when you ask questions,

1382

01:13:33,070 --> 01:13:34,145

I really have to delve.

1383

01:13:34,145 --> 01:13:37,680

1384

01:13:37,680 --> 01:13:40,165

Other people can in their
dreams and their sleep,

1385

01:13:40,165 --> 01:13:41,290

you can ask them questions.

1386

01:13:41,290 --> 01:13:45,640

And they will answer
every single little bit.

1387

01:13:45,640 --> 01:13:48,610

No, I really have
to go with a shovel

1388

01:13:48,610 --> 01:13:50,700

and go back deep
what happened there.

1389

01:13:50,700 --> 01:13:57,070

And then I remember
things that I

1390

01:13:57,070 --> 01:14:02,140

didn't think about, I
don't know, 40 or whatever,

1391
01:14:02,140 --> 01:14:04,990
since the cave in Westerbork.

1392
01:14:04,990 --> 01:14:07,480
It was one of the most
important things in my life

1393
01:14:07,480 --> 01:14:09,530
during that period.

1394
01:14:09,530 --> 01:14:10,030
It was it.

1395
01:14:10,030 --> 01:14:14,440
This one is
something tremendous.

1396
01:14:14,440 --> 01:14:17,140
And I forgot about it.

1397
01:14:17,140 --> 01:14:20,130
So, no.

1398
01:14:20,130 --> 01:14:22,930
No, we didn't talk
about it as kids.

1399
01:14:22,930 --> 01:14:25,970
And I think basically, it's not
because we sat down and said,

1400
01:14:25,970 --> 01:14:26,470
OK.

1401
01:14:26,470 --> 01:14:30,457
Now, let's not
talk about it, OK?

1402
01:14:30,457 --> 01:14:31,790

I don't want to hear your story.

1403
01:14:31,790 --> 01:14:33,280
I'm not going to tell you mine.

1404
01:14:33,280 --> 01:14:37,240
Basically, it was not
a subject, period.

1405
01:14:37,240 --> 01:14:39,070
It was not.

1406
01:14:39,070 --> 01:14:40,870
When did you begin
talking about it?

1407
01:14:40,870 --> 01:14:41,470
Or did you?

1408
01:14:41,470 --> 01:14:45,010
I never did, because
it was never--

1409
01:14:45,010 --> 01:14:47,960
how do you talk about it?

1410
01:14:47,960 --> 01:14:48,970
How would it come up?

1411
01:14:48,970 --> 01:14:51,980

1412
01:14:51,980 --> 01:14:52,550
Let's see.

1413
01:14:52,550 --> 01:14:54,620
I know.

1414
01:14:54,620 --> 01:14:59,750
At work, I have six managers--

1415

01:14:59,750 --> 01:15:04,848
engineering, construction,
drafting, accounting,

1416
01:15:04,848 --> 01:15:05,390
your friends.

1417
01:15:05,390 --> 01:15:08,810

1418
01:15:08,810 --> 01:15:11,060
I don't think there's any
occasion where you say, hey,

1419
01:15:11,060 --> 01:15:11,643
wait a minute.

1420
01:15:11,643 --> 01:15:13,270
Do you know I was--

1421
01:15:13,270 --> 01:15:17,990
first of all, what for?

1422
01:15:17,990 --> 01:15:18,490
What for?

1423
01:15:18,490 --> 01:15:22,357
A, who wants to hear?

1424
01:15:22,357 --> 01:15:24,190
If somebody wants to
hear, he would not even

1425
01:15:24,190 --> 01:15:25,540
know that I had been in a camp.

1426
01:15:25,540 --> 01:15:32,260
So it is not that I hid
it or made a secret of it.

1427
01:15:32,260 --> 01:15:36,820
I never made an issue out of

it or a subject of discussion.

1428
01:15:36,820 --> 01:15:37,990
What about with your family?

1429
01:15:37,990 --> 01:15:38,740
Why did you--

1430
01:15:38,740 --> 01:15:40,670
Oh, yes.

1431
01:15:40,670 --> 01:15:41,420
They want to know.

1432
01:15:41,420 --> 01:15:41,810
Oh, yes.

1433
01:15:41,810 --> 01:15:42,230
They want to know.

1434
01:15:42,230 --> 01:15:42,730
Oh, yeah.

1435
01:15:42,730 --> 01:15:45,130
Then yes, of course.

1436
01:15:45,130 --> 01:15:46,930
Oh, yeah.

1437
01:15:46,930 --> 01:15:48,250
No, they would ask.

1438
01:15:48,250 --> 01:15:54,120
And like now, they
would say I am this.

1439
01:15:54,120 --> 01:15:57,760
And I would tell my story
and how was it there

1440
01:15:57,760 --> 01:15:58,510

and was like this.

1441
01:15:58,510 --> 01:15:59,010
Oh, no.

1442
01:15:59,010 --> 01:16:01,858
Then I-- no, they all know.

1443
01:16:01,858 --> 01:16:03,280
They all know.

1444
01:16:03,280 --> 01:16:05,710
The only thing they
hated was that it

1445
01:16:05,710 --> 01:16:07,730
would come up piecemeal.

1446
01:16:07,730 --> 01:16:10,930
And they wanted--
piecemeal, that is

1447
01:16:10,930 --> 01:16:14,230
what they disliked, because by
listening to one little piece,

1448
01:16:14,230 --> 01:16:16,600
they would forget.

1449
01:16:16,600 --> 01:16:17,320
Oh, yes.

1450
01:16:17,320 --> 01:16:21,240

1451
01:16:21,240 --> 01:16:24,000
But honestly, no.

1452
01:16:24,000 --> 01:16:24,740
It's mine.

1453

01:16:24,740 --> 01:16:27,600

1454

01:16:27,600 --> 01:16:28,440

It's not yours.

1455

01:16:28,440 --> 01:16:29,760

It's not anybody.

1456

01:16:29,760 --> 01:16:31,410

It's mine.

1457

01:16:31,410 --> 01:16:32,970

It's mine.

1458

01:16:32,970 --> 01:16:36,360

I paid for it, so
it belongs to me.

1459

01:16:36,360 --> 01:16:36,990

You want it?

1460

01:16:36,990 --> 01:16:38,138

Make your own experiences.

1461

01:16:38,138 --> 01:16:38,680

I don't know.

1462

01:16:38,680 --> 01:16:43,800

I never made an issue with--

1463

01:16:43,800 --> 01:16:45,780

and can I say, I
did not hide it.

1464

01:16:45,780 --> 01:16:50,450

1465

01:16:50,450 --> 01:16:52,640

Nobody would know.

1466

01:16:52,640 --> 01:16:55,140

So there was no reason
for them to ask.

1467

01:16:55,140 --> 01:16:59,890

And if I wouldn't bring
it up, even less reason.

1468

01:16:59,890 --> 01:17:06,540

1469

01:17:06,540 --> 01:17:09,860

And how do you think these
experiences affected your life

1470

01:17:09,860 --> 01:17:10,880

afterwards?

1471

01:17:10,880 --> 01:17:11,570

Changed it or--

1472

01:17:11,570 --> 01:17:14,850

1473

01:17:14,850 --> 01:17:17,630

I think I thought about it last
night or night before last.

1474

01:17:17,630 --> 01:17:27,890

1475

01:17:27,890 --> 01:17:28,580

I don't know.

1476

01:17:28,580 --> 01:17:36,740

I can only explain it
in the following manner.

1477

01:17:36,740 --> 01:17:42,265

My kids would have their
ups and downs in school.

1478

01:17:42,265 --> 01:17:43,390
They would fall and get up.

1479
01:17:43,390 --> 01:17:46,200

1480
01:17:46,200 --> 01:17:47,160
And they would be sad.

1481
01:17:47,160 --> 01:17:49,740

1482
01:17:49,740 --> 01:17:52,200
They flunk the class
or something like this.

1483
01:17:52,200 --> 01:17:54,270
Or they did something,
and they lost out.

1484
01:17:54,270 --> 01:17:58,620
And then I would
ask them every--

1485
01:17:58,620 --> 01:18:04,240
from the age that they were
old enough to understand--

1486
01:18:04,240 --> 01:18:08,713
not at the age of two,
but when they were older,

1487
01:18:08,713 --> 01:18:10,380
I would ask them, how
do you make steel?

1488
01:18:10,380 --> 01:18:17,400

1489
01:18:17,400 --> 01:18:19,860
There was years ago--

1490

01:18:19,860 --> 01:18:21,180
I go to Japan quite often.

1491
01:18:21,180 --> 01:18:23,730
In fact, I'll be
going there next week.

1492
01:18:23,730 --> 01:18:28,110
And I made a movie way
back, how to make a samurai

1493
01:18:28,110 --> 01:18:30,120
sword, a katana sword.

1494
01:18:30,120 --> 01:18:31,710
You know how they make that?

1495
01:18:31,710 --> 01:18:34,290
They take a piece of metal.

1496
01:18:34,290 --> 01:18:36,820
They hit it to white.

1497
01:18:36,820 --> 01:18:38,760
And then they fold it.

1498
01:18:38,760 --> 01:18:39,780
They beat it out.

1499
01:18:39,780 --> 01:18:40,410
They fold it.

1500
01:18:40,410 --> 01:18:43,740
And they do it 80 times.

1501
01:18:43,740 --> 01:18:48,810
So what happens is the
linear molecules are shaped

1502
01:18:48,810 --> 01:18:52,320
in such a way you can
cut a piece of iron

1503
01:18:52,320 --> 01:18:54,300
with a samurai sword.

1504
01:18:54,300 --> 01:18:57,920
It goes through
iron like butter.

1505
01:18:57,920 --> 01:18:59,735
But it's heated.

1506
01:18:59,735 --> 01:19:01,610
So I always say, you
know how you make steel?

1507
01:19:01,610 --> 01:19:02,193
I'll show you.

1508
01:19:02,193 --> 01:19:04,855
And then I would put it.

1509
01:19:04,855 --> 01:19:06,230
It was an
eight-millimeter movie.

1510
01:19:06,230 --> 01:19:08,780
And I would-- yes, eight.

1511
01:19:08,780 --> 01:19:10,414
It was an eight.

1512
01:19:10,414 --> 01:19:11,240
Yes.

1513
01:19:11,240 --> 01:19:12,540
Then I converted to 16.

1514
01:19:12,540 --> 01:19:15,350
Then I had a
16-millimeter movie.

1515

01:19:15,350 --> 01:19:16,800
And that's the way
you make steel.

1516
01:19:16,800 --> 01:19:17,900
You get beaten, beaten.

1517
01:19:17,900 --> 01:19:18,920
You beat, beat.

1518
01:19:18,920 --> 01:19:19,620
You get beaten.

1519
01:19:19,620 --> 01:19:20,870
That's the way you make steel.

1520
01:19:20,870 --> 01:19:22,760
So what you go
through, that's what

1521
01:19:22,760 --> 01:19:24,540
is needed to make
steel out of you.

1522
01:19:24,540 --> 01:19:28,090
That's the way you
make steel, by beating.

1523
01:19:28,090 --> 01:19:31,840
And that's what
they, all of them,

1524
01:19:31,840 --> 01:19:35,050
have been told from the day--

1525
01:19:35,050 --> 01:19:38,860

1526
01:19:38,860 --> 01:19:41,620
this, you can only
draw pictures,

1527

01:19:41,620 --> 01:19:43,630
you see, and visually,
when you can bring it

1528
01:19:43,630 --> 01:19:51,640
to the child in a visual
manner or equivalent.

1529
01:19:51,640 --> 01:19:55,600
I said, general
law of relativity.

1530
01:19:55,600 --> 01:19:56,930
Dad, what is this?

1531
01:19:56,930 --> 01:20:02,530
How can you explain to a
six-year-old or eight-year-old

1532
01:20:02,530 --> 01:20:06,490
law of relativity?

1533
01:20:06,490 --> 01:20:10,390
If you can-- with an
adult, I can tell, OK.

1534
01:20:10,390 --> 01:20:11,950
You're in a capsule in space.

1535
01:20:11,950 --> 01:20:15,070
And there's no point
of light around you.

1536
01:20:15,070 --> 01:20:15,970
It's all glass.

1537
01:20:15,970 --> 01:20:17,620
You see nothing.

1538
01:20:17,620 --> 01:20:19,990
Are you moving or are
you standing still?

1539

01:20:19,990 --> 01:20:22,270

Or are you not moving?

1540

01:20:22,270 --> 01:20:24,460

And then you see
the eight-year-old,

1541

01:20:24,460 --> 01:20:29,080

he says or she says
she doesn't know.

1542

01:20:29,080 --> 01:20:33,020

So I don't do that with a child.

1543

01:20:33,020 --> 01:20:41,235

Depending on the
age, I would say, OK.

1544

01:20:41,235 --> 01:20:42,250

Mark-- I remember Mark--

1545

01:20:42,250 --> 01:20:46,140

Frank, David.

1546

01:20:46,140 --> 01:20:51,390

Now, imagine that you sit on
a stove, a burning hot stove,

1547

01:20:51,390 --> 01:20:53,480

for five minutes.

1548

01:20:53,480 --> 01:20:57,480

You see, this would seem
to you like an hour.

1549

01:20:57,480 --> 01:21:01,350

But you sit with Diane
in the park for an hour,

1550

01:21:01,350 --> 01:21:03,205

it seems to you
like five minutes.

1551
01:21:03,205 --> 01:21:05,330
Now, do you understand what
I'm trying to tell you?

1552
01:21:05,330 --> 01:21:08,270

1553
01:21:08,270 --> 01:21:08,770
Yeah.

1554
01:21:08,770 --> 01:21:09,210
OK.

1555
01:21:09,210 --> 01:21:09,710
Fine.

1556
01:21:09,710 --> 01:21:12,820
That's out there.

1557
01:21:12,820 --> 01:21:14,120
So same thing with steel--

1558
01:21:14,120 --> 01:21:17,020
what camp did to me, that's
probably what it did to them.

1559
01:21:17,020 --> 01:21:22,040

1560
01:21:22,040 --> 01:21:22,700
I don't know.

1561
01:21:22,700 --> 01:21:24,980
I don't know.

1562
01:21:24,980 --> 01:21:29,870
I went into the year, into the
camps, already with something.

1563
01:21:29,870 --> 01:21:32,660

I don't know what.

1564

01:21:32,660 --> 01:21:35,840

And it only developed
during the years.

1565

01:21:35,840 --> 01:21:39,620

1566

01:21:39,620 --> 01:21:42,720

I don't know hate or revenge.

1567

01:21:42,720 --> 01:21:47,330

And I teach my kid hate
will only eat yourself.

1568

01:21:47,330 --> 01:21:49,160

So don't hate.

1569

01:21:49,160 --> 01:21:49,660

Revenge?

1570

01:21:49,660 --> 01:21:50,160

What?

1571

01:21:50,160 --> 01:21:57,050

1572

01:21:57,050 --> 01:21:59,000

Basically, what a
camp did, it allowed

1573

01:21:59,000 --> 01:22:03,300

me to know human behavior.

1574

01:22:03,300 --> 01:22:05,990

I'm a very good psychologist,
very good psychologist,

1575

01:22:05,990 --> 01:22:07,220

even if I say so myself.

1576

01:22:07,220 --> 01:22:17,090

1577

01:22:17,090 --> 01:22:26,778

Human interaction-- I know when
I'm right 100.1%, not 99.9%.

1578

01:22:26,778 --> 01:22:28,920

When I'm 101%, that's it.

1579

01:22:28,920 --> 01:22:32,560

I don't care who you are.

1580

01:22:32,560 --> 01:22:35,740

That's another thing what
I do with my kids also,

1581

01:22:35,740 --> 01:22:37,630

power of your conviction.

1582

01:22:37,630 --> 01:22:40,120

Dad, I want to play football.

1583

01:22:40,120 --> 01:22:43,035

Mark is 5' 5" and he
weighs 120 pounds.

1584

01:22:43,035 --> 01:22:43,660

Youth football?

1585

01:22:43,660 --> 01:22:45,620

You're out of your mind.

1586

01:22:45,620 --> 01:22:46,120

He wants to.

1587

01:22:46,120 --> 01:22:48,430

And he won't quit.

1588

01:22:48,430 --> 01:22:50,230

He won't give up.

1589
01:22:50,230 --> 01:22:52,790
For five, six months
three times a week, dad,

1590
01:22:52,790 --> 01:22:53,790
I want to play football.

1591
01:22:53,790 --> 01:22:56,860
Look, would it be
worth it to have

1592
01:22:56,860 --> 01:23:02,950
a broken collarbone or
an arm and then wind up

1593
01:23:02,950 --> 01:23:05,710
losing school for a year?

1594
01:23:05,710 --> 01:23:08,410
It's not worth it.

1595
01:23:08,410 --> 01:23:11,012
And he kept at it, kept at it.

1596
01:23:11,012 --> 01:23:12,220
And then one day, I said, OK.

1597
01:23:12,220 --> 01:23:13,750
Come here.

1598
01:23:13,750 --> 01:23:15,220
Why?

1599
01:23:15,220 --> 01:23:15,820
What is this?

1600
01:23:15,820 --> 01:23:16,540
I have told you no.

1601
01:23:16,540 --> 01:23:18,832

When I tell you once or when
I tell you twice, it's no.

1602
01:23:18,832 --> 01:23:21,010
Why do you-- you
see, this is it.

1603
01:23:21,010 --> 01:23:24,760
If I told him twice no, it's no.

1604
01:23:24,760 --> 01:23:27,530
And he kept at it.

1605
01:23:27,530 --> 01:23:28,030
OK.

1606
01:23:28,030 --> 01:23:30,820
Now, convince me that
I should let you go.

1607
01:23:30,820 --> 01:23:33,880
And he managed to convince
me, which he finally did.

1608
01:23:33,880 --> 01:23:34,380
I said, OK.

1609
01:23:34,380 --> 01:23:35,050
Go.

1610
01:23:35,050 --> 01:23:38,210
But in the meantime, I dragged
it out for about eight,

1611
01:23:38,210 --> 01:23:40,180
nine months at the age of 14.

1612
01:23:40,180 --> 01:23:43,270
And that is where the boys get--

1613
01:23:43,270 --> 01:23:45,100
David was like this.

1614
01:23:45,100 --> 01:23:47,810
And at the age of
14, he went on this.

1615
01:23:47,810 --> 01:23:51,280
And the second spurt is 17.

1616
01:23:51,280 --> 01:23:56,670
So David from a little
tiny, like this, he now

1617
01:23:56,670 --> 01:23:58,990
is 5' 8 and a half or 5' 9".

1618
01:23:58,990 --> 01:24:00,970
He weighs 100 and
God knows what.

1619
01:24:00,970 --> 01:24:04,160
So I dragged it out.

1620
01:24:04,160 --> 01:24:06,910
So the power of conviction,
this is what David--

1621
01:24:06,910 --> 01:24:08,140
and that's what they do.

1622
01:24:08,140 --> 01:24:10,305
And they know how to do it.

1623
01:24:10,305 --> 01:24:11,680
And I think I
mentioned last time

1624
01:24:11,680 --> 01:24:15,070
the only one that doesn't know
exactly the line was David.

1625
01:24:15,070 --> 01:24:17,740
He will be 99% sure.

1626
01:24:17,740 --> 01:24:20,020
He'll be wrong 1%, and
then he'll act as it.

1627
01:24:20,020 --> 01:24:22,510
So that is why.

1628
01:24:22,510 --> 01:24:23,500
I don't want a war.

1629
01:24:23,500 --> 01:24:25,240
It was a school.

1630
01:24:25,240 --> 01:24:27,150
And I don't know
whether the school

1631
01:24:27,150 --> 01:24:29,590
was geared towards one subject.

1632
01:24:29,590 --> 01:24:31,870
It was an overall--

1633
01:24:31,870 --> 01:24:36,620
how people behave,
what people are.

1634
01:24:36,620 --> 01:24:42,300
And if you study them, it's fun.

1635
01:24:42,300 --> 01:24:44,550
How did it affect your
religious beliefs?

1636
01:24:44,550 --> 01:24:48,391

1637
01:24:48,391 --> 01:24:50,750
Ah.

1638

01:24:50,750 --> 01:24:51,710
That one came up.

1639
01:24:51,710 --> 01:24:54,528
When was that?

1640
01:24:54,528 --> 01:24:55,070
That came up.

1641
01:24:55,070 --> 01:24:55,630
I know.

1642
01:24:55,630 --> 01:24:58,960

1643
01:24:58,960 --> 01:25:01,570
That came up not too long ago.

1644
01:25:01,570 --> 01:25:06,160
My religious belief--
oh, no, I mentioned it.

1645
01:25:06,160 --> 01:25:11,875
I think I mentioned it when
I took David to the rabbi

1646
01:25:11,875 --> 01:25:14,380
in Peninsula.

1647
01:25:14,380 --> 01:25:16,930
My relationship,
mine, I have none.

1648
01:25:16,930 --> 01:25:19,000
I have none.

1649
01:25:19,000 --> 01:25:24,070
Whatever I have is between
me and whoever is up there.

1650
01:25:24,070 --> 01:25:31,060
Now, as I don't believe there's

somebody up there sitting

1651
01:25:31,060 --> 01:25:33,260
on a chair looking down.

1652
01:25:33,260 --> 01:25:35,250
So now, will Max--

1653
01:25:35,250 --> 01:25:38,560
no, I don't believe
that, I don't think.

1654
01:25:38,560 --> 01:25:43,200
But if there is
something within me

1655
01:25:43,200 --> 01:25:46,740
or within every individual
single human being who

1656
01:25:46,740 --> 01:25:49,230
he or she means or
expects or thinks

1657
01:25:49,230 --> 01:25:53,490
to be some higher
power, the more power.

1658
01:25:53,490 --> 01:25:56,790
It's something within myself.

1659
01:25:56,790 --> 01:25:57,750
Yeah.

1660
01:25:57,750 --> 01:25:58,790
That's it.

1661
01:25:58,790 --> 01:26:02,370
I have no further explanation.

1662
01:26:02,370 --> 01:26:03,270
No.

1663
01:26:03,270 --> 01:26:04,740
I think what people--

1664
01:26:04,740 --> 01:26:09,801
when people go to
shul and they down,

1665
01:26:09,801 --> 01:26:12,000
they don't do it to
somebody out there.

1666
01:26:12,000 --> 01:26:15,060
They do it to
themselves, because I

1667
01:26:15,060 --> 01:26:20,490
think that synagogue exists
within every single individual.

1668
01:26:20,490 --> 01:26:24,420
In fact, I think by law,
you don't need a synagogue.

1669
01:26:24,420 --> 01:26:26,580
We don't have churches--

1670
01:26:26,580 --> 01:26:28,040
every home, wherever you are.

1671
01:26:28,040 --> 01:26:31,650

1672
01:26:31,650 --> 01:26:36,210
And two subjects I avoid
are Communism and religion

1673
01:26:36,210 --> 01:26:42,650
as a subject, period,
because very ,

1674
01:26:42,650 --> 01:26:47,780

plainly people
have a conscience.

1675
01:26:47,780 --> 01:26:50,340

1676
01:26:50,340 --> 01:26:53,940
And when it is something wrong,
they go to church or synagogue

1677
01:26:53,940 --> 01:26:56,250
or to the mosque.

1678
01:26:56,250 --> 01:27:00,475
And they pray to the
Almighty to forgive them.

1679
01:27:00,475 --> 01:27:02,100
Or I don't know who
they're talking to.

1680
01:27:02,100 --> 01:27:04,170
I think they're
talking to themselves,

1681
01:27:04,170 --> 01:27:05,790
to their own conscience.

1682
01:27:05,790 --> 01:27:09,090
And if it benefits
them, wonderful.

1683
01:27:09,090 --> 01:27:12,660
I don't think you have to
spend \$8 million in a building

1684
01:27:12,660 --> 01:27:15,810
and ask me for contributions.

1685
01:27:15,810 --> 01:27:17,860
This is none of your business.

1686

01:27:17,860 --> 01:27:20,657

So you're saying that you
don't think your experiences

1687

01:27:20,657 --> 01:27:22,615

during the war affected
your religious beliefs?

1688

01:27:22,615 --> 01:27:24,743

No.

1689

01:27:24,743 --> 01:27:26,910

And let's keep it at that,
because if, then it would

1690

01:27:26,910 --> 01:27:28,450

be more negative than positive.

1691

01:27:28,450 --> 01:27:31,260

So let's keep it at that.

1692

01:27:31,260 --> 01:27:33,610

Let's keep it at that.

1693

01:27:33,610 --> 01:27:35,153

Let's keep it at that.

1694

01:27:35,153 --> 01:27:37,570

At one point, you said that
the camps made you a comedian.

1695

01:27:37,570 --> 01:27:41,170

1696

01:27:41,170 --> 01:27:41,740

OK.

1697

01:27:41,740 --> 01:27:46,000

What I mean is I must have
been a comedian already

1698

01:27:46,000 --> 01:27:47,770

before the war to some extent.

1699
01:27:47,770 --> 01:27:52,240
Some of the things
I did were comical.

1700
01:27:52,240 --> 01:27:56,740
And I did them from
that point of view.

1701
01:27:56,740 --> 01:28:00,900
The camps-- oh.

1702
01:28:00,900 --> 01:28:03,420
You see, it's perception--

1703
01:28:03,420 --> 01:28:04,230
perception.

1704
01:28:04,230 --> 01:28:06,930

1705
01:28:06,930 --> 01:28:10,980
Two people can look
at the same thing

1706
01:28:10,980 --> 01:28:15,160
and see two completely
different things.

1707
01:28:15,160 --> 01:28:19,660
My daughter-- last
week with my daughter,

1708
01:28:19,660 --> 01:28:23,262
she was down or something
like this with my grandson

1709
01:28:23,262 --> 01:28:24,220
or something like this.

1710
01:28:24,220 --> 01:28:28,220

And I said, why do you
look at the shadow side?

1711
01:28:28,220 --> 01:28:28,803
There are two.

1712
01:28:28,803 --> 01:28:30,428
There's a sunny side
and a shadow side.

1713
01:28:30,428 --> 01:28:31,660
Why do you have to walk this?

1714
01:28:31,660 --> 01:28:33,940
Why can't you move over?

1715
01:28:33,940 --> 01:28:34,720
You can.

1716
01:28:34,720 --> 01:28:35,950
And I said, wait a minute.

1717
01:28:35,950 --> 01:28:40,570
Why would I be able
to tell you what?

1718
01:28:40,570 --> 01:28:41,750
It's about a perception.

1719
01:28:41,750 --> 01:28:45,810
You can look at things
any way you want to--

1720
01:28:45,810 --> 01:28:48,360

1721
01:28:48,360 --> 01:28:49,440
any way you want to.

1722
01:28:49,440 --> 01:28:54,130

1723

01:28:54,130 --> 01:28:56,230

You can see the misery.

1724

01:28:56,230 --> 01:28:59,380

You can see the drama.

1725

01:28:59,380 --> 01:29:03,610

You can see anything you
want to and go to bed

1726

01:29:03,610 --> 01:29:04,900

and not sleep and wake up--

1727

01:29:04,900 --> 01:29:07,690

1728

01:29:07,690 --> 01:29:09,610

nightmares.

1729

01:29:09,610 --> 01:29:11,950

That's one way you
can look at it.

1730

01:29:11,950 --> 01:29:15,208

But the same event or the
same thing that is happening,

1731

01:29:15,208 --> 01:29:16,000

you can look at it.

1732

01:29:16,000 --> 01:29:20,540

And you will find if you see
it, if you want to see it--

1733

01:29:20,540 --> 01:29:22,330

a lot of people
don't want to see it.

1734

01:29:22,330 --> 01:29:23,680

They're too happy--

1735

01:29:23,680 --> 01:29:25,347

I don't want to say
they're masochistic.

1736

01:29:25,347 --> 01:29:29,517

But they're happy when
they can see the negative.

1737

01:29:29,517 --> 01:29:31,600

It doesn't cost any more
to look for the positive.

1738

01:29:31,600 --> 01:29:33,670

There's something in
there that's funny.

1739

01:29:33,670 --> 01:29:36,070

And it's overall.

1740

01:29:36,070 --> 01:29:38,890

In the overall-- what is
it, those idiotic words?

1741

01:29:38,890 --> 01:29:40,810

The overall scope of things?

1742

01:29:40,810 --> 01:29:42,640

I don't know how you call.

1743

01:29:42,640 --> 01:29:43,240

They're funny.

1744

01:29:43,240 --> 01:29:44,350

Yes, they are funny.

1745

01:29:44,350 --> 01:29:48,880

You see, I don't know,
a German sergeant

1746

01:29:48,880 --> 01:29:53,440

who ran with in Germany a
little cart with a garbage

1747

01:29:53,440 --> 01:29:54,580
can and swept the streets.

1748

01:29:54,580 --> 01:29:56,290
And now, he's an over sergeant.

1749

01:29:56,290 --> 01:29:58,392
And he now-- but
then, of course,

1750

01:29:58,392 --> 01:30:00,100
you don't have to be
anywhere because you

1751

01:30:00,100 --> 01:30:01,090
can see it anywhere.

1752

01:30:01,090 --> 01:30:05,710
In the minute somebody puts on
a uniform here or in Holland

1753

01:30:05,710 --> 01:30:08,380
or in Belgium, I
make an appointment

1754

01:30:08,380 --> 01:30:10,750
with the director of the post--

1755

01:30:10,750 --> 01:30:14,950
PDT in Holland, the post and
telegraph and the telephone

1756

01:30:14,950 --> 01:30:18,290
company or the
director from here.

1757

01:30:18,290 --> 01:30:19,900
I'm going to make
an appointment.

1758

01:30:19,900 --> 01:30:20,817
I need to talk to him.

1759
01:30:20,817 --> 01:30:22,360
I come in the gate.

1760
01:30:22,360 --> 01:30:24,100
The porter, I said--

1761
01:30:24,100 --> 01:30:26,393
he has to open the door.

1762
01:30:26,393 --> 01:30:27,310
What can I do for you?

1763
01:30:27,310 --> 01:30:29,073
I want to see Mr.
Whatever his name.

1764
01:30:29,073 --> 01:30:33,510

1765
01:30:33,510 --> 01:30:34,690
What is it about?

1766
01:30:34,690 --> 01:30:35,340
I look at him.

1767
01:30:35,340 --> 01:30:38,310
I said, what do you
mean what is it about?

1768
01:30:38,310 --> 01:30:41,350
First of all, it's
none of your business.

1769
01:30:41,350 --> 01:30:44,990
And if that Mr. Peterson
thinks you need to know,

1770
01:30:44,990 --> 01:30:47,260
then let him tell you.

1771

01:30:47,260 --> 01:30:48,390
He has a uniform.

1772
01:30:48,390 --> 01:30:51,400
And he's asking
me why the subject

1773
01:30:51,400 --> 01:30:54,850
I want to discuss
with the gentleman,

1774
01:30:54,850 --> 01:30:58,410
the director of the post.

1775
01:30:58,410 --> 01:31:01,040
So it's funny.

1776
01:31:01,040 --> 01:31:02,050
It's a joke.

1777
01:31:02,050 --> 01:31:07,820
It really is funny how
a blue piece of material

1778
01:31:07,820 --> 01:31:11,270
and some gold braid or
silver braid all of a sudden

1779
01:31:11,270 --> 01:31:13,400
makes you to something.

1780
01:31:13,400 --> 01:31:15,470
He gets home and he
gets beaten by his wife.

1781
01:31:15,470 --> 01:31:17,210
And he doesn't dare
to open his mouth.

1782
01:31:17,210 --> 01:31:20,230
And outside, go to
the German Autobahn.

1783

01:31:20,230 --> 01:31:23,290

1784

01:31:23,290 --> 01:31:25,930

Have you been in Germany?

1785

01:31:25,930 --> 01:31:30,130

Then I sent my kids,
Frank, Mark, and David,

1786

01:31:30,130 --> 01:31:34,040

when we went on vacation
a couple years ago.

1787

01:31:34,040 --> 01:31:35,567

And we went through Germany.

1788

01:31:35,567 --> 01:31:37,900

And we got out of Belgium
into Germany and the Autobahn.

1789

01:31:37,900 --> 01:31:42,460

And there's no speed
limit in Germany, you see?

1790

01:31:42,460 --> 01:31:46,240

And so you have those
BMW's and the Mercedes.

1791

01:31:46,240 --> 01:31:50,720

And they do 120 miles an
hour, 130 miles an hour.

1792

01:31:50,720 --> 01:31:53,050

And I had a Ford Torino.

1793

01:31:53,050 --> 01:31:56,530

That's still 3,300 pounds.

1794

01:31:56,530 --> 01:31:58,690

And they go by you like whoo.

1795

01:31:58,690 --> 01:32:01,080

And then my car goes like this.

1796

01:32:01,080 --> 01:32:03,820

So here, it was '83.

1797

01:32:03,820 --> 01:32:05,140

That was funny, you see?

1798

01:32:05,140 --> 01:32:06,890

This is funny.

1799

01:32:06,890 --> 01:32:10,830

So the first time when we got
out of Belgium on the Autobahn,

1800

01:32:10,830 --> 01:32:11,830

that's where it started.

1801

01:32:11,830 --> 01:32:13,990

And whoo.

1802

01:32:13,990 --> 01:32:18,910

The three kids, they're six
or seven, seven and 13 and 15,

1803

01:32:18,910 --> 01:32:20,630

something like this.

1804

01:32:20,630 --> 01:32:21,730

And they don't believe it.

1805

01:32:21,730 --> 01:32:22,390

What's this?

1806

01:32:22,390 --> 01:32:26,410

So from then on in, all
the way from the border

1807

01:32:26,410 --> 01:32:28,730

to Switzerland--

we went to Zurich--

1808
01:32:28,730 --> 01:32:32,260
they sat and they
watched the car come.

1809
01:32:32,260 --> 01:32:35,410
And I said, when I-- they
timed it, the three of them.

1810
01:32:35,410 --> 01:32:38,990
As it went by us, they
would yell, "Geronimo!"

1811
01:32:38,990 --> 01:32:42,290

1812
01:32:42,290 --> 01:32:43,250
When we came back--

1813
01:32:43,250 --> 01:32:47,510

1814
01:32:47,510 --> 01:32:50,670
yeah, Mark was-- no,
we went to Japan.

1815
01:32:50,670 --> 01:32:54,030
No, Mark was in fourth
grade, something like this.

1816
01:32:54,030 --> 01:32:56,940
And he had to tell
in front of the class

1817
01:32:56,940 --> 01:32:59,732
five minutes or 10
minutes where they were

1818
01:32:59,732 --> 01:33:01,440
and what they had
done, blah, blah, blah,

1819

01:33:01,440 --> 01:33:03,440
and what was the most--

1820

01:33:03,440 --> 01:33:06,340
what left the
greatest impression.

1821

01:33:06,340 --> 01:33:08,420
And he talked about
the German Autobahn.

1822

01:33:08,420 --> 01:33:13,920
We went to Belgium,
Holland, Germany.

1823

01:33:13,920 --> 01:33:17,900
And we had so many experiences
in those four weeks.

1824

01:33:17,900 --> 01:33:21,170
All they knew to remember
was the German Autobahn.

1825

01:33:21,170 --> 01:33:27,110
And I can go into
a discussion why,

1826

01:33:27,110 --> 01:33:29,660
why, because it
has nothing to do

1827

01:33:29,660 --> 01:33:31,130
with the way the
Frenchman drives

1828

01:33:31,130 --> 01:33:34,730
or the Italian or
this Ferrari sport.

1829

01:33:34,730 --> 01:33:40,170
That took in completely
different reasons.

1830

01:33:40,170 --> 01:33:42,890

And if you're studying--
you think it through

1831

01:33:42,890 --> 01:33:45,320

and you really study it and
you know the German mentality,

1832

01:33:45,320 --> 01:33:47,390

then you know why.

1833

01:33:47,390 --> 01:33:49,370

And it's funny.

1834

01:33:49,370 --> 01:33:53,040

It is really a joke.

1835

01:33:53,040 --> 01:33:59,490

So yes, this is what the
camps basically taught you

1836

01:33:59,490 --> 01:34:00,460

if you wanted to learn.

1837

01:34:00,460 --> 01:34:03,060

If you didn't want to learn,
of course, you came out as dumb

1838

01:34:03,060 --> 01:34:06,000

as you were when you went in.

1839

01:34:06,000 --> 01:34:09,690

And as I say, I
read a lot, which

1840

01:34:09,690 --> 01:34:12,720

is a matter of curiosity--

1841

01:34:12,720 --> 01:34:13,590

curiosity.

1842

01:34:13,590 --> 01:34:14,527
So it's still curious.

1843
01:34:14,527 --> 01:34:15,360
I am still learning.

1844
01:34:15,360 --> 01:34:22,380

1845
01:34:22,380 --> 01:34:22,880
No.

1846
01:34:22,880 --> 01:34:33,980

1847
01:34:33,980 --> 01:34:35,810
No.

1848
01:34:35,810 --> 01:34:41,000
Did you ever go back to try
to find your home that you

1849
01:34:41,000 --> 01:34:42,730
lived in before the war?

1850
01:34:42,730 --> 01:34:44,990
Immediately after
the war, I think

1851
01:34:44,990 --> 01:34:46,280
the day after we got back.

1852
01:34:46,280 --> 01:34:54,500

1853
01:34:54,500 --> 01:34:57,740
Did I go alone or did
I take my brother?

1854
01:34:57,740 --> 01:35:00,230
No, the day after
we got back, yes.

1855
01:35:00,230 --> 01:35:02,510
Of course, there was no
public transportation.

1856
01:35:02,510 --> 01:35:03,650
So we walked there.

1857
01:35:03,650 --> 01:35:05,780
And of course, somebody
else was living there

1858
01:35:05,780 --> 01:35:07,433
when we rang the bell.

1859
01:35:07,433 --> 01:35:08,600
We lived on the first floor.

1860
01:35:08,600 --> 01:35:10,320
And I said to him, we used
to live here before the war.

1861
01:35:10,320 --> 01:35:11,560
Would you mind if we-- no.

1862
01:35:11,560 --> 01:35:13,270
No, come on up.

1863
01:35:13,270 --> 01:35:17,180
So I think Joe was with me.

1864
01:35:17,180 --> 01:35:18,350
I remember I--

1865
01:35:18,350 --> 01:35:19,420
Was your father with you?

1866
01:35:19,420 --> 01:35:20,510
No.

1867
01:35:20,510 --> 01:35:22,190

He probably did it on his own.

1868
01:35:22,190 --> 01:35:23,300
I don't know.

1869
01:35:23,300 --> 01:35:25,670
But as I say, my dad has--

1870
01:35:25,670 --> 01:35:27,080
we just got back.

1871
01:35:27,080 --> 01:35:29,690
He had a lot of things
to do that he did.

1872
01:35:29,690 --> 01:35:32,840
We divided the responsibility.

1873
01:35:32,840 --> 01:35:36,240
He took care of us, and
I took care of myself.

1874
01:35:36,240 --> 01:35:38,570
So I don't know what he did.

1875
01:35:38,570 --> 01:35:40,820
I know that I went.

1876
01:35:40,820 --> 01:35:43,880
And I went through the park.

1877
01:35:43,880 --> 01:35:45,380
And I remember.

1878
01:35:45,380 --> 01:35:47,280
And then you remember.

1879
01:35:47,280 --> 01:35:49,010
It was a nostalgic trip.

1880
01:35:49,010 --> 01:35:51,800

This is why we went
through Germany and Europe

1881
01:35:51,800 --> 01:35:56,600
in '83 is to show David, look,
you were born in this hospital.

1882
01:35:56,600 --> 01:35:58,400
And that's where we lived.

1883
01:35:58,400 --> 01:35:59,990
And I took Frank to Antwerp.

1884
01:35:59,990 --> 01:36:01,850
And that is where-- in
the maternity clinic,

1885
01:36:01,850 --> 01:36:04,130
that's where you were born.

1886
01:36:04,130 --> 01:36:07,460
And that's when we all
lived in a penthouse.

1887
01:36:07,460 --> 01:36:09,740
We had the penthouse
when he was born.

1888
01:36:09,740 --> 01:36:13,790
And then when our
kids were old enough,

1889
01:36:13,790 --> 01:36:17,090
then we only had a
house with a yard.

1890
01:36:17,090 --> 01:36:19,040
And then we had that house.

1891
01:36:19,040 --> 01:36:24,060
And David, where he
was born in Spain--

1892

01:36:24,060 --> 01:36:26,820

1893

01:36:26,820 --> 01:36:29,760

and that's where he went
to school, kindergarten,

1894

01:36:29,760 --> 01:36:30,850

in the school in Spain.

1895

01:36:30,850 --> 01:36:33,660

Yes, I did that.

1896

01:36:33,660 --> 01:36:37,050

And I allowed my
kids to do that.

1897

01:36:37,050 --> 01:36:40,800

I took them there, as well.

1898

01:36:40,800 --> 01:36:50,400

And I went to see the high
school I was at, GICOL,

1899

01:36:50,400 --> 01:36:56,470

that course, but limitedly.

1900

01:36:56,470 --> 01:37:01,910

I didn't really go and
follow all the steps.

1901

01:37:01,910 --> 01:37:03,910

No.

1902

01:37:03,910 --> 01:37:06,550

When you went into
your home, did you

1903

01:37:06,550 --> 01:37:09,920

see anything that was familiar?

1904

01:37:09,920 --> 01:37:11,520
No.

1905
01:37:11,520 --> 01:37:16,020
That became German
property or whatever.

1906
01:37:16,020 --> 01:37:17,730
I don't care.

1907
01:37:17,730 --> 01:37:19,970
The only thing that would
care would be, let's say,

1908
01:37:19,970 --> 01:37:26,670
the photographs and
some of our set.

1909
01:37:26,670 --> 01:37:28,290
But otherwise, there were not--

1910
01:37:28,290 --> 01:37:33,180
materials, chairs,
furniture, material things.

1911
01:37:33,180 --> 01:37:34,370
Well, what is it?

1912
01:37:34,370 --> 01:37:36,970

1913
01:37:36,970 --> 01:37:37,710
It means nothing.

1914
01:37:37,710 --> 01:37:40,960

1915
01:37:40,960 --> 01:37:42,780
You have your father
and your brother.

1916
01:37:42,780 --> 01:37:47,010

And if you had your
mother, then who cares?

1917
01:37:47,010 --> 01:37:56,075
The physical items or
assets or paint on the wall,

1918
01:37:56,075 --> 01:37:59,080
no, I didn't go look for it.

1919
01:37:59,080 --> 01:38:01,705
And even I had seen it, I
wouldn't have wanted it,

1920
01:38:01,705 --> 01:38:02,830
unless there was something.

1921
01:38:02,830 --> 01:38:06,660
Hey, could I have this?

1922
01:38:06,660 --> 01:38:07,160
No.

1923
01:38:07,160 --> 01:38:12,200

1924
01:38:12,200 --> 01:38:13,250
Do I need it to remember?

1925
01:38:13,250 --> 01:38:16,130
No, I don't need that.

1926
01:38:16,130 --> 01:38:17,354
I don't need that.

1927
01:38:17,354 --> 01:38:22,200

1928
01:38:22,200 --> 01:38:22,760
That was it.

1929

01:38:22,760 --> 01:38:27,680

1930

01:38:27,680 --> 01:38:29,990

When did you and your
father and your brother

1931

01:38:29,990 --> 01:38:32,075

finally come to America?

1932

01:38:32,075 --> 01:38:34,820

1933

01:38:34,820 --> 01:38:37,940

He came-- my father
and my brother

1934

01:38:37,940 --> 01:38:42,420

came first, because I got
married in the meantime.

1935

01:38:42,420 --> 01:38:52,590

And so they came in 1950--
'49, '50, something like that.

1936

01:38:52,590 --> 01:38:57,950

And I married Ruth.

1937

01:38:57,950 --> 01:39:02,060

And her mother and sister
and brother-in-law, they

1938

01:39:02,060 --> 01:39:02,720

live in Israel.

1939

01:39:02,720 --> 01:39:05,630

1940

01:39:05,630 --> 01:39:09,470

And as my dad and brother
had left for the States,

1941

01:39:09,470 --> 01:39:11,480
I said, OK.

1942
01:39:11,480 --> 01:39:13,560
We go.

1943
01:39:13,560 --> 01:39:16,590
Then she says, no, I want
us-- because I had not

1944
01:39:16,590 --> 01:39:18,330
met the family.

1945
01:39:18,330 --> 01:39:21,140
I didn't know how
lucky I was then.

1946
01:39:21,140 --> 01:39:25,430

1947
01:39:25,430 --> 01:39:27,690
Like they say,
friendship, you choose.

1948
01:39:27,690 --> 01:39:31,490
[HEBREW], you take it.

1949
01:39:31,490 --> 01:39:35,030
So I said, well, not now.

1950
01:39:35,030 --> 01:39:35,960
We just got married.

1951
01:39:35,960 --> 01:39:42,077
How many-- I had studied
electrical, not engineering

1952
01:39:42,077 --> 01:39:44,660
because there were, of course,
no funds or finances or budget.

1953
01:39:44,660 --> 01:39:45,890

There were no scholarships.

1954

01:39:45,890 --> 01:39:48,080

They didn't exist in Holland.

1955

01:39:48,080 --> 01:39:51,140

They needed labor.

1956

01:39:51,140 --> 01:39:54,850

So I went in as an apprentice.

1957

01:39:54,850 --> 01:40:00,310

In the summer at school, I went
a smith and a furniture maker.

1958

01:40:00,310 --> 01:40:02,060

That's mainly because
my dad forced me to.

1959

01:40:02,060 --> 01:40:06,110

In the summer vacation,
you spent six weeks here

1960

01:40:06,110 --> 01:40:08,360

with a furniture maker,
six weeks with a smith.

1961

01:40:08,360 --> 01:40:11,240

I liked that very
much at Stiegman's.

1962

01:40:11,240 --> 01:40:14,155

And six weeks with an
electrical contractor--

1963

01:40:14,155 --> 01:40:15,530

he says, you learn,
learn, learn.

1964

01:40:15,530 --> 01:40:16,030

OK.

1965

01:40:16,030 --> 01:40:16,778
Fine.

1966
01:40:16,778 --> 01:40:17,570
He said, you learn.

1967
01:40:17,570 --> 01:40:19,730
So you spend.

1968
01:40:19,730 --> 01:40:22,070
So I know very little
about vacations.

1969
01:40:22,070 --> 01:40:26,930
I have had some, but very few.

1970
01:40:26,930 --> 01:40:29,227
And I don't miss it, either.

1971
01:40:29,227 --> 01:40:30,060
I never did miss it.

1972
01:40:30,060 --> 01:40:36,150

1973
01:40:36,150 --> 01:40:38,430
So by that time, I was working.

1974
01:40:38,430 --> 01:40:41,220
I knew enough that I could
work as an electrician,

1975
01:40:41,220 --> 01:40:43,230
as a journeyman.

1976
01:40:43,230 --> 01:40:46,860
And so we wanted
to come to Chicago.

1977
01:40:46,860 --> 01:40:51,490
She said, no, I want to see--

1978

01:40:51,490 --> 01:40:53,100

let's go and see my family.

1979

01:40:53,100 --> 01:40:54,010

I said, the family?

1980

01:40:54,010 --> 01:40:55,890

Why now?

1981

01:40:55,890 --> 01:41:00,660

With the money we have, let's
go first and get settled.

1982

01:41:00,660 --> 01:41:03,537

And then two years
from now, then we'll

1983

01:41:03,537 --> 01:41:04,620

go and visit your parents.

1984

01:41:04,620 --> 01:41:06,390

No. no.

1985

01:41:06,390 --> 01:41:07,920

I said, I'm not going.

1986

01:41:07,920 --> 01:41:13,890

But then you know who wears
the pants, because she

1987

01:41:13,890 --> 01:41:16,680

was very, very clever.

1988

01:41:16,680 --> 01:41:19,350

1989

01:41:19,350 --> 01:41:24,015

She knew me well enough
if I say, no, it's no.

1990

01:41:24,015 --> 01:41:25,640

So what she would do
is she said, fine.

1991
01:41:25,640 --> 01:41:26,210
I go alone.

1992
01:41:26,210 --> 01:41:28,790

1993
01:41:28,790 --> 01:41:32,420
That's the way Ruth managed to--

1994
01:41:32,420 --> 01:41:34,670
knowing that I would, of
course, not let her go alone.

1995
01:41:34,670 --> 01:41:38,280
And she would have gone alone.

1996
01:41:38,280 --> 01:41:41,270
I said, look, the trip and the--

1997
01:41:41,270 --> 01:41:44,970
and then, of course, I expect
you to bring a whole grocery

1998
01:41:44,970 --> 01:41:46,740
store, because at
that time, people were

1999
01:41:46,740 --> 01:41:49,380
starving to death in Israel.

2000
01:41:49,380 --> 01:41:52,650
There was nothing, nothing,
absolutely nothing.

2001
01:41:52,650 --> 01:41:56,772
The people survived from
what people would send them.

2002
01:41:56,772 --> 01:41:58,480

So I said, by the time
we go out and back

2003
01:41:58,480 --> 01:42:01,450
and we supply them a year and
a half of food, we're broke.

2004
01:42:01,450 --> 01:42:04,448

2005
01:42:04,448 --> 01:42:04,990
No, she-- OK.

2006
01:42:04,990 --> 01:42:05,490
Fine.

2007
01:42:05,490 --> 01:42:06,860
But for how long?

2008
01:42:06,860 --> 01:42:07,360
OK.

2009
01:42:07,360 --> 01:42:11,620
One month, and that's
it, because by the time,

2010
01:42:11,620 --> 01:42:16,750
she was already pregnant.

2011
01:42:16,750 --> 01:42:22,702
So when we got to Israel
and I met the in-laws,

2012
01:42:22,702 --> 01:42:23,410
I said, let's go.

2013
01:42:23,410 --> 01:42:26,170
We don't have to
stay here a month.

2014
01:42:26,170 --> 01:42:28,880
Two weeks is enough.

2015

01:42:28,880 --> 01:42:33,760

And no, we stay there a month.

2016

01:42:33,760 --> 01:42:37,125

And then they talked
her into staying.

2017

01:42:37,125 --> 01:42:40,866

2018

01:42:40,866 --> 01:42:42,398

I said, why would
you want to stay?

2019

01:42:42,398 --> 01:42:42,940

I don't know.

2020

01:42:42,940 --> 01:42:46,850

2021

01:42:46,850 --> 01:42:50,430

I have to admit that
she was a Zionist--

2022

01:42:50,430 --> 01:42:54,910

2023

01:42:54,910 --> 01:42:59,080

not 100%, but
let's say 60%, 65%.

2024

01:42:59,080 --> 01:43:06,430

She was telling me because
she was hidden, she had not

2025

01:43:06,430 --> 01:43:10,960

lived with the experiences
in the camps as I had,

2026

01:43:10,960 --> 01:43:15,250

where I learned to

know people, humanity,

2027

01:43:15,250 --> 01:43:19,690

let's say, the human being
and various human beings

2028

01:43:19,690 --> 01:43:22,810

from various groups.

2029

01:43:22,810 --> 01:43:24,450

Everybody has his own traits.

2030

01:43:24,450 --> 01:43:27,940

So she was so Zionist.

2031

01:43:27,940 --> 01:43:36,120

And so the whole family
worked on her to stay.

2032

01:43:36,120 --> 01:43:38,540

I just want to get
out of there now--

2033

01:43:38,540 --> 01:43:39,040

now.

2034

01:43:39,040 --> 01:43:44,270

2035

01:43:44,270 --> 01:43:46,242

So I run up against
a brick wall.

2036

01:43:46,242 --> 01:43:48,200

Well, let's wait at least
till the baby's born.

2037

01:43:48,200 --> 01:43:48,742

I said, fine.

2038

01:43:48,742 --> 01:43:51,060

The baby can be born

in Chicago, as well.

2039

01:43:51,060 --> 01:43:51,560

No.

2040

01:43:51,560 --> 01:43:52,640

No, here.

2041

01:43:52,640 --> 01:43:53,960

You can take away my daughter?

2042

01:43:53,960 --> 01:43:55,640

I said, first, she's
not your daughter.

2043

01:43:55,640 --> 01:43:56,990

She's my wife.

2044

01:43:56,990 --> 01:44:00,170

And she was your
daughter-- no longer.

2045

01:44:00,170 --> 01:44:03,530

So Ruth got between the
devil and the deep blue sea.

2046

01:44:03,530 --> 01:44:06,420

Whatever she would
do, it was wrong.

2047

01:44:06,420 --> 01:44:11,390

In these cases, people
tend to do nothing,

2048

01:44:11,390 --> 01:44:15,060

to make the decision
not to do anything.

2049

01:44:15,060 --> 01:44:16,670

And as I saw this, I said, fine.

2050

01:44:16,670 --> 01:44:17,840

OK.

2051

01:44:17,840 --> 01:44:20,570

We'll stay.

2052

01:44:20,570 --> 01:44:24,710

But the minute you find out that
this is enough, you tell me.

2053

01:44:24,710 --> 01:44:27,320

And we'll be gone
two days later.

2054

01:44:27,320 --> 01:44:28,460

OK?

2055

01:44:28,460 --> 01:44:32,150

So I had to go back to
Europe and then get the whole

2056

01:44:32,150 --> 01:44:34,280

shebang-- furniture--

2057

01:44:34,280 --> 01:44:38,490

because we went there as
a tourist with a suitcase.

2058

01:44:38,490 --> 01:44:40,170

So we stayed there.

2059

01:44:40,170 --> 01:44:45,120

And after six months,
Bella was already born.

2060

01:44:45,120 --> 01:44:48,370

She says, I have enough.

2061

01:44:48,370 --> 01:44:49,300

I am getting sick.

2062

01:44:49,300 --> 01:44:51,690

Let's get out of here--

2063
01:44:51,690 --> 01:44:55,130
the Mapi and Mapam
and the Hesani Jews

2064
01:44:55,130 --> 01:44:59,320
and the Jews from Egypt
and the backstabbing

2065
01:44:59,320 --> 01:45:08,390
and a continuation
from the camp,

2066
01:45:08,390 --> 01:45:16,620
which you did not see
in other countries,

2067
01:45:16,620 --> 01:45:19,290
like in Holland, Denmark,
Sweden, Belgium, United

2068
01:45:19,290 --> 01:45:20,930
States, France, Italy.

2069
01:45:20,930 --> 01:45:22,460
I don't care where.

2070
01:45:22,460 --> 01:45:25,940
But you saw that in Israel.

2071
01:45:25,940 --> 01:45:28,340
What do you mean a
continuation of the camps?

2072
01:45:28,340 --> 01:45:31,340
The interaction between people.

2073
01:45:31,340 --> 01:45:33,410
In the camps, people would
steal a piece of bread

2074
01:45:33,410 --> 01:45:34,970

from somebody else's pillow.

2075

01:45:34,970 --> 01:45:38,210

And it was hid,
because he was hungry.

2076

01:45:38,210 --> 01:45:40,460

There were some people
that would go and say,

2077

01:45:40,460 --> 01:45:43,415

psh if they would
get the ration.

2078

01:45:43,415 --> 01:45:47,760

2079

01:45:47,760 --> 01:45:50,540

What is integrity in a camp?

2080

01:45:50,540 --> 01:45:52,800

Oh, there were very
few people that

2081

01:45:52,800 --> 01:45:54,180

had backbone and integrity.

2082

01:45:54,180 --> 01:45:59,580

My dad-- I couldn't be bought.

2083

01:45:59,580 --> 01:46:01,440

No, I'm not talking
about myself and my dad.

2084

01:46:01,440 --> 01:46:09,150

But the interaction
between human beings

2085

01:46:09,150 --> 01:46:11,430

under the worst of
circumstances sometimes

2086

01:46:11,430 --> 01:46:15,750
brings out the worst in a human
being, as well as the best.

2087
01:46:15,750 --> 01:46:18,480
And I've seen them.

2088
01:46:18,480 --> 01:46:21,000
Unfortunately, the majority--

2089
01:46:21,000 --> 01:46:25,580
90% or 85%-- it is
always the worst.

2090
01:46:25,580 --> 01:46:30,660
And then like a diamond,
you see a human gesture

2091
01:46:30,660 --> 01:46:33,690
that makes up for
all of the misery

2092
01:46:33,690 --> 01:46:38,340
that you witnessed the past two
weeks, that one little gesture.

2093
01:46:38,340 --> 01:46:42,090
And I would keep this with me.

2094
01:46:42,090 --> 01:46:43,920
And I would not
forget these things.

2095
01:46:43,920 --> 01:46:48,090
And I would say, see, there are
still people that can do that.

2096
01:46:48,090 --> 01:46:54,260
And that attitude, that battle
and fight for survival--

2097
01:46:54,260 --> 01:46:56,850

2098
01:46:56,850 --> 01:47:02,060
they would climb over bodies
in the camps, which is--

2099
01:47:02,060 --> 01:47:02,580
yes.

2100
01:47:02,580 --> 01:47:06,500
And also Westerbork, Yes.

2101
01:47:06,500 --> 01:47:08,552
In the last camp, no,
because it didn't work.

2102
01:47:08,552 --> 01:47:09,260
That didn't work.

2103
01:47:09,260 --> 01:47:12,349

2104
01:47:12,349 --> 01:47:13,766
And when you came
to this one, you

2105
01:47:13,766 --> 01:47:15,099
saw the same thing, only worse--

2106
01:47:15,099 --> 01:47:17,300

2107
01:47:17,300 --> 01:47:19,960
worse.

2108
01:47:19,960 --> 01:47:21,790
You didn't see that here.

2109
01:47:21,790 --> 01:47:24,287
Let's say that you
came out of the camps

2110

01:47:24,287 --> 01:47:25,870
and came straight
to the United States

2111
01:47:25,870 --> 01:47:30,070
or straight like we, Holland
and Belgium and France, Denmark.

2112
01:47:30,070 --> 01:47:31,640
There were not that many.

2113
01:47:31,640 --> 01:47:34,200
The Danish Jews went over to
Sweden in one night, anyway.

2114
01:47:34,200 --> 01:47:38,900

2115
01:47:38,900 --> 01:47:40,580
No, you didn't
see that attitude.

2116
01:47:40,580 --> 01:47:43,060
You saw it in Israel.

2117
01:47:43,060 --> 01:47:49,270
And when people would ask me why
and Ruth asked me why, I said,

2118
01:47:49,270 --> 01:47:52,600
very simple.

2119
01:47:52,600 --> 01:47:55,900
And a lot of people
don't like it.

2120
01:47:55,900 --> 01:47:58,052
But then sometimes,
truth is painful.

2121
01:47:58,052 --> 01:47:59,260
People don't want to hear it.

2122

01:47:59,260 --> 01:48:02,230

2123

01:48:02,230 --> 01:48:07,120

In Holland, the Jewish
survivor or in Belgium

2124

01:48:07,120 --> 01:48:10,660

behaved more or less
acceptable because, as I say,

2125

01:48:10,660 --> 01:48:14,320

he or she formed
part of a community.

2126

01:48:14,320 --> 01:48:17,070

It was not a little island.

2127

01:48:17,070 --> 01:48:18,920

Everybody saw it.

2128

01:48:18,920 --> 01:48:21,400

So he behaved.

2129

01:48:21,400 --> 01:48:23,448

Israel, there were no goyim.

2130

01:48:23,448 --> 01:48:24,490

There were no Christians.

2131

01:48:24,490 --> 01:48:25,390

They were just Jews.

2132

01:48:25,390 --> 01:48:27,460

So who had to be ashamed?

2133

01:48:27,460 --> 01:48:30,060

There was nothing to be ashamed
of because they were all Jews.

2134

01:48:30,060 --> 01:48:33,070

That is what Israel
lacked in these years.

2135
01:48:33,070 --> 01:48:35,770
A 40% Christian population,
and they would have

2136
01:48:35,770 --> 01:48:37,750
behaved like human beings.

2137
01:48:37,750 --> 01:48:39,930
But she saw as a Zionist.

2138
01:48:39,930 --> 01:48:41,510
I knew it ahead of time.

2139
01:48:41,510 --> 01:48:42,400
I know.

2140
01:48:42,400 --> 01:48:45,670
I said, a week, out.

2141
01:48:45,670 --> 01:48:48,790
And it took her
maybe three months

2142
01:48:48,790 --> 01:48:52,480
to see it, because you
can close your eyes

2143
01:48:52,480 --> 01:48:55,267
and not see it and
then take the guts

2144
01:48:55,267 --> 01:48:57,350
and now to see it and tell
me, Max, that's enough.

2145
01:48:57,350 --> 01:48:58,900
Let's go.

2146
01:48:58,900 --> 01:49:00,940

So it took six months.

2147
01:49:00,940 --> 01:49:06,230
And then it took us
six months to get out.

2148
01:49:06,230 --> 01:49:09,050

2149
01:49:09,050 --> 01:49:10,090
I needed an exit visa.

2150
01:49:10,090 --> 01:49:11,780
They wouldn't give
me an exit visa.

2151
01:49:11,780 --> 01:49:15,422

2152
01:49:15,422 --> 01:49:16,880
They wouldn't give
me an exit visa.

2153
01:49:16,880 --> 01:49:19,060
No.

2154
01:49:19,060 --> 01:49:23,938
I went to the army
headquarters in Jerusalem.

2155
01:49:23,938 --> 01:49:25,480
I went to see the
commanding general.

2156
01:49:25,480 --> 01:49:27,460
And I broke two windows.

2157
01:49:27,460 --> 01:49:30,250
I drove my motorcycle
into the hall.

2158
01:49:30,250 --> 01:49:32,560

I said, I'm not going-- now.

2159
01:49:32,560 --> 01:49:34,900
And I really raised my voice.

2160
01:49:34,900 --> 01:49:35,600
I don't.

2161
01:49:35,600 --> 01:49:37,240
They drafted me for the army.

2162
01:49:37,240 --> 01:49:39,040
In the army?

2163
01:49:39,040 --> 01:49:40,430
What are you talking about?

2164
01:49:40,430 --> 01:49:43,690
I didn't come here
to enter the army.

2165
01:49:43,690 --> 01:49:45,130
Yeah.

2166
01:49:45,130 --> 01:49:48,310
And then, of course, as
an electrician, young,

2167
01:49:48,310 --> 01:49:52,510
they had dentists and doctors
and lawyers and ganuvim.

2168
01:49:52,510 --> 01:49:53,950
I don't know.

2169
01:49:53,950 --> 01:49:56,785
But technical people,
there weren't any.

2170
01:49:56,785 --> 01:49:58,640
A Jewish engineer?

2171

01:49:58,640 --> 01:50:00,550

There were no Jewish engineers.

2172

01:50:00,550 --> 01:50:03,810

Jewish electricians?

2173

01:50:03,810 --> 01:50:05,538

That was one of
the things they--

2174

01:50:05,538 --> 01:50:06,330

one of the reasons.

2175

01:50:06,330 --> 01:50:08,310

Anyway, they did.

2176

01:50:08,310 --> 01:50:10,130

They managed six
months to stop me.

2177

01:50:10,130 --> 01:50:12,120

Everybody else
would have caved in

2178

01:50:12,120 --> 01:50:14,910

and no way, until
finally then draft.

2179

01:50:14,910 --> 01:50:17,460

That was the last thing what
they did is they drafted.

2180

01:50:17,460 --> 01:50:21,360

I had to report to Jeff again,
like two pairs of pants,

2181

01:50:21,360 --> 01:50:23,302

two pairs of slacks,
two pairs of underwear.

2182

01:50:23,302 --> 01:50:24,760

I said, what are

you talking about?

2183

01:50:24,760 --> 01:50:27,720

I might as well have said, what?

2184

01:50:27,720 --> 01:50:28,600

You must.

2185

01:50:28,600 --> 01:50:29,100

I must?

2186

01:50:29,100 --> 01:50:31,080

No, I must not.

2187

01:50:31,080 --> 01:50:32,970

And then I went to the--

2188

01:50:32,970 --> 01:50:35,910

and there was a Venezuelan
embassy, a consulate in Israel.

2189

01:50:35,910 --> 01:50:38,430

And this one was in Rome.

2190

01:50:38,430 --> 01:50:41,790

So I went to Jerusalem
to the army headquarters

2191

01:50:41,790 --> 01:50:43,788

with that little piece of paper.

2192

01:50:43,788 --> 01:50:45,580

And I wanted to see
the commanding general.

2193

01:50:45,580 --> 01:50:46,455

They said, you can't.

2194

01:50:46,455 --> 01:50:47,460

I said, I can.

2195

01:50:47,460 --> 01:50:48,860
If I can't, then who can?

2196
01:50:48,860 --> 01:50:50,473
And what is he here for?

2197
01:50:50,473 --> 01:50:51,390
I want to see him now.

2198
01:50:51,390 --> 01:50:53,310
And I really raised hell.

2199
01:50:53,310 --> 01:50:53,940
I did.

2200
01:50:53,940 --> 01:50:58,380
I raised hell, H-E-L-L.
And I don't want--

2201
01:50:58,380 --> 01:51:03,660
and I didn't know the ranks
until I got in a big office.

2202
01:51:03,660 --> 01:51:05,790
And I think I did recall
it was a big office.

2203
01:51:05,790 --> 01:51:08,370
And the furniture, yes--

2204
01:51:08,370 --> 01:51:11,490
yes, it's like the prime
minister in Britain.

2205
01:51:11,490 --> 01:51:12,990
So that must be--

2206
01:51:12,990 --> 01:51:15,450
I'm told I'm not going.

2207
01:51:15,450 --> 01:51:16,920
I'm not an Israeli citizen.

2208
01:51:16,920 --> 01:51:17,730
I came on vacation.

2209
01:51:17,730 --> 01:51:18,750
I live here.

2210
01:51:18,750 --> 01:51:19,690
I'm out.

2211
01:51:19,690 --> 01:51:23,400
Already four months, you're
preventing me from leaving.

2212
01:51:23,400 --> 01:51:24,750
Now, you come with this here?

2213
01:51:24,750 --> 01:51:25,900
No way.

2214
01:51:25,900 --> 01:51:26,430
Forget it.

2215
01:51:26,430 --> 01:51:28,770
First of all, I'm
not an Israeli.

2216
01:51:28,770 --> 01:51:34,080
Secondly, I signed a document
that there's an Israeli law

2217
01:51:34,080 --> 01:51:40,080
that anybody, any Jew,
among entering automatically

2218
01:51:40,080 --> 01:51:42,690
becomes Israeli.

2219
01:51:42,690 --> 01:51:46,350
That law-- nobody knew that
that law existed, you see?

2220

01:51:46,350 --> 01:51:48,360

They didn't publicize that.

2221

01:51:48,360 --> 01:51:49,980

I knew.

2222

01:51:49,980 --> 01:51:51,150

I knew.

2223

01:51:51,150 --> 01:51:51,990

Nobody else knew.

2224

01:51:51,990 --> 01:51:53,310

In Holland, nobody knew.

2225

01:51:53,310 --> 01:51:54,893

When I mentioned it,
what do you mean?

2226

01:51:54,893 --> 01:51:55,710

Yes.

2227

01:51:55,710 --> 01:51:58,780

So before we went
there, Ruth and I,

2228

01:51:58,780 --> 01:52:00,220

we went to the
Israeli consulate.

2229

01:52:00,220 --> 01:52:02,910

And they said, you may
have form number 44.

2230

01:52:02,910 --> 01:52:03,870

What?

2231

01:52:03,870 --> 01:52:07,680

Form number X and Y set 12.

2232

01:52:07,680 --> 01:52:09,390

There's no such form.

2233

01:52:09,390 --> 01:52:13,050

I said, please, don't
play games with me.

2234

01:52:13,050 --> 01:52:14,780

No.

2235

01:52:14,780 --> 01:52:16,910

Now, I want a form now.

2236

01:52:16,910 --> 01:52:18,380

And I want it in triplicate.

2237

01:52:18,380 --> 01:52:20,610

I want three copies, three.

2238

01:52:20,610 --> 01:52:22,490

And if you don't do it
now, I make a scandal.

2239

01:52:22,490 --> 01:52:23,865

And I'll break
down the building.

2240

01:52:23,865 --> 01:52:24,590

I want it now.

2241

01:52:24,590 --> 01:52:26,540

Then they found it.

2242

01:52:26,540 --> 01:52:31,130

And that form says
that I hereby--

2243

01:52:31,130 --> 01:52:33,200

Ruth and I, we both signed.

2244

01:52:33,200 --> 01:52:37,430

I hereby declare
that upon entering

2245
01:52:37,430 --> 01:52:39,950
Israel on whatever
basis, I will maintain

2246
01:52:39,950 --> 01:52:41,577
my present nationality.

2247
01:52:41,577 --> 01:52:44,320

2248
01:52:44,320 --> 01:52:45,880
And we made three.

2249
01:52:45,880 --> 01:52:48,235
I gave them one, and I kept two.

2250
01:52:48,235 --> 01:52:49,000
No, you want two.

2251
01:52:49,000 --> 01:52:50,235
I said, no, make a photocopy.

2252
01:52:50,235 --> 01:52:50,860
There's no way.

2253
01:52:50,860 --> 01:52:52,030
I keep two.

2254
01:52:52,030 --> 01:52:54,340
One goes in a safe here.

2255
01:52:54,340 --> 01:52:56,950
And one, I take with me.

2256
01:52:56,950 --> 01:53:01,960
And nobody knew that that law
existed, that particular law.

2257
01:53:01,960 --> 01:53:04,250
So we kept it with us.

2258

01:53:04,250 --> 01:53:06,820

Then we paid for the
trip as a tourist.

2259

01:53:06,820 --> 01:53:10,300

So when you wanted to get
out, first, you had to prove--

2260

01:53:10,300 --> 01:53:12,460

I had to prove that they
didn't pay for my trip.

2261

01:53:12,460 --> 01:53:13,263

I said, no.

2262

01:53:13,263 --> 01:53:13,930

I don't have to.

2263

01:53:13,930 --> 01:53:15,580

You prove that you
paid for my trip.

2264

01:53:15,580 --> 01:53:16,622

I don't have to prove it.

2265

01:53:16,622 --> 01:53:17,420

No way.

2266

01:53:17,420 --> 01:53:17,920

You can.

2267

01:53:17,920 --> 01:53:18,420

I can't?

2268

01:53:18,420 --> 01:53:20,770

Oh, yes, I can.

2269

01:53:20,770 --> 01:53:23,110

And then little
things like this,

2270

01:53:23,110 --> 01:53:28,468

everything-- so by
that time, I was as mad

2271

01:53:28,468 --> 01:53:29,760

as I have ever been in my life.

2272

01:53:29,760 --> 01:53:33,350

I was so angry here.

2273

01:53:33,350 --> 01:53:36,560

I don't want to go
into that, but my anger

2274

01:53:36,560 --> 01:53:37,700

could have moved mountains.

2275

01:53:37,700 --> 01:53:40,370

And I'm telling you, mountains.

2276

01:53:40,370 --> 01:53:42,470

And every step forward--

2277

01:53:42,470 --> 01:53:44,960

two steps ahead and
three steps backwards.

2278

01:53:44,960 --> 01:53:49,190

They did everything to
prevent you from leaving.

2279

01:53:49,190 --> 01:53:53,450

And the more they put
obstacles, the angrier I got.

2280

01:53:53,450 --> 01:53:54,890

So at the end.

2281

01:53:54,890 --> 01:54:00,530

I know very well my fuse was
like my dad's, like this,

2282

01:54:00,530 --> 01:54:02,210
only a quarter-of-an-inch fuse.

2283

01:54:02,210 --> 01:54:03,200
No, I know it.

2284

01:54:03,200 --> 01:54:05,600
And I am aware of it, and
I tried to hold it back.

2285

01:54:05,600 --> 01:54:07,103
So I count to 10.

2286

01:54:07,103 --> 01:54:09,020
And I said, why the hell
should I count to 10?

2287

01:54:09,020 --> 01:54:11,312
I've counted to 10 long enough.

2288

01:54:11,312 --> 01:54:12,770
And then there, I
made a spectacle.

2289

01:54:12,770 --> 01:54:16,430
They said, yeah, you have to go.

2290

01:54:16,430 --> 01:54:17,360
I said, I have to go?

2291

01:54:17,360 --> 01:54:17,943
Who tells you?

2292

01:54:17,943 --> 01:54:20,390
Who the hell are you to tell
me I have to go in the army?

2293

01:54:20,390 --> 01:54:22,640
I'm not going in the army.

2294

01:54:22,640 --> 01:54:23,900

I'm leaving.

2295

01:54:23,900 --> 01:54:25,430

And if I have to
swim, I'm leaving.

2296

01:54:25,430 --> 01:54:27,920

You can keep it, you, not me.

2297

01:54:27,920 --> 01:54:30,870

2298

01:54:30,870 --> 01:54:34,550

Yeah, you remember--
I said, besides which,

2299

01:54:34,550 --> 01:54:37,430

if I join Israeli army, I lose--

2300

01:54:37,430 --> 01:54:38,900

like in the US law.

2301

01:54:38,900 --> 01:54:39,860

You have your passport.

2302

01:54:39,860 --> 01:54:43,640

If you join a foreign army or
swear allegiance, you lose.

2303

01:54:43,640 --> 01:54:46,340

So I said the same,
which I get in the army,

2304

01:54:46,340 --> 01:54:47,760

I lose my Venezuelan
citizenship.

2305

01:54:47,760 --> 01:54:49,792

And you see here.

2306

01:54:49,792 --> 01:54:50,750

He said, may I have it?

2307
01:54:50,750 --> 01:54:53,750
Yes, you may have it,
because I still have a copy.

2308
01:54:53,750 --> 01:54:54,770
You may read it.

2309
01:54:54,770 --> 01:54:55,820
And then he sees it.

2310
01:54:55,820 --> 01:54:59,072
And he, of course, knows
that that law exists.

2311
01:54:59,072 --> 01:55:00,530
So now, he doesn't
know what to do.

2312
01:55:00,530 --> 01:55:03,580
So he has somebody,
an aide, come help.

2313
01:55:03,580 --> 01:55:10,430
So the aide goes away and
comes back in five minutes.

2314
01:55:10,430 --> 01:55:13,840
And then the general
or whoever, he

2315
01:55:13,840 --> 01:55:20,890
tells me, no, the
Israeli law only

2316
01:55:20,890 --> 01:55:23,770
tells that if I volunteer--

2317
01:55:23,770 --> 01:55:26,920
volunteer-- for service
in a foreign army,

2318

01:55:26,920 --> 01:55:30,010
then I do lose my
nationality, which is true.

2319
01:55:30,010 --> 01:55:31,690
That is the law.

2320
01:55:31,690 --> 01:55:33,140
He's right.

2321
01:55:33,140 --> 01:55:36,010
And I said, what?

2322
01:55:36,010 --> 01:55:38,260
Where did you get
this idea from?

2323
01:55:38,260 --> 01:55:40,640
Look, I as a
Venezuelan, you're going

2324
01:55:40,640 --> 01:55:43,240
to teach me Venezuelan law.

2325
01:55:43,240 --> 01:55:46,690
I don't know where you got
that fantasy, but forget it.

2326
01:55:46,690 --> 01:55:47,590
I'm losing it.

2327
01:55:47,590 --> 01:55:48,310
And I don't know.

2328
01:55:48,310 --> 01:55:49,310
Don't teach me the law.

2329
01:55:49,310 --> 01:55:49,810
That's it.

2330
01:55:49,810 --> 01:55:50,380
I want out.

2331
01:55:50,380 --> 01:55:52,390
And this-- what you
do is in contradiction

2332
01:55:52,390 --> 01:55:53,890
with the document signed.

2333
01:55:53,890 --> 01:55:55,090
I stand by this.

2334
01:55:55,090 --> 01:55:57,400
I want out.

2335
01:55:57,400 --> 01:56:01,090
And I think something like
next week, Monday or Tuesday,

2336
01:56:01,090 --> 01:56:04,270
I had to report in Jaffa.

2337
01:56:04,270 --> 01:56:07,420
And I said, I want you
to know the following.

2338
01:56:07,420 --> 01:56:10,442
You-- there were something
like six people in that office.

2339
01:56:10,442 --> 01:56:12,400
I said, you all understand
English well enough.

2340
01:56:12,400 --> 01:56:16,240

2341
01:56:16,240 --> 01:56:20,410
I am supposed to report
to Jaffa military--

2342
01:56:20,410 --> 01:56:21,430
I don't know--

2343
01:56:21,430 --> 01:56:22,000
11 o'clock.

2344
01:56:22,000 --> 01:56:23,230
I won't be there.

2345
01:56:23,230 --> 01:56:23,842
I'll be home.

2346
01:56:23,842 --> 01:56:24,800
I'm not going anywhere.

2347
01:56:24,800 --> 01:56:27,220
I'll be home.

2348
01:56:27,220 --> 01:56:30,850
So you can rest assured that
I will not change my mind.

2349
01:56:30,850 --> 01:56:33,640
So you can already now
instruct and give orders

2350
01:56:33,640 --> 01:56:37,425
to a Jeep with four MPs
come and pick me up.

2351
01:56:37,425 --> 01:56:38,800
And you drag me
out of the house.

2352
01:56:38,800 --> 01:56:40,467
The minute you drag
me out of the house,

2353
01:56:40,467 --> 01:56:43,480
there goes a telegram to the
Venezuelan embassy in Rome

2354
01:56:43,480 --> 01:56:46,720
that they are holding against

his will a Venezuelan citizen

2355

01:56:46,720 --> 01:56:47,650
here in Israel.

2356

01:56:47,650 --> 01:56:49,420
Let's make a diplomatic
scandal out of it.

2357

01:56:49,420 --> 01:56:51,980
Go ahead.

2358

01:56:51,980 --> 01:56:58,080
By that time, it was already
December, already December.

2359

01:56:58,080 --> 01:57:00,080
And I left.

2360

01:57:00,080 --> 01:57:00,950
And I went home.

2361

01:57:00,950 --> 01:57:03,740
And I stayed home that day.

2362

01:57:03,740 --> 01:57:07,730
No, nobody came,
no MPs, no Jeep.

2363

01:57:07,730 --> 01:57:11,630
And then December
29, I get a letter.

2364

01:57:11,630 --> 01:57:19,110
I have 10 days to leave
the country, 10 days.

2365

01:57:19,110 --> 01:57:20,580
A, they don't want
to let you go.

2366

01:57:20,580 --> 01:57:23,090

Now, they give you
a deadline, 10 days.

2367
01:57:23,090 --> 01:57:24,090
We had to go in 10 days.

2368
01:57:24,090 --> 01:57:26,490
Fortunately, the Nakba,
one of the ships--

2369
01:57:26,490 --> 01:57:27,360
so we got out.

2370
01:57:27,360 --> 01:57:27,930
We got out.

2371
01:57:27,930 --> 01:57:32,800

2372
01:57:32,800 --> 01:57:36,850
And Ruth was-- we got out
again, and we started breathing.

2373
01:57:36,850 --> 01:57:40,323
And it took me about--

2374
01:57:40,323 --> 01:57:41,990
I think it took me
about two months to--

2375
01:57:41,990 --> 01:57:45,980

2376
01:57:45,980 --> 01:57:47,843
the camps, no, I didn't
carry anything over.

2377
01:57:47,843 --> 01:57:49,260
When I was liberated,
I forgot it.

2378
01:57:49,260 --> 01:57:51,770

And the beds were
wonderful and the feeding

2379
01:57:51,770 --> 01:57:53,825
and the driver with his--

2380
01:57:53,825 --> 01:57:56,520
the Black driver with his one
arm out the window, cigarette.

2381
01:57:56,520 --> 01:57:59,260
And I say, buddy,
come on and like this.

2382
01:57:59,260 --> 01:57:59,930
That was fun.

2383
01:57:59,930 --> 01:58:00,860
I enjoyed it.

2384
01:58:00,860 --> 01:58:05,540
I did not carry anything
over that I had to.

2385
01:58:05,540 --> 01:58:08,400
I don't know this charge.

2386
01:58:08,400 --> 01:58:10,400
But getting out of Israel,
it took me two months

2387
01:58:10,400 --> 01:58:16,560
to get rid of that and left a
very poor taste in my mouth--

2388
01:58:16,560 --> 01:58:17,470
very poor taste.

2389
01:58:17,470 --> 01:58:19,610
I've been back there since.

2390
01:58:19,610 --> 01:58:21,350

Oh, yes.

2391

01:58:21,350 --> 01:58:26,660

I've done purchasing in Israel,
yes, for millions of dollars.

2392

01:58:26,660 --> 01:58:35,550

But religion-- you asked-- you
were talking about religion?

2393

01:58:35,550 --> 01:58:36,210

Don't.

2394

01:58:36,210 --> 01:58:41,820

Don't ask me or my
dad about religion

2395

01:58:41,820 --> 01:58:43,500

or religious influences.

2396

01:58:43,500 --> 01:58:49,670

2397

01:58:49,670 --> 01:58:51,530

I contribute-- I've
always done it--

2398

01:58:51,530 --> 01:58:53,300

to CARE and the Salvation Army.

2399

01:58:53,300 --> 01:58:55,970

Those are the two,
the Salvation Army

2400

01:58:55,970 --> 01:58:59,010

because they are about
the only organization.

2401

01:58:59,010 --> 01:59:06,050

that when I donate
\$1, \$0.94 is used.

2402

01:59:06,050 --> 01:59:08,840

Only \$0.04 is used in
the administrative.

2403

01:59:08,840 --> 01:59:11,180

That's the only organization.

2404

01:59:11,180 --> 01:59:13,550

The others say it was 40%, 65%.

2405

01:59:13,550 --> 01:59:15,320

They paid themselves salaries.

2406

01:59:15,320 --> 01:59:20,360

United Way, what is it? \$188,000
a year plus private plane.

2407

01:59:20,360 --> 01:59:22,610

The Salvation Army,
it's because they give.

2408

01:59:22,610 --> 01:59:25,220

They don't ask who you are,
what you are, where you're from.

2409

01:59:25,220 --> 01:59:26,570

You need it, they give you.

2410

01:59:26,570 --> 01:59:32,360

And they only use 4% or 6% for--

2411

01:59:32,360 --> 01:59:33,050

and CARE.

2412

01:59:33,050 --> 01:59:37,550

2413

01:59:37,550 --> 01:59:41,520

In 19-- that's a pity.

2414

01:59:41,520 --> 01:59:43,760

You should have known my father.

2415
01:59:43,760 --> 01:59:48,470
In 1940-- I think in '45, not
too long after we get back

2416
01:59:48,470 --> 01:59:52,550
to Holland, let's
say May, June, July--

2417
01:59:52,550 --> 01:59:57,050
let's say July or August,
we get a postcard.

2418
01:59:57,050 --> 01:59:59,950
I remember that postcard.

2419
01:59:59,950 --> 02:00:04,010
And you are hereby requested
to come such and such a day

2420
02:00:04,010 --> 02:00:08,300
to such and such
a day to pick up

2421
02:00:08,300 --> 02:00:11,990
your CARE package and Jewish
community, blah, blah, blah,

2422
02:00:11,990 --> 02:00:13,480
blah.

2423
02:00:13,480 --> 02:00:14,960
So my father throws it away.

2424
02:00:14,960 --> 02:00:18,570
I said, well, I don't have
anything to do with it.

2425
02:00:18,570 --> 02:00:19,620
Come on, let's go.

2426
02:00:19,620 --> 02:00:22,360

No.

2427
02:00:22,360 --> 02:00:24,580
At least you give
them the honor.

2428
02:00:24,580 --> 02:00:26,530
Give the honor to yourself.

2429
02:00:26,530 --> 02:00:28,750
I'll go.

2430
02:00:28,750 --> 02:00:29,980
So we went.

2431
02:00:29,980 --> 02:00:31,810
We both, he and
I, we went there.

2432
02:00:31,810 --> 02:00:36,190
And I'll never forget
this in my life.

2433
02:00:36,190 --> 02:00:38,980
It's impossible to forget.

2434
02:00:38,980 --> 02:00:41,500
When we walked into the office,
whatever, up the stairs,

2435
02:00:41,500 --> 02:00:45,790
and there's a large room.

2436
02:00:45,790 --> 02:00:50,230
Probably they removed two walls
and made a large area, shelves

2437
02:00:50,230 --> 02:00:51,640
and racks in the back.

2438
02:00:51,640 --> 02:00:56,230
And they're all

packages, CARE packages,

2439

02:00:56,230 --> 02:01:02,760

half a package per person, which
means we get one and a half.

2440

02:01:02,760 --> 02:01:12,480

So I go there with trepidation,
knowing my dad thinks he--

2441

02:01:12,480 --> 02:01:15,000

and also, I had not
even been to Israel yet.

2442

02:01:15,000 --> 02:01:17,830

2443

02:01:17,830 --> 02:01:23,040

So we stand there, I, my dad.

2444

02:01:23,040 --> 02:01:29,570

And about five-- no,
four feet to his left

2445

02:01:29,570 --> 02:01:33,400

is one of the religious Jews.

2446

02:01:33,400 --> 02:01:40,790

2447

02:01:40,790 --> 02:01:45,800

So there are two ladies and a
gentleman behind the counter.

2448

02:01:45,800 --> 02:01:47,360

And they get a card.

2449

02:01:47,360 --> 02:01:50,940

So they take a package
and half a package.

2450

02:01:50,940 --> 02:01:54,860

And this gentleman has half
a pack in front of him.

2451
02:01:54,860 --> 02:01:58,670
But I didn't know that
CARE packages did not

2452
02:01:58,670 --> 02:02:01,850
come in one format.

2453
02:02:01,850 --> 02:02:06,170
There were different
kinds of CARE packages.

2454
02:02:06,170 --> 02:02:08,325
So my dad stands there.

2455
02:02:08,325 --> 02:02:09,200
And it's unavoidable.

2456
02:02:09,200 --> 02:02:11,850
So he looks over.

2457
02:02:11,850 --> 02:02:18,510
And he sees sugar and this and
butter and the whole shebang.

2458
02:02:18,510 --> 02:02:21,405
And we have milk
powder and green beans.

2459
02:02:21,405 --> 02:02:28,190

2460
02:02:28,190 --> 02:02:31,340
So my father says, excuse me.

2461
02:02:31,340 --> 02:02:32,782
Is there a difference?

2462
02:02:32,782 --> 02:02:37,610

2463
02:02:37,610 --> 02:02:38,820
So they say, yes.

2464
02:02:38,820 --> 02:02:40,030
Yes, there's a difference.

2465
02:02:40,030 --> 02:02:43,210
I say, may I know
what is different?

2466
02:02:43,210 --> 02:02:45,430
I don't know what
is the difference.

2467
02:02:45,430 --> 02:02:47,270
He's Russian.

2468
02:02:47,270 --> 02:02:47,770
Yes.

2469
02:02:47,770 --> 02:02:54,280
And this-- he's Orthodox.

2470
02:02:54,280 --> 02:02:56,730
And he didn't eat
meat during the war.

2471
02:02:56,730 --> 02:03:00,830

2472
02:03:00,830 --> 02:03:03,710
He didn't eat meat
during the war.

2473
02:03:03,710 --> 02:03:05,460
We had rutabagas for
a year and a half.

2474
02:03:05,460 --> 02:03:07,820
So he takes the package.

2475

02:03:07,820 --> 02:03:11,330

And he throws it
and hits that shelf.

2476

02:03:11,330 --> 02:03:13,100

And it kicks off
something like 50 cans

2477

02:03:13,100 --> 02:03:14,810

and takes the other half one.

2478

02:03:14,810 --> 02:03:17,300

And he said, shove
it down your throat.

2479

02:03:17,300 --> 02:03:20,030

You mean my kids ate
meat during the war?

2480

02:03:20,030 --> 02:03:24,100

So I'm supposed to grow?

2481

02:03:24,100 --> 02:03:26,920

And we walked out.

2482

02:03:26,920 --> 02:03:32,740

So my own experience plus the
input from outside from my dad,

2483

02:03:32,740 --> 02:03:36,940

his experiences,
undoubtedly left its mark.

2484

02:03:36,940 --> 02:03:41,810

2485

02:03:41,810 --> 02:03:44,000

I am sure you have
to understand.

2486

02:03:44,000 --> 02:03:46,070

He actually didn't eat

meat during the war.

2487
02:03:46,070 --> 02:03:48,413

2488
02:03:48,413 --> 02:03:49,830
He didn't eat meat
during the war.

2489
02:03:49,830 --> 02:03:53,270

2490
02:03:53,270 --> 02:03:54,992
And that was even in Holland.

2491
02:03:54,992 --> 02:03:55,950
That was not in Israel.

2492
02:03:55,950 --> 02:04:00,340

2493
02:04:00,340 --> 02:04:03,620
And then I built a cement
plant while I was in Israel.

2494
02:04:03,620 --> 02:04:04,246