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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:58,530

2
00:00:58,530 --> 00:01:01,980
While you're in England and
before you left for the United

3
00:01:01,980 --> 00:01:04,709
States, you met your wife.

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00:01:04,709 --> 00:01:10,200

5
00:01:10,200 --> 00:01:13,890
Would you tell us her name
and then describe your family

6
00:01:13,890 --> 00:01:16,990
and the final days in England?

7
00:01:16,990 --> 00:01:22,360
Well, I met my wife in
Manchester in June 1940

8
00:01:22,360 --> 00:01:29,290
and we got married
January 26, '41.

9
00:01:29,290 --> 00:01:31,210
And we had two children.

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00:01:31,210 --> 00:01:34,690

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00:01:34,690 --> 00:01:36,760
Their names?

12
00:01:36,760 --> 00:01:40,190
Michael and Leslie.

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00:01:40,190 --> 00:01:43,910
Leslie, they thought it was a
girl's name but Leslie Howard,

14
00:01:43,910 --> 00:01:45,590
my wife liked Leslie Howard.

15
00:01:45,590 --> 00:01:48,500
That's why she
called her Leslie.

16
00:01:48,500 --> 00:01:53,330
And then finally my parents
and my brother and my sister

17
00:01:53,330 --> 00:01:54,810
got settled in America.

18
00:01:54,810 --> 00:01:56,060
And they said it's time.

19
00:01:56,060 --> 00:01:58,640
And her sister lived in America.

20
00:01:58,640 --> 00:02:00,830
My wife's sister
lived in America.

21
00:02:00,830 --> 00:02:05,010
It's time to get there.

22
00:02:05,010 --> 00:02:09,800
And so we left and
my mother-in-law

23
00:02:09,800 --> 00:02:12,560
lived with us, her mother.

24
00:02:12,560 --> 00:02:14,510
Actually her aunt.

25
00:02:14,510 --> 00:02:21,020

Her father-- Her
mother died in 1928.

26
00:02:21,020 --> 00:02:25,910
And then he her father
met the aunt, the sister.

27
00:02:25,910 --> 00:02:28,340
She lived with us in
England and we left together

28
00:02:28,340 --> 00:02:30,740
for America, St. Paul.

29
00:02:30,740 --> 00:02:34,370
We went with two little kids,
four and five years old.

30
00:02:34,370 --> 00:02:40,040
From England we went to Denmark,
from Denmark we went to Sweden,

31
00:02:40,040 --> 00:02:42,930
and from Sweden we
take a boat to America.

32
00:02:42,930 --> 00:02:46,910
Well, you know after the war it
wasn't so easy to get passage

33
00:02:46,910 --> 00:02:49,910
for five people.

34
00:02:49,910 --> 00:02:53,750
And we went to New York
where my parents lived.

35
00:02:53,750 --> 00:02:58,370
And I stayed in New
York till Labor Day.

36
00:02:58,370 --> 00:02:59,810
I couldn't take it.

37

00:02:59,810 --> 00:03:04,190
New York with my kids too big.

38

00:03:04,190 --> 00:03:07,340
We lived out in the
country, you know.

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00:03:07,340 --> 00:03:09,130
The kids were wandering around.

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00:03:09,130 --> 00:03:11,210
And we were too confined.

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00:03:11,210 --> 00:03:13,220
So my wife's sister
said, why don't you

42

00:03:13,220 --> 00:03:14,840
come out to California?

43

00:03:14,840 --> 00:03:18,350
That's one of my better
decisions I made in life.

44

00:03:18,350 --> 00:03:20,700
And we went to California.

45

00:03:20,700 --> 00:03:24,530
I came here on a Thursday and
I started working next Tuesday.

46

00:03:24,530 --> 00:03:26,900
I had a job when they
saw my references

47

00:03:26,900 --> 00:03:30,830
from Germany and England
and so forth, in America--

48

00:03:30,830 --> 00:03:33,440
I worked in New York

for a couple of weeks--

49

00:03:33,440 --> 00:03:36,350

and I had a job.

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00:03:36,350 --> 00:03:37,190

What job was that?

51

00:03:37,190 --> 00:03:40,840

I work for my
Marshane Calculator.

52

00:03:40,840 --> 00:03:43,420

They made mechanical
calculators.

53

00:03:43,420 --> 00:03:44,460

In Oakland.

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00:03:44,460 --> 00:03:45,715

In Emeryville, actually.

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00:03:45,715 --> 00:03:48,570

56

00:03:48,570 --> 00:03:51,180

I worked for them,
and later I got a job

57

00:03:51,180 --> 00:03:54,960

for Caterpillar, the
big tractor outfit.

58

00:03:54,960 --> 00:03:59,930

The last 17 years I worked for
Caterpillar in quality control.

59

00:03:59,930 --> 00:04:02,430

Had a very good job there.

60

00:04:02,430 --> 00:04:07,340

We are very active in

the Jewish community.

61

00:04:07,340 --> 00:04:10,190

My wife is very
active in Hadassah.

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00:04:10,190 --> 00:04:15,290

I'm very active in
the temple in Alameda,

63

00:04:15,290 --> 00:04:17,690

men's club and the
religious committee.

64

00:04:17,690 --> 00:04:19,220

Which temple?

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00:04:19,220 --> 00:04:21,170

Temple Israel in Alameda.

66

00:04:21,170 --> 00:04:23,450

Temple Israel in Alameda.

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00:04:23,450 --> 00:04:28,160

We've been members since 1947,
so we're the old-timers now.

68

00:04:28,160 --> 00:04:30,830

69

00:04:30,830 --> 00:04:31,910

That's not an Orthodox--

70

00:04:31,910 --> 00:04:34,490

No, it's reform.

71

00:04:34,490 --> 00:04:39,500

Are your children in the faith?

72

00:04:39,500 --> 00:04:40,310

Oh yeah.

73

00:04:40,310 --> 00:04:45,710

My children, my oldest is
50 and the youngest is 49.

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00:04:45,710 --> 00:04:46,830

And they have children.

75

00:04:46,830 --> 00:04:49,520

My oldest has two boys and
my youngest has two girls.

76

00:04:49,520 --> 00:04:50,990

And they're active.

77

00:04:50,990 --> 00:04:53,180

Oh yes, they are active.

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00:04:53,180 --> 00:04:55,970

The oldest grandson that's
going to get married next year

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00:04:55,970 --> 00:04:58,050

is 23 years old.

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00:04:58,050 --> 00:05:00,970

So we're looking
forward to that.

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00:05:00,970 --> 00:05:01,970

That's a happy occasion.

82

00:05:01,970 --> 00:05:05,930

We just celebrated our 50th
anniversary last January.

83

00:05:05,930 --> 00:05:08,067

My wife did, I didn't,
but that's all.

84

00:05:08,067 --> 00:05:09,800

[LAUGHING]

85

00:05:09,800 --> 00:05:13,790

Have you, in the
years since the war,

86

00:05:13,790 --> 00:05:18,380

returned to either
England or Germany?

87

00:05:18,380 --> 00:05:21,560

I stopped over in
Germany one night

88

00:05:21,560 --> 00:05:24,740

because I couldn't get
a flight to London,

89

00:05:24,740 --> 00:05:26,810

from London to Israel.

90

00:05:26,810 --> 00:05:29,120

I want to go to Israel,
and I wanted to stop

91

00:05:29,120 --> 00:05:33,680

and I wanted a British airplane
to take us from here to London,

92

00:05:33,680 --> 00:05:37,370

then I want to go
from London to Israel.

93

00:05:37,370 --> 00:05:39,980

I said, I better make
sure we got everything.

94

00:05:39,980 --> 00:05:41,510

I called the travel agent.

95

00:05:41,510 --> 00:05:42,410

No English plane.

96

00:05:42,410 --> 00:05:43,910

You have to go to Germany.

97

00:05:43,910 --> 00:05:45,350

I said, oh God.

98

00:05:45,350 --> 00:05:48,560

Well, so I went to
Frankfurt one night.

99

00:05:48,560 --> 00:05:55,520

And then in '87, my
wife gets a notice,

100

00:05:55,520 --> 00:05:57,860

you should come to our hometown.

101

00:05:57,860 --> 00:06:00,980

They're making a memorial
plaque for the synagogue

102

00:06:00,980 --> 00:06:02,660

that was destroyed.

103

00:06:02,660 --> 00:06:04,320

They will pay for
the stay but they

104

00:06:04,320 --> 00:06:06,050

won't pay for the air fare.

105

00:06:06,050 --> 00:06:08,870

So we went there, reluctantly.

106

00:06:08,870 --> 00:06:10,900

Her hometown is--

107

00:06:10,900 --> 00:06:11,585

North Friesen.

108

00:06:11,585 --> 00:06:14,090

109

00:06:14,090 --> 00:06:18,420

They treated us very well,
but I had a funny feeling.

110

00:06:18,420 --> 00:06:20,460

You didn't feel at
home in Germany.

111

00:06:20,460 --> 00:06:21,500

No, no, no, no, no.

112

00:06:21,500 --> 00:06:24,380

They always ask me, how come
you speak such good German?

113

00:06:24,380 --> 00:06:26,960

I said, well, my parents
only talked Germ to me.

114

00:06:26,960 --> 00:06:28,610

So I didn't let them know.

115

00:06:28,610 --> 00:06:32,200

They knew I was from America,
the dress and all of that.

116

00:06:32,200 --> 00:06:35,520

But I always had
that funny feeling.

117

00:06:35,520 --> 00:06:39,580

Even you can't blame
the younger ones.

118

00:06:39,580 --> 00:06:45,710

But anybody in my age
group, 99% are Nazis.

119

00:06:45,710 --> 00:06:47,240

I don't care what you say.

120

00:06:47,240 --> 00:06:49,280

Even if they deny
it, I don't believe.

121
00:06:49,280 --> 00:06:51,560
They're all Nazis there.

122
00:06:51,560 --> 00:06:54,860
In the town I lived,
I only knew two people

123
00:06:54,860 --> 00:07:00,230
who weren't Nazis, the doctor
and the milkman next door.

124
00:07:00,230 --> 00:07:02,580
The rest of them, all Nazis.

125
00:07:02,580 --> 00:07:04,230
They all deny it, naturally.

126
00:07:04,230 --> 00:07:06,230
The Germans are
known for big liars.

127
00:07:06,230 --> 00:07:08,320
The biggest lie in history.

128
00:07:08,320 --> 00:07:09,550
Always.

129
00:07:09,550 --> 00:07:12,700
They know from nothing.

130
00:07:12,700 --> 00:07:16,000
How do you feel about what's
happening in Germany now?

131
00:07:16,000 --> 00:07:17,690
With the East and West you mean?

132
00:07:17,690 --> 00:07:18,190
Yeah.

133
00:07:18,190 --> 00:07:20,710
That's the worst thing that
can happen to the world.

134
00:07:20,710 --> 00:07:22,280
For them to get back together?

135
00:07:22,280 --> 00:07:22,780
Sure.

136
00:07:22,780 --> 00:07:24,220
They make another war.

137
00:07:24,220 --> 00:07:27,820
In years to come, America
will go with Germany

138
00:07:27,820 --> 00:07:30,710
to fight Russia
one of these days.

139
00:07:30,710 --> 00:07:32,090
I always said that.

140
00:07:32,090 --> 00:07:33,030
I hope it doesn't--

141
00:07:33,030 --> 00:07:34,580
I hope I'm wrong.

142
00:07:34,580 --> 00:07:37,140
I just hope I'm wrong.

143
00:07:37,140 --> 00:07:39,080
I don't trust the Germans.

144
00:07:39,080 --> 00:07:41,870
They're born to make war.

145
00:07:41,870 --> 00:07:43,140

That's their upbringing.

146
00:07:43,140 --> 00:07:46,780
But do you think America
will help them make it?

147
00:07:46,780 --> 00:07:49,850
Do you think America will
help Germany make a war?

148
00:07:49,850 --> 00:07:50,350
Sure.

149
00:07:50,350 --> 00:07:52,000
They want to sell ammunition.

150
00:07:52,000 --> 00:07:54,340
Why do you think we have
these factories making tanks

151
00:07:54,340 --> 00:07:56,140
and airplanes and all that?

152
00:07:56,140 --> 00:07:57,910
You don't put it
on the mantelpiece.

153
00:07:57,910 --> 00:08:01,039

154
00:08:01,039 --> 00:08:04,170
It's a terrible thing, war.

155
00:08:04,170 --> 00:08:06,375
You came to America at '49?

156
00:08:06,375 --> 00:08:08,340
'47.

157
00:08:08,340 --> 00:08:12,850
And in '48 there was
the Berlin airlift.

158
00:08:12,850 --> 00:08:14,200
Do you recall that?

159
00:08:14,200 --> 00:08:16,750

160
00:08:16,750 --> 00:08:19,420
Any recollections
of what you were

161
00:08:19,420 --> 00:08:21,700
thinking about in those days?

162
00:08:21,700 --> 00:08:26,380
You know what bothers me
most, it's a very funny thing.

163
00:08:26,380 --> 00:08:30,040
England helped us
during the war.

164
00:08:30,040 --> 00:08:31,870
You know the English
and the Americans

165
00:08:31,870 --> 00:08:34,600
together for Germany and Japan.

166
00:08:34,600 --> 00:08:39,580
Japan Germany on top of
the world, and England

167
00:08:39,580 --> 00:08:41,470
is down the drain.

168
00:08:41,470 --> 00:08:43,409
And so is America.

169
00:08:43,409 --> 00:08:46,220
We build up these
guys, made them big.

170
00:08:46,220 --> 00:08:49,310
First we destroy and
then we build them up.

171
00:08:49,310 --> 00:08:51,230
They're bigger and
better off than we are.

172
00:08:51,230 --> 00:08:53,120
I don't understand that.

173
00:08:53,120 --> 00:08:56,390
I never could figure it out.

174
00:08:56,390 --> 00:08:58,840
so I don't know.

175
00:08:58,840 --> 00:09:01,630
Politics stinks anyway.

176
00:09:01,630 --> 00:09:03,410
You've been to
Israel at least once

177
00:09:03,410 --> 00:09:05,500
I've been twice.

178
00:09:05,500 --> 00:09:06,370
Recently?

179
00:09:06,370 --> 00:09:09,160
No, '87 I think.

180
00:09:09,160 --> 00:09:09,810
I don't know.

181
00:09:09,810 --> 00:09:10,720
I forget.

182
00:09:10,720 --> 00:09:13,900

My wife was a delegate to
the Hadassah convention,

183
00:09:13,900 --> 00:09:16,570
so I accompanied her.

184
00:09:16,570 --> 00:09:20,260
What were your feelings when
the Gulf War was underway?

185
00:09:20,260 --> 00:09:24,310
What we call a war with Iraq.

186
00:09:24,310 --> 00:09:26,320
Did you have
feelings about that?

187
00:09:26,320 --> 00:09:27,010
Yeah.

188
00:09:27,010 --> 00:09:28,940
What were they?

189
00:09:28,940 --> 00:09:33,110
I think America should let
the Israel finish the job.

190
00:09:33,110 --> 00:09:34,940
They would have
finished the job.

191
00:09:34,940 --> 00:09:37,560
You think perhaps America
did not finish the job.

192
00:09:37,560 --> 00:09:38,060
No.

193
00:09:38,060 --> 00:09:41,090
They should have gone
in, take care of him,

194

00:09:41,090 --> 00:09:45,520
take care of Hussein
and finish him for good.

195
00:09:45,520 --> 00:09:49,140
What were your feelings
when-- did you see television?

196
00:09:49,140 --> 00:09:49,640
Sure.

197
00:09:49,640 --> 00:09:52,160
The Scud missiles were
landing in Tel Aviv.

198
00:09:52,160 --> 00:09:52,910
Yeah.

199
00:09:52,910 --> 00:09:54,710
What were your
feelings about that?

200
00:09:54,710 --> 00:09:57,260
You want to hear the truth?

201
00:09:57,260 --> 00:10:00,680
You know where the Scud
missiles were transported from?

202
00:10:00,680 --> 00:10:01,760
Metzeler-Spence.

203
00:10:01,760 --> 00:10:05,810
Germany made to the trucks
to put the Scud missiles

204
00:10:05,810 --> 00:10:06,470
into Israel.

205
00:10:06,470 --> 00:10:09,950
And who you think made
the chemicals for Assad,

206

00:10:09,950 --> 00:10:12,080
or whatever his name is?

207

00:10:12,080 --> 00:10:13,350
Germany.

208

00:10:13,350 --> 00:10:13,850
Sure.

209

00:10:13,850 --> 00:10:17,630

210

00:10:17,630 --> 00:10:21,200
America didn't finish
the job proper.

211

00:10:21,200 --> 00:10:24,560
Now look at Hussein from
Jordan, King Hussein.

212

00:10:24,560 --> 00:10:27,800
He sided with the guy from Iraq.

213

00:10:27,800 --> 00:10:29,480
So what's happening now?

214

00:10:29,480 --> 00:10:32,630
He comes back to
America, he's a good boy,

215

00:10:32,630 --> 00:10:34,280
they deliver weapons to him.

216

00:10:34,280 --> 00:10:38,120
He sells them to Hussein again,
and he starts another war.

217

00:10:38,120 --> 00:10:42,200
And our boys get killed for the
Arabs with their own weapons.

218

00:10:42,200 --> 00:10:44,200

That's what's going
to happen again.

219

00:10:44,200 --> 00:10:48,860

You know in Arab
history they did not

220

00:10:48,860 --> 00:10:52,520

mention one word of
American or foreign soldier

221

00:10:52,520 --> 00:10:54,140

who won that war?

222

00:10:54,140 --> 00:10:55,730

People don't know that.

223

00:10:55,730 --> 00:11:00,830

But not one name of American
or English or Italian.

224

00:11:00,830 --> 00:11:02,720

And all the Arabs, all in glory.

225

00:11:02,720 --> 00:11:04,640

They won their big war.

226

00:11:04,640 --> 00:11:05,720

My foot.

227

00:11:05,720 --> 00:11:08,870

They couldn't eat a fly.

228

00:11:08,870 --> 00:11:12,920

Did it bother you to see the
television of the missiles

229

00:11:12,920 --> 00:11:15,050

dropping on Jewish cities?

230

00:11:15,050 --> 00:11:16,340

Sure it bothered me.

231
00:11:16,340 --> 00:11:18,860
Because you had been
through a blitz.

232
00:11:18,860 --> 00:11:19,695
Yeah, in England.

233
00:11:19,695 --> 00:11:20,570
I know what it means.

234
00:11:20,570 --> 00:11:26,100
But actually I felt that
Israel should retaliate.

235
00:11:26,100 --> 00:11:27,040
Oh, absolutely.

236
00:11:27,040 --> 00:11:28,800
They should have,
but they didn't

237
00:11:28,800 --> 00:11:33,690
because America said, don't do
it and they listen to America.

238
00:11:33,690 --> 00:11:36,080
And you feel they should have.

239
00:11:36,080 --> 00:11:38,430
Oh yeah, absolutely.

240
00:11:38,430 --> 00:11:40,090
Go right in and finish the job.

241
00:11:40,090 --> 00:11:44,070
They would have finished the
job, no question about it.

242
00:11:44,070 --> 00:11:47,700
You remember Entebbe when

they went down there?

243

00:11:47,700 --> 00:11:48,810

Who would have done that?

244

00:11:48,810 --> 00:11:51,960

No country in the world would
do, only Israel done it.

245

00:11:51,960 --> 00:11:56,520

3 million people, 250 million
Arabs around them and they

246

00:11:56,520 --> 00:12:02,520

go into Entebbe and in Uganda
and get their people out.

247

00:12:02,520 --> 00:12:05,810

Thank God we got
Israel, you know.

248

00:12:05,810 --> 00:12:08,120

We should have had Israel
already when Hitler started,

249

00:12:08,120 --> 00:12:11,870

but it was unfortunate.

250

00:12:11,870 --> 00:12:14,180

Do you have any
feelings about what's

251

00:12:14,180 --> 00:12:17,330

happening in Soviet Russia
with the Soviet Jews

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00:12:17,330 --> 00:12:19,700

being allowed to come out?

253

00:12:19,700 --> 00:12:22,370

Soviet Jews are
coming out, hopefully.

254

00:12:22,370 --> 00:12:23,990

I hope you don't
make the same mistake

255

00:12:23,990 --> 00:12:26,190

we made with the German Jews.

256

00:12:26,190 --> 00:12:29,130

But Russia has
everything coming.

257

00:12:29,130 --> 00:12:30,510

They got it coming.

258

00:12:30,510 --> 00:12:31,920

Whatever happens to Russia--

259

00:12:31,920 --> 00:12:32,880

It's good.

260

00:12:32,880 --> 00:12:33,940

Whatever happens to them.

261

00:12:33,940 --> 00:12:35,340

They're just as bad as Hitler.

262

00:12:35,340 --> 00:12:39,150

There was no difference between
the communists and the Nazis.

263

00:12:39,150 --> 00:12:39,790

No different.

264

00:12:39,790 --> 00:12:42,600

The one was on the left, the
other one not on the right.

265

00:12:42,600 --> 00:12:46,020

Stalin killed millions
of his people, millions.

266

00:12:46,020 --> 00:12:47,430
People don't know that.

267
00:12:47,430 --> 00:12:52,440
He was the biggest murderer
in history, Stalin, bar none.

268
00:12:52,440 --> 00:12:55,380
He was bigger than
Hitler killing people.

269
00:12:55,380 --> 00:12:57,320
People don't know that.

270
00:12:57,320 --> 00:13:00,320
People don't read history.

271
00:13:00,320 --> 00:13:02,760
Did you say your
father was from Minsk?

272
00:13:02,760 --> 00:13:03,420
Near Minsk.

273
00:13:03,420 --> 00:13:07,970
Did you ever discuss
with him, after Germany

274
00:13:07,970 --> 00:13:14,060
had invaded Russia and killed
many, many people in Minsk--

275
00:13:14,060 --> 00:13:15,190
No, we couldn't.

276
00:13:15,190 --> 00:13:16,820
And you never talked about that?

277
00:13:16,820 --> 00:13:21,750
No, because we were in
England and he was in America.

278

00:13:21,750 --> 00:13:23,390
There was no communication.

279
00:13:23,390 --> 00:13:24,530
You couldn't communicate.

280
00:13:24,530 --> 00:13:28,997
And since then you never,
after there was peace,

281
00:13:28,997 --> 00:13:30,830
you were never able to
talk to him about it.

282
00:13:30,830 --> 00:13:33,380
No, we never mentioned.

283
00:13:33,380 --> 00:13:36,830
See, at that time we didn't
talk too much about it.

284
00:13:36,830 --> 00:13:39,680
My children didn't know too
much about the Holocaust,

285
00:13:39,680 --> 00:13:42,470
as I said before, but
the grandchildren,

286
00:13:42,470 --> 00:13:44,870
they learned in Sunday
school and school.

287
00:13:44,870 --> 00:13:48,260
Have you told your story
to your own children?

288
00:13:48,260 --> 00:13:50,000
Oh yeah, they know my story.

289
00:13:50,000 --> 00:13:50,840
Oh yeah.

290

00:13:50,840 --> 00:13:54,070

Do they have any interest in it?

291

00:13:54,070 --> 00:13:54,850

I don't think so.

292

00:13:54,850 --> 00:13:58,390

This generation is not a
good generation for it.

293

00:13:58,390 --> 00:14:03,720

The next generation, the
children, the 20-year-old Jews

294

00:14:03,720 --> 00:14:07,170

and the 16-year-olds, they
have more feeling for it

295

00:14:07,170 --> 00:14:08,785

than the older ones.

296

00:14:08,785 --> 00:14:10,410

Have you told it to
your grandchildren?

297

00:14:10,410 --> 00:14:11,430

Oh, they know.

298

00:14:11,430 --> 00:14:14,730

They interviewed my wife,
one of the boys' project,

299

00:14:14,730 --> 00:14:16,410

a school project.

300

00:14:16,410 --> 00:14:18,150

Will you show them this film?

301

00:14:18,150 --> 00:14:22,170

Oh, absolutely, if
I get a copy, sure.

302

00:14:22,170 --> 00:14:23,580

I have a VCR at home.

303

00:14:23,580 --> 00:14:24,180

I show it.

304

00:14:24,180 --> 00:14:28,350

I invite all my friends and
show it to them, absolutely.

305

00:14:28,350 --> 00:14:33,390

I talk every Kristallnacht,
close to Friday

306

00:14:33,390 --> 00:14:37,470

night when we have services,
I give speech on what happened

307

00:14:37,470 --> 00:14:41,860

and why it happened, why
it shouldn't have happened.

308

00:14:41,860 --> 00:14:43,900

You know it shouldn't
have happened, really,

309

00:14:43,900 --> 00:14:45,760

if you think about it.

310

00:14:45,760 --> 00:14:48,550

If France and England would
have put their foot down,

311

00:14:48,550 --> 00:14:49,165

it couldn't.

312

00:14:49,165 --> 00:14:52,170

It would have saved
6 million Jews.

313

00:14:52,170 --> 00:14:54,890

But nobody cares.

314
00:14:54,890 --> 00:15:04,620
Can you give us an idea of
how many of your relatives

315
00:15:04,620 --> 00:15:08,850
stayed in Europe and were
victims of the Holocaust,

316
00:15:08,850 --> 00:15:10,060
if you can?

317
00:15:10,060 --> 00:15:11,160
That's hard to say.

318
00:15:11,160 --> 00:15:14,240
I don't know anybody
from my father's side.

319
00:15:14,240 --> 00:15:16,050
We have no contact whatsoever.

320
00:15:16,050 --> 00:15:19,350
We had, in the
20s, we had contact

321
00:15:19,350 --> 00:15:21,240
I know when I was a kid.

322
00:15:21,240 --> 00:15:25,770
But from my mother's
side, I would only

323
00:15:25,770 --> 00:15:30,690
say her brother got murdered.

324
00:15:30,690 --> 00:15:31,530
That's all I know.

325
00:15:31,530 --> 00:15:36,360
Her sister was buried,
so my friend told me.

326
00:15:36,360 --> 00:15:37,830
She died a natural death.

327
00:15:37,830 --> 00:15:40,170
Your mother's brother was where?

328
00:15:40,170 --> 00:15:40,890
In Germany.

329
00:15:40,890 --> 00:15:41,780
In Germany.

330
00:15:41,780 --> 00:15:44,280
We had no trace whatsoever.

331
00:15:44,280 --> 00:15:46,650
Do you know whether
he was deported?

332
00:15:46,650 --> 00:15:48,060
No, no idea.

333
00:15:48,060 --> 00:15:49,830
Not the slightest what happened.

334
00:15:49,830 --> 00:15:54,390
All your father's relatives
are in that area of Russia

335
00:15:54,390 --> 00:15:55,065
that is near--

336
00:15:55,065 --> 00:15:56,440
Well, there were
some in Germany.

337
00:15:56,440 --> 00:16:01,350
He had two sisters in Germany
and they all went to Israel

338

00:16:01,350 --> 00:16:03,390
in the early '30s

339
00:16:03,390 --> 00:16:04,890
They got out of Germany.

340
00:16:04,890 --> 00:16:05,580
They got out.

341
00:16:05,580 --> 00:16:07,050
Those people in
Russia, do you have

342
00:16:07,050 --> 00:16:08,960
any idea what happened to them?

343
00:16:08,960 --> 00:16:10,530
No, not the slightest.

344
00:16:10,530 --> 00:16:11,970
No contact whatsoever.

345
00:16:11,970 --> 00:16:14,580
We lost every
contact in the '30s.

346
00:16:14,580 --> 00:16:17,730
But you know now
what happened to Jews

347
00:16:17,730 --> 00:16:19,800
who were living in Russia.

348
00:16:19,800 --> 00:16:21,730
But at that time we didn't know.

349
00:16:21,730 --> 00:16:22,500
There was no way.

350
00:16:22,500 --> 00:16:28,320

351

00:16:28,320 --> 00:16:30,090

And you mentioned
that you went back

352

00:16:30,090 --> 00:16:34,570

to Germany about four years ago
with your wife to her hometown.

353

00:16:34,570 --> 00:16:38,130

She was invited for a memorial.

354

00:16:38,130 --> 00:16:41,010

You said that you had a
funny feeling to be there.

355

00:16:41,010 --> 00:16:43,790

What was so peculiar
about that visit?

356

00:16:43,790 --> 00:16:44,290

What?

357

00:16:44,290 --> 00:16:46,480

What was so peculiar
about that visit?

358

00:16:46,480 --> 00:16:48,730

You said you had a
funny feeling about it.

359

00:16:48,730 --> 00:16:51,280

First of all, I
don't like Germans.

360

00:16:51,280 --> 00:16:52,510

I don't like them.

361

00:16:52,510 --> 00:16:54,760

I know what they stand
for, I know what they are,

362

00:16:54,760 --> 00:16:58,450

what they do and what they did.

363

00:16:58,450 --> 00:17:01,560

We were both very
hesitant to go.

364

00:17:01,560 --> 00:17:06,130

And they treated us cordially,
very well and all that.

365

00:17:06,130 --> 00:17:08,260

But we went to Holland by car.

366

00:17:08,260 --> 00:17:09,300

I had rented a car.

367

00:17:09,300 --> 00:17:11,609

I said, I'm glad
I'm out of Germany.

368

00:17:11,609 --> 00:17:13,674

I don't want nothing
to do with it.

369

00:17:13,674 --> 00:17:16,339

370

00:17:16,339 --> 00:17:18,260

How long did you spend there?

371

00:17:18,260 --> 00:17:19,010

A week.

372

00:17:19,010 --> 00:17:21,520

373

00:17:21,520 --> 00:17:27,800

They had performances,
and my wife's brother

374

00:17:27,800 --> 00:17:29,240

who came from Israel--

375
00:17:29,240 --> 00:17:31,100
they came from all over
the world that day,

376
00:17:31,100 --> 00:17:35,660
from Argentina, from Holland,
from Israel, from America,

377
00:17:35,660 --> 00:17:37,550
from Belgium and all over--

378
00:17:37,550 --> 00:17:41,640
and my brother-in-law
went to high school

379
00:17:41,640 --> 00:17:44,670
there and gave a speech
about what happened

380
00:17:44,670 --> 00:17:46,690
and so forth and so forth.

381
00:17:46,690 --> 00:17:50,260
But these are very
younger people.

382
00:17:50,260 --> 00:17:54,100
So you cannot really blame
them for what happened.

383
00:17:54,100 --> 00:17:58,980
But as I said before and I say
it again, anybody my age group,

384
00:17:58,980 --> 00:18:00,810
I don't want nothing
to do with them.

385
00:18:00,810 --> 00:18:01,950
Nothing whatsoever.

386

00:18:01,950 --> 00:18:05,300
I know what they done.

387
00:18:05,300 --> 00:18:09,110
They say they didn't,
but I know better.

388
00:18:09,110 --> 00:18:12,180
They say, oh no, no
concentration camp or blah,

389
00:18:12,180 --> 00:18:12,680
blah.

390
00:18:12,680 --> 00:18:15,250

391
00:18:15,250 --> 00:18:18,470
Did your wife meet any of her
friends from her childhood?

392
00:18:18,470 --> 00:18:19,970
Did she have personal
conversations?

393
00:18:19,970 --> 00:18:24,400
They invited her one
day over for tea.

394
00:18:24,400 --> 00:18:27,160
I went with her to a house.

395
00:18:27,160 --> 00:18:31,000
And then later on
she got a letter.

396
00:18:31,000 --> 00:18:33,670
There was a reunion and
they invited her to go back.

397
00:18:33,670 --> 00:18:36,910
She said, I wouldn't go back to
give me the money to go back.

398
00:18:36,910 --> 00:18:38,920
She said, this girl
who wrote, her father

399
00:18:38,920 --> 00:18:41,230
was the biggest Nazi in town.

400
00:18:41,230 --> 00:18:42,750
Now they don't
know from nothing.

401
00:18:42,750 --> 00:18:52,970

402
00:18:52,970 --> 00:18:53,690
Finished.

403
00:18:53,690 --> 00:18:54,800
I believe we're finished.

404
00:18:54,800 --> 00:18:56,360
Yeah, good.

405
00:18:56,360 --> 00:18:57,250
Finished?

406
00:18:57,250 --> 00:18:59,740
Do you have anything for him?

407
00:18:59,740 --> 00:19:03,000