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OK, Jill, you can start anytime.

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00:01:06,050 --> 00:01:10,250

OK, today is Thursday,
November 21, 1991.

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00:01:10,250 --> 00:01:14,840

We're interviewing Henry Deutsch
for the Holocaust Oral History

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00:01:14,840 --> 00:01:18,380

Project here at Temple Beth
Sholom in San Francisco.

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Assisting with the
interview is Eric Saul.

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00:01:20,765 --> 00:01:25,060

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OK, could you just tell us
your name, your birth date

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00:01:29,380 --> 00:01:31,370

and where you were born?

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00:01:31,370 --> 00:01:32,680

My name is Henry Deutsch.

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00:01:32,680 --> 00:01:36,610

I was born in
Vienna May 28, 1919.

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00:01:36,610 --> 00:01:42,430

And actually my given

name was Heinrich

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00:01:42,430 --> 00:01:44,860

and I anglicized

my name in Panama

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00:01:44,860 --> 00:01:48,730

to make it easier for

people to know who I am.

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00:01:48,730 --> 00:01:53,575

And I was matriculated in

the Israel kultusgemeinde

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00:01:53,575 --> 00:01:57,970

in Vienna the name of Heinrich,

Heinrich Yuri Deutsch,

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00:01:57,970 --> 00:02:01,360

May 28, 1919.

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00:02:01,360 --> 00:02:04,810

OK, now you said you wanted to--

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00:02:04,810 --> 00:02:07,840

Yes I'd like to paint a picture

as far as I remember back.

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00:02:07,840 --> 00:02:11,410

First of all, I would like to

make a statement as to the fact

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00:02:11,410 --> 00:02:17,320

that this is a very painful

episode for me to talk about.

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00:02:17,320 --> 00:02:19,210

It touches my very

soul and heart.

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00:02:19,210 --> 00:02:24,800

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00:02:24,800 --> 00:02:28,730

The fact it happened
to our people,

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00:02:28,730 --> 00:02:30,590

they have to be
remembered for old times.

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00:02:30,590 --> 00:02:34,380

They cannot be forgotten
and shall not be forgotten.

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00:02:34,380 --> 00:02:40,070

And the only reason I'm doing
this, doing this interview here

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00:02:40,070 --> 00:02:42,800

is I wanted to have
future generations

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00:02:42,800 --> 00:02:48,860

have an insight as to
the happenings in Europe

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00:02:48,860 --> 00:02:51,980

after the First World War.

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00:02:51,980 --> 00:02:56,455

I was born into a family, a very
well to do family of merchants.

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00:02:56,455 --> 00:02:59,810

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00:02:59,810 --> 00:03:07,530

My father was the heir
to an uncle of mine

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00:03:07,530 --> 00:03:09,720

into one of the largest
textile companies

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00:03:09,720 --> 00:03:14,200
in Vienna in the whole
Austro-Hungarian Empire.

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00:03:14,200 --> 00:03:17,140
This was long before I was
born, that company existed.

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00:03:17,140 --> 00:03:21,240
It was working,
was working in now

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00:03:21,240 --> 00:03:23,828
Hungary, Romania,
Czechoslovakia, and of

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00:03:23,828 --> 00:03:24,495
course, Austria.

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00:03:24,495 --> 00:03:27,060

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00:03:27,060 --> 00:03:36,460
The family I was born
into was a Jewish family.

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00:03:36,460 --> 00:03:38,670
My grandmother on
my father's side

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00:03:38,670 --> 00:03:43,770
were shtetl and
kept a kosher house.

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00:03:43,770 --> 00:03:46,850
However, my father
and mother, they

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00:03:46,850 --> 00:03:52,860
were much more secular Jews and
I was brought up a secular Jew.

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00:03:52,860 --> 00:03:58,890

Not meaning that I was not
given Jewish education.

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00:03:58,890 --> 00:04:04,020
Actually, my professor
in high school of Jewish

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00:04:04,020 --> 00:04:07,920
was Dr. Frankfurter,
a rabbi, And he

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00:04:07,920 --> 00:04:13,140
was the brother of the Felix
Frankfurter, the Supreme Court

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00:04:13,140 --> 00:04:14,370
Justice in the United States.

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00:04:14,370 --> 00:04:15,654
He was the brother.

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00:04:15,654 --> 00:04:17,279
He was the one who
taught me my Hebrew.

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00:04:17,279 --> 00:04:22,740

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00:04:22,740 --> 00:04:32,990
I have to paint a picture that
Jews in Germany and Austria

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00:04:32,990 --> 00:04:35,480
were so far assimilated
that they became

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00:04:35,480 --> 00:04:37,650
first citizens of the country.

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00:04:37,650 --> 00:04:39,800
And we didn't know much
more about Jewishness

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00:04:39,800 --> 00:04:43,130
that we were Jews as a religion.

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00:04:43,130 --> 00:04:47,120
That is, not a conscious
Jew, but a religious-- it

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00:04:47,120 --> 00:04:50,360
was a religion like
Catholicism or Protestantism.

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00:04:50,360 --> 00:04:53,600
We were Jews.

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00:04:53,600 --> 00:04:56,780
Now the country of Austria
has a very long history

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00:04:56,780 --> 00:05:02,480
of antisemitism goes way back.

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00:05:02,480 --> 00:05:04,700
In some instances, it was
more latent and others

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00:05:04,700 --> 00:05:08,480
it was much more open.

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00:05:08,480 --> 00:05:11,930
And of course, the
year 1938 brought it

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00:05:11,930 --> 00:05:19,050
out to an effect never seen
before, not even in Germany.

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00:05:19,050 --> 00:05:21,320
It was much worse in
Austria than in Germany.

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00:05:21,320 --> 00:05:24,140

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00:05:24,140 --> 00:05:29,450
The Austrian people,
the history says

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00:05:29,450 --> 00:05:31,310
that Maria Theresa was
one of the greatest

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00:05:31,310 --> 00:05:33,230
empress of Austria.

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00:05:33,230 --> 00:05:35,930
She was an antisemite.

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00:05:35,930 --> 00:05:39,990
And her son Joseph II, he
was a very liberal man.

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00:05:39,990 --> 00:05:42,110
He was a Mason too.

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00:05:42,110 --> 00:05:44,120
And he was Jewish-friendly.

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00:05:44,120 --> 00:05:45,950
And so it went, up
and down, up and down

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00:05:45,950 --> 00:05:47,240
for the Jews of Austria.

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00:05:47,240 --> 00:05:49,130
And we, the Austrian
Jews, we always

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00:05:49,130 --> 00:05:51,980
tried to assimilate
within the country.

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00:05:51,980 --> 00:05:56,720
We didn't try to say that we are

Jews first and then Austrians.

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00:05:56,720 --> 00:05:59,420

We said we were Austrians, and
secondly we were Austrians,

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00:05:59,420 --> 00:06:01,460

and third we were
Austrians, and fourth we

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00:06:01,460 --> 00:06:04,220

had the Jewish religion.

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00:06:04,220 --> 00:06:07,040

Now, I can go back to
my very young years

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00:06:07,040 --> 00:06:11,660

when I was in high
school, we had professors

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00:06:11,660 --> 00:06:14,090

who were antisemitic
and they made

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00:06:14,090 --> 00:06:16,610

it well known that I was Jewish
in front of all the class.

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00:06:16,610 --> 00:06:20,360

I was made sometimes
a laughing stock.

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00:06:20,360 --> 00:06:26,090

He came out with
sayings, trying to copy

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00:06:26,090 --> 00:06:28,100

Yiddish, which I
personally never spoke

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00:06:28,100 --> 00:06:29,090

until I reached Panama.

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00:06:29,090 --> 00:06:31,370
I was perfect in Yiddish
and I speak Yiddish.

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00:06:31,370 --> 00:06:32,900
But I didn't speak
it in Austria.

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00:06:32,900 --> 00:06:34,910
Yiddish for me was
a language which

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00:06:34,910 --> 00:06:38,640
the Jews from
Poland and Lithuania

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00:06:38,640 --> 00:06:41,870
and Russia and Romania
who immigrated to Austria

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00:06:41,870 --> 00:06:44,690
brought with them.

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00:06:44,690 --> 00:06:48,830
The second district in Vienna
was the Jewish district.

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00:06:48,830 --> 00:06:51,230
My grandmother lived there.

101
00:06:51,230 --> 00:06:56,540
She observed every holiday,
on holiday she went to shul.

102
00:06:56,540 --> 00:07:08,040
My father, my, my brother and I
we went with him to visit her.

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00:07:08,040 --> 00:07:11,020
And we were members in the
Seitenstetten Temple in Vienna,

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00:07:11,020 --> 00:07:13,080
which is--

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00:07:13,080 --> 00:07:15,800
well, if you can
talk about the elite,

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00:07:15,800 --> 00:07:19,290
it's the elite of
Jewish life in Vienna.

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00:07:19,290 --> 00:07:20,860
Used to be.

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00:07:20,860 --> 00:07:23,940
And this is for the first time
I saw Baron von Rothschild

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00:07:23,940 --> 00:07:26,700
on holidays with his top hat.

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00:07:26,700 --> 00:07:30,450
And I was quite
impressed with that.

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00:07:30,450 --> 00:07:35,820
And we observed Pesach, we
went to Seder every year

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00:07:35,820 --> 00:07:36,949
to my uncle's.

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00:07:36,949 --> 00:07:43,800

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00:07:43,800 --> 00:07:50,850
My life there in school
was intermittently

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00:07:50,850 --> 00:07:54,610
shown that I was Jewish
in a very negative way.

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00:07:54,610 --> 00:07:58,090
Then I joined the
Boy Scouts in Vienna.

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00:07:58,090 --> 00:08:01,290
And I have a letter here
from my troop leader

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00:08:01,290 --> 00:08:07,650
who immigrated to Athens,
to Greece, after 1938.

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00:08:07,650 --> 00:08:11,910
The fact that as a Boy Scout
we went on summer camps.

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00:08:11,910 --> 00:08:17,130
We went to summer camp in
Italy in the year 1933.

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00:08:17,130 --> 00:08:22,260
And in 1933 we were invited
by the Youth of Mussolini.

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00:08:22,260 --> 00:08:24,840
Already there was, the
relationship between Mussolini

123
00:08:24,840 --> 00:08:28,200
and Austria was much better than
Germany and Italy at the time

124
00:08:28,200 --> 00:08:30,330
because Hitler
already was there.

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00:08:30,330 --> 00:08:32,940
So the Balilla, the
Youth of Mussolini,

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00:08:32,940 --> 00:08:37,679
invited us over to visit

them, which we did.

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00:08:37,679 --> 00:08:42,419

We went to Northern Italy and
on the way to Venice or Milan

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00:08:42,419 --> 00:08:45,460

or whatever, when
all of a sudden,

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00:08:45,460 --> 00:08:58,090

we saw a concentration of
military tanks and units

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00:08:58,090 --> 00:09:01,600

massing at the
border of Austria.

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00:09:01,600 --> 00:09:05,200

What happened was that the
illegal Nazis in Vienna

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00:09:05,200 --> 00:09:08,650

had murdered our
chancellor Dollfuss, sorry,

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00:09:08,650 --> 00:09:10,150

Schuschnigg wasn't
on the scene yet.

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00:09:10,150 --> 00:09:11,530

Dollfuss.

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00:09:11,530 --> 00:09:13,990

And were trying to make
a putsch to take over

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00:09:13,990 --> 00:09:16,810

the government for Nazis.

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00:09:16,810 --> 00:09:18,610

And Mussolini didn't
agree with that,

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00:09:18,610 --> 00:09:21,765
so he massed his armed
forces to intervene.

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00:09:21,765 --> 00:09:23,140
He didn't want
Hitler in Austria.

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00:09:23,140 --> 00:09:26,580

141
00:09:26,580 --> 00:09:28,090
I have to give you
a picture now as

142
00:09:28,090 --> 00:09:32,620
to the political life
of the Nazis in Vienna.

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00:09:32,620 --> 00:09:36,640
The Nazis in Vienna
were always illegal.

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00:09:36,640 --> 00:09:40,390
They were not permitted
to function in Austria.

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00:09:40,390 --> 00:09:44,260
But they were the strongest
and the most radical elements

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00:09:44,260 --> 00:09:46,060
in Austria.

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00:09:46,060 --> 00:09:49,840
The Social Democrats,
of which we were not

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00:09:49,840 --> 00:09:53,380
members but my father voted
Social Democratic all the time.

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00:09:53,380 --> 00:09:57,580

The Social Democrats were
not as well organized.

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00:09:57,580 --> 00:09:59,080

And then we had a
third party, which

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00:09:59,080 --> 00:10:02,410

was the Heimatschutz,
which was a little bit

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00:10:02,410 --> 00:10:05,620

on the fascist side of
the Austrian government.

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00:10:05,620 --> 00:10:08,200

They were also
fascists, but not as--

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00:10:08,200 --> 00:10:11,140

much less even than Mussolini.

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00:10:11,140 --> 00:10:14,680

So they fought each other,
the amateurs and the Social

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00:10:14,680 --> 00:10:17,440

Democrats, the Schutzbund.

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00:10:17,440 --> 00:10:19,270

It actually came to war.

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00:10:19,270 --> 00:10:23,260

I remember when I was a child
the cannons were brought up

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00:10:23,260 --> 00:10:26,650

to the streets
below where we lived

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00:10:26,650 --> 00:10:29,590

and they were shooting into
the 21st district, which was

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00:10:29,590 --> 00:10:35,470
a stronghold of the Democrats.

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00:10:35,470 --> 00:10:37,540
And they really
bloodily suppressed

163
00:10:37,540 --> 00:10:38,500
the Social Democrats.

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00:10:38,500 --> 00:10:40,012
They suppressed them.

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00:10:40,012 --> 00:10:41,470
So the Social
Democrats didn't have

166
00:10:41,470 --> 00:10:48,460
any force at all in the
government or political life.

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00:10:48,460 --> 00:10:55,370
The Nazis were
helped from Germany.

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00:10:55,370 --> 00:10:59,090
There were financed from
Germany, they had uniforms.

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00:10:59,090 --> 00:11:03,410
Their ideology was there,
and the latent antisemitism

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00:11:03,410 --> 00:11:06,440
in Austria helped them to
get more and more converts

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00:11:06,440 --> 00:11:10,900
and their work became
quite outspoken.

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00:11:10,900 --> 00:11:13,070
It was a time, I
remember when I was

173
00:11:13,070 --> 00:11:16,880
still small, I don't remember
exactly how old I was,

174
00:11:16,880 --> 00:11:19,550
when my father and
I, we came walking.

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00:11:19,550 --> 00:11:21,350
We didn't have an
automobile these times,

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00:11:21,350 --> 00:11:23,970
nobody had an auto so we
walked most of the time.

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00:11:23,970 --> 00:11:27,470
And there was a demonstration
by the SA, illegal SA,

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00:11:27,470 --> 00:11:30,530
there in full
uniform with torches.

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00:11:30,530 --> 00:11:35,230
Well, all of us were afraid.

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00:11:35,230 --> 00:11:36,440
They didn't do anything.

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00:11:36,440 --> 00:11:38,680
I mean, we were just walking
in, they marched there.

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00:11:38,680 --> 00:11:42,370
They sang songs, Nazi
songs, but we were afraid.

183
00:11:42,370 --> 00:11:44,680
I mean, I didn't
know as a boy I was--

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00:11:44,680 --> 00:11:46,630
what's going to happen.

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00:11:46,630 --> 00:11:52,160
What's going to happen
after 1938 comes later.

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00:11:52,160 --> 00:11:56,080
So the Nazis killed Dollfuss
and wanted to make a putsch

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00:11:56,080 --> 00:11:57,760
and take over the government.

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00:11:57,760 --> 00:12:01,480
That didn't materialize,
they couldn't do it.

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00:12:01,480 --> 00:12:05,360
The professor
Schuschnigg took over

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00:12:05,360 --> 00:12:08,390
and he became
chancellor of Austria.

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00:12:08,390 --> 00:12:12,690
And he started a new movement
now called the Vaterlandische

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00:12:12,690 --> 00:12:15,860
Front, which means the
Patriotic Front, of which I

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00:12:15,860 --> 00:12:17,210
became a member.

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00:12:17,210 --> 00:12:18,130

Patriotic Front.

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00:12:18,130 --> 00:12:23,140

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00:12:23,140 --> 00:12:26,530

I want to point out the
difference between nationalism

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00:12:26,530 --> 00:12:27,400

and patriotism.

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00:12:27,400 --> 00:12:30,280

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00:12:30,280 --> 00:12:33,730

With patriotism, I agree 100%,
you can be a very good patriot

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00:12:33,730 --> 00:12:36,700

and it's a good feeling
to be a patriot.

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00:12:36,700 --> 00:12:38,710

But once you become
a nationalist,

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00:12:38,710 --> 00:12:40,090

you become violent.

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00:12:40,090 --> 00:12:42,250

You become aggressive.

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00:12:42,250 --> 00:12:46,120

So this is a big difference
between nationalism

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00:12:46,120 --> 00:12:48,610

and patriotism.

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00:12:48,610 --> 00:12:50,800

Now the Patriotic

Front I belonged to

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00:12:50,800 --> 00:12:55,330
was fighting actively for
a independent Austria,

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00:12:55,330 --> 00:12:57,430
independent from
Germany and France.

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00:12:57,430 --> 00:13:00,360

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00:13:00,360 --> 00:13:04,520
In February 1938,
Schuschnigg was

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00:13:04,520 --> 00:13:07,400
called to
Berchtesgaden by Hitler

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00:13:07,400 --> 00:13:09,770
and called on the carpet.

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00:13:09,770 --> 00:13:14,000
And it was really a very sad
sight to hear that because--

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00:13:14,000 --> 00:13:15,080
and he stood up to him.

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00:13:15,080 --> 00:13:25,270
He scheduled a plebiscite for
Austria on March 13 to vote.

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00:13:25,270 --> 00:13:29,270
Are you for an independent
Austria or not?

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00:13:29,270 --> 00:13:32,770
Vote yes or no.

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00:13:32,770 --> 00:13:36,040
And this was the death
stroke for Hitler

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00:13:36,040 --> 00:13:39,100
because he knew that
the Austrians might,

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00:13:39,100 --> 00:13:41,322
I didn't say they
would, but they might.

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00:13:41,322 --> 00:13:43,780
Now, I have to say something
about the Austrian people too,

222
00:13:43,780 --> 00:13:48,820
because the Austrian people,
and I cannot generalize it by no

223
00:13:48,820 --> 00:13:52,390
means, there were some very good
Austrians, very good Austrians.

224
00:13:52,390 --> 00:13:54,880
And I can't say at this
point what percentage

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00:13:54,880 --> 00:13:57,940
were the bad ones, what
percentage were the good ones.

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00:13:57,940 --> 00:14:00,160
The fact is that the
bad ones took over

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00:14:00,160 --> 00:14:04,120
and the good ones disappeared.

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00:14:04,120 --> 00:14:10,280
So on March 11 after Hitler
had given an ultimatum

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00:14:10,280 --> 00:14:12,184
to Schuschnigg.

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00:14:12,184 --> 00:14:15,400
Schuschnigg resigned
and he already

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00:14:15,400 --> 00:14:18,880
had in the government
upon Hitler's demands

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00:14:18,880 --> 00:14:21,130
a man by the name
of Seyss-Inquart

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00:14:21,130 --> 00:14:23,320
who was made Chancellor
of the Interior, which

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00:14:23,320 --> 00:14:24,130
is the key post.

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00:14:24,130 --> 00:14:26,920
He controlled the military,
he controlled the police.

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00:14:26,920 --> 00:14:30,180

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00:14:30,180 --> 00:14:37,070
On March 11 we were sitting
in my uncle's apartment,

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00:14:37,070 --> 00:14:40,720
having dinner with the radio on.

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00:14:40,720 --> 00:14:42,850
Everybody was--
before that, I have

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00:14:42,850 --> 00:14:44,980
to mention that we
had demonstrations

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00:14:44,980 --> 00:14:48,910
in Vienna of which I partook,
pretty violent demonstrations

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00:14:48,910 --> 00:14:50,372
against the Nazis.

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00:14:50,372 --> 00:14:52,330
We were marching on the
Karntner Strasse, which

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00:14:52,330 --> 00:15:00,110
is the very elegant, the most
elegant street in Vienna,

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00:15:00,110 --> 00:15:04,900
purchasing and buying
street for stores and so on.

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00:15:04,900 --> 00:15:08,240
And on one side the Nazis
marched, on the other side we--

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00:15:08,240 --> 00:15:11,180
they felt the Patriotic Front--
and the Social Democrats

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00:15:11,180 --> 00:15:11,680
joined us.

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00:15:11,680 --> 00:15:17,560
They had the three
arrows on the lapel.

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00:15:17,560 --> 00:15:20,260
And it was pretty bloody.

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00:15:20,260 --> 00:15:23,440
We bloodied the noses
of the Nazis then.

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00:15:23,440 --> 00:15:26,890

So this was another
reason for Hitler

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00:15:26,890 --> 00:15:29,020

to say that German
blood is flowing.

254

00:15:29,020 --> 00:15:33,090

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00:15:33,090 --> 00:15:35,870

German blood, it
was Austrian that--

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00:15:35,870 --> 00:15:40,890

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00:15:40,890 --> 00:15:43,750

It was the Austrian Nazis who
were bloodied, not the Germans.

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00:15:43,750 --> 00:15:46,340

Maybe they had German
instigators there,

259

00:15:46,340 --> 00:15:49,270

but was mostly Austrians.

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00:15:49,270 --> 00:15:52,580

So Schuschnigg
resigned on May 11,

261

00:15:52,580 --> 00:15:56,050

and we heard that on the radio.

262

00:15:56,050 --> 00:15:58,420

And his last words were
"God save Austria."

263

00:15:58,420 --> 00:16:01,540

In this moment we all stood up.

264

00:16:01,540 --> 00:16:04,690

We knew that-- my mother
was there my brother and I

265

00:16:04,690 --> 00:16:10,930

and then there was my uncle, my
aunt his wife, their daughter.

266

00:16:10,930 --> 00:16:14,830

And we knew that we
young men had to leave.

267

00:16:14,830 --> 00:16:18,250

That from one day to the next
we were not sure about life.

268

00:16:18,250 --> 00:16:25,930

We were free to be shot or
killed or aggressively attacked

269

00:16:25,930 --> 00:16:28,620

by anybody without
any reason or rhyme.

270

00:16:28,620 --> 00:16:31,600

271

00:16:31,600 --> 00:16:32,410

What will we do?

272

00:16:32,410 --> 00:16:33,250

Where will we go?

273

00:16:33,250 --> 00:16:35,990

274

00:16:35,990 --> 00:16:38,590

And I come to a point
now which probably I

275

00:16:38,590 --> 00:16:41,770

should say a little later, but

I blame the rest of the world

276

00:16:41,770 --> 00:16:42,640

the same as Germany.

277

00:16:42,640 --> 00:16:53,450

278

00:16:53,450 --> 00:16:54,680

The world was closed to us.

279

00:16:54,680 --> 00:16:57,920

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00:16:57,920 --> 00:16:59,120

No country would take us in.

281

00:16:59,120 --> 00:17:09,260

282

00:17:09,260 --> 00:17:12,230

My mother had a
good friend of hers

283

00:17:12,230 --> 00:17:14,480

who was a singer in Vienna.

284

00:17:14,480 --> 00:17:21,260

And her brother had left
Vienna the '20s, '22, '23,

285

00:17:21,260 --> 00:17:24,470

and went to Panama.

286

00:17:24,470 --> 00:17:28,820

There was an idea came up that
maybe we could go to Palestine.

287

00:17:28,820 --> 00:17:31,890

It wasn't Israel,
it was Palestine.

288

00:17:31,890 --> 00:17:34,348

My brother and I could
have gone, as hard as it

289

00:17:34,348 --> 00:17:42,850

seemed, but without my mother.

290

00:17:42,850 --> 00:17:44,500

My mother would have
to go to England

291

00:17:44,500 --> 00:17:47,680

as an employee of a household.

292

00:17:47,680 --> 00:17:49,870

And we didn't want
to split the family,

293

00:17:49,870 --> 00:17:53,450

so we decided against that.

294

00:17:53,450 --> 00:17:55,390

And then this friend
of my mother's

295

00:17:55,390 --> 00:17:57,410

came in, Elza
Kaufmann is her name.

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00:17:57,410 --> 00:17:59,431

Was her name, she's
not alive anymore.

297

00:17:59,431 --> 00:18:03,670

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00:18:03,670 --> 00:18:04,750

Excuse me.

299

00:18:04,750 --> 00:18:10,210

The idea came up that
we could get help

300

00:18:10,210 --> 00:18:13,520
from him to go to Panama.

301

00:18:13,520 --> 00:18:16,930
So we got in touch
with him and yes, he

302

00:18:16,930 --> 00:18:18,605
would have to put up a deposit.

303

00:18:18,605 --> 00:18:23,390
Minimum \$50, \$60 at the time.

304

00:18:23,390 --> 00:18:26,200
And there was a group of 26
people who took him up on that

305

00:18:26,200 --> 00:18:28,630
and he got that for 26 people.

306

00:18:28,630 --> 00:18:31,600
But there was no Panamanian
consul in Vienna.

307

00:18:31,600 --> 00:18:34,390
We had the permits, but no visa.

308

00:18:34,390 --> 00:18:39,490
So one of the group of
the 26 went to Hamburg

309

00:18:39,490 --> 00:18:42,370
where the nearest
Panamanian consulate was,

310

00:18:42,370 --> 00:18:44,500
and he got the visa
for all the 26 of us.

311

00:18:44,500 --> 00:18:47,440
So now we had our visa.

312
00:18:47,440 --> 00:18:51,130
And then we booked,
then we booked

313
00:18:51,130 --> 00:18:55,840
on the Viglio, the ship
Viglio out of Genoa

314
00:18:55,840 --> 00:18:57,460
in the month of September.

315
00:18:57,460 --> 00:18:59,532

316
00:18:59,532 --> 00:19:01,990
But we didn't want to stay in
Vienna one day longer than we

317
00:19:01,990 --> 00:19:03,820
had to because we never knew.

318
00:19:03,820 --> 00:19:05,980
The picture in Vienna
became so grim.

319
00:19:05,980 --> 00:19:08,890
Now I have to paint the
picture in Vienna after 1938

320
00:19:08,890 --> 00:19:13,710
because we Jews, like I said
before, we were just free as--

321
00:19:13,710 --> 00:19:16,420

322
00:19:16,420 --> 00:19:20,270
I mean, nobody really had any
recourse to anything there.

323
00:19:20,270 --> 00:19:22,152

The minute they
knew you were Jew,

324
00:19:22,152 --> 00:19:23,860
it doesn't matter
whether you were killed

325
00:19:23,860 --> 00:19:28,810
or you were mistreated or
you spat up on or whatever.

326
00:19:28,810 --> 00:19:32,320
Smart vignettes from that era.

327
00:19:32,320 --> 00:19:35,500
My cousin, I have a
picture of him here.

328
00:19:35,500 --> 00:19:39,190
He was caught in the street
in a roundup with Jews.

329
00:19:39,190 --> 00:19:41,710
He was given
toothbrushes and he had

330
00:19:41,710 --> 00:19:49,502
to clean the streets or
the jackboots of the SS.

331
00:19:49,502 --> 00:19:52,360

332
00:19:52,360 --> 00:19:56,200
We had we had dinner at
my uncle's one evening,

333
00:19:56,200 --> 00:20:00,580
it was my brother and I
and there was my uncle

334
00:20:00,580 --> 00:20:03,090
his wife and his daughter.

335
00:20:03,090 --> 00:20:04,840
We sat down for dinner
and all of a sudden

336
00:20:04,840 --> 00:20:12,536
there was a knock on the door,
pretty loud and persistent.

337
00:20:12,536 --> 00:20:16,030
My uncle opened up,
there were three SS out

338
00:20:16,030 --> 00:20:20,620
there with rifles and bayonets,
jackboots and everything.

339
00:20:20,620 --> 00:20:24,310
Stormed into the apartment
looking for God knows what?

340
00:20:24,310 --> 00:20:26,480
Money, jewels?

341
00:20:26,480 --> 00:20:29,132
They turned the whole
apartment upside down.

342
00:20:29,132 --> 00:20:31,090
I went into the bedroom
and everything was just

343
00:20:31,090 --> 00:20:33,430
left in shambles.

344
00:20:33,430 --> 00:20:35,660
My brother was so
much younger than I.

345
00:20:35,660 --> 00:20:42,430
He Knew that my aunt
had hidden her jewelry

346

00:20:42,430 --> 00:20:44,980
in an upholstered chair.

347

00:20:44,980 --> 00:20:47,290
And he was so afraid, he
wanted to get rid of them.

348

00:20:47,290 --> 00:20:50,050
He said I'll show you
where the jewelry are.

349

00:20:50,050 --> 00:20:52,633
He pulled them out,
they grabbed and ran out

350

00:20:52,633 --> 00:20:53,800
and we never saw them again.

351

00:20:53,800 --> 00:20:55,810
We were lucky that
nothing else happened.

352

00:20:55,810 --> 00:20:59,440
So actually, he could have
saved us from worse things.

353

00:20:59,440 --> 00:21:01,150
But that just goes
to show you, there

354

00:21:01,150 --> 00:21:03,730
was no recourse to do anything.

355

00:21:03,730 --> 00:21:05,950
My uncle lived in
Molkereistrasse

356

00:21:05,950 --> 00:21:09,290
in Vienna, which was next
to the Morzinplatz, which

357

00:21:09,290 --> 00:21:11,380

were a highly hotel,
a huge hotel there.

358
00:21:11,380 --> 00:21:15,460
The hotel was the command
center of the Gestapo.

359
00:21:15,460 --> 00:21:17,110
So you know where we were.

360
00:21:17,110 --> 00:21:21,520

361
00:21:21,520 --> 00:21:25,690
These are things
from which really

362
00:21:25,690 --> 00:21:27,640
is painful to talk about.

363
00:21:27,640 --> 00:21:31,360
I mean-- my father, I
have to go back again

364
00:21:31,360 --> 00:21:34,338
to my father's early life,
long before I was born.

365
00:21:34,338 --> 00:21:35,630
He was a good Austrian citizen.

366
00:21:35,630 --> 00:21:38,350
He was in officer in the
Austrian-Hungarian army.

367
00:21:38,350 --> 00:21:39,760
He served at the Russian front.

368
00:21:39,760 --> 00:21:41,770
He was taken prisoner.

369
00:21:41,770 --> 00:21:44,560

He was sent to
Krasnoyarsk, to Siberia.

370
00:21:44,560 --> 00:21:47,170
He wanted to go back to Austria,
so he grew himself a beard.

371
00:21:47,170 --> 00:21:49,630
He spoke four languages,
he'd learned himself Russian,

372
00:21:49,630 --> 00:21:51,490
escaped and got back to Austria.

373
00:21:51,490 --> 00:21:54,745
Just goes to show you, a patriot
not a nationalist, patriot.

374
00:21:54,745 --> 00:22:08,410

375
00:22:08,410 --> 00:22:09,340
This is what hurts.

376
00:22:09,340 --> 00:22:12,590

377
00:22:12,590 --> 00:22:14,390
Part of my uncles,
they were serving

378
00:22:14,390 --> 00:22:16,160
as officers in the army.

379
00:22:16,160 --> 00:22:19,400
One of them was severely
wounded in Italy, in Isonzo.

380
00:22:19,400 --> 00:22:22,040

381
00:22:22,040 --> 00:22:23,840

Others served on
the Eastern Front.

382
00:22:23,840 --> 00:22:27,330
First World War, not
second, of course.

383
00:22:27,330 --> 00:22:29,120
So the family, like
I stated before,

384
00:22:29,120 --> 00:22:35,910
was patriotic Austrians,
and this is what happened.

385
00:22:35,910 --> 00:22:41,240
Well coming back to 1938, when
we decided to go to Panama.

386
00:22:41,240 --> 00:22:42,980
And my mother my
brother and I we

387
00:22:42,980 --> 00:22:47,720
decided we want to leave
Austria as soon as possible.

388
00:22:47,720 --> 00:22:51,680
Better a day ahead
than a day too late.

389
00:22:51,680 --> 00:22:56,970
So where do we go to wait for
the ship to leave in September?

390
00:22:56,970 --> 00:23:00,080
We had gotten back
to Vienna in 1937.

391
00:23:00,080 --> 00:23:04,160
We had lived in Budapest,
Hungary for two years,

392

00:23:04,160 --> 00:23:08,600
and we got back in
October in 1937 to Vienna.

393
00:23:08,600 --> 00:23:13,430
So my mother thought that
we could go back to Hungary,

394
00:23:13,430 --> 00:23:17,565
we still had a permit, and stay
there until the ship leaves

395
00:23:17,565 --> 00:23:18,440
and then go to Italy.

396
00:23:18,440 --> 00:23:22,470

397
00:23:22,470 --> 00:23:23,490
Now I want to--

398
00:23:23,490 --> 00:23:25,780
well I should not read the
letter from Czechoslovakia

399
00:23:25,780 --> 00:23:26,594
do I?

400
00:23:26,594 --> 00:23:27,094
Go ahead.

401
00:23:27,094 --> 00:23:32,070

402
00:23:32,070 --> 00:23:36,930
One of my uncles, my mother's
brother, lived in Prague.

403
00:23:36,930 --> 00:23:41,280

404
00:23:41,280 --> 00:23:48,330

And my mother first thought
that maybe we could go to Prague

405
00:23:48,330 --> 00:23:50,380
and wait there.

406
00:23:50,380 --> 00:23:54,450
So she wrote him and
he wrote back to her.

407
00:23:54,450 --> 00:23:56,220
No, I'm sorry.

408
00:23:56,220 --> 00:24:01,500
This letter is dated September.

409
00:24:01,500 --> 00:24:04,140
That is referring
to our previous

410
00:24:04,140 --> 00:24:06,540
asking him to go
to Czechoslovakia.

411
00:24:06,540 --> 00:24:08,920
This letter, both these
letters reached us in Geneva

412
00:24:08,920 --> 00:24:10,170
shortly before the ship left.

413
00:24:10,170 --> 00:24:14,550

414
00:24:14,550 --> 00:24:18,390
It's says, "Dear Vilma,"
that my mother's name.

415
00:24:18,390 --> 00:24:21,120
"We received your dear letter
and with my best intentions

416

00:24:21,120 --> 00:24:23,000
I can't give you any advice.

417
00:24:23,000 --> 00:24:25,620
I'm sure that the political
situation will remain quiet,

418
00:24:25,620 --> 00:24:27,420
but nobody can be sure.

419
00:24:27,420 --> 00:24:28,620
I would be very sorry--"

420
00:24:28,620 --> 00:24:31,398
This is before
Czechoslovakia was taken.

421
00:24:31,398 --> 00:24:32,940
Czechoslovakia was
still independent,

422
00:24:32,940 --> 00:24:36,280
but there were questions
regarding the Sudetenland.

423
00:24:36,280 --> 00:24:38,460
The Germans wanted
the Sudetenland,

424
00:24:38,460 --> 00:24:40,110
which was still
not given to them

425
00:24:40,110 --> 00:24:45,763
but later, Czechoslovakia
became also a victim.

426
00:24:45,763 --> 00:24:48,180
That's why it says, "I'm sure
that the political situation

427
00:24:48,180 --> 00:24:51,330
will remain quiet, but

nobody can be sure.

428
00:24:51,330 --> 00:24:55,410
I would be very sorry if we
could pass up the opportunity

429
00:24:55,410 --> 00:24:56,860
to see each other.

430
00:24:56,860 --> 00:25:00,450
But I don't want to accept the
moral responsibility for it.

431
00:25:00,450 --> 00:25:03,600
I can understand you wish
that we should follow you."

432
00:25:03,600 --> 00:25:05,760
That is come with us to Panama.

433
00:25:05,760 --> 00:25:09,510
"I hope that it will be
possible to visit you once,

434
00:25:09,510 --> 00:25:12,150
but I hope to be able to stay
here for the rest of my days."

435
00:25:12,150 --> 00:25:14,040
And he did.

436
00:25:14,040 --> 00:25:14,720
He was killed.

437
00:25:14,720 --> 00:25:23,980

438
00:25:23,980 --> 00:25:26,620
"I wrote to Lisy," another
aunt of mine, "a few days

439
00:25:26,620 --> 00:25:35,420

ago and thought that she also
was affected by the happenings.

440

00:25:35,420 --> 00:25:39,210
Today I received the letter
from Julius," a very good friend

441

00:25:39,210 --> 00:25:45,180
of my parents, "and
yesterday Ygaza Weiskopf,"

442

00:25:45,180 --> 00:25:48,060
who is family of ours, again,
"brought personal greetings

443

00:25:48,060 --> 00:25:49,650
and report from you.

444

00:25:49,650 --> 00:25:53,050
Ana Klein's husband,"
friends, "was here yesterday.

445

00:25:53,050 --> 00:25:55,650
I was not home and
promised to call again.

446

00:25:55,650 --> 00:25:58,890
I believe that they
are going to Australia.

447

00:25:58,890 --> 00:26:01,560
I did everything I could
regarding representations."

448

00:26:01,560 --> 00:26:04,140
That is, my mother wrote to him.

449

00:26:04,140 --> 00:26:07,260
If we go to Panama to
start living there,

450

00:26:07,260 --> 00:26:10,980
we should get

representations or become

451

00:26:10,980 --> 00:26:13,080

somehow active to
earn some money

452

00:26:13,080 --> 00:26:15,240

because we didn't have any.

453

00:26:15,240 --> 00:26:22,130

"I would, however, prefer to see
the boys," my brother and me,

454

00:26:22,130 --> 00:26:24,950

"doing other things and making
a living through commerce.

455

00:26:24,950 --> 00:26:28,640

But I can't make a
judgment from here.

456

00:26:28,640 --> 00:26:31,040

I see it very difficult
to get representations

457

00:26:31,040 --> 00:26:34,040

for the boys, one
at 16 the other 20."

458

00:26:34,040 --> 00:26:36,080

I was not 20 years
old as that says.

459

00:26:36,080 --> 00:26:40,910

I was 18, I was not 20.

460

00:26:40,910 --> 00:26:43,540

Excuse me.

461

00:26:43,540 --> 00:26:48,380

These things like this
should be shot out.

462
00:26:48,380 --> 00:26:49,360
OK.

463
00:26:49,360 --> 00:26:52,360
"They don't get
representations at that age.

464
00:26:52,360 --> 00:26:54,730
Therefore, I turn it
over in your name.

465
00:26:54,730 --> 00:26:57,530
The difficulty is that you have
never worked in any business

466
00:26:57,530 --> 00:26:59,860
and therefore you don't
have any references.

467
00:26:59,860 --> 00:27:01,990
Maybe when you are
there it would be easier

468
00:27:01,990 --> 00:27:03,790
and that will always help.

469
00:27:03,790 --> 00:27:06,640
Meanwhile, I have written to
various industries, glass,

470
00:27:06,640 --> 00:27:08,080
porcelain, and tableware.

471
00:27:08,080 --> 00:27:11,170
I went personally to the chamber
of the glass industry in Prague

472
00:27:11,170 --> 00:27:14,410
and I shall make copies of 40
German and 20 Czechoslovakia

473
00:27:14,410 --> 00:27:18,010

circulars, which the secretary
will send to all companies.

474
00:27:18,010 --> 00:27:21,460
I also wrote to engineer
Latina of Cosmos of Olmitz, who

475
00:27:21,460 --> 00:27:23,260
manufacture all
kinds of machines

476
00:27:23,260 --> 00:27:25,270
like meat grinders, et cetera.

477
00:27:25,270 --> 00:27:27,880
Besides I will go to
the messe," trade fair,

478
00:27:27,880 --> 00:27:31,810
"and I will research
about steel silverware.

479
00:27:31,810 --> 00:27:34,390
I would not start anything
in manufactured clothing,

480
00:27:34,390 --> 00:27:36,790
these items are too heavy
and you can start this

481
00:27:36,790 --> 00:27:38,290
once you're there.

482
00:27:38,290 --> 00:27:40,660
Even if I look at
this pessimistically,

483
00:27:40,660 --> 00:27:42,850
and did everything
I could, you also

484
00:27:42,850 --> 00:27:45,610
have to figure that with

representations for overseas

485

00:27:45,610 --> 00:27:48,430

you will have to wait a long
time for the commissions

486

00:27:48,430 --> 00:27:51,460

because of the time
elapsed from the sale

487

00:27:51,460 --> 00:27:53,800

till the goods are
delivered and paid for.

488

00:27:53,800 --> 00:27:56,110

It will be five to six months.

489

00:27:56,110 --> 00:27:58,360

Even if you are very
busy now, I would

490

00:27:58,360 --> 00:28:01,990

like to ask you to write soon
again embrace you and the boys

491

00:28:01,990 --> 00:28:04,510

in all my love."

492

00:28:04,510 --> 00:28:08,320

And then his wife added
on, "Dearest Vilmachen, I

493

00:28:08,320 --> 00:28:10,210

hope that by now
everything is all right.

494

00:28:10,210 --> 00:28:12,040

We can safely say
that we are thinking

495

00:28:12,040 --> 00:28:13,750

about you continuously.

496

00:28:13,750 --> 00:28:15,640

Even if you can't
decide to come here,

497

00:28:15,640 --> 00:28:19,900

I'm very sure that we
shall see each other again.

498

00:28:19,900 --> 00:28:21,310

The world has
become much smaller

499

00:28:21,310 --> 00:28:24,880

because of the big events.

500

00:28:24,880 --> 00:28:26,230

But maybe you will reconsider.

501

00:28:26,230 --> 00:28:28,210

I was very happy to
have met with Klein,

502

00:28:28,210 --> 00:28:30,070

he's a very nice mensch.

503

00:28:30,070 --> 00:28:33,085

I'm still expecting a letter
from you, Julius, regarding

504

00:28:33,085 --> 00:28:34,150

you and the boys.

505

00:28:34,150 --> 00:28:37,060

I'm very optimistic, and now we
are waiting for important news

506

00:28:37,060 --> 00:28:37,960

from you.

507

00:28:37,960 --> 00:28:39,880

I kiss you and the
boys with all my love."

508
00:28:39,880 --> 00:28:42,790

509
00:28:42,790 --> 00:28:49,930
This was written on
the 7th of September.

510
00:28:49,930 --> 00:28:50,660
No, I'm sorry.

511
00:28:50,660 --> 00:28:53,170

512
00:28:53,170 --> 00:28:55,570
The ninth month is
September isn't it?

513
00:28:55,570 --> 00:28:56,896
Yeah.

514
00:28:56,896 --> 00:28:59,480
The next one probably
reached us in Panama

515
00:28:59,480 --> 00:29:01,860
already because this was
written on 24th of September

516
00:29:01,860 --> 00:29:06,280
and we had left already by ship.

517
00:29:06,280 --> 00:29:09,655
Same brother, Arthur in Prague.

518
00:29:09,655 --> 00:29:12,160

519
00:29:12,160 --> 00:29:13,060
His last letter.

520

00:29:13,060 --> 00:29:15,880

521

00:29:15,880 --> 00:29:22,660

"Dearest Vilmachen, I'm
so happy that you finally

522

00:29:22,660 --> 00:29:24,430

are before your great trip.

523

00:29:24,430 --> 00:29:26,680

I'm sure that everything
will be all right over there.

524

00:29:26,680 --> 00:29:29,450

525

00:29:29,450 --> 00:29:31,200

We would have liked
to send you some money

526

00:29:31,200 --> 00:29:36,920

for the last few days,
but unfortunately this

527

00:29:36,920 --> 00:29:39,450

is not possible.

528

00:29:39,450 --> 00:29:41,450

So far we are all right.

529

00:29:41,450 --> 00:29:48,840

Here we have a
mobilization but everything

530

00:29:48,840 --> 00:29:50,890

is quiet and goes smoothly.

531

00:29:50,890 --> 00:29:53,790

I'm very sorry that we did not
see you before your voyage.

532

00:29:53,790 --> 00:29:57,180

But you see that we had
advised you correctly.

533

00:29:57,180 --> 00:29:59,940

Goldschmitz," that's
Julius, "are in Prague

534

00:29:59,940 --> 00:30:01,410

and I hope to see
them on Monday.

535

00:30:01,410 --> 00:30:04,440

They will be leaving
for Hungary immediately.

536

00:30:04,440 --> 00:30:06,190

Vilmachen, I wish
you and the boys

537

00:30:06,190 --> 00:30:09,064

the very best for the future,
and hope that we shall see--

538

00:30:09,064 --> 00:30:12,696

539

00:30:12,696 --> 00:30:18,430

see each other again in
happier times than these.

540

00:30:18,430 --> 00:30:19,840

Good navigation.

541

00:30:19,840 --> 00:30:22,780

Many loving kisses
from Uriella Auld."

542

00:30:22,780 --> 00:30:25,480

That was his wife.

543

00:30:25,480 --> 00:30:28,960

Now he writes, "Dear

Vilma and boys,

544

00:30:28,960 --> 00:30:31,090

when I received your
dear card from Genoa

545

00:30:31,090 --> 00:30:34,630

today, a big stone
fell from my chest.

546

00:30:34,630 --> 00:30:36,340

Before anything I
have to tell you

547

00:30:36,340 --> 00:30:40,360

that the Goldschmitzs arrived
in Prague on 15 of September

548

00:30:40,360 --> 00:30:42,340

and were immediately
arrested at the airport

549

00:30:42,340 --> 00:30:44,950

because they did not have the
necessary papers for entry

550

00:30:44,950 --> 00:30:48,370

and to stay and they
are still in detention.

551

00:30:48,370 --> 00:30:50,900

Julius was able to call
me from the police station

552

00:30:50,900 --> 00:30:54,880

and they started immediately
everything to get out.

553

00:30:54,880 --> 00:30:59,530

They're victims of a con gang
who got 1,100 marks from them

554

00:30:59,530 --> 00:31:02,170

in Vienna, where it promised
that they were supposed

555
00:31:02,170 --> 00:31:05,170
to be received in Prague by
a lawyer who was supposed

556
00:31:05,170 --> 00:31:07,150
to arrange everything legally.

557
00:31:07,150 --> 00:31:10,100
The lawyer was there but
was unable to do anything.

558
00:31:10,100 --> 00:31:12,250
So I had to get another
one who promised me today

559
00:31:12,250 --> 00:31:14,140
that he received
the word that they

560
00:31:14,140 --> 00:31:16,720
were to be released on Monday.

561
00:31:16,720 --> 00:31:18,520
Until now there
was always a danger

562
00:31:18,520 --> 00:31:20,737
that they would be
exposed to Hungary,

563
00:31:20,737 --> 00:31:22,570
but I was able to arrange
that they would be

564
00:31:22,570 --> 00:31:24,010
taken to the Hungarian border.

565
00:31:24,010 --> 00:31:27,190
And not by uniformed
guards, but by a detective

566

00:31:27,190 --> 00:31:30,550
in mufti at their cost.

567

00:31:30,550 --> 00:31:33,730
You cannot imagine how
much work I had this week.

568

00:31:33,730 --> 00:31:37,150
I did nothing else from morning
til night with the case.

569

00:31:37,150 --> 00:31:40,120
On top of this, I did
not receive any money

570

00:31:40,120 --> 00:31:42,940
from my cousin
Katya from Ivanovich

571

00:31:42,940 --> 00:31:45,250
and I had to pay
everything myself.

572

00:31:45,250 --> 00:31:48,220
Yesterday I
received--" Excuse me.

573

00:31:48,220 --> 00:31:52,240
"Yesterday I
received 2000 kronen,

574

00:31:52,240 --> 00:31:53,770
but these are gone already.

575

00:31:53,770 --> 00:31:55,870
This case will cost
a lot of money.

576

00:31:55,870 --> 00:31:58,330
You can't imagine how
much they've suffered.

577

00:31:58,330 --> 00:32:00,190

Both of them are
in different rooms.

578

00:32:00,190 --> 00:32:01,840

The building is quite
modern, but this

579

00:32:01,840 --> 00:32:04,060

is the extradition
station of the state

580

00:32:04,060 --> 00:32:07,510

and only prostitutes, homeless,
and criminals are there.

581

00:32:07,510 --> 00:32:11,410

As you can see, the public
there is not first class

582

00:32:11,410 --> 00:32:15,140

but there were also a number
of acquaintances there,

583

00:32:15,140 --> 00:32:18,280

Yulia Diamond, and Brauer,
a singer who came together

584

00:32:18,280 --> 00:32:20,660

with Hilda and is still there.

585

00:32:20,660 --> 00:32:23,890

I know from Goldschmitz that
you went to Hungary and Irving,"

586

00:32:23,890 --> 00:32:25,075

that is us.

587

00:32:25,075 --> 00:32:28,750

And Irving, that's another
brother of my mother in Vienna

588

00:32:28,750 --> 00:32:32,350
who was working for the Jewish
Health Committee, the help

589
00:32:32,350 --> 00:32:34,630
committee, the Irving.

590
00:32:34,630 --> 00:32:38,380
"Irving wrote that you are
gone from there already

591
00:32:38,380 --> 00:32:41,110
and that he was without
any news from you.

592
00:32:41,110 --> 00:32:44,170
You can imagine that I was very
worried about you, especially

593
00:32:44,170 --> 00:32:46,750
as I saw the suffering
of the Goldschmitzs.

594
00:32:46,750 --> 00:32:49,240
I also cabeled to England
and wrote by airmail

595
00:32:49,240 --> 00:32:51,220
if they could give them
a visa, but I have not

596
00:32:51,220 --> 00:32:54,820
heard from there yet.

597
00:32:54,820 --> 00:32:57,370
I am very happy that you
are in good health in Genoa

598
00:32:57,370 --> 00:32:58,630
with the boys.

599
00:32:58,630 --> 00:33:02,485
And wanted to send you by

money order 50,000, no 50,

600

00:33:02,485 --> 00:33:05,590
of kronen, but because of
yesterday's mobilization

601

00:33:05,590 --> 00:33:08,348
all money orders out the
country were prohibited,

602

00:33:08,348 --> 00:33:10,390
and only with the permission
of the National Bank

603

00:33:10,390 --> 00:33:12,640
would I be able
to send something.

604

00:33:12,640 --> 00:33:14,710
But that would not
have arrived in time.

605

00:33:14,710 --> 00:33:18,250
I will try to send you some
international postage stamps."

606

00:33:18,250 --> 00:33:20,590
I put a question mark
in there because there

607

00:33:20,590 --> 00:33:22,990
are no international
postage stamps.

608

00:33:22,990 --> 00:33:26,620
I'm a stamp collector,
I should know.

609

00:33:26,620 --> 00:33:28,810
"And if you are unable
to convert them into

610

00:33:28,810 --> 00:33:31,990

money you could always
use them for postage.

611
00:33:31,990 --> 00:33:36,950
Also I recommend that you go to
the Jewish community in Genoa,

612
00:33:36,950 --> 00:33:39,190
they surely will
give you some liras.

613
00:33:39,190 --> 00:33:42,370
I'm very sorry that I can't
send you at least a little bit.

614
00:33:42,370 --> 00:33:44,680
On board the ship you
have everything free

615
00:33:44,680 --> 00:33:47,470
but you will always need
a few pennies extra.

616
00:33:47,470 --> 00:33:49,630
That you were unable to
say goodbye to Arthur--"

617
00:33:49,630 --> 00:33:52,095
that's the brother
in Yugoslavia.

618
00:33:52,095 --> 00:33:54,595
We had a brother in Yugoslavia,
a brother in Czechoslovakia,

619
00:33:54,595 --> 00:33:57,250
a brother in Vienna.

620
00:33:57,250 --> 00:33:59,900
And I'll let you know what
happened to each one of them

621
00:33:59,900 --> 00:34:00,400

later.

622

00:34:00,400 --> 00:34:03,130

623

00:34:03,130 --> 00:34:05,050

"That you were unable
to say goodbye to Arthur

624

00:34:05,050 --> 00:34:07,780

and me shows the tragic
of today's times.

625

00:34:07,780 --> 00:34:12,719

626

00:34:12,719 --> 00:34:18,270

But the main thing is
that one is healthy

627

00:34:18,270 --> 00:34:21,480

and that you will have
a better life in Panama.

628

00:34:21,480 --> 00:34:24,600

You did everything so
efficiently, to be admired.

629

00:34:24,600 --> 00:34:26,909

And I don't know
if I is a man, who

630

00:34:26,909 --> 00:34:28,650

has other connections
and experiences,

631

00:34:28,650 --> 00:34:30,300

would have done as well.

632

00:34:30,300 --> 00:34:32,208

I'm really proud of
you, Vilma, and I'm not

633

00:34:32,208 --> 00:34:34,500

worried about you and the
boys in Panama in the future.

634

00:34:34,500 --> 00:34:37,650

635

00:34:37,650 --> 00:34:40,679

Even with Panama so far away
and with completely different

636

00:34:40,679 --> 00:34:43,560

living conditions, you
will be able to manage.

637

00:34:43,560 --> 00:34:47,670

Please write to us immediately
upon your arrival by air mail

638

00:34:47,670 --> 00:34:48,330

only.

639

00:34:48,330 --> 00:34:50,900

Otherwise, it will
take too long.

640

00:34:50,900 --> 00:34:53,370

You will be able to get
some representations

641

00:34:53,370 --> 00:34:55,889

and I will do everything
once you are there.

642

00:34:55,889 --> 00:34:58,530

Until then the situation
here will be cleared up

643

00:34:58,530 --> 00:35:00,750

but now you can't make any
plans for the next half

644

00:35:00,750 --> 00:35:02,970
hour much less for tomorrow.

645
00:35:02,970 --> 00:35:07,080
The Czechs are an admirable
people whom I have come to know

646
00:35:07,080 --> 00:35:10,230
and sympathize in those
19 years I've lived here.

647
00:35:10,230 --> 00:35:14,580
But what I have learned here
during the last few days

648
00:35:14,580 --> 00:35:19,910
made me a glowing patriot for
the country and its people.

649
00:35:19,910 --> 00:35:23,420
You cannot imagine with what
discipline and order the people

650
00:35:23,420 --> 00:35:26,540
of Prague demonstrated for
the liberty of this state.

651
00:35:26,540 --> 00:35:29,390
These demonstrations were
not organized by any party

652
00:35:29,390 --> 00:35:34,940
but were the genuine expressions
of a true plebiscite.

653
00:35:34,940 --> 00:35:42,350
These people will
defend their country,

654
00:35:42,350 --> 00:35:44,600
these people will defend
their country and their right

655

00:35:44,600 --> 00:35:47,180
to the last drop of
blood if it comes

656
00:35:47,180 --> 00:35:51,890
to a war, which I don't expect.

657
00:35:51,890 --> 00:35:53,840
There were no incidents
with the police.

658
00:35:53,840 --> 00:35:55,550
As we saw the people
coming together

659
00:35:55,550 --> 00:35:58,280
from various directions,
we stood at the window.

660
00:35:58,280 --> 00:36:00,440
A few good-natured
people called out to us,

661
00:36:00,440 --> 00:36:04,225
Jews come with us into the
streets it's also for you.

662
00:36:04,225 --> 00:36:06,350
Harry doesn't speak Czech
and the worker of stepped

663
00:36:06,350 --> 00:36:06,890
on his foot.

664
00:36:06,890 --> 00:36:08,420
Harry turned around
and the worker

665
00:36:08,420 --> 00:36:11,360
tapped him on the shoulder
and excused himself.

666
00:36:11,360 --> 00:36:17,170

You were among brothers who all
had the same pain, as we heard

667

00:36:17,170 --> 00:36:20,020
about the acceptance of the plan
to turn the German territories

668

00:36:20,020 --> 00:36:21,023
over by Churchill."

669

00:36:21,023 --> 00:36:23,440
I put a question mark here
because Churchill didn't do it.

670

00:36:23,440 --> 00:36:32,650
It was not Churchill, who
was, he's in our time.

671

00:36:32,650 --> 00:36:33,150
Chamberlain.

672

00:36:33,150 --> 00:36:35,840
Chamberlain, it was Chamberlain.

673

00:36:35,840 --> 00:36:44,530
"Dear Vilma and boys, I embrace
you in spirit on European soil

674

00:36:44,530 --> 00:36:46,208
and hope that you shall--

675

00:36:46,208 --> 00:36:50,960

676

00:36:50,960 --> 00:36:56,650
hope that we shall
keep--" I'm sorry.

677

00:36:56,650 --> 00:36:58,940
"I embrace you in
spirit on European soil

678

00:36:58,940 --> 00:37:01,040
and hope that we shall
meet again very soon

679
00:37:01,040 --> 00:37:04,150
somewhere in the world.

680
00:37:04,150 --> 00:37:07,000
The world today is
not small anymore

681
00:37:07,000 --> 00:37:10,430
and therefore I
won't say goodbye,

682
00:37:10,430 --> 00:37:16,360
I will always be with you--"

683
00:37:16,360 --> 00:37:18,183
The world today is
not small anymore

684
00:37:18,183 --> 00:37:19,600
and therefore I
won't say goodbye.

685
00:37:19,600 --> 00:37:21,460
I will always be with
you in spirit and hope

686
00:37:21,460 --> 00:37:22,900
that you will write often.

687
00:37:22,900 --> 00:37:25,210
Send your letters always
to one or the other,

688
00:37:25,210 --> 00:37:26,560
we will forward them.

689
00:37:26,560 --> 00:37:28,032
You don't have to
worry about us we

690
00:37:28,032 --> 00:37:29,740
won't share the fate
of the Goldschmitzs.

691
00:37:29,740 --> 00:37:32,800
And there should be a
change, which I don't expect,

692
00:37:32,800 --> 00:37:33,820
we won't get lost.

693
00:37:33,820 --> 00:37:35,086
I kiss you all."

694
00:37:35,086 --> 00:37:41,900

695
00:37:41,900 --> 00:37:44,210
We never saw Arthur,
we never saw Vera,

696
00:37:44,210 --> 00:37:45,975
we never saw any of the family.

697
00:37:45,975 --> 00:37:49,880

698
00:37:49,880 --> 00:37:51,800
They were sent to the
concentration camps

699
00:37:51,800 --> 00:37:54,260
and perished.

700
00:37:54,260 --> 00:38:01,050
One of the daughters,
Helga, escaped

701
00:38:01,050 --> 00:38:05,010
and was spared the fate of
the parents and her sister.

702

00:38:05,010 --> 00:38:09,450

She joined the partisans
and fought the Germans.

703

00:38:09,450 --> 00:38:13,290

704

00:38:13,290 --> 00:38:15,840

After the war we
received, not we

705

00:38:15,840 --> 00:38:20,460

but my uncle in
New York, Irving,

706

00:38:20,460 --> 00:38:23,430

received a letter
from her giving us

707

00:38:23,430 --> 00:38:28,450

the details of the fate of her
parents her sister and herself.

708

00:38:28,450 --> 00:38:32,400

I wanted her to that letter
and was unable to find it.

709

00:38:32,400 --> 00:38:34,980

I will keep on looking, if it
comes to a second session I'll

710

00:38:34,980 --> 00:38:37,320

bring it with me
because this letter is

711

00:38:37,320 --> 00:38:39,840

a document of the time.

712

00:38:39,840 --> 00:38:43,320

She became a communist,
which is most natural having

713

00:38:43,320 --> 00:38:44,950
gone through these things.

714

00:38:44,950 --> 00:38:47,700
She had to have
something to hold on to.

715

00:38:47,700 --> 00:38:50,370
So she became a communist.

716

00:38:50,370 --> 00:38:54,300
And as I heard she
was still living

717

00:38:54,300 --> 00:38:59,280
and I haven't heard from
her for a long, long time.

718

00:38:59,280 --> 00:39:02,820
Now to the fate of
the other uncles

719

00:39:02,820 --> 00:39:04,470
I talked about in that letter.

720

00:39:04,470 --> 00:39:07,710
Uncle Irving, who used to
work with the Jewish Help,

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00:39:07,710 --> 00:39:11,460
Hilfes organization, the
Helps organization in Vienna.

722

00:39:11,460 --> 00:39:18,600
He left and he went to New York
where he passed on a few years

723

00:39:18,600 --> 00:39:22,540
afterwards, being ill.

724

00:39:22,540 --> 00:39:29,130
My other Uncle Arthur, from

Zagreb and his wife and son,

725

00:39:29,130 --> 00:39:35,340
they left Yugoslavia and
they went to Uruguay.

726

00:39:35,340 --> 00:39:37,710
He was an electrical engineer.

727

00:39:37,710 --> 00:39:43,740
He started a company in
Uruguay, very successful,

728

00:39:43,740 --> 00:39:45,810
but they did move
to New York also.

729

00:39:45,810 --> 00:39:51,780
And we had a family reunion
in New York in 1948.

730

00:39:51,780 --> 00:39:57,360
My brother got married in New
York in 1948 and both my mother

731

00:39:57,360 --> 00:40:00,700
and I came to the wedding.

732

00:40:00,700 --> 00:40:02,950
And the family was together
after many, many years.

733

00:40:02,950 --> 00:40:05,750
The family that was
able to save themselves.

734

00:40:05,750 --> 00:40:08,830

735

00:40:08,830 --> 00:40:11,440
As far as the other
uncle of mine,

736

00:40:11,440 --> 00:40:16,330

Yosef on my father's side,
the one we had celebrated

737

00:40:16,330 --> 00:40:22,120

pesach with and had the
Seder evenings at their home,

738

00:40:22,120 --> 00:40:24,510

he was--

739

00:40:24,510 --> 00:40:28,150

the business he had, he had
a very prosperous business.

740

00:40:28,150 --> 00:40:30,850

And it was taken away from him.

741

00:40:30,850 --> 00:40:34,910

So he tried to turn it
over to his confidante who

742

00:40:34,910 --> 00:40:38,302

was able to sign checks.

743

00:40:38,302 --> 00:40:40,510

He had an employee who was
more than an employee, who

744

00:40:40,510 --> 00:40:43,810

was more of a partner,
but he was still--

745

00:40:43,810 --> 00:40:51,500

so the Nazis took both of
them and took him to court.

746

00:40:51,500 --> 00:40:53,797

And I have the court
document also at home

747

00:40:53,797 --> 00:40:55,130

and I couldn't find that either.

748

00:40:55,130 --> 00:40:57,740

I mean, all these important documents I was unable to find.

749

00:40:57,740 --> 00:40:58,490

I looked all over.

750

00:40:58,490 --> 00:41:02,270

If I do find it I'll bring it.

751

00:41:02,270 --> 00:41:05,810

In that court document the outstanding feature

752

00:41:05,810 --> 00:41:10,310

which struck me terribly was the fact how it was done.

753

00:41:10,310 --> 00:41:13,350

Of course, there was absolutely no justice for any one of them.

754

00:41:13,350 --> 00:41:15,920

I mean, they want to take over the business, that's

755

00:41:15,920 --> 00:41:17,060

what they did.

756

00:41:17,060 --> 00:41:20,750

But how did they refer to my uncle?

757

00:41:20,750 --> 00:41:26,840

The judge himself addressed my uncle in the third person.

758

00:41:26,840 --> 00:41:31,550

He never said Mr. Vaskopf, his name was Vaskopf.

759

00:41:31,550 --> 00:41:34,423

He said the Jew Abraham Vaskopf.

760

00:41:34,423 --> 00:41:40,100

761

00:41:40,100 --> 00:41:43,083

Another very painful episode.

762

00:41:43,083 --> 00:41:46,330

763

00:41:46,330 --> 00:41:48,760

Both his wife and he--

764

00:41:48,760 --> 00:41:51,820

Oh, my grandmother was
still alive before we

765

00:41:51,820 --> 00:41:56,740

left, little episodes
in Vienna after 1938.

766

00:41:56,740 --> 00:41:59,400

My mother wanted to go for
her for a walk to get out.

767

00:41:59,400 --> 00:42:01,690

She was an elderly lady.

768

00:42:01,690 --> 00:42:05,860

So they went to a park
and sat on a bench.

769

00:42:05,860 --> 00:42:08,440

Along came a few Hitler Youth
and said this bench is not

770

00:42:08,440 --> 00:42:10,510

for Jews get up you Jews.

771

00:42:10,510 --> 00:42:12,850
Had to get up, an old lady.

772
00:42:12,850 --> 00:42:16,000

773
00:42:16,000 --> 00:42:18,880
I mean these are little
episodes in Vienna.

774
00:42:18,880 --> 00:42:21,160
You couldn't do
anything but follow

775
00:42:21,160 --> 00:42:22,645
what they said,
if you don't want

776
00:42:22,645 --> 00:42:23,770
to get into bigger trouble.

777
00:42:23,770 --> 00:42:26,140
Because if not, they go to
the next man he takes you in

778
00:42:26,140 --> 00:42:29,980
and God knows what happens.

779
00:42:29,980 --> 00:42:33,220
Both my grandmother,
another daughter of hers,

780
00:42:33,220 --> 00:42:40,115
sister of my father,
he and my Uncle Yosef,

781
00:42:40,115 --> 00:42:42,070
they also disappeared.

782
00:42:42,070 --> 00:42:43,662
Actually, I saw their record.

783

00:42:43,662 --> 00:42:45,370

I have a friend here
in San Francisco who

784

00:42:45,370 --> 00:42:51,310

has a book of the Austrian Jews
who were sent to extermination

785

00:42:51,310 --> 00:42:54,200

camps and both of their
names appear in there

786

00:42:54,200 --> 00:42:55,450

with the dates and everything.

787

00:42:55,450 --> 00:42:58,330

This is documented.

788

00:42:58,330 --> 00:43:00,670

On my Czechoslovakian
side I didn't know.

789

00:43:00,670 --> 00:43:03,160

I wish I would know
what happened, really.

790

00:43:03,160 --> 00:43:05,710

I mean, I could
stand it now I guess

791

00:43:05,710 --> 00:43:08,380

to know what
happened to my uncle

792

00:43:08,380 --> 00:43:10,330

and aunt and their daughter.

793

00:43:10,330 --> 00:43:16,720

And anybody who sees this
film the name was Rena.

794

00:43:16,720 --> 00:43:21,640

That is, Vera Rena,

she was Vera Rena.

795

00:43:21,640 --> 00:43:25,420

He was Max Rena and the
daughter was Leah, Leah Rena.

796

00:43:25,420 --> 00:43:28,420

And if anybody can find
out what happened to them,

797

00:43:28,420 --> 00:43:30,910

I know they're not here
anymore, but if you can find out

798

00:43:30,910 --> 00:43:31,660

I'd appreciate it.

799

00:43:31,660 --> 00:43:34,270

I would really need
for my own soul.

800

00:43:34,270 --> 00:43:41,490

801

00:43:41,490 --> 00:43:45,680

Now, what happened to us?

802

00:43:45,680 --> 00:43:49,850

I went to school in
Vienna and at the time

803

00:43:49,850 --> 00:43:53,720

the Nazis came I was already
graduated from school.

804

00:43:53,720 --> 00:43:56,780

805

00:43:56,780 --> 00:44:01,250

I was attending textile academy.

806

00:44:01,250 --> 00:44:04,550

Because everyone of
my part of my family

807
00:44:04,550 --> 00:44:06,900
was in the textile business.

808
00:44:06,900 --> 00:44:09,560
So I was supposed to
learn the textile trade.

809
00:44:09,560 --> 00:44:11,610
Not the trade, but the
manufacturing end of it.

810
00:44:11,610 --> 00:44:15,230
So I went to textile academy.

811
00:44:15,230 --> 00:44:17,540
And of course, after
the Nazis came,

812
00:44:17,540 --> 00:44:20,960
one day I tried to
get into the academy.

813
00:44:20,960 --> 00:44:23,630
There were uniformed
boys standing there

814
00:44:23,630 --> 00:44:26,450
and the men standing there
and they said are you Jewish?

815
00:44:26,450 --> 00:44:27,110
I said yes.

816
00:44:27,110 --> 00:44:28,160
You can't go in anymore.

817
00:44:28,160 --> 00:44:30,570
So I didn't attend school
anymore, didn't finish.

818

00:44:30,570 --> 00:44:39,430

819

00:44:39,430 --> 00:44:44,253

I was a boy scout in Vienna.

820

00:44:44,253 --> 00:44:46,420

And one of my very good
friends was my troop leader.

821

00:44:46,420 --> 00:44:50,860

We became very close
friends as a matter of fact.

822

00:44:50,860 --> 00:44:55,050

In 1938 he was able to
live with his brother Paul.

823

00:44:55,050 --> 00:44:57,870

His name was Carlo,
Carlo Canetti.

824

00:44:57,870 --> 00:45:04,100

And he was able to get to
Greece, escaped to Greece.

825

00:45:04,100 --> 00:45:08,090

But of course, Greece
during those years

826

00:45:08,090 --> 00:45:09,230

was a country independent.

827

00:45:09,230 --> 00:45:12,260

But during the war years,
first Italians took it over

828

00:45:12,260 --> 00:45:14,930

and then the Italians were
suffering defeat after defeat.

829

00:45:14,930 --> 00:45:17,210

So the Germans came
in and took that over

830
00:45:17,210 --> 00:45:19,580
and they finished them off.

831
00:45:19,580 --> 00:45:22,790
But both of them went
on to the partisans too

832
00:45:22,790 --> 00:45:24,458
and they were also shot.

833
00:45:24,458 --> 00:45:25,250
I mean, they were--

834
00:45:25,250 --> 00:45:32,020

835
00:45:32,020 --> 00:45:36,070
I have his last
letter here from him.

836
00:45:36,070 --> 00:45:37,070
You want me to read it?

837
00:45:37,070 --> 00:45:37,570
Would you?

838
00:45:37,570 --> 00:45:38,070
Yes.

839
00:45:38,070 --> 00:45:43,600

840
00:45:43,600 --> 00:45:48,370
This was dated August 5th, 1940.

841
00:45:48,370 --> 00:45:52,065
It's a very long letter.

842

00:45:52,065 --> 00:45:55,420

Oh no, that's my
wife's transcription.

843

00:45:55,420 --> 00:45:58,480

I had to translate
it into English.

844

00:45:58,480 --> 00:46:01,390

It says, "Dear Hetti," now
Hetti was my boyscout name

845

00:46:01,390 --> 00:46:05,110

and it might sound
like a girl's name,

846

00:46:05,110 --> 00:46:08,620

but we had names for ourselves.

847

00:46:08,620 --> 00:46:10,990

"I received your dear
letter sometime ago

848

00:46:10,990 --> 00:46:14,530

and would like to take the time
to inform you about everything.

849

00:46:14,530 --> 00:46:16,240

Even if I don't have
your letter at hand

850

00:46:16,240 --> 00:46:20,090

I will try to answer all your
questions at the end of mine.

851

00:46:20,090 --> 00:46:21,530

First to you.

852

00:46:21,530 --> 00:46:24,020

I was very glad to hear
from you after a long time

853

00:46:24,020 --> 00:46:26,990

and excused this because
we are very busy and tired.

854
00:46:26,990 --> 00:46:29,240
But you wrote anyway, and
this is most important,

855
00:46:29,240 --> 00:46:31,760
not to lose the contact
with one another.

856
00:46:31,760 --> 00:46:33,770
I am in contact with
Kurt Coma," that's

857
00:46:33,770 --> 00:46:36,950
my cousin they have
pictures of him here.

858
00:46:36,950 --> 00:46:39,000
"In every letter I
had asked about you,

859
00:46:39,000 --> 00:46:42,440
but was unable to
get some information.

860
00:46:42,440 --> 00:46:45,000
It's interesting that you
also write about Booby."

861
00:46:45,000 --> 00:46:47,730
Booby was his name,
his boyscout name.

862
00:46:47,730 --> 00:46:49,550
"Don't you see each other?

863
00:46:49,550 --> 00:46:51,758
Now there are two cousins
in far away countries

864
00:46:51,758 --> 00:46:53,300

and one doesn't know
about the other.

865
00:46:53,300 --> 00:46:55,790
Well, let's leave this point.

866
00:46:55,790 --> 00:46:58,340
I was very happy to have heard
that your dear mother had

867
00:46:58,340 --> 00:47:01,790
married again and you have
now a father whom you like.

868
00:47:01,790 --> 00:47:03,158
Congratulations.

869
00:47:03,158 --> 00:47:04,700
How do you converse
with your father?

870
00:47:04,700 --> 00:47:06,080
In Spanish?

871
00:47:06,080 --> 00:47:10,280
In all cases, you have a home
again and this is worth a lot.

872
00:47:10,280 --> 00:47:13,490
We others roam in the wide
world, rent furnished rooms,

873
00:47:13,490 --> 00:47:17,390
move in and out but have
not found a home yet.

874
00:47:17,390 --> 00:47:22,670
This will probably be the case
until we marry, but until then.

875
00:47:22,670 --> 00:47:24,530
As you can see I'm
not writing with ink

876
00:47:24,530 --> 00:47:29,420
and this is because now
I am," tiddles, "at home.

877
00:47:29,420 --> 00:47:33,950
By the way today is September
the first, one year of war."

878
00:47:33,950 --> 00:47:35,450
It was already war.

879
00:47:35,450 --> 00:47:36,740
"And your letter's still here.

880
00:47:36,740 --> 00:47:40,010
But today I will finish
it because it is Sunday

881
00:47:40,010 --> 00:47:42,530
and it is time that
you get my answer.

882
00:47:42,530 --> 00:47:44,510
You may wonder that
I'm writing from Athens

883
00:47:44,510 --> 00:47:49,040
since I had been in Thessaloniki
for such a long time.

884
00:47:49,040 --> 00:47:51,980
It is true that I went to
Thessaloniki from Vienna

885
00:47:51,980 --> 00:47:56,000
through Belgrade where we made
a living by giving classes

886
00:47:56,000 --> 00:47:58,940
of commercial correspondence.

887

00:47:58,940 --> 00:48:00,800

We lived quite a
ways from the center

888

00:48:00,800 --> 00:48:04,520

of the city almost
in a rural area

889

00:48:04,520 --> 00:48:06,680

with the family of
a teacher where we

890

00:48:06,680 --> 00:48:09,050

had two small separated rooms.

891

00:48:09,050 --> 00:48:11,540

Slowly we started to
learn the language.

892

00:48:11,540 --> 00:48:13,610

Slowly we found
work and hope that

893

00:48:13,610 --> 00:48:16,340

finally to be rid of
some of our troubles

894

00:48:16,340 --> 00:48:20,250

before the war destroyed all
our hopes and took our jobs.

895

00:48:20,250 --> 00:48:22,340

So it was for 18
months until February.

896

00:48:22,340 --> 00:48:24,120

We barely made a living.

897

00:48:24,120 --> 00:48:24,620

Therefore,

898

00:48:24,620 --> 00:48:26,210

And because of

other reasons I went

899

00:48:26,210 --> 00:48:29,270

to Athens, the beautiful
capital of Greece.

900

00:48:29,270 --> 00:48:32,420

After one month my
brother Paul came also.

901

00:48:32,420 --> 00:48:35,780

We worked in various offices
and made pretty good money,

902

00:48:35,780 --> 00:48:39,980

but the world politics again
took a hand in our lives.

903

00:48:39,980 --> 00:48:44,300

The attack on Belgium,
Holland, and France began.

904

00:48:44,300 --> 00:48:47,060

And because of the connected
slowdown in the industries,

905

00:48:47,060 --> 00:48:48,920

we lost our jobs again.

906

00:48:48,920 --> 00:48:51,260

I am now a salesman in
a ladies dress store

907

00:48:51,260 --> 00:48:56,480

where I make very little money,
but I have also an office

908

00:48:56,480 --> 00:48:59,300

where I write the correspondence
for foreign countries

909

00:48:59,300 --> 00:49:01,610

and also give lessons in German.

910
00:49:01,610 --> 00:49:03,590
Paoli, the brother,
who is presently

911
00:49:03,590 --> 00:49:08,780
quite ill he had a flu with
infected sinuses and pain

912
00:49:08,780 --> 00:49:09,740
in the kidney.

913
00:49:09,740 --> 00:49:11,940
He is getting better slowly.

914
00:49:11,940 --> 00:49:16,190
He's continuously asking me
to bring him a piece of cake

915
00:49:16,190 --> 00:49:17,570
from the store.

916
00:49:17,570 --> 00:49:20,240
He was also fired and makes
very little presently,

917
00:49:20,240 --> 00:49:23,960
which makes our present
condition not to be envied.

918
00:49:23,960 --> 00:49:28,550
But in one of our old
scout songs it says--"

919
00:49:28,550 --> 00:49:31,070
I have it here in
German and English,

920
00:49:31,070 --> 00:49:32,750
you want me to read
it in German too?

921

00:49:32,750 --> 00:49:33,876
Yes.

922
00:49:33,876 --> 00:49:49,590
[SPEAKING GERMAN]

923
00:49:49,590 --> 00:49:54,550
Translated it means if
everything goes its own way

924
00:49:54,550 --> 00:49:56,530
a true man stays always on top.

925
00:49:56,530 --> 00:49:57,980
He travels through
the wide world

926
00:49:57,980 --> 00:50:00,970
no matter how the die rolls.

927
00:50:00,970 --> 00:50:03,750
We had sung that song
many times in our group.

928
00:50:03,750 --> 00:50:06,970

929
00:50:06,970 --> 00:50:10,660
I never knew how this would
apply to this situation,

930
00:50:10,660 --> 00:50:12,147
you know?

931
00:50:12,147 --> 00:50:13,480
"What else shall I write to you?"

932
00:50:13,480 --> 00:50:16,690

933
00:50:16,690 --> 00:50:19,750
During the winter I went

skiing, also from Thessaloniki

934

00:50:19,750 --> 00:50:21,910
and during the summer
I also did some sports.

935

00:50:21,910 --> 00:50:23,920
We don't have many
acquaintances,

936

00:50:23,920 --> 00:50:26,140
we left most of
them in Thessaloniki

937

00:50:26,140 --> 00:50:28,570
and we have not
been there too long.

938

00:50:28,570 --> 00:50:30,820
Our Father, who lives
in Constantinople,

939

00:50:30,820 --> 00:50:33,830
was with us in Athens
for the Easter holidays

940

00:50:33,830 --> 00:50:36,790
when we spent some 14
beautiful days together.

941

00:50:36,790 --> 00:50:39,880
He was until now a
business manufacturing

942

00:50:39,880 --> 00:50:43,300
shoe laces and made all he
needed to make a living.

943

00:50:43,300 --> 00:50:46,630
Now three weeks ago his
partner was drafted in the army

944

00:50:46,630 --> 00:50:49,390

and had collected all
monies before him.

945
00:50:49,390 --> 00:50:52,090
Now my father is exactly
where he was two years ago

946
00:50:52,090 --> 00:50:55,150
and he has to start all
over again, like us.

947
00:50:55,150 --> 00:50:57,160
Now I have given you
everything about us

948
00:50:57,160 --> 00:51:01,220
and want to inform you about
our people as far as I know."

949
00:51:01,220 --> 00:51:04,840
Now he gives us a list
of members of our troop,

950
00:51:04,840 --> 00:51:05,620
where they are.

951
00:51:05,620 --> 00:51:07,300
"Norm, he was in
Belgium and came

952
00:51:07,300 --> 00:51:09,020
to New York with his
family from where

953
00:51:09,020 --> 00:51:11,290
they were shipped
by the committee

954
00:51:11,290 --> 00:51:13,960
to Los Angeles I don't
have any letters from him.

955
00:51:13,960 --> 00:51:16,270

Edith, his sister,
she stayed in New York

956
00:51:16,270 --> 00:51:18,200
with Otto Schoenwalder.

957
00:51:18,200 --> 00:51:21,490
Kurt Reiser lives with Richie
in New York, both employed

958
00:51:21,490 --> 00:51:23,260
and make a living.

959
00:51:23,260 --> 00:51:25,750
Streisel is a pastry
chef in New York hotel

960
00:51:25,750 --> 00:51:29,230
and makes more than
the rest of them.

961
00:51:29,230 --> 00:51:30,880
There are also a
number of others

962
00:51:30,880 --> 00:51:35,430
in New York such as Kit,
Selinksi, Marketizelt, et

963
00:51:35,430 --> 00:51:36,400
cetera.

964
00:51:36,400 --> 00:51:38,830
Peter Lilienfeld is
in Vancouver, Canada

965
00:51:38,830 --> 00:51:40,930
but does not write for a month.

966
00:51:40,930 --> 00:51:43,660
Elrich Francos lives with
his family in Chicago.

967

00:51:43,660 --> 00:51:46,351

He does well, he is studying.

968

00:51:46,351 --> 00:51:49,510

Elrich Neuberger was with
his brother in Uruguay,

969

00:51:49,510 --> 00:51:52,630

first doorman in a
hotel, then entrepreneur,

970

00:51:52,630 --> 00:51:55,510

and was cheated by a con
man, then again doorman.

971

00:51:55,510 --> 00:51:58,750

He is in Buenos Aires
now for some time.

972

00:51:58,750 --> 00:52:01,090

Veneto, he was a very
good friend of mine,

973

00:52:01,090 --> 00:52:04,540

"he was in Utrecht, employed
by the refugee committee

974

00:52:04,540 --> 00:52:05,800

and wanted to go to Brazil.

975

00:52:05,800 --> 00:52:10,230

976

00:52:10,230 --> 00:52:11,730

I don't have any
more news from him.

977

00:52:11,730 --> 00:52:15,250

978

00:52:15,250 --> 00:52:17,260

Levi was in Paris

and Constantinople.

979

00:52:17,260 --> 00:52:19,290

He wants to become a musician.

980

00:52:19,290 --> 00:52:22,360

Walter Maier is in

Palenstine, from whom

981

00:52:22,360 --> 00:52:24,220

I don't have any news.

982

00:52:24,220 --> 00:52:26,110

Dick and Penhauler

are in England,

983

00:52:26,110 --> 00:52:28,210

but I am without any news.

984

00:52:28,210 --> 00:52:31,630

With this I'm closing my report

and hope to hear from you soon.

985

00:52:31,630 --> 00:52:32,980

Your friend, Carlo.

986

00:52:32,980 --> 00:52:35,400

"PS, many greetings

to your parents,

987

00:52:35,400 --> 00:52:37,960

Herbert," that's my brother,

Herbert, "and Booby."

988

00:52:37,960 --> 00:52:40,160

That's my cousin, Kurt Coma.

989

00:52:40,160 --> 00:52:42,100

"I'm still collecting

stamps and would like

990

00:52:42,100 --> 00:52:43,900

to ask you to send me new ones.

991

00:52:43,900 --> 00:52:49,020

If you should have other
interests I shall reciprocate.

992

00:52:49,020 --> 00:52:51,790

I also include an old
picture of our scout group."

993

00:52:51,790 --> 00:52:53,450

I have that picture here.

994

00:52:53,450 --> 00:52:55,780

And I think you can
take, a little later on,

995

00:52:55,780 --> 00:52:57,480

you will take a picture of it.

996

00:52:57,480 --> 00:53:07,330

Now, this is another destiny
which was fulfilled in Greece.

997

00:53:07,330 --> 00:53:12,550

He was, joined the partisans,
was captured, and shot.

998

00:53:12,550 --> 00:53:13,570

Carlo?

999

00:53:13,570 --> 00:53:16,380

Both.

1000

00:53:16,380 --> 00:53:18,270

Carlo and Paul.

1001

00:53:18,270 --> 00:53:19,080

Was he Jewish?

1002

00:53:19,080 --> 00:53:19,980

Oh, yes.

1003
00:53:19,980 --> 00:53:24,180
Oh, yes, both of them.

1004
00:53:24,180 --> 00:53:26,240
He was Sephardic too, actually.

1005
00:53:26,240 --> 00:53:30,090
Carlo Canetti is a Sephardic.

1006
00:53:30,090 --> 00:53:31,200
He came from Greece.

1007
00:53:31,200 --> 00:53:34,000
I think it was
Greece he came from.

1008
00:53:34,000 --> 00:53:38,470
But those people came from
Spain, Greece, and Holland.

1009
00:53:38,470 --> 00:53:40,170
Those are the
Sephardic type Jews.

1010
00:53:40,170 --> 00:53:43,120
Not the Oriental,
but the Sephardic.

1011
00:53:43,120 --> 00:53:43,620
OK.

1012
00:53:43,620 --> 00:53:46,960

1013
00:53:46,960 --> 00:53:52,050
This is all what happened to us
before we actually left Europe.

1014
00:53:52,050 --> 00:53:57,260

1015

00:53:57,260 --> 00:54:00,480

Now we came to Hungary.

1016

00:54:00,480 --> 00:54:04,460

And we were not given the
permission to stay there.

1017

00:54:04,460 --> 00:54:06,470

We had to leave.

1018

00:54:06,470 --> 00:54:10,700

In the year 1938 the
system of transit

1019

00:54:10,700 --> 00:54:11,850

was not what it is today.

1020

00:54:11,850 --> 00:54:14,960

There were no planes you could
hop on and fly over a country

1021

00:54:14,960 --> 00:54:16,850

and get in another country.

1022

00:54:16,850 --> 00:54:17,900

You had to go by train.

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00:54:17,900 --> 00:54:20,420

1024

00:54:20,420 --> 00:54:23,450

Now, what we didn't think
about was that Hungary--

1025

00:54:23,450 --> 00:54:26,330

we had to go to Italy
to board the ship.

1026

00:54:26,330 --> 00:54:29,120

What we didn't think
about was the fact

1027

00:54:29,120 --> 00:54:32,060

that Hungary doesn't
have a border with Italy.

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00:54:32,060 --> 00:54:35,450

So we had to go to Italy
either through Austria

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00:54:35,450 --> 00:54:39,110

or through Yugoslavia.

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00:54:39,110 --> 00:54:41,030

To go through Austria
was impossible.

1031

00:54:41,030 --> 00:54:43,610

First of all, the
exit for Austria

1032

00:54:43,610 --> 00:54:46,250

was not as easy as
everybody thought.

1033

00:54:46,250 --> 00:54:48,080

First of all, both
my brother and I

1034

00:54:48,080 --> 00:54:52,880

had to show the
Austrian authorities

1035

00:54:52,880 --> 00:54:55,670

that we were full-blooded Jews,
not half Jews, not quarter

1036

00:54:55,670 --> 00:54:57,860

Jews, not 3/4 Jews, 100% Jews.

1037

00:54:57,860 --> 00:54:59,038

Both my parents, Jewish.

1038

00:54:59,038 --> 00:55:01,580

We had to show that, otherwise
they would never let us leave.

1039
00:55:01,580 --> 00:55:04,400
Because we would, at
that point in time,

1040
00:55:04,400 --> 00:55:09,500
there was still military
service for half Jews,

1041
00:55:09,500 --> 00:55:11,450
or 3/4 or half or quarter Jews.

1042
00:55:11,450 --> 00:55:15,390
You see, the divisions they put
us Jews in was unbelievable.

1043
00:55:15,390 --> 00:55:17,450
They didn't say
that you're Jewish.

1044
00:55:17,450 --> 00:55:20,300
How much percentage
are you Jewish?

1045
00:55:20,300 --> 00:55:22,910
How far back to your
Jewish parents go?

1046
00:55:22,910 --> 00:55:24,820
I had to bring it,
show they authorities

1047
00:55:24,820 --> 00:55:27,350
that I am 100%, 100% Jew.

1048
00:55:27,350 --> 00:55:28,100
Which I did.

1049
00:55:28,100 --> 00:55:31,940
That's why we were
allowed to leave.

1050
00:55:31,940 --> 00:55:34,790
Now leaving, we
had to sign a paper

1051
00:55:34,790 --> 00:55:37,970
that we shall never return to
Austria, which we gladly did.

1052
00:55:37,970 --> 00:55:39,950
We didn't want to
go back to Austria.

1053
00:55:39,950 --> 00:55:41,270
We didn't want to.

1054
00:55:41,270 --> 00:55:46,560
Let them have their own
problems, I didn't want them.

1055
00:55:46,560 --> 00:55:47,348
So what do we do?

1056
00:55:47,348 --> 00:55:48,140
We were in Hungary.

1057
00:55:48,140 --> 00:55:50,420
We had to go to Italy.

1058
00:55:50,420 --> 00:55:54,440
So we went to the
Yugoslavian consulate.

1059
00:55:54,440 --> 00:55:56,360
And I have a paper
here, which was never

1060
00:55:56,360 --> 00:56:01,070
filled out to get a transit
visa, which we were not given.

1061
00:56:01,070 --> 00:56:03,350

We weren't given a transit visa.

1062

00:56:03,350 --> 00:56:11,090

But the Yugoslavian
consul, or the diplomat

1063

00:56:11,090 --> 00:56:14,810

who was in Budapest at the
time, was a big-hearted fellow.

1064

00:56:14,810 --> 00:56:18,170

He said, I tell you what you
do, we put you on a train

1065

00:56:18,170 --> 00:56:23,300

here in Budapest that goes
to Italy through Yugoslavia.

1066

00:56:23,300 --> 00:56:25,220

You don't have a transit visa.

1067

00:56:25,220 --> 00:56:28,340

When we get to the border,
we put you in a car.

1068

00:56:28,340 --> 00:56:32,720

We seal the car so you,
heaven forbid, escape.

1069

00:56:32,720 --> 00:56:36,140

And when you get to the Italian
border we open that seal and--

1070

00:56:36,140 --> 00:56:39,980

imagine, being driven
to Italy like cattle.

1071

00:56:39,980 --> 00:56:41,990

Idiots.

1072

00:56:41,990 --> 00:56:47,540

So we did take that up
and we went from Budapest

1073
00:56:47,540 --> 00:56:51,980
through Yugoslavia to
Genoa, no, to Milan.

1074
00:56:51,980 --> 00:56:53,930
We stayed in Milan a few weeks.

1075
00:56:53,930 --> 00:56:56,390
Because we could have
gone to Genoa too

1076
00:56:56,390 --> 00:56:59,210
but we wanted to, since we
were there, I knew Milan,

1077
00:56:59,210 --> 00:57:00,500
we had been to Milan already.

1078
00:57:00,500 --> 00:57:03,110
But we wanted to get to
know it a little better.

1079
00:57:03,110 --> 00:57:04,850
It was a little freer
country already.

1080
00:57:04,850 --> 00:57:07,190
We were a little bit,
feeling a little bit more

1081
00:57:07,190 --> 00:57:12,380
on top of things, not being
under the threat of death

1082
00:57:12,380 --> 00:57:14,210
or worse, you know?

1083
00:57:14,210 --> 00:57:18,680
So we stayed in Milan for a few
weeks and then we went to Genoa

1084

00:57:18,680 --> 00:57:20,720
and stayed in Genoa
another couple of weeks

1085
00:57:20,720 --> 00:57:22,400
before the ship was
supposed to leave.

1086
00:57:22,400 --> 00:57:27,680
Now all the 26 people who
came on that transport,

1087
00:57:27,680 --> 00:57:31,750
they were all meeting in Genoa
and we boarded the Vigilio.

1088
00:57:31,750 --> 00:57:34,460
I forget the exact date,
it was in September

1089
00:57:34,460 --> 00:57:37,530
but I forget the exact date.

1090
00:57:37,530 --> 00:57:41,010
Now, an interesting sideline,
which might be funny

1091
00:57:41,010 --> 00:57:44,820
and might be throwing
a little bit of humor

1092
00:57:44,820 --> 00:57:48,690
in the whole thing, if
there's such a thing possible.

1093
00:57:48,690 --> 00:57:50,530
My mother was always
an entrepreneur.

1094
00:57:50,530 --> 00:57:52,650
She wanted to-- what
can we do in Panama?

1095

00:57:52,650 --> 00:57:56,370

So the brother of Elza
Kaufman wrote back.

1096

00:57:56,370 --> 00:57:59,670

He says here in Panama
we don't have any geese.

1097

00:57:59,670 --> 00:58:04,200

Maybe you can bring some geese
over here and start a geese

1098

00:58:04,200 --> 00:58:08,340

colony or start something new?

1099

00:58:08,340 --> 00:58:10,770

People would like
to have geese here.

1100

00:58:10,770 --> 00:58:15,120

So sure enough, my mother
bought a male goose whatever

1101

00:58:15,120 --> 00:58:16,942

they're called, gander?

1102

00:58:16,942 --> 00:58:18,420

Gander.

1103

00:58:18,420 --> 00:58:21,720

Then she bought
some female geese

1104

00:58:21,720 --> 00:58:27,000

and they were loaded on the ship
together with our belongings,

1105

00:58:27,000 --> 00:58:30,468

which we had in crates.

1106

00:58:30,468 --> 00:58:32,010

The funny part I
have to go ahead now

1107
00:58:32,010 --> 00:58:36,360
and we unloaded the stuff in
Cristobal in Panama already,

1108
00:58:36,360 --> 00:58:39,720
when we got to Cristobal
and I have to go ahead.

1109
00:58:39,720 --> 00:58:45,000
When we got to Cristobal,
we were standing at the pier

1110
00:58:45,000 --> 00:58:49,590
and our stuff was unloaded with
the wrench, with the thing.

1111
00:58:49,590 --> 00:58:51,782
And crate after crate came down.

1112
00:58:51,782 --> 00:58:53,490
Some people standing
next to us, and they

1113
00:58:53,490 --> 00:58:54,573
were saying what happened?

1114
00:58:54,573 --> 00:58:55,208
What are these?

1115
00:58:55,208 --> 00:58:57,000
And then all of a sudden
the geese up there

1116
00:58:57,000 --> 00:59:00,460
they started snattering
and yattering and crying.

1117
00:59:00,460 --> 00:59:03,270
And he said that must
be a film company.

1118

00:59:03,270 --> 00:59:05,280

I said, no way.

1119

00:59:05,280 --> 00:59:12,030

Anyway this is a funny
joke in the set up.

1120

00:59:12,030 --> 00:59:17,940

So in September we did
leave the European continent

1121

00:59:17,940 --> 00:59:18,600

on the Vigilio.

1122

00:59:18,600 --> 00:59:21,330

1123

00:59:21,330 --> 00:59:24,090

The Spanish Civil
War was still raging.

1124

00:59:24,090 --> 00:59:26,370

I mean, it just goes to
show you that things are not

1125

00:59:26,370 --> 00:59:27,663

as easy as they are now.

1126

00:59:27,663 --> 00:59:29,080

And who thinks
about these things?

1127

00:59:29,080 --> 00:59:34,680

So the Vigilio was
afraid to travel

1128

00:59:34,680 --> 00:59:37,980

with lights on
because of submarines,

1129

00:59:37,980 --> 00:59:41,640

of German or Spanish submarines,
being shot at or something,

1130
00:59:41,640 --> 00:59:42,660
you know?

1131
00:59:42,660 --> 00:59:45,060
So we turned the lights out
and we, in the darkness,

1132
00:59:45,060 --> 00:59:47,520
we went through
the Mediterranean.

1133
00:59:47,520 --> 00:59:50,045
Finally we hit-- no, we
landed in Marseilles,

1134
00:59:50,045 --> 00:59:51,420
in the French port
of Marseilles.

1135
00:59:51,420 --> 00:59:54,690
That was one landing we made.

1136
00:59:54,690 --> 00:59:56,790
And then from Marseilles
we went through the dark,

1137
00:59:56,790 --> 00:59:58,707
through the Mediterranean,
through the Straits

1138
00:59:58,707 --> 00:59:59,880
of Gibraltar.

1139
00:59:59,880 --> 01:00:03,210
And when we finally hit
open ocean, the Atlantic,

1140
01:00:03,210 --> 01:00:06,960
our next stop was
the Canary Islands.

1141

01:00:06,960 --> 01:00:12,630
And from there we went across
the Atlantic, we landed.

1142
01:00:12,630 --> 01:00:15,060
The next stop, first
stop in the Americas

1143
01:00:15,060 --> 01:00:18,420
was in La Guaira,
which is Venezuela.

1144
01:00:18,420 --> 01:00:21,360
And then we went to Cristobal
and then we unloaded our geese.

1145
01:00:21,360 --> 01:00:22,350
Now we are in Panama.

1146
01:00:22,350 --> 01:00:24,990

1147
01:00:24,990 --> 01:00:27,330
Maybe you have some question
now before I go into Panama

1148
01:00:27,330 --> 01:00:31,620
because I think
now I demonstrated,

1149
01:00:31,620 --> 01:00:33,303
at least to the
best of my ability,

1150
01:00:33,303 --> 01:00:35,220
I'm sure there are things
I did forget and not

1151
01:00:35,220 --> 01:00:40,290
bring up, the situation in
Europe and the way we left

1152
01:00:40,290 --> 01:00:41,700

and what happened then.

1153

01:00:41,700 --> 01:00:44,170

So maybe?

1154

01:00:44,170 --> 01:00:49,230

OK, yeah I'd like to go all
the way back to your childhood

1155

01:00:49,230 --> 01:00:53,010

and talk in more detail about
what your everyday life was

1156

01:00:53,010 --> 01:00:56,550

like in Vienna.

1157

01:00:56,550 --> 01:00:58,890

As far back as you can
remember, what your relationship

1158

01:00:58,890 --> 01:01:00,378

with your family was.

1159

01:01:00,378 --> 01:01:01,920

Who actually was
living in your house

1160

01:01:01,920 --> 01:01:05,100

with you, your father, your
mother, and your brother?

1161

01:01:05,100 --> 01:01:09,480

We had, like I said, our
family was very well-off.

1162

01:01:09,480 --> 01:01:12,480

We had a huge apartment.

1163

01:01:12,480 --> 01:01:14,700

In Europe people don't
have their own homes

1164

01:01:14,700 --> 01:01:16,410
like the American dream here.

1165
01:01:16,410 --> 01:01:18,360
I have my own home now.

1166
01:01:18,360 --> 01:01:20,910
I joined the
American dream here.

1167
01:01:20,910 --> 01:01:25,050
But in Europe nobody
had their own homes

1168
01:01:25,050 --> 01:01:27,000
except very wealthy people.

1169
01:01:27,000 --> 01:01:30,090
My grandparents had a villa
in a very well district,

1170
01:01:30,090 --> 01:01:30,990
but we didn't.

1171
01:01:30,990 --> 01:01:33,810
I mean, we were not
that wealthy yet.

1172
01:01:33,810 --> 01:01:36,720
We were never supposed to,
and now [INAUDIBLE] anyway.

1173
01:01:36,720 --> 01:01:40,330
No, we had a very, very
large apartment, my mother,

1174
01:01:40,330 --> 01:01:43,722
my father, my brother and
I. We had a nanny, who

1175
01:01:43,722 --> 01:01:45,180
took care of my
brother and myself,

1176
01:01:45,180 --> 01:01:49,380
and we had a cook, a young lady
who did the cooking for us.

1177
01:01:49,380 --> 01:01:52,060
Oh, that brings me to a
very interesting point.

1178
01:01:52,060 --> 01:01:57,150
Life in Vienna under the
Nazis, with the Nazis, OK?

1179
01:01:57,150 --> 01:02:01,080
We had the whole floor of a
huge house as the apartment.

1180
01:02:01,080 --> 01:02:04,890
To the back was a
smaller apartment.

1181
01:02:04,890 --> 01:02:10,140
And that apartment was
inhabited by a couple.

1182
01:02:10,140 --> 01:02:14,790
And that couple, both of them
were Nazis, very illegal Nazis,

1183
01:02:14,790 --> 01:02:16,920
very, very fervent Nazis.

1184
01:02:16,920 --> 01:02:19,590

1185
01:02:19,590 --> 01:02:21,300
Very, very fervent Nazis.

1186
01:02:21,300 --> 01:02:24,930
And our cook, she didn't
sleep in our apartment

1187

01:02:24,930 --> 01:02:28,290
but she had a small
room in theirs.

1188
01:02:28,290 --> 01:02:30,220
And he was a bad man.

1189
01:02:30,220 --> 01:02:32,190
He was really bad,
in every respect.

1190
01:02:32,190 --> 01:02:35,700
He tried to rape her.

1191
01:02:35,700 --> 01:02:39,550
And there was a big argument
between my father and him.

1192
01:02:39,550 --> 01:02:42,580
Of course, my father
was always the Jew then.

1193
01:02:42,580 --> 01:02:45,010
He was right and my father
was wrong, of course.

1194
01:02:45,010 --> 01:02:47,992

1195
01:02:47,992 --> 01:02:53,255
In 19-- I didn't want
to go to Vienna ever,

1196
01:02:53,255 --> 01:02:55,130
but I wanted to visit
the grave of my father.

1197
01:02:55,130 --> 01:02:59,180
He's buried in
Szekesfehervar in Hungary.

1198
01:02:59,180 --> 01:03:02,790
And I had my mother's

ashes with us.

1199

01:03:02,790 --> 01:03:04,373

No, that was the second trip.

1200

01:03:04,373 --> 01:03:08,230

The first trip I went
to Vienna, to Budapest,

1201

01:03:08,230 --> 01:03:12,310

and I went to my old, to
the house we lived in,

1202

01:03:12,310 --> 01:03:13,670

and I went up to my apartment.

1203

01:03:13,670 --> 01:03:14,350

It was closed.

1204

01:03:14,350 --> 01:03:18,310

Then I knocked on the door
of where the ex-Nazis lived.

1205

01:03:18,310 --> 01:03:21,880

And nobody came,
and I knocked again,

1206

01:03:21,880 --> 01:03:23,710

and nobody came, and I again.

1207

01:03:23,710 --> 01:03:26,765

And then finally a voice behind
the door said, who is it?

1208

01:03:26,765 --> 01:03:27,640

In German, of course.

1209

01:03:27,640 --> 01:03:31,540

And I said, I told her my name,
under which she knew me then.

1210

01:03:31,540 --> 01:03:33,830

My name was Bushy, Bushy.

1211

01:03:33,830 --> 01:03:36,010

I was called Bushy by everybody.

1212

01:03:36,010 --> 01:03:39,130

And she said, oh my

God, Bushy's home.

1213

01:03:39,130 --> 01:03:40,390

I said Bushy's home?

1214

01:03:40,390 --> 01:03:43,540

1215

01:03:43,540 --> 01:03:45,940

Anyway, we went in.

1216

01:03:45,940 --> 01:03:49,870

And my daughter was with us.

1217

01:03:49,870 --> 01:03:53,620

My wife, my daughter,

and I went in there.

1218

01:03:53,620 --> 01:03:56,890

And I broke down there,

there I was completely,

1219

01:03:56,890 --> 01:03:59,800

I mean, I really broke down.

1220

01:03:59,800 --> 01:04:03,190

She told me about the Jews who

jumped from the sixth floor

1221

01:04:03,190 --> 01:04:03,880

to their death.

1222

01:04:03,880 --> 01:04:05,500

They didn't want to be taken.

1223

01:04:05,500 --> 01:04:10,060

And she spoke in
such a everyday tone.

1224

01:04:10,060 --> 01:04:13,840

These things happen
every day, you know?

1225

01:04:13,840 --> 01:04:16,680

I asked her about her
husband, he was dead.

1226

01:04:16,680 --> 01:04:19,400

I didn't even ask her how
he died, I didn't care.

1227

01:04:19,400 --> 01:04:21,310

I mean he's--

1228

01:04:21,310 --> 01:04:27,280

But just goes to show you
how old things sometimes

1229

01:04:27,280 --> 01:04:32,440

work out and bring a
different picture into focus.

1230

01:04:32,440 --> 01:04:35,590

I have a completely different
mind of the whole thing.

1231

01:04:35,590 --> 01:04:38,590

I'm sure she's not
alive anymore either.

1232

01:04:38,590 --> 01:04:40,180

How my life was there?

1233

01:04:40,180 --> 01:04:43,390

Well, my brother, my
parents, and I, like I said,

1234

01:04:43,390 --> 01:04:45,970
we had the nanny, Lola, who was
with us for many, many years

1235
01:04:45,970 --> 01:04:51,970
until the time we went to
Budapest, which was 1935.

1236
01:04:51,970 --> 01:04:52,820
She was with us.

1237
01:04:52,820 --> 01:04:53,620
And we loved her.

1238
01:04:53,620 --> 01:04:57,430
We love to just like a parent.

1239
01:04:57,430 --> 01:05:00,130
Elderly lady, very, very nice.

1240
01:05:00,130 --> 01:05:01,300
She was Catholic.

1241
01:05:01,300 --> 01:05:05,380
Very nice, I mean, she
really loved us too.

1242
01:05:05,380 --> 01:05:07,630
See, this is the
contradiction in Austria.

1243
01:05:07,630 --> 01:05:11,770
You have the Austrians whose
antisemitism is furthered

1244
01:05:11,770 --> 01:05:13,690
by the Catholic church.

1245
01:05:13,690 --> 01:05:15,850
This is the reason, the
main reason in Austria,

1246

01:05:15,850 --> 01:05:16,690
the Catholic church.

1247
01:05:16,690 --> 01:05:20,140
The one who instigates, who
tell the people that we Jews

1248
01:05:20,140 --> 01:05:21,850
are Christ murderers.

1249
01:05:21,850 --> 01:05:24,940
I was told to my face, I
told him I wasn't even there.

1250
01:05:24,940 --> 01:05:26,770
I was a kid.

1251
01:05:26,770 --> 01:05:28,328
I wasn't even there.

1252
01:05:28,328 --> 01:05:30,370
But this is the contradiction
in the whole thing.

1253
01:05:30,370 --> 01:05:32,245
And then there are so
many nice people there,

1254
01:05:32,245 --> 01:05:33,970
good people there.

1255
01:05:33,970 --> 01:05:36,490
So I hate to generalize
and say every German

1256
01:05:36,490 --> 01:05:41,180
or, like the Nazis did to
us, all the Jews, you know?

1257
01:05:41,180 --> 01:05:42,680
All the Jews, there's
some good Jews

1258

01:05:42,680 --> 01:05:44,620

and there's some
bad Jews, right?

1259

01:05:44,620 --> 01:05:48,280

1260

01:05:48,280 --> 01:05:53,620

Now life in Vienna, like I
said, we were secular Jews.

1261

01:05:53,620 --> 01:05:55,120

We were not very religious.

1262

01:05:55,120 --> 01:05:57,470

We knew about religion.

1263

01:05:57,470 --> 01:06:00,670

We went to visit my grandmother
for the holidays, Rosh

1264

01:06:00,670 --> 01:06:01,690

ha-Chanah, Yom Kippur.

1265

01:06:01,690 --> 01:06:05,770

We went to shul,
we went to Seder

1266

01:06:05,770 --> 01:06:12,220

and we learned our Hebrew and
[SPEAKS YIDDISH] we all said.

1267

01:06:12,220 --> 01:06:14,170

But we were Austrians.

1268

01:06:14,170 --> 01:06:20,750

Now, let me tell you,
this is the change

1269

01:06:20,750 --> 01:06:26,210

that was brought in me, the
Holocaust, what it did to me,

1270
01:06:26,210 --> 01:06:29,960
it brought out a
conscious Jew in me.

1271
01:06:29,960 --> 01:06:34,482
I came to Panama and
I was [SPEAKS YIDDISH]

1272
01:06:34,482 --> 01:06:36,065
I don't know whether
you speak Yiddish

1273
01:06:36,065 --> 01:06:37,107
or not, [SPEAKS YIDDISH].

1274
01:06:37,107 --> 01:06:43,580
But I didn't know what
was what until I joined up

1275
01:06:43,580 --> 01:06:45,890
with all of the other Jews
from all over the world.

1276
01:06:45,890 --> 01:06:47,790
And we had mostly
Eastern European Jews,

1277
01:06:47,790 --> 01:06:50,930
they were the Yiddishkeit,
the menschkeit.

1278
01:06:50,930 --> 01:06:52,680
And I became one of them.

1279
01:06:52,680 --> 01:06:55,070
I learned Yiddish,
I learned Yiddish.

1280
01:06:55,070 --> 01:06:55,950
I loved it.

1281

01:06:55,950 --> 01:07:01,040
Yiddish was for me the
heymishkeit, the shtetlkeit,

1282
01:07:01,040 --> 01:07:02,870
which I never knew in Vienna.

1283
01:07:02,870 --> 01:07:08,475
So at this point here, this
makes it so much more painful

1284
01:07:08,475 --> 01:07:10,100
for me to talk about
this sort of thing

1285
01:07:10,100 --> 01:07:12,560
because there's a certain
guiltiness, that we

1286
01:07:12,560 --> 01:07:13,790
didn't have that.

1287
01:07:13,790 --> 01:07:18,930
And it was not because we didn't
want it, wasn't given to us.

1288
01:07:18,930 --> 01:07:24,540
But we became part of it
after what was done to us.

1289
01:07:24,540 --> 01:07:31,880
Our life in Vienna,
very, very protected.

1290
01:07:31,880 --> 01:07:33,230
We went to school.

1291
01:07:33,230 --> 01:07:39,830
We went to all kinds of sports,
tennis, swimming, fencing,

1292
01:07:39,830 --> 01:07:40,670
horseback riding.

1293
01:07:40,670 --> 01:07:45,480
I mean, it was just the
life of Riley, right?

1294
01:07:45,480 --> 01:07:47,000
Life of Riley.

1295
01:07:47,000 --> 01:07:50,458
And nobody had any
worries except when

1296
01:07:50,458 --> 01:07:52,250
we went on the street
and we saw the Nazis.

1297
01:07:52,250 --> 01:07:53,810
We read about the
Nazis and we read

1298
01:07:53,810 --> 01:07:58,460
about the Germans electing
Hitler, not electing Hitler,

1299
01:07:58,460 --> 01:08:01,040
rather Hitler coming to
power by force, you know?

1300
01:08:01,040 --> 01:08:03,320
All of these things
disturbed us,

1301
01:08:03,320 --> 01:08:05,780
but then we closed the door
behind us and we were home

1302
01:08:05,780 --> 01:08:09,380
and we forgot about that.

1303
01:08:09,380 --> 01:08:10,680
We went to the--

1304

01:08:10,680 --> 01:08:12,800
of course, being in Vienna,
we went to the opera.

1305
01:08:12,800 --> 01:08:17,000
I'm deeply involved in music
even here, music, opera,

1306
01:08:17,000 --> 01:08:20,750
theater, stage, painting.

1307
01:08:20,750 --> 01:08:23,689
My father, our father took
both my brother and myself

1308
01:08:23,689 --> 01:08:26,180
every Sunday to a museum.

1309
01:08:26,180 --> 01:08:30,830
We had the most gorgeous
museums in Vienna, the art,

1310
01:08:30,830 --> 01:08:33,170
the most famous
art in the world.

1311
01:08:33,170 --> 01:08:37,550
The Museum of Natural
History in New York

1312
01:08:37,550 --> 01:08:40,670
is nothing compared to
what they have in Vienna.

1313
01:08:40,670 --> 01:08:43,100
I went to New York
into that museum.

1314
01:08:43,100 --> 01:08:44,420
I even went to the--

1315
01:08:44,420 --> 01:08:47,420
but the only thing in

Washington, the Smithsonian,

1316
01:08:47,420 --> 01:08:48,560
is bigger.

1317
01:08:48,560 --> 01:08:50,990
But believe me it's
done without taste.

1318
01:08:50,990 --> 01:08:53,450
The Smithsonian is
everything thrown together

1319
01:08:53,450 --> 01:08:55,220
without any rhyme or reason.

1320
01:08:55,220 --> 01:08:58,939
Whereas in Vienna it
has a little bit more.

1321
01:08:58,939 --> 01:09:01,700
The culture, European
culture is there.

1322
01:09:01,700 --> 01:09:04,970
It always was there, is
there, but it is tainted.

1323
01:09:04,970 --> 01:09:09,140
It is tainted by
this anti-everything.

1324
01:09:09,140 --> 01:09:11,720
Except myself, I'm
not anti myself.

1325
01:09:11,720 --> 01:09:13,700
But they are anti
everything else.

1326
01:09:13,700 --> 01:09:18,649
They're anti-foreigners,
they're anti-Jews, of course,

1327
01:09:18,649 --> 01:09:20,479
and anti this and anti that.

1328
01:09:20,479 --> 01:09:22,550
But everything myself,
I'm not anti myself.

1329
01:09:22,550 --> 01:09:24,920
But the cultures that
you talk to in Austria,

1330
01:09:24,920 --> 01:09:28,700
and he may be the most
charming fellow, he's talking

1331
01:09:28,700 --> 01:09:30,319
and he's charming.

1332
01:09:30,319 --> 01:09:31,220
He has a charm.

1333
01:09:31,220 --> 01:09:33,670
I know it because I had it,
they tell me I've had it.

1334
01:09:33,670 --> 01:09:35,899
I don't know maybe
I did, I don't know.

1335
01:09:35,899 --> 01:09:38,510
Again, one of those
assimilation things.

1336
01:09:38,510 --> 01:09:52,550
And the-- life in Vienna like I
said, protected, well educated.

1337
01:09:52,550 --> 01:09:55,280

1338
01:09:55,280 --> 01:09:59,720

And torn out of
this milieu if you

1339
01:09:59,720 --> 01:10:07,440
will, by force into
a life in Panama,

1340
01:10:07,440 --> 01:10:09,930
which you can't even
compare to anything.

1341
01:10:09,930 --> 01:10:12,870
Because you don't-- have
any of you been to Panama?

1342
01:10:12,870 --> 01:10:13,620
No.

1343
01:10:13,620 --> 01:10:18,758
Panama is completely, it's
a 180 degree turn around.

1344
01:10:18,758 --> 01:10:21,300
Not only the climate, I'm not
even talking about the climate,

1345
01:10:21,300 --> 01:10:25,620
you get assimilated,
acclimatized.

1346
01:10:25,620 --> 01:10:28,260
The lifestyle, the
language, I had

1347
01:10:28,260 --> 01:10:32,070
to learn two languages at the
same time, English and Spanish.

1348
01:10:32,070 --> 01:10:33,210
So I had to learn that.

1349
01:10:33,210 --> 01:10:35,940
I had to get used to the life

there, to the people there,

1350

01:10:35,940 --> 01:10:42,000

to the idiosyncrasy
of these people.

1351

01:10:42,000 --> 01:10:44,820

And I did, I lived
there for 21 years.

1352

01:10:44,820 --> 01:10:47,700

When I came to, in '59, we
came to the United States.

1353

01:10:47,700 --> 01:10:51,270

Ever since we have lived here.

1354

01:10:51,270 --> 01:10:56,310

But Panama, I will never
have a bad word for it.

1355

01:10:56,310 --> 01:10:58,620

Because the people
of Panama took us in.

1356

01:10:58,620 --> 01:11:01,140

The people of Panama
were good to us.

1357

01:11:01,140 --> 01:11:02,130

We made a living.

1358

01:11:02,130 --> 01:11:03,600

We made a very good living.

1359

01:11:03,600 --> 01:11:07,405

We made a standard there
which according to us

1360

01:11:07,405 --> 01:11:10,560

here might not be what we
expect, what we'd like to have,

1361

01:11:10,560 --> 01:11:11,640
but over there it was.

1362

01:11:11,640 --> 01:11:15,510
And especially coming out
of the cesspool of Europe,

1363

01:11:15,510 --> 01:11:20,310
it was really fantastic
to come to Panama.

1364

01:11:20,310 --> 01:11:25,200
Well we went to
Budapest in 1935.

1365

01:11:25,200 --> 01:11:28,650
Budapest, the whole life
just continued like this.

1366

01:11:28,650 --> 01:11:30,540
We did everything.

1367

01:11:30,540 --> 01:11:31,930
I had to work too, by the way.

1368

01:11:31,930 --> 01:11:37,050
It was not everything
planned, no work.

1369

01:11:37,050 --> 01:11:38,820
I went to school, I
studied, and I had

1370

01:11:38,820 --> 01:11:40,260
to work in my father's store.

1371

01:11:40,260 --> 01:11:42,422
As a matter of fact, in
my uncle's store too.

1372

01:11:42,422 --> 01:11:43,630
Not a store, was not a store.

1373
01:11:43,630 --> 01:11:49,050
It was a wholesale huge place.

1374
01:11:49,050 --> 01:11:49,910
I mean it was.

1375
01:11:49,910 --> 01:11:52,110
They sold wholesale only.

1376
01:11:52,110 --> 01:11:55,740
And my father, of course,
was manufacturing still.

1377
01:11:55,740 --> 01:12:00,090
So it was a really
big operation.

1378
01:12:00,090 --> 01:12:02,620
That's as much as I
can say about our life.

1379
01:12:02,620 --> 01:12:04,620
Did you have, when you
were a young child,

1380
01:12:04,620 --> 01:12:07,470
did you have a lot of
mostly Gentile friends?

1381
01:12:07,470 --> 01:12:08,520
Mostly Jewish friends?

1382
01:12:08,520 --> 01:12:09,090
A mix?

1383
01:12:09,090 --> 01:12:12,900
We had mixed, we had mixed.

1384
01:12:12,900 --> 01:12:14,490
Probably with the
Jewish friends we

1385
01:12:14,490 --> 01:12:16,560
were closer, a
little bit closer.

1386
01:12:16,560 --> 01:12:21,300
But the group I have here is
all Jews, we were all Jewish.

1387
01:12:21,300 --> 01:12:22,320
We were much closer.

1388
01:12:22,320 --> 01:12:25,620
But we had Gentiles
too, We had Gentiles.

1389
01:12:25,620 --> 01:12:29,130
This is why I say, the
assimilation effect there.

1390
01:12:29,130 --> 01:12:36,970
But the closer relationship
was always with Jews.

1391
01:12:36,970 --> 01:12:39,570
Much closer than with Gentiles.

1392
01:12:39,570 --> 01:12:42,870
As a matter of fact, my
brother had his best friend,

1393
01:12:42,870 --> 01:12:45,210
this was exceptional,
he was not a Jew.

1394
01:12:45,210 --> 01:12:47,610
He was a half Jew, that's
what, he was half Jew.

1395
01:12:47,610 --> 01:12:50,610
Here we are, either mother
or father, you know?

1396

01:12:50,610 --> 01:12:53,670

But he was only half Jew,
but he was his best friend.

1397

01:12:53,670 --> 01:12:59,400

In my group we had the, boy
scout troop was almost 95%

1398

01:12:59,400 --> 01:13:00,750

Jewish.

1399

01:13:00,750 --> 01:13:05,040

And in my school the
friends I assimilated with--

1400

01:13:05,040 --> 01:13:06,180

we were subject--

1401

01:13:06,180 --> 01:13:10,080

I had to by force because the
others were on the other side.

1402

01:13:10,080 --> 01:13:13,122

We had this discrimination
from the professors already.

1403

01:13:13,122 --> 01:13:14,830

So they looked upon
us in a different way

1404

01:13:14,830 --> 01:13:16,830

and I looked upon them
in a different way.

1405

01:13:16,830 --> 01:13:19,860

Maybe not knowingly, not
willingly, but it was there.

1406

01:13:19,860 --> 01:13:26,490

So the closeness of friends
was always more between Jews.

1407

01:13:26,490 --> 01:13:28,050

Did you notice a
change as you got

1408

01:13:28,050 --> 01:13:29,670

older and Hitler
came to power, did

1409

01:13:29,670 --> 01:13:32,700

you notice a change in
attitude of the Gentile people

1410

01:13:32,700 --> 01:13:33,990

that you know towards you?

1411

01:13:33,990 --> 01:13:35,790

Or was it always?

1412

01:13:35,790 --> 01:13:38,940

No, I never noticed a change
of the Gentiles toward me.

1413

01:13:38,940 --> 01:13:41,640

As a matter of fact, it was
an old joke going around

1414

01:13:41,640 --> 01:13:42,630

in Vienna.

1415

01:13:42,630 --> 01:13:46,140

That a Jew was a good friend
with a Gentile, you know?

1416

01:13:46,140 --> 01:13:51,700

And the Gentile said when he
was talking to somebody else,

1417

01:13:51,700 --> 01:13:55,380

he says oh, my best
friend is a Jew.

1418

01:13:55,380 --> 01:13:58,350

I mean it was that

type of situation.

1419

01:13:58,350 --> 01:14:02,610

He always treated me right,
even those Nazis next door,

1420

01:14:02,610 --> 01:14:03,840

even those Nazis next door.

1421

01:14:03,840 --> 01:14:08,970

Knowing we were Jewish, and I
knowing that there were Nazis.

1422

01:14:08,970 --> 01:14:11,395

It was not a close
relationship, by no means,

1423

01:14:11,395 --> 01:14:13,770

but when we talked to each
other, we talked to each other

1424

01:14:13,770 --> 01:14:14,650

as human beings.

1425

01:14:14,650 --> 01:14:16,410

We were not looking
down upon him,

1426

01:14:16,410 --> 01:14:18,690

he was not looking down upon us.

1427

01:14:18,690 --> 01:14:23,430

So no, I did not notice any
change of the Gentile people

1428

01:14:23,430 --> 01:14:25,680

I knew.

1429

01:14:25,680 --> 01:14:30,720

After Hitler, of course after
1938, yes, after 1938, yes.

1430

01:14:30,720 --> 01:14:34,720
After Hitler came to Austria,
that was a different story.

1431
01:14:34,720 --> 01:14:37,980
I'm talking about 1933 to '38.

1432
01:14:37,980 --> 01:14:40,440
But 1938, after the
Nazis were in power,

1433
01:14:40,440 --> 01:14:43,980
then you were really
exposed and you never

1434
01:14:43,980 --> 01:14:46,320
knew what's going to happen.

1435
01:14:46,320 --> 01:14:48,865
It's happened in a
lot of cases I know.

1436
01:14:48,865 --> 01:14:50,490
I told you about
those demonstrations I

1437
01:14:50,490 --> 01:14:54,240
was involved in 1938 in March.

1438
01:14:54,240 --> 01:14:56,920
We had the red,
white, red band here,

1439
01:14:56,920 --> 01:15:00,630
which was the Patriotic Front
and the Social Democrats

1440
01:15:00,630 --> 01:15:02,820
had the three arrows here,
and on the other side

1441
01:15:02,820 --> 01:15:06,990
where the Nazis with the

illegal NSDAP emblem, which

1442

01:15:06,990 --> 01:15:10,410
was the Nazi party emblem.

1443

01:15:10,410 --> 01:15:14,400
On the 11th and 12th
it was like this.

1444

01:15:14,400 --> 01:15:18,360
On the 13th, a big majority of
the people who had red, white,

1445

01:15:18,360 --> 01:15:21,090
red and the three arrows
here turned it around

1446

01:15:21,090 --> 01:15:23,130
and in the back of the
lapel they had the NSDAP,

1447

01:15:23,130 --> 01:15:25,050
they were already illegals.

1448

01:15:25,050 --> 01:15:29,110
Not all of them, I don't say
all of them, but a lot of them.

1449

01:15:29,110 --> 01:15:31,958
They were illegals.

1450

01:15:31,958 --> 01:15:33,250
You never know who you talk to.

1451

01:15:33,250 --> 01:15:35,950

1452

01:15:35,950 --> 01:15:39,250
You said that when you
read about Hitler, when

1453

01:15:39,250 --> 01:15:42,460

he came to power in 1933,
you were about 14 then.

1454
01:15:42,460 --> 01:15:43,570
Yeah.

1455
01:15:43,570 --> 01:15:46,390
And you weren't that
worried, it was distant.

1456
01:15:46,390 --> 01:15:49,030
When did it feel
threatening to you?

1457
01:15:49,030 --> 01:15:52,060
Well in 19-- when
Dollfuss was murdered

1458
01:15:52,060 --> 01:15:55,570
and we saw the troop movements
of the Italians on the border.

1459
01:15:55,570 --> 01:15:57,350
And they were trying
to take over Austria,

1460
01:15:57,350 --> 01:16:06,220
then it became more clearer
to us that there was a danger.

1461
01:16:06,220 --> 01:16:09,070
But the danger became
more and more prevalent

1462
01:16:09,070 --> 01:16:13,870
as the years went
by until 1937, 1938.

1463
01:16:13,870 --> 01:16:17,080
Even 1937 was not that bad
because we did, in fact, go

1464
01:16:17,080 --> 01:16:21,130

back to Vienna from Budapest.

1465

01:16:21,130 --> 01:16:22,900

Otherwise we wouldn't
have gone to Vienna.

1466

01:16:22,900 --> 01:16:24,760

And we were still
thinking it's all right.

1467

01:16:24,760 --> 01:16:29,150

But 1938, it started January,
February, and then, of course,

1468

01:16:29,150 --> 01:16:30,040

came March.

1469

01:16:30,040 --> 01:16:32,320

So this is when it
became really urgent.

1470

01:16:32,320 --> 01:16:35,350

And of course, 13th of March,
it was the breaking point.

1471

01:16:35,350 --> 01:16:38,770

1472

01:16:38,770 --> 01:16:40,690

Even earlier than
that, did you know

1473

01:16:40,690 --> 01:16:43,690

of any people whose belongings
were being confiscated?

1474

01:16:43,690 --> 01:16:44,950

No, not in Austria.

1475

01:16:44,950 --> 01:16:45,910

Any people that--

1476

01:16:45,910 --> 01:16:47,020
No, not in Austria.

1477
01:16:47,020 --> 01:16:49,930
When were you
barred from school?

1478
01:16:49,930 --> 01:16:53,650
After 1938, after March 1938,
when the Nazis were already

1479
01:16:53,650 --> 01:16:56,350
there.

1480
01:16:56,350 --> 01:16:58,270
I wanted to know more
about the demonstrations

1481
01:16:58,270 --> 01:16:59,210
that you were involved in.

1482
01:16:59,210 --> 01:17:00,585
How did you get
involved in them?

1483
01:17:00,585 --> 01:17:01,690
Who organized them?

1484
01:17:01,690 --> 01:17:06,010
The parties.

1485
01:17:06,010 --> 01:17:11,877
The Patriotic Front, which
was the dominant party

1486
01:17:11,877 --> 01:17:12,460
at this point.

1487
01:17:12,460 --> 01:17:17,140
You see in Austria, like I said
before, there were the Social

1488

01:17:17,140 --> 01:17:19,510
Democrats, which had a
militant organization called

1489
01:17:19,510 --> 01:17:21,100
the Schutzbund.

1490
01:17:21,100 --> 01:17:23,050
Then there was the
Heimatschutz, which was

1491
01:17:23,050 --> 01:17:26,420
the fascist-type organization.

1492
01:17:26,420 --> 01:17:29,320
It was not really very
antisemitic at all.

1493
01:17:29,320 --> 01:17:32,050
And what they wore
is the feather

1494
01:17:32,050 --> 01:17:37,570
of a cock on their head, so we
called them Hahnenschwanzler.

1495
01:17:37,570 --> 01:17:39,640
Hahnenschwanzler is
the cock feather,

1496
01:17:39,640 --> 01:17:42,220
the feather of a cock of the--

1497
01:17:42,220 --> 01:17:45,100
tail feather of a cock.

1498
01:17:45,100 --> 01:17:46,870
And no.

1499
01:17:46,870 --> 01:17:50,650

1500

01:17:50,650 --> 01:17:55,000
And then the Patriotic Front
started relatively late.

1501
01:17:55,000 --> 01:17:58,210
It was more or less
a roof organization

1502
01:17:58,210 --> 01:18:02,290
of the Social Democrats,
the Schutzbund,

1503
01:18:02,290 --> 01:18:03,580
and the Heimatschutz.

1504
01:18:03,580 --> 01:18:08,380
And to unite the people,
because the Social Democrats

1505
01:18:08,380 --> 01:18:14,050
were really running to ground,
into being nothing by Dollfuss.

1506
01:18:14,050 --> 01:18:16,600
He shot and cannoned them in.

1507
01:18:16,600 --> 01:18:21,370
So they were really persecuted
and they were really made

1508
01:18:21,370 --> 01:18:23,330
illegal, as far as that goes.

1509
01:18:23,330 --> 01:18:25,690
But then Schuschnigg
wanted them back again

1510
01:18:25,690 --> 01:18:28,990
because they were his help
to get a front, a united

1511
01:18:28,990 --> 01:18:31,330
front against Germany.

1512

01:18:31,330 --> 01:18:36,940
So he called them in and then he
formulated the Patriotic Front.

1513

01:18:36,940 --> 01:18:41,470
And this party then started
organizing the demonstrations.

1514

01:18:41,470 --> 01:18:43,960
We all heard on the radio
demonstrations going on.

1515

01:18:43,960 --> 01:18:47,013
We were in our prime
year for these things.

1516

01:18:47,013 --> 01:18:47,680
So what happens?

1517

01:18:47,680 --> 01:18:51,670
We will kill ourselves
a few Nazis, you know?

1518

01:18:51,670 --> 01:18:53,260
Can you describe
a demonstration?

1519

01:18:53,260 --> 01:18:55,468
Give me some details, what
was it like, what went on?

1520

01:18:55,468 --> 01:18:58,750
Yes, you lose your identity.

1521

01:18:58,750 --> 01:19:00,550
In a demonstration,
you lose your identity.

1522

01:19:00,550 --> 01:19:04,030
You become part
of it, of a mass.

1523

01:19:04,030 --> 01:19:05,950

I don't want to be
in it again, ever.

1524

01:19:05,950 --> 01:19:10,340

Because you lose, you can't
think your own thoughts

1525

01:19:10,340 --> 01:19:10,840

anymore.

1526

01:19:10,840 --> 01:19:13,813

You become part of
a huge mass and this

1527

01:19:13,813 --> 01:19:15,730

is what happened to the
Nazis, the same thing,

1528

01:19:15,730 --> 01:19:16,840

in Germany, same thing.

1529

01:19:16,840 --> 01:19:19,975

1530

01:19:19,975 --> 01:19:23,710

It's, how shall I describe it?

1531

01:19:23,710 --> 01:19:27,640

It's a well, I
described it best.

1532

01:19:27,640 --> 01:19:28,660

You lose your identity.

1533

01:19:28,660 --> 01:19:30,190

You become part of the mass.

1534

01:19:30,190 --> 01:19:34,150

And what the mass shouts
for and growls for,

1535

01:19:34,150 --> 01:19:36,470

this is what you do,
whether it's right or wrong,

1536

01:19:36,470 --> 01:19:37,990

whether you think
it's good or not,

1537

01:19:37,990 --> 01:19:40,960

but you're always there
to do it with them.

1538

01:19:40,960 --> 01:19:44,033

1539

01:19:44,033 --> 01:19:45,200

I don't want to do it again.

1540

01:19:45,200 --> 01:19:48,240

1541

01:19:48,240 --> 01:19:50,640

I don't think in
the United States

1542

01:19:50,640 --> 01:19:52,500

people would do it either.

1543

01:19:52,500 --> 01:19:54,180

I don't think so.

1544

01:19:54,180 --> 01:19:55,680

Explain that more,
what do you mean?

1545

01:19:55,680 --> 01:19:57,990

Yes, the people here
in the United States

1546

01:19:57,990 --> 01:20:01,770

are of a completely different
breed than Europeans.

1547
01:20:01,770 --> 01:20:04,950
You don't have this.

1548
01:20:04,950 --> 01:20:08,100
You think a little bit more.

1549
01:20:08,100 --> 01:20:12,450
Before you do something,
you rationalize more.

1550
01:20:12,450 --> 01:20:14,790
Maybe we rationalized
too, but then we

1551
01:20:14,790 --> 01:20:18,750
became, under pressure,
we became a mass.

1552
01:20:18,750 --> 01:20:21,570
We were under threat of being
run over by Germany, OK?

1553
01:20:21,570 --> 01:20:24,870
We wanted to defend
our country, Austria,

1554
01:20:24,870 --> 01:20:27,610
and wanted it to
remain independent,

1555
01:20:27,610 --> 01:20:28,853
which was our main goal.

1556
01:20:28,853 --> 01:20:31,020
This is what my uncle writes
hear, about the Czechs,

1557
01:20:31,020 --> 01:20:32,910
remember that in the letter?

1558
01:20:32,910 --> 01:20:34,590

Same thing.

1559

01:20:34,590 --> 01:20:37,827

Very well-organized,
and very patriotic,

1560

01:20:37,827 --> 01:20:39,660

and they would give
their last drop of blood

1561

01:20:39,660 --> 01:20:42,210

for the freedom of the country.

1562

01:20:42,210 --> 01:20:44,160

He writes the same thing here.

1563

01:20:44,160 --> 01:20:45,190

It's the same thing.

1564

01:20:45,190 --> 01:20:47,760

And here the United
States, fortunately, you

1565

01:20:47,760 --> 01:20:50,210

have never been under
this type of pressure,

1566

01:20:50,210 --> 01:20:52,950

under this, in
these circumstances.

1567

01:20:52,950 --> 01:20:56,275

You have never been in these
circumstances, fortunately.

1568

01:20:56,275 --> 01:20:58,950

1569

01:20:58,950 --> 01:21:02,355

So even when you demonstrated
it was as an Austrian Patriot

1570

01:21:02,355 --> 01:21:03,090
not as a Jew.

1571
01:21:03,090 --> 01:21:05,070
Oh yes, no, Austrian Patriot.

1572
01:21:05,070 --> 01:21:06,120
This is what I said.

1573
01:21:06,120 --> 01:21:09,120
I became a Jew in Panama.

1574
01:21:09,120 --> 01:21:13,590
Well I know it was Jew always,
but I became a Yiddish boy,

1575
01:21:13,590 --> 01:21:17,670
a Yiddish mensch in Panama.

1576
01:21:17,670 --> 01:21:20,250
Can you describe any
other antisemitic things

1577
01:21:20,250 --> 01:21:22,140
that you remember as
you were growing up,

1578
01:21:22,140 --> 01:21:25,465
that sort of precursors
to what happened?

1579
01:21:25,465 --> 01:21:26,840
Well, I told you
about the school

1580
01:21:26,840 --> 01:21:29,250
when the professor got
up and he singled me

1581
01:21:29,250 --> 01:21:33,450
out trying to imitate Yiddish.

1582

01:21:33,450 --> 01:21:37,770
And the whole class
howled, of course,

1583
01:21:37,770 --> 01:21:40,770
because he pointed me
out as a Jew, you know?

1584
01:21:40,770 --> 01:21:44,070
And the whole class howled
except the Jewish, few Jews

1585
01:21:44,070 --> 01:21:47,910
we had there,
probably, other Jewish.

1586
01:21:47,910 --> 01:21:50,710
Yes, yes of course.

1587
01:21:50,710 --> 01:21:58,890
This picture you saw of
the summer camp I went to,

1588
01:21:58,890 --> 01:22:00,210
I was much younger then.

1589
01:22:00,210 --> 01:22:01,020
What year was that?

1590
01:22:01,020 --> 01:22:04,590

1591
01:22:04,590 --> 01:22:09,360
Anyway, we'll get to
that a little later.

1592
01:22:09,360 --> 01:22:11,530
I was maybe 14, 15.

1593
01:22:11,530 --> 01:22:13,730
I always had curly hair.

1594

01:22:13,730 --> 01:22:16,000

My hair was standing
up, maybe too much.

1595

01:22:16,000 --> 01:22:19,260

My wife says still my
parents would have cut it.

1596

01:22:19,260 --> 01:22:20,430

Made it look better.

1597

01:22:20,430 --> 01:22:23,010

But I didn't and they didn't
and I looked the way I did,

1598

01:22:23,010 --> 01:22:25,020

I didn't care.

1599

01:22:25,020 --> 01:22:28,170

And the name they
gave me in that camp

1600

01:22:28,170 --> 01:22:31,710

was not anything
connected with my hair,

1601

01:22:31,710 --> 01:22:34,410

it was a name connected
with my religion.

1602

01:22:34,410 --> 01:22:36,420

They called me
the Reserve Moses,

1603

01:22:36,420 --> 01:22:39,750

referring to the
Michelangelo Moses who had

1604

01:22:39,750 --> 01:22:43,800

his hair in horns, of course.

1605

01:22:43,800 --> 01:22:48,120

So this is another

sign, not ill-meant.

1606

01:22:48,120 --> 01:22:49,740

It wasn't meant ill.

1607

01:22:49,740 --> 01:22:52,800

It was meant in a funny,
in a good-humored way,

1608

01:22:52,800 --> 01:22:56,520

but still the Jew was in there.

1609

01:22:56,520 --> 01:23:01,600

So it's part of the
upbringing of theirs.

1610

01:23:01,600 --> 01:23:05,050

The Jew is the one
who stands out.

1611

01:23:05,050 --> 01:23:10,270

The Jew is the one
who can be ridiculed.

1612

01:23:10,270 --> 01:23:15,040

I'm talking about still the
times when it's not 1938 yet.

1613

01:23:15,040 --> 01:23:18,940

It's talking about the time
when it's still Austria.

1614

01:23:18,940 --> 01:23:20,980

And Austria was-- and
again, I point out

1615

01:23:20,980 --> 01:23:23,890

that the I blame the
Catholic church in Vienna,

1616

01:23:23,890 --> 01:23:27,070

in Austria very much for that.

1617

01:23:27,070 --> 01:23:30,490

The head of the church,
actually, during the Hitler

1618

01:23:30,490 --> 01:23:37,630

time was a Cardinal Innitzer,
and he sanctioned the Nazis.

1619

01:23:37,630 --> 01:23:40,270

And he didn't
officially sanctioned

1620

01:23:40,270 --> 01:23:42,520

the concentration
camps and the killings,

1621

01:23:42,520 --> 01:23:44,110

but he went along
with the Nazis.

1622

01:23:44,110 --> 01:23:46,750

And so did the Vatican
for that matter.

1623

01:23:46,750 --> 01:23:48,850

Vatican didn't do
much about it either.

1624

01:23:48,850 --> 01:23:50,470

I mean, not that
they openly did it,

1625

01:23:50,470 --> 01:23:52,180

but they didn't do
anything against it.

1626

01:23:52,180 --> 01:23:54,305

But for that, coming back,
I blame the whole world,

1627

01:23:54,305 --> 01:23:57,370

because neither the United
States, nor England, no country

1628
01:23:57,370 --> 01:23:58,810
in the world would take us in.

1629
01:23:58,810 --> 01:24:02,650
As a matter of fact, they
sent shiploads back to Germany

1630
01:24:02,650 --> 01:24:04,030
to be killed.

1631
01:24:04,030 --> 01:24:07,150
Cuba did it, the
United States did it.

1632
01:24:07,150 --> 01:24:11,600
So we were really
alone, really alone.

1633
01:24:11,600 --> 01:24:14,590
But this brought us
closer, all of us,

1634
01:24:14,590 --> 01:24:17,522
the Jewish colony in Panama.

1635
01:24:17,522 --> 01:24:19,480
Of course, I can only
talk Panama, I was there,

1636
01:24:19,480 --> 01:24:21,640
was so much closer
because of that.

1637
01:24:21,640 --> 01:24:26,330
We received ships after
the war from Shanghai.

1638
01:24:26,330 --> 01:24:30,880
And there were, I remember
one ship specifically,

1639

01:24:30,880 --> 01:24:34,577
left Shanghai with old
and sick and infirm people

1640
01:24:34,577 --> 01:24:36,910
and they went through the
canal and landed in Cristobal.

1641
01:24:36,910 --> 01:24:38,660
We lived in Panama
City on the other side,

1642
01:24:38,660 --> 01:24:39,670
on the Pacific side.

1643
01:24:39,670 --> 01:24:42,280
So we loaded trucks
and cars and everything

1644
01:24:42,280 --> 01:24:46,030
with blankets and
food and everything

1645
01:24:46,030 --> 01:24:47,720
and went over to the other side.

1646
01:24:47,720 --> 01:24:49,840
And we went aboard the
ship and we alleviated

1647
01:24:49,840 --> 01:24:52,160
the suffering of those people.

1648
01:24:52,160 --> 01:24:55,450
This was because of
what happened to us,

1649
01:24:55,450 --> 01:24:58,450
the cohesion of the
people was affected.

1650
01:24:58,450 --> 01:24:59,782
And this is what was needed.

1651
01:24:59,782 --> 01:25:01,240
And this is why
the state of Israel

1652
01:25:01,240 --> 01:25:03,880
exists between you and me.

1653
01:25:03,880 --> 01:25:05,650
This is why the state
of Israel exists.

1654
01:25:05,650 --> 01:25:12,670

1655
01:25:12,670 --> 01:25:16,150
I want you to talk
more even about when

1656
01:25:16,150 --> 01:25:17,290
the change did take place.

1657
01:25:17,290 --> 01:25:23,020
1938 came and then, as
you said, the changes

1658
01:25:23,020 --> 01:25:24,970
started taking place.

1659
01:25:24,970 --> 01:25:26,530
Describe what that was like.

1660
01:25:26,530 --> 01:25:29,570

1661
01:25:29,570 --> 01:25:30,950
While you were still in Vienna.

1662
01:25:30,950 --> 01:25:36,440
Well, in 1938, like I said,
March 13 was the deadline.

1663

01:25:36,440 --> 01:25:40,370

Next day we saw German
troops on the street.

1664

01:25:40,370 --> 01:25:44,930

Our first thought was we had
to leave as soon as possible.

1665

01:25:44,930 --> 01:25:46,670

I mean, there was no
way for us to stay

1666

01:25:46,670 --> 01:25:48,890

one day longer than we had to.

1667

01:25:48,890 --> 01:25:51,260

First we were
looking for a country

1668

01:25:51,260 --> 01:25:55,310

to go to and then set in
motion all the necessary steps

1669

01:25:55,310 --> 01:25:56,760

to do that.

1670

01:25:56,760 --> 01:25:59,840

But of course, this
was not 24 hours a day.

1671

01:25:59,840 --> 01:26:03,500

We had other-- we had
meetings, this group.

1672

01:26:03,500 --> 01:26:05,310

I have a picture here of.

1673

01:26:05,310 --> 01:26:09,770

This is interesting.

1674

01:26:09,770 --> 01:26:14,210

We met, all Jews by

the way, in a house

1675
01:26:14,210 --> 01:26:17,630
maybe on the sixth or
seventh floor with windows

1676
01:26:17,630 --> 01:26:18,530
out to the street.

1677
01:26:18,530 --> 01:26:21,170
And it was the day
when Hitler was

1678
01:26:21,170 --> 01:26:24,110
received in Vienna,
when he was driving

1679
01:26:24,110 --> 01:26:27,560
in his open car in Vienna.

1680
01:26:27,560 --> 01:26:30,770
And he was passing
underneath the window.

1681
01:26:30,770 --> 01:26:33,980
And I said if I have
a flower pot that

1682
01:26:33,980 --> 01:26:38,810
can drop it on his head, maybe
we all get killed, probably.

1683
01:26:38,810 --> 01:26:40,010
Maybe I kill him too.

1684
01:26:40,010 --> 01:26:42,290
It would have saved
something, you know?

1685
01:26:42,290 --> 01:26:46,130
But I didn't do it.

1686

01:26:46,130 --> 01:26:47,000
Nobody did it.

1687
01:26:47,000 --> 01:26:48,560
We didn't have
flower pots, maybe.

1688
01:26:48,560 --> 01:26:50,990
On the other hand, I don't
think we would have dared.

1689
01:26:50,990 --> 01:26:52,407
I don't think we
would have dared.

1690
01:26:52,407 --> 01:26:53,850
We were scared.

1691
01:26:53,850 --> 01:26:56,090
We were scared.

1692
01:26:56,090 --> 01:26:56,735
Really scared.

1693
01:26:56,735 --> 01:27:03,310

1694
01:27:03,310 --> 01:27:04,980
Tell me even in
more detail, if you

1695
01:27:04,980 --> 01:27:07,980
can, what were the things
that happened that you saw,

1696
01:27:07,980 --> 01:27:10,230
that you heard about,
that made you scared,

1697
01:27:10,230 --> 01:27:11,790
that made you realize?

1698

01:27:11,790 --> 01:27:14,490

Well, the fact that
I've seen them,

1699

01:27:14,490 --> 01:27:18,570

Jews rounded up on the
street, pulled by their beards

1700

01:27:18,570 --> 01:27:20,280

if they had beards.

1701

01:27:20,280 --> 01:27:23,100

And made to clean in the
streets with toothbrushes,

1702

01:27:23,100 --> 01:27:26,310

clean the boots.

1703

01:27:26,310 --> 01:27:28,950

Of course there were no more--
in the beginning, in Germany,

1704

01:27:28,950 --> 01:27:31,990

they had those painting of
the swastikas and "Jude"

1705

01:27:31,990 --> 01:27:33,352

on the storefronts.

1706

01:27:33,352 --> 01:27:35,310

That wasn't necessary
then anymore because they

1707

01:27:35,310 --> 01:27:37,920

were already in charge.

1708

01:27:37,920 --> 01:27:40,950

I left before the
Kristallnacht, I left before.

1709

01:27:40,950 --> 01:27:44,160

I wasn't there when they broke
the windows in the synagogues,

1710
01:27:44,160 --> 01:27:46,350
burned the city synagogues,
I wasn't there anymore.

1711
01:27:46,350 --> 01:27:48,880
That was in November
and I left in September.

1712
01:27:48,880 --> 01:27:51,900
So I wasn't there,
so I couldn't say.

1713
01:27:51,900 --> 01:27:54,390
What made me scared
is the plain fact

1714
01:27:54,390 --> 01:27:57,870
that the street was filled
with brown and black uniforms.

1715
01:27:57,870 --> 01:28:01,320
The street was full with
youngsters in the Hitler Youth

1716
01:28:01,320 --> 01:28:02,670
uniforms.

1717
01:28:02,670 --> 01:28:05,610
The fact that everybody was
in the street cursing the Jews

1718
01:28:05,610 --> 01:28:12,795
and calling Jews to not to
kill, but to do something,

1719
01:28:12,795 --> 01:28:13,920
and to take away, you know?

1720
01:28:13,920 --> 01:28:16,500
Like when I told
you about my uncle,

1721

01:28:16,500 --> 01:28:20,340
when they broke into the house
and made a shambles out of it.

1722

01:28:20,340 --> 01:28:24,320
I mean, this was, was that
not enough to be scared?

1723

01:28:24,320 --> 01:28:28,680
I was 18 years old and I didn't
have a gun and the bayonet.

1724

01:28:28,680 --> 01:28:29,747
They had it.

1725

01:28:29,747 --> 01:28:31,830
And they didn't have any
permit to come in anyway.

1726

01:28:31,830 --> 01:28:35,745
I mean, you were completely
without any rights.

1727

01:28:35,745 --> 01:28:36,870
You didn't have any rights.

1728

01:28:36,870 --> 01:28:38,203
You were Jews, so you were Jews.

1729

01:28:38,203 --> 01:28:42,240
And as Jews you were set upon.

1730

01:28:42,240 --> 01:28:45,120
Isn't that enough to be scared?

1731

01:28:45,120 --> 01:28:49,452
You didn't need many
more examples of that.

1732

01:28:49,452 --> 01:28:50,910
My cousin was caught
on the street.

1733
01:28:50,910 --> 01:28:52,743
I wasn't caught in the
street, never I mean,

1734
01:28:52,743 --> 01:28:56,010
I never had to shine the shoes.

1735
01:28:56,010 --> 01:29:04,830
Actually, the Viennese are
funny people, funny people.

1736
01:29:04,830 --> 01:29:09,180
I stood in line for my
passport I had to get--

1737
01:29:09,180 --> 01:29:14,820
not for my passport, for
exit visa, for my exit visa.

1738
01:29:14,820 --> 01:29:18,870
And there was a long line
of Jews standing there

1739
01:29:18,870 --> 01:29:22,600
and one of those
Viennese fellows came by

1740
01:29:22,600 --> 01:29:24,600
and he looked at me and
says, well why don't you

1741
01:29:24,600 --> 01:29:26,767
go where the other people
stand, those are for Jews.

1742
01:29:26,767 --> 01:29:29,290

1743
01:29:29,290 --> 01:29:31,370
I said, I'm a Jew.

1744

01:29:31,370 --> 01:29:33,990
He left, he didn't say
anything anymore, you know?

1745
01:29:33,990 --> 01:29:37,990
But he pulled me out from
these other people said,

1746
01:29:37,990 --> 01:29:42,840
you go over there, you don't
belong here, these are Jews.

1747
01:29:42,840 --> 01:29:46,230
This is scary too.

1748
01:29:46,230 --> 01:29:48,030
Why, like in this
country here when

1749
01:29:48,030 --> 01:29:50,850
you had the Black and
the white population.

1750
01:29:50,850 --> 01:29:53,100
You had Blacks go to
the back of the bus

1751
01:29:53,100 --> 01:29:54,660
or couldn't go into there.

1752
01:29:54,660 --> 01:30:02,040
In Panama, the Panama Canal
zone, up to late up to 1940

1753
01:30:02,040 --> 01:30:07,050
or '41, '40 I think it was, they
had the gold and silver roll.

1754
01:30:07,050 --> 01:30:09,300
The gold roll was for the
whites and the silver roll,

1755
01:30:09,300 --> 01:30:11,340

it was for the Blacks.

1756

01:30:11,340 --> 01:30:14,890

They get paid the same
wages, not the same wages,

1757

01:30:14,890 --> 01:30:17,550

but the same money,
the same currency.

1758

01:30:17,550 --> 01:30:19,740

But one had to stand here
in line for his money

1759

01:30:19,740 --> 01:30:22,860

and the other had to stand
here in line, you know?

1760

01:30:22,860 --> 01:30:25,350

It's not much better
here or there.

1761

01:30:25,350 --> 01:30:26,280

It used to be here.

1762

01:30:26,280 --> 01:30:32,090

1763

01:30:32,090 --> 01:30:36,050

Was your father able to work
up until the time you left?

1764

01:30:36,050 --> 01:30:39,020

My father died in Budapest.

1765

01:30:39,020 --> 01:30:41,690

He passed away, he
died in Budapest.

1766

01:30:41,690 --> 01:30:49,430

We left Vienna in 1935 and
he died in 1937 in Budapest.

1767

01:30:49,430 --> 01:30:52,650

He never came back to
Vienna, we buried him there,

1768

01:30:52,650 --> 01:30:58,140

and then my mother my brother
and I came back to Vienna.

1769

01:30:58,140 --> 01:31:00,140

Yes he was-- he
never saw the Nazis.

1770

01:31:00,140 --> 01:31:03,020

He never lived under the Nazis.

1771

01:31:03,020 --> 01:31:05,450

He was gone already
when the Nazis came.

1772

01:31:05,450 --> 01:31:07,940

But of course, again, we
are talking about Hungary.

1773

01:31:07,940 --> 01:31:11,480

Hungary is also antisemitic
country, strongly so.

1774

01:31:11,480 --> 01:31:15,800

For that matter Poland,
Romania, Lithuania.

1775

01:31:15,800 --> 01:31:18,080

You talk about these
Eastern European countries,

1776

01:31:18,080 --> 01:31:19,580

they're not much better.

1777

01:31:19,580 --> 01:31:23,240

And if you go back
and read some books,

1778

01:31:23,240 --> 01:31:26,420
the Germans had help in
the concentration camps

1779
01:31:26,420 --> 01:31:29,420
from Ukrainians and
from all of these people

1780
01:31:29,420 --> 01:31:33,020
here, antisemites who
were put to work to gas

1781
01:31:33,020 --> 01:31:33,950
and kill those people.

1782
01:31:33,950 --> 01:31:38,720
I mean, it's not, it's
not a phenomenon just

1783
01:31:38,720 --> 01:31:40,760
to certain people, you know?

1784
01:31:40,760 --> 01:31:42,620
It's a phenomenon
all over Europe.

1785
01:31:42,620 --> 01:31:44,900
The French, look at the
French they turned them

1786
01:31:44,900 --> 01:31:48,860
over Jews to the Germans.

1787
01:31:48,860 --> 01:31:51,320
Strongly antisemitic,
the French.

1788
01:31:51,320 --> 01:31:56,090
The Dreyfus affair, which
you remember, I'm sure.

1789
01:31:56,090 --> 01:32:01,310
My cousin, this I forgot

to say, that my cousin,

1790
01:32:01,310 --> 01:32:04,520
Uncle Weisskopf's daughter.

1791
01:32:04,520 --> 01:32:08,330
I mentioned her, that she was
with us when they broke in

1792
01:32:08,330 --> 01:32:10,520
and she was with us
when the news came

1793
01:32:10,520 --> 01:32:15,200
about the fall of Austria,
and she was able to escape.

1794
01:32:15,200 --> 01:32:19,730
She went to France and she
hid in a convent for years.

1795
01:32:19,730 --> 01:32:22,670
The nuns hid her.

1796
01:32:22,670 --> 01:32:24,050
Then she got out.

1797
01:32:24,050 --> 01:32:27,500
She she's a very well
educated person and she taught

1798
01:32:27,500 --> 01:32:30,560
at the university in Biarritz.

1799
01:32:30,560 --> 01:32:36,140
It was run by Americans, by
American military in Biarritz.

1800
01:32:36,140 --> 01:32:42,380
And then she was brought
to the United States

1801

01:32:42,380 --> 01:32:46,970
with the help of the Navy
Secretary, whom she met there,

1802
01:32:46,970 --> 01:32:48,710
whoever it was at the time.

1803
01:32:48,710 --> 01:32:52,760
And came here and then she
taught at other colleges

1804
01:32:52,760 --> 01:32:54,170
here in the United States.

1805
01:32:54,170 --> 01:32:57,110
She lives now in Los Gatos.

1806
01:32:57,110 --> 01:33:00,650
She married the dean of the
language department of San Jose

1807
01:33:00,650 --> 01:33:02,390
State.

1808
01:33:02,390 --> 01:33:04,850
He died, he passed away now.

1809
01:33:04,850 --> 01:33:07,700
And she lives in Los Gatos now.

1810
01:33:07,700 --> 01:33:10,890
Another member of the
family who was saved.

1811
01:33:10,890 --> 01:33:11,720
What's her name?

1812
01:33:11,720 --> 01:33:15,320
Litzy, Alice, Alice.

1813
01:33:15,320 --> 01:33:16,910
She her name is now Newby.

1814
01:33:16,910 --> 01:33:20,540
That's the name of
her passed husband.

1815
01:33:20,540 --> 01:33:24,150
And her name was Weisskopf,
the same as my uncle

1816
01:33:24,150 --> 01:33:26,780
and my aunt, Weisskopf
But she had changed it

1817
01:33:26,780 --> 01:33:28,170
after that to Whitehead.

1818
01:33:28,170 --> 01:33:30,620
She translated
literally from Germany

1819
01:33:30,620 --> 01:33:32,310
to English Weisskopf, Whitehead.

1820
01:33:32,310 --> 01:33:33,560
Which I would have never done.

1821
01:33:33,560 --> 01:33:36,440
I mean, my name is my name and I
would never have translated it.

1822
01:33:36,440 --> 01:33:38,510
Except my first
name, that I did.

1823
01:33:38,510 --> 01:33:41,900
Heinrich is a little
bit too tough, you know?

1824
01:33:41,900 --> 01:33:44,930
So I translated it into
English, anglicized my name.

1825

01:33:44,930 --> 01:33:49,960

1826

01:33:49,960 --> 01:33:54,700

When you came back to Vienna
after leaving Hungary in 1937,

1827

01:33:54,700 --> 01:33:55,922

how did you support yourself?

1828

01:33:55,922 --> 01:33:57,130

It was just the three of you?

1829

01:33:57,130 --> 01:34:02,690

Yes, my mother and my brother
they lived in one apartment.

1830

01:34:02,690 --> 01:34:04,120

They took an
apartment in Vienna.

1831

01:34:04,120 --> 01:34:06,160

We didn't know
exactly what we were--

1832

01:34:06,160 --> 01:34:08,300

by the way, my mother, yes,
she made a good living.

1833

01:34:08,300 --> 01:34:11,560

She played very
excellent bridge.

1834

01:34:11,560 --> 01:34:13,360

Well, she made a good
living doing that.

1835

01:34:13,360 --> 01:34:16,690

Because she taught bridge
and she ran a bridge club.

1836

01:34:16,690 --> 01:34:19,330

She made very good

money doing that.

1837

01:34:19,330 --> 01:34:23,080

Boy, was she good, she was
really excellent class player.

1838

01:34:23,080 --> 01:34:24,970

I did too, by the way.

1839

01:34:24,970 --> 01:34:31,030

And I stayed, I was put
up in the Vasco family.

1840

01:34:31,030 --> 01:34:35,440

I was given a room to
sleep and I was fed.

1841

01:34:35,440 --> 01:34:43,090

I went to school and I worked
in the manufacturing business

1842

01:34:43,090 --> 01:34:48,040

with my uncle, helped out
there for the beginning.

1843

01:34:48,040 --> 01:34:50,350

But we never knew how
fast it would end.

1844

01:34:50,350 --> 01:34:53,380

I mean, it was
only October of '37

1845

01:34:53,380 --> 01:34:57,250

and then in March everything
fell together anyway.

1846

01:34:57,250 --> 01:35:01,420

So it was really just a very
short transition period.

1847

01:35:01,420 --> 01:35:07,030

I couldn't tell you exactly

what the outcome could have been

1848

01:35:07,030 --> 01:35:10,390

or would have been if
it would not have come.

1849

01:35:10,390 --> 01:35:12,880

You know, I don't know.

1850

01:35:12,880 --> 01:35:15,040

And we would have
probably made some kind

1851

01:35:15,040 --> 01:35:17,170

of arrangements for
my brother and I

1852

01:35:17,170 --> 01:35:21,100

to live together, probably.

1853

01:35:21,100 --> 01:35:25,420

My uncle was very interested,
he didn't have a son, maybe.

1854

01:35:25,420 --> 01:35:26,830

And he wanted me
to work with him

1855

01:35:26,830 --> 01:35:29,770

so probably I would have brought
into this family's business

1856

01:35:29,770 --> 01:35:31,690

then, because our
business was already gone.

1857

01:35:31,690 --> 01:35:34,390

1858

01:35:34,390 --> 01:35:36,370

What happened to the business?

1859

01:35:36,370 --> 01:35:39,100

Well, our business after
the First World War

1860

01:35:39,100 --> 01:35:40,930

started already to be run down.

1861

01:35:40,930 --> 01:35:43,690

The First World
War was the start

1862

01:35:43,690 --> 01:35:48,070

of the death blow of the
big company of my family.

1863

01:35:48,070 --> 01:35:51,520

My family's business Heinrich
Deutsch and Company in Vienna

1864

01:35:51,520 --> 01:35:56,210

was a name which was well
known, very well known name.

1865

01:35:56,210 --> 01:35:58,390

And after the First
World War, of course,

1866

01:35:58,390 --> 01:36:01,360

Austria-Hungary broke up
into different countries.

1867

01:36:01,360 --> 01:36:03,820

Czechoslovakia became
Czechoslovakia, Romania

1868

01:36:03,820 --> 01:36:08,140

became Romania,
Hungary became Hungary.

1869

01:36:08,140 --> 01:36:11,000

This was the start of the
deathblow of the business.

1870

01:36:11,000 --> 01:36:14,385

So the main seat was still
in Vienna, but we had still--

1871

01:36:14,385 --> 01:36:15,760

Czechoslovakia
and Romania didn't

1872

01:36:15,760 --> 01:36:17,320

exist already then anymore.

1873

01:36:17,320 --> 01:36:19,930

And then Budapest
was the second one,

1874

01:36:19,930 --> 01:36:22,570

then Vienna folded
and that's why we

1875

01:36:22,570 --> 01:36:24,940

moved to Budapest, to Hungary.

1876

01:36:24,940 --> 01:36:26,230

And then this folded too.

1877

01:36:26,230 --> 01:36:29,360

1878

01:36:29,360 --> 01:36:31,020

So it folded before
your father died?

1879

01:36:31,020 --> 01:36:31,520

Yes.

1880

01:36:31,520 --> 01:36:38,050

1881

01:36:38,050 --> 01:36:41,620

I'd like to know in more detail
what kind of preparations

1882

01:36:41,620 --> 01:36:45,640
you took for leaving, how
you contacted the man.

1883
01:36:45,640 --> 01:36:47,570
Why Panama?

1884
01:36:47,570 --> 01:36:48,070
OK.

1885
01:36:48,070 --> 01:36:52,180

1886
01:36:52,180 --> 01:36:56,380
The way it was, that we
didn't have anywhere to go,

1887
01:36:56,380 --> 01:36:59,740
we took any straw
that presented itself.

1888
01:36:59,740 --> 01:37:02,320
My mother had a good
friend, Elza Kaufman,

1889
01:37:02,320 --> 01:37:05,050
she was a pretty well-known
singer in Vienna.

1890
01:37:05,050 --> 01:37:07,700
Her brother had left
for Panama in the '20s.

1891
01:37:07,700 --> 01:37:11,170
He was what they call the
black sheep of the family, OK?

1892
01:37:11,170 --> 01:37:15,040
And having lived in Panama
for 20 years he was already

1893
01:37:15,040 --> 01:37:18,648
Panamanian citizen, he

had his own farm already,

1894

01:37:18,648 --> 01:37:19,690

he was pretty well-to-do.

1895

01:37:19,690 --> 01:37:21,648

I mean, he was not rich,

but he was well-to-do.

1896

01:37:21,648 --> 01:37:24,080

Furthermore, he was a

foreman, working as a foreman.

1897

01:37:24,080 --> 01:37:26,380

He was not an intellectual,

let's say as such,

1898

01:37:26,380 --> 01:37:30,610

but he was a foreman in

the Canal Zone Company,

1899

01:37:30,610 --> 01:37:33,520

paid very good wages there

as a foreman, you know?

1900

01:37:33,520 --> 01:37:38,020

And when the situation was such

that we didn't know where to go

1901

01:37:38,020 --> 01:37:42,460

and what to do, Elza

Kaufman wrote to her brother

1902

01:37:42,460 --> 01:37:44,860

that we had a number

of people here

1903

01:37:44,860 --> 01:37:47,440

who didn't have anywhere

to go, if he could help.

1904

01:37:47,440 --> 01:37:48,730

So he put up a deposit.

1905
01:37:48,730 --> 01:37:52,710
I forget it was, \$50,
\$40, \$50 for each person.

1906
01:37:52,710 --> 01:37:54,430
There were 26 of us.

1907
01:37:54,430 --> 01:38:00,310
And he sent us the
papers to immigrate.

1908
01:38:00,310 --> 01:38:04,510
Now to get the visa, we
had to go to Hamburg.

1909
01:38:04,510 --> 01:38:08,800
Because in Vienna we didn't
have any Panamanian consul.

1910
01:38:08,800 --> 01:38:13,300
So one of the group of the 26,
one of them took 26 passports,

1911
01:38:13,300 --> 01:38:17,920
took them to Hamburg, had them
stamped there and came back.

1912
01:38:17,920 --> 01:38:22,065
Once we had the visa,
then we started,

1913
01:38:22,065 --> 01:38:23,440
my mother took
most of the thing.

1914
01:38:23,440 --> 01:38:25,580
I mean, I should have done more.

1915
01:38:25,580 --> 01:38:28,690
I mean, I'm sorry to admit
with 18 years you should

1916

01:38:28,690 --> 01:38:30,520
do more than I did really.

1917

01:38:30,520 --> 01:38:33,850
But you have to take in
consideration that 18

1918

01:38:33,850 --> 01:38:39,520
years in Vienna 1938 not what
is 18 years in the United States

1919

01:38:39,520 --> 01:38:40,600
today.

1920

01:38:40,600 --> 01:38:43,870
When I see my son at
18 years, he's 25 now,

1921

01:38:43,870 --> 01:38:47,550
he's much more of a man
than I was ever at 18.

1922

01:38:47,550 --> 01:38:50,620
Well, not ever, but when he
was 18 it was more of a man

1923

01:38:50,620 --> 01:38:53,500
than I was, and he did
more things than I did.

1924

01:38:53,500 --> 01:38:56,860
We were innocent babes, really.

1925

01:38:56,860 --> 01:38:58,840
European upbringing, we
didn't know anything.

1926

01:38:58,840 --> 01:39:02,650
Anyway, my mother did,
really, in the letter

1927

01:39:02,650 --> 01:39:05,440

of my uncle it's testified.

1928

01:39:05,440 --> 01:39:11,350

1929

01:39:11,350 --> 01:39:15,460

She took immediate steps to
get to a boat, to a ship.

1930

01:39:15,460 --> 01:39:16,730

How do we get to Panama?

1931

01:39:16,730 --> 01:39:22,060

So she went to the Italia line
and booked on the Vigilio which

1932

01:39:22,060 --> 01:39:23,890

was supposed to
leave in September, .

1933

01:39:23,890 --> 01:39:27,460

It was already done in maybe
April, May, I don't know.

1934

01:39:27,460 --> 01:39:29,890

And we paid everything there.

1935

01:39:29,890 --> 01:39:34,150

The only thing we
could do is pay.

1936

01:39:34,150 --> 01:39:38,970

I think it was a minimum
amount, 100 shilling, 100 lira,

1937

01:39:38,970 --> 01:39:42,950

100,000, very minimal, as
board money for each person.

1938

01:39:42,950 --> 01:39:44,950

So she paid that
too, otherwise we

1939

01:39:44,950 --> 01:39:46,720

couldn't take any
more money out.

1940

01:39:46,720 --> 01:39:48,880

We were only allowed
to take out personally

1941

01:39:48,880 --> 01:39:54,310

with us about \$10, equivalent
of \$10, that's all.

1942

01:39:54,310 --> 01:39:56,470

Nobody allowed any money out.

1943

01:39:56,470 --> 01:40:00,010

Actually I had a
stamp collection,

1944

01:40:00,010 --> 01:40:04,030

which was not worth that much,
but it was stamps anyway,

1945

01:40:04,030 --> 01:40:06,010

and there was a
certain value to it.

1946

01:40:06,010 --> 01:40:10,630

To get it out, I had
to go to an evaluator,

1947

01:40:10,630 --> 01:40:12,700

get the stamp
collection evaluated,

1948

01:40:12,700 --> 01:40:14,330

which he undervalued.

1949

01:40:14,330 --> 01:40:16,270

I ask him to, undervalue it.

1950

01:40:16,270 --> 01:40:19,180

Then wrap it and seal it so
nothing can stick in there.

1951
01:40:19,180 --> 01:40:21,580
And then I was allowed
to take it out.

1952
01:40:21,580 --> 01:40:23,050
My mother did something else.

1953
01:40:23,050 --> 01:40:26,290
Now we can talk about it, we
were shivering in the boots.

1954
01:40:26,290 --> 01:40:28,180
We were not allowed to
take out any jewelry,

1955
01:40:28,180 --> 01:40:29,740
and she had some
fantastic jewelry.

1956
01:40:29,740 --> 01:40:32,870

1957
01:40:32,870 --> 01:40:35,210
A huge diamond ring.

1958
01:40:35,210 --> 01:40:41,600
She had a what do you call it?

1959
01:40:41,600 --> 01:40:43,370
Rain, against the
rain, what is it?

1960
01:40:43,370 --> 01:40:44,480
Umbrella.

1961
01:40:44,480 --> 01:40:45,830
An umbrella.

1962
01:40:45,830 --> 01:40:49,220

And the umbrella
had a leather knob.

1963
01:40:49,220 --> 01:40:52,490
And she opened the seams
of the leather knob,

1964
01:40:52,490 --> 01:40:56,360
stuck the diamond in there,
and sewed it up again.

1965
01:40:56,360 --> 01:41:02,000
She had a beautiful bracelet
of diamonds and rubies.

1966
01:41:02,000 --> 01:41:06,440
She took the handle of the
suitcase, opened the seam,

1967
01:41:06,440 --> 01:41:09,860
put it in there and
sewed it up again.

1968
01:41:09,860 --> 01:41:12,050
She did all of these things.

1969
01:41:12,050 --> 01:41:15,440
She was really great, my
mother was absolutely great.

1970
01:41:15,440 --> 01:41:16,820
She was fantastic.

1971
01:41:16,820 --> 01:41:20,180
Anyway, this is what
we had to do to go.

1972
01:41:20,180 --> 01:41:22,670
All of these things
take preparations.

1973
01:41:22,670 --> 01:41:26,700
And some of our belongings

were allowed to take.

1974

01:41:26,700 --> 01:41:29,990

How they got from Vienna to
Genoa, I still don't know.

1975

01:41:29,990 --> 01:41:33,150

Maybe they went by a
tracking firm or something.

1976

01:41:33,150 --> 01:41:33,860

I don't know.

1977

01:41:33,860 --> 01:41:36,620

We left without the
crates to Budapest.

1978

01:41:36,620 --> 01:41:38,180

We didn't have any
crates with us.

1979

01:41:38,180 --> 01:41:40,910

But the crates were there
when we got to Genoa.

1980

01:41:40,910 --> 01:41:43,850

I mean, some of our furniture
and rugs and pictures,

1981

01:41:43,850 --> 01:41:48,320

we had some fantastic rugs, and
they were all sold in Panama

1982

01:41:48,320 --> 01:41:49,310

in the beginning.

1983

01:41:49,310 --> 01:41:51,440

The jewelry was sold
in the beginning.

1984

01:41:51,440 --> 01:41:53,670

Because we didn't
have any money.

1985
01:41:53,670 --> 01:41:56,050
We had to eat.

1986
01:41:56,050 --> 01:41:57,508
I come to Panama
later, I mean this

1987
01:41:57,508 --> 01:41:59,467
is in the second part of
the interview I guess,

1988
01:41:59,467 --> 01:42:01,280
because Panama is a
very interesting story.

1989
01:42:01,280 --> 01:42:02,390
Very interesting story.

1990
01:42:02,390 --> 01:42:03,140
Yes, I'm looking
forward to that.

1991
01:42:03,140 --> 01:42:04,200
Very interesting story.

1992
01:42:04,200 --> 01:42:06,950

1993
01:42:06,950 --> 01:42:09,170
Were there some failed
attempts to go somewhere else?

1994
01:42:09,170 --> 01:42:10,753
I mean, you said
nobody would take us,

1995
01:42:10,753 --> 01:42:12,545
so did you try and go
somewhere else first?

1996
01:42:12,545 --> 01:42:13,100

Yes, yes.

1997

01:42:13,100 --> 01:42:14,270

Tell us about that.

1998

01:42:14,270 --> 01:42:16,700

Well, first of all,
the United States,

1999

01:42:16,700 --> 01:42:20,690

you had to have somebody
here sponsoring you.

2000

01:42:20,690 --> 01:42:25,102

Then you had to have, I mean
those were the legal ways.

2001

01:42:25,102 --> 01:42:27,560

If you didn't have anybody here
in the United States, which

2002

01:42:27,560 --> 01:42:31,910

we didn't, you just
couldn't get in.

2003

01:42:31,910 --> 01:42:34,970

We didn't have the
money to put out.

2004

01:42:34,970 --> 01:42:36,800

I don't even know if
it was possible to.

2005

01:42:36,800 --> 01:42:40,040

Oh, everything was on the
quota system besides, quota.

2006

01:42:40,040 --> 01:42:42,290

Every country had its own quota.

2007

01:42:42,290 --> 01:42:45,800

And the Austrian quota
was tremendously smart.

2008
01:42:45,800 --> 01:42:49,280
Actually, I had applied,
we had applied in Panama

2009
01:42:49,280 --> 01:42:50,870
to immigrate to
the United States

2010
01:42:50,870 --> 01:42:56,870
from Panama in the year
1945, after the war, '46.

2011
01:42:56,870 --> 01:42:58,805
We applied to immigrate
to the United States.

2012
01:42:58,805 --> 01:43:01,810

2013
01:43:01,810 --> 01:43:05,620
My brother, like I said, got
married in New York in '48,

2014
01:43:05,620 --> 01:43:09,460
and because of that I had
to renounce my application,

2015
01:43:09,460 --> 01:43:10,583
annul my application.

2016
01:43:10,583 --> 01:43:13,000
Otherwise, I wouldn't have
been able to go to my brother's

2017
01:43:13,000 --> 01:43:14,996
wedding in New York.

2018
01:43:14,996 --> 01:43:17,830
Yeah, because I needed a,
not an immigration visa,

2019

01:43:17,830 --> 01:43:20,290
but a transit visa,
a visitor visa.

2020
01:43:20,290 --> 01:43:23,770
So I had to renounce
and void my application,

2021
01:43:23,770 --> 01:43:25,150
then I could go to New York.

2022
01:43:25,150 --> 01:43:27,880
And then, still under
visa, Austrian visa,

2023
01:43:27,880 --> 01:43:30,580
Austrian quota still
in the Austrian quota

2024
01:43:30,580 --> 01:43:32,740
and the Austrian
quota was very smart.

2025
01:43:32,740 --> 01:43:33,780
And still is.

2026
01:43:33,780 --> 01:43:35,780
Nowadays I don't think
you have a quota anymore,

2027
01:43:35,780 --> 01:43:38,770
now it's caused by a
lottery as I understand it.

2028
01:43:38,770 --> 01:43:40,690
So, yes, we did try.

2029
01:43:40,690 --> 01:43:42,850
Like I said before,
there was a possibility,

2030
01:43:42,850 --> 01:43:44,920
the only way we could

have really gotten out

2031

01:43:44,920 --> 01:43:47,740
of the country immediately
was for my brother and myself

2032

01:43:47,740 --> 01:43:51,220
to go to Palestine as
[SPEAKS YIDDISH] And my mother

2033

01:43:51,220 --> 01:43:54,460
couldn't go there, they
didn't want women or ladies,

2034

01:43:54,460 --> 01:43:57,460
so she would have had to
go to England and only

2035

01:43:57,460 --> 01:44:01,900
as a house employee,
as dusting or cooking

2036

01:44:01,900 --> 01:44:03,550
or something in the household.

2037

01:44:03,550 --> 01:44:06,133
Because otherwise, she wouldn't
have gotten to England either.

2038

01:44:06,133 --> 01:44:08,560

2039

01:44:08,560 --> 01:44:09,530
There were other ways.

2040

01:44:09,530 --> 01:44:14,170
Of course, you could have gone
to Uruguay, which uncle did.

2041

01:44:14,170 --> 01:44:19,360
And my other uncle Irvin,
who went to New York,

2042

01:44:19,360 --> 01:44:22,390

well he got there because he
worked with the Jewish Help

2043

01:44:22,390 --> 01:44:26,650

Committee, you know the Jewish
Help, so he had some kind of,

2044

01:44:26,650 --> 01:44:28,660

he was able to get
there, you know?

2045

01:44:28,660 --> 01:44:30,190

No, we were not
able to go anywhere

2046

01:44:30,190 --> 01:44:34,030

and had to take what
we were able to get.

2047

01:44:34,030 --> 01:44:37,540

2048

01:44:37,540 --> 01:44:38,890

And we work hard to get that.

2049

01:44:38,890 --> 01:44:43,200

2050

01:44:43,200 --> 01:44:46,230

Was all of what you were,
what was going on around you,

2051

01:44:46,230 --> 01:44:48,600

your preparations to
leave, was all of this

2052

01:44:48,600 --> 01:44:51,680

putting a strain on your
family relationship?

2053

01:44:51,680 --> 01:44:52,180

No.

2054

01:44:52,180 --> 01:44:53,055

How was it effecting?

2055

01:44:53,055 --> 01:44:54,420

None whatsoever.

2056

01:44:54,420 --> 01:44:55,080

None.

2057

01:44:55,080 --> 01:44:57,300

It was a strain

when we left, to say

2058

01:44:57,300 --> 01:45:01,750

goodbye to my uncle, my cousins.

2059

01:45:01,750 --> 01:45:04,680

And this, yes, it was,

that was a big strain.

2060

01:45:04,680 --> 01:45:07,230

I mean that was

probably, heartrending.

2061

01:45:07,230 --> 01:45:09,420

I mean, to say goodbye.

2062

01:45:09,420 --> 01:45:12,240

Because we never expected,

they were already on in age.

2063

01:45:12,240 --> 01:45:15,180

They wouldn't have

left, you see?

2064

01:45:15,180 --> 01:45:17,310

We knew that we would

not see them again.

2065

01:45:17,310 --> 01:45:23,310

Whereas my uncles like Max and his, they were much younger.

2066

01:45:23,310 --> 01:45:26,100

This is much more heart wringing yet.

2067

01:45:26,100 --> 01:45:27,440

We never saw them again.

2068

01:45:27,440 --> 01:45:31,835

2069

01:45:31,835 --> 01:45:33,460

Is the uncle that you're talking about,

2070

01:45:33,460 --> 01:45:37,270

the man who tried to pass his business on to his employee?

2071

01:45:37,270 --> 01:45:37,900

No.

2072

01:45:37,900 --> 01:45:39,850

That's Weisskopf, that's the one in Vienna.

2073

01:45:39,850 --> 01:45:44,700

That's the one who was, who disappeared and was killed in--

2074

01:45:44,700 --> 01:45:46,450

what's the name of the concentration camp?

2075

01:45:46,450 --> 01:45:49,610

2076

01:45:49,610 --> 01:45:50,110

Auschwitz.

2077

01:45:50,110 --> 01:45:52,180
Auschwitz, Auschwitz,
he was killed

2078
01:45:52,180 --> 01:45:54,950
in Auschwitz and his wife.

2079
01:45:54,950 --> 01:45:58,750
And no, this one
here was the one,

2080
01:45:58,750 --> 01:46:00,348
he tried to help everybody.

2081
01:46:00,348 --> 01:46:01,390
I read all of the letter.

2082
01:46:01,390 --> 01:46:05,500
He helped everybody, money wise
and he did everything to get--

2083
01:46:05,500 --> 01:46:07,630
and then he himself
couldn't get out.

2084
01:46:07,630 --> 01:46:09,580
This is a tragedy
of the whole thing.

2085
01:46:09,580 --> 01:46:11,650
He himself could not make it.

2086
01:46:11,650 --> 01:46:12,910
Everybody did.

2087
01:46:12,910 --> 01:46:16,180
This family Goldschmitz
Yule, Julius, they

2088
01:46:16,180 --> 01:46:17,410
were able to get to Israel.

2089

01:46:17,410 --> 01:46:21,310
They lived in Israel
and he started a factory

2090
01:46:21,310 --> 01:46:27,070
to make pipes, a pipe factory.

2091
01:46:27,070 --> 01:46:32,020
Of course, Israel
was in a building era

2092
01:46:32,020 --> 01:46:33,392
now, so they needed those pipes.

2093
01:46:33,392 --> 01:46:34,600
He made a lot of money there.

2094
01:46:34,600 --> 01:46:37,960
He had already also,
years ago, many years ago.

2095
01:46:37,960 --> 01:46:40,450
But he was able to get out
finally from Czechoslovakia.

2096
01:46:40,450 --> 01:46:43,480
He was exports to
Hungary and then, I

2097
01:46:43,480 --> 01:46:46,487
don't know how
they got to Israel.

2098
01:46:46,487 --> 01:46:48,820
England, yeah, they went over
England then they got to--

2099
01:46:48,820 --> 01:46:51,550

2100
01:46:51,550 --> 01:46:54,070
it was still Palestine,
but he was there

2101
01:46:54,070 --> 01:46:57,430
when Israel was already a state
and he had a factory there.

2102
01:46:57,430 --> 01:47:04,310

2103
01:47:04,310 --> 01:47:05,690
OK.

2104
01:47:05,690 --> 01:47:09,950
How did you, did you take a
train from Vienna to Budapest?

2105
01:47:09,950 --> 01:47:12,200
Yes.

2106
01:47:12,200 --> 01:47:13,220
How was that?

2107
01:47:13,220 --> 01:47:17,520
Was there anything--
what was that like?

2108
01:47:17,520 --> 01:47:21,030
Well, my mother,
my brother, and I,

2109
01:47:21,030 --> 01:47:24,215
we went to the train station.

2110
01:47:24,215 --> 01:47:26,720

2111
01:47:26,720 --> 01:47:28,850
The last goodbye was
from my cousin Litzy,

2112
01:47:28,850 --> 01:47:30,830
from the one who lives here now.

2113

01:47:30,830 --> 01:47:34,700

She took us to the train station
and we said goodbye to her

2114

01:47:34,700 --> 01:47:35,740

there.

2115

01:47:35,740 --> 01:47:37,280

That was also heart rending.

2116

01:47:37,280 --> 01:47:39,770

I mean, we never knew whether
we would see her again

2117

01:47:39,770 --> 01:47:41,180

and she was much younger.

2118

01:47:41,180 --> 01:47:43,820

Well the minute we said
goodbye, and it was not

2119

01:47:43,820 --> 01:47:45,800

easy to do that, we
sat in the train.

2120

01:47:45,800 --> 01:47:48,320

And when the train
started rolling,

2121

01:47:48,320 --> 01:47:50,390

it was a huge sigh of relief.

2122

01:47:50,390 --> 01:47:52,910

That finally, we
are on the way out.

2123

01:47:52,910 --> 01:47:57,700

But there was always the
threat of the border,

2124

01:47:57,700 --> 01:47:59,450

that something might

happen at the border,

2125

01:47:59,450 --> 01:48:01,340

that they might
not let us through.

2126

01:48:01,340 --> 01:48:03,140

Until after we were
over the border

2127

01:48:03,140 --> 01:48:05,690

and we were in Hungarian
territory, then of course,

2128

01:48:05,690 --> 01:48:07,820

this was the big moment.

2129

01:48:07,820 --> 01:48:09,462

This was the big moment.

2130

01:48:09,462 --> 01:48:10,670

But then again it started up.

2131

01:48:10,670 --> 01:48:11,720

How do we get to Italy?

2132

01:48:11,720 --> 01:48:13,713

I mean, go through Austria?

2133

01:48:13,713 --> 01:48:14,630

We wouldn't have gone.

2134

01:48:14,630 --> 01:48:15,750

Go through Yugoslavia?

2135

01:48:15,750 --> 01:48:17,090

They wouldn't let us through.

2136

01:48:17,090 --> 01:48:18,560

Until we finally got--

2137

01:48:18,560 --> 01:48:24,290
the whole thing
is, I mean, it is

2138
01:48:24,290 --> 01:48:28,190
unimaginable the situation of
those countries in these years.

2139
01:48:28,190 --> 01:48:31,730
Because the borders
were so closely guarded

2140
01:48:31,730 --> 01:48:33,590
and everybody was
jealous of its borders

2141
01:48:33,590 --> 01:48:35,420
and there were
restrictions and there

2142
01:48:35,420 --> 01:48:40,340
were passport regulations
and this and that.

2143
01:48:40,340 --> 01:48:44,420
It was just, we don't
even know that thing here.

2144
01:48:44,420 --> 01:48:47,550
Today, a flight to Europe, a
flight to Germany, I go in I

2145
01:48:47,550 --> 01:48:50,090
don't even have to
show my passport.

2146
01:48:50,090 --> 01:48:53,300
Which is unbelievable in
these times, you know?

2147
01:48:53,300 --> 01:48:54,790
They looked through you.

2148

01:48:54,790 --> 01:48:57,470
They came aboard twice.

2149
01:48:57,470 --> 01:49:00,473
On the Austrian border, and
then on the Hungarian border.

2150
01:49:00,473 --> 01:49:01,640
And they looked through you.

2151
01:49:01,640 --> 01:49:03,320
They looked at what
you have on you,

2152
01:49:03,320 --> 01:49:04,940
what you have underneath you.

2153
01:49:04,940 --> 01:49:08,480

2154
01:49:08,480 --> 01:49:11,600
Not very nice fellas
on the border.

2155
01:49:11,600 --> 01:49:14,030
What kind of things did they,
did they ask you questions?

2156
01:49:14,030 --> 01:49:16,100
Oh, well, I don't
remember now whether they

2157
01:49:16,100 --> 01:49:19,890
asked me really questions like
that, but I'm sure they did.

2158
01:49:19,890 --> 01:49:22,040
I mean, where are you going?

2159
01:49:22,040 --> 01:49:22,730
What are you?

2160

01:49:22,730 --> 01:49:24,150
You know, I'm sure they did.

2161
01:49:24,150 --> 01:49:26,000
I don't remember that,
it was not important.

2162
01:49:26,000 --> 01:49:28,160
Our heart was sitting up
here and here, you know?

2163
01:49:28,160 --> 01:49:29,862
We didn't have any more brains.

2164
01:49:29,862 --> 01:49:31,070
The brains were already gone.

2165
01:49:31,070 --> 01:49:35,850

2166
01:49:35,850 --> 01:49:37,980
Where did you stay when
you got to Budapest?

2167
01:49:37,980 --> 01:49:39,120
At friends.

2168
01:49:39,120 --> 01:49:40,240
We had many friends there.

2169
01:49:40,240 --> 01:49:42,100
My mother had many,
many friends there.

2170
01:49:42,100 --> 01:49:46,890
Also well-to-do friends and
they put us up, they put us up.

2171
01:49:46,890 --> 01:49:49,650
And even they tried very
hard to make us stay there,

2172

01:49:49,650 --> 01:49:52,072
that we could stay the time
there until the ship leaves.

2173
01:49:52,072 --> 01:49:53,280
They weren't able to do that.

2174
01:49:53,280 --> 01:49:56,750

2175
01:49:56,750 --> 01:49:58,130
Because your papers weren't?

2176
01:49:58,130 --> 01:50:00,380
Yeah, because the
papers were not in order

2177
01:50:00,380 --> 01:50:04,370
and the Hungarians did not want
to give us papers to stay for,

2178
01:50:04,370 --> 01:50:07,910
let's say it was at least two
or three months, you know?

2179
01:50:07,910 --> 01:50:12,440
It was June, July, August,
September, yeah, three months.

2180
01:50:12,440 --> 01:50:15,020
So they didn't want to give
us papers to stay there.

2181
01:50:15,020 --> 01:50:16,080
I mean, we had a problem.

2182
01:50:16,080 --> 01:50:17,780
We had we had a big problem.

2183
01:50:17,780 --> 01:50:19,910
And in Italy we could
have stayed because we

2184

01:50:19,910 --> 01:50:22,612
had the tickets to leave Italy.

2185

01:50:22,612 --> 01:50:24,320
They were not afraid
we would stay there.

2186

01:50:24,320 --> 01:50:28,670
Now Italy also is a
very interesting thing.

2187

01:50:28,670 --> 01:50:34,160
We stayed in Milan, as I
said, in a small pensione.

2188

01:50:34,160 --> 01:50:40,460
And that was when the
Sudetenland thing came up.

2189

01:50:40,460 --> 01:50:42,093
It was very prominent, you know?

2190

01:50:42,093 --> 01:50:44,510
I don't know whether they had
already, the Germans already

2191

01:50:44,510 --> 01:50:48,080
have taken it over or they
were about to take it over.

2192

01:50:48,080 --> 01:50:54,200
Anyway, the Italians, living
under fascism, they came to us

2193

01:50:54,200 --> 01:50:57,090
and they said, you are Jews.

2194

01:50:57,090 --> 01:50:58,570
We are going to protect you.

2195

01:50:58,570 --> 01:51:00,960
We're going to hide you

if the Germans come.

2196

01:51:00,960 --> 01:51:04,530

You know, this is
people are good per say.

2197

01:51:04,530 --> 01:51:06,440

People per say are good.

2198

01:51:06,440 --> 01:51:08,760

It's just that certain
people, you know,

2199

01:51:08,760 --> 01:51:11,430

and then again,
the mass hypnotism

2200

01:51:11,430 --> 01:51:14,190

starts and then takes over.

2201

01:51:14,190 --> 01:51:19,350

It's certain, I would say the
majority of people are good.

2202

01:51:19,350 --> 01:51:22,560

But then there is always
this big question mark.

2203

01:51:22,560 --> 01:51:30,960

2204

01:51:30,960 --> 01:51:34,710

Were you meeting other
Jews who were fleeing

2205

01:51:34,710 --> 01:51:37,350

as well, as you were traveling?

2206

01:51:37,350 --> 01:51:38,440

You mean in Hungary?

2207

01:51:38,440 --> 01:51:38,940

Yeah.

2208

01:51:38,940 --> 01:51:40,648

Well the friends of
ours were all Jewish.

2209

01:51:40,648 --> 01:51:41,160

Yeah.

2210

01:51:41,160 --> 01:51:43,590

The friends of ours
who lived there.

2211

01:51:43,590 --> 01:51:46,770

And in Italy we didn't know
anybody until we got to Genoa.

2212

01:51:46,770 --> 01:51:50,070

Until we met up with
our 26 group you know.

2213

01:51:50,070 --> 01:51:50,880

And our geese.

2214

01:51:50,880 --> 01:51:55,950

2215

01:51:55,950 --> 01:51:57,870

What were the
conditions on the train

2216

01:51:57,870 --> 01:52:03,180

ride from Budapest to Milan?

2217

01:52:03,180 --> 01:52:06,540

How long was that and what
were the conditions, Besides

2218

01:52:06,540 --> 01:52:08,490

that it was closed in.

2219

01:52:08,490 --> 01:52:12,090

Well it was closed in only
in Yugoslavian territory.

2220
01:52:12,090 --> 01:52:14,670
Actually, I don't
recall any particulars

2221
01:52:14,670 --> 01:52:17,545
because a train ride
for me was a train ride.

2222
01:52:17,545 --> 01:52:18,670
We were outside of Austria.

2223
01:52:18,670 --> 01:52:22,750
There was no immediate danger to
our lives or to our belongings.

2224
01:52:22,750 --> 01:52:24,390
We were just glad
to be away from it,

2225
01:52:24,390 --> 01:52:28,272
except for the fact that we were
locked in through Yugoslavia.

2226
01:52:28,272 --> 01:52:29,730
Which we took in
stride, because we

2227
01:52:29,730 --> 01:52:34,680
didn't want to go to Austria,
so fine, we are locked in.

2228
01:52:34,680 --> 01:52:36,840
We didn't want to stay
in Yugoslavia anyway.

2229
01:52:36,840 --> 01:52:38,670
I mean, who wants to
stay in Yugoslavia?

2230
01:52:38,670 --> 01:52:41,790

We want to go to
Italy to escape.

2231
01:52:41,790 --> 01:52:45,910
And when we came to Italy,
Milan is a beautiful city.

2232
01:52:45,910 --> 01:52:50,640
I mean, has so many art things
and we went sightseeing a lot.

2233
01:52:50,640 --> 01:52:52,530
I mean, it didn't keep us back.

2234
01:52:52,530 --> 01:52:55,500
I mean we tried to
forget and we did

2235
01:52:55,500 --> 01:52:58,260
forget in fact, some of the
things that has happened,

2236
01:52:58,260 --> 01:52:59,650
had happened.

2237
01:52:59,650 --> 01:53:01,110
And we did go sightseeing.

2238
01:53:01,110 --> 01:53:02,730
We saw the Last Supper.

2239
01:53:02,730 --> 01:53:06,270
I saw it already before,
I had seen it before.

2240
01:53:06,270 --> 01:53:10,030
And we went to see a lot of
things, and the cathedral.

2241
01:53:10,030 --> 01:53:11,490
Milan is a beautiful city.

2242

01:53:11,490 --> 01:53:16,020

And Genoa, we spent also
a lot of time, in Genoa.

2243

01:53:16,020 --> 01:53:22,360

We spent some nice days in Genoa
because of the beautiful city

2244

01:53:22,360 --> 01:53:23,370

it is.

2245

01:53:23,370 --> 01:53:25,710

We went to a little
port outside of Genoa.

2246

01:53:25,710 --> 01:53:27,930

I mean, just to sit there
and look at the sea.

2247

01:53:27,930 --> 01:53:29,820

We had never, I mean
I had seen the sea,

2248

01:53:29,820 --> 01:53:32,265

but never knowing on
the other end of the sea

2249

01:53:32,265 --> 01:53:33,780

is my future country, you know?

2250

01:53:33,780 --> 01:53:36,410

It's a thought, you know?

2251

01:53:36,410 --> 01:53:39,900

Over there, this is my
future country over there.

2252

01:53:39,900 --> 01:53:45,380

And the unknown we are
going into, you know.

2253

01:53:45,380 --> 01:53:46,680

I was not afraid.

2254
01:53:46,680 --> 01:53:48,780
None of us were afraid.

2255
01:53:48,780 --> 01:53:50,280
We were not afraid to go.

2256
01:53:50,280 --> 01:53:51,750
I mean, we knew our capacity.

2257
01:53:51,750 --> 01:53:54,750
We knew that we would
learn the languages.

2258
01:53:54,750 --> 01:53:56,190
We knew we make our living.

2259
01:53:56,190 --> 01:53:59,640
We would make
somehow make it do.

2260
01:53:59,640 --> 01:54:03,970
And we gave strength
to one another.

2261
01:54:03,970 --> 01:54:07,020
We were 26, and one another
gave us strength too.

2262
01:54:07,020 --> 01:54:09,390
That's another thing, if
you go alone it's different.

2263
01:54:09,390 --> 01:54:12,000
I know a lot of my friends and
a lot of acquaintances of mine

2264
01:54:12,000 --> 01:54:13,530
had to go alone
over the frontier,

2265
01:54:13,530 --> 01:54:15,450

let's say from Austria
to Switzerland,

2266
01:54:15,450 --> 01:54:20,100
illegally over the mountains
in snow and ice alone.

2267
01:54:20,100 --> 01:54:21,390
I know some of them.

2268
01:54:21,390 --> 01:54:24,840
That's heartbreaking.

2269
01:54:24,840 --> 01:54:28,350
You have a completely
different attitude toward life

2270
01:54:28,350 --> 01:54:29,370
when you do this.

2271
01:54:29,370 --> 01:54:31,510
But when you're 26 people
all in the same boat

2272
01:54:31,510 --> 01:54:37,480
and you're going to the
same country, it helps.

2273
01:54:37,480 --> 01:54:41,110
Describe for me when you
first met these people

2274
01:54:41,110 --> 01:54:44,500
and tell me about them.

2275
01:54:44,500 --> 01:54:46,695
That's tough, I
don't remember them.

2276
01:54:46,695 --> 01:54:47,860
I don't remember them.

2277

01:54:47,860 --> 01:54:50,590

I remember Elza Kaufman,
her husband, two sons,

2278

01:54:50,590 --> 01:54:51,940

and her mother.

2279

01:54:51,940 --> 01:54:53,770

That, I remember.

2280

01:54:53,770 --> 01:54:56,950

There alone, you had five.

2281

01:54:56,950 --> 01:54:59,410

And then we were
three, that's eight.

2282

01:54:59,410 --> 01:55:03,550

So that leaves only 18, of which
I don't remember who they were.

2283

01:55:03,550 --> 01:55:06,280

Really, I don't
remember who they were.

2284

01:55:06,280 --> 01:55:08,920

Elza Kaufman, yes.

2285

01:55:08,920 --> 01:55:12,430

In Panama itself, and I have
to go into Panama really

2286

01:55:12,430 --> 01:55:18,940

now because my mother and
she started the restaurant

2287

01:55:18,940 --> 01:55:19,990

in Panama City.

2288

01:55:19,990 --> 01:55:21,910

That was the very first object.

2289

01:55:21,910 --> 01:55:24,370

In that hot climate,
the subtropical climate,

2290

01:55:24,370 --> 01:55:27,070

they started the restaurant
for servicemen, of course.

2291

01:55:27,070 --> 01:55:31,070

Panama, I don't know,
Panama was already--

2292

01:55:31,070 --> 01:55:33,980

then it was not an American
colony, but it was American.

2293

01:55:33,980 --> 01:55:36,370

The Canal Zone was there and
you had American personnel.

2294

01:55:36,370 --> 01:55:39,250

You had army, you had
Navy, you had airmen there.

2295

01:55:39,250 --> 01:55:43,510

And she started a restaurant
on Avenida Central.

2296

01:55:43,510 --> 01:55:46,120

In that heat, over
the hot stove, and she

2297

01:55:46,120 --> 01:55:49,510

worked like a horse.

2298

01:55:49,510 --> 01:55:52,040

My brother and I, we started
also working immediately.

2299

01:55:52,040 --> 01:55:55,900

I was able to get a job with--
and the Jewish Committee

2300

01:55:55,900 --> 01:55:57,160
helped us a lot.

2301
01:55:57,160 --> 01:56:01,120
They had a huge Jewish Committee
in Panama for the refugees.

2302
01:56:01,120 --> 01:56:05,230
And Samuel Friedman
was my first.

2303
01:56:05,230 --> 01:56:07,930
His wife and he,
they were marvelous.

2304
01:56:07,930 --> 01:56:09,490
I started working for him.

2305
01:56:09,490 --> 01:56:11,890
He had a haberdasher store.

2306
01:56:11,890 --> 01:56:15,430
And three months after
I started working I

2307
01:56:15,430 --> 01:56:17,680
had to have an appendectomy.

2308
01:56:17,680 --> 01:56:22,600
And they took me to the
hospital and paid everything.

2309
01:56:22,600 --> 01:56:24,310
Everything was paid
for by the committee.

2310
01:56:24,310 --> 01:56:25,930
It was really great.

2311
01:56:25,930 --> 01:56:31,000
My mother, they had a party for
us when I was in the hospital.

2312

01:56:31,000 --> 01:56:33,910

And Mrs. Friedman took my
mother with the good food

2313

01:56:33,910 --> 01:56:36,850

and everything, to that
hospital to celebrate with.

2314

01:56:36,850 --> 01:56:37,990

They were marvelous people.

2315

01:56:37,990 --> 01:56:40,455

I mean, it's
unbelievable you know.

2316

01:56:40,455 --> 01:56:41,830

I would have done
the same thing.

2317

01:56:41,830 --> 01:56:43,310

We did the same thing
to other people,

2318

01:56:43,310 --> 01:56:44,680

Jewish people who came through.

2319

01:56:44,680 --> 01:56:49,450

But when it happens to you,
you feel twice as obligated

2320

01:56:49,450 --> 01:56:53,430

and twice as nice, you know?

2321

01:56:53,430 --> 01:56:55,580

We need to take a break.

2322

01:56:55,580 --> 01:57:55,307