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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:50,080

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00:00:50,080 --> 00:00:52,455

So when the last
tape stopped, we

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00:00:52,455 --> 00:00:54,760

were talking about
the brown shirts

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00:00:54,760 --> 00:00:56,377

and the black shirts
and the police

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00:00:56,377 --> 00:00:57,460

and how that affected you.

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00:00:57,460 --> 00:00:58,720

Was there more you
wanted to say about that?

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00:00:58,720 --> 00:00:59,220

No.

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00:00:59,220 --> 00:01:02,520

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00:01:02,520 --> 00:01:03,690

So your father was a doctor.

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00:01:03,690 --> 00:01:06,720

What was your mother's
educational background?

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00:01:06,720 --> 00:01:13,620

Well, at that time, I think
she went a little higher

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00:01:13,620 --> 00:01:15,690

than what usually people do--

13
00:01:15,690 --> 00:01:16,380
women do.

14
00:01:16,380 --> 00:01:19,560
Women were not allowed
to go very far.

15
00:01:19,560 --> 00:01:24,540
And she had a little bit more
education than ordinarily women

16
00:01:24,540 --> 00:01:26,780
were allowed to have.

17
00:01:26,780 --> 00:01:28,460
But she wanted to go.

18
00:01:28,460 --> 00:01:30,170
She was really an
intellectual person.

19
00:01:30,170 --> 00:01:33,320
She would have loved to
have gone, done more.

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00:01:33,320 --> 00:01:36,785
But I think her father
said, no, that's enough.

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00:01:36,785 --> 00:01:40,250

22
00:01:40,250 --> 00:01:43,178
What were your
aspirations as a kid?

23
00:01:43,178 --> 00:01:45,470
Do you remember what you
wanted to be when you grew up?

24
00:01:45,470 --> 00:01:46,390

No.

25
00:01:46,390 --> 00:01:48,530
And this is one of
those things, one

26
00:01:48,530 --> 00:01:50,960
of those quirks about myself.

27
00:01:50,960 --> 00:01:54,440
I never really--

28
00:01:54,440 --> 00:01:56,720
I always admired
people who had that.

29
00:01:56,720 --> 00:01:58,670
For instance, my
husband knew, I think

30
00:01:58,670 --> 00:02:00,350
when he was in
seventh grade already,

31
00:02:00,350 --> 00:02:04,190
that he wanted to be a
teacher-- an English teacher.

32
00:02:04,190 --> 00:02:05,310
I've never known.

33
00:02:05,310 --> 00:02:11,910
I only know relative
areas that I love.

34
00:02:11,910 --> 00:02:13,120
And I love a lot of things.

35
00:02:13,120 --> 00:02:14,690
So I-- no.

36
00:02:14,690 --> 00:02:36,820

37
00:02:36,820 --> 00:02:39,770
Did you see brutality
on the streets?

38
00:02:39,770 --> 00:02:41,510
Yes, some.

39
00:02:41,510 --> 00:02:42,650
Not a great deal.

40
00:02:42,650 --> 00:02:50,450
I saw some people being
kicked and shoved and slapped

41
00:02:50,450 --> 00:02:55,910
and things thrown at people,
like rocks and other things.

42
00:02:55,910 --> 00:02:59,050

43
00:02:59,050 --> 00:03:03,390
But the kind of brutality
that we see on films now,

44
00:03:03,390 --> 00:03:05,040
I didn't see that.

45
00:03:05,040 --> 00:03:08,910
These were isolated
incidences, and I didn't

46
00:03:08,910 --> 00:03:11,451
see a great many of them.

47
00:03:11,451 --> 00:03:17,020
And were they directed
at Jews or other people?

48
00:03:17,020 --> 00:03:18,640

They were directed
at other people.

49
00:03:18,640 --> 00:03:20,530
I'm not sure whether
they were Jews or not.

50
00:03:20,530 --> 00:03:21,947
The only thing I
knew is when they

51
00:03:21,947 --> 00:03:28,600
were directed at me and
my friends as children.

52
00:03:28,600 --> 00:03:31,090
But otherwise, I didn't know
whether they were Jewish

53
00:03:31,090 --> 00:03:33,280
or not.

54
00:03:33,280 --> 00:03:35,050
What was directed at you?

55
00:03:35,050 --> 00:03:38,890
Oh, when we were trying
to get back from--

56
00:03:38,890 --> 00:03:42,100
when I was visiting
my young friend

57
00:03:42,100 --> 00:03:44,440
and we were trying to
get back to my house,

58
00:03:44,440 --> 00:03:49,840
and there were a group of kids
at a corner standing there,

59
00:03:49,840 --> 00:03:53,590
and we knew that they were

going to either yell at us

60
00:03:53,590 --> 00:03:54,850
or throw something at us.

61
00:03:54,850 --> 00:03:58,090
And we just sort of ran.

62
00:03:58,090 --> 00:04:03,550
And that's about--
being verbally attacked

63
00:04:03,550 --> 00:04:08,930
was more what happened to me
than being physically attacked.

64
00:04:08,930 --> 00:04:14,560
And so when I saw people
being physically attacked,

65
00:04:14,560 --> 00:04:18,160
my instinct was to turn and run.

66
00:04:18,160 --> 00:04:19,411
I didn't stay around.

67
00:04:19,411 --> 00:04:22,240

68
00:04:22,240 --> 00:04:25,510
So I wouldn't know
whether they were Jewish

69
00:04:25,510 --> 00:04:27,010
or not or what happened.

70
00:04:27,010 --> 00:04:31,810
Usually what happened is
that they were not compliant

71
00:04:31,810 --> 00:04:34,900
with the Nazi discipline.

72
00:04:34,900 --> 00:04:37,150
People ganging up on
others because the kids

73
00:04:37,150 --> 00:04:40,920
didn't join the youth movement
or something like that.

74
00:04:40,920 --> 00:04:44,360

75
00:04:44,360 --> 00:04:51,110
So I was spared a lot
of seeing brutality.

76
00:04:51,110 --> 00:04:54,340

77
00:04:54,340 --> 00:04:57,160
What kind of verbal
harassment did you receive?

78
00:04:57,160 --> 00:05:03,880
Well, the kinds of things that
the kids would throw at you,

79
00:05:03,880 --> 00:05:11,200
telling you you were a Jew,
and repeating the words

80
00:05:11,200 --> 00:05:13,030
over and over again.

81
00:05:13,030 --> 00:05:24,970
And it's almost not the words,
but the intonation, the hatred,

82
00:05:24,970 --> 00:05:29,290
the venom in the way
that they were saying it.

83

00:05:29,290 --> 00:05:30,690
That hurt the most.

84
00:05:30,690 --> 00:05:33,860

85
00:05:33,860 --> 00:05:38,390
The kind of things that
make an impression,

86
00:05:38,390 --> 00:05:42,010
especially on a young
person, is how it was said,

87
00:05:42,010 --> 00:05:43,620
not so much what was said.

88
00:05:43,620 --> 00:05:49,700

89
00:05:49,700 --> 00:05:52,100
And I think that still
goes now, for nowadays.

90
00:05:52,100 --> 00:05:54,840
When you hear hateful
things being said,

91
00:05:54,840 --> 00:05:58,366
it's not exactly what is
said, but it's how it's said.

92
00:05:58,366 --> 00:06:06,334

93
00:06:06,334 --> 00:06:09,980
Did the street violence escalate
while you were in Germany?

94
00:06:09,980 --> 00:06:12,150
Oh yeah.

95

00:06:12,150 --> 00:06:12,650

Oh yes.

96

00:06:12,650 --> 00:06:17,660

And the street closings did, and
the times where Jews were not

97

00:06:17,660 --> 00:06:19,010

allowed on the streets.

98

00:06:19,010 --> 00:06:22,290

There were restrictions
and things of that nature.

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00:06:22,290 --> 00:06:26,870

So maybe the violence
wasn't as visible to me,

100

00:06:26,870 --> 00:06:33,200

but it was the kind of
amorphous kind of cloud

101

00:06:33,200 --> 00:06:36,380

around you because there were
restrictions on your movement

102

00:06:36,380 --> 00:06:38,420

all the time.

103

00:06:38,420 --> 00:06:40,700

What were the restrictions
that you remember?

104

00:06:40,700 --> 00:06:42,620

Well, that you couldn't
go on certain streets,

105

00:06:42,620 --> 00:06:46,220

that you couldn't go
out at certain times,

106

00:06:46,220 --> 00:06:48,242

that you couldn't go

into certain stores,

107
00:06:48,242 --> 00:06:49,325
that you weren't allowed--

108
00:06:49,325 --> 00:06:52,130

109
00:06:52,130 --> 00:06:56,390
restrictions on food,
buying food, and things

110
00:06:56,390 --> 00:06:57,160
of that nature.

111
00:06:57,160 --> 00:07:00,020

112
00:07:00,020 --> 00:07:04,090
And I can't tell you more
than that because as a child,

113
00:07:04,090 --> 00:07:05,215
I didn't know more, either.

114
00:07:05,215 --> 00:07:08,120

115
00:07:08,120 --> 00:07:11,180
I was just told what not to
do and what I couldn't do

116
00:07:11,180 --> 00:07:14,810
and what was happening.

117
00:07:14,810 --> 00:07:16,550
And you just didn't go out.

118
00:07:16,550 --> 00:07:19,870

119

00:07:19,870 --> 00:07:22,840

Did you talk about your
fear with your parents?

120

00:07:22,840 --> 00:07:25,140

No.

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00:07:25,140 --> 00:07:28,590

Not in that sense of--

122

00:07:28,590 --> 00:07:35,400

maybe I shouldn't say
no in such a quick way

123

00:07:35,400 --> 00:07:43,140

because I think my parents were
very aware of shielding me.

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00:07:43,140 --> 00:07:47,090

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00:07:47,090 --> 00:07:51,890

And they were also trying to
deal with their own fears, too.

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00:07:51,890 --> 00:07:54,470

But we were not a
family that talked

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00:07:54,470 --> 00:07:57,890

a lot about our feelings.

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00:07:57,890 --> 00:08:12,790

And I think that the whole
emphasis of the parents

129

00:08:12,790 --> 00:08:18,140

was to shield the
children, to shield me.

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00:08:18,140 --> 00:08:21,800

And whether it was
right or wrong,

131
00:08:21,800 --> 00:08:26,210
I felt that simply because
other children would tell me

132
00:08:26,210 --> 00:08:31,580
more than I had been
told by my own folks.

133
00:08:31,580 --> 00:08:34,820
And other children
would say things

134
00:08:34,820 --> 00:08:43,620
like how they were
helped by their parents,

135
00:08:43,620 --> 00:08:47,670
and I couldn't really
say much because I

136
00:08:47,670 --> 00:08:50,190
knew that they
were protecting me,

137
00:08:50,190 --> 00:08:53,840
but it was not a family that
did a lot of talking about that.

138
00:08:53,840 --> 00:09:38,150

139
00:09:38,150 --> 00:09:41,420
Did you talk about the
fear with your friends?

140
00:09:41,420 --> 00:09:42,800
A little bit more, I think.

141
00:09:42,800 --> 00:09:44,420
Yes.

142

00:09:44,420 --> 00:09:49,220

The two very close, intimate
friends that I had--

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00:09:49,220 --> 00:09:56,590

one a girl, Eva, and the
other one a boy, Wolfe--

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00:09:56,590 --> 00:09:58,510

we did talk about that.

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00:09:58,510 --> 00:10:02,920

And I always admired
the way that they

146

00:10:02,920 --> 00:10:05,230

seemed to be much more
courageous, much stronger

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00:10:05,230 --> 00:10:12,070

than I. And I think by the fact
that we were friends together,

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00:10:12,070 --> 00:10:15,190

it gave me a great
deal of support

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00:10:15,190 --> 00:10:21,040

and helped me to deal
with my own fear.

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00:10:21,040 --> 00:10:24,130

But I knew that I
wasn't like them.

151

00:10:24,130 --> 00:10:27,040

They were really special
because it seemed to me

152

00:10:27,040 --> 00:10:29,560

that they were just--

153

00:10:29,560 --> 00:10:31,720

I think they had a lot
more self confidence

154
00:10:31,720 --> 00:10:34,750
than I had in those years,
and that helped them.

155
00:10:34,750 --> 00:10:38,350

156
00:10:38,350 --> 00:10:40,360
But otherwise, I didn't have--

157
00:10:40,360 --> 00:10:42,520
I was really an isolated--

158
00:10:42,520 --> 00:10:47,470
very isolated childhood, and
the times that we got together

159
00:10:47,470 --> 00:10:50,550
with those two friends
was not very often.

160
00:10:50,550 --> 00:10:57,330

161
00:10:57,330 --> 00:10:59,500
Do you know what
happened to them?

162
00:10:59,500 --> 00:11:01,110
Unfortunately, I don't know.

163
00:11:01,110 --> 00:11:05,100
I think Eva went to England
and then completely lost track.

164
00:11:05,100 --> 00:11:08,610
And Wolfe, there
was one time later

165

00:11:08,610 --> 00:11:12,960
on that I think I
found out something

166
00:11:12,960 --> 00:11:17,423
that he was in Switzerland
and that his parents, I think,

167
00:11:17,423 --> 00:11:17,965
had perished.

168
00:11:17,965 --> 00:11:20,730

169
00:11:20,730 --> 00:11:23,060
But that's it.

170
00:11:23,060 --> 00:11:28,190
And it's like any
other kind of sadness

171
00:11:28,190 --> 00:11:31,190
that one has in one's life.

172
00:11:31,190 --> 00:11:35,540
I couldn't tell you
Eva's last name.

173
00:11:35,540 --> 00:11:38,480
I do know Wolfe's last name,
but I couldn't tell you

174
00:11:38,480 --> 00:11:39,590
Eva's last name.

175
00:11:39,590 --> 00:11:45,090
So even any kind of tracing
would be impossible.

176
00:11:45,090 --> 00:11:50,990
And for a while there, I
was very sad about that

177

00:11:50,990 --> 00:11:59,240
and unhappy, and I realized
that they gave me a great deal,

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00:11:59,240 --> 00:12:02,570
and it's that which is
important rather than,

179

00:12:02,570 --> 00:12:04,940
maybe, the continuing
friendship.

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00:12:04,940 --> 00:12:08,900
That I have all
of those memories

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00:12:08,900 --> 00:12:12,590
and all of the good things that
our relationship did for me,

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00:12:12,590 --> 00:12:16,220
and that's good.

183

00:12:16,220 --> 00:12:30,050

184

00:12:30,050 --> 00:12:33,210
You were talking about
the restrictions on food.

185

00:12:33,210 --> 00:12:36,270
Did you have enough to eat?

186

00:12:36,270 --> 00:12:38,600
I think we did.

187

00:12:38,600 --> 00:12:42,440
It wasn't much, it wasn't very
exciting, but I think we did.

188

00:12:42,440 --> 00:12:44,055
I don't remember being hungry.

189
00:12:44,055 --> 00:12:48,650

190
00:12:48,650 --> 00:12:52,250
I doubt that it was very--

191
00:12:52,250 --> 00:12:53,860
it was all that nourishing.

192
00:12:53,860 --> 00:12:58,790
But I never went hungry.

193
00:12:58,790 --> 00:13:00,400
I didn't eat much
as a kid, either,

194
00:13:00,400 --> 00:13:02,960
which is different from now.

195
00:13:02,960 --> 00:13:07,770
But no, I was never hungry.

196
00:13:07,770 --> 00:13:10,590

197
00:13:10,590 --> 00:13:14,270
Was there a black market?

198
00:13:14,270 --> 00:13:16,630
If there was, I
didn't know about it.

199
00:13:16,630 --> 00:13:23,640

200
00:13:23,640 --> 00:13:27,900
I don't know how much my
mother stinted herself in order

201
00:13:27,900 --> 00:13:35,250

to take food to my father in
her basket when he was in jail

202

00:13:35,250 --> 00:13:39,600
and how much she stunted
herself in order for me

203

00:13:39,600 --> 00:13:42,740
to have enough nourishment.

204

00:13:42,740 --> 00:13:45,310
I do think we had
enough to live on.

205

00:13:45,310 --> 00:13:54,020

206

00:13:54,020 --> 00:13:59,790
So you talked about briefly
being in hiding with some

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00:13:59,790 --> 00:14:01,310
patient of your father's.

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00:14:01,310 --> 00:14:03,780
Can you talk more about that?

209

00:14:03,780 --> 00:14:04,630
Not at all.

210

00:14:04,630 --> 00:14:07,290
It was Kristallnacht
is all I know.

211

00:14:07,290 --> 00:14:09,090
Later on, I found that out.

212

00:14:09,090 --> 00:14:12,820
I didn't know that at the time.

213

00:14:12,820 --> 00:14:17,430
I don't if we had a name

for it at that point anyway.

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00:14:17,430 --> 00:14:19,890

Names for these things,
for these occasions

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00:14:19,890 --> 00:14:22,020

came afterwards.

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00:14:22,020 --> 00:14:24,420

And the only thing
I can remember

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00:14:24,420 --> 00:14:28,122

is it was very
stifling because we

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00:14:28,122 --> 00:14:29,330

weren't supposed to be there.

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00:14:29,330 --> 00:14:37,170

So talking and conversation and
movement was very restrictive.

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00:14:37,170 --> 00:14:40,560

I can't imagine living
that kind of a life

221

00:14:40,560 --> 00:14:47,090

like so many people in hiding
did for months and years.

222

00:14:47,090 --> 00:14:49,940

Just unbelievable
to me because I only

223

00:14:49,940 --> 00:14:51,260

did it for one or two nights.

224

00:14:51,260 --> 00:14:59,010

225

00:14:59,010 --> 00:15:01,140
Even as a wiggly kid,
you have to do it.

226
00:15:01,140 --> 00:15:04,410

227
00:15:04,410 --> 00:15:06,300
Then you just went back home?

228
00:15:06,300 --> 00:15:08,768
Yes, we went back to the
apartment that we lived in.

229
00:15:08,768 --> 00:16:01,710

230
00:16:01,710 --> 00:16:05,220
When did you first hear
of concentration camps?

231
00:16:05,220 --> 00:16:10,120
Well, that's an
interesting question.

232
00:16:10,120 --> 00:16:10,760
I don't know.

233
00:16:10,760 --> 00:16:13,370

234
00:16:13,370 --> 00:16:18,680
Since I denied my
father's going there,

235
00:16:18,680 --> 00:16:36,200
or however you want to describe
that, it wasn't until one

236
00:16:36,200 --> 00:16:42,390
of the cousins said
something about father

237

00:16:42,390 --> 00:16:53,840
being there in Dachau that the
word concentration camp really

238

00:16:53,840 --> 00:16:57,182
became a part of my vocabulary.

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00:16:57,182 --> 00:17:06,940

240

00:17:06,940 --> 00:17:12,670
Coming to the United States,
learning a different language,

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00:17:12,670 --> 00:17:15,589
the word concentration
camp was a new word.

242

00:17:15,589 --> 00:17:18,250
It wasn't a German word.

243

00:17:18,250 --> 00:17:28,180
So the energy that I put into
becoming an American immigrant,

244

00:17:28,180 --> 00:17:34,860
I think, really
obliterated anything else.

245

00:17:34,860 --> 00:17:37,110
So the word
concentration camp didn't

246

00:17:37,110 --> 00:17:44,490
come into my consciousness
until quite a bit later, I

247

00:17:44,490 --> 00:17:51,470
would say after I'd been
here a number of months

248

00:17:51,470 --> 00:17:56,030

and heard it in
relationship to my father.

249

00:17:56,030 --> 00:17:59,120
Because remember, I didn't know
he was in a concentration camp

250

00:17:59,120 --> 00:18:06,861
until one of my cousins
said that to me.

251

00:18:06,861 --> 00:18:09,100
So I was here already
a couple of months

252

00:18:09,100 --> 00:18:14,990
before that happened
Yeah, I don't

253

00:18:14,990 --> 00:18:17,280
know how people dealt with me.

254

00:18:17,280 --> 00:18:22,400

255

00:18:22,400 --> 00:18:29,102
The one thing that
I don't think I--

256

00:18:29,102 --> 00:18:34,280
I'm trying to look for an
explanation of feeling.

257

00:18:34,280 --> 00:18:38,060
The one thing that
I didn't mention

258

00:18:38,060 --> 00:18:47,660
is that we felt,
as Jews, that it

259

00:18:47,660 --> 00:18:56,810
was a smear on the name to be

taken into prison, to a jail.

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00:18:56,810 --> 00:18:58,790

That it was somehow--

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00:18:58,790 --> 00:19:02,240

262

00:19:02,240 --> 00:19:07,190

not that we were guilty,
but that it was shameful.

263

00:19:07,190 --> 00:19:14,960

It was a real shameful thing
to happen to us, to my father,

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00:19:14,960 --> 00:19:20,300

to the name, which
is a nutty thing

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00:19:20,300 --> 00:19:22,840

to be even talking
about logically.

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00:19:22,840 --> 00:19:25,610

But that was a
lot of the feeling

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00:19:25,610 --> 00:19:29,000

behind some of my denial.

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00:19:29,000 --> 00:19:33,500

It was, these things just
don't happen to people,

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00:19:33,500 --> 00:19:37,490

they are just too
awful and too shameful.

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00:19:37,490 --> 00:19:42,440

And so you just don't allow
that to happen in your mind.

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00:19:42,440 --> 00:19:45,060

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00:19:45,060 --> 00:19:50,180

And so the response that I
had when my cousin told me

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00:19:50,180 --> 00:19:51,980

that he was in a
concentration camp

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00:19:51,980 --> 00:19:56,890

was that my father would
never do anything like that.

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00:19:56,890 --> 00:20:00,430

Well, as an adult, you
can't understand it,

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00:20:00,430 --> 00:20:08,210

but as a child who had grown up
in a feeling that had no logic,

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00:20:08,210 --> 00:20:09,500

it did make sense.

278

00:20:09,500 --> 00:20:12,710

No, no, he wasn't--

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00:20:12,710 --> 00:20:15,890

he was a good, upstanding man,
he didn't do things like that.

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00:20:15,890 --> 00:20:18,110

People who did
things went into jail

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00:20:18,110 --> 00:20:20,660

and into concentration camps.

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00:20:20,660 --> 00:20:24,770

And so the whole idea

of the Holocaust,

283

00:20:24,770 --> 00:20:28,970

slowly, I think, over the
years made an impression.

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00:20:28,970 --> 00:20:36,380

And it's just one of those
things that each one of us

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00:20:36,380 --> 00:20:40,280

deals with very personally.

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00:20:40,280 --> 00:20:43,430

And people, I think, who were
more politically aware, more

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00:20:43,430 --> 00:20:46,460

politically involved--

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00:20:46,460 --> 00:20:50,060

it's not that they
suffered more or less,

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00:20:50,060 --> 00:20:53,720

it's that the honesty
of the situation

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00:20:53,720 --> 00:20:58,230

was more there for them
than it was for me ever.

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00:20:58,230 --> 00:21:04,170

Until I saw my father and
I saw him very emaciated.

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00:21:04,170 --> 00:21:12,060

I was appalled and wished
that I could get rid of it

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00:21:12,060 --> 00:21:16,600

all, get him to looking again
like I had last seen him,

294
00:21:16,600 --> 00:21:19,730
which was several years ago.

295
00:21:19,730 --> 00:21:29,570
So seeing him, which was such
a wonderful thing for me,

296
00:21:29,570 --> 00:21:35,990
but seeing the reality of
his physical emaciation

297
00:21:35,990 --> 00:21:40,490
was a terrible pulling,
again, in terms

298
00:21:40,490 --> 00:21:44,170
of understanding and coping
with the whole situation.

299
00:21:44,170 --> 00:21:47,690

300
00:21:47,690 --> 00:21:51,080
But you had known by then
that he had been in Dachau?

301
00:21:51,080 --> 00:21:51,580
Yes.

302
00:21:51,580 --> 00:21:55,750
Remember, I came
in 1939 in January.

303
00:21:55,750 --> 00:22:01,000
And some time-- oh, I don't
think until early summer--

304
00:22:01,000 --> 00:22:03,370
did I find out he was
in a concentration camp.

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00:22:03,370 --> 00:22:08,020
And then he came in November,
the last part of November.

306
00:22:08,020 --> 00:22:10,820
When you found out, had
he already been released?

307
00:22:10,820 --> 00:22:11,500
Yes.

308
00:22:11,500 --> 00:22:13,610
So they knew that he was
going to come to the--

309
00:22:13,610 --> 00:22:14,110
Yes.

310
00:22:14,110 --> 00:22:19,280

311
00:22:19,280 --> 00:22:21,050
Were you scared
when you found out?

312
00:22:21,050 --> 00:22:29,060

313
00:22:29,060 --> 00:22:30,260
I don't think I was.

314
00:22:30,260 --> 00:22:32,173
I think everyone around
me didn't believe

315
00:22:32,173 --> 00:22:33,465
that they'd ever make it again.

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00:22:33,465 --> 00:22:38,380

317
00:22:38,380 --> 00:22:44,860

But I just felt that there
was no reason for it.

318
00:22:44,860 --> 00:22:49,060
I just felt that they would
because the whole idea

319
00:22:49,060 --> 00:22:51,110
of their not making
it was just too awful.

320
00:22:51,110 --> 00:22:54,990

321
00:22:54,990 --> 00:22:57,540
So rather than it
being a positive thing,

322
00:22:57,540 --> 00:23:00,300
it was just simply that
the alternative just

323
00:23:00,300 --> 00:23:01,290
wasn't acceptable.

324
00:23:01,290 --> 00:23:06,130

325
00:23:06,130 --> 00:23:08,740
The mind is an incredible
thing, isn't it?

326
00:23:08,740 --> 00:23:30,420

327
00:23:30,420 --> 00:23:33,330
So your friends whose fathers
had been taken away also,

328
00:23:33,330 --> 00:23:36,420
who knew that their fathers
were in jail or maybe

329

00:23:36,420 --> 00:23:39,660
in a concentration camp, did
you feel that somehow they had

330

00:23:39,660 --> 00:23:43,110
done something to deserve it?

331

00:23:43,110 --> 00:23:43,855
I don't know.

332

00:23:43,855 --> 00:23:54,325

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00:23:54,325 --> 00:23:56,325
Either that or else that
they were just unlucky.

334

00:23:56,325 --> 00:24:06,280

335

00:24:06,280 --> 00:24:09,100
Yeah, it's a funny thing.

336

00:24:09,100 --> 00:24:15,340

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00:24:15,340 --> 00:24:21,070
I accepted what they
said, but I don't

338

00:24:21,070 --> 00:24:27,940
think I ever really thought
much about the reason behind all

339

00:24:27,940 --> 00:24:28,450
of that.

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00:24:28,450 --> 00:24:31,700

341

00:24:31,700 --> 00:24:35,870

It's, again, putting yourself
in a very special place,

342
00:24:35,870 --> 00:24:39,100
and I seem to have a
great ability to do that.

343
00:24:39,100 --> 00:24:43,570

344
00:24:43,570 --> 00:24:45,570
It happens to
everybody else, but it

345
00:24:45,570 --> 00:24:50,100
doesn't happen to my father.

346
00:24:50,100 --> 00:24:51,000
Takes care of a lot.

347
00:24:51,000 --> 00:24:59,970

348
00:24:59,970 --> 00:25:04,480
So did he recover from
his physical state?

349
00:25:04,480 --> 00:25:08,935
I think he certainly
did to a great extent.

350
00:25:08,935 --> 00:25:13,330

351
00:25:13,330 --> 00:25:18,580
He was always a wily,
small, thin man,

352
00:25:18,580 --> 00:25:25,730
and I don't think he ever
got back to the health

353

00:25:25,730 --> 00:25:29,150
that he had
beforehand, but I also

354
00:25:29,150 --> 00:25:31,920
don't think he was in
Dachau for very long.

355
00:25:31,920 --> 00:25:34,140
And I really cannot tell
you how long he was there.

356
00:25:34,140 --> 00:25:37,740

357
00:25:37,740 --> 00:25:46,830
So the deprivation was not as
great as many other survivors

358
00:25:46,830 --> 00:25:47,690
of that time.

359
00:25:47,690 --> 00:25:56,150

360
00:25:56,150 --> 00:25:57,620
The woman who took
care of you when

361
00:25:57,620 --> 00:26:00,710
your mother went to
visit your father, what

362
00:26:00,710 --> 00:26:02,870
was her ethnic background?

363
00:26:02,870 --> 00:26:07,820
Well, she was a maid or
whatever you call it.

364
00:26:07,820 --> 00:26:10,880
She was an older woman.

365

00:26:10,880 --> 00:26:14,540

I'm sure she had always
done this sort of work,

366

00:26:14,540 --> 00:26:20,300

either to help out her
family or because that was--

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00:26:20,300 --> 00:26:24,020

people in those days just
stayed in the same jobs

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00:26:24,020 --> 00:26:29,000

that they started
in more or less.

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00:26:29,000 --> 00:26:32,900

And she cooked and she
did a little cleaning

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00:26:32,900 --> 00:26:35,360

and she just looked after me.

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00:26:35,360 --> 00:26:37,890

And I didn't ever like
to be looked after,

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00:26:37,890 --> 00:26:42,110

so I would disappear
into my room.

373

00:26:42,110 --> 00:26:45,410

But very little
conversation with her.

374

00:26:45,410 --> 00:26:47,310

Some of the-- she
was not a governor,

375

00:26:47,310 --> 00:26:51,170

she was to somebody
there to help.

376

00:26:51,170 --> 00:27:03,915

But most of my retreats
were just into my room

377

00:27:03,915 --> 00:27:04,920

and into the reading.

378

00:27:04,920 --> 00:27:10,570

379

00:27:10,570 --> 00:27:20,670

So she was not a very big
person in my life at all.

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00:27:20,670 --> 00:27:24,640

The people who were there
before her were much--

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00:27:24,640 --> 00:27:28,080

they had a much more
lasting impression.

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00:27:28,080 --> 00:27:30,960

The first nursemaid
that I had, I think,

383

00:27:30,960 --> 00:27:32,790

had a very strong
impression on me,

384

00:27:32,790 --> 00:27:38,070

but she left when
I was around three.

385

00:27:38,070 --> 00:27:41,410

And then I did have some more
people to take care of me,

386

00:27:41,410 --> 00:27:45,840

and, I think, probably
governors or--

387

00:27:45,840 --> 00:27:49,110
it would be the best way
because they were also

388
00:27:49,110 --> 00:27:51,730
teachers in a sense.

389
00:27:51,730 --> 00:27:54,860
And so the interim, when
I didn't go into school,

390
00:27:54,860 --> 00:28:03,730
they came as giving me
kind of classroom teaching.

391
00:28:03,730 --> 00:28:10,870
And also to get me out of the
house to take me on long walks.

392
00:28:10,870 --> 00:28:13,216
I think my mother was--

393
00:28:13,216 --> 00:28:16,090
it was very important for her to
have me out of the house a lot

394
00:28:16,090 --> 00:28:17,490
of the time.

395
00:28:17,490 --> 00:28:19,300
And so we would take long walks.

396
00:28:19,300 --> 00:28:21,900

397
00:28:21,900 --> 00:28:26,940
I remember them as, "oh, yuck,
I have to take another walk"

398
00:28:26,940 --> 00:28:28,950
kind of thing.

399

00:28:28,950 --> 00:28:33,520
But I did it, and simply
because it was expected,

400
00:28:33,520 --> 00:28:34,740
and that was it.

401
00:28:34,740 --> 00:28:37,650

402
00:28:37,650 --> 00:28:41,010
I don't know what mother
wanted me out of the house for,

403
00:28:41,010 --> 00:28:43,770
but she must have had her
reasons, either personal

404
00:28:43,770 --> 00:28:47,820
or whatever-- other
people coming in and not

405
00:28:47,820 --> 00:28:49,737
needing to have a kid around.

406
00:28:49,737 --> 00:28:50,570
Something like that.

407
00:28:50,570 --> 00:28:57,360

408
00:28:57,360 --> 00:29:00,930
So that last woman who worked
for you, who took care of you,

409
00:29:00,930 --> 00:29:03,850
watched you, she wasn't Jewish.

410
00:29:03,850 --> 00:29:04,350
She was--

411
00:29:04,350 --> 00:29:05,220

None of them were.

412

00:29:05,220 --> 00:29:06,240

None of them were.

413

00:29:06,240 --> 00:29:08,850

But you said that she was
working for Jews at risk

414

00:29:08,850 --> 00:29:09,630

to herself.

415

00:29:09,630 --> 00:29:11,910

Yes, at that time.

416

00:29:11,910 --> 00:29:15,540

I think-- see, that
was one of the--

417

00:29:15,540 --> 00:29:18,090

boxing people in.

418

00:29:18,090 --> 00:29:23,650

Anybody who had any dealings
with Jews was at risk.

419

00:29:23,650 --> 00:29:25,660

And she probably
needed the money.

420

00:29:25,660 --> 00:29:29,210

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00:29:29,210 --> 00:29:34,270

So that's all I really know.

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00:29:34,270 --> 00:29:46,280

423

00:29:46,280 --> 00:29:53,240

So when you first came to the
US, you came to St. Louis?

424
00:29:53,240 --> 00:29:55,220
We first came to--

425
00:29:55,220 --> 00:29:56,870
I think we first
came to St. Louis

426
00:29:56,870 --> 00:30:02,480
because my sister was working as
a nursery school teacher in one

427
00:30:02,480 --> 00:30:07,960
of the schools in St. Louis.

428
00:30:07,960 --> 00:30:15,160
And I think we only
lived there for a year,

429
00:30:15,160 --> 00:30:17,140
then went to Des Moines.

430
00:30:17,140 --> 00:30:19,910
And the family that you lived
with, that was in St. Louis

431
00:30:19,910 --> 00:30:20,410
also?

432
00:30:20,410 --> 00:30:21,580
No, that was in Des Moines.

433
00:30:21,580 --> 00:30:22,538
That was in Des Moines.

434
00:30:22,538 --> 00:30:25,930
So when my family arrived,
I moved to St. Louis

435
00:30:25,930 --> 00:30:27,010
from Des Moines.

436

00:30:27,010 --> 00:30:29,880

OK, so you started in Des
Moines, you went to school,

437

00:30:29,880 --> 00:30:35,080

the children stared at you,
and then you moved to St. Louis

438

00:30:35,080 --> 00:30:36,550

when your parents came?

439

00:30:36,550 --> 00:30:41,320

440

00:30:41,320 --> 00:30:42,910

What was school like then?

441

00:30:42,910 --> 00:30:44,350

I don't know.

442

00:30:44,350 --> 00:30:46,375

It's a real void period.

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00:30:46,375 --> 00:30:49,030

444

00:30:49,030 --> 00:30:52,520

Getting readjusted to a
family-- first of all,

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00:30:52,520 --> 00:30:55,930

I lived for several years
just with my mother,

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00:30:55,930 --> 00:31:00,040

and then I lived
for about 10 months

447

00:31:00,040 --> 00:31:06,760

with the Davidsons, the
family of my brothers-in-law.

448

00:31:06,760 --> 00:31:09,250

And then I moved
in with my parents

449

00:31:09,250 --> 00:31:14,360

again, my father, whom I
hadn't seen for several years.

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00:31:14,360 --> 00:31:16,960

And so it was a tremendous
amount of readjustment

451

00:31:16,960 --> 00:31:20,440

all over the place.

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00:31:20,440 --> 00:31:27,120

And I don't know what I did
with my energies at that point.

453

00:31:27,120 --> 00:31:29,460

I think it must have been
in sixth grade or something

454

00:31:29,460 --> 00:31:32,360

like that.

455

00:31:32,360 --> 00:31:36,310

And I can remember it
being a pretty good year,

456

00:31:36,310 --> 00:31:39,220

but I think there was
a lot of adjustment

457

00:31:39,220 --> 00:31:46,400

because I just hadn't lived in a
whole family for quite a while.

458

00:31:46,400 --> 00:31:51,530

459

00:31:51,530 --> 00:31:54,140

And then moving
back to Des Moines,

460
00:31:54,140 --> 00:31:57,080
I think that was the
only time that I was

461
00:31:57,080 --> 00:32:05,570
in a community that was Jewish.

462
00:32:05,570 --> 00:32:07,880
Not that we lived in an
area where there were Jews,

463
00:32:07,880 --> 00:32:12,920
but I went to Sunday school
and to religious school

464
00:32:12,920 --> 00:32:18,260
and was confirmed eventually--

465
00:32:18,260 --> 00:32:20,360
confirmation class.

466
00:32:20,360 --> 00:32:25,580
And it was the first
time that I had a group

467
00:32:25,580 --> 00:32:27,260
of friends who were Jewish.

468
00:32:27,260 --> 00:32:30,450

469
00:32:30,450 --> 00:32:32,275
And one of those friends--

470
00:32:32,275 --> 00:32:33,400
a couple of those friends--

471
00:32:33,400 --> 00:32:36,360

472
00:32:36,360 --> 00:32:39,780
also went to Grinnell College,
where I went eventually

473
00:32:39,780 --> 00:32:41,410
in Iowa, again.

474
00:32:41,410 --> 00:32:41,910
Yes.

475
00:32:41,910 --> 00:32:44,691

476
00:32:44,691 --> 00:32:49,040
Who I still am in contact
with minimally, but still.

477
00:32:49,040 --> 00:32:51,740

478
00:32:51,740 --> 00:32:54,030
You went back to Des
Moines after St. Louis?

479
00:32:54,030 --> 00:32:55,980
Yes.

480
00:32:55,980 --> 00:32:59,250
Was there Jewish
community in St. Louis?

481
00:32:59,250 --> 00:33:01,020
I don't remember that at all.

482
00:33:01,020 --> 00:33:04,440

483
00:33:04,440 --> 00:33:06,480
I remember having a few friends.

484

00:33:06,480 --> 00:33:12,260

But again, not a face
that stands out at all.

485

00:33:12,260 --> 00:33:19,760

I think it was a time of real
readjustment to my family.

486

00:33:19,760 --> 00:33:23,060

And I think that just about
took all the energy I had.

487

00:33:23,060 --> 00:33:25,750

488

00:33:25,750 --> 00:33:28,778

So you never asked
your father or mother

489

00:33:28,778 --> 00:33:30,070

about what had happened to him.

490

00:33:30,070 --> 00:33:32,700

491

00:33:32,700 --> 00:33:34,690

Did you talk about
the war at all?

492

00:33:34,690 --> 00:33:36,400

No.

493

00:33:36,400 --> 00:33:38,020

Well, the war--

494

00:33:38,020 --> 00:33:41,080

I was here in the
States for that.

495

00:33:41,080 --> 00:33:46,270

And that had an
impact like it had

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00:33:46,270 --> 00:33:49,660

on any anybody else
who lived in the States

497

00:33:49,660 --> 00:33:54,220

in terms of rationing
and blackouts

498

00:33:54,220 --> 00:33:58,530

and this, that, and
the other thing.

499

00:33:58,530 --> 00:34:00,570

And it was not--

500

00:34:00,570 --> 00:34:04,410

whether you were Jewish or
not, you were still German.

501

00:34:04,410 --> 00:34:11,710

It was not really a good time to
be German for whatever reason,

502

00:34:11,710 --> 00:34:13,590

whether you were Jewish or not.

503

00:34:13,590 --> 00:34:17,969

Americans sometimes didn't
make the distinction.

504

00:34:17,969 --> 00:34:22,050

And it was very painful for
me to have my parents speak

505

00:34:22,050 --> 00:34:23,340

German in public.

506

00:34:23,340 --> 00:34:27,710

507

00:34:27,710 --> 00:34:29,840

And there was a certain

antisemitism here

508
00:34:29,840 --> 00:34:30,810
in the States.

509
00:34:30,810 --> 00:34:33,230
There are all these people
coming, immigrating,

510
00:34:33,230 --> 00:34:40,090
and we were not always welcome.

511
00:34:40,090 --> 00:34:42,239
I remember one time
going to a restaurant

512
00:34:42,239 --> 00:34:47,710
and being denied seating,
which was terrible.

513
00:34:47,710 --> 00:34:50,980

514
00:34:50,980 --> 00:34:52,670
What happened?

515
00:34:52,670 --> 00:34:56,090
Well, my father went
in to get a seat,

516
00:34:56,090 --> 00:35:01,370
and I don't know what
happened, but he was said,

517
00:35:01,370 --> 00:35:07,760
no, we don't have Jews in here.

518
00:35:07,760 --> 00:35:11,830
And he looked Jewish,
there's no denying.

519
00:35:11,830 --> 00:35:20,360

So the war had many ways
of impacting itself on me.

520
00:35:20,360 --> 00:35:24,950
And this is when I became
an adolescent also,

521
00:35:24,950 --> 00:35:27,010
so there were a lot
of personal things

522
00:35:27,010 --> 00:35:30,000
that were happening in my life.

523
00:35:30,000 --> 00:35:32,690

524
00:35:32,690 --> 00:35:37,210
And the whole idea
of the possibility

525
00:35:37,210 --> 00:35:41,740
of being bombed or anything just
brought out that fear again,

526
00:35:41,740 --> 00:35:44,140
that constant fear.

527
00:35:44,140 --> 00:35:46,530
It just was more palpable.

528
00:35:46,530 --> 00:35:47,400
You just feel it.

529
00:35:47,400 --> 00:35:49,100
I could just feel it more.

530
00:35:49,100 --> 00:35:54,800

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00:35:54,800 --> 00:35:56,725
Were there other

instances of antisemitism

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00:35:56,725 --> 00:35:58,610
that you remember growing up--

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00:35:58,610 --> 00:36:00,010
Well, sure.

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00:36:00,010 --> 00:36:03,280

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00:36:03,280 --> 00:36:09,860
When I was in Des Moines, for
instance, I had Jewish friends,

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00:36:09,860 --> 00:36:11,860
but they didn't necessarily
live in the area

537

00:36:11,860 --> 00:36:13,610
where I went to school.

538

00:36:13,610 --> 00:36:19,170
So the friendship
was there, but it

539

00:36:19,170 --> 00:36:21,510
wasn't the daily kind of stuff.

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00:36:21,510 --> 00:36:27,750
And the group of kids
that I wanted to belong to

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00:36:27,750 --> 00:36:30,360
were kids that--

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00:36:30,360 --> 00:36:33,260

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00:36:33,260 --> 00:36:35,750
outsiders, whether
they're Jews or non-Jews,

544
00:36:35,750 --> 00:36:37,490
just didn't get in.

545
00:36:37,490 --> 00:36:42,960
So I was a fringe
person with those kids.

546
00:36:42,960 --> 00:36:46,000

547
00:36:46,000 --> 00:36:50,660
And that's quite a
struggle, to not be in,

548
00:36:50,660 --> 00:36:53,990
but to be on the fringes.

549
00:36:53,990 --> 00:36:58,050
And sometimes you'd get
invited, sometimes you don't.

550
00:36:58,050 --> 00:37:02,000
And sometimes they'll go with
you and sometimes they won't.

551
00:37:02,000 --> 00:37:08,370
It's a weird kind of a
life, and it's very painful

552
00:37:08,370 --> 00:37:13,370
to survive that as a teenager.

553
00:37:13,370 --> 00:37:18,890
And again, there was a wonderful
vice president in the junior

554
00:37:18,890 --> 00:37:21,770
high school-- it was a three
year junior high school--

555
00:37:21,770 --> 00:37:28,220

that was able to see through
some of the things that

556
00:37:28,220 --> 00:37:31,970
were happening and took
those of us who were loners,

557
00:37:31,970 --> 00:37:37,520
so to speak, or
whatever, made them

558
00:37:37,520 --> 00:37:42,440
feel important by
giving us jobs to do

559
00:37:42,440 --> 00:37:48,060
and telling us that
we were great people.

560
00:37:48,060 --> 00:37:49,400
Very nice to have that happen.

561
00:37:49,400 --> 00:37:54,080

562
00:37:54,080 --> 00:38:01,340
But the war also gave my father
a chance to do some doctoring.

563
00:38:01,340 --> 00:38:03,836
But as a--

564
00:38:03,836 --> 00:38:07,100
I think first as an intern,
and then as a resident.

565
00:38:07,100 --> 00:38:10,970
And he just was not made out
to be an intern and a resident

566
00:38:10,970 --> 00:38:16,030
after having his own
practice, and also

567
00:38:16,030 --> 00:38:22,490
not being very good as far
as the language is concerned.

568
00:38:22,490 --> 00:38:25,120
So there was a lot of tension.

569
00:38:25,120 --> 00:38:29,950
And actually, that's when we
moved from Iowa to California.

570
00:38:29,950 --> 00:38:38,680
Because he felt that if
he took the medical tests,

571
00:38:38,680 --> 00:38:41,620
that the reciprocity
in California

572
00:38:41,620 --> 00:38:43,190
was better than in Iowa.

573
00:38:43,190 --> 00:38:44,480
Or something of that nature.

574
00:38:44,480 --> 00:38:46,610
I know that the
move to California

575
00:38:46,610 --> 00:38:51,140
was directly because he felt
he would have a better job

576
00:38:51,140 --> 00:38:52,400
opportunity.

577
00:38:52,400 --> 00:38:56,120
It never happened, though.

578
00:38:56,120 --> 00:38:58,160
There were small

stints of his working

579

00:38:58,160 --> 00:39:02,310

at some hospitals as a
resident or as an intern, even.

580

00:39:02,310 --> 00:39:06,640

And it just made no
sense, personality

581

00:39:06,640 --> 00:39:11,150

wise as well as otherwise.

582

00:39:11,150 --> 00:39:14,030

How old were you when
you moved to California?

583

00:39:14,030 --> 00:39:15,260

Let's see.

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00:39:15,260 --> 00:39:21,820

I finished ninth grade,
I was in 10th grade.

585

00:39:21,820 --> 00:39:23,098

What year was that?

586

00:39:23,098 --> 00:39:28,210

587

00:39:28,210 --> 00:39:33,260

1940-- let's see.

588

00:39:33,260 --> 00:39:39,690

If I'm in 10th grade,
I would be, what, 15?

589

00:39:39,690 --> 00:39:41,530

Did you get back
the year that you--

590

00:39:41,530 --> 00:39:43,680

No.

591
00:39:43,680 --> 00:39:46,562
Always stayed behind.

592
00:39:46,562 --> 00:39:47,790
May have been 16.

593
00:39:47,790 --> 00:39:54,150

594
00:39:54,150 --> 00:39:55,400
So it was after the war.

595
00:39:55,400 --> 00:39:57,680
Yeah, it was just after the war.

596
00:39:57,680 --> 00:40:03,390

597
00:40:03,390 --> 00:40:09,050
Although I remember being
out here in California

598
00:40:09,050 --> 00:40:10,450
with some blackouts.

599
00:40:10,450 --> 00:40:14,390

600
00:40:14,390 --> 00:40:19,194
I think it was '44, if
you were born in '28.

601
00:40:19,194 --> 00:40:19,694
Yeah.

602
00:40:19,694 --> 00:40:31,030

603
00:40:31,030 --> 00:40:36,150

Did your Jewish friends in Des
Moines ask you about Germany?

604
00:40:36,150 --> 00:40:38,740
Yeah, some of them did.

605
00:40:38,740 --> 00:40:44,540
And I think I was not
terribly helpful to them.

606
00:40:44,540 --> 00:40:49,370

607
00:40:49,370 --> 00:40:53,870
I felt that I
didn't have anything

608
00:40:53,870 --> 00:40:59,940
to offer because I didn't
survive a concentration camp.

609
00:40:59,940 --> 00:41:04,550
So what could I tell them?

610
00:41:04,550 --> 00:41:07,390

611
00:41:07,390 --> 00:41:13,520
And I think some of
the awareness of what

612
00:41:13,520 --> 00:41:22,435
was going on in
myself and recalling

613
00:41:22,435 --> 00:41:25,930
some of the happenings
really came as I--

614
00:41:25,930 --> 00:41:30,560

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00:41:30,560 --> 00:41:33,720
in the latter part
of my college years,

616
00:41:33,720 --> 00:41:36,810
again, to sort of
open up again to the--

617
00:41:36,810 --> 00:41:38,550
remembering some
of the things that

618
00:41:38,550 --> 00:41:41,760
were part of my early life.

619
00:41:41,760 --> 00:41:44,700

620
00:41:44,700 --> 00:41:48,420
When did you find out
about the death camps?

621
00:41:48,420 --> 00:41:59,110
That wasn't until high school.

622
00:41:59,110 --> 00:42:01,660
Well, which is when
some of the information

623
00:42:01,660 --> 00:42:04,060
finally came out, too.

624
00:42:04,060 --> 00:42:10,210
And I don't know when I found
out about my grandmother

625
00:42:10,210 --> 00:42:13,270
being taken and not surviving.

626
00:42:13,270 --> 00:42:18,310

627

00:42:18,310 --> 00:42:19,090
I don't know that.

628
00:42:19,090 --> 00:42:26,070

629
00:42:26,070 --> 00:42:28,140
I don't know where
she lived, how

630
00:42:28,140 --> 00:42:33,390
she lived, how she survived,
when she was taken.

631
00:42:33,390 --> 00:42:35,480
None of that.

632
00:42:35,480 --> 00:42:36,774
No one ever talked about her?

633
00:42:36,774 --> 00:42:37,274
No.

634
00:42:37,274 --> 00:42:43,920

635
00:42:43,920 --> 00:42:50,130
And I don't think it was
because they didn't--

636
00:42:50,130 --> 00:42:53,040
I think it was just too painful.

637
00:42:53,040 --> 00:42:57,270
I can't imagine my parents
not talking about it.

638
00:42:57,270 --> 00:42:59,640
I can't imagine my
mother not feeling--

639
00:42:59,640 --> 00:43:02,850

640
00:43:02,850 --> 00:43:06,480
could she not have
gotten this woman out,

641
00:43:06,480 --> 00:43:12,190
and my father feeling
terrible sadness.

642
00:43:12,190 --> 00:43:17,300
So I can understand why
they wouldn't talk about.

643
00:43:17,300 --> 00:43:24,300
And my brother and sister and
I never talked about it either.

644
00:43:24,300 --> 00:43:27,890

645
00:43:27,890 --> 00:43:31,430
And how I found out how
she died, I don't know.

646
00:43:31,430 --> 00:43:34,280
I don't know who told
me or how I found out.

647
00:43:34,280 --> 00:43:38,290
And I think that's
one of the things

648
00:43:38,290 --> 00:43:41,180
that I feel so strongly
about that I would like

649
00:43:41,180 --> 00:43:42,460
to make some closure there.

650
00:43:42,460 --> 00:43:49,610
I want to have some
remembrance of her.

651
00:43:49,610 --> 00:43:56,600
Some honoring her, some
recognizing and supporting

652
00:43:56,600 --> 00:43:58,400
her in the decision
that she made.

653
00:43:58,400 --> 00:44:01,280

654
00:44:01,280 --> 00:44:03,470
The decision that she
made, I think, was,

655
00:44:03,470 --> 00:44:05,330
what can they do
to an old woman?

656
00:44:05,330 --> 00:44:08,260

657
00:44:08,260 --> 00:44:09,650
And they did it anyway.

658
00:44:09,650 --> 00:44:13,850

659
00:44:13,850 --> 00:44:22,310
I just want this
to be understood,

660
00:44:22,310 --> 00:44:26,730
that each one of us,
with our personalities,

661
00:44:26,730 --> 00:44:32,430
and with what fate brings
to us, make some decisions.

662
00:44:32,430 --> 00:44:36,850

And that's how our
life is influenced.

663
00:44:36,850 --> 00:44:42,420
And since we haven't talked
about her, we need to.

664
00:44:42,420 --> 00:44:45,850

665
00:44:45,850 --> 00:44:46,570
I need to.

666
00:44:46,570 --> 00:44:49,270

667
00:44:49,270 --> 00:44:55,870
And the fact that we know
so little about our father's

668
00:44:55,870 --> 00:44:59,920
existence in Dachau also.

669
00:44:59,920 --> 00:45:04,410
I just want it to be
understood that whoever

670
00:45:04,410 --> 00:45:09,510
it was, a few months or a
year or whatever it was,

671
00:45:09,510 --> 00:45:23,460
that we understand that we can
cope with it, that we don't

672
00:45:23,460 --> 00:45:27,360
keep it hidden,
that we look at it,

673
00:45:27,360 --> 00:45:31,050
and that we honor the
person who survived it

674

00:45:31,050 --> 00:45:39,860
and who dealt with it, openly.

675

00:45:39,860 --> 00:45:42,210
I think probably all
of us have done it

676

00:45:42,210 --> 00:45:46,130
in our mind in some
ways, but we have not

677

00:45:46,130 --> 00:45:51,630
opened up and looked at it and
said, this is what I remember,

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00:45:51,630 --> 00:45:53,065
and this is what
I think happened.

679

00:45:53,065 --> 00:45:57,100
And it's part and
parcel of our heritage.

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00:45:57,100 --> 00:46:21,980

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00:46:21,980 --> 00:46:27,814
So you moved to
Berkeley in maybe 1944.

682

00:46:27,814 --> 00:46:28,314
Yes.

683

00:46:28,314 --> 00:46:31,158

684

00:46:31,158 --> 00:46:40,130
It's terrible, I'm just
not very aware of dates.

685

00:46:40,130 --> 00:46:42,090
That's OK.

686
00:46:42,090 --> 00:46:45,280
So then you went to
high school in Berkeley?

687
00:46:45,280 --> 00:46:45,780
No.

688
00:46:45,780 --> 00:46:48,770

689
00:46:48,770 --> 00:46:51,890
The family, when they
moved to California,

690
00:46:51,890 --> 00:46:54,770
lived on the peninsula.

691
00:46:54,770 --> 00:47:03,020
And my father had gotten,
I think, a residency at--

692
00:47:03,020 --> 00:47:05,990
there must be a
hospital in San Mateo.

693
00:47:05,990 --> 00:47:11,690
And we lived in probably one
or two rooms for a few months

694
00:47:11,690 --> 00:47:13,680
there with him.

695
00:47:13,680 --> 00:47:15,920
It didn't work out.

696
00:47:15,920 --> 00:47:21,700
So we moved on to Palo Alto
to a very small apartment.

697
00:47:21,700 --> 00:47:25,870
I had started in

San Mateo in 10th--

698
00:47:25,870 --> 00:47:27,050
in high school there.

699
00:47:27,050 --> 00:47:30,280

700
00:47:30,280 --> 00:47:39,700
San Mateo, that high school was
very upper scale high school.

701
00:47:39,700 --> 00:47:43,000
And as an immigrant
child, I did not

702
00:47:43,000 --> 00:47:44,780
feel very comfortable there.

703
00:47:44,780 --> 00:47:46,600
So when the parents
moved to Palo Alto,

704
00:47:46,600 --> 00:47:50,020
they gave me a chance
to stay in San Mateo

705
00:47:50,020 --> 00:47:52,930
or to start a new school,
which was not in Palo Alto,

706
00:47:52,930 --> 00:47:55,570
but in San Mateo.

707
00:47:55,570 --> 00:47:57,760
Excuse me, in Redwood City.

708
00:47:57,760 --> 00:48:01,720
And so my last--

709
00:48:01,720 --> 00:48:07,990
10th, 11th, and 12th grades were

in the Redwood City Union High

710
00:48:07,990 --> 00:48:10,150
School district.

711
00:48:10,150 --> 00:48:12,230
And it was that was good.

712
00:48:12,230 --> 00:48:15,340
It was a much more--

713
00:48:15,340 --> 00:48:22,240
the kids who went there came
from various backgrounds, not

714
00:48:22,240 --> 00:48:23,170
just upper class.

715
00:48:23,170 --> 00:48:32,320
And the welcoming that I got
also made it very different.

716
00:48:32,320 --> 00:48:35,140
They had the buddy
system, or the sisters.

717
00:48:35,140 --> 00:48:39,520
And so someone became my
sister, my older sister,

718
00:48:39,520 --> 00:48:41,590
because I was new there.

719
00:48:41,590 --> 00:48:47,200
And I was able to become part
of that group of the older

720
00:48:47,200 --> 00:48:48,790
sister's.

721
00:48:48,790 --> 00:48:53,330
And that was very nice, and it

was a very comfortable group

722

00:48:53,330 --> 00:48:53,830
of kids.

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00:48:53,830 --> 00:48:58,130
Not the "in" kids, but the kids
who formed their own group.

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00:48:58,130 --> 00:49:02,080
And so those three years
were very good for me.

725

00:49:02,080 --> 00:49:05,770
They began the healing,
I think, and the feeling

726

00:49:05,770 --> 00:49:13,560
of being part of a group
and becoming American more.

727

00:49:13,560 --> 00:49:14,640
That was very nice.

728

00:49:14,640 --> 00:49:15,990
That was a good feeling.

729

00:49:15,990 --> 00:49:19,770
And when my parents
moved to Berkeley

730

00:49:19,770 --> 00:49:24,660
to be closer to my sister,
who now had moved out here

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00:49:24,660 --> 00:49:29,580
with her family, it
was just the beginning

732

00:49:29,580 --> 00:49:32,160
of my last year of high school.

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00:49:32,160 --> 00:49:35,900
And I didn't want change again.

734
00:49:35,900 --> 00:49:39,140
So I lived with a
family in Atherton,

735
00:49:39,140 --> 00:49:45,680
and ostensibly sort of
babysat for my room and board,

736
00:49:45,680 --> 00:49:50,550
and continued to go
graduate from Sequoia.

737
00:49:50,550 --> 00:49:51,960
That was good.

738
00:49:51,960 --> 00:49:55,470
I was not meant out
to be a babysitter.

739
00:49:55,470 --> 00:50:01,200
I really, truly did
not understand or like

740
00:50:01,200 --> 00:50:05,970
younger children until
much later in my life.

741
00:50:05,970 --> 00:50:11,965
But I did it because that
allowed me to stay in the area.

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00:50:11,965 --> 00:50:15,010

743
00:50:15,010 --> 00:50:16,430
Were they friends
of your family?

744
00:50:16,430 --> 00:50:17,890
No.

745
00:50:17,890 --> 00:50:21,490
I think it was
through the school

746
00:50:21,490 --> 00:50:23,950
that I was put in
contact with them.

747
00:50:23,950 --> 00:50:27,010
They were Jewish, and they--

748
00:50:27,010 --> 00:50:29,690
I think the wife
was pregnant again,

749
00:50:29,690 --> 00:50:33,250
and she just needed somebody
to be there in the evenings,

750
00:50:33,250 --> 00:50:39,220
or maybe to do the dishes and
to take care of the little boy

751
00:50:39,220 --> 00:50:40,465
when they went out.

752
00:50:40,465 --> 00:50:42,910
It was very easy.

753
00:50:42,910 --> 00:50:43,900
Were they kind to you?

754
00:50:43,900 --> 00:50:44,680
Yes.

755
00:50:44,680 --> 00:50:47,680
Very, very kind, very helpful.

756
00:50:47,680 --> 00:50:52,930
And yes, I really
treasure that time,

757

00:50:52,930 --> 00:50:55,840

even though I didn't
like being a babysitter.

758

00:50:55,840 --> 00:50:58,330

I never have like a
babysitter in my life.

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00:50:58,330 --> 00:51:01,930

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00:51:01,930 --> 00:51:06,410

I didn't use it as
a positive thing.

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00:51:06,410 --> 00:51:09,940

And so then when
I started dealing

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00:51:09,940 --> 00:51:16,170

with younger children
as a teacher,

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00:51:16,170 --> 00:51:17,760

that made a lot of sense to me.

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00:51:17,760 --> 00:51:18,930

That I really loved.

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00:51:18,930 --> 00:51:21,000

And in that way, I had--

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00:51:21,000 --> 00:51:23,970

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00:51:23,970 --> 00:51:28,920

there was a way in which a
teacher related to the children

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00:51:28,920 --> 00:51:30,330

and did things

with the children,

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00:51:30,330 --> 00:51:33,390

rather than having
the evening there.

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00:51:33,390 --> 00:51:36,180

I wasn't creative enough
to think of things

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00:51:36,180 --> 00:51:41,910

to do with the children, or to
think of myself as instigating

772

00:51:41,910 --> 00:51:46,500

something that would
be nice for both of us.

773

00:51:46,500 --> 00:51:49,650

I've always admired
these young people

774

00:51:49,650 --> 00:51:51,990

who have come to
babysit for my kids,

775

00:51:51,990 --> 00:51:56,890

or that I see baby sitting
now who enjoy that,

776

00:51:56,890 --> 00:51:58,050

and you can play the games.

777

00:51:58,050 --> 00:52:01,680

778

00:52:01,680 --> 00:52:03,230

But no, the family
was very kind.

779

00:52:03,230 --> 00:52:07,410

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00:52:07,410 --> 00:52:08,790

Go ahead.

781

00:52:08,790 --> 00:52:12,210

Did you miss your
friends in Des Moines?

782

00:52:12,210 --> 00:52:14,460

Yeah.

783

00:52:14,460 --> 00:52:16,470

But by that time,
in 11th grade, I

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00:52:16,470 --> 00:52:21,960

had made my friends
here in the South Bay.

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00:52:21,960 --> 00:52:25,780

And so I kept those friendships
up for quite a while.

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00:52:25,780 --> 00:52:28,820

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00:52:28,820 --> 00:52:31,630

It was hard to when I moved to
Berkeley eventually and went

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00:52:31,630 --> 00:52:34,110

to college in the Midwest.

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00:52:34,110 --> 00:52:38,640

Lost track of them.

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00:52:38,640 --> 00:52:42,690

So my life in terms of the kinds
of friendships that my children

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00:52:42,690 --> 00:52:45,120

have, which are--

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00:52:45,120 --> 00:52:49,270

since I've lived in the
same place now for 36 years.

793

00:52:49,270 --> 00:52:54,770

The children are born,
grew up in a place,

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00:52:54,770 --> 00:52:59,000

and still have some of
the friends that they

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00:52:59,000 --> 00:53:01,990

went to high school with, or
to even elementary school with.

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00:53:01,990 --> 00:53:07,100

Or I bump into people
who are parents,

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00:53:07,100 --> 00:53:08,970

and our children went
to school together.

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00:53:08,970 --> 00:53:16,350

I never had that kind of long
term relationship with people.

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00:53:16,350 --> 00:53:23,020

My life was chopped
up into people here,

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00:53:23,020 --> 00:53:26,650

people there, and that's it.

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00:53:26,650 --> 00:53:29,170

I treasure that long
term relationship

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00:53:29,170 --> 00:53:34,940

that my children have with
some of their friends,

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00:53:34,940 --> 00:53:40,340
and that I've developed over the
30-odd years, some from college

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00:53:40,340 --> 00:53:41,870
still and so forth.

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00:53:41,870 --> 00:53:44,970
That's a very important
part, I think,

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00:53:44,970 --> 00:53:49,370
of growing older that I'm
beginning to understand.

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00:53:49,370 --> 00:53:52,160
Whether we're bosom
buddies or not,

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00:53:52,160 --> 00:53:57,620
it's the importance of
having that history together.

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00:53:57,620 --> 00:53:59,744
It makes a connection.

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00:53:59,744 --> 00:54:02,470

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00:54:02,470 --> 00:54:06,660
And when I'm thinking of
my parents, for instance--

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00:54:06,660 --> 00:54:09,840
and I have this love-hate
affair with my parents

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00:54:09,840 --> 00:54:13,770
because I just wanted
so much to help them

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00:54:13,770 --> 00:54:19,660

and to be supportive of them
when I was away from them.

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00:54:19,660 --> 00:54:22,350
I could do all these
things for them.

816
00:54:22,350 --> 00:54:27,310
The moment I got with them,
the emotional interaction

817
00:54:27,310 --> 00:54:30,680
just almost negated everything.

818
00:54:30,680 --> 00:54:35,020
And one of the things that
I always felt so sad about

819
00:54:35,020 --> 00:54:41,800
is the fact that in their
late mid-life, so to speak,

820
00:54:41,800 --> 00:54:46,200
they lost all of their
friends and all of that

821
00:54:46,200 --> 00:54:53,730
and had to make new friends,
new language, new life.

822
00:54:53,730 --> 00:54:56,370
And I thought of myself
in my 40s and 50s--

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00:54:56,370 --> 00:54:58,910

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00:54:58,910 --> 00:55:01,970
if I had to do that, if I
suddenly were transported

825
00:55:01,970 --> 00:55:07,010
to Africa or whatever--

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00:55:07,010 --> 00:55:14,390
China, whatever-- how
would I deal with that?

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00:55:14,390 --> 00:55:16,550
How would I deal with that?

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00:55:16,550 --> 00:55:25,580
And so I really admire them,
and I admire immigrants

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00:55:25,580 --> 00:55:27,260
who are able to do
that and who have

830
00:55:27,260 --> 00:55:30,368
to do that and cope with that.

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00:55:30,368 --> 00:55:31,844
It's not easy.

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00:55:31,844 --> 00:55:43,160

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00:55:43,160 --> 00:55:47,970
So how did you pick
Grinnell to attend college?

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00:55:47,970 --> 00:55:51,090
Well, when we went
to Des Moines,

835
00:55:51,090 --> 00:55:58,200
we had these relatives, these
way down the line relatives,

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00:55:58,200 --> 00:56:06,480
and the Rosenfields were
connected with Grinnell

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00:56:06,480 --> 00:56:15,540

in terms of being supporters,
and also eventually becoming

838
00:56:15,540 --> 00:56:17,170
trustees.

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00:56:17,170 --> 00:56:19,560
So I knew about Grinnell.

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00:56:19,560 --> 00:56:25,080
And when I made a decision
to go to a school,

841
00:56:25,080 --> 00:56:30,720
obviously I couldn't do it
without financial assistance.

842
00:56:30,720 --> 00:56:34,050
But the thing that I really
wanted more than anything else

843
00:56:34,050 --> 00:56:35,210
was a liberal arts school.

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00:56:35,210 --> 00:56:38,220

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00:56:38,220 --> 00:56:40,470
I didn't want a girl's
school, I didn't want--

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00:56:40,470 --> 00:56:43,840

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00:56:43,840 --> 00:56:48,140
I wanted a small
liberal arts school.

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00:56:48,140 --> 00:56:51,200
And living in California,
there weren't that many.

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00:56:51,200 --> 00:56:53,232
Reed was a possibility, perhaps.

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00:56:53,232 --> 00:56:53,732
Pomona.

851
00:56:53,732 --> 00:56:56,240

852
00:56:56,240 --> 00:57:00,170
And then if you went
into the Midwest,

853
00:57:00,170 --> 00:57:03,810
you did have small
liberal arts colleges.

854
00:57:03,810 --> 00:57:07,370
And since I knew about Grinnell,
I applied for a scholarship,

855
00:57:07,370 --> 00:57:10,830
and that made it possible
for me to go there.

856
00:57:10,830 --> 00:57:18,810
I worked all four years and had
scholarships and didn't come

857
00:57:18,810 --> 00:57:25,070
home except for the summer.

858
00:57:25,070 --> 00:57:33,440
So the transportation of a three
day train ride and so forth,

859
00:57:33,440 --> 00:57:35,380
it was done twice a year.

860
00:57:35,380 --> 00:57:39,570
Once to come home, and once
to come back to Grinnell.

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00:57:39,570 --> 00:57:44,460

And Grinnell was really a
wonderful experience for me.

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00:57:44,460 --> 00:57:50,710

Wonderful opening up
and learning about some

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00:57:50,710 --> 00:57:59,930

of my strengths and abilities,
and just opening up more.

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00:57:59,930 --> 00:58:03,670

It was a very good experience.

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00:58:03,670 --> 00:58:09,070

And a terrific experience in
terms of finding a husband.

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00:58:09,070 --> 00:58:11,380

Very nice.

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00:58:11,380 --> 00:58:13,420

How did you meet?

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00:58:13,420 --> 00:58:18,320

Well, Neil came to Grinnell
a year before I did.

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00:58:18,320 --> 00:58:25,240

But what he did then was
to enlist in the army,

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00:58:25,240 --> 00:58:33,820

and was transferred to Japan as
part of the Army of Occupation.

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00:58:33,820 --> 00:58:37,570

So he was in the army for
a year or a little longer.

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00:58:37,570 --> 00:58:42,620

He did his stint in the
Army of Occupation in Japan.

873
00:58:42,620 --> 00:58:53,100
So when he came
back in 1946, he was

874
00:58:53,100 --> 00:58:55,830
part of the group of
returning veterans.

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00:58:55,830 --> 00:58:59,110

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00:58:59,110 --> 00:59:03,340
Because Grinnell and other
schools, during the war years,

877
00:59:03,340 --> 00:59:06,440
were mainly women's colleges.

878
00:59:06,440 --> 00:59:12,010
So I came back just about the
same time as the veterans.

879
00:59:12,010 --> 00:59:14,950
I mean, I started college
just about the same time

880
00:59:14,950 --> 00:59:18,130
as veterans came
back to the schools.

881
00:59:18,130 --> 00:59:23,530
And what you had there was
a young female population

882
00:59:23,530 --> 00:59:30,390
and an older male population,
as well as the men

883
00:59:30,390 --> 00:59:33,600
who didn't go off to war.

884
00:59:33,600 --> 00:59:40,200
And Neil came back in my
sophomore year, I think.

885
00:59:40,200 --> 00:59:46,420
And we met in a
very humorous way.

886
00:59:46,420 --> 00:59:56,770
And we continued the friendship
and eventual realization

887
00:59:56,770 --> 01:00:00,190
that we wanted to get married.

888
01:00:00,190 --> 01:00:02,950
What was that humorous
way that you met?

889
01:00:02,950 --> 01:00:07,500
Well, at so many
of the colleges,

890
01:00:07,500 --> 01:00:09,750
the men and women were divided.

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01:00:09,750 --> 01:00:13,230
On one side of the college were
the dormitories for the men,

892
01:00:13,230 --> 01:00:16,950
on the other side were the
dormitories for the women.

893
01:00:16,950 --> 01:00:21,240
But every so often, there
was an exchange dinner,

894
01:00:21,240 --> 01:00:25,410
so that a lot of the men would
come over to the women's dining

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01:00:25,410 --> 01:00:27,360

room and a lot of the
women would go over

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01:00:27,360 --> 01:00:29,760

to the men's dining room.

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01:00:29,760 --> 01:00:33,390

And I think it was
April Fool's Day

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01:00:33,390 --> 01:00:38,340

that a certain number of men
were coming over to the women's

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01:00:38,340 --> 01:00:42,270

dining room in an exchange.

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01:00:42,270 --> 01:00:49,770

And I was a waitress all
during my years Grinnell,

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01:00:49,770 --> 01:00:52,290

and some of the
waiters and waitresses

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01:00:52,290 --> 01:00:55,710

decided April Fools
Day, they would tape up

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01:00:55,710 --> 01:01:02,410

the spouts of the
water pitchers,

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01:01:02,410 --> 01:01:06,360

which that sort of thing never
went over very well with me,

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01:01:06,360 --> 01:01:07,860

but you know.

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01:01:07,860 --> 01:01:11,475

So here was this group
of men at my table.

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01:01:11,475 --> 01:01:14,400

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01:01:14,400 --> 01:01:19,650
And as it happened, the
water spout was taped over.

909
01:01:19,650 --> 01:01:23,070
And I don't know, I
guess Neil and I just

910
01:01:23,070 --> 01:01:25,560
got into this kind of
looking at each other

911
01:01:25,560 --> 01:01:27,990
as if, isn't this the
dumbest thing that you

912
01:01:27,990 --> 01:01:31,080
could think of doing.

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01:01:31,080 --> 01:01:34,882
And just a little bit of
conversation, not much,

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01:01:34,882 --> 01:01:36,090
and that was the end of that.

915
01:01:36,090 --> 01:01:39,400
But I really liked the guy.

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01:01:39,400 --> 01:01:43,800
So then we had what's
called Sadie Hawkins Day.

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01:01:43,800 --> 01:01:48,660
In those days, it was
really not a good idea

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01:01:48,660 --> 01:01:50,700
for a girl to ask a boy out.

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01:01:50,700 --> 01:01:53,790
I mean, it was done,
but that was not

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01:01:53,790 --> 01:01:56,360
the way we dealt with
things at that time.

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01:01:56,360 --> 01:01:58,710
Sadie Hawkins Day was
definitely a day set

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01:01:58,710 --> 01:02:04,050
aside where only the girls
could ask the boys for dates.

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01:02:04,050 --> 01:02:05,370
Sadie Hawkins Day came.

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01:02:05,370 --> 01:02:09,396
And in previous times--
ahh, it's so stupid,

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01:02:09,396 --> 01:02:12,660
this sort of thing.

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01:02:12,660 --> 01:02:16,500
You can see how serious
a person I still was.

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01:02:16,500 --> 01:02:20,640
But I decided, OK,
maybe I'll ask him.

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01:02:20,640 --> 01:02:22,710
Maybe doesn't have a
date, or whatever it is.

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01:02:22,710 --> 01:02:24,390

So I did, I called him up.

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01:02:24,390 --> 01:02:29,907

He said yes, and that was the
beginning of our friendship.

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01:02:29,907 --> 01:02:48,330

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01:02:48,330 --> 01:02:50,160

It was a nice--

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01:02:50,160 --> 01:02:52,140

well, in a small
college, people know you.

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01:02:52,140 --> 01:02:55,470

And one of the nicest things
was that we often went

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01:02:55,470 --> 01:02:59,020

to our professor's
houses and had classes

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01:02:59,020 --> 01:03:03,070

there or dinners there or
discussion groups there.

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01:03:03,070 --> 01:03:08,610

And when two people went
together for a long time,

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01:03:08,610 --> 01:03:11,470

everybody knew
about it of course.

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01:03:11,470 --> 01:03:15,270

And one of the things
about my life at Grinnell

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01:03:15,270 --> 01:03:17,610

is that I became someone
who was known very

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01:03:17,610 --> 01:03:20,400
well for a number of reasons.

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01:03:20,400 --> 01:03:26,420
And so there was a lot of joking
about Neil and my relationship

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01:03:26,420 --> 01:03:28,160
because we had
certain privileges.

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01:03:28,160 --> 01:03:31,220
For instance, people had
to come in at 10 o'clock

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01:03:31,220 --> 01:03:32,930
into the dormitories,
but since I

946
01:03:32,930 --> 01:03:36,990
was one of the chairmen of the
dormitories, I had no hours.

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01:03:36,990 --> 01:03:39,267
And so when everybody
was coming in--

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01:03:39,267 --> 01:03:40,850
I had finished
studying, he'd finished

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01:03:40,850 --> 01:03:42,260
studying-- we would leave.

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01:03:42,260 --> 01:03:44,600
Everybody was coming in,
standing in the doorway.

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01:03:44,600 --> 01:03:49,430
They came in, here was
Beth and Neil going out.

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01:03:49,430 --> 01:03:57,260
And it was a nice way of having
some time together alone,

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01:03:57,260 --> 01:04:08,150
and also a sense of
privilege that we had.

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01:04:08,150 --> 01:04:12,200
And when we graduated,
it was very obvious

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01:04:12,200 --> 01:04:15,840
that we were going to
continue our relationship.

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01:04:15,840 --> 01:04:18,500
And when I picked up my
diploma from the president,

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01:04:18,500 --> 01:04:22,220
he shook my hand, he said,
take good care of each other.

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01:04:22,220 --> 01:04:23,550
Very nice little touch.

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01:04:23,550 --> 01:04:28,490
Now when you pick up your
diploma at San Francisco State,

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01:04:28,490 --> 01:04:29,820
Arizona, do they--

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01:04:29,820 --> 01:04:30,320
no.

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01:04:30,320 --> 01:04:33,250

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01:04:33,250 --> 01:04:35,420
But that was the

advantage of having

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01:04:35,420 --> 01:04:38,150
gone to a small
liberal arts college.

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01:04:38,150 --> 01:04:40,280
Now, what do you do with
a liberal arts education

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01:04:40,280 --> 01:04:41,817
afterwards?

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01:04:41,817 --> 01:04:43,400
See, when you asked
me, did you always

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01:04:43,400 --> 01:04:46,610
know what you wanted to do
or did you have some idea--

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01:04:46,610 --> 01:04:49,650
graduated.

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01:04:49,650 --> 01:04:54,910
But I had a sister who had
a nursery school and who was

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01:04:54,910 --> 01:04:56,930
into teaching young children.

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01:04:56,930 --> 01:04:59,900
And I thought, well, if
she can do it, I can do it.

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01:04:59,900 --> 01:05:04,090
And it was a wonderful
entrance for me

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01:05:04,090 --> 01:05:06,580
into the teaching profession.

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01:05:06,580 --> 01:05:09,370

It didn't stay for it
for more than 13 years,

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01:05:09,370 --> 01:05:14,860

but it was definitely a
wonderful entrance into it.

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01:05:14,860 --> 01:05:20,030

Because teaching is
something that I do well,

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01:05:20,030 --> 01:05:23,250

and it's something
that I really enjoy.

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01:05:23,250 --> 01:05:26,610

And from teaching
very young children,

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01:05:26,610 --> 01:05:33,480

teaching to kids in puberty,
to teaching parents,

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01:05:33,480 --> 01:05:36,240

to teaching midlife
women and men

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01:05:36,240 --> 01:05:39,830

has been a very gradual,
wonderful transition.

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01:05:39,830 --> 01:05:44,010

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01:05:44,010 --> 01:05:49,820

So anyway, my kids all grew
up in a teaching family.

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01:05:49,820 --> 01:05:53,360

And I think one of
them has picked up

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01:05:53,360 --> 01:05:56,330
teaching as her profession,
too, and the other one, I think,

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01:05:56,330 --> 01:05:57,110
is--

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01:05:57,110 --> 01:06:00,680
although he's not doing
it professionally,

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01:06:00,680 --> 01:06:03,135
probably was born
a teacher also.

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01:06:03,135 --> 01:06:12,720

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01:06:12,720 --> 01:06:17,520
Now, the Jewishness in our
lives was enhanced by the fact

992
01:06:17,520 --> 01:06:23,250
that Neil was so
interested in participating

993
01:06:23,250 --> 01:06:25,740
rather than standing back.

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01:06:25,740 --> 01:06:31,620
And as a matter of fact, one of
the things he did was Passover.

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01:06:31,620 --> 01:06:34,890
He worked on having
a Passover that

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01:06:34,890 --> 01:06:40,950
was acceptable to my son and
his wife, who, at that point,

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01:06:40,950 --> 01:06:52,370
became Christians, so that we

could bring in elements that

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01:06:52,370 --> 01:06:56,570

would continue the
tradition, but open it up

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01:06:56,570 --> 01:07:00,650

to people who have--

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01:07:00,650 --> 01:07:02,990

the very traditional way,
I didn't like it either.

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01:07:02,990 --> 01:07:08,240

So what we have done, and since
Neil died, what we have done

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01:07:08,240 --> 01:07:10,400

is we have continued
the tradition

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01:07:10,400 --> 01:07:15,860

of enlarging it, of adding
to it, of keeping things.

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01:07:15,860 --> 01:07:17,360

Every year, we
sort of go over it.

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01:07:17,360 --> 01:07:19,700

What shall we keep,
what shall we add,

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01:07:19,700 --> 01:07:22,620

how should we make
it meaningful for us.

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01:07:22,620 --> 01:07:31,650

And I think that's been
a real treasure in having

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01:07:31,650 --> 01:07:34,570

had the opportunity

to marry someone who

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01:07:34,570 --> 01:07:37,075
was open enough to that fact.

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01:07:37,075 --> 01:07:42,780

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01:07:42,780 --> 01:07:47,030
So in some ways, I think now
that many Jews are going back

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01:07:47,030 --> 01:07:52,050
into the very traditional
way of living their lives,

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01:07:52,050 --> 01:07:58,780
of observing the holidays, that
may not be acceptable to them.

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01:07:58,780 --> 01:08:01,290
I also went into the schools
when it was available to me

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01:08:01,290 --> 01:08:03,570
and the kids were
younger and talked

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01:08:03,570 --> 01:08:07,470
about Hanukkah especially,
sometimes Purim--

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01:08:07,470 --> 01:08:12,030
just as an educational thing,
not as a religious observance--

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01:08:12,030 --> 01:08:18,040
and was criticized by
Jews for doing that.

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01:08:18,040 --> 01:08:21,790
Yeah, it's-- and I can
understand part of it.

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01:08:21,790 --> 01:08:24,850
I can understand that
this is our special--

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01:08:24,850 --> 01:08:27,880
it's a religious holiday
and you don't take it out

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01:08:27,880 --> 01:08:31,960
there and just talk about it
without the religious element

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01:08:31,960 --> 01:08:33,250
in it.

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01:08:33,250 --> 01:08:38,772
And I don't feel that way,
but I respect how they feel.

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01:08:38,772 --> 01:08:48,140

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01:08:48,140 --> 01:08:50,870
Had you celebrated Purim
when you were a kid?

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01:08:50,870 --> 01:08:57,920
Yeah, but not in Germany.

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01:08:57,920 --> 01:09:00,859
When I came over
to the States, then

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01:09:00,859 --> 01:09:05,990
being part of Sunday
school type of thing

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01:09:05,990 --> 01:09:10,520
in a synagogue or temple,
I experienced that,

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01:09:10,520 --> 01:09:13,529
and it was fun.

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01:09:13,529 --> 01:09:19,460
But in my own family,
I didn't continue that.

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01:09:19,460 --> 01:09:22,025
But I wish they would.

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01:09:22,025 --> 01:09:27,710
It's one of the holidays that I
remember the stories very well.

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01:09:27,710 --> 01:09:33,250
And the important stories, in
many respects with one of them,

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01:09:33,250 --> 01:09:36,640
is that it brings out
the power of the woman.

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01:09:36,640 --> 01:09:51,180

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01:09:51,180 --> 01:09:54,445
What was your degree
in from Grinnell?

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01:09:54,445 --> 01:09:57,800

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01:09:57,800 --> 01:09:59,050
What do you call it?

1041
01:09:59,050 --> 01:10:02,740
ABBA with a major psychology.

1042
01:10:02,740 --> 01:10:09,560

1043
01:10:09,560 --> 01:10:12,940

Can you talk about
what Neil was like?

1044
01:10:12,940 --> 01:10:13,440
Yeah.

1045
01:10:13,440 --> 01:10:20,010

1046
01:10:20,010 --> 01:10:24,460
When you look at the
composition of a marriage,

1047
01:10:24,460 --> 01:10:25,890
he was the logical one.

1048
01:10:25,890 --> 01:10:29,940

1049
01:10:29,940 --> 01:10:32,490
Very intellectual man.

1050
01:10:32,490 --> 01:10:39,990
And yet someone who
worked with his hands.

1051
01:10:39,990 --> 01:10:43,170
Whatever had to be built or
repaired in the house, he did.

1052
01:10:43,170 --> 01:10:48,780
We rarely had any service
people in because he

1053
01:10:48,780 --> 01:10:53,700
could splice the wires
and et cetera, et cetera.

1054
01:10:53,700 --> 01:11:00,390
It was a wonderful combination
of being a professor

1055

01:11:00,390 --> 01:11:02,820
as well as being a work man.

1056
01:11:02,820 --> 01:11:12,730

1057
01:11:12,730 --> 01:11:14,800
Physically, he was
tall, he was blond.

1058
01:11:14,800 --> 01:11:18,390

1059
01:11:18,390 --> 01:11:20,205
And he was very musical also.

1060
01:11:20,205 --> 01:11:23,050

1061
01:11:23,050 --> 01:11:27,440
I don't know if Burl Ives is a
name that makes sense to you,

1062
01:11:27,440 --> 01:11:31,990
but when we first were
married and in those days,

1063
01:11:31,990 --> 01:11:36,250
Burl Ives was a very important
singer of folk songs.

1064
01:11:36,250 --> 01:11:41,410
And Neil played the
guitar, and very quickly

1065
01:11:41,410 --> 01:11:47,530
became very adept at
picking up the music

1066
01:11:47,530 --> 01:11:51,440
and the lyrics of folk songs.

1067

01:11:51,440 --> 01:11:55,780

He was not a folk singer
like the traditional folk

1068

01:11:55,780 --> 01:11:58,600

singers are, but he was
certainly a singer folk songs.

1069

01:11:58,600 --> 01:12:04,880

And it went from there to folk
songs of different countries.

1070

01:12:04,880 --> 01:12:10,070

And it had a
wonderful impact on us

1071

01:12:10,070 --> 01:12:16,100

because people loved sitting
around singing with him.

1072

01:12:16,100 --> 01:12:20,000

He was very able to
get a group going.

1073

01:12:20,000 --> 01:12:23,930

And the kids have
picked some of that up.

1074

01:12:23,930 --> 01:12:27,800

Both of my children are
musical and play the guitar

1075

01:12:27,800 --> 01:12:30,615

and are singers,
which is very nice.

1076

01:12:30,615 --> 01:12:33,680

1077

01:12:33,680 --> 01:12:38,450

I think he had tremendous
influence and impact

1078

01:12:38,450 --> 01:12:41,360
on his students at
San Francisco State,

1079
01:12:41,360 --> 01:12:42,920
where he was for so many years.

1080
01:12:42,920 --> 01:12:47,530

1081
01:12:47,530 --> 01:12:51,370
Occasionally after his death,
I would meet one or another

1082
01:12:51,370 --> 01:12:53,200
who didn't wholly knew--

1083
01:12:53,200 --> 01:12:56,710
because something would come
up and they would find out

1084
01:12:56,710 --> 01:13:02,200
that I was Neil's wife--
would tell me how important

1085
01:13:02,200 --> 01:13:04,480
he was in their lives.

1086
01:13:04,480 --> 01:13:07,390
So he was a very
influential teacher.

1087
01:13:07,390 --> 01:13:09,460
And I think he
started that already--

1088
01:13:09,460 --> 01:13:13,490
after graduating from
Stanford with a PhD,

1089
01:13:13,490 --> 01:13:17,060
we taught at the University of
Michigan for a number of years.

1090
01:13:17,060 --> 01:13:20,560
He taught there and I taught in
another place, the Children's

1091
01:13:20,560 --> 01:13:22,060
Psychiatric Hospital.

1092
01:13:22,060 --> 01:13:24,880
But what he did there
already, I think,

1093
01:13:24,880 --> 01:13:35,490
was the beginning of really
expressing his wonderful talent

1094
01:13:35,490 --> 01:13:40,020
about recognizing
how important it

1095
01:13:40,020 --> 01:13:47,010
is to teach things that you're
very enthusiastic about.

1096
01:13:47,010 --> 01:13:50,070
And I think enthusiasm
was a great part

1097
01:13:50,070 --> 01:13:52,872
of how he taught his classes.

1098
01:13:52,872 --> 01:13:55,080
Every once in a while, we'd
go to San Francisco State

1099
01:13:55,080 --> 01:13:58,110
and sit in on one, and
you could just feel it.

1100
01:13:58,110 --> 01:14:00,000
I mean, he was on.

1101

01:14:00,000 --> 01:14:05,910
And whatever he taught, that
was the best thing at the moment

1102
01:14:05,910 --> 01:14:07,860
that you could be talking about.

1103
01:14:07,860 --> 01:14:10,260
So people didn't go
to sleep in his class.

1104
01:14:10,260 --> 01:14:13,890
Or maybe they did and I didn't
notice it, but they didn't.

1105
01:14:13,890 --> 01:14:16,920
But I think he had a great
influence on his students,

1106
01:14:16,920 --> 01:14:20,650
and that's a wonderful
memory of him.

1107
01:14:20,650 --> 01:14:26,140

1108
01:14:26,140 --> 01:14:29,140
He also was-- that's the
other interesting part

1109
01:14:29,140 --> 01:14:31,270
because he was like my father.

1110
01:14:31,270 --> 01:14:35,640
If a kid was in trouble
and he could take him down

1111
01:14:35,640 --> 01:14:42,660
to the health clinic or get
some counseling for him,

1112
01:14:42,660 --> 01:14:46,380
he would encourage

that or go with them,

1113
01:14:46,380 --> 01:14:48,570
or if they needed
a little money,

1114
01:14:48,570 --> 01:14:52,410
then that would
be possible, too.

1115
01:14:52,410 --> 01:14:57,600
So that was a great deal
of Neil's involvement

1116
01:14:57,600 --> 01:14:59,760
in other people.

1117
01:14:59,760 --> 01:15:02,940
And during a strike at San
Francisco State in the '60s,

1118
01:15:02,940 --> 01:15:05,220
he went off campus to teach.

1119
01:15:05,220 --> 01:15:06,960
He walked the Sunset
District and he

1120
01:15:06,960 --> 01:15:12,450
found someone who had a garage
that they weren't using,

1121
01:15:12,450 --> 01:15:15,800
and he set up classes there.

1122
01:15:15,800 --> 01:15:21,110
And he took one of
the children's easels

1123
01:15:21,110 --> 01:15:24,020
with him and a little
heater with him

1124

01:15:24,020 --> 01:15:27,855
and just had off-campus classes.

1125

01:15:27,855 --> 01:15:32,750

1126

01:15:32,750 --> 01:15:41,190
And when we had the
earthquake in '89,

1127

01:15:41,190 --> 01:15:43,110
he was at San Francisco
State teaching.

1128

01:15:43,110 --> 01:15:45,690

1129

01:15:45,690 --> 01:15:52,200
And what we learned
about afterwards

1130

01:15:52,200 --> 01:16:00,350
is that he went to BART in
order to catch it back across

1131

01:16:00,350 --> 01:16:02,870
to Walnut Creek.

1132

01:16:02,870 --> 01:16:05,240
And for a long
time they sat there

1133

01:16:05,240 --> 01:16:09,650
and thought that BART
would be running.

1134

01:16:09,650 --> 01:16:12,950
Nobody knew the extent of
the earthquake at that point.

1135

01:16:12,950 --> 01:16:14,570
Well, it became

obvious after a while

1136

01:16:14,570 --> 01:16:16,430
that BART wouldn't
be running, and there

1137

01:16:16,430 --> 01:16:20,270
were certain buses that
were still going downtown,

1138

01:16:20,270 --> 01:16:24,350
and these electrified
streetcars.

1139

01:16:24,350 --> 01:16:26,750
Well, he got on some of those,
and then the electricity

1140

01:16:26,750 --> 01:16:31,190
went out and San
Francisco became dark.

1141

01:16:31,190 --> 01:16:33,620
So he started walking.

1142

01:16:33,620 --> 01:16:35,810
He walked down
towards the area where

1143

01:16:35,810 --> 01:16:40,810
he thought he might be able to
catch something across the Bay,

1144

01:16:40,810 --> 01:16:42,050
but there was nothing going.

1145

01:16:42,050 --> 01:16:44,530
So then eventually,
he found another bus

1146

01:16:44,530 --> 01:16:49,480
that wound its way
across San Francisco

1147
01:16:49,480 --> 01:16:56,110
and came across the
Richmond Bridge.

1148
01:16:56,110 --> 01:16:59,980
And BART was running
on that side.

1149
01:16:59,980 --> 01:17:02,400
Caught BART to Walnut
Creek and about 2:00,

1150
01:17:02,400 --> 01:17:03,910
3 o'clock in the
morning, walked in.

1151
01:17:03,910 --> 01:17:08,530

1152
01:17:08,530 --> 01:17:15,248
Also, he was the kind
that public transportation

1153
01:17:15,248 --> 01:17:16,040
was very important.

1154
01:17:16,040 --> 01:17:18,610
So when BART came
into the East Bay,

1155
01:17:18,610 --> 01:17:21,370
he was one of the first riders.

1156
01:17:21,370 --> 01:17:25,300
But you don't drive your
car to the BART station.

1157
01:17:25,300 --> 01:17:28,480
You either walk or
you take your bicycle.

1158

01:17:28,480 --> 01:17:29,940
Now, here's the pouring rain.

1159
01:17:29,940 --> 01:17:31,240
Neil, can I take you to BART?

1160
01:17:31,240 --> 01:17:33,280
No.

1161
01:17:33,280 --> 01:17:36,340
You get on your bicycle,
you put on rain gear,

1162
01:17:36,340 --> 01:17:39,160
and then you walk from Daly
City to San Francisco State.

1163
01:17:39,160 --> 01:17:43,320

1164
01:17:43,320 --> 01:17:44,680
That's a Norwegian for you.

1165
01:17:44,680 --> 01:17:48,610

1166
01:17:48,610 --> 01:17:51,220
Very generous man, interesting.

1167
01:17:51,220 --> 01:17:54,430
We had a wonderful
life together.

1168
01:17:54,430 --> 01:17:57,100
Lucky many times.

1169
01:17:57,100 --> 01:18:01,870
If you go back to some
of the early things

1170
01:18:01,870 --> 01:18:08,650
that I said about myself and

my personality, it wasn't easy.

1171
01:18:08,650 --> 01:18:11,380
But there were certain
fundamental principles

1172
01:18:11,380 --> 01:18:15,910
that we really agreed on,
and there were lots of things

1173
01:18:15,910 --> 01:18:17,710
that we enjoyed together.

1174
01:18:17,710 --> 01:18:21,490
And we had an intimacy
that never quit.

1175
01:18:21,490 --> 01:18:24,760
So I think those were good
combinations for marriage.

1176
01:18:24,760 --> 01:18:28,990

1177
01:18:28,990 --> 01:18:31,300
When were your kids born?

1178
01:18:31,300 --> 01:18:34,420
Neil and I were married nine
years, and then Knute was born.

1179
01:18:34,420 --> 01:18:37,150
And the reason we didn't
have kids sooner is that A,

1180
01:18:37,150 --> 01:18:41,870
he didn't want it, and
B, I wasn't ready for it.

1181
01:18:41,870 --> 01:18:45,010
So I had therapy in those years.

1182

01:18:45,010 --> 01:18:47,590
And Neil being the kind
of person that he was

1183
01:18:47,590 --> 01:18:50,800
is he was totally--

1184
01:18:50,800 --> 01:18:52,000
therapy, now, who needs it?

1185
01:18:52,000 --> 01:18:55,450
But you get it.

1186
01:18:55,450 --> 01:18:57,987
Well, after several
years that I had therapy,

1187
01:18:57,987 --> 01:19:00,070
he thought, well, some
good things are coming out,

1188
01:19:00,070 --> 01:19:03,850
so maybe I better read
something about it.

1189
01:19:03,850 --> 01:19:07,480
That's how-- he went from
the head down to the heart.

1190
01:19:07,480 --> 01:19:09,850
And made a lot of sense
to him, what he read,

1191
01:19:09,850 --> 01:19:12,040
so he had several
years of therapy, too.

1192
01:19:12,040 --> 01:19:14,530
It was wonderful
for him and for me.

1193
01:19:14,530 --> 01:19:24,980
And that's quite a bit of

how he dealt with life,

1194
01:19:24,980 --> 01:19:29,060
through the logical,
and then into the heart

1195
01:19:29,060 --> 01:19:30,230
and into the feelings.

1196
01:19:30,230 --> 01:19:35,800

1197
01:19:35,800 --> 01:19:38,110
Mine comes from the
feelings and eventually it

1198
01:19:38,110 --> 01:19:39,850
has to go into the head.

1199
01:19:39,850 --> 01:19:42,290
Maybe it will get there.

1200
01:19:42,290 --> 01:19:42,790
Maybe.

1201
01:19:42,790 --> 01:19:48,710

1202
01:19:48,710 --> 01:19:51,120
What year was Knute born?

1203
01:19:51,120 --> 01:19:52,800
1960.

1204
01:19:52,800 --> 01:19:55,070
And then Lisa was born--

1205
01:19:55,070 --> 01:19:59,190
1965.

1206
01:19:59,190 --> 01:20:02,500

And Joshua was in between, 1963.

1207

01:20:02,500 --> 01:20:04,080

And he didn't live--

1208

01:20:04,080 --> 01:20:07,250

he lived only

about seven months.

1209

01:20:07,250 --> 01:20:09,950

Died.

1210

01:20:09,950 --> 01:20:15,425

But I still want his name

to be part of our family.

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01:20:15,425 --> 01:20:28,550

1212

01:20:28,550 --> 01:20:29,540

When did Neil die?

1213

01:20:29,540 --> 01:20:34,020

1214

01:20:34,020 --> 01:20:43,780

Seven years ago, 1991.

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01:20:43,780 --> 01:20:50,105

And it was cancer,

a very rare cancer.

1216

01:20:50,105 --> 01:20:53,350

1217

01:20:53,350 --> 01:20:56,570

And luckily, it--

1218

01:20:56,570 --> 01:21:01,480

I think he was sick

only less than a year.

1219

01:21:01,480 --> 01:21:23,890

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01:21:23,890 --> 01:21:30,030

So you went from Des Moines and
Grinnell, He went to Stanford.

1221

01:21:30,030 --> 01:21:31,870

Did you both go to Palo Alto?

1222

01:21:31,870 --> 01:21:35,410

No, he went to
Stanford to get his PhD

1223

01:21:35,410 --> 01:21:40,360

and I went to Cal to get a
master's in early childhood

1224

01:21:40,360 --> 01:21:42,820

education.

1225

01:21:42,820 --> 01:21:45,340

And after a year
of graduate school,

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01:21:45,340 --> 01:21:50,260

all my nagging finally wore
him down and we got married.

1227

01:21:50,260 --> 01:21:53,600

And then I moved down
again to the peninsula

1228

01:21:53,600 --> 01:22:02,870

for the next I think it
was about three years.

1229

01:22:02,870 --> 01:22:08,310

What we did is we lived on the
grounds of Peninsula School,

1230

01:22:08,310 --> 01:22:10,310

which is a private school.

1231

01:22:10,310 --> 01:22:14,600

I taught nursery school,
and on weekends, he

1232

01:22:14,600 --> 01:22:16,610

cleaned the school.

1233

01:22:16,610 --> 01:22:19,250

And for that, we were
able to live there,

1234

01:22:19,250 --> 01:22:24,290

and he finished his
PhD at Stanford.

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01:22:24,290 --> 01:22:28,984

And then we got a job at
the University of Michigan.

1236

01:22:28,984 --> 01:22:31,720

So then you went out to Ann
Arbor and then came back--

1237

01:22:31,720 --> 01:22:32,890

Then we came back, yeah.

1238

01:22:32,890 --> 01:22:34,713

--to the Bay area.

1239

01:22:34,713 --> 01:22:36,295

Yeah.

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01:22:36,295 --> 01:22:37,170

California called us.

1241

01:22:37,170 --> 01:22:44,130

1242

01:22:44,130 --> 01:22:47,760

So then when did you start

working at Planned Parenthood?

1243

01:22:47,760 --> 01:22:51,460

Well, it's is an
interesting story.

1244

01:22:51,460 --> 01:22:57,640

When my children
were still little--

1245

01:22:57,640 --> 01:23:03,277

1246

01:23:03,277 --> 01:23:08,220

let's see, this was 1997--

1247

01:23:08,220 --> 01:23:12,760

probably in the late
'70s, I volunteered there.

1248

01:23:12,760 --> 01:23:15,960

And the reason I volunteered
there is that, as I mentioned,

1249

01:23:15,960 --> 01:23:17,160

my kids were still little.

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01:23:17,160 --> 01:23:21,060

But I had about eight
years in which I had

1251

01:23:21,060 --> 01:23:23,640

teenagers living in the house.

1252

01:23:23,640 --> 01:23:28,920

These were kids from France
who were transferred overseas,

1253

01:23:28,920 --> 01:23:30,660

and the kids didn't
want to go, they

1254

01:23:30,660 --> 01:23:33,060
wanted to finish their
high school here.

1255
01:23:33,060 --> 01:23:37,800
And actually started out
with a nephew of Neil's who,

1256
01:23:37,800 --> 01:23:42,660
for some personal
reasons, didn't

1257
01:23:42,660 --> 01:23:44,610
want to finish his last
year of high school

1258
01:23:44,610 --> 01:23:47,970
in southern California, and
he came to live with us.

1259
01:23:47,970 --> 01:23:52,860
And then we had an influx
of teens in the house

1260
01:23:52,860 --> 01:23:55,290
before mine were teens.

1261
01:23:55,290 --> 01:24:02,910
And with that influx came
girlfriends and boyfriends.

1262
01:24:02,910 --> 01:24:08,910
And it also was a time when
there was a lot of opening up

1263
01:24:08,910 --> 01:24:11,440
of relationships.

1264
01:24:11,440 --> 01:24:15,120
Sexual relationships
were being formed.

1265
01:24:15,120 --> 01:24:20,560

A lot more going on than I
had known about or realized

1266
01:24:20,560 --> 01:24:24,600
was going on, but living with
these kids, found out about.

1267
01:24:24,600 --> 01:24:27,935
And luckily, one of them told
me about Planned Parenthood

1268
01:24:27,935 --> 01:24:30,060
because when she came for
dinner one day, she says,

1269
01:24:30,060 --> 01:24:31,590
I can't stay too
long because I have

1270
01:24:31,590 --> 01:24:34,920
an appointment with Planned
Parenthood for my annual.

1271
01:24:34,920 --> 01:24:37,740
And I said, what's an annual?

1272
01:24:37,740 --> 01:24:39,510
And she told me.

1273
01:24:39,510 --> 01:24:42,480
And she said, why
don't you come?

1274
01:24:42,480 --> 01:24:45,180
And I said, OK.

1275
01:24:45,180 --> 01:24:48,720
And I sat for, oh, I think
a little over two hours

1276
01:24:48,720 --> 01:24:52,050
because she was the
last one to be examined.

1277
01:24:52,050 --> 01:24:58,150
And sat in that
waiting room and saw

1278
01:24:58,150 --> 01:25:04,180
who came and saw the kind
of caring and information.

1279
01:25:04,180 --> 01:25:08,640
And afterwards, the nurse
came and sat down next to me

1280
01:25:08,640 --> 01:25:10,690
and she said, well,
when are you going

1281
01:25:10,690 --> 01:25:13,750
to start volunteering for us?

1282
01:25:13,750 --> 01:25:19,270
So it was a wonderful
introduction.

1283
01:25:19,270 --> 01:25:22,270
And I did indeed start
volunteering there.

1284
01:25:22,270 --> 01:25:25,720
And the volunteering eventually,
after a number of years,

1285
01:25:25,720 --> 01:25:32,110
led to a part time job and
to becoming part of the staff

1286
01:25:32,110 --> 01:25:34,000
eventually.

1287
01:25:34,000 --> 01:25:37,650
And it's been a
wonderful experience.

1288

01:25:37,650 --> 01:25:41,180

I couldn't think of
working for nicer people.

1289

01:25:41,180 --> 01:25:45,320

And the ideals that
I felt at that point

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01:25:45,320 --> 01:25:48,770

are still ideals I feel
Planned Parenthood encompasses

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01:25:48,770 --> 01:25:53,780

now, and continues to, but
has broadened even more.

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01:25:53,780 --> 01:25:58,790

We started out with
an office in a home--

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01:25:58,790 --> 01:26:01,590

well, in a house that
used to be a home--

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01:26:01,590 --> 01:26:08,570

and I think there was one
nurse, the executive director,

1295

01:26:08,570 --> 01:26:10,940

and maybe one other
part time person paid.

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01:26:10,940 --> 01:26:20,180

We now have over almost 200 paid
staff and seven centers in--

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01:26:20,180 --> 01:26:22,640

well, we have 13 centers
in seven counties.

1298

01:26:22,640 --> 01:26:29,840

It's really an amazing growth
that one has seen and has

1299
01:26:29,840 --> 01:26:30,850
been accomplished.

1300
01:26:30,850 --> 01:26:33,880

1301
01:26:33,880 --> 01:26:36,750
So it was a good thing
that my young friend

1302
01:26:36,750 --> 01:26:41,080
Cathy said to me, I'm
going to have my annual,

1303
01:26:41,080 --> 01:26:42,130
why don't you come?

1304
01:26:42,130 --> 01:26:52,610

1305
01:26:52,610 --> 01:26:56,240
What were those ideals
that attracted you?

1306
01:26:56,240 --> 01:27:02,480
Well, on a personal
level, even though I

1307
01:27:02,480 --> 01:27:05,630
had a father for a
doctor, my mother

1308
01:27:05,630 --> 01:27:13,460
was not able to talk to me about
my body functions, feelings,

1309
01:27:13,460 --> 01:27:14,550
and things of that nature.

1310
01:27:14,550 --> 01:27:17,380

1311
01:27:17,380 --> 01:27:20,560
I don't think people
of her generation

1312
01:27:20,560 --> 01:27:22,422
did that sort of thing.

1313
01:27:22,422 --> 01:27:24,130
As a matter of fact,
I got the impression

1314
01:27:24,130 --> 01:27:26,920
that nothing existed
from the neck down.

1315
01:27:26,920 --> 01:27:29,490
You just--

1316
01:27:29,490 --> 01:27:33,630
And so when I did
start asking questions,

1317
01:27:33,630 --> 01:27:37,020
she would refer me
to my father, who

1318
01:27:37,020 --> 01:27:41,680
would give me a very technical
answer, most of which

1319
01:27:41,680 --> 01:27:45,490
I didn't understand, but
which I dutifully then relayed

1320
01:27:45,490 --> 01:27:49,540
to the rest of my
friends, and knew

1321
01:27:49,540 --> 01:27:54,940
a lot more than they did,
knowing absolutely nothing,

1322
01:27:54,940 --> 01:27:56,950
really.

1323
01:27:56,950 --> 01:27:59,680
And so recognizing
the importance

1324
01:27:59,680 --> 01:28:02,990
of especially women
understanding their bodies,

1325
01:28:02,990 --> 01:28:09,490
respecting their bodies,
encompassing their womanhood,

1326
01:28:09,490 --> 01:28:15,160
with all of its
various joys and needs,

1327
01:28:15,160 --> 01:28:19,370
was a very important
awakening for me.

1328
01:28:19,370 --> 01:28:25,140
And obviously, the sexual part
was a very important awakening.

1329
01:28:25,140 --> 01:28:30,440
Here were these teenagers who
were already experiencing some

1330
01:28:30,440 --> 01:28:33,350
of the things that
I didn't experience

1331
01:28:33,350 --> 01:28:41,000
until I was an adult.
And I thought about that

1332
01:28:41,000 --> 01:28:45,770
and recognized that
indeed, I wanted

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01:28:45,770 --> 01:28:50,660

to be part of that
helpful supportiveness

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01:28:50,660 --> 01:28:54,650

that women need
in order to really

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01:28:54,650 --> 01:28:57,470

take a hold of their lives
and to make decisions

1336

01:28:57,470 --> 01:29:01,650

that are healthy ones for them.

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01:29:01,650 --> 01:29:05,330

And I think that's fundamentally
what Planned Parenthood is all

1338

01:29:05,330 --> 01:29:06,300

about.

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01:29:06,300 --> 01:29:10,400

Certainly, it's also about
whether to have children,

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01:29:10,400 --> 01:29:17,490

how many to have children,
how to protect yourself

1341

01:29:17,490 --> 01:29:23,910

from disease, how to
take care of your body,

1342

01:29:23,910 --> 01:29:28,140

how to think about your body,
how to express your sexuality.

1343

01:29:28,140 --> 01:29:30,270

These are all things, too.

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01:29:30,270 --> 01:29:37,980

And as part of my growth,
this was a very important part

1345
01:29:37,980 --> 01:29:41,520
of what I wanted to
share with other people.

1346
01:29:41,520 --> 01:29:43,260
Mainly, again, as
I mentioned to you,

1347
01:29:43,260 --> 01:29:53,370
because I was so naive, so
little educated, so repressed

1348
01:29:53,370 --> 01:29:57,720
that I knew I could
have an influence,

1349
01:29:57,720 --> 01:30:00,180
I could make a difference
to one other person

1350
01:30:00,180 --> 01:30:07,230
that I maybe sat across from,
either as a productive health

1351
01:30:07,230 --> 01:30:15,360
person or as a pregnancy
counselor or as an educator.

1352
01:30:15,360 --> 01:30:22,060
That's really important to me,
just to be supportive of people

1353
01:30:22,060 --> 01:30:24,010
and help them understand things.

1354
01:30:24,010 --> 01:30:27,680

1355
01:30:27,680 --> 01:30:29,020
Ignorance is not bliss.

1356
01:30:29,020 --> 01:30:33,750

1357
01:30:33,750 --> 01:30:35,820
So that's where I've
been, and that's

1358
01:30:35,820 --> 01:30:40,200
where I'll continue to be,
whether I work for them

1359
01:30:40,200 --> 01:30:41,900
or retire or whatever.

1360
01:30:41,900 --> 01:30:54,680

1361
01:30:54,680 --> 01:30:56,540
When did you talk to
your kids about what

1362
01:30:56,540 --> 01:30:59,830
had happened to you in Germany?

1363
01:30:59,830 --> 01:31:00,700
I don't think I did.

1364
01:31:00,700 --> 01:31:03,260

1365
01:31:03,260 --> 01:31:05,180
I think bits and
pieces came out,

1366
01:31:05,180 --> 01:31:08,840
but I never sat
down and said, hey,

1367
01:31:08,840 --> 01:31:12,020
let me tell you
what happened to me.

1368
01:31:12,020 --> 01:31:14,060
One of the reasons is
because I didn't consider

1369
01:31:14,060 --> 01:31:22,330
that what happened to me was
very out of the ordinary, so

1370
01:31:22,330 --> 01:31:31,870
to speak, or very important
for them to know about,

1371
01:31:31,870 --> 01:31:32,750
interesting.

1372
01:31:32,750 --> 01:31:35,400

1373
01:31:35,400 --> 01:31:38,400
But I did tell them bits
and pieces on occasion.

1374
01:31:38,400 --> 01:31:44,560
And it sort of came out
just in a sharing way.

1375
01:31:44,560 --> 01:31:47,870

1376
01:31:47,870 --> 01:31:52,730
They always knew that
I was born in Germany,

1377
01:31:52,730 --> 01:31:55,570
and they always knew that
my father was in Dachau.

1378
01:31:55,570 --> 01:32:00,890

1379
01:32:00,890 --> 01:32:04,100

And there were just bits and
pieces about where I lived

1380
01:32:04,100 --> 01:32:05,780
and how I lived that came out.

1381
01:32:05,780 --> 01:32:10,340

1382
01:32:10,340 --> 01:32:11,690
Nothing very organized.

1383
01:32:11,690 --> 01:32:16,240

1384
01:32:16,240 --> 01:32:20,450
Are you a member of any
survivor organizations?

1385
01:32:20,450 --> 01:32:20,950
No.

1386
01:32:20,950 --> 01:32:24,070

1387
01:32:24,070 --> 01:32:26,825
No, I just had never
considered myself a survivor.

1388
01:32:26,825 --> 01:32:29,410

1389
01:32:29,410 --> 01:32:32,650
It was, I think, a
year and a half ago

1390
01:32:32,650 --> 01:32:39,590
that I finally became a member
of a Holocaust Memorial Museum

1391
01:32:39,590 --> 01:32:42,670
in Washington, DC.

1392
01:32:42,670 --> 01:32:45,670

1393
01:32:45,670 --> 01:32:49,030
Being a member only
by saying I sent

1394
01:32:49,030 --> 01:32:51,760
in my money to become a member.

1395
01:32:51,760 --> 01:32:58,280
And it was only
within a year or two

1396
01:32:58,280 --> 01:33:01,010
ago that found
about the Wiesenthal

1397
01:33:01,010 --> 01:33:05,520
museum in California.

1398
01:33:05,520 --> 01:33:10,010
So no, this is a whole
new awakening now

1399
01:33:10,010 --> 01:33:15,840
because I simply didn't
consider myself a survivor.

1400
01:33:15,840 --> 01:33:17,630
And also because I
didn't want to face up

1401
01:33:17,630 --> 01:33:23,541
to bringing up things in
my life that were painful.

1402
01:33:23,541 --> 01:33:26,310

1403
01:33:26,310 --> 01:33:27,250

But I'm ready now.

1404
01:33:27,250 --> 01:33:36,408

1405
01:33:36,408 --> 01:33:39,650
So where are your
sister and brother?

1406
01:33:39,650 --> 01:33:42,080
My brother lives in
southern California,

1407
01:33:42,080 --> 01:33:47,340
and my sister lives in
Rossmoor in Walnut Creek.

1408
01:33:47,340 --> 01:33:51,580
And did they raise
their kids Jewish?

1409
01:33:51,580 --> 01:33:52,080
Yes.

1410
01:33:52,080 --> 01:34:17,072

1411
01:34:17,072 --> 01:34:18,780
And I think one of
the interesting things

1412
01:34:18,780 --> 01:34:21,360
is that now conversations
between the nieces and nephews

1413
01:34:21,360 --> 01:34:26,430
occur about how is
it when you marry

1414
01:34:26,430 --> 01:34:29,970
somebody who isn't Jewish.

1415

01:34:29,970 --> 01:34:33,080
And it's happened, and
will continue to happen.

1416
01:34:33,080 --> 01:34:39,730

1417
01:34:39,730 --> 01:34:42,430
How do you feel like the
Holocaust affects you now?

1418
01:34:42,430 --> 01:34:48,140

1419
01:34:48,140 --> 01:34:50,300
Or do you feel like
it affects you now?

1420
01:34:50,300 --> 01:34:53,480
Yeah, in some ways it's
less personal, in some ways

1421
01:34:53,480 --> 01:34:55,610
it's more personal.

1422
01:34:55,610 --> 01:35:01,190
I see the fear
that encompassed me

1423
01:35:01,190 --> 01:35:06,890
for so long as part of my
heritage from that time

1424
01:35:06,890 --> 01:35:08,210
is gone.

1425
01:35:08,210 --> 01:35:12,970
And I can now see and
even read a little bit

1426
01:35:12,970 --> 01:35:14,815
about survivor stories.

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01:35:14,815 --> 01:35:27,990

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01:35:27,990 --> 01:35:32,910

What I'm trying to say is
I'm seeing it more globally

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01:35:32,910 --> 01:35:35,490

in terms of what's happening in
other parts of the world that

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01:35:35,490 --> 01:35:44,705

have similar ways of happening
as the persecution of the Jews.

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01:35:44,705 --> 01:35:49,520

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01:35:49,520 --> 01:35:53,030

I saw it very, very
strongly for a long time

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01:35:53,030 --> 01:35:58,010

in terms of the building of
Israel and a national homeland.

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01:35:58,010 --> 01:36:05,360

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01:36:05,360 --> 01:36:07,450

And I'm troubled
about what's going

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01:36:07,450 --> 01:36:13,510

on in the world with persecution
and annihilation and torture.

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01:36:13,510 --> 01:36:23,670

And killing of each other
has become so rampant.

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01:36:23,670 --> 01:36:26,550

Maybe it isn't any more rampant,
but we hear about it more

1439
01:36:26,550 --> 01:36:29,940
because of television, because
of the ability of pictures

1440
01:36:29,940 --> 01:36:36,015
and words and news
coming to us so quickly.

1441
01:36:36,015 --> 01:36:39,240

1442
01:36:39,240 --> 01:36:47,910
And trying to understand
the small way in which I can

1443
01:36:47,910 --> 01:36:50,280
have any kind of an effect.

1444
01:36:50,280 --> 01:36:57,000
And realizing very clearly what
I can do in my own personal way

1445
01:36:57,000 --> 01:37:04,250
and how to do it as a result
of understanding that we have

1446
01:37:04,250 --> 01:37:06,350
to change how we
think about each other

1447
01:37:06,350 --> 01:37:10,020
and how we act
towards each other.

1448
01:37:10,020 --> 01:37:18,850
So it's a much more global
way of looking at things.

1449
01:37:18,850 --> 01:37:23,320
I have a nephew who

just this last year went

1450

01:37:23,320 --> 01:37:33,790

to I think it was
Auschwitz, and that

1451

01:37:33,790 --> 01:37:36,870

was an important part
of this experience

1452

01:37:36,870 --> 01:37:40,770

that I have not asked
him about, and have

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01:37:40,770 --> 01:37:47,520

come to realize that's really
something I want to do.

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01:37:47,520 --> 01:37:52,830

It's, again, the
same kind of, don't

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01:37:52,830 --> 01:37:57,210

touch on subjects
that are painful that

1456

01:37:57,210 --> 01:37:59,310

didn't allow me to
talk to my parents

1457

01:37:59,310 --> 01:38:00,680

about that sort of thing.

1458

01:38:00,680 --> 01:38:09,460

1459

01:38:09,460 --> 01:38:10,030

I don't know.

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01:38:10,030 --> 01:38:13,330

They're personal ways that
I feel very important than,

1461

01:38:13,330 --> 01:38:25,060

in my small way, that I will
use the historical happenings

1462

01:38:25,060 --> 01:38:31,720

in hopes that some of what
I do can help prevent it

1463

01:38:31,720 --> 01:38:34,670

from happening again.

1464

01:38:34,670 --> 01:38:40,905

So in some ways, politically,
I am more aware and active.

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01:38:40,905 --> 01:38:45,400

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01:38:45,400 --> 01:38:48,540

Do you feel like it
can happen again?

1467

01:38:48,540 --> 01:38:50,460

I think anything
can happen again.

1468

01:38:50,460 --> 01:38:53,220

1469

01:38:53,220 --> 01:39:00,550

Mainly because when I look back
and see that the voices weren't

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01:39:00,550 --> 01:39:06,460

raised against what
was happening then,

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01:39:06,460 --> 01:39:08,440

I can understand it.

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01:39:08,440 --> 01:39:13,210

If it were my family that I

would put at risk by saying

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01:39:13,210 --> 01:39:17,110
something, I might not.

1474

01:39:17,110 --> 01:39:21,530
If you really understand--
that doesn't excuse it,

1475

01:39:21,530 --> 01:39:23,590
but in order to
really understand it,

1476

01:39:23,590 --> 01:39:29,550
you have to put yourself into
the shoes of the people who

1477

01:39:29,550 --> 01:39:31,770
might have lost their
lives because they

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01:39:31,770 --> 01:39:36,270
were going to be supportive
and helpful to other people.

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01:39:36,270 --> 01:39:38,070
And then you can't
help but marvel

1480

01:39:38,070 --> 01:39:44,005
at other people who have done
that for days, weeks, years.

1481

01:39:44,005 --> 01:39:47,260

1482

01:39:47,260 --> 01:39:54,470
So the human condition
is very fragile.

1483

01:39:54,470 --> 01:40:00,410
And while I certainly hope it
doesn't happen again, it can.

1484
01:40:00,410 --> 01:40:04,685

1485
01:40:04,685 --> 01:40:10,040
And I think
understanding history

1486
01:40:10,040 --> 01:40:13,370
helps us to work
on today and trying

1487
01:40:13,370 --> 01:40:15,270
to prevent it happening again.

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01:40:15,270 --> 01:40:20,660

1489
01:40:20,660 --> 01:40:22,965
How did you feel about the
reunification of Germany?

1490
01:40:22,965 --> 01:40:28,380

1491
01:40:28,380 --> 01:40:29,820
What did I feel about that?

1492
01:40:29,820 --> 01:40:32,670

1493
01:40:32,670 --> 01:40:40,260
Well, I was caught up in feeling
of joy when the wall came down.

1494
01:40:40,260 --> 01:40:43,260
But I had this nagging
feeling that it

1495
01:40:43,260 --> 01:40:46,830
wasn't going to work just
taking a physical wall down,

1496
01:40:46,830 --> 01:40:51,300
that the walls were
more than physical.

1497
01:40:51,300 --> 01:40:54,530
That symbolically, this
certainly was the beginning,

1498
01:40:54,530 --> 01:41:00,050
but a lot more had to come
down in terms of walls

1499
01:41:00,050 --> 01:41:04,860
that were and still are up.

1500
01:41:04,860 --> 01:41:10,250

1501
01:41:10,250 --> 01:41:13,730
But yes, I was very happy.

1502
01:41:13,730 --> 01:41:18,660
And I continue to be very
positive and hopeful.

1503
01:41:18,660 --> 01:41:21,000
Have you been back to Germany?

1504
01:41:21,000 --> 01:41:25,530
I was back in Germany in--

1505
01:41:25,530 --> 01:41:27,340
maybe 20 years ago.

1506
01:41:27,340 --> 01:41:29,640
I was visiting
friends in Holland,

1507
01:41:29,640 --> 01:41:32,820
and we took a trip to Munich.

1508

01:41:32,820 --> 01:41:42,830

And I took the opportunity
to go visit the house where

1509

01:41:42,830 --> 01:41:47,400

I lived my early childhood,
my grandfather's house.

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01:41:47,400 --> 01:41:50,430

And I recognized it.

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01:41:50,430 --> 01:41:53,280

The garden is gone, there was
another building next to it,

1512

01:41:53,280 --> 01:41:59,280

and part of the building that
that house that I lived in

1513

01:41:59,280 --> 01:42:08,070

was bombed and was rebuilt.
I walked through the archway

1514

01:42:08,070 --> 01:42:10,120

that led into the inner part.

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01:42:10,120 --> 01:42:13,452

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01:42:13,452 --> 01:42:14,655

It felt very strange.

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01:42:14,655 --> 01:42:20,920

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01:42:20,920 --> 01:42:25,570

And it was something
that I realized

1519

01:42:25,570 --> 01:42:28,840

that I did because
I thought I should

1520
01:42:28,840 --> 01:42:31,600
rather than because I wanted to.

1521
01:42:31,600 --> 01:42:34,240
Because the pictures
of my childhood

1522
01:42:34,240 --> 01:42:36,220
are there in my
memory the way it

1523
01:42:36,220 --> 01:42:38,440
was rather than
the way it is now.

1524
01:42:38,440 --> 01:42:42,840

1525
01:42:42,840 --> 01:42:45,660
And I walked some of
the streets that I

1526
01:42:45,660 --> 01:42:53,010
remembered in terms of the
park, and it's not the same.

1527
01:42:53,010 --> 01:42:55,290
Can't ever be the same again.

1528
01:42:55,290 --> 01:42:57,810
So I'll leave it there that way.

1529
01:42:57,810 --> 01:43:00,090
I found that there
are some Germans that

1530
01:43:00,090 --> 01:43:04,200
were wonderfully
warm, open, and some

1531
01:43:04,200 --> 01:43:12,900

that were just as nasty
and as authoritarian

1532
01:43:12,900 --> 01:43:18,500
and unpleasant as--

1533
01:43:18,500 --> 01:43:20,570
that's part of Germany--

1534
01:43:20,570 --> 01:43:22,520
lots of countries are
like that, but Germany

1535
01:43:22,520 --> 01:43:26,060
has typical in that it has
both sides still to it that

1536
01:43:26,060 --> 01:43:29,270
are very obvious and evident.

1537
01:43:29,270 --> 01:43:32,750
Let me tell you one
other experience I had.

1538
01:43:32,750 --> 01:43:39,140
Last year I was in Ecuador,
and there was a train trip

1539
01:43:39,140 --> 01:43:45,810
through central Ecuador,
where most of us tourists

1540
01:43:45,810 --> 01:43:47,240
were on top--

1541
01:43:47,240 --> 01:43:51,680
we were riding on the train's
roof, on the roof of the train.

1542
01:43:51,680 --> 01:43:54,620
And this was part
and parcel of what

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01:43:54,620 --> 01:43:57,490

this small train did allow.

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01:43:57,490 --> 01:44:00,770

And there were a lot
of Germans there,

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01:44:00,770 --> 01:44:04,205

and some Americans
and some Asians.

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01:44:04,205 --> 01:44:07,820

And we were all sitting sort
of cramped in the top there.

1547

01:44:07,820 --> 01:44:09,740

It was wonderful
because the train

1548

01:44:09,740 --> 01:44:14,720

went zigzagging through
this beautiful countryside

1549

01:44:14,720 --> 01:44:15,500

very slowly.

1550

01:44:15,500 --> 01:44:17,790

It was a pretty slow train.

1551

01:44:17,790 --> 01:44:23,540

And I happened to
sit next to what I

1552

01:44:23,540 --> 01:44:25,070

thought was a group of Germans.

1553

01:44:25,070 --> 01:44:27,470

And I didn't really listen
to much of the conversation

1554

01:44:27,470 --> 01:44:32,480

until I overheard

some of them talking.

1555

01:44:32,480 --> 01:44:37,610

And I realized these were young
people who were on vacation.

1556

01:44:37,610 --> 01:44:39,820

And so when there was a
lull in the conversation

1557

01:44:39,820 --> 01:44:43,910

and I wasn't talking to
anybody, I turned around I said,

1558

01:44:43,910 --> 01:44:45,260

sie sind from Deutschland?

1559

01:44:45,260 --> 01:44:50,630

In other words, I spoke to this
man in my little bit of German

1560

01:44:50,630 --> 01:44:51,860

that I still remember.

1561

01:44:51,860 --> 01:44:53,340

He was very astounded.

1562

01:44:53,340 --> 01:44:58,560

We started to talk to each other
and converse with each other.

1563

01:44:58,560 --> 01:45:01,280

And in order to be
very clear, when

1564

01:45:01,280 --> 01:45:04,970

I told him that I was born
there, I said, I'm Jewish.

1565

01:45:04,970 --> 01:45:07,370

"Ah, sie sind Jewish?"

1566

01:45:07,370 --> 01:45:09,800
he said, very thoughtfully.

1567
01:45:09,800 --> 01:45:12,200
And I said, yes.

1568
01:45:12,200 --> 01:45:15,830
Let's put the
cards on the table.

1569
01:45:15,830 --> 01:45:20,540
And I said, how do
you feel about that?

1570
01:45:20,540 --> 01:45:24,530
My good psychological
background.

1571
01:45:24,530 --> 01:45:26,450
And one of the
things he said is,

1572
01:45:26,450 --> 01:45:31,400
we did not learn about
the concentration

1573
01:45:31,400 --> 01:45:33,515
camps for a long time.

1574
01:45:33,515 --> 01:45:35,780
It was not taught
in the schools.

1575
01:45:35,780 --> 01:45:38,100
Now we're beginning
to hear about it.

1576
01:45:38,100 --> 01:45:41,420
It was not part of the history.

1577
01:45:41,420 --> 01:45:49,370
And the impression that he gave
me is that he felt personally--

1578
01:45:49,370 --> 01:45:52,280
perhaps responsibility
is not the right word,

1579
01:45:52,280 --> 01:45:57,540
but a great sorrow
for what had happened.

1580
01:45:57,540 --> 01:46:03,290
And it was the only time
I ever talked to a German

1581
01:46:03,290 --> 01:46:05,576
and heard that.

1582
01:46:05,576 --> 01:46:11,750
And it was a tremendously
emotional impact it had on me.

1583
01:46:11,750 --> 01:46:18,190
I thought, if young people
can look at the history

1584
01:46:18,190 --> 01:46:23,440
and see what the country has
done, what their forefathers

1585
01:46:23,440 --> 01:46:29,060
and fathers have
done, and yet be

1586
01:46:29,060 --> 01:46:36,260
able to be open about it,
to have feeling for it,

1587
01:46:36,260 --> 01:46:39,800
and then to go on
building, that is really

1588
01:46:39,800 --> 01:46:41,280
what the future is all about.

1589

01:46:41,280 --> 01:46:46,450

1590

01:46:46,450 --> 01:46:52,330

So I feel very fortunate having
had that experience with him.

1591

01:46:52,330 --> 01:46:55,030

1592

01:46:55,030 --> 01:47:02,710

And going back to Germany, a
lot of my family has done that.

1593

01:47:02,710 --> 01:47:05,350

1594

01:47:05,350 --> 01:47:08,990

I'm not interested.

1595

01:47:08,990 --> 01:47:13,630

I went, and that was a--
it's very beautiful country.

1596

01:47:13,630 --> 01:47:16,630

And for that reason,
it would be--

1597

01:47:16,630 --> 01:47:18,130

people should go.

1598

01:47:18,130 --> 01:47:25,260

And people should go and
take the culture which

1599

01:47:25,260 --> 01:47:30,350

Germany has provided,
and the positive things

1600

01:47:30,350 --> 01:47:32,120

that it can offer.

1601

01:47:32,120 --> 01:47:35,278

But I personally probably
won't go anymore.

1602

01:47:35,278 --> 01:47:48,590

1603

01:47:48,590 --> 01:47:54,070

So should we go and
look at the pictures?

1604

01:47:54,070 --> 01:47:55,550

I wanted to ask
you one more thing.

1605

01:47:55,550 --> 01:47:57,500

Yeah, OK.

1606

01:47:57,500 --> 01:48:00,440

I wanted to ask you a bit
about your women's group

1607

01:48:00,440 --> 01:48:01,820

that you had mentioned.

1608

01:48:01,820 --> 01:48:03,200

Oh.

1609

01:48:03,200 --> 01:48:06,263

You have to remember, I belong
to a number of women's groups.

1610

01:48:06,263 --> 01:48:08,390

What kinds of groups
do you belong to?

1611

01:48:08,390 --> 01:48:18,280

1612

01:48:18,280 --> 01:48:21,940

One of them was the dream group.

1613

01:48:21,940 --> 01:48:25,990

I belong to two dream groups.

1614

01:48:25,990 --> 01:48:33,605

And one of them was in
Berkeley that I belonged to

1615

01:48:33,605 --> 01:48:38,070

for a number of years,
and then in Walnut

1616

01:48:38,070 --> 01:48:39,960

Creek for a number of years.

1617

01:48:39,960 --> 01:48:41,880

And it wasn't a
women's group, it

1618

01:48:41,880 --> 01:48:44,760

was a group where
we shared our dreams

1619

01:48:44,760 --> 01:48:52,440

and began to be able
to help each other,

1620

01:48:52,440 --> 01:48:54,120

support each other
in understanding

1621

01:48:54,120 --> 01:48:56,406

what the dreams meant.

1622

01:48:56,406 --> 01:48:58,950

And this was started
by a dream worker

1623

01:48:58,950 --> 01:49:01,650

who was a wonderful person.

1624

01:49:01,650 --> 01:49:10,140

And then I had been in

contact with two other people

1625

01:49:10,140 --> 01:49:14,620
that I met casually
someplace else,

1626

01:49:14,620 --> 01:49:17,520
and we just clicked and we
started seeing each other.

1627

01:49:17,520 --> 01:49:20,340
And we've seen each
other for many years now.

1628

01:49:20,340 --> 01:49:22,920
And we do it on a
regular basis, we just

1629

01:49:22,920 --> 01:49:25,750
do it monthly if we can.

1630

01:49:25,750 --> 01:49:29,620
And another group that comes
out of the Unitarian church

1631

01:49:29,620 --> 01:49:34,090
where I am a member now, and
it's called a women's group.

1632

01:49:34,090 --> 01:49:42,440
And the main reason for being
in a women's group, I think,

1633

01:49:42,440 --> 01:49:49,250
is to share and to support
and to understand and to hear.

1634

01:49:49,250 --> 01:49:53,040

1635

01:49:53,040 --> 01:49:58,350
I think one of the great
healing moments in our lives

1636
01:49:58,350 --> 01:50:01,755
is when we're able
to hear each other.

1637
01:50:01,755 --> 01:50:07,380
And I think Carl Rogers was
probably a incredible disciple

1638
01:50:07,380 --> 01:50:10,330
of understanding that
just hearing each other

1639
01:50:10,330 --> 01:50:17,520
is a way of healing and of
making that connection that all

1640
01:50:17,520 --> 01:50:19,560
of us have with each other.

1641
01:50:19,560 --> 01:50:21,910
So women's groups
or dream groups

1642
01:50:21,910 --> 01:50:27,470
or whatever are ways of
connecting and healing.

1643
01:50:27,470 --> 01:50:31,700
And before that, I was
part of another women's

1644
01:50:31,700 --> 01:50:33,560
group that because of--

1645
01:50:33,560 --> 01:50:36,140

1646
01:50:36,140 --> 01:50:38,480
well, people moved away.

1647
01:50:38,480 --> 01:50:44,240

So my connection with women's groups is very personal.

1648
01:50:44,240 --> 01:50:49,160
And I suggest it for--

1649
01:50:49,160 --> 01:50:51,440
everyone should have a group that they really

1650
01:50:51,440 --> 01:50:53,210
feel connected to.

1651
01:50:53,210 --> 01:51:00,014

1652
01:51:00,014 --> 01:51:02,395
Was there anything else that you'd like to add

1653
01:51:02,395 --> 01:51:04,030
or you think that we didn't cover?

1654
01:51:04,030 --> 01:51:04,645
My goodness.

1655
01:51:04,645 --> 01:51:11,857

1656
01:51:11,857 --> 01:51:13,674
I think not.

1657
01:51:13,674 --> 01:51:14,940
OK.

1658
01:51:14,940 --> 01:51:17,110
Thank you very much.

1659
01:51:17,110 --> 01:51:19,920
Thank you very much for doing this

1660
01:51:19,920 --> 01:51:24,920
and for convincing me that
indeed it is something

1661
01:51:24,920 --> 01:51:30,430
that I have to say and can
say and that is important.

1662
01:51:30,430 --> 01:51:33,650
Just as an aside, if
you ever feel like you

1663
01:51:33,650 --> 01:51:34,655
want to come back and--

1664
01:51:34,655 --> 01:51:36,440
How about you tell
us about this photo.

1665
01:51:36,440 --> 01:51:37,250
OK.

1666
01:51:37,250 --> 01:51:39,830
This is Eva Weiss.

1667
01:51:39,830 --> 01:51:42,590
That's my father's mother.

1668
01:51:42,590 --> 01:51:45,680
And I know her as Oma.

1669
01:51:45,680 --> 01:51:49,010
That's what we children
called the grandmother.

1670
01:51:49,010 --> 01:51:53,190
And here she is with me.

1671
01:51:53,190 --> 01:51:58,100
I don't know how old I am there,
but it's probably in 1928.

1672
01:51:58,100 --> 01:52:02,000
I was born in March, and
it looks to me like I'm, I

1673
01:52:02,000 --> 01:52:04,670
don't know, not
quite a year yet.

1674
01:52:04,670 --> 01:52:07,830
And she's a very important
person in my life.

1675
01:52:07,830 --> 01:52:12,530
And this is her husband,
whom I did not know.

1676
01:52:12,530 --> 01:52:15,490
Oma's husband.

1677
01:52:15,490 --> 01:52:18,380
The father of my father.

1678
01:52:18,380 --> 01:52:20,210
He died before I was born.

1679
01:52:20,210 --> 01:52:22,760

1680
01:52:22,760 --> 01:52:30,980
And the next picture is
of the parents of Oma.

1681
01:52:30,980 --> 01:52:37,160
And I think Oma's maiden
name was Barshour.

1682
01:52:37,160 --> 01:52:41,465
And these are the
parents of a Eva Weiss.

1683
01:52:41,465 --> 01:52:46,850

1684
01:52:46,850 --> 01:52:48,050
How about these photos?

1685
01:52:48,050 --> 01:52:49,640
OK.

1686
01:52:49,640 --> 01:53:01,720
The one over here is
Oma's mother's parents.

1687
01:53:01,720 --> 01:53:15,850
And the one next to it is
the parents of her father.

1688
01:53:15,850 --> 01:53:22,160
The first one that I pointed to
are the parents of her mother.

1689
01:53:22,160 --> 01:53:28,750
And so both set of these are
grandparents of my grandmother.

1690
01:53:28,750 --> 01:53:32,962

1691
01:53:32,962 --> 01:53:35,530
Can you tell us
about this picture?

1692
01:53:35,530 --> 01:53:41,730
Well, my father, Bert Weiss,
and my mother, Paula Weiss.

1693
01:53:41,730 --> 01:53:48,810
And I was named
Elisabeth Clarchen,

1694
01:53:48,810 --> 01:53:54,610
and I grew up with the
nickname Lisl for a long time,

1695

01:53:54,610 --> 01:53:56,610

which I changed when I
came to the United States

1696

01:53:56,610 --> 01:54:00,120

because nobody could
pronounce it correctly.

1697

01:54:00,120 --> 01:54:03,000

But it seems to me that
probably I'm a year old there,

1698

01:54:03,000 --> 01:54:07,140

so it would be around
1929, in the garden.

1699

01:54:07,140 --> 01:54:10,320

The house that we
lived in had a garden

1700

01:54:10,320 --> 01:54:13,830

next to it, which was
the area where I played

1701

01:54:13,830 --> 01:54:15,600

in a lot of my childhood.

1702

01:54:15,600 --> 01:54:20,530

1703

01:54:20,530 --> 01:54:27,190

There's a picture of my
father, and it's in 1931

1704

01:54:27,190 --> 01:54:28,715

that that picture was taken.

1705

01:54:28,715 --> 01:54:33,280

1706

01:54:33,280 --> 01:54:34,640

It speaks to me.

1707
01:54:34,640 --> 01:54:39,620
It's a wonderful
picture, I think, of him.

1708
01:54:39,620 --> 01:54:47,470

1709
01:54:47,470 --> 01:54:50,073
All right, go ahead.

1710
01:54:50,073 --> 01:54:51,490
One of the things
you'll notice is

1711
01:54:51,490 --> 01:54:54,620
that most of the pictures
of my father have a bow tie.

1712
01:54:54,620 --> 01:54:59,290
I think that was his
trademark, having a bow tie.

1713
01:54:59,290 --> 01:55:06,430
And this is in his jacket,
his doctor's jacket.

1714
01:55:06,430 --> 01:55:09,160
And it's a picture
that I really treasure.

1715
01:55:09,160 --> 01:55:12,340
It looks very much
like I remember him.

1716
01:55:12,340 --> 01:55:17,770
And I often remember seeing
him in a white coat like that,

1717
01:55:17,770 --> 01:55:19,780
with a cigar.

1718

01:55:19,780 --> 01:55:22,660
He smoked a cigar for a
long time in his life.

1719
01:55:22,660 --> 01:55:28,280

1720
01:55:28,280 --> 01:55:30,440
And here he is smoking a pipe.

1721
01:55:30,440 --> 01:55:34,940
And this is many
years later now.

1722
01:55:34,940 --> 01:55:41,870
And I can't tell you the year,
but it's in Berkeley, when

1723
01:55:41,870 --> 01:55:43,130
we were living in Berkeley.

1724
01:55:43,130 --> 01:55:47,150
And it is probably
at a time when

1725
01:55:47,150 --> 01:55:48,550
he was feeling pretty good.

1726
01:55:48,550 --> 01:55:52,540

1727
01:55:52,540 --> 01:55:58,380
This is the living
room and another room.

1728
01:55:58,380 --> 01:56:03,330
And I think it's
the only picture

1729
01:56:03,330 --> 01:56:06,870
I have that shows
some of the pictures

1730

01:56:06,870 --> 01:56:11,620
and the books and the artifacts
that we had in our house,

1731

01:56:11,620 --> 01:56:12,320
which was--

1732

01:56:12,320 --> 01:56:16,350

1733

01:56:16,350 --> 01:56:19,870
my early home really felt
good and comfortable.

1734

01:56:19,870 --> 01:56:26,280
And I think that the picture
of the ambience of my home I've

1735

01:56:26,280 --> 01:56:30,749
carried with me and try to
incorporate in my own home,

1736

01:56:30,749 --> 01:56:31,249
too.

1737

01:56:31,249 --> 01:56:35,940

1738

01:56:35,940 --> 01:56:37,170
Did you bring any of that?

1739

01:56:37,170 --> 01:56:39,190
Was any of that stuff
brought over from Germany?

1740

01:56:39,190 --> 01:56:40,080
Yes, some of it.

1741

01:56:40,080 --> 01:56:42,872
Some of it they allowed
us to bring over.

1742

01:56:42,872 --> 01:56:46,050

Not much.

1743

01:56:46,050 --> 01:56:50,940

One of the earliest pictures
of the brother, Hans,

1744

01:56:50,940 --> 01:56:54,510

and my sister, Gay and me.

1745

01:56:54,510 --> 01:56:58,830

And at the very bottom, when
you first adjusted that picture,

1746

01:56:58,830 --> 01:57:03,990

it says, "wir gratulieren,"
which means congratulations.

1747

01:57:03,990 --> 01:57:06,810

And I think probably
what the picture

1748

01:57:06,810 --> 01:57:12,450

is saying congratulations on
the birth of another child.

1749

01:57:12,450 --> 01:57:15,570

Because Gay is 10 years
older than I am, and Hans

1750

01:57:15,570 --> 01:57:17,310

is 12 years older than I am.

1751

01:57:17,310 --> 01:57:21,705

And here was this nachkommeling,
the little one who came after.

1752

01:57:21,705 --> 01:57:27,260

1753

01:57:27,260 --> 01:57:29,480

This is one of those

charming old fashioned

1754

01:57:29,480 --> 01:57:31,860

poses with my mother and me.

1755

01:57:31,860 --> 01:57:40,190

And it's a pose that I don't--

1756

01:57:40,190 --> 01:57:43,130

very often you don't see

her in that position,

1757

01:57:43,130 --> 01:57:47,037

and certainly don't see me

in that position anymore.

1758

01:57:47,037 --> 01:57:48,120

But I think it's charming.

1759

01:57:48,120 --> 01:57:51,440

1760

01:57:51,440 --> 01:57:53,180

Yes.

1761

01:57:53,180 --> 01:57:56,360

This is one of the rare

pictures of my grandmother

1762

01:57:56,360 --> 01:57:58,670

on the left hand

side, and together

1763

01:57:58,670 --> 01:58:01,230

with my father and mother.

1764

01:58:01,230 --> 01:58:05,750

And that's my brother

holding me on his lap

1765

01:58:05,750 --> 01:58:09,110

and not being very happy about

the cat that I'm holding.

1766

01:58:09,110 --> 01:58:11,600

I don't think he's
an animal lover,

1767

01:58:11,600 --> 01:58:13,910

and I don't think
he was then either.

1768

01:58:13,910 --> 01:58:17,390

But it's one of those
pictures where--

1769

01:58:17,390 --> 01:58:21,200

often we would go have a
picnic or something out

1770

01:58:21,200 --> 01:58:24,710

in the country, and I
think that's probably one

1771

01:58:24,710 --> 01:58:26,300

of the times that we did that.

1772

01:58:26,300 --> 01:58:31,080

1773

01:58:31,080 --> 01:58:34,200

Occasionally, there were
times that, as a little girl,

1774

01:58:34,200 --> 01:58:41,940

I went on trips with my
father to visit patients.

1775

01:58:41,940 --> 01:58:43,830

I would stay in
the car, of course.

1776

01:58:43,830 --> 01:58:46,080

And I don't know
whether this was

1777
01:58:46,080 --> 01:58:50,400
a picture of a time when
I did go with him or not,

1778
01:58:50,400 --> 01:58:52,950
but I do remember
that there were--

1779
01:58:52,950 --> 01:58:54,810
it wasn't often,
but occasionally, he

1780
01:58:54,810 --> 01:58:58,080
would allow me to
come along with him

1781
01:58:58,080 --> 01:59:00,675
on a home visit to a patient.

1782
01:59:00,675 --> 01:59:10,920

1783
01:59:10,920 --> 01:59:13,630
Those are the three
of us who were

1784
01:59:13,630 --> 01:59:18,310
friends for many years
in early childhood.

1785
01:59:18,310 --> 01:59:24,580
Eva is in the middle
and Wolfe is at the end.

1786
01:59:24,580 --> 01:59:27,580
I treasure those friendships.

1787
01:59:27,580 --> 01:59:30,640
They were very,
very special to me,

1788

01:59:30,640 --> 01:59:33,750
and I don't know what happened
to either one of them.

1789
01:59:33,750 --> 01:59:39,130

1790
01:59:39,130 --> 01:59:42,170
How about if you tell
us about these photos.

1791
01:59:42,170 --> 01:59:45,050
Well, I'm not sure,
but it seems to me

1792
01:59:45,050 --> 01:59:48,230
this is the photo that
was taken before I

1793
01:59:48,230 --> 01:59:52,580
left Germany that may have
been part of the passport type.

1794
01:59:52,580 --> 01:59:56,270
And I really treasure
that because it shows me

1795
01:59:56,270 --> 02:00:04,650
in all that emerging puberty,
innocence, and openness.

1796
02:00:04,650 --> 02:00:11,690
And it just is a very
vulnerable picture

1797
02:00:11,690 --> 02:00:13,370
and I really like it very much.

1798
02:00:13,370 --> 02:00:19,250

1799
02:00:19,250 --> 02:00:24,020
I remember that I got that

little vest and outfit

1800
02:00:24,020 --> 02:00:25,910
while still, I think--

1801
02:00:25,910 --> 02:00:28,250
I can't remember if it
still was in Germany

1802
02:00:28,250 --> 02:00:30,290
or if it was in
the United States,

1803
02:00:30,290 --> 02:00:32,420
but it is one of
the first outfits

1804
02:00:32,420 --> 02:00:34,190
that I ever got from America.

1805
02:00:34,190 --> 02:00:37,220
Somebody gave that to
me or sent it to me.

1806
02:00:37,220 --> 02:00:43,700
And it may be that it
still was taken in Germany,

1807
02:00:43,700 --> 02:00:49,870
but I am not 100% sure on that.

1808
02:00:49,870 --> 02:00:57,640
The next picture, however, shows
me as I arrived in Des Moines

1809
02:00:57,640 --> 02:01:01,720
at the age of 10 and a half.

1810
02:01:01,720 --> 02:01:05,170
And I have my
brother's hat on, and I

1811

02:01:05,170 --> 02:01:10,270
know I was the envy of everybody
because I had little lamb's fur

1812
02:01:10,270 --> 02:01:15,520
collar on that
princess style coat.

1813
02:01:15,520 --> 02:01:19,660
And in the usual
way of enthusiasm,

1814
02:01:19,660 --> 02:01:22,075
I wanted the picture
taken on top of the car.

1815
02:01:22,075 --> 02:01:27,600

1816
02:01:27,600 --> 02:01:29,780
And this is quite a
different picture,

1817
02:01:29,780 --> 02:01:33,740
again with that same coat
on, but a little later

1818
02:01:33,740 --> 02:01:37,220
after I had been in Des
Moines for a little while

1819
02:01:37,220 --> 02:01:41,000
longer and living
with my brother's

1820
02:01:41,000 --> 02:01:42,980
in-laws, the Davidsons.

1821
02:01:42,980 --> 02:01:47,200
And obviously it's a cold day.

1822
02:01:47,200 --> 02:03:50,175