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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:01,050

2
00:00:01,050 --> 00:00:06,750
But maybe, you know, I've
done [? 180 ?] interviews.

3
00:00:06,750 --> 00:00:08,178
Maybe two.

4
00:00:08,178 --> 00:00:08,678
Really?

5
00:00:08,678 --> 00:00:09,178
Yeah.

6
00:00:09,178 --> 00:00:16,390

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00:00:16,390 --> 00:00:18,266
Hold on just a second.

8
00:00:18,266 --> 00:00:21,230
All right, it's recording.

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00:00:21,230 --> 00:00:25,250
Today is September 29th, 1999.

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00:00:25,250 --> 00:00:28,430
We are interviewing
Max Weingarten--

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00:00:28,430 --> 00:00:29,330
Leo Weingarten

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00:00:29,330 --> 00:00:31,370
Leo Weingarten.

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00:00:31,370 --> 00:00:34,160
We are at his home

at 39 Buckingham

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00:00:34,160 --> 00:00:37,920

Drive in Moraga, California.

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00:00:37,920 --> 00:00:39,690

My name is Peter

Ryan, interviewer,

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00:00:39,690 --> 00:00:43,100

and Matt Binder is

doing the videotaping.

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00:00:43,100 --> 00:00:46,655

Could we begin by my asking you
where and when you were born?

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00:00:46,655 --> 00:00:51,800

I was born in Vienna,

November the 13th, 1924.

19

00:00:51,800 --> 00:00:55,010

And how many people
were in the family?

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00:00:55,010 --> 00:00:57,710

Well, we are four

children and the parents.

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00:00:57,710 --> 00:01:00,050

What were with

the parents named?

22

00:01:00,050 --> 00:01:03,560

My mother was Clara

Weingarten and my father

23

00:01:03,560 --> 00:01:05,780

was Heinrich Weingarten.

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00:01:05,780 --> 00:01:07,430

And the siblings?

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00:01:07,430 --> 00:01:11,270

Was Max Weingarten, Jack
Weingarten, Betty Weingarten,

26

00:01:11,270 --> 00:01:13,010

and my name is Leo Weingarten.

27

00:01:13,010 --> 00:01:15,690

And where were you in the four?

28

00:01:15,690 --> 00:01:16,490

I was the youngest.

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00:01:16,490 --> 00:01:17,032

The youngest.

30

00:01:17,032 --> 00:01:19,670

31

00:01:19,670 --> 00:01:21,520

Now, I know when I
interviewed your brother

32

00:01:21,520 --> 00:01:23,380

he was born in Poland.

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00:01:23,380 --> 00:01:24,220

Yeah.

34

00:01:24,220 --> 00:01:27,430

When did they come to Vienna?

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00:01:27,430 --> 00:01:28,630

I don't know exactly.

36

00:01:28,630 --> 00:01:32,590

It was after the First
World War somewhere,

37

00:01:32,590 --> 00:01:34,820

but I don't know exactly

what year it was.

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00:01:34,820 --> 00:01:35,770

OK.

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00:01:35,770 --> 00:01:37,690

What kind of living
arrangements did you

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00:01:37,690 --> 00:01:40,640

have when you were born?

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00:01:40,640 --> 00:01:42,150

Meaning what?

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00:01:42,150 --> 00:01:43,670

Did you live in an apartment?

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00:01:43,670 --> 00:01:45,200

Yeah, in an apartment.

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00:01:45,200 --> 00:01:46,760

And do you remember it?

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00:01:46,760 --> 00:01:48,300

Yeah.

46

00:01:48,300 --> 00:01:50,100

I was even there to visit it.

47

00:01:50,100 --> 00:01:50,600

Pardon me?

48

00:01:50,600 --> 00:01:53,806

When I was in Vienna, I was
looking up where we were.

49

00:01:53,806 --> 00:01:56,400

OK, could you describe it?

50

00:01:56,400 --> 00:01:58,290

Yeah, it was not very much.

51

00:01:58,290 --> 00:01:59,690

It was bedroom.

52

00:01:59,690 --> 00:02:00,560

It was a kitchen.

53

00:02:00,560 --> 00:02:03,400

It was another room.

54

00:02:03,400 --> 00:02:05,630

What were the
sleeping arrangements?

55

00:02:05,630 --> 00:02:08,240

Sleeping arrangements
was very poor.

56

00:02:08,240 --> 00:02:10,759

I mean, still my
parents were still

57

00:02:10,759 --> 00:02:15,140

struggling when they came, but
we were already in a position

58

00:02:15,140 --> 00:02:19,190

to change our whole lifestyle,
to change the apartment.

59

00:02:19,190 --> 00:02:24,380

And in that moment was
when Hitler came and we

60

00:02:24,380 --> 00:02:25,220

had to give it up.

61

00:02:25,220 --> 00:02:25,720

OK.

62

00:02:25,720 --> 00:02:29,410

63
00:02:29,410 --> 00:02:32,560
Did all the children
sleep in one room?

64
00:02:32,560 --> 00:02:33,520
No, no, no.

65
00:02:33,520 --> 00:02:34,700
We were divided.

66
00:02:34,700 --> 00:02:35,200
Divided.

67
00:02:35,200 --> 00:02:35,700
Divided.

68
00:02:35,700 --> 00:02:37,450
Who did you sleep with?

69
00:02:37,450 --> 00:02:44,690
I slept with my
sister in one room.

70
00:02:44,690 --> 00:02:47,470
And Max was living--
my grandmother

71
00:02:47,470 --> 00:02:52,180
was in the same house so he
slept with my grandmother.

72
00:02:52,180 --> 00:02:53,320
Something like this.

73
00:02:53,320 --> 00:02:55,858
This was your mother's
mother or your father's?

74
00:02:55,858 --> 00:02:56,650
My mother's mother.

75
00:02:56,650 --> 00:02:57,233
Your mother's.

76
00:02:57,233 --> 00:02:59,980
Yeah.

77
00:02:59,980 --> 00:03:01,750
What did your father do?

78
00:03:01,750 --> 00:03:03,280
He had a store.

79
00:03:03,280 --> 00:03:03,875
What kind?

80
00:03:03,875 --> 00:03:04,375
Textile.

81
00:03:04,375 --> 00:03:07,210

82
00:03:07,210 --> 00:03:08,840
Piece goods.

83
00:03:08,840 --> 00:03:10,510
Mm-hmm, and did he make--

84
00:03:10,510 --> 00:03:12,470
did he just sell
them, or did he make?

85
00:03:12,470 --> 00:03:12,970
Sell, sell.

86
00:03:12,970 --> 00:03:13,477
Just sell.

87
00:03:13,477 --> 00:03:14,060
A store, yeah.

88

00:03:14,060 --> 00:03:14,950

A retail store.

89

00:03:14,950 --> 00:03:15,860

Fabric.

90

00:03:15,860 --> 00:03:17,193

Fabrics, yeah.

91

00:03:17,193 --> 00:03:17,920

[? Suit? ?]

92

00:03:17,920 --> 00:03:18,710

No, no, no.

93

00:03:18,710 --> 00:03:24,460

No, mostly fabrics and
small stuff for children.

94

00:03:24,460 --> 00:03:25,942

Your mother stayed home?

95

00:03:25,942 --> 00:03:26,650

No, the opposite.

96

00:03:26,650 --> 00:03:30,140

My mother was really the
driving force of the business.

97

00:03:30,140 --> 00:03:32,050

My father was more--

98

00:03:32,050 --> 00:03:34,435

you know, he was very religious.

99

00:03:34,435 --> 00:03:36,340

He was more in the temple.

100

00:03:36,340 --> 00:03:37,510

He was a good bookkeeper.

101

00:03:37,510 --> 00:03:40,120

He was the bookkeeper.

102

00:03:40,120 --> 00:03:40,780

Yeah.

103

00:03:40,780 --> 00:03:41,800

So it was your mother --

104

00:03:41,800 --> 00:03:45,509

The driving force of the
whole family was my mother.

105

00:03:45,509 --> 00:03:46,009

Uh-huh.

106

00:03:46,009 --> 00:03:50,900

107

00:03:50,900 --> 00:03:52,680

Was it a very religious family?

108

00:03:52,680 --> 00:03:54,660

Yeah.

109

00:03:54,660 --> 00:03:57,540

I mean-- yeah.

110

00:03:57,540 --> 00:04:00,270

But not all.

111

00:04:00,270 --> 00:04:02,520

My brother was not so orthodox.

112

00:04:02,520 --> 00:04:04,530

Which brother?

113

00:04:04,530 --> 00:04:08,260

Max, but the family
was religious.

114
00:04:08,260 --> 00:04:08,760
Mm-hmm.

115
00:04:08,760 --> 00:04:09,660
Were you?

116
00:04:09,660 --> 00:04:10,620
Yeah.

117
00:04:10,620 --> 00:04:11,730
Oh yeah.

118
00:04:11,730 --> 00:04:16,110
I mean, the store is closed
on Saturday even in Vienna

119
00:04:16,110 --> 00:04:19,860
and we had to go every
day to the temple.

120
00:04:19,860 --> 00:04:20,800
Every day?

121
00:04:20,800 --> 00:04:22,540
Yeah, in the morning.

122
00:04:22,540 --> 00:04:25,680
My father took me to the temple.

123
00:04:25,680 --> 00:04:27,930
that was, our temple was a
little shul you know and --

124
00:04:27,930 --> 00:04:29,550

125
00:04:29,550 --> 00:04:31,080
Did Betty go?

126
00:04:31,080 --> 00:04:31,800
No, no.

127
00:04:31,800 --> 00:04:33,540
Women didn't go
that time so much.

128
00:04:33,540 --> 00:04:34,040
OK.

129
00:04:34,040 --> 00:04:38,710

130
00:04:38,710 --> 00:04:42,140
Do you remember your
early schooling?

131
00:04:42,140 --> 00:04:43,780
Yeah.

132
00:04:43,780 --> 00:04:44,800
When did you start?

133
00:04:44,800 --> 00:04:45,940
Five?

134
00:04:45,940 --> 00:04:47,360
Age five?

135
00:04:47,360 --> 00:04:51,460
No, you start with
age six in Austria.

136
00:04:51,460 --> 00:04:53,260
But they started a
little bit earlier

137
00:04:53,260 --> 00:04:55,840
because I would
become six in November

138
00:04:55,840 --> 00:04:58,310
and school started in September.

139

00:04:58,310 --> 00:05:02,050

So I had to make a
test at City Hall.

140

00:05:02,050 --> 00:05:02,890

City Hall.

141

00:05:02,890 --> 00:05:04,760

At City Hall they
made a test, yeah.

142

00:05:04,760 --> 00:05:06,490

They gave you some puzzles.

143

00:05:06,490 --> 00:05:09,310

They gave you a little ball.

144

00:05:09,310 --> 00:05:11,740

They say, this is
iron, this is metal.

145

00:05:11,740 --> 00:05:13,150

Things like that.

146

00:05:13,150 --> 00:05:15,910

So I guess I passed it
because I went to school.

147

00:05:15,910 --> 00:05:16,930

You passed, huh?

148

00:05:16,930 --> 00:05:18,740

I guess, because I
came to school, yeah.

149

00:05:18,740 --> 00:05:21,400

[LAUGHS] And what
kind of school was it?

150

00:05:21,400 --> 00:05:22,460

Public school?

151

00:05:22,460 --> 00:05:25,120

The public school, yeah.

152

00:05:25,120 --> 00:05:27,550

Did you live in a

Jewish neighborhood?

153

00:05:27,550 --> 00:05:28,540

Not specially.

154

00:05:28,540 --> 00:05:29,630

Not particularly?

155

00:05:29,630 --> 00:05:31,030

No, no.

156

00:05:31,030 --> 00:05:32,188

In a mixed neighborhood.

157

00:05:32,188 --> 00:05:32,980

Mixed neighborhood.

158

00:05:32,980 --> 00:05:33,550

Yeah.

159

00:05:33,550 --> 00:05:36,370

What district?

160

00:05:36,370 --> 00:05:36,920

In Vienna?

161

00:05:36,920 --> 00:05:37,420

Yeah.

162

00:05:37,420 --> 00:05:38,800

I don't know how call it.

163

00:05:38,800 --> 00:05:42,110

Zwanzig Bezirk in German.

164

00:05:42,110 --> 00:05:45,010
It means it an area--

165
00:05:45,010 --> 00:05:49,900
Vienna had 21
parts called areas.

166
00:05:49,900 --> 00:05:51,700
So we lived in the 20th area.

167
00:05:51,700 --> 00:05:54,100
Was it downtown?

168
00:05:54,100 --> 00:05:55,450
There wasn't a special downtown.

169
00:05:55,450 --> 00:05:58,000
There was-- everywhere
was downtown.

170
00:05:58,000 --> 00:06:00,580
It's not like in America that
they have residence and then

171
00:06:00,580 --> 00:06:01,570
downtown.

172
00:06:01,570 --> 00:06:03,280
Whole Vienna was downtown.

173
00:06:03,280 --> 00:06:05,050
OK.

174
00:06:05,050 --> 00:06:09,100
Did you live in the heart of
the city or near the outskirts?

175
00:06:09,100 --> 00:06:13,000
Outskirt-- well,
not in the heart.

176
00:06:13,000 --> 00:06:14,692

OK.

177

00:06:14,692 --> 00:06:16,150

Now, when you went
to school, where

178

00:06:16,150 --> 00:06:19,180

there both Jewish children
and non-Jewish children?

179

00:06:19,180 --> 00:06:24,670

Yeah, in the first four years
they were non-Jews and Jews.

180

00:06:24,670 --> 00:06:27,730

But religious Jews
like we were didn't

181

00:06:27,730 --> 00:06:30,970

have to write on
Shabbos, on Saturday.

182

00:06:30,970 --> 00:06:34,330

We only were listening.

183

00:06:34,330 --> 00:06:37,030

There wasn't school on Saturday?

184

00:06:37,030 --> 00:06:38,410

There was school on Saturday.

185

00:06:38,410 --> 00:06:39,280

There was.

186

00:06:39,280 --> 00:06:40,740

There was school on Saturday.

187

00:06:40,740 --> 00:06:41,500

Huh.

188

00:06:41,500 --> 00:06:42,400

There were six days.

189
00:06:42,400 --> 00:06:43,600
Only Sunday was off.

190
00:06:43,600 --> 00:06:44,500
I see.

191
00:06:44,500 --> 00:06:46,780
But the Jewish children,
whoever didn't want to,

192
00:06:46,780 --> 00:06:48,100
didn't have to write.

193
00:06:48,100 --> 00:06:49,060
You could just listen.

194
00:06:49,060 --> 00:06:49,560
Yeah.

195
00:06:49,560 --> 00:06:52,090

196
00:06:52,090 --> 00:06:55,260
Did you have both Jewish
and non-Jewish friends?

197
00:06:55,260 --> 00:06:58,470
Yes, as children.

198
00:06:58,470 --> 00:06:59,320
I mean how it was--

199
00:06:59,320 --> 00:07:02,060

200
00:07:02,060 --> 00:07:03,685
children who lived
in the neighborhood.

201
00:07:03,685 --> 00:07:04,930

Uh-huh.

202

00:07:04,930 --> 00:07:07,930

And you would play with
both Jews and non-Jews?

203

00:07:07,930 --> 00:07:11,080

Yes, as much time
as I had to play

204

00:07:11,080 --> 00:07:13,900

because I had to go in the
cheder in the afternoon.

205

00:07:13,900 --> 00:07:15,370

You know what the cheder means?

206

00:07:15,370 --> 00:07:15,870

No.

207

00:07:15,870 --> 00:07:16,600

To learn Jewish.

208

00:07:16,600 --> 00:07:18,680

To learn Torah.

209

00:07:18,680 --> 00:07:19,420

Uh-huh.

210

00:07:19,420 --> 00:07:21,280

You had to do that
every afternoon?

211

00:07:21,280 --> 00:07:22,540

Yeah.

212

00:07:22,540 --> 00:07:25,270

So how much time
did that leave you?

213

00:07:25,270 --> 00:07:26,330

Not too much.

214
00:07:26,330 --> 00:07:28,240
I mean, and then I
helped in the store.

215
00:07:28,240 --> 00:07:31,510
I had to watch the merchandise
that they shouldn't steal.

216
00:07:31,510 --> 00:07:37,000
So it was entirely different
so on -- in Vienna.

217
00:07:37,000 --> 00:07:39,830
Was it a big store?

218
00:07:39,830 --> 00:07:40,910
Not very big.

219
00:07:40,910 --> 00:07:43,850
It was pretty good.

220
00:07:43,850 --> 00:07:44,780
Yeah.

221
00:07:44,780 --> 00:07:48,290
And your father did
OK in the store?

222
00:07:48,290 --> 00:07:50,680
Yeah.

223
00:07:50,680 --> 00:07:52,810
How many people
worked in the store?

224
00:07:52,810 --> 00:07:55,240
My father, my mother,
and one employee.

225
00:07:55,240 --> 00:07:58,420
And the children helped

whenever they could.

226

00:07:58,420 --> 00:08:00,310

They were the watchdogs, huh?

227

00:08:00,310 --> 00:08:02,740

Yeah, mostly.

228

00:08:02,740 --> 00:08:07,930

And carry things from one place
to another, that kind of thing?

229

00:08:07,930 --> 00:08:08,830

No, more watch.

230

00:08:08,830 --> 00:08:10,950

No, you didn't have
to carry a lot.

231

00:08:10,950 --> 00:08:14,560

It was everything
in shelves and you

232

00:08:14,560 --> 00:08:19,990

had to measure the
piece goods and so on.

233

00:08:19,990 --> 00:08:22,960

So you went to that first
school for how long?

234

00:08:22,960 --> 00:08:25,100

For the first four years.

235

00:08:25,100 --> 00:08:26,420

The first four years.

236

00:08:26,420 --> 00:08:27,560

This is so --

237

00:08:27,560 --> 00:08:29,960

And then you could go to--

238
00:08:29,960 --> 00:08:31,790
I don't know how
you call it here,

239
00:08:31,790 --> 00:08:34,419
but then you could go
to another four years

240
00:08:34,419 --> 00:08:38,390
or you could go to
gymnasium for eight years.

241
00:08:38,390 --> 00:08:42,650
So I made a test to go to the
gymnasium and I was accepted.

242
00:08:42,650 --> 00:08:45,730
But then they separated--
also before Hitler

243
00:08:45,730 --> 00:08:50,290
they separated Jews and
Protestants in one class

244
00:08:50,290 --> 00:08:52,790
and Catholics in
the other class.

245
00:08:52,790 --> 00:08:54,850
So my father didn't like that.

246
00:08:54,850 --> 00:08:58,360
So he took me out and he
put me to a Jewish school.

247
00:08:58,360 --> 00:09:00,370
Why didn't he like that?

248
00:09:00,370 --> 00:09:03,580
Because he felt
already the separation.

249

00:09:03,580 --> 00:09:07,340

And he didn't like it.

250

00:09:07,340 --> 00:09:10,628

So he preferred me to
go to a Jewish school.

251

00:09:10,628 --> 00:09:11,920

What year would that have been?

252

00:09:11,920 --> 00:09:15,160

253

00:09:15,160 --> 00:09:17,230

What year was it?

254

00:09:17,230 --> 00:09:19,420

1934 I think. huh?

255

00:09:19,420 --> 00:09:20,755

Something like that.

256

00:09:20,755 --> 00:09:22,360

Because you were born in '24.

257

00:09:22,360 --> 00:09:24,700

I think, 34, Yeah.

258

00:09:24,700 --> 00:09:27,190

Maybe a year later.

259

00:09:27,190 --> 00:09:29,710

Because I still went to
the gymnasium until they

260

00:09:29,710 --> 00:09:31,580

separated it, one year.

261

00:09:31,580 --> 00:09:35,410

262

00:09:35,410 --> 00:09:37,640

And so you went to a
Jewish school then?

263

00:09:37,640 --> 00:09:38,140

Yeah.

264

00:09:38,140 --> 00:09:41,610

265

00:09:41,610 --> 00:09:45,430

This was-- till what
year was this then?

266

00:09:45,430 --> 00:09:49,890

It was '38, yeah.

267

00:09:49,890 --> 00:09:50,570

Yeah.

268

00:09:50,570 --> 00:09:51,560

Was that a big school?

269

00:09:51,560 --> 00:09:52,438

Small school?

270

00:09:52,438 --> 00:09:52,938

What?

271

00:09:52,938 --> 00:09:55,810

272

00:09:55,810 --> 00:09:58,040

It was a big school, yeah.

273

00:09:58,040 --> 00:09:59,240

And only Jewish children?

274

00:09:59,240 --> 00:10:00,150

Only Jewish children.

275
00:10:00,150 --> 00:10:00,650
Yeah.

276
00:10:00,650 --> 00:10:02,780
No one else could go?

277
00:10:02,780 --> 00:10:04,730
No, there were no
other children.

278
00:10:04,730 --> 00:10:06,200
OK.

279
00:10:06,200 --> 00:10:08,540
How big would the classes be?

280
00:10:08,540 --> 00:10:09,830
How many people in the class?

281
00:10:09,830 --> 00:10:10,330
Yeah.

282
00:10:10,330 --> 00:10:12,810

283
00:10:12,810 --> 00:10:16,140
You ask me a difficult
question. to remember.

284
00:10:16,140 --> 00:10:18,620
Could be 25, 30 people.

285
00:10:18,620 --> 00:10:21,900

286
00:10:21,900 --> 00:10:26,340
Do you remember when
Dollfuss got assassinated?

287
00:10:26,340 --> 00:10:27,510
I remember Dollfuss.

288
00:10:27,510 --> 00:10:29,280
I remember very well
how he looked even.

289
00:10:29,280 --> 00:10:31,890

290
00:10:31,890 --> 00:10:32,430
Dollfuss.

291
00:10:32,430 --> 00:10:35,610
And after Dollfuss
came Schuschnigg.

292
00:10:35,610 --> 00:10:37,680
Bundeskanzler Schuschnigg.

293
00:10:37,680 --> 00:10:39,330
And he was the last one.

294
00:10:39,330 --> 00:10:42,570
Then Hitler came.

295
00:10:42,570 --> 00:10:45,480
Was there any
anti-Semitism that you

296
00:10:45,480 --> 00:10:49,260
knew of as you were
growing up before Hitler?

297
00:10:49,260 --> 00:10:50,810
I really didn't
feel it too much.

298
00:10:50,810 --> 00:10:51,120
You didn't feel it?

299
00:10:51,120 --> 00:10:52,440
No, I didn't feel it too much.

300

00:10:52,440 --> 00:10:54,000

People wouldn't
taunt you for being

301

00:10:54,000 --> 00:10:56,100

Jewish or that kind of thing?

302

00:10:56,100 --> 00:10:57,210

Not really.

303

00:10:57,210 --> 00:10:58,330

I didn't feel it, no.

304

00:10:58,330 --> 00:11:00,030

OK.

305

00:11:00,030 --> 00:11:02,310

Did you feel
comfortable in Austria?

306

00:11:02,310 --> 00:11:03,480

Did it feel like home?

307

00:11:03,480 --> 00:11:05,200

Yeah, I didn't know differently.

308

00:11:05,200 --> 00:11:07,110

I grew up-- I was
born and grew up there

309

00:11:07,110 --> 00:11:09,730

so I didn't see anything else.

310

00:11:09,730 --> 00:11:14,130

So for me it was
natural [? always. ?]

311

00:11:14,130 --> 00:11:16,770

Who were your close
to in the family?

312

00:11:16,770 --> 00:11:18,210

Which siblings?

313

00:11:18,210 --> 00:11:19,110

With my sister.

314

00:11:19,110 --> 00:11:20,597

With your sister.

315

00:11:20,597 --> 00:11:21,930

Because you were closest in age?

316

00:11:21,930 --> 00:11:26,160

My sister and-- well, she was
the second after me, yeah.

317

00:11:26,160 --> 00:11:28,560

She was 2 and 1/2
years older than I am.

318

00:11:28,560 --> 00:11:32,910

And between me and Jack was six
years, and between me and Max

319

00:11:32,910 --> 00:11:35,440

was 12 years difference.

320

00:11:35,440 --> 00:11:37,410

So Max had already
different prospects.

321

00:11:37,410 --> 00:11:39,515

He was going to university.

322

00:11:39,515 --> 00:11:41,740

He became a lawyer.

323

00:11:41,740 --> 00:11:43,260

He worked for a movie company.

324

00:11:43,260 --> 00:11:45,690

So he was already more--

325
00:11:45,690 --> 00:11:46,300
On his own.

326
00:11:46,300 --> 00:11:46,800
Yeah.

327
00:11:46,800 --> 00:11:48,050
Yeah.

328
00:11:48,050 --> 00:11:52,170
Did Betty go to the
schools that you went to?

329
00:11:52,170 --> 00:11:54,120
Did she go to a
Jewish school too?

330
00:11:54,120 --> 00:11:58,300
Later she also-- it was
called the Krugerheim.

331
00:11:58,300 --> 00:12:04,670
This was also a Jewish
school, but this was later.

332
00:12:04,670 --> 00:12:06,710
This was already when
Hitler was there.

333
00:12:06,710 --> 00:12:08,870
I don't remember to what
school she went really.

334
00:12:08,870 --> 00:12:09,370
OK.

335
00:12:09,370 --> 00:12:12,180

336
00:12:12,180 --> 00:12:14,310
And only when Hitler

came she was already

337

00:12:14,310 --> 00:12:15,900
in the Jewish school.

338

00:12:15,900 --> 00:12:18,440
This was across the
street of my school.

339

00:12:18,440 --> 00:12:19,701
This was for Jewish girls.

340

00:12:19,701 --> 00:12:20,201
Mm-hmm.

341

00:12:20,201 --> 00:12:24,350

342

00:12:24,350 --> 00:12:29,200
Would you have your
big meal at noon time?

343

00:12:29,200 --> 00:12:30,160
Yeah.

344

00:12:30,160 --> 00:12:34,480
And would your father
come from the store?

345

00:12:34,480 --> 00:12:39,280
No, we had a maid, and father
and mother were in the store.

346

00:12:39,280 --> 00:12:44,020
But we didn't live far from
the store, in the same street,

347

00:12:44,020 --> 00:12:46,190
only a few houses away.

348

00:12:46,190 --> 00:12:50,120
But we had a maid, which, when

we came home, she was there.

349

00:12:50,120 --> 00:12:52,810

And we had the
maid. the school --.

350

00:12:52,810 --> 00:12:57,867

The children would eat
together at noon with the maid?

351

00:12:57,867 --> 00:12:58,450

Or would you--

352

00:12:58,450 --> 00:13:01,720

Max for sure not.

353

00:13:01,720 --> 00:13:03,290

And Jack was already--

354

00:13:03,290 --> 00:13:09,115

in 1935 he was already
in Israel-- in Palestine

355

00:13:09,115 --> 00:13:10,730

at that time.

356

00:13:10,730 --> 00:13:12,700

So really it was you and Betty?

357

00:13:12,700 --> 00:13:14,380

Me and Betty mostly.

358

00:13:14,380 --> 00:13:15,010

And the maid.

359

00:13:15,010 --> 00:13:15,850

Yeah.

360

00:13:15,850 --> 00:13:17,080

And your mother and father
would be at the store.

361

00:13:17,080 --> 00:13:18,830

Yeah, they came up
whenever they had time.

362

00:13:18,830 --> 00:13:20,340

They ate or what.

363

00:13:20,340 --> 00:13:22,810

But not specially that we
all were sitting together

364

00:13:22,810 --> 00:13:23,470

at the table.

365

00:13:23,470 --> 00:13:24,470

They didn't [INAUDIBLE].

366

00:13:24,470 --> 00:13:26,470

This never happened
unless Shabbos.

367

00:13:26,470 --> 00:13:28,480

On the Shabbos, Saturday.

368

00:13:28,480 --> 00:13:30,940

So it had to be
like a special day?

369

00:13:30,940 --> 00:13:31,990

Yeah.

370

00:13:31,990 --> 00:13:34,900

On Saturday because
the store was closed.

371

00:13:34,900 --> 00:13:39,130

We had Friday night
services and light candles

372

00:13:39,130 --> 00:13:44,020

and sit together as I come
from a very religious home.

373
00:13:44,020 --> 00:13:47,300

374
00:13:47,300 --> 00:13:49,640
Was your father
political at all?

375
00:13:49,640 --> 00:13:51,560
No.

376
00:13:51,560 --> 00:13:52,460
Your mother?

377
00:13:52,460 --> 00:13:54,690
No.

378
00:13:54,690 --> 00:13:57,420
Did you have any knowledge
of what was happening

379
00:13:57,420 --> 00:14:00,030
in Austria during that time?

380
00:14:00,030 --> 00:14:02,430
The political situation?

381
00:14:02,430 --> 00:14:03,720
Well, I had--

382
00:14:03,720 --> 00:14:08,310
I mean, I saw because you saw
a different kind of parties

383
00:14:08,310 --> 00:14:10,330
in uniforms.

384
00:14:10,330 --> 00:14:12,010
So I saw what was going on.

385
00:14:12,010 --> 00:14:14,850

I saw those steel
helmet soldiers

386
00:14:14,850 --> 00:14:21,090
from the Dollfuss party
because there was also

387
00:14:21,090 --> 00:14:25,410
one time shooting going on
between the party of Dollfuss

388
00:14:25,410 --> 00:14:28,230
and the Social
Democrat and so on.

389
00:14:28,230 --> 00:14:29,610
I remember this, yeah.

390
00:14:29,610 --> 00:14:31,590
Did you see that?

391
00:14:31,590 --> 00:14:32,400
I heard it.

392
00:14:32,400 --> 00:14:33,050
You heard?

393
00:14:33,050 --> 00:14:33,857
Yeah, the shooting.

394
00:14:33,857 --> 00:14:35,190
Did you know what was happening?

395
00:14:35,190 --> 00:14:36,050
Yeah.

396
00:14:36,050 --> 00:14:36,930
Uh-huh.

397
00:14:36,930 --> 00:14:38,580
Was there fear about that?

398
00:14:38,580 --> 00:14:39,190
No.

399
00:14:39,190 --> 00:14:40,776
No?

400
00:14:40,776 --> 00:14:43,470
Was nothing with Jews
or against the Jews.

401
00:14:43,470 --> 00:14:45,610
Uh-huh, it was purely
political parties.

402
00:14:45,610 --> 00:14:46,110
Yeah.

403
00:14:46,110 --> 00:14:50,990

404
00:14:50,990 --> 00:14:55,490
Where were you when
Hitler came in that day?

405
00:14:55,490 --> 00:14:57,260
It was in the
evening Friday night.

406
00:14:57,260 --> 00:15:01,820
I just was on the way home from
the temple on the main street

407
00:15:01,820 --> 00:15:06,260
when the first German
soldiers came in, which I saw.

408
00:15:06,260 --> 00:15:09,540

409
00:15:09,540 --> 00:15:10,600
That was Friday night.

410

00:15:10,600 --> 00:15:11,370

How did that feel?

411

00:15:11,370 --> 00:15:12,630

Very bad.

412

00:15:12,630 --> 00:15:14,970

Very bad.

413

00:15:14,970 --> 00:15:17,370

Because all the friends
and all the people

414

00:15:17,370 --> 00:15:19,680

which we knew and
were friends with us,

415

00:15:19,680 --> 00:15:24,990

right away they switched
and became Nazis.

416

00:15:24,990 --> 00:15:27,390

At least most of them.

417

00:15:27,390 --> 00:15:31,320

You're talking about the people
that were socially in contact?

418

00:15:31,320 --> 00:15:31,870

Socially.

419

00:15:31,870 --> 00:15:34,620

I was a child with-- children
which I played and so on.

420

00:15:34,620 --> 00:15:37,300

Uh-huh.

421

00:15:37,300 --> 00:15:39,120

So the people that you
played with suddenly

422

00:15:39,120 --> 00:15:41,850
didn't want to play with you?

423

00:15:41,850 --> 00:15:44,530
No, we didn't have
any contact anymore.

424

00:15:44,530 --> 00:15:48,670

425

00:15:48,670 --> 00:15:55,090
So you were left on your own
just to be friends with Jews?

426

00:15:55,090 --> 00:16:00,430
We joined later a Jewish
organization, Hapoel Mizrachi.

427

00:16:00,430 --> 00:16:04,060
You see, every
child wanted to go--

428

00:16:04,060 --> 00:16:06,910
to leave the country
to go to Palestine.

429

00:16:06,910 --> 00:16:09,880
To go to Palestine
you had to be--

430

00:16:09,880 --> 00:16:12,010
had to join one of
the organizations--

431

00:16:12,010 --> 00:16:17,470
Jewish organizations because
they organized to get you out

432

00:16:17,470 --> 00:16:22,240
if you heard from the
Youth Aliyah So to become--

433

00:16:22,240 --> 00:16:26,440
What kind of training
did they give you there?

434
00:16:26,440 --> 00:16:32,650
Well, like I told you
before, we were of Hachsharah

435
00:16:32,650 --> 00:16:35,000
You learn to work on a farm.

436
00:16:35,000 --> 00:16:35,680
Uh-huh.

437
00:16:35,680 --> 00:16:37,510
So you got
agricultural training?

438
00:16:37,510 --> 00:16:39,220
Yeah, twice.

439
00:16:39,220 --> 00:16:42,830
Twice I was in things like that.

440
00:16:42,830 --> 00:16:44,510
Tell me why--

441
00:16:44,510 --> 00:16:45,370
But it depends.

442
00:16:45,370 --> 00:16:49,060
Other children could
learn to be a tailor

443
00:16:49,060 --> 00:16:51,143
or could learn any other trade.

444
00:16:51,143 --> 00:16:53,435
Yeah, there were a number of
things you could do, yeah.

445
00:16:53,435 --> 00:16:54,460

Yeah.

446

00:16:54,460 --> 00:16:57,760

Why did people want
to go to Palestine?

447

00:16:57,760 --> 00:16:59,420

Why did you want to go?

448

00:16:59,420 --> 00:17:01,300

First of all, they wanted
to go anywhere just

449

00:17:01,300 --> 00:17:02,950

to get out of Hitler.

450

00:17:02,950 --> 00:17:07,990

I mean, you were
more than a prisoner.

451

00:17:07,990 --> 00:17:10,192

They could do with you
anything they wanted.

452

00:17:10,192 --> 00:17:11,900

They could have killed
you on the street.

453

00:17:11,900 --> 00:17:14,020

Nobody would say a word.

454

00:17:14,020 --> 00:17:17,109

But Palestine you
wanted to go to--

455

00:17:17,109 --> 00:17:18,819

we were in the
Jewish organizations

456

00:17:18,819 --> 00:17:21,340

and we learned
about Palestine, we

457

00:17:21,340 --> 00:17:23,440

learned about the
Jewish state and so on,

458

00:17:23,440 --> 00:17:26,920

and our desire was to go there.

459

00:17:26,920 --> 00:17:31,030

Weren't these organizations in
existence before Hitler came?

460

00:17:31,030 --> 00:17:31,870

They were.

461

00:17:31,870 --> 00:17:32,390

They were.

462

00:17:32,390 --> 00:17:33,280

They were.

463

00:17:33,280 --> 00:17:34,300

But I didn't join.

464

00:17:34,300 --> 00:17:36,410

I was very young.

465

00:17:36,410 --> 00:17:39,010

My brother Jack was
in the organization.

466

00:17:39,010 --> 00:17:44,950

He was in the
Revisionists like Begin.

467

00:17:44,950 --> 00:17:47,110

You know Begin?

468

00:17:47,110 --> 00:17:47,620

Begin?

469

00:17:47,620 --> 00:17:50,650

Yeah, his party.

470

00:17:50,650 --> 00:17:52,540

So he was-- he joined them.

471

00:17:52,540 --> 00:17:53,920

He was there before.

472

00:17:53,920 --> 00:17:57,430

So really people wanted
to go even before Hitler.

473

00:17:57,430 --> 00:17:58,750

Is that true?

474

00:17:58,750 --> 00:17:59,620

Not too many.

475

00:17:59,620 --> 00:18:00,310

Not too many?

476

00:18:00,310 --> 00:18:00,406

No.

477

00:18:00,406 --> 00:18:01,114

Not too many, no.

478

00:18:01,114 --> 00:18:02,660

It really came
after Hitler came?

479

00:18:02,660 --> 00:18:03,160

Yeah.

480

00:18:03,160 --> 00:18:04,030

Then everyone did.

481

00:18:04,030 --> 00:18:04,690

The opposite.

482

00:18:04,690 --> 00:18:07,570

I mean, we had visitors
from Germany, which

483
00:18:07,570 --> 00:18:09,770
were already under Hitler.

484
00:18:09,770 --> 00:18:11,530
And we told them,
why don't you leave?

485
00:18:11,530 --> 00:18:13,480
They say, no, we
go back to Germany.

486
00:18:13,480 --> 00:18:14,620
We have a good life.

487
00:18:14,620 --> 00:18:18,070
And Jews which could have
left and they had possibility

488
00:18:18,070 --> 00:18:21,520
still in the '30s, '33, '34.

489
00:18:21,520 --> 00:18:23,140
they still could--

490
00:18:23,140 --> 00:18:23,875
Get out.

491
00:18:23,875 --> 00:18:25,360
--get out.

492
00:18:25,360 --> 00:18:30,310
The real, real bad thing
started in the Kristallnacht,

493
00:18:30,310 --> 00:18:34,750
November 1938.

494
00:18:34,750 --> 00:18:39,530
Then it started very

bad against the Jews.

495

00:18:39,530 --> 00:18:42,620

Now, after Hitler came,
did things change?

496

00:18:42,620 --> 00:18:43,980

A lot.

497

00:18:43,980 --> 00:18:44,480

A lot.

498

00:18:44,480 --> 00:18:46,360

Can you describe?

499

00:18:46,360 --> 00:18:46,860

Yeah.

500

00:18:46,860 --> 00:18:50,030

I mean, first of all,
we were always afraid.

501

00:18:50,030 --> 00:18:51,770

Secondly--

502

00:18:51,770 --> 00:18:52,970

Afraid for your life?

503

00:18:52,970 --> 00:18:53,880

Yeah.

504

00:18:53,880 --> 00:18:56,060

I mean, sure.

505

00:18:56,060 --> 00:19:00,350

And they took away our store.

506

00:19:00,350 --> 00:19:00,880

Right away?

507

00:19:00,880 --> 00:19:03,050

We still had the store.

508

00:19:03,050 --> 00:19:06,080

They took-- well,
I tell you what,

509

00:19:06,080 --> 00:19:09,530

my mother was the driving part
and she was the strong one.

510

00:19:09,530 --> 00:19:12,260

My father was a weak person.

511

00:19:12,260 --> 00:19:15,200

And when Hitler came--

512

00:19:15,200 --> 00:19:18,200

and we knew because
all our surrounding

513

00:19:18,200 --> 00:19:20,510

stores were already--

514

00:19:20,510 --> 00:19:23,360

came already the
Gestapo and so on,

515

00:19:23,360 --> 00:19:26,030

we knew that they would
come one day to us too.

516

00:19:26,030 --> 00:19:31,910

So we sent my father and my
sister to a different area,

517

00:19:31,910 --> 00:19:35,710

in a better area then we lived.

518

00:19:35,710 --> 00:19:36,600

Still in Vienna?

519

00:19:36,600 --> 00:19:38,780

Still in Vienna, yeah.

520

00:19:38,780 --> 00:19:40,870

This was in 1938.

521

00:19:40,870 --> 00:19:47,030

This was in March,

April, May 1938.

522

00:19:47,030 --> 00:19:51,690

And really I was with my
mother alone in the apartment.

523

00:19:51,690 --> 00:19:52,970

Where did your father go?

524

00:19:52,970 --> 00:19:54,020

To friends?

525

00:19:54,020 --> 00:19:57,110

To our relatives which
lived in a different area,

526

00:19:57,110 --> 00:20:00,290

in a better area.

527

00:20:00,290 --> 00:20:05,300

So really one day they came
and they took my mother

528

00:20:05,300 --> 00:20:08,900

and me and they took us
to the police headquarter

529

00:20:08,900 --> 00:20:11,060

and put us in jail.

530

00:20:11,060 --> 00:20:13,190

How old were you then?

531

00:20:13,190 --> 00:20:14,270

13.

532
00:20:14,270 --> 00:20:15,040
13?

533
00:20:15,040 --> 00:20:17,720
Yeah.

534
00:20:17,720 --> 00:20:19,670
Every businessman they took.

535
00:20:19,670 --> 00:20:22,490
Everyone who had a business they
took and then put them in jail.

536
00:20:22,490 --> 00:20:25,293
Now, when they took you to jail,
did you stay with your mother,

537
00:20:25,293 --> 00:20:26,210
or were you separated?

538
00:20:26,210 --> 00:20:29,640
No, I was in the same
room where the woman were.

539
00:20:29,640 --> 00:20:30,440
Uh-huh.

540
00:20:30,440 --> 00:20:31,820
They let you stay there?

541
00:20:31,820 --> 00:20:33,470
Yeah.

542
00:20:33,470 --> 00:20:36,660
I was there for
about eight days.

543
00:20:36,660 --> 00:20:38,960
How did that feel?

544

00:20:38,960 --> 00:20:40,130
Bad.

545
00:20:40,130 --> 00:20:41,770
But I tell you, I was young.

546
00:20:41,770 --> 00:20:44,200
I was a child, you know?

547
00:20:44,200 --> 00:20:46,250
I didn't think so--

548
00:20:46,250 --> 00:20:47,310
it felt bad.

549
00:20:47,310 --> 00:20:47,810
But--

550
00:20:47,810 --> 00:20:49,160
Were you afraid?

551
00:20:49,160 --> 00:20:50,190
It wasn't tragic.

552
00:20:50,190 --> 00:20:52,910
I was not very
afraid, no, no, no.

553
00:20:52,910 --> 00:20:56,120
Even if I saw how
they hit the people.

554
00:20:56,120 --> 00:20:59,120
There was-- on the wooden
bench where we lived,

555
00:20:59,120 --> 00:21:04,020
it was full of blood from
people they hit and so on.

556
00:21:04,020 --> 00:21:09,230
But then my mother said to the

inspector or whoever was there,

557

00:21:09,230 --> 00:21:11,840

listen, maybe I'm a
criminal, I'm a Jew,

558

00:21:11,840 --> 00:21:15,290

but please can you
let my child out?

559

00:21:15,290 --> 00:21:18,500

And really after a
day they let me out.

560

00:21:18,500 --> 00:21:19,200

Just you?

561

00:21:19,200 --> 00:21:20,720

Just me, yeah.

562

00:21:20,720 --> 00:21:21,920

Where did you go?

563

00:21:21,920 --> 00:21:26,450

I went to our apartment and
the employee from our store

564

00:21:26,450 --> 00:21:28,690

was with me.

565

00:21:28,690 --> 00:21:31,970

But I remember like today
that my father didn't

566

00:21:31,970 --> 00:21:33,580

know that we were in jail.

567

00:21:33,580 --> 00:21:35,810

You see, he was a
very weak person.

568

00:21:35,810 --> 00:21:37,850

So I went to a
Jewish restaurant,

569
00:21:37,850 --> 00:21:42,200
which still was
that time possible,

570
00:21:42,200 --> 00:21:44,060
and I bought some fish.

571
00:21:44,060 --> 00:21:45,170
It was Friday.

572
00:21:45,170 --> 00:21:47,480
And I brought it to
my father and said,

573
00:21:47,480 --> 00:21:50,240
my mother sent
you the fish so he

574
00:21:50,240 --> 00:21:53,700
shouldn't feel that, you
know, something is going on.

575
00:21:53,700 --> 00:21:58,190
So he said, this fish doesn't
taste like mother's fish.

576
00:21:58,190 --> 00:22:01,190
And he didn't know
that we were in jail.

577
00:22:01,190 --> 00:22:02,720
For the next six
months he didn't

578
00:22:02,720 --> 00:22:04,280
know that we were in jail.

579
00:22:04,280 --> 00:22:06,770
Until one night came a rabbi.

580

00:22:06,770 --> 00:22:08,930

You know, I was learning
Torah even the evening.

581

00:22:08,930 --> 00:22:12,740

There came a rabbi, a
teacher in my house.

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00:22:12,740 --> 00:22:17,660

And he was talking about it,
and that way my father found out

583

00:22:17,660 --> 00:22:20,180

that we were in jail at all.

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00:22:20,180 --> 00:22:21,730

Till then he didn't know.

585

00:22:21,730 --> 00:22:24,000

Now, had he come back by then?

586

00:22:24,000 --> 00:22:24,500

Yeah.

587

00:22:24,500 --> 00:22:27,590

After they let also
my mother out and they

588

00:22:27,590 --> 00:22:29,000

took away the store.

589

00:22:29,000 --> 00:22:32,600

How long did they keep her in?

590

00:22:32,600 --> 00:22:34,430

Maybe two weeks or there.

591

00:22:34,430 --> 00:22:36,080

I don't remember exactly.

592

00:22:36,080 --> 00:22:37,610

You got out in eight days.

593

00:22:37,610 --> 00:22:40,460

I got early out, yeah, yeah.

594

00:22:40,460 --> 00:22:46,610

So I was the liaison between my father and this at the store.

595

00:22:46,610 --> 00:22:48,200

When you took the fish to your father

596

00:22:48,200 --> 00:22:50,360

you didn't tell them that you were in jail?

597

00:22:50,360 --> 00:22:50,970

No.

598

00:22:50,970 --> 00:22:51,470

No?

599

00:22:51,470 --> 00:22:53,690

I didn't even tell him that mother's in jail.

600

00:22:53,690 --> 00:22:57,290

I told him mother sent you the fish for Friday night.

601

00:22:57,290 --> 00:22:58,370

So he tasted the fish.

602

00:22:58,370 --> 00:23:00,920

He said, they are not mother's fish.

603

00:23:00,920 --> 00:23:03,140

Did you not want to tell them that she was in jail?

604

00:23:03,140 --> 00:23:03,950

No, no.

605

00:23:03,950 --> 00:23:05,690

Because I know
that was not good.

606

00:23:05,690 --> 00:23:08,310

He was-- for his
heart and so on.

607

00:23:08,310 --> 00:23:09,610

No, he didn't know.

608

00:23:09,610 --> 00:23:10,980

He didn't know till six months

609

00:23:10,980 --> 00:23:11,480

Uh-huh.

610

00:23:11,480 --> 00:23:14,240

611

00:23:14,240 --> 00:23:15,740

You were trying to protect him.

612

00:23:15,740 --> 00:23:17,010

Yeah.

613

00:23:17,010 --> 00:23:20,100

That was your role
in the family?

614

00:23:20,100 --> 00:23:22,370

It wasn't my role, but I
had brain enough to do it

615

00:23:22,370 --> 00:23:24,098

because I knew my father.

616

00:23:24,098 --> 00:23:25,730

Uh-huh.

617
00:23:25,730 --> 00:23:28,640
He had a lot of
physical problems?

618
00:23:28,640 --> 00:23:31,784
He was a weak person.

619
00:23:31,784 --> 00:23:34,280
A very weak person.

620
00:23:34,280 --> 00:23:35,300
And my sister too.

621
00:23:35,300 --> 00:23:37,070
So they were out there.

622
00:23:37,070 --> 00:23:41,720
But afterwards they came
back in our apartment.

623
00:23:41,720 --> 00:23:46,890
But before this happened--
before this happened--

624
00:23:46,890 --> 00:23:50,170
no, then my father was
already in the house.

625
00:23:50,170 --> 00:23:54,670
Then one day-- it was in
the evening, not the day--

626
00:23:54,670 --> 00:23:57,720
there came some hooligans
and knocked on our door.

627
00:23:57,720 --> 00:23:58,470
Hooligan.

628
00:23:58,470 --> 00:24:00,820
Yeah, on our door.

629
00:24:00,820 --> 00:24:02,703
And open the door,
open the door,

630
00:24:02,703 --> 00:24:04,120
and my father
didn't want to open.

631
00:24:04,120 --> 00:24:05,412
They said, yeah, open the door.

632
00:24:05,412 --> 00:24:06,820
I mean, they can break it in.

633
00:24:06,820 --> 00:24:08,570
Doesn't make sense.

634
00:24:08,570 --> 00:24:09,280
So they came in.

635
00:24:09,280 --> 00:24:10,305
They were screaming.

636
00:24:10,305 --> 00:24:10,930
They were this.

637
00:24:10,930 --> 00:24:12,970
But after a few
minutes they left.

638
00:24:12,970 --> 00:24:14,380
This was not from
the government.

639
00:24:14,380 --> 00:24:15,850
This was just people.

640
00:24:15,850 --> 00:24:17,710
Did they take?

641

00:24:17,710 --> 00:24:18,370
Did they--

642
00:24:18,370 --> 00:24:19,060
Take things?

643
00:24:19,060 --> 00:24:19,930
No, no.

644
00:24:19,930 --> 00:24:22,180
They just made a
little bit-- you know.

645
00:24:22,180 --> 00:24:22,900
A mess.

646
00:24:22,900 --> 00:24:24,640
And they left.

647
00:24:24,640 --> 00:24:30,400
A day later-- one day
later came the real thing,

648
00:24:30,400 --> 00:24:35,050
came from the Nazi party
people because they

649
00:24:35,050 --> 00:24:38,350
came-- they want the
jewelry They want,

650
00:24:38,350 --> 00:24:39,580
they take away things.

651
00:24:39,580 --> 00:24:42,070
They did whatever they wanted.

652
00:24:42,070 --> 00:24:45,170
They took jewelry and what else?

653
00:24:45,170 --> 00:24:46,570
They want to take.

654
00:24:46,570 --> 00:24:48,100
They want to take.

655
00:24:48,100 --> 00:24:52,360
But I remember my mother had
the jewelry in a handkerchief

656
00:24:52,360 --> 00:24:53,350
like this, you know?

657
00:24:53,350 --> 00:24:55,030
And where was the handkerchief?

658
00:24:55,030 --> 00:24:55,900
In her pocket.

659
00:24:55,900 --> 00:24:56,440
[LAUGHS]

660
00:24:56,440 --> 00:24:58,030
In her pocket.

661
00:24:58,030 --> 00:25:00,490
But she did the thing--

662
00:25:00,490 --> 00:25:03,820
she didn't think
what she is doing.

663
00:25:03,820 --> 00:25:06,910
But when they ask where's
the jewelry, she said,

664
00:25:06,910 --> 00:25:08,630
yesterday were
already people here

665
00:25:08,630 --> 00:25:11,660
and they took it away,
which was not true.

666

00:25:11,660 --> 00:25:12,650

No, I understand.

667

00:25:12,650 --> 00:25:14,240

Yeah, they took it away.

668

00:25:14,240 --> 00:25:15,700

She was a quick-thinker, huh?

669

00:25:15,700 --> 00:25:16,480

Yeah.

670

00:25:16,480 --> 00:25:18,310

As I told you, she was there.

671

00:25:18,310 --> 00:25:20,140

They took the jewelry away.

672

00:25:20,140 --> 00:25:23,170

But they still didn't believe
and they looked around.

673

00:25:23,170 --> 00:25:25,000

But I remember like
today, you know,

674

00:25:25,000 --> 00:25:28,150

we had the stove in the
kitchen for heating in winter

675

00:25:28,150 --> 00:25:33,610

and there was a little box there
with the coals for the stove.

676

00:25:33,610 --> 00:25:35,590

And when they looked--

677

00:25:35,590 --> 00:25:42,640

when they look there, she threw
into the coals the jewelry

678

00:25:42,640 --> 00:25:45,460
in the -- where the coals are.

679
00:25:45,460 --> 00:25:47,897
And they didn't find it.

680
00:25:47,897 --> 00:25:48,730
They didn't find it.

681
00:25:48,730 --> 00:25:52,510
But anyhow, she said they took
it away already yesterday.

682
00:25:52,510 --> 00:25:56,300
But the housekeeper-- the
housekeeper of the house--

683
00:25:56,300 --> 00:25:59,590
yeah, it was apart maybe
thirty apartments--

684
00:25:59,590 --> 00:26:03,550
told to the Nazis
this is not true.

685
00:26:03,550 --> 00:26:05,000
The people didn't take anything.

686
00:26:05,000 --> 00:26:06,100
I was up there.

687
00:26:06,100 --> 00:26:07,960
They were only one
minute in the apartment.

688
00:26:07,960 --> 00:26:10,780
They couldn't even
have taken that.

689
00:26:10,780 --> 00:26:15,340
So the two policemen took me
out in the [? fore hall ?]

690

00:26:15,340 --> 00:26:17,830
and they hit me.

691

00:26:17,830 --> 00:26:18,920
They hit me.

692

00:26:18,920 --> 00:26:19,750
Tell me the truth.

693

00:26:19,750 --> 00:26:20,950
Where's the jewelry?

694

00:26:20,950 --> 00:26:23,650
I say, I don't know,
I'm a child, in German.

695

00:26:23,650 --> 00:26:24,730
[SPEAKING GERMAN]

696

00:26:24,730 --> 00:26:25,330
I don't know.

697

00:26:25,330 --> 00:26:27,910
Even if I knew exactly
what was happening.

698

00:26:27,910 --> 00:26:29,890
And they hit me like
this for half an hour.

699

00:26:29,890 --> 00:26:32,140
Hit me and ask me,
hit me and ask me.

700

00:26:32,140 --> 00:26:34,160
And I didn't say anything.

701

00:26:34,160 --> 00:26:36,633
They really wanted
the jewelry, huh?

702

00:26:36,633 --> 00:26:38,300

Yeah, and they wanted
to find out really

703

00:26:38,300 --> 00:26:40,843

if it's the truth if
they took it or not.

704

00:26:40,843 --> 00:26:42,010

And they wanted the jewelry.

705

00:26:42,010 --> 00:26:42,790

Sure did.

706

00:26:42,790 --> 00:26:44,212

They want everything.

707

00:26:44,212 --> 00:26:47,320

708

00:26:47,320 --> 00:26:49,480

That must've been frightening.

709

00:26:49,480 --> 00:26:50,890

Yeah, but I don't know.

710

00:26:50,890 --> 00:26:55,060

Somehow-- today I wonder
how I could all stand this.

711

00:26:55,060 --> 00:26:59,380

Will tell you more about
this, what happened.

712

00:26:59,380 --> 00:27:08,530

And then Max, my
brother, you know,

713

00:27:08,530 --> 00:27:11,730

when he was in
the university, we

714

00:27:11,730 --> 00:27:16,380
had a typewriter in the house.

715
00:27:16,380 --> 00:27:18,510
But the typewriters
were not like today.

716
00:27:18,510 --> 00:27:21,330
I don't know if you remember the
old typewriters that are maybe

717
00:27:21,330 --> 00:27:23,910
20 kilos so what we
have -- together.

718
00:27:23,910 --> 00:27:27,660
So they came the
two SR men and said

719
00:27:27,660 --> 00:27:30,590
to my father they want
to take my father away.

720
00:27:30,590 --> 00:27:32,670
They took my father.

721
00:27:32,670 --> 00:27:37,140
And they said he should
carry the typewriter.

722
00:27:37,140 --> 00:27:38,280
Your father should carry?

723
00:27:38,280 --> 00:27:40,830
He should carry the
typewriter to the party--

724
00:27:40,830 --> 00:27:42,340
where the party is.

725
00:27:42,340 --> 00:27:44,296
I mean the organization.

726

00:27:44,296 --> 00:27:47,490

So I say right away,
I'm going to do it.

727

00:27:47,490 --> 00:27:48,780

My father's a weak person.

728

00:27:48,780 --> 00:27:49,860

He cannot carry.

729

00:27:49,860 --> 00:27:53,160

I will carry it for you.

730

00:27:53,160 --> 00:27:57,390

Even if I know I go
in danger yeah, I go.

731

00:27:57,390 --> 00:28:01,520

So they went-- my father in
the middle of the two SR or SS

732

00:28:01,520 --> 00:28:02,385

man--

733

00:28:02,385 --> 00:28:04,010

I don't remember what
there was-- and I

734

00:28:04,010 --> 00:28:06,150

in the back with
guarded this yere.

735

00:28:06,150 --> 00:28:09,000

I let them go forward
a little bit always.

736

00:28:09,000 --> 00:28:12,780

When we came to the house
where the organization was,

737

00:28:12,780 --> 00:28:17,760

on both sides of the entrance

till the way on the sidewalk

738

00:28:17,760 --> 00:28:19,470

were women.

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00:28:19,470 --> 00:28:22,960

And whoever went through, the
Jews, they brought them up,

740

00:28:22,960 --> 00:28:25,890

they were spitting at them,
hitting them, and so on.

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00:28:25,890 --> 00:28:27,000

Women?

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00:28:27,000 --> 00:28:28,710

Mostly women, yeah.

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00:28:28,710 --> 00:28:31,380

And I was carrying the
machine and went up.

744

00:28:31,380 --> 00:28:37,140

When he came up to the
apartment, they put maybe--

745

00:28:37,140 --> 00:28:41,100

were already 50, 60
Jews in that one room,

746

00:28:41,100 --> 00:28:43,740

which was maybe a room
for 10, 12 people.

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00:28:43,740 --> 00:28:46,050

And they were putting them--

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00:28:46,050 --> 00:28:49,260

also my father they throw in
that room, pulling their beards

749

00:28:49,260 --> 00:28:50,490
and hitting them.

750
00:28:50,490 --> 00:28:53,130
And I saw this.

751
00:28:53,130 --> 00:28:57,840
But I didn't look
so Jewish that time.

752
00:28:57,840 --> 00:29:02,310
I had the typewriter in my
hand so I went to a Nazi

753
00:29:02,310 --> 00:29:06,060
and said, listen, I brought
you a typewriter from a Jew,

754
00:29:06,060 --> 00:29:11,280
and put it on the table,
and ran away and ran out.

755
00:29:11,280 --> 00:29:13,350
And ran through
out to the street.

756
00:29:13,350 --> 00:29:17,460
And all the children who
knew me, the goyim, you

757
00:29:17,460 --> 00:29:20,760
know, the Gentiles,
they ran after me, they

758
00:29:20,760 --> 00:29:22,660
took away the fountain pens.

759
00:29:22,660 --> 00:29:25,350
I had the fountain pens
that I got for bar mitzvah

760
00:29:25,350 --> 00:29:27,330
not long before and so on.

761
00:29:27,330 --> 00:29:30,240
And this way I came home again.

762
00:29:30,240 --> 00:29:33,490
And my father was in jail.

763
00:29:33,490 --> 00:29:37,170
I really don't remember
how long he was.

764
00:29:37,170 --> 00:29:39,270
And then he came home.

765
00:29:39,270 --> 00:29:42,420
And we all always
were waiting for--

766
00:29:42,420 --> 00:29:46,480
What kind of shape was
he in when he came home?

767
00:29:46,480 --> 00:29:47,440
He was weak.

768
00:29:47,440 --> 00:29:49,420
He was weak.

769
00:29:49,420 --> 00:29:51,420
He was in the army kaserne.

770
00:29:51,420 --> 00:29:53,730
He was in jail there.

771
00:29:53,730 --> 00:29:57,990
So the army maybe wasn't
that bad like the Nazis.

772
00:29:57,990 --> 00:29:59,660
They put them in a--

773

00:29:59,660 --> 00:30:02,310

Was that the Austrian
army or the German?

774

00:30:02,310 --> 00:30:03,810

Austrian.

775

00:30:03,810 --> 00:30:06,390

There was no more difference,
Austrian or German.

776

00:30:06,390 --> 00:30:08,960

But this was the Austrian.

777

00:30:08,960 --> 00:30:11,190

And then he came
home and we were

778

00:30:11,190 --> 00:30:15,660

waiting to leave the country.

779

00:30:15,660 --> 00:30:17,460

Now, what preparations
were being

780

00:30:17,460 --> 00:30:19,200

made to leave the country?

781

00:30:19,200 --> 00:30:21,990

The preparations were
made that we always

782

00:30:21,990 --> 00:30:28,470

had 1,000 pound, British
pound, in Palestine.

783

00:30:28,470 --> 00:30:30,905

And this was for--

784

00:30:30,905 --> 00:30:32,280

when you had this
over there, you

785

00:30:32,280 --> 00:30:36,000
could get a visa to emigrate.

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00:30:36,000 --> 00:30:37,650
If you could show
them you had 1,000

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00:30:37,650 --> 00:30:39,450
pounds in a bank in Palestine--

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00:30:39,450 --> 00:30:40,350
In Palestine.

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00:30:40,350 --> 00:30:41,280
They would let you go.

790

00:30:41,280 --> 00:30:42,660
You would get that certificate.

791

00:30:42,660 --> 00:30:44,490
It's called certificate.

792

00:30:44,490 --> 00:30:46,860
It's called [INAUDIBLE].

793

00:30:46,860 --> 00:30:54,150
But somebody cheated us
out of this certificate

794

00:30:54,150 --> 00:30:56,580
and gave it to
some other people.

795

00:30:56,580 --> 00:31:00,240
And this was the
lawyer of my uncle.

796

00:31:00,240 --> 00:31:04,140
He did this and we never
got that certificate.

797

00:31:04,140 --> 00:31:06,300

We always are
waiting for the mail.

798

00:31:06,300 --> 00:31:09,730

We always went to the office,
the Palestina [INAUDIBLE]

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00:31:09,730 --> 00:31:10,560

was called.

800

00:31:10,560 --> 00:31:13,590

This was near the
headquarters of the Gestapo.

801

00:31:13,590 --> 00:31:16,320

We always went there to
look, and every day we

802

00:31:16,320 --> 00:31:21,390

were hoping, hoping,
hoping, and it never came.

803

00:31:21,390 --> 00:31:22,890

Leo, I wanted to
ask you one thing.

804

00:31:22,890 --> 00:31:26,070

You had mentioned earlier that
your father was a weak man

805

00:31:26,070 --> 00:31:28,020

and then you said Betty also.

806

00:31:28,020 --> 00:31:30,640

What did you mean
by that about Betty?

807

00:31:30,640 --> 00:31:31,840

You know, a girl.

808

00:31:31,840 --> 00:31:35,710

She was the apple of my

parents to watch her.

809

00:31:35,710 --> 00:31:37,680

She was a young girl and so on.

810

00:31:37,680 --> 00:31:39,540

So we always wanted
to protect her more.

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00:31:39,540 --> 00:31:41,400

So we always sent
her with her father.

812

00:31:41,400 --> 00:31:44,010

Was she resourceful or not?

813

00:31:44,010 --> 00:31:47,100

814

00:31:47,100 --> 00:31:48,960

She was a very nice, sweet girl.

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00:31:48,960 --> 00:31:51,330

She was with friends.

816

00:31:51,330 --> 00:31:53,640

She also was in
the organization.

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00:31:53,640 --> 00:31:56,050

She also was in
the organization.

818

00:31:56,050 --> 00:31:57,660

We all we waiting.

819

00:31:57,660 --> 00:32:00,420

I went to Hachsharah
twice, like I told you,

820

00:32:00,420 --> 00:32:03,870

from Hapoel Mizrahi And

she was two years older

821

00:32:03,870 --> 00:32:06,000

so she was not Youth Aliyah.

822

00:32:06,000 --> 00:32:07,980

She was Halutz.

823

00:32:07,980 --> 00:32:09,266

The older?

824

00:32:09,266 --> 00:32:11,130

The Betty because
was a year older.

825

00:32:11,130 --> 00:32:12,000

Youth Aliyah.

826

00:32:12,000 --> 00:32:15,600

was that time I
think from 13 to 15,

827

00:32:15,600 --> 00:32:18,300

and she was already
two years older

828

00:32:18,300 --> 00:32:21,930

so she didn't belong to that.

829

00:32:21,930 --> 00:32:25,490

So then they throw us
out of our apartment.

830

00:32:25,490 --> 00:32:26,890

How did that happen?

831

00:32:26,890 --> 00:32:30,360

Well, because we are
on the street, you see?

832

00:32:30,360 --> 00:32:32,583

Our windows were

facing the street

833

00:32:32,583 --> 00:32:37,980
and no Jew were allowed to face
the street because they always

834

00:32:37,980 --> 00:32:40,530
put flags or Nazi
flags or so on.

835

00:32:40,530 --> 00:32:42,150
No Jews were allowed.

836

00:32:42,150 --> 00:32:47,100
So we had to go to a different
apartment in a different street

837

00:32:47,100 --> 00:32:49,260
and even a smaller apartment.

838

00:32:49,260 --> 00:32:51,480
Not the same apartment house?

839

00:32:51,480 --> 00:32:52,043
No, no.

840

00:32:52,043 --> 00:32:52,710
A different one?

841

00:32:52,710 --> 00:32:54,306
Entirely different.

842

00:32:54,306 --> 00:32:56,370
Different area.

843

00:32:56,370 --> 00:32:58,440
They throwed us out.

844

00:32:58,440 --> 00:33:00,990
Could you take your belongings?

845

00:33:00,990 --> 00:33:02,240
Whatever was left, yeah.

846
00:33:02,240 --> 00:33:07,210
I mean, a little
bit of furniture.

847
00:33:07,210 --> 00:33:11,150
A little-- I mean, the
main thing was your life.

848
00:33:11,150 --> 00:33:14,490
You didn't look at things.

849
00:33:14,490 --> 00:33:17,110
It was also very hard for food.

850
00:33:17,110 --> 00:33:19,538
I was going to say, they've
taken the store away.

851
00:33:19,538 --> 00:33:20,580
They took the store away.

852
00:33:20,580 --> 00:33:21,270
They closed it.

853
00:33:21,270 --> 00:33:22,020
They took it away.

854
00:33:22,020 --> 00:33:23,270
They took your apartment away.

855
00:33:23,270 --> 00:33:25,170
How were you surviving?

856
00:33:25,170 --> 00:33:28,110
Well, Jewish
organizations helped.

857
00:33:28,110 --> 00:33:32,582
And then I had an uncle

in Czechoslovakia.

858

00:33:32,582 --> 00:33:33,790

I don't know if Max told you.

859

00:33:33,790 --> 00:33:34,998

He was in the movie business.

860

00:33:34,998 --> 00:33:37,050

He was a very wealthy person.

861

00:33:37,050 --> 00:33:38,820

Helped us and so on.

862

00:33:38,820 --> 00:33:40,320

He would send money?

863

00:33:40,320 --> 00:33:44,550

He would send some money,
yeah, through a courier

864

00:33:44,550 --> 00:33:45,840

send us some money.

865

00:33:45,840 --> 00:33:51,650

And the Jewish organizations,
they had kitchens.

866

00:33:51,650 --> 00:33:53,730

We were standing in
line and bringing

867

00:33:53,730 --> 00:33:57,270

food home and the little
bit money they had.

868

00:33:57,270 --> 00:33:58,980

Would you go to the lines?

869

00:33:58,980 --> 00:34:00,000

Yeah.

870
00:34:00,000 --> 00:34:01,000
And bring food home--

871
00:34:01,000 --> 00:34:01,500
Yeah.

872
00:34:01,500 --> 00:34:01,830
--for the family?

873
00:34:01,830 --> 00:34:02,330
Yeah.

874
00:34:02,330 --> 00:34:05,390

875
00:34:05,390 --> 00:34:06,850
And then--

876
00:34:06,850 --> 00:34:09,530
What time are we
talking about now?

877
00:34:09,530 --> 00:34:12,020
1938.

878
00:34:12,020 --> 00:34:13,555
Before Kristallnacht?

879
00:34:13,555 --> 00:34:16,290

880
00:34:16,290 --> 00:34:18,670
No, Kristallnacht we still
were in the apartment.

881
00:34:18,670 --> 00:34:20,280
It was after that.

882
00:34:20,280 --> 00:34:21,780
Because I remember
Kristallnacht,

883
00:34:21,780 --> 00:34:25,350
there the temple was
across in the next street

884
00:34:25,350 --> 00:34:28,530
when they had the
explosions, yeah.

885
00:34:28,530 --> 00:34:31,650
But then it started
already being very bad.

886
00:34:31,650 --> 00:34:33,239
They took Jews to the street.

887
00:34:33,239 --> 00:34:34,810
They gave them a hand brush.

888
00:34:34,810 --> 00:34:37,590
They should lay down
and clean the street.

889
00:34:37,590 --> 00:34:38,610
You would see that?

890
00:34:38,610 --> 00:34:41,130
Yeah, in our street.

891
00:34:41,130 --> 00:34:42,659
They took toothbrushes
and we had

892
00:34:42,659 --> 00:34:44,219
the clean with toothbrushes.

893
00:34:44,219 --> 00:34:47,850
You had to clean a
whole apartment or what.

894
00:34:47,850 --> 00:34:50,860
You know, just to--

895
00:34:50,860 --> 00:34:53,159
Did they ever make you do that?

896
00:34:53,159 --> 00:34:55,630
No, I had to do something else.

897
00:34:55,630 --> 00:34:57,810
You know, the garden
of Rothschild.

898
00:34:57,810 --> 00:34:59,200
You know Rothschild?

899
00:34:59,200 --> 00:34:59,700
Yeah.

900
00:34:59,700 --> 00:35:01,170
The garden of
Rothschild in Vienna.

901
00:35:01,170 --> 00:35:04,389
They took children to
work in the gardens

902
00:35:04,389 --> 00:35:06,810
to pull out the weeds.

903
00:35:06,810 --> 00:35:08,490
But I tell you
the truth, I never

904
00:35:08,490 --> 00:35:10,650
knew what a weed is,
what a flower is,

905
00:35:10,650 --> 00:35:12,750
because I lived in the
city, I went to cheder,

906
00:35:12,750 --> 00:35:14,670
I was learning from

a religious home.

907

00:35:14,670 --> 00:35:16,830

I never knew
something like that.

908

00:35:16,830 --> 00:35:18,090

So what I did--

909

00:35:18,090 --> 00:35:20,460

not purposely-- I
pulled out some flowers

910

00:35:20,460 --> 00:35:22,170

and left some weeds.

911

00:35:22,170 --> 00:35:25,830

And the SS, they thought
I did with purpose

912

00:35:25,830 --> 00:35:29,640

and they hit me half dead.

913

00:35:29,640 --> 00:35:33,990

Even if I really didn't
know the difference

914

00:35:33,990 --> 00:35:35,940

between a flower and a weed.

915

00:35:35,940 --> 00:35:39,660

How many times did you
have to go to the garden?

916

00:35:39,660 --> 00:35:42,990

Well, we were-- I don't
remember how often we worked.

917

00:35:42,990 --> 00:35:43,770

Not me alone.

918

00:35:43,770 --> 00:35:47,488

There were all the children from
the youth Aliyah went to work.

919
00:35:47,488 --> 00:35:48,030
I don't know.

920
00:35:48,030 --> 00:35:49,410
Once a week or twice a week.

921
00:35:49,410 --> 00:35:52,620
I don't remember exactly
for how long it was.

922
00:35:52,620 --> 00:35:55,350

923
00:35:55,350 --> 00:35:57,500
Now, they have taken
over that home, right?

924
00:35:57,500 --> 00:35:58,770
The Germans.

925
00:35:58,770 --> 00:36:00,420
They took everything over.

926
00:36:00,420 --> 00:36:02,710
They took everything over.

927
00:36:02,710 --> 00:36:05,550
I mean, Jews were not allowed
to go to the movie anymore.

928
00:36:05,550 --> 00:36:06,870
I sneaked in.

929
00:36:06,870 --> 00:36:08,320
I wanted to see a
movie, you know.

930
00:36:08,320 --> 00:36:09,420
I was a child.

931
00:36:09,420 --> 00:36:10,620
I wanted to go to a move.

932
00:36:10,620 --> 00:36:13,080
So I sneaked in
when it was dark.

933
00:36:13,080 --> 00:36:16,500
And then it was still
dark, I went out again

934
00:36:16,500 --> 00:36:18,510
so they shouldn't
see me, you know?

935
00:36:18,510 --> 00:36:20,730
I was suspicious.

936
00:36:20,730 --> 00:36:24,240
They know I'm a Jew or what.

937
00:36:24,240 --> 00:36:26,070
Did you have to wear anything?

938
00:36:26,070 --> 00:36:27,930
No.

939
00:36:27,930 --> 00:36:33,960
But most of the Nazis, they
had, you know, this sign.

940
00:36:33,960 --> 00:36:36,150
You know, a little--

941
00:36:36,150 --> 00:36:39,450
how do you call the cross?

942
00:36:39,450 --> 00:36:40,770
The Nazi sign.

943

00:36:40,770 --> 00:36:41,400
The swastika.

944
00:36:41,400 --> 00:36:42,810
Swastika.

945
00:36:42,810 --> 00:36:45,030
Every party man
had the swastika.

946
00:36:45,030 --> 00:36:46,490
Jews were not
allowed to wear it.

947
00:36:46,490 --> 00:36:50,310

948
00:36:50,310 --> 00:36:53,740
And then I remember even
one day I went to the cheder

949
00:36:53,740 --> 00:37:01,680
on the street, and they came
one policeman of the City Hall

950
00:37:01,680 --> 00:37:03,480
and he saw I don't
have anything.

951
00:37:03,480 --> 00:37:07,050
So he kind of maybe thought
I have it in the bag.

952
00:37:07,050 --> 00:37:11,910
And they see I didn't have it so
he made with his boots in here

953
00:37:11,910 --> 00:37:13,640
and I sunk on the street.

954
00:37:13,640 --> 00:37:14,760
I fell.

955

00:37:14,760 --> 00:37:15,595

He kicked you?

956

00:37:15,595 --> 00:37:16,470

Yeah, with the boots.

957

00:37:16,470 --> 00:37:21,360

958

00:37:21,360 --> 00:37:23,190

Do you think he kicked
you because you--

959

00:37:23,190 --> 00:37:24,522

Because I was a Jew.

960

00:37:24,522 --> 00:37:25,480

Because you were a Jew?

961

00:37:25,480 --> 00:37:26,820

Yeah.

962

00:37:26,820 --> 00:37:30,510

If you didn't have something,
that meant you were a Jew?

963

00:37:30,510 --> 00:37:34,890

Because most of them wear
something like the swastika.

964

00:37:34,890 --> 00:37:36,860

Yeah.

965

00:37:36,860 --> 00:37:37,590

So--

966

00:37:37,590 --> 00:37:40,650

So before he hit me,
he checked if I had it

967

00:37:40,650 --> 00:37:42,440

maybe in the bag or what.

968
00:37:42,440 --> 00:37:44,686
And if you had
nothing, you're Jewish.

969
00:37:44,686 --> 00:37:48,160

970
00:37:48,160 --> 00:37:51,400
You saw the temple burning?

971
00:37:51,400 --> 00:37:52,285
Exploding.

972
00:37:52,285 --> 00:37:52,785
Exploding.

973
00:37:52,785 --> 00:37:54,430
And burning, yeah.

974
00:37:54,430 --> 00:37:57,232
It was the next street.

975
00:37:57,232 --> 00:37:58,690
That must have been
a frightening--

976
00:37:58,690 --> 00:38:00,580
It was the-- yeah, yeah.

977
00:38:00,580 --> 00:38:04,090
Then it started to be very bad.

978
00:38:04,090 --> 00:38:07,300
Did you see anything
else that night?

979
00:38:07,300 --> 00:38:09,580
No, I didn't go out
of the apartment.

980
00:38:09,580 --> 00:38:10,840
People were afraid to go out?

981
00:38:10,840 --> 00:38:11,340
Sure.

982
00:38:11,340 --> 00:38:14,100

983
00:38:14,100 --> 00:38:17,597
So after that, they moved
us to a different apartment.

984
00:38:17,597 --> 00:38:18,097
Mm-hmm.

985
00:38:18,097 --> 00:38:23,050

986
00:38:23,050 --> 00:38:23,960
Was it OK there?

987
00:38:23,960 --> 00:38:24,460
Were--

988
00:38:24,460 --> 00:38:28,430

989
00:38:28,430 --> 00:38:31,460
It wasn't OK
anywhere but, I mean,

990
00:38:31,460 --> 00:38:35,300
you made the best you can
in situations like that.

991
00:38:35,300 --> 00:38:39,530
But I went twice for Hachsharah
twice four weeks and again

992
00:38:39,530 --> 00:38:40,620

four weeks.

993

00:38:40,620 --> 00:38:42,470

So I was with Jewish children.

994

00:38:42,470 --> 00:38:46,980

And it wasn't bad because
this is out in the country

995

00:38:46,980 --> 00:38:49,910

where we were working
on farms to learn.

996

00:38:49,910 --> 00:38:51,360

You still did that?

997

00:38:51,360 --> 00:38:52,970

Yeah, twice we did it.

998

00:38:52,970 --> 00:38:55,670

999

00:38:55,670 --> 00:38:57,350

Did you still go to school?

1000

00:38:57,350 --> 00:38:58,140

No.

1001

00:38:58,140 --> 00:38:59,270

No school.

1002

00:38:59,270 --> 00:38:59,900

No school.

1003

00:38:59,900 --> 00:39:01,110

Jews couldn't go to school?

1004

00:39:01,110 --> 00:39:01,610

No.

1005

00:39:01,610 --> 00:39:03,350

No more school.

1006
00:39:03,350 --> 00:39:05,720
What age did you stop?

1007
00:39:05,720 --> 00:39:08,860

1008
00:39:08,860 --> 00:39:12,610
Well, after that I was 13 years.

1009
00:39:12,610 --> 00:39:16,030
I don't remember even
finished the fourth grade.

1010
00:39:16,030 --> 00:39:17,550
Not the first or the second--

1011
00:39:17,550 --> 00:39:18,690
the eighth grade.

1012
00:39:18,690 --> 00:39:22,930
I don't even remember
if I finished.

1013
00:39:22,930 --> 00:39:29,980
But then, you see, I always
had my suitcases packed for me

1014
00:39:29,980 --> 00:39:31,660
because we knew one
of these days we

1015
00:39:31,660 --> 00:39:34,990
are going to Palestine
with the Youth Aliyah

1016
00:39:34,990 --> 00:39:36,890
when my turn comes.

1017
00:39:36,890 --> 00:39:39,520
So it was always packed.

1018
00:39:39,520 --> 00:39:41,350
Who was going to go?

1019
00:39:41,350 --> 00:39:42,130
I.

1020
00:39:42,130 --> 00:39:43,390
Just you?

1021
00:39:43,390 --> 00:39:44,530
Just-- Youth Aliyah.

1022
00:39:44,530 --> 00:39:46,340
The children from 13 to 15.

1023
00:39:46,340 --> 00:39:47,020
OK.

1024
00:39:47,020 --> 00:39:49,270
And what about Betty?

1025
00:39:49,270 --> 00:39:50,710
Betty, no, no.

1026
00:39:50,710 --> 00:39:52,930
Only Youth Aliyah.

1027
00:39:52,930 --> 00:39:55,690
This I'll tell you later
what happened with them.

1028
00:39:55,690 --> 00:40:00,880
Now, did you feel prepared
to leave the family

1029
00:40:00,880 --> 00:40:02,890
and go all by yourself?

1030
00:40:02,890 --> 00:40:05,890
Yeah, because

everyone-- I want even

1031

00:40:05,890 --> 00:40:10,813
to smuggle myself to the border,
but my parents didn't let me.

1032

00:40:10,813 --> 00:40:11,480
To which border?

1033

00:40:11,480 --> 00:40:14,410
Because some friends
left to Czechoslovakian

1034

00:40:14,410 --> 00:40:17,790
border to go over.

1035

00:40:17,790 --> 00:40:19,660
But my parents didn't let me go.

1036

00:40:19,660 --> 00:40:20,950
Why not?

1037

00:40:20,950 --> 00:40:23,110
Because they want to protect me.

1038

00:40:23,110 --> 00:40:25,150
I'm a child.

1039

00:40:25,150 --> 00:40:26,320
I shouldn't go.

1040

00:40:26,320 --> 00:40:29,470
But they felt that
getting you to Palestine

1041

00:40:29,470 --> 00:40:31,330
would be safe for you?

1042

00:40:31,330 --> 00:40:34,510
Every parent wanted
their children out

1043

00:40:34,510 --> 00:40:36,470

to save at least the
life of the children.

1044

00:40:36,470 --> 00:40:38,920

Yeah.

1045

00:40:38,920 --> 00:40:40,720

So you had your suitcase packed.

1046

00:40:40,720 --> 00:40:44,680

My suitcases were packed, yeah.

1047

00:40:44,680 --> 00:40:49,030

And I had a girlfriend,
which my parents were not

1048

00:40:49,030 --> 00:40:52,180

allowed to know because
I was very religious.

1049

00:40:52,180 --> 00:40:56,500

But in the organization
I had a girlfriend.

1050

00:40:56,500 --> 00:41:01,670

She was 14 years old, but
she was a friend of mine.

1051

00:41:01,670 --> 00:41:06,220

And it was in the new
apartment already.

1052

00:41:06,220 --> 00:41:13,480

This was already in
September the 2nd, 1939.

1053

00:41:13,480 --> 00:41:15,040

September the 2nd?

1054

00:41:15,040 --> 00:41:16,550

'39.

1055
00:41:16,550 --> 00:41:18,280
'39, not '38.

1056
00:41:18,280 --> 00:41:21,700
This was already a day when
the world war broke out.

1057
00:41:21,700 --> 00:41:24,490

1058
00:41:24,490 --> 00:41:32,710
And it was Friday night
and my mother light candles

1059
00:41:32,710 --> 00:41:36,040
and suddenly a
knock on the door.

1060
00:41:36,040 --> 00:41:38,080
Heavy, very heavy.

1061
00:41:38,080 --> 00:41:40,210
So my father said,
no, don't open.

1062
00:41:40,210 --> 00:41:41,230
Don't open.

1063
00:41:41,230 --> 00:41:42,613
So I said again the same thing.

1064
00:41:42,613 --> 00:41:43,780
What do you mean don't open?

1065
00:41:43,780 --> 00:41:47,650
If they don't want to
come in, they'll break in.

1066
00:41:47,650 --> 00:41:50,500
It's better open
door and finish.

1067
00:41:50,500 --> 00:41:52,990
So we open the door.

1068
00:41:52,990 --> 00:41:56,030
In front of the door
was my girlfriend.

1069
00:41:56,030 --> 00:41:57,580
I was shivering.

1070
00:41:57,580 --> 00:42:00,730
My father was [? looking ?]
and I was like, what happened?

1071
00:42:00,730 --> 00:42:02,870
She said, how come
you are not coming?

1072
00:42:02,870 --> 00:42:04,600
We are going to Palestine.

1073
00:42:04,600 --> 00:42:06,957
I said, what do you mean
you're going to Palestine?

1074
00:42:06,957 --> 00:42:07,540
We're leaving.

1075
00:42:07,540 --> 00:42:08,770
Take quick the suitcases.

1076
00:42:08,770 --> 00:42:09,820
We're leaving.

1077
00:42:09,820 --> 00:42:12,616
So she came with a taxi.

1078
00:42:12,616 --> 00:42:16,600
The way I didn't know
because in the same afternoon

1079

00:42:16,600 --> 00:42:19,030

they sent couriers out
to the people who are

1080

00:42:19,030 --> 00:42:21,680

going to Palestine the evening.

1081

00:42:21,680 --> 00:42:24,130

So at the time I
lived, let's say,

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00:42:24,130 --> 00:42:27,430

street number 16
apartment number 5.

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00:42:27,430 --> 00:42:30,700

The courier went to
number 5 door number 16,

1084

00:42:30,700 --> 00:42:32,110

and they couldn't find me.

1085

00:42:32,110 --> 00:42:34,870

So he went back and
didn't inform me.

1086

00:42:34,870 --> 00:42:38,350

I didn't know anything about it.

1087

00:42:38,350 --> 00:42:42,700

And she said, like I told
you before, that Palestina,

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00:42:42,700 --> 00:42:46,990

the Jewish organization was
near the Gestapo headquarter.

1089

00:42:46,990 --> 00:42:51,910

So she saw all the children
came only I didn't come.

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00:42:51,910 --> 00:42:53,930

So she went to that
organizer and said,

1091
00:42:53,930 --> 00:42:55,917
listen, Weingarten
is not here yet.

1092
00:42:55,917 --> 00:42:58,250
They said, I'm sorry, I cannot
leave the whole transport

1093
00:42:58,250 --> 00:43:00,160
and wait for Weingarten.

1094
00:43:00,160 --> 00:43:01,400
He was informed.

1095
00:43:01,400 --> 00:43:03,790
He didn't know that
I wasn't informed.

1096
00:43:03,790 --> 00:43:04,570
He was informed.

1097
00:43:04,570 --> 00:43:05,410
He's not here.

1098
00:43:05,410 --> 00:43:06,820
So she took a taxi.

1099
00:43:06,820 --> 00:43:08,690
She risked her own life.

1100
00:43:08,690 --> 00:43:13,390
She took a taxi, came to
my house, picked me up.

1101
00:43:13,390 --> 00:43:16,450
I didn't even say goodbye to
my parents or to my sister.

1102
00:43:16,450 --> 00:43:18,940

This is the last
time I saw my sister.

1103
00:43:18,940 --> 00:43:25,720
And I went to the taxi, we went
to the place where the bus was,

1104
00:43:25,720 --> 00:43:27,610
and we arrived there.

1105
00:43:27,610 --> 00:43:30,110
The bus was already moving.

1106
00:43:30,110 --> 00:43:32,290
So my two suitcases
were standing on this

1107
00:43:32,290 --> 00:43:35,720
and we jumped on the bus
in this way and left.

1108
00:43:35,720 --> 00:43:36,350
No suitcase.

1109
00:43:36,350 --> 00:43:38,210
No suitcases, nothing.

1110
00:43:38,210 --> 00:43:41,400
And how was it you weren't
able to say goodbye?

1111
00:43:41,400 --> 00:43:42,370
I was running away.

1112
00:43:42,370 --> 00:43:43,540
She said, quick, quick.

1113
00:43:43,540 --> 00:43:44,220
I mean--

1114
00:43:44,220 --> 00:43:47,620
No, no, no, when she

came to the apartment.

1115
00:43:47,620 --> 00:43:50,470
It came everything so
quick and she was pushing.

1116
00:43:50,470 --> 00:43:52,570
I mean, it was a matter
of minutes, you see?

1117
00:43:52,570 --> 00:43:56,420
We came there, the bus
was already moving.

1118
00:43:56,420 --> 00:43:57,520
So we jumped on the bus.

1119
00:43:57,520 --> 00:44:00,190
The whole -- and we jumped on
the bus and the suitcases even

1120
00:44:00,190 --> 00:44:01,360
didn't come up.

1121
00:44:01,360 --> 00:44:04,390
And then we went to Denmark.

1122
00:44:04,390 --> 00:44:05,050
To Denmark?

1123
00:44:05,050 --> 00:44:06,490
Yeah.

1124
00:44:06,490 --> 00:44:07,630
This was a Jewish--

1125
00:44:07,630 --> 00:44:08,680
On the bus?

1126
00:44:08,680 --> 00:44:10,210
The bus, yeah.

1127

00:44:10,210 --> 00:44:13,510

This was-- well, a bus to
[Place name] in Germany,

1128

00:44:13,510 --> 00:44:17,320

and then a boat to Denmark.

1129

00:44:17,320 --> 00:44:19,070

We didn't know
exactly what happened,

1130

00:44:19,070 --> 00:44:25,690

but a women organization, a
Christian women organization

1131

00:44:25,690 --> 00:44:33,040

organized it that Danish
farmers or Danish people

1132

00:44:33,040 --> 00:44:36,010

took children in.

1133

00:44:36,010 --> 00:44:38,050

So I came--

1134

00:44:38,050 --> 00:44:41,110

I was supposed to come-- you
see, they took it by name.

1135

00:44:41,110 --> 00:44:42,580

They didn't know who is who.

1136

00:44:42,580 --> 00:44:45,760

The name Weingarten
stays in Copenhagen,

1137

00:44:45,760 --> 00:44:49,400

this one goes to the island
over there, and so on and so on.

1138

00:44:49,400 --> 00:44:51,700

So I was supposed to

stay in Copenhagen.

1139
00:44:51,700 --> 00:44:53,492
Were you able to stay
with your girlfriend?

1140
00:44:53,492 --> 00:44:55,030
In a Jewish family.

1141
00:44:55,030 --> 00:44:56,860
In a Jewish family.

1142
00:44:56,860 --> 00:45:00,760
And my girlfriend was
supposed to go to an island

1143
00:45:00,760 --> 00:45:04,930
far away in a farm.

1144
00:45:04,930 --> 00:45:07,090
So she was so
crying and I wanted

1145
00:45:07,090 --> 00:45:11,170
to be with her to and so on,
so I changed with the other boy

1146
00:45:11,170 --> 00:45:14,380
that he should come, which
he was very happy because he

1147
00:45:14,380 --> 00:45:17,690
stayed with a Jewish
family in Copenhagen.

1148
00:45:17,690 --> 00:45:19,120
It was a wealthy family.

1149
00:45:19,120 --> 00:45:21,100
And I went to a farm.

1150
00:45:21,100 --> 00:45:21,940

On the island?

1151
00:45:21,940 --> 00:45:24,400
Yeah.

1152
00:45:24,400 --> 00:45:25,840
And where was the island?

1153
00:45:25,840 --> 00:45:27,430
Off the coast of Denmark?

1154
00:45:27,430 --> 00:45:34,690
This was-- I remember the
island was called Mors.

1155
00:45:34,690 --> 00:45:37,086
The capital Nykobing.

1156
00:45:37,086 --> 00:45:38,950
What was the name of the island?

1157
00:45:38,950 --> 00:45:39,640
Mors.

1158
00:45:39,640 --> 00:45:45,550
M-O-R-S. And the
capital Nykobing.

1159
00:45:45,550 --> 00:45:52,510
And I came-- every
farmer took one child.

1160
00:45:52,510 --> 00:45:56,260
Only my farmer took
two children, but not

1161
00:45:56,260 --> 00:45:57,310
my girlfriend.

1162
00:45:57,310 --> 00:45:58,900
It was another.

1163

00:45:58,900 --> 00:46:01,090

But she had to stay
somewhere else.

1164

00:46:01,090 --> 00:46:02,895

But over there
everybody got a bicycle.

1165

00:46:02,895 --> 00:46:05,470

You know, in Denmark,
everybody got a bicycle.

1166

00:46:05,470 --> 00:46:08,970

And so whenever I could,
I visited her and so on.

1167

00:46:08,970 --> 00:46:10,390

And over there
they didn't steal.

1168

00:46:10,390 --> 00:46:13,000

You could leave the bicycle
on the street for eight days.

1169

00:46:13,000 --> 00:46:15,030

Nobody would even touch it.

1170

00:46:15,030 --> 00:46:16,340

I came after eight days.

1171

00:46:16,340 --> 00:46:19,420

It was the same place.

1172

00:46:19,420 --> 00:46:22,782

How far away were you from her?

1173

00:46:22,782 --> 00:46:25,110

Oh, quite a few miles.

1174

00:46:25,110 --> 00:46:29,160

Yeah, but this was a
Jewish organization.

1175
00:46:29,160 --> 00:46:32,640
We met twice a
week in the capital

1176
00:46:32,640 --> 00:46:35,620
so we shouldn't lose contact
between the Jewish children

1177
00:46:35,620 --> 00:46:36,700
and so on.

1178
00:46:36,700 --> 00:46:41,640
We met twice a week in the
capital for a few hours

1179
00:46:41,640 --> 00:46:44,430
and learned songs, Hebrew songs.

1180
00:46:44,430 --> 00:46:46,620
You know, all Jewish, we
shouldn't lose the contact.

1181
00:46:46,620 --> 00:46:49,555
Now, everyone would come to
the capital on their bicycles?

1182
00:46:49,555 --> 00:46:50,430
No, not the bicycles.

1183
00:46:50,430 --> 00:46:52,320
Buses.

1184
00:46:52,320 --> 00:46:54,165
Because they had buses
on all the roads.

1185
00:46:54,165 --> 00:46:55,860
We came by buses.

1186
00:46:55,860 --> 00:46:58,050
What was the family like

that you stayed with?

1187
00:46:58,050 --> 00:47:00,220
The family was very nice.

1188
00:47:00,220 --> 00:47:03,570
I was a little bit
lucky because he was--

1189
00:47:03,570 --> 00:47:06,300
the farmer, he was
about 70 years old

1190
00:47:06,300 --> 00:47:08,830
and he was once a
gold-digger in America.

1191
00:47:08,830 --> 00:47:09,510
He was what?

1192
00:47:09,510 --> 00:47:12,090
A gold-digger in America.

1193
00:47:12,090 --> 00:47:13,230
A gold-digger?

1194
00:47:13,230 --> 00:47:14,070
Yeah.

1195
00:47:14,070 --> 00:47:16,560
And he knew English
a little bit and I

1196
00:47:16,560 --> 00:47:19,260
knew a little bit of English
so we could converse--

1197
00:47:19,260 --> 00:47:19,870
In English.

1198
00:47:19,870 --> 00:47:22,380
Yeah, and--

1199
00:47:22,380 --> 00:47:25,560
How big a family did he have?

1200
00:47:25,560 --> 00:47:33,510
Oh, he has a son, a daughter,
a son-in-law, and he had some--

1201
00:47:33,510 --> 00:47:38,370
in Germany, the employees, they
call it [GERMAN] in German.

1202
00:47:38,370 --> 00:47:40,080
You know, like it's a slave.

1203
00:47:40,080 --> 00:47:42,240
[GERMAN] is a slave,
but they wasn't slaves.

1204
00:47:42,240 --> 00:47:44,070
I mean, only the name.

1205
00:47:44,070 --> 00:47:49,530
And I worked in a farm,
but I didn't like it

1206
00:47:49,530 --> 00:47:52,860
because the son-in-law had
the bakery in the city.

1207
00:47:52,860 --> 00:47:54,450
You wanted the bakery?

1208
00:47:54,450 --> 00:47:55,620
No, I was in the farm.

1209
00:47:55,620 --> 00:48:02,160
But I wanted-- his son-in-law
had the bakery so I tried

1210
00:48:02,160 --> 00:48:03,360
if I can come to the bakery.

1211
00:48:03,360 --> 00:48:06,600
I was more interested to be in
the bakery than in the farm.

1212
00:48:06,600 --> 00:48:07,960
And they allowed it to me.

1213
00:48:07,960 --> 00:48:10,170
So I went to the bakery.

1214
00:48:10,170 --> 00:48:13,770
I learned a little bit
with baking and so on,

1215
00:48:13,770 --> 00:48:18,510
to deliver bread, so I had a
little bit better life there.

1216
00:48:18,510 --> 00:48:20,610
How did you find
the Danish people?

1217
00:48:20,610 --> 00:48:22,420
Very nice.

1218
00:48:22,420 --> 00:48:23,460
But I was the first Jew.

1219
00:48:23,460 --> 00:48:25,483
They never saw a Jew over there.

1220
00:48:25,483 --> 00:48:26,650
They didn't know [INAUDIBLE]

1221
00:48:26,650 --> 00:48:28,270
They even want to keep us.

1222
00:48:28,270 --> 00:48:30,840
They didn't want to let us go.

1223

00:48:30,840 --> 00:48:33,150
They wanted to keep us,
you know, for steady.

1224
00:48:33,150 --> 00:48:34,614
They liked you.

1225
00:48:34,614 --> 00:48:35,538
Yeah.

1226
00:48:35,538 --> 00:48:38,933
Not only me, all the
children, or most at least

1227
00:48:38,933 --> 00:48:39,600
of the children.

1228
00:48:39,600 --> 00:48:41,340
Uh-huh.

1229
00:48:41,340 --> 00:48:44,490
Do you think they knew that
they were taking a risk?

1230
00:48:44,490 --> 00:48:45,720
They didn't take any risks.

1231
00:48:45,720 --> 00:48:46,220
No.

1232
00:48:46,220 --> 00:48:47,390
Hitler was not in Denmark.

1233
00:48:47,390 --> 00:48:47,890
Not yet.

1234
00:48:47,890 --> 00:48:49,620
It was a free country.

1235
00:48:49,620 --> 00:48:51,720
There was a king, the opposite.

1236

00:48:51,720 --> 00:48:54,210

Yeah.

1237

00:48:54,210 --> 00:48:57,630

But I was very religious,
very religious.

1238

00:48:57,630 --> 00:48:59,430

I laid tfillin every day.

1239

00:48:59,430 --> 00:49:03,480

In Denmark it didn't eat any
meat for all the five or six

1240

00:49:03,480 --> 00:49:05,400

months which I was there.

1241

00:49:05,400 --> 00:49:06,150

Not at all?

1242

00:49:06,150 --> 00:49:06,870

Not at all.

1243

00:49:06,870 --> 00:49:11,990

Even my father wrote me,
this you are a child alone.

1244

00:49:11,990 --> 00:49:14,360

Do the best you
can do and so on.

1245

00:49:14,360 --> 00:49:17,130

But I say to myself--

1246

00:49:17,130 --> 00:49:18,520

you know what a yeshiva is?

1247

00:49:18,520 --> 00:49:19,020

Mm-hmm.

1248

00:49:19,020 --> 00:49:23,050

In the yeshiva, in
the biblical schools,

1249
00:49:23,050 --> 00:49:24,870
it's not a big deal
to be religious.

1250
00:49:24,870 --> 00:49:26,470
You cannot be differently.

1251
00:49:26,470 --> 00:49:29,700
But now you have to see,
and I didn't touch anything

1252
00:49:29,700 --> 00:49:32,100
for five to six months.

1253
00:49:32,100 --> 00:49:33,540
Because it wasn't kosher?

1254
00:49:33,540 --> 00:49:34,830
Yeah.

1255
00:49:34,830 --> 00:49:37,950
And I was laying
tfillin every day.

1256
00:49:37,950 --> 00:49:39,930
And they appreciated it.

1257
00:49:39,930 --> 00:49:41,400
We are very good about it.

1258
00:49:41,400 --> 00:49:42,670
Uh-huh.

1259
00:49:42,670 --> 00:49:44,040
They let you do that?

1260
00:49:44,040 --> 00:49:45,088
Yeah.

1261

00:49:45,088 --> 00:49:45,630

The opposite.

1262

00:49:45,630 --> 00:49:46,755

And didn't bother you about

1263

00:49:46,755 --> 00:49:49,170

And I told them Yom Kippur--
it was Yom Kipper there.

1264

00:49:49,170 --> 00:49:52,890

I told them, I am not
working on Yom Kippur.

1265

00:49:52,890 --> 00:49:55,920

So yeah, they were
very good about it.

1266

00:49:55,920 --> 00:49:56,650

The opposite.

1267

00:49:56,650 --> 00:50:01,380

They appreciate it because I was
sleeping with this other guy,

1268

00:50:01,380 --> 00:50:03,660

a worker, in the same room.

1269

00:50:03,660 --> 00:50:05,740

And he was praying
every night also.

1270

00:50:05,740 --> 00:50:07,135

He was Catholic.

1271

00:50:07,135 --> 00:50:10,390

1272

00:50:10,390 --> 00:50:10,890

OK, go.

1273

00:50:10,890 --> 00:50:14,390
OK, let's pick up from the farm.

1274
00:50:14,390 --> 00:50:15,930
How long did you
work on the farm

1275
00:50:15,930 --> 00:50:17,180
before you went to the bakery?

1276
00:50:17,180 --> 00:50:21,500

1277
00:50:21,500 --> 00:50:22,800
Maybe two months.

1278
00:50:22,800 --> 00:50:23,300
Two months.

1279
00:50:23,300 --> 00:50:26,390
And what kinds of
things did you do?

1280
00:50:26,390 --> 00:50:27,110
Everything.

1281
00:50:27,110 --> 00:50:28,970
I fed the pigs.

1282
00:50:28,970 --> 00:50:29,990
I milked the cows.

1283
00:50:29,990 --> 00:50:33,490

1284
00:50:33,490 --> 00:50:39,150
I pulled out the
weeds from the ground.

1285
00:50:39,150 --> 00:50:40,820
Everything that was necessary.

1286

00:50:40,820 --> 00:50:42,060

Uh-huh.

1287

00:50:42,060 --> 00:50:45,720

Now, had you had some of that kind of training in Austria?

1288

00:50:45,720 --> 00:50:46,560

Not really.

1289

00:50:46,560 --> 00:50:47,250

Not really.

1290

00:50:47,250 --> 00:50:47,910

Not really.

1291

00:50:47,910 --> 00:50:51,150

In Austria it was more a game, you know?

1292

00:50:51,150 --> 00:50:54,010

It wasn't really hard work.

1293

00:50:54,010 --> 00:50:57,180

The main thing was to keep Jewish children together

1294

00:50:57,180 --> 00:50:58,260

over there.

1295

00:50:58,260 --> 00:50:59,910

It wasn't hard work, you know.

1296

00:50:59,910 --> 00:51:00,870

It's in Austria.

1297

00:51:00,870 --> 00:51:01,740

Right.

1298

00:51:01,740 --> 00:51:03,420

But in Denmark it was hard work.

1299
00:51:03,420 --> 00:51:04,350
Yeah, it was work.

1300
00:51:04,350 --> 00:51:05,105
It was work.

1301
00:51:05,105 --> 00:51:06,170
We had to work.

1302
00:51:06,170 --> 00:51:08,850
I mean, the people
were very nice.

1303
00:51:08,850 --> 00:51:11,160
And every three
hours you eat there.

1304
00:51:11,160 --> 00:51:14,310
Every three hours they
ring the bell and they

1305
00:51:14,310 --> 00:51:15,900
came in from the field and eat.

1306
00:51:15,900 --> 00:51:16,470
Really?

1307
00:51:16,470 --> 00:51:16,970
Yeah,

1308
00:51:16,970 --> 00:51:18,660
What a little bit, or what?

1309
00:51:18,660 --> 00:51:20,500
We got to eat always something.

1310
00:51:20,500 --> 00:51:21,000
Yeah?

1311
00:51:21,000 --> 00:51:21,660

Yeah.

1312
00:51:21,660 --> 00:51:23,790
Now, you said there
were two of you.

1313
00:51:23,790 --> 00:51:25,590
Yeah, one girl and me.

1314
00:51:25,590 --> 00:51:27,780
And were you friends?

1315
00:51:27,780 --> 00:51:30,630
She was from a
different organization.

1316
00:51:30,630 --> 00:51:32,220
She was from Hashomer Hatzair.

1317
00:51:32,220 --> 00:51:34,040
Which were not religious.

1318
00:51:34,040 --> 00:51:35,220
I was religious, yeah.

1319
00:51:35,220 --> 00:51:36,180
Uh-huh.

1320
00:51:36,180 --> 00:51:37,020
Did you get along?

1321
00:51:37,020 --> 00:51:37,650
Yeah, yeah.

1322
00:51:37,650 --> 00:51:39,030
Oh yeah, sure.

1323
00:51:39,030 --> 00:51:43,290
Listen, when you are in this
strange country and two Jews,

1324

00:51:43,290 --> 00:51:44,520
you stick together.

1325
00:51:44,520 --> 00:51:45,780
I mean, yeah.

1326
00:51:45,780 --> 00:51:48,460
And so then you
went to the bakery.

1327
00:51:48,460 --> 00:51:50,100
Yeah, and I worked
in the bakery.

1328
00:51:50,100 --> 00:51:53,050
And what did you learn there?

1329
00:51:53,050 --> 00:51:55,470
First of all, we delivered
bread, we delivered cake.

1330
00:51:55,470 --> 00:51:57,660
I eat a lot of cake.

1331
00:51:57,660 --> 00:51:59,850
I learned the first
time to make rolls

1332
00:51:59,850 --> 00:52:04,990
with two hands, which is not
easy to make from dough to roll

1333
00:52:04,990 --> 00:52:07,190
with two hands.

1334
00:52:07,190 --> 00:52:10,232
This I still know till today.

1335
00:52:10,232 --> 00:52:11,690
Did you like working
in the bakery?

1336

00:52:11,690 --> 00:52:12,360
Yeah, yeah.

1337
00:52:12,360 --> 00:52:13,165
I liked it.

1338
00:52:13,165 --> 00:52:14,220
Uh-huh.

1339
00:52:14,220 --> 00:52:17,530
How early would you have
to get up to deliver bread?

1340
00:52:17,530 --> 00:52:19,110
No, it wasn't too bad.

1341
00:52:19,110 --> 00:52:20,910
Wasn't too bad there.

1342
00:52:20,910 --> 00:52:22,740
So a lot of--

1343
00:52:22,740 --> 00:52:23,800
I didn't do it alone.

1344
00:52:23,800 --> 00:52:25,890
We went with a car
with the owner.

1345
00:52:25,890 --> 00:52:27,330
Oh, you had a car.

1346
00:52:27,330 --> 00:52:29,550
The owner had a car
to deliver this.

1347
00:52:29,550 --> 00:52:32,560
I was with him.

1348
00:52:32,560 --> 00:52:34,060
And they liked me very much.

1349

00:52:34,060 --> 00:52:37,260

And he was very interested
about the whole thing.

1350

00:52:37,260 --> 00:52:41,460

We always had to talk about
what happened in Germany

1351

00:52:41,460 --> 00:52:43,830

and from Palestine and so on.

1352

00:52:43,830 --> 00:52:45,210

He was a very nice man.

1353

00:52:45,210 --> 00:52:46,260

Yeah, he was--

1354

00:52:46,260 --> 00:52:47,220

He was not a farmer.

1355

00:52:47,220 --> 00:52:49,140

He was interested in things.

1356

00:52:49,140 --> 00:52:50,130

And sympathetic, huh?

1357

00:52:50,130 --> 00:52:50,940

Yeah, yeah.

1358

00:52:50,940 --> 00:52:53,220

Yeah.

1359

00:52:53,220 --> 00:52:55,855

Was there much talk there that
they were afraid that something

1360

00:52:55,855 --> 00:52:56,730

might happen to them?

1361

00:52:56,730 --> 00:52:58,320

No, no.

1362
00:52:58,320 --> 00:52:59,400
They felt safe.

1363
00:52:59,400 --> 00:53:01,440
No, I never had a word about it.

1364
00:53:01,440 --> 00:53:02,340
Uh-huh.

1365
00:53:02,340 --> 00:53:04,320
I mean, they didn't
think Germany

1366
00:53:04,320 --> 00:53:06,270
might come into their country?

1367
00:53:06,270 --> 00:53:07,920
No, I didn't hear
anything about it.

1368
00:53:07,920 --> 00:53:09,780
Yeah.

1369
00:53:09,780 --> 00:53:13,710
So you were in contact
with your parents?

1370
00:53:13,710 --> 00:53:16,050
I was in contact with
my parents, yeah.

1371
00:53:16,050 --> 00:53:17,810
You would write to them?

1372
00:53:17,810 --> 00:53:18,570
I wrote to them.

1373
00:53:18,570 --> 00:53:20,070
They wrote-- I don't
know how often.

1374

00:53:20,070 --> 00:53:21,630

Maybe one or two times.

1375

00:53:21,630 --> 00:53:23,340

I don't know how often.

1376

00:53:23,340 --> 00:53:24,840

But they knew where you were.

1377

00:53:24,840 --> 00:53:25,770

They knew where I was.

1378

00:53:25,770 --> 00:53:26,940

And that you were OK.

1379

00:53:26,940 --> 00:53:29,220

Yeah, in Denmark.

1380

00:53:29,220 --> 00:53:33,120

And in Austria, your mother,
your father, and Betty?

1381

00:53:33,120 --> 00:53:35,145

And the sister was left,
yeah, in the apartment.

1382

00:53:35,145 --> 00:53:38,850

OK, and what did you know about
what was happening to them?

1383

00:53:38,850 --> 00:53:44,490

Not really nothing
because nothing happened.

1384

00:53:44,490 --> 00:53:45,990

They were waiting to get out.

1385

00:53:45,990 --> 00:53:47,050

OK.

1386

00:53:47,050 --> 00:53:49,080

And where were they going to go?

1387

00:53:49,080 --> 00:53:51,300

They wanted to go
to Palestine also.

1388

00:53:51,300 --> 00:53:52,920

All three?

1389

00:53:52,920 --> 00:53:54,215

Wanted to go there.

1390

00:53:54,215 --> 00:53:55,590

If they would have
gone to China,

1391

00:53:55,590 --> 00:53:59,220

they would have gone to China
just to get out of Hitler.

1392

00:53:59,220 --> 00:54:00,120

Anywhere.

1393

00:54:00,120 --> 00:54:00,660

Yeah.

1394

00:54:00,660 --> 00:54:02,220

OK.

1395

00:54:02,220 --> 00:54:03,540

Were you worried about them?

1396

00:54:03,540 --> 00:54:05,295

Yeah, sure.

1397

00:54:05,295 --> 00:54:07,870

1398

00:54:07,870 --> 00:54:10,210

I was very close to my
sister and the parents.

1399

00:54:10,210 --> 00:54:15,580

And don't forget I was only
13 years old or 14 years.

1400

00:54:15,580 --> 00:54:18,530

1401

00:54:18,530 --> 00:54:20,360

'38.

1402

00:54:20,360 --> 00:54:25,380

No, I was already
close to 15 that time.

1403

00:54:25,380 --> 00:54:28,380

OK.

1404

00:54:28,380 --> 00:54:35,040

So we're talking
about early 1939, huh?

1405

00:54:35,040 --> 00:54:37,170

This was in September '39, yeah.

1406

00:54:37,170 --> 00:54:38,370

September.

1407

00:54:38,370 --> 00:54:41,170

When I left was September '39.

1408

00:54:41,170 --> 00:54:44,440

And I was there
till February 1940.

1409

00:54:44,440 --> 00:54:45,390

February?

1410

00:54:45,390 --> 00:54:46,350

1940.

1411

00:54:46,350 --> 00:54:47,610

1940.

1412

00:54:47,610 --> 00:54:50,220

And what happened then?

1413

00:54:50,220 --> 00:54:54,900

Then we started again traveling.

1414

00:54:54,900 --> 00:54:57,360

So we flew to Holland.

1415

00:54:57,360 --> 00:55:00,030

1416

00:55:00,030 --> 00:55:03,540

From Holland we went
by train I think along

1417

00:55:03,540 --> 00:55:10,710

the Maginot line in the French
to Marseilles on a boat.

1418

00:55:10,710 --> 00:55:13,560

In Marseilles in French.

1419

00:55:13,560 --> 00:55:22,230

It was a boat which transported
soldiers to Syria because Syria

1420

00:55:22,230 --> 00:55:23,520

was that time French.

1421

00:55:23,520 --> 00:55:25,822

Yes.

1422

00:55:25,822 --> 00:55:27,030

Was your girlfriend with you?

1423

00:55:27,030 --> 00:55:29,880

Yeah, the whole transport.

1424

00:55:29,880 --> 00:55:32,040

The whole transport
was on the same boat.

1425

00:55:32,040 --> 00:55:33,990

And you were going to Palestine?

1426

00:55:33,990 --> 00:55:35,100

We're not going yet.

1427

00:55:35,100 --> 00:55:37,423

We're still staying
in the harbor.

1428

00:55:37,423 --> 00:55:38,340

And that was already--

1429

00:55:38,340 --> 00:55:39,540

and I was already seasick.

1430

00:55:39,540 --> 00:55:42,570

1431

00:55:42,570 --> 00:55:43,620

Seasick.

1432

00:55:43,620 --> 00:55:44,400

In the harbor.

1433

00:55:44,400 --> 00:55:45,560

It wasn't even going yet.

1434

00:55:45,560 --> 00:55:46,290

[LAUGHS]

1435

00:55:46,290 --> 00:55:47,700

I was already seasick.

1436

00:55:47,700 --> 00:55:50,580

So they put me
between the horses.

1437

00:55:50,580 --> 00:55:53,370

You know, we had the horses in
the middle of the boat where

1438

00:55:53,370 --> 00:55:54,542

the less--

1439

00:55:54,542 --> 00:55:55,500

they put me over there.

1440

00:55:55,500 --> 00:55:56,100

I was so sick.

1441

00:55:56,100 --> 00:55:59,970

1442

00:55:59,970 --> 00:56:02,720

But finally we left.

1443

00:56:02,720 --> 00:56:05,640

How long were you in Marseilles?

1444

00:56:05,640 --> 00:56:06,950

Maybe a day or two.

1445

00:56:06,950 --> 00:56:07,620

I see.

1446

00:56:07,620 --> 00:56:09,330

Yeah, on the boat.

1447

00:56:09,330 --> 00:56:09,960

OK.

1448

00:56:09,960 --> 00:56:11,770

Was the trip from Holland--

1449

00:56:11,770 --> 00:56:14,712

from Denmark to Marseilles,
was that uneventful?

1450

00:56:14,712 --> 00:56:15,420

Yeah, uneventful.

1451

00:56:15,420 --> 00:56:15,920

It was OK.

1452

00:56:15,920 --> 00:56:16,890

No problem?

1453

00:56:16,890 --> 00:56:17,980

No problem.

1454

00:56:17,980 --> 00:56:20,520

The only problem was
that when I went off

1455

00:56:20,520 --> 00:56:25,620

the plane because that time
a Dakota plane was the name

1456

00:56:25,620 --> 00:56:28,450

or whatever, 23 people.

1457

00:56:28,450 --> 00:56:31,470

This was already big
plane, 23 people that time.

1458

00:56:31,470 --> 00:56:33,990

I didn't hear for
maybe six hours

1459

00:56:33,990 --> 00:56:38,040

after I went down because the
noise of the motor whatever.

1460

00:56:38,040 --> 00:56:40,440

This was the only
thing what happened.

1461

00:56:40,440 --> 00:56:42,690

But then we went on the boat.

1462

00:56:42,690 --> 00:56:47,430

We went in the Mediterranean.

1463

00:56:47,430 --> 00:56:52,350

But in the middle of this,
there was shooting going on.

1464

00:56:52,350 --> 00:56:54,017

And we were all afraid.

1465

00:56:54,017 --> 00:56:54,600

What happened?

1466

00:56:54,600 --> 00:56:57,270

Did the German shooting at us?

1467

00:56:57,270 --> 00:57:00,170

And the girlfriend said to
me, come, let's jump together

1468

00:57:00,170 --> 00:57:01,950

in the water.

1469

00:57:01,950 --> 00:57:03,150

I'm sorry, say again?

1470

00:57:03,150 --> 00:57:06,495

My girlfriend said, let's
jump together in the water.

1471

00:57:06,495 --> 00:57:07,240

I see.

1472

00:57:07,240 --> 00:57:09,390

I said for jumping
I still have time.

1473

00:57:09,390 --> 00:57:10,500

Let's see what happened.

1474

00:57:10,500 --> 00:57:13,840

And this was only
exercise from the--

1475
00:57:13,840 --> 00:57:16,930
this wasn't any shooting
going against us.

1476
00:57:16,930 --> 00:57:18,540
This was exercise on the boat.

1477
00:57:18,540 --> 00:57:19,620
There was a practice.

1478
00:57:19,620 --> 00:57:20,347
Yeah.

1479
00:57:20,347 --> 00:57:22,180
And people didn't have
to jump in the water?

1480
00:57:22,180 --> 00:57:24,060
No, no they didn't.

1481
00:57:24,060 --> 00:57:25,628
But nobody knew what happened.

1482
00:57:25,628 --> 00:57:27,170
They said, maybe
we're going to sink.

1483
00:57:27,170 --> 00:57:28,680
Let's jump together.

1484
00:57:28,680 --> 00:57:29,530
Who was shooting?

1485
00:57:29,530 --> 00:57:30,030
Do you know?

1486
00:57:30,030 --> 00:57:30,900
Was it on the boat?

1487
00:57:30,900 --> 00:57:31,560
On the boat.

1488
00:57:31,560 --> 00:57:31,800
I see.

1489
00:57:31,800 --> 00:57:32,640
On the boat, yeah.

1490
00:57:32,640 --> 00:57:34,740
I see.

1491
00:57:34,740 --> 00:57:36,720
Now, did they expect
any difficulty

1492
00:57:36,720 --> 00:57:40,740
when you go to Palestine
about going in?

1493
00:57:40,740 --> 00:57:42,690
Were the British
going to let you in?

1494
00:57:42,690 --> 00:57:44,040
Oh, this was legal.

1495
00:57:44,040 --> 00:57:46,200
Usually I was legal.

1496
00:57:46,200 --> 00:57:48,660
We had our certificate, sure.

1497
00:57:48,660 --> 00:57:49,740
This was legal.

1498
00:57:49,740 --> 00:57:55,310
So we went-- from Marseilles
we went to Beirut to Syria.

1499
00:57:55,310 --> 00:57:57,630

Yeah, Lebanon.

1500
00:57:57,630 --> 00:57:58,880
Yeah, Lebanon.

1501
00:57:58,880 --> 00:58:04,680
And from there we went
by bus to Palestine

1502
00:58:04,680 --> 00:58:08,010
on the border to
Ras-el-Nakura, the name where

1503
00:58:08,010 --> 00:58:08,970
the entrance was.

1504
00:58:08,970 --> 00:58:11,950

1505
00:58:11,950 --> 00:58:14,980
And there I came to
the Youth Aliyah.

1506
00:58:14,980 --> 00:58:19,870
And there I came to a
village where are farmers,

1507
00:58:19,870 --> 00:58:24,070
and I was a working there half
a day and a half a day learning.

1508
00:58:24,070 --> 00:58:26,380
What kind of learning?

1509
00:58:26,380 --> 00:58:29,860
Jewish history,
Torah, everything.

1510
00:58:29,860 --> 00:58:31,720
Half a day work,
half a day this.

1511

00:58:31,720 --> 00:58:34,580

1512

00:58:34,580 --> 00:58:36,290

Still close with
your girlfriend?

1513

00:58:36,290 --> 00:58:38,480

Yeah, she came to
the same village.

1514

00:58:38,480 --> 00:58:40,250

We were very close.

1515

00:58:40,250 --> 00:58:44,040

You probably thought you were
going to get married, huh?

1516

00:58:44,040 --> 00:58:45,260

I didn't think that far.

1517

00:58:45,260 --> 00:58:47,150

We were together for two years.

1518

00:58:47,150 --> 00:58:48,860

We didn't think that far.

1519

00:58:48,860 --> 00:58:53,040

There's story which came later
why we didn't marry and so on.

1520

00:58:53,040 --> 00:58:53,870

I'll wait.

1521

00:58:53,870 --> 00:58:57,700

If it's still-- if you're
still interested in it.

1522

00:58:57,700 --> 00:58:59,190

Yeah.

1523

00:58:59,190 --> 00:59:00,650

So how was it there?

1524

00:59:00,650 --> 00:59:01,770

There was OK.

1525

00:59:01,770 --> 00:59:08,120

You were working on the
farm because the farmers,

1526

00:59:08,120 --> 00:59:09,650

they couldn't live
out of the farm.

1527

00:59:09,650 --> 00:59:14,690

This was only-- he had one
cow and a little bit of ground

1528

00:59:14,690 --> 00:59:18,420

where he was growing apple
trees or things like that.

1529

00:59:18,420 --> 00:59:21,680

So the farmer went out to work.

1530

00:59:21,680 --> 00:59:25,400

They went to work, and
the children run the farm.

1531

00:59:25,400 --> 00:59:25,970

I see.

1532

00:59:25,970 --> 00:59:31,170

So we were milking the cow and
whatever was necessary to do.

1533

00:59:31,170 --> 00:59:33,150

And he went out to work.

1534

00:59:33,150 --> 00:59:36,830

What kind of jobs did you have?

1535

00:59:36,830 --> 00:59:39,860

Everything to run the farm.

1536
00:59:39,860 --> 00:59:42,050
[INAUDIBLE] milk the cow.

1537
00:59:42,050 --> 00:59:42,920
It was OK.

1538
00:59:42,920 --> 00:59:44,222
You're young.

1539
00:59:44,222 --> 00:59:44,930
Nothing was hard.

1540
00:59:44,930 --> 00:59:47,510

1541
00:59:47,510 --> 00:59:48,500
We did everything.

1542
00:59:48,500 --> 00:59:51,770
Did you feel-- did you
feel comfortable there?

1543
00:59:51,770 --> 00:59:54,330
Could you speak the language?

1544
00:59:54,330 --> 00:59:57,110
I tell you, I knew--

1545
00:59:57,110 --> 00:59:59,510
many people didn't know
at all the language.

1546
00:59:59,510 --> 01:00:03,380
I knew a little because I
was learning the Torah a lot.

1547
01:00:03,380 --> 01:00:06,710
So it's only the way to--
you pronounce it differently

1548

01:00:06,710 --> 01:00:08,120

but you knew words.

1549

01:00:08,120 --> 01:00:11,120

I didn't speak Hebrew,

but I knew a little.

1550

01:00:11,120 --> 01:00:13,160

It wasn't strange to me.

1551

01:00:13,160 --> 01:00:15,290

And you were learning,

like I told you.

1552

01:00:15,290 --> 01:00:16,640

You are learning half a day.

1553

01:00:16,640 --> 01:00:18,470

How long did it take

you to catch on?

1554

01:00:18,470 --> 01:00:22,110

1555

01:00:22,110 --> 01:00:24,440

Every time more and more.

1556

01:00:24,440 --> 01:00:26,360

I mean, you progress.

1557

01:00:26,360 --> 01:00:30,200

You speak the language when

you are there and, you know--

1558

01:00:30,200 --> 01:00:32,210

Everyone spoke Hebrew?

1559

01:00:32,210 --> 01:00:33,590

Tried to speak Hebrew.

1560

01:00:33,590 --> 01:00:35,210

You learned it.

1561
01:00:35,210 --> 01:00:37,100
And you try to
speak the language.

1562
01:00:37,100 --> 01:00:38,252
Yeah.

1563
01:00:38,252 --> 01:00:39,710
When you were with
your girlfriend,

1564
01:00:39,710 --> 01:00:41,960
what language would you use?

1565
01:00:41,960 --> 01:00:42,500
With her?

1566
01:00:42,500 --> 01:00:43,155
Yeah.

1567
01:00:43,155 --> 01:00:43,655
German.

1568
01:00:43,655 --> 01:00:46,810

1569
01:00:46,810 --> 01:00:47,317
German.

1570
01:00:47,317 --> 01:00:47,817
Mm-hmm.

1571
01:00:47,817 --> 01:00:53,290

1572
01:00:53,290 --> 01:00:56,470
How did Is-- how did
Palestine appear to you?

1573

01:00:56,470 --> 01:00:57,380
Beautiful.

1574
01:00:57,380 --> 01:00:58,390
Yeah?

1575
01:00:58,390 --> 01:01:03,910
After Hitler, every corner in
the world would be beautiful.

1576
01:01:03,910 --> 01:01:06,920
And I had a brother
in Israel already.

1577
01:01:06,920 --> 01:01:10,000
I told you that my
brother left in 1935.

1578
01:01:10,000 --> 01:01:10,730
Jack was there.

1579
01:01:10,730 --> 01:01:13,870
Jack was there three years
in [INAUDIBLE] Israel.

1580
01:01:13,870 --> 01:01:15,250
He was studying there.

1581
01:01:15,250 --> 01:01:17,320
So I had already
a relative there.

1582
01:01:17,320 --> 01:01:19,780
He came to visit me and so on.

1583
01:01:19,780 --> 01:01:21,080
He would come to visit you?

1584
01:01:21,080 --> 01:01:21,850
Yeah.

1585
01:01:21,850 --> 01:01:23,470

Could you go visit him?

1586
01:01:23,470 --> 01:01:25,260
I think one time I
went there to visit.

1587
01:01:25,260 --> 01:01:29,830
It was a very exclusive
school that time.

1588
01:01:29,830 --> 01:01:31,810
That was nice to see him?

1589
01:01:31,810 --> 01:01:32,310
Sure.

1590
01:01:32,310 --> 01:01:32,920
How long--

1591
01:01:32,920 --> 01:01:34,630
I was very close to my brother.

1592
01:01:34,630 --> 01:01:39,200
How long had it been
since you'd seen him?

1593
01:01:39,200 --> 01:01:39,700
Three years?

1594
01:01:39,700 --> 01:01:41,230
Since 1936.

1595
01:01:41,230 --> 01:01:41,950
'36.

1596
01:01:41,950 --> 01:01:44,620
Because he came
on his vacation--

1597
01:01:44,620 --> 01:01:45,790
school vacation.

1598

01:01:45,790 --> 01:01:47,480

He came to visit us to Vienna.

1599

01:01:47,480 --> 01:01:50,800

OK, so this was four years, huh?

1600

01:01:50,800 --> 01:01:54,730

It was since 1936 to 1940.

1601

01:01:54,730 --> 01:01:56,674

Mm-hmm.

1602

01:01:56,674 --> 01:01:58,620

OK.

1603

01:01:58,620 --> 01:02:00,030

Yeah.

1604

01:02:00,030 --> 01:02:02,370

So did you stay on this farm?

1605

01:02:02,370 --> 01:02:03,210

For two years.

1606

01:02:03,210 --> 01:02:04,200

Two years.

1607

01:02:04,200 --> 01:02:05,850

Well, this is the way it works.

1608

01:02:05,850 --> 01:02:08,190

Two years you stay there.

1609

01:02:08,190 --> 01:02:11,340

Then when you're 17, you
go out, you go wherever,

1610

01:02:11,340 --> 01:02:14,220

or you could go to kibbutz.

1611

01:02:14,220 --> 01:02:19,170

Many people went
together to a kibbutz.

1612

01:02:19,170 --> 01:02:20,080

They made a new one.

1613

01:02:20,080 --> 01:02:23,550

They created a new kibbutz or
went to old kibbutz's or went

1614

01:02:23,550 --> 01:02:25,550

to all kinds of things.

1615

01:02:25,550 --> 01:02:27,990

Some people went to the city.

1616

01:02:27,990 --> 01:02:30,040

Anybody could do
whatever they wanted to.

1617

01:02:30,040 --> 01:02:33,240

What did you want to do?

1618

01:02:33,240 --> 01:02:42,280

I tell you, while I was there
in 1942, my parents came.

1619

01:02:42,280 --> 01:02:44,490

They came-- I don't know
if you heard about it.

1620

01:02:44,490 --> 01:02:47,340

First of all, they
came illegally

1621

01:02:47,340 --> 01:02:49,930

on this little boat
like the exodus.

1622

01:02:49,930 --> 01:02:52,560

They were for a few
months on the boat.

1623
01:02:52,560 --> 01:02:53,730
They were so small boats.

1624
01:02:53,730 --> 01:02:57,760
When a few people more on one
side, the whole ship turned.

1625
01:02:57,760 --> 01:03:00,720
It was very bad
conditions on the boats.

1626
01:03:00,720 --> 01:03:03,450
But it was a blockade
of the British Navy.

1627
01:03:03,450 --> 01:03:06,700
They didn't let any
Jews into Palestine.

1628
01:03:06,700 --> 01:03:07,995
So they caught them.

1629
01:03:07,995 --> 01:03:08,790
They caught them?

1630
01:03:08,790 --> 01:03:10,920
They caught the ship, yeah.

1631
01:03:10,920 --> 01:03:14,700
And they caught a few ships
and they brought them to Haifa,

1632
01:03:14,700 --> 01:03:17,100
to their part of Haifa.

1633
01:03:17,100 --> 01:03:19,920
And there was a very big boat.

1634
01:03:19,920 --> 01:03:22,350
It was called the Patria.

1635

01:03:22,350 --> 01:03:25,170

And all the people
from a few small boats,

1636

01:03:25,170 --> 01:03:27,990

they put them up on
the boat and they want

1637

01:03:27,990 --> 01:03:30,420

to send them away to Mauritius.

1638

01:03:30,420 --> 01:03:31,020

To where?

1639

01:03:31,020 --> 01:03:37,230

Mauritius in the
Ecuador or somewhere.

1640

01:03:37,230 --> 01:03:39,405

Want to send them over there.

1641

01:03:39,405 --> 01:03:41,155

But the Haganah, the
Jewish organization--

1642

01:03:41,155 --> 01:03:42,390

you know the Haganah?

1643

01:03:42,390 --> 01:03:43,080

Yeah.

1644

01:03:43,080 --> 01:03:43,920

They're Jewish.

1645

01:03:43,920 --> 01:03:45,540

They didn't let
it happen and they

1646

01:03:45,540 --> 01:03:49,560

put some explosives and
something went wrong

1647

01:03:49,560 --> 01:03:54,660
and the boat sank and
about 300 Jews drowned.

1648

01:03:54,660 --> 01:03:55,980
300 Jews drowned.

1649

01:03:55,980 --> 01:03:58,260
I remember seeing
a film about that.

1650

01:03:58,260 --> 01:04:00,750
They drowned in
the port of Haifa.

1651

01:04:00,750 --> 01:04:01,830
The bay, yeah.

1652

01:04:01,830 --> 01:04:03,450
But my parents were saved.

1653

01:04:03,450 --> 01:04:05,160
How?

1654

01:04:05,160 --> 01:04:09,000
Well, why were most
of the people killed?

1655

01:04:09,000 --> 01:04:12,083
Because you know, they had their
little bit jewelry, whatever

1656

01:04:12,083 --> 01:04:13,500
they had left,
whatever they could

1657

01:04:13,500 --> 01:04:16,110
save from the old
country, they had it on.

1658

01:04:16,110 --> 01:04:18,780
And when the ship

started sinking,

1659

01:04:18,780 --> 01:04:21,480

everybody want to
run down to grab.

1660

01:04:21,480 --> 01:04:25,950

And my mother said, no,
to my father, let's down--

1661

01:04:25,950 --> 01:04:30,210

slide down to the
water and were saved.

1662

01:04:30,210 --> 01:04:36,180

And they came to a detention
camp in a British camp.

1663

01:04:36,180 --> 01:04:39,660

They kept them for six months
in the camp in Palestine.

1664

01:04:39,660 --> 01:04:42,780

Leo, can you tell me how
they got out of Austria?

1665

01:04:42,780 --> 01:04:44,310

Illegal.

1666

01:04:44,310 --> 01:04:48,000

Also illegal the transport.

1667

01:04:48,000 --> 01:04:50,050

Where did they get the boat?

1668

01:04:50,050 --> 01:04:52,180

Well, they went
with a train to--

1669

01:04:52,180 --> 01:04:56,580

I don't remember, I
don't know exactly--

1670

01:04:56,580 --> 01:04:59,100
to Czechoslovakia.

1671

01:04:59,100 --> 01:05:00,670
And from Czechoslovakia.

1672

01:05:00,670 --> 01:05:03,675
I don't remember where
they went on the boat.

1673

01:05:03,675 --> 01:05:05,490
It was a small boat.

1674

01:05:05,490 --> 01:05:09,650
Was this one of the boats
that came down the Danube?

1675

01:05:09,650 --> 01:05:14,640
It started out with
the Danube somewhere.

1676

01:05:14,640 --> 01:05:16,440
But anyhow it was illegal.

1677

01:05:16,440 --> 01:05:18,480
Not a legal way.

1678

01:05:18,480 --> 01:05:24,210
And my sister also went
illegally along with the Halutz

1679

01:05:24,210 --> 01:05:27,900
and they got stuck
in Yugoslavia.

1680

01:05:27,900 --> 01:05:29,970
They got stuck over there.

1681

01:05:29,970 --> 01:05:31,340
And over there she was shot.

1682

01:05:31,340 --> 01:05:34,110

1683

01:05:34,110 --> 01:05:35,400

We didn't know about that.

1684

01:05:35,400 --> 01:05:37,140

We didn't know
about all the time.

1685

01:05:37,140 --> 01:05:44,595

But my brother in Palestine
that time wrote to the--

1686

01:05:44,595 --> 01:05:47,820

or Israel already, wrote
to a Jewish organization

1687

01:05:47,820 --> 01:05:51,780

in Belgrade, Yugoslavia,
about the name and so on,

1688

01:05:51,780 --> 01:05:55,050

and they returned us
the letter that they

1689

01:05:55,050 --> 01:05:58,290

found the mass grave
of 600 children and all

1690

01:05:58,290 --> 01:06:03,930

were shot in the neck, and
my sister was between them.

1691

01:06:03,930 --> 01:06:06,447

The name Betty Weingarten.

1692

01:06:06,447 --> 01:06:09,310

1693

01:06:09,310 --> 01:06:12,460

And my parents never
knew about that letter.

1694
01:06:12,460 --> 01:06:13,930
They did not till today.

1695
01:06:13,930 --> 01:06:16,000
Till they died they
didn't know about that.

1696
01:06:16,000 --> 01:06:17,590
We didn't tell them.

1697
01:06:17,590 --> 01:06:19,450
Who did the letter come to?

1698
01:06:19,450 --> 01:06:20,840
To my brother.

1699
01:06:20,840 --> 01:06:21,340
Jack?

1700
01:06:21,340 --> 01:06:22,060
Yeah.

1701
01:06:22,060 --> 01:06:23,140
And he didn't tell?

1702
01:06:23,140 --> 01:06:24,140
Nobody told.

1703
01:06:24,140 --> 01:06:24,640
He knew.

1704
01:06:24,640 --> 01:06:25,600
I knew.

1705
01:06:25,600 --> 01:06:26,940
Nobody told, no.

1706
01:06:26,940 --> 01:06:27,720
You wanted--

1707

01:06:27,720 --> 01:06:31,000

Because this would be
too hard for them to--

1708

01:06:31,000 --> 01:06:32,170

so it's that unknown.

1709

01:06:32,170 --> 01:06:34,330

They don't know it.

1710

01:06:34,330 --> 01:06:35,080

Was easier.

1711

01:06:35,080 --> 01:06:38,510

1712

01:06:38,510 --> 01:06:41,500

So they were put in
a detention camp.

1713

01:06:41,500 --> 01:06:43,600

Yeah, for six months.

1714

01:06:43,600 --> 01:06:44,830

And then they let them out.

1715

01:06:44,830 --> 01:06:46,040

Were you allowed to see them?

1716

01:06:46,040 --> 01:06:46,540

Yeah.

1717

01:06:46,540 --> 01:06:49,780

1718

01:06:49,780 --> 01:06:56,230

It was near Haifa so I couldn't
go that often, but I saw them.

1719

01:06:56,230 --> 01:06:57,910

I don't remember

if they let me--

1720
01:06:57,910 --> 01:07:01,300
if I saw them
behind barbed wire.

1721
01:07:01,300 --> 01:07:02,848
I don't remember this.

1722
01:07:02,848 --> 01:07:03,348
Mm-hmm.

1723
01:07:03,348 --> 01:07:12,060

1724
01:07:12,060 --> 01:07:17,060
And this was, what, 1942?

1725
01:07:17,060 --> 01:07:23,420
This was 1941 or
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]..

1726
01:07:23,420 --> 01:07:26,510
Could be it was 1941.

1727
01:07:26,510 --> 01:07:27,990
November '41.

1728
01:07:27,990 --> 01:07:31,040
I don't know because it
was close to my birthday

1729
01:07:31,040 --> 01:07:33,540
so I thought it's a
birthday presents.

1730
01:07:33,540 --> 01:07:35,690
So yeah.

1731
01:07:35,690 --> 01:07:39,420

1732

01:07:39,420 --> 01:07:42,030

So what happened when
your two years were up

1733

01:07:42,030 --> 01:07:45,540

in the first place that
you went in Palestine?

1734

01:07:45,540 --> 01:07:48,390

When my two years were up,
my parents were already out

1735

01:07:48,390 --> 01:07:52,170

and they had an
apartment in Tel Aviv.

1736

01:07:52,170 --> 01:07:57,870

So I went to their apartment in
Tel Aviv and I started working.

1737

01:07:57,870 --> 01:07:58,950

What kind of work?

1738

01:07:58,950 --> 01:08:02,020

In a shoe factory.

1739

01:08:02,020 --> 01:08:04,770

I started working
in a shoe factory.

1740

01:08:04,770 --> 01:08:09,640

And I remember I earned
one pound a week.

1741

01:08:09,640 --> 01:08:12,240

This is maybe some
money at that time.

1742

01:08:12,240 --> 01:08:14,860

Not much, but one pound a week.

1743

01:08:14,860 --> 01:08:17,910

This was my salary.

1744

01:08:17,910 --> 01:08:26,200

And I worked in a
shoe factory till--

1745

01:08:26,200 --> 01:08:30,270

I think I told you
before that the Sochnut

1746

01:08:30,270 --> 01:08:34,950

the Jewish government in the
British government [INAUDIBLE]

1747

01:08:34,950 --> 01:08:38,640

didn't let any more
people should get the job.

1748

01:08:38,640 --> 01:08:41,920

They were interested the Jewish
people should join the army.

1749

01:08:41,920 --> 01:08:45,657

Whoever's in the age of the army
should join to prepare them.

1750

01:08:45,657 --> 01:08:48,240

They were thinking ahead-- maybe
it will be a Jewish state one

1751

01:08:48,240 --> 01:08:49,200

of these days--

1752

01:08:49,200 --> 01:08:53,220

that you should have
trained people and so on.

1753

01:08:53,220 --> 01:08:56,250

Particularly military training.

1754

01:08:56,250 --> 01:08:58,050

Yeah, but I forgot
to tell you, while I

1755
01:08:58,050 --> 01:09:03,479
was in the Youth
Aliyah in the village,

1756
01:09:03,479 --> 01:09:06,399
we got also training
already, military training.

1757
01:09:06,399 --> 01:09:06,899
You did?

1758
01:09:06,899 --> 01:09:07,620
Yeah.

1759
01:09:07,620 --> 01:09:11,399
Because always in each
village was a police station.

1760
01:09:11,399 --> 01:09:15,300
The police station was a farmer
who was the police farmer.

1761
01:09:15,300 --> 01:09:22,470
So they gave us the weapons
out from the police station

1762
01:09:22,470 --> 01:09:25,979
to the Jewish people
that we should train

1763
01:09:25,979 --> 01:09:29,229
and there were in connection,
one village with the other.

1764
01:09:29,229 --> 01:09:33,260
And when the British officer
came, one informed the other

1765
01:09:33,260 --> 01:09:35,920
and they put back the weapons.

1766

01:09:35,920 --> 01:09:38,550

This is the way we
learned how to--

1767

01:09:38,550 --> 01:09:41,970

this was when I still was in
the Youth Aliyah in the village.

1768

01:09:41,970 --> 01:09:44,020

So what did you
learn how to use?

1769

01:09:44,020 --> 01:09:47,819

A rifle, hand grenades.

1770

01:09:47,819 --> 01:09:49,200

Did they have the Enfield rifle?

1771

01:09:49,200 --> 01:09:50,250

We cleaned bullets.

1772

01:09:50,250 --> 01:09:50,880

Pardon?

1773

01:09:50,880 --> 01:09:52,410

Did they have the Enfield rifle?

1774

01:09:52,410 --> 01:09:53,340

What kind of rifle?

1775

01:09:53,340 --> 01:09:54,300

Oh, the British.

1776

01:09:54,300 --> 01:09:55,050

The British rifle.

1777

01:09:55,050 --> 01:09:55,800

The British rifle.

1778

01:09:55,800 --> 01:09:59,700

With a magazine of
10 bullets or what.

1779
01:09:59,700 --> 01:10:03,150
10 with 1 bullet in the rifle.

1780
01:10:03,150 --> 01:10:07,170
But then we had also
weapons underground

1781
01:10:07,170 --> 01:10:10,050
so we had to clean them
all with steel wool.

1782
01:10:10,050 --> 01:10:10,970
Hidden?

1783
01:10:10,970 --> 01:10:13,050
Hidden, yeah, because this was--

1784
01:10:13,050 --> 01:10:13,660
Illegal.

1785
01:10:13,660 --> 01:10:14,160
Yeah.

1786
01:10:14,160 --> 01:10:16,050
Yeah.

1787
01:10:16,050 --> 01:10:19,470
Now, when you go to Tel Aviv
to be with your parents,

1788
01:10:19,470 --> 01:10:22,920
what happened with
the girlfriend?

1789
01:10:22,920 --> 01:10:24,330
She also went to Tel Aviv.

1790
01:10:24,330 --> 01:10:25,930
She also got a job.

1791

01:10:25,930 --> 01:10:28,620
She was a beautician.

1792
01:10:28,620 --> 01:10:29,545
She was a beautician.

1793
01:10:29,545 --> 01:10:30,670
So you were still together.

1794
01:10:30,670 --> 01:10:31,590
Yeah.

1795
01:10:31,590 --> 01:10:33,270
Yeah, still.

1796
01:10:33,270 --> 01:10:36,630
But then one of these days my
parents said to me, listen--

1797
01:10:36,630 --> 01:10:39,240
my girlfriend was two
years older than I was.

1798
01:10:39,240 --> 01:10:42,750
When I started, I
was 14, she was 16.

1799
01:10:42,750 --> 01:10:45,270
And that time I was 17 close.

1800
01:10:45,270 --> 01:10:47,040
She was already 19.

1801
01:10:47,040 --> 01:10:49,140
So my parents said
to me, listen,

1802
01:10:49,140 --> 01:10:51,780
this is not fair to the girl.

1803
01:10:51,780 --> 01:10:53,310
She lost her parents.

1804
01:10:53,310 --> 01:10:54,270
She lost everybody.

1805
01:10:54,270 --> 01:10:55,440
She's alone.

1806
01:10:55,440 --> 01:10:56,880
You're not able to get married.

1807
01:10:56,880 --> 01:10:58,230
You're 17 years old.

1808
01:10:58,230 --> 01:10:59,070
You have nothing.

1809
01:10:59,070 --> 01:11:00,300
You are young.

1810
01:11:00,300 --> 01:11:02,610
Why don't you let
her go and she could

1811
01:11:02,610 --> 01:11:07,170
have a chance to get married,
to find somebody and so on.

1812
01:11:07,170 --> 01:11:08,390
So I had no choice.

1813
01:11:08,390 --> 01:11:11,850
So slowly, slowly we separated.

1814
01:11:11,850 --> 01:11:12,750
Was that hard?

1815
01:11:12,750 --> 01:11:13,510
Very hard.

1816
01:11:13,510 --> 01:11:15,580
I didn't eat for six months.

1817
01:11:15,580 --> 01:11:18,390
I mean, not didn't eat
but, you know, I was so--

1818
01:11:18,390 --> 01:11:20,740
I lost maybe 10
kilos at that time.

1819
01:11:20,740 --> 01:11:22,368
She didn't want to do this, huh?

1820
01:11:22,368 --> 01:11:23,410
She didn't want to do it.

1821
01:11:23,410 --> 01:11:24,600
I didn't want to do it.

1822
01:11:24,600 --> 01:11:29,790
But the logic said
it has to be done.

1823
01:11:29,790 --> 01:11:34,410
And she married--

1824
01:11:34,410 --> 01:11:38,520
American soldiers were at
that time in Palestine also.

1825
01:11:38,520 --> 01:11:45,060
She married an American
Sergeant, Sergeant Jacobs.

1826
01:11:45,060 --> 01:11:45,850
Jewish?

1827
01:11:45,850 --> 01:11:47,460
Yeah, Sergeant Jacobs.

1828
01:11:47,460 --> 01:11:48,840
A very nice man.

1829

01:11:48,840 --> 01:11:54,870

And he had maybe two
supermarkets in New York.

1830

01:11:54,870 --> 01:11:58,890

And she's in
America there, yeah.

1831

01:11:58,890 --> 01:12:01,080

You in contact?

1832

01:12:01,080 --> 01:12:05,190

I saw her when I want to
visit in Florida my daughter.

1833

01:12:05,190 --> 01:12:10,590

The first contact I had with
her when I came to America,

1834

01:12:10,590 --> 01:12:15,240

I had a cousin, a lawyer in New
York and he went to the dentist

1835

01:12:15,240 --> 01:12:20,370

and she lived near the dentist.

1836

01:12:20,370 --> 01:12:22,050

So I went to visit her.

1837

01:12:22,050 --> 01:12:24,990

So the first thing she
told me when she saw me,

1838

01:12:24,990 --> 01:12:26,280

it could have been different.

1839

01:12:26,280 --> 01:12:28,880

1840

01:12:28,880 --> 01:12:31,030

So this is the way.

1841

01:12:31,030 --> 01:12:32,300

But this was much later.

1842

01:12:32,300 --> 01:12:34,720

I mean, when I came to America.

1843

01:12:34,720 --> 01:12:37,630

In the meantime, a lot happened
till I came to America.

1844

01:12:37,630 --> 01:12:42,460

1845

01:12:42,460 --> 01:12:46,230

So how long did you stay with
your parents in the apartment?

1846

01:12:46,230 --> 01:12:52,560

I was working and I stayed
with them as long as they had--

1847

01:12:52,560 --> 01:12:56,610

as I told you, they
had to join the army

1848

01:12:56,610 --> 01:13:01,900

but I could get a job
with the British army.

1849

01:13:01,900 --> 01:13:03,457

So it was the same thing, yeah.

1850

01:13:03,457 --> 01:13:04,290

And what did you do?

1851

01:13:04,290 --> 01:13:07,500

I started out as an
assistant in the NAAFI.

1852

01:13:07,500 --> 01:13:10,810

NAAFI means the Navy Army
Air Force Institution,

1853
01:13:10,810 --> 01:13:15,240
which is the same thing like
the PX in the American army.

1854
01:13:15,240 --> 01:13:17,700
Canteen service,
all the service--

1855
01:13:17,700 --> 01:13:18,600
Supplies.

1856
01:13:18,600 --> 01:13:20,220
--for there.

1857
01:13:20,220 --> 01:13:21,530
Not military supplies.

1858
01:13:21,530 --> 01:13:22,030
No, no, no.

1859
01:13:22,030 --> 01:13:27,240
Like, you know, like the
PX in the American Army.

1860
01:13:27,240 --> 01:13:27,750
So I worked.

1861
01:13:27,750 --> 01:13:31,920
I worked until I became
assistant manager, manager.

1862
01:13:31,920 --> 01:13:38,640
And worked there for about five
years near the Egyptian border,

1863
01:13:38,640 --> 01:13:42,870
[INAUDIBLE] Gaza.

1864
01:13:42,870 --> 01:13:46,050
You know all these names
now from coming up.

1865
01:13:46,050 --> 01:13:48,863
I worked there about five years.

1866
01:13:48,863 --> 01:13:49,530
So I came there.

1867
01:13:49,530 --> 01:13:53,224
Every week I went to Tel Aviv.

1868
01:13:53,224 --> 01:13:54,000
for my day off.

1869
01:13:54,000 --> 01:13:56,900
Did the British
pay better than--

1870
01:13:56,900 --> 01:14:00,640
Well, you had your
pay, and you had also

1871
01:14:00,640 --> 01:14:03,160
to make money on
the side over there.

1872
01:14:03,160 --> 01:14:03,660
I see.

1873
01:14:03,660 --> 01:14:05,820
But if you had to
pay every employee,

1874
01:14:05,820 --> 01:14:07,590
you had to pay them separate.

1875
01:14:07,590 --> 01:14:09,470
But this was the
way it worked there.

1876
01:14:09,470 --> 01:14:10,920
You had to do it.

1877

01:14:10,920 --> 01:14:14,730

If you want to be very
honest, you couldn't survive.

1878

01:14:14,730 --> 01:14:15,780

They would throw you out.

1879

01:14:15,780 --> 01:14:20,520

1880

01:14:20,520 --> 01:14:22,980

But anyhow, I worked
there for five years.

1881

01:14:22,980 --> 01:14:25,680

From '42 to '47?

1882

01:14:25,680 --> 01:14:27,510

From '47, yeah.

1883

01:14:27,510 --> 01:14:34,260

And this was exactly
December 1947.

1884

01:14:34,260 --> 01:14:38,010

And it was already
between Jews and Arabs.

1885

01:14:38,010 --> 01:14:40,200

They knew already the
British would leave

1886

01:14:40,200 --> 01:14:42,090

and everybody tried
to grab whatever they

1887

01:14:42,090 --> 01:14:45,990

could grab and land and so on.

1888

01:14:45,990 --> 01:14:51,390

And Jewish buses or
cars didn't go anymore

1889
01:14:51,390 --> 01:14:53,580
this direction to
the Egyptian border

1890
01:14:53,580 --> 01:14:56,520
because it was all
Arab territory.

1891
01:14:56,520 --> 01:14:59,400
Only in convoys.

1892
01:14:59,400 --> 01:15:00,510
Wasn't safe?

1893
01:15:00,510 --> 01:15:03,690
No, only in convoys.

1894
01:15:03,690 --> 01:15:07,650
And with Haganah, you know--

1895
01:15:07,650 --> 01:15:08,250
Guarding.

1896
01:15:08,250 --> 01:15:09,938
Guarding.

1897
01:15:09,938 --> 01:15:10,980
And that was at the camp.

1898
01:15:10,980 --> 01:15:13,630
I didn't know how will
I get back to Tel Aviv.

1899
01:15:13,630 --> 01:15:16,050
I was close to the
Egyptian border.

1900
01:15:16,050 --> 01:15:17,130
How will I get there?

1901

01:15:17,130 --> 01:15:20,000
In the camp they were safe
because the camp commander

1902
01:15:20,000 --> 01:15:23,085
called Arab and Jewish
employees, everybody

1903
01:15:23,085 --> 01:15:25,830
and said, listen, if anything
going on, you shoot here, I

1904
01:15:25,830 --> 01:15:26,760
shoot you.

1905
01:15:26,760 --> 01:15:27,930
I let you shoot.

1906
01:15:27,930 --> 01:15:30,990
Here in the camp
there was peace.

1907
01:15:30,990 --> 01:15:35,190
And I was thinking, how
will I get to Tel Aviv?

1908
01:15:35,190 --> 01:15:39,000
And they had the Arab
boy, whoever, you know,

1909
01:15:39,000 --> 01:15:40,770
he was my like servant.

1910
01:15:40,770 --> 01:15:43,620
When I shaved, he
cleaned my shaving razor.

1911
01:15:43,620 --> 01:15:47,880
And he was very devoted to me
because I made him from a boy

1912
01:15:47,880 --> 01:15:50,010
like this, I made

him to assistant.

1913
01:15:50,010 --> 01:15:53,170
He was very devoted to me.

1914
01:15:53,170 --> 01:15:54,970
So how do I get there?

1915
01:15:54,970 --> 01:15:57,570
The only thing I went
to the quartermaster

1916
01:15:57,570 --> 01:16:00,900
and said, listen,
if you don't send--

1917
01:16:00,900 --> 01:16:04,470
that time when you wanted to buy
a bottle of beer or anything,

1918
01:16:04,470 --> 01:16:06,060
you had to bring
an empty bottle.

1919
01:16:06,060 --> 01:16:07,710
It was wartime, you know?

1920
01:16:07,710 --> 01:16:08,550
You want a bottle?

1921
01:16:08,550 --> 01:16:10,740
Bring an empty bottle.

1922
01:16:10,740 --> 01:16:13,020
I think also it was in
America that time that they

1923
01:16:13,020 --> 01:16:16,690
bring own paper bags and so on.

1924
01:16:16,690 --> 01:16:22,260
And I told him, if I don't bring

empty bottles to Sarafend--

1925

01:16:22,260 --> 01:16:27,780

Sarafend was a very big army
camp but not far from Tel Aviv.

1926

01:16:27,780 --> 01:16:29,580

If I don't bring
the empty bottles,

1927

01:16:29,580 --> 01:16:32,010

you wouldn't have any
beer for Christmas.

1928

01:16:32,010 --> 01:16:34,710

And no beer for Christmas
for them is no--

1929

01:16:34,710 --> 01:16:38,440

they drunk already the
morning eight bottles of beer.

1930

01:16:38,440 --> 01:16:40,710

So this was-- so
when he heard that--

1931

01:16:40,710 --> 01:16:42,630

He was eager to have
you do that, huh?

1932

01:16:42,630 --> 01:16:44,190

So when he heard that--

1933

01:16:44,190 --> 01:16:45,210

there were boxes.

1934

01:16:45,210 --> 01:16:46,530

There's 48 bottles I remember.

1935

01:16:46,530 --> 01:16:48,750

Gold Star beer.

1936

01:16:48,750 --> 01:16:54,150
He loaded an army truck with the
empty bottles and one soldier

1937
01:16:54,150 --> 01:16:58,890
with a rifle on the
truck, the driver,

1938
01:16:58,890 --> 01:17:03,150
and I put myself in khaki

1939
01:17:03,150 --> 01:17:04,200
Uniform?

1940
01:17:04,200 --> 01:17:05,150
Not a uniform.

1941
01:17:05,150 --> 01:17:07,380
Was not allowed a
uniform a civilian.

1942
01:17:07,380 --> 01:17:10,124
But khaki pants,
khaki this, you know?

1943
01:17:10,124 --> 01:17:16,350
And I took that Arab boy
with me because I knew

1944
01:17:16,350 --> 01:17:19,620
I'm not going to come back.

1945
01:17:19,620 --> 01:17:22,310
I didn't tell the
quartermaster this.

1946
01:17:22,310 --> 01:17:24,090
I tell him I go they
to bring the beer,

1947
01:17:24,090 --> 01:17:26,170
but I knew when I was
there, I go to Tel Aviv

1948
01:17:26,170 --> 01:17:27,660
and finish for me.

1949
01:17:27,660 --> 01:17:31,200
So I took the safe key with
me, the key of the safe

1950
01:17:31,200 --> 01:17:32,790
for the money and
so, and they knew

1951
01:17:32,790 --> 01:17:36,350
I will send their safe key back
with the Arab boy over there.

1952
01:17:36,350 --> 01:17:39,000
So I took him with me.

1953
01:17:39,000 --> 01:17:41,940
And we start going
towards Tel Aviv--

1954
01:17:41,940 --> 01:17:46,530
I mean, Tel Aviv, the road.

1955
01:17:46,530 --> 01:17:49,690
Before, we came to a village
which is called [Place name]

1956
01:17:49,690 --> 01:17:51,930
An Arab village.

1957
01:17:51,930 --> 01:17:55,680
And this was already a murder
village in peacetime even.

1958
01:17:55,680 --> 01:17:58,320
The truck started smoking.

1959
01:17:58,320 --> 01:18:00,570
Smoke came out of the truck.

1960

01:18:00,570 --> 01:18:03,270

So the driver had to stop.

1961

01:18:03,270 --> 01:18:07,890

He said, listen, maybe we can
still go to still the village.

1962

01:18:07,890 --> 01:18:10,290

And I thought, when
I go to the village,

1963

01:18:10,290 --> 01:18:11,655

this is the end of mine.

1964

01:18:11,655 --> 01:18:14,080

So I told him, listen,
this morning two soldiers

1965

01:18:14,080 --> 01:18:15,210

were killed over there.

1966

01:18:15,210 --> 01:18:17,640

Don't go in the village.

1967

01:18:17,640 --> 01:18:19,710

And in the meantime--

1968

01:18:19,710 --> 01:18:23,010

yeah, and I gave the
boy some empty bottles.

1969

01:18:23,010 --> 01:18:25,200

He should go in
their orange groves,

1970

01:18:25,200 --> 01:18:27,390

you know, on the side]
the orange groves,

1971

01:18:27,390 --> 01:18:33,330

and he should bring some water

for the car, for the truck.

1972

01:18:33,330 --> 01:18:34,390

He came back empty.

1973

01:18:34,390 --> 01:18:36,348

He said, listen, they're
all guards over there.

1974

01:18:36,348 --> 01:18:38,820

They think I'll steal oranges,
they're going to shoot me.

1975

01:18:38,820 --> 01:18:41,490

1976

01:18:41,490 --> 01:18:47,820

But in the meantime came already
refugees, Arabs from Yafo

1977

01:18:47,820 --> 01:18:49,860

You know Jews in
this [INAUDIBLE]

1978

01:18:49,860 --> 01:18:51,780

they are already
shooting there in Yafo

1979

01:18:51,780 --> 01:18:53,610

and we are already refugees.

1980

01:18:53,610 --> 01:18:59,940

They went south on the road
with their donkeys and so on.

1981

01:18:59,940 --> 01:19:05,160

And they saw us standing
there so they went around us.

1982

01:19:05,160 --> 01:19:07,060

What was going on here.

1983

01:19:07,060 --> 01:19:12,780

And I spoke Arabic
pretty good so I

1984

01:19:12,780 --> 01:19:16,950

saw how they called that
boy who came with me,

1985

01:19:16,950 --> 01:19:18,320

and they heard how--

1986

01:19:18,320 --> 01:19:22,460

they called-- they told
him [NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]..

1987

01:19:22,460 --> 01:19:23,460

It means, this is a Jew.

1988

01:19:23,460 --> 01:19:25,370

We have to slaughter him.

1989

01:19:25,370 --> 01:19:27,950

So the little boy swore to
them that I'm a Christian.

1990

01:19:27,950 --> 01:19:29,420

I work with him.

1991

01:19:29,420 --> 01:19:32,180

And he also saved
my life, the boy.

1992

01:19:32,180 --> 01:19:35,090

He swore to them
that I'm a Christian.

1993

01:19:35,090 --> 01:19:36,770

So I paid them.

1994

01:19:36,770 --> 01:19:39,950

And you see, I
wonder how I could--

1995

01:19:39,950 --> 01:19:42,800

my nerves could stand
this, not to-- you know,

1996

01:19:42,800 --> 01:19:45,140

not shivering when I understand
what they are talking.

1997

01:19:45,140 --> 01:19:48,200

And I kept pretty cool.

1998

01:19:48,200 --> 01:19:50,660

And they called that guy, one
of the Arabs, and we said,

1999

01:19:50,660 --> 01:19:53,000

I give you half a pound if
you bring us some water.

2000

01:19:53,000 --> 01:19:55,730

And really they
gave us some water.

2001

01:19:55,730 --> 01:19:59,750

And this is the way we came
to Sarafend, to the camp.

2002

01:19:59,750 --> 01:20:04,460

And from Sarafend there
was already Jewish convoys

2003

01:20:04,460 --> 01:20:06,260

to Tel Aviv.

2004

01:20:06,260 --> 01:20:08,000

And this is the way
I came to Tel Aviv.

2005

01:20:08,000 --> 01:20:12,770

Mm-hmm And this was in '48?

2006

01:20:12,770 --> 01:20:15,050

This was December 1947.

2007

01:20:15,050 --> 01:20:16,570
'47.

2008

01:20:16,570 --> 01:20:17,240
December.

2009

01:20:17,240 --> 01:20:20,972
Christmas 1947.

2010

01:20:20,972 --> 01:20:23,180
I bet you didn't tell your
parents that story either.

2011

01:20:23,180 --> 01:20:25,850

2012

01:20:25,850 --> 01:20:27,230
I don't remember.

2013

01:20:27,230 --> 01:20:28,930
It was a good story.

2014

01:20:28,930 --> 01:20:30,800
I mean, I was alive so what--

2015

01:20:30,800 --> 01:20:33,500

2016

01:20:33,500 --> 01:20:35,990
Did you get involved in the war?

2017

01:20:35,990 --> 01:20:38,450
This comes later.

2018

01:20:38,450 --> 01:20:43,590
Now, my father-- well,
you had to join the army.

2019

01:20:43,590 --> 01:20:44,310

You had to join.

2020

01:20:44,310 --> 01:20:48,410

I mean, they start already
the Jewish organizations

2021

01:20:48,410 --> 01:20:52,290

to recruit.

2022

01:20:52,290 --> 01:20:56,240

So I was relieved because
my father passed away.

2023

01:20:56,240 --> 01:20:57,770

When?

2024

01:20:57,770 --> 01:21:05,180

This was March '47--

2025

01:21:05,180 --> 01:21:08,610

2026

01:21:08,610 --> 01:21:16,560

[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH] in '47.

2027

01:21:16,560 --> 01:21:18,270

He passed away in '47.

2028

01:21:18,270 --> 01:21:21,540

I remember my mother
passed away '74, he '47.

2029

01:21:21,540 --> 01:21:23,730

The same numbers.

2030

01:21:23,730 --> 01:21:25,840

I just want to
remember their months.

2031

01:21:25,840 --> 01:21:29,250

In Jewish it was
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]..

2032
01:21:29,250 --> 01:21:33,720
Anyhow, he passed away so
they let me off a little bit

2033
01:21:33,720 --> 01:21:34,860
not to join the army.

2034
01:21:34,860 --> 01:21:37,710
But finally I had to join.

2035
01:21:37,710 --> 01:21:43,290
So I joined the Army,
I came to training,

2036
01:21:43,290 --> 01:21:45,480
but the training wasn't so--

2037
01:21:45,480 --> 01:21:47,250
we didn't have any
weapons really.

2038
01:21:47,250 --> 01:21:51,460
Maybe we had one stun gun
for 10 people for training

2039
01:21:51,460 --> 01:21:53,890
and so on and so on.

2040
01:21:53,890 --> 01:21:56,790
And then we were-- one day
we were standing in a row

2041
01:21:56,790 --> 01:21:59,280
and they ask, who talks Hebrew?

2042
01:21:59,280 --> 01:22:01,380
Who knows a little bit Hebrew?

2043
01:22:01,380 --> 01:22:05,550
I said I didn't know Hebrew
but I knew a little bit

2044

01:22:05,550 --> 01:22:07,410
from the Torah, like I said.

2045

01:22:07,410 --> 01:22:09,990
I thought maybe I'll
get an office job when

2046

01:22:09,990 --> 01:22:11,910
I know a little bit Hebrew.

2047

01:22:11,910 --> 01:22:13,770
I said, I do.

2048

01:22:13,770 --> 01:22:16,590
So they took us and so
on, and what they do

2049

01:22:16,590 --> 01:22:23,270
is just to give to us
training for a special unit.

2050

01:22:23,270 --> 01:22:24,780
Very dangerous unit.

2051

01:22:24,780 --> 01:22:25,890
Very special one.

2052

01:22:25,890 --> 01:22:28,470
What were they to do?

2053

01:22:28,470 --> 01:22:31,290
The unit-- you didn't
have any guns that time.

2054

01:22:31,290 --> 01:22:33,820
I mean, canons or
things like that.

2055

01:22:33,820 --> 01:22:37,870
So this was called in Hebrew
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH] means

2056
01:22:37,870 --> 01:22:39,780
sabotage.

2057
01:22:39,780 --> 01:22:44,350
And you had to take your
thing on your shoulder--

2058
01:22:44,350 --> 01:22:44,850
Explosives.

2059
01:22:44,850 --> 01:22:47,310
--and go in the
place where you want.

2060
01:22:47,310 --> 01:22:49,590
And this was a special unit.

2061
01:22:49,590 --> 01:22:51,270
And they trained me there.

2062
01:22:51,270 --> 01:22:53,500
Doesn't exactly sound
like office work, huh?

2063
01:22:53,500 --> 01:22:54,000
No.

2064
01:22:54,000 --> 01:22:57,000
You know this story like
they said the same thing when

2065
01:22:57,000 --> 01:22:59,380
they said, who plays the piano?

2066
01:22:59,380 --> 01:23:00,980
So they said, yeah,
I play the piano.

2067
01:23:00,980 --> 01:23:04,860
They say, oh, carry the
piano up the fourth floor.

2068
01:23:04,860 --> 01:23:10,080
Carry the-- it's same
thing what happened.

2069
01:23:10,080 --> 01:23:11,730
But anyhow, in that training--

2070
01:23:11,730 --> 01:23:13,770
Actually speaking
Hebrew had very little

2071
01:23:13,770 --> 01:23:15,380
to do with what you
were going to do?

2072
01:23:15,380 --> 01:23:17,690
They wanted people--
oh no, yeah,

2073
01:23:17,690 --> 01:23:20,520
you have to speak Hebrew
because the way they train you

2074
01:23:20,520 --> 01:23:22,240
in the Hebrew language.

2075
01:23:22,240 --> 01:23:25,380
If you don't know, listen, a
little bit of this, it goes.

2076
01:23:25,380 --> 01:23:26,130
Yeah, OK.

2077
01:23:26,130 --> 01:23:28,920

2078
01:23:28,920 --> 01:23:32,400
But anyhow, to make
the matter short,

2079
01:23:32,400 --> 01:23:38,640

something happened, an
explosion, and we were wounded.

2080
01:23:38,640 --> 01:23:41,190
Did it go off prematurely?

2081
01:23:41,190 --> 01:23:42,260
I tell you exactly.

2082
01:23:42,260 --> 01:23:46,500
You see, we were standing
around in a circle.

2083
01:23:46,500 --> 01:23:50,776
And in the middle of the circle
was the teacher, the trainer,

2084
01:23:50,776 --> 01:23:52,550
yeah.

2085
01:23:52,550 --> 01:23:57,810
And [NON-ENGLISH] means
something like mercury.

2086
01:23:57,810 --> 01:24:00,150
A thing which has mercury in it.

2087
01:24:00,150 --> 01:24:00,690
Mercury.

2088
01:24:00,690 --> 01:24:01,773
[NON-ENGLISH] it's called.

2089
01:24:01,773 --> 01:24:04,220
A detonator in English.

2090
01:24:04,220 --> 01:24:06,010
And you rub with the
finger like this.

2091
01:24:06,010 --> 01:24:09,420
It can go but can take you

off a finger or whatever.

2092

01:24:09,420 --> 01:24:12,690

And this makes the
small explosion

2093

01:24:12,690 --> 01:24:15,930

to make the big
explosion, the detonator.

2094

01:24:15,930 --> 01:24:18,930

And this is treated in
the army like an egg.

2095

01:24:18,930 --> 01:24:22,140

Each one separate
nicely and so on.

2096

01:24:22,140 --> 01:24:25,350

Very dangerous.

2097

01:24:25,350 --> 01:24:28,100

But we were all
underground, all illegal,

2098

01:24:28,100 --> 01:24:33,870

and the teacher had about 100
things like that in one bottle.

2099

01:24:33,870 --> 01:24:36,180

In one bottle.

2100

01:24:36,180 --> 01:24:40,440

And this was not far from--
my wife knows because it was

2101

01:24:40,440 --> 01:24:41,100

[INAUDIBLE].

2102

01:24:41,100 --> 01:24:44,368

It was near Tel Aviv
where the course was.

2103

01:24:44,368 --> 01:24:45,660

So we are standing in a circle.

2104

01:24:45,660 --> 01:24:46,980

He was in the middle.

2105

01:24:46,980 --> 01:24:51,570

And he said to a guy, listen, go
to the garbage, bring me a can.

2106

01:24:51,570 --> 01:24:54,503

He needed a can to this here.

2107

01:24:54,503 --> 01:24:55,920

[? Somehow ?] it
wasn't organized.

2108

01:24:55,920 --> 01:24:57,130

[? Army ?] didn't go.

2109

01:24:57,130 --> 01:24:58,800

I said, I go.

2110

01:24:58,800 --> 01:25:02,370

And I turned around and
they went maybe 20 steps

2111

01:25:02,370 --> 01:25:03,600

and the explosion.

2112

01:25:03,600 --> 01:25:06,720

And the guy who had
bottles in the hand--

2113

01:25:06,720 --> 01:25:10,650

you see, what he did is he
turned the bottle to get out

2114

01:25:10,650 --> 01:25:12,540

one, turned it and out one.

2115

01:25:12,540 --> 01:25:17,280

Sun was shining on it and it
explode and he was in pieces.

2116

01:25:17,280 --> 01:25:23,130

And you know, and everybody was
wounded in the eyes, in the--

2117

01:25:23,130 --> 01:25:24,525

I was wounded on my hand.

2118

01:25:24,525 --> 01:25:28,790

2119

01:25:28,790 --> 01:25:31,550

So this was the first
case which happened.

2120

01:25:31,550 --> 01:25:35,810

Then one other case happened
that we went on patrol

2121

01:25:35,810 --> 01:25:39,020

and we opened the door from--
the village there was already

2122

01:25:39,020 --> 01:25:41,210

Jewish, in Jewish hands.

2123

01:25:41,210 --> 01:25:49,100

And I go in and behind me the
guy goes, and he lost a leg.

2124

01:25:49,100 --> 01:25:52,200

He stepped on a mine.

2125

01:25:52,200 --> 01:25:53,810

I must say, touch
wood, I was lucky

2126

01:25:53,810 --> 01:25:56,510

there that God was with me.

2127

01:25:56,510 --> 01:25:59,060

The guy went before
him and he stepped--

2128

01:25:59,060 --> 01:26:00,110

And you didn't step on--

2129

01:26:00,110 --> 01:26:01,700

He stepped on one.

2130

01:26:01,700 --> 01:26:02,210

Lost a leg.

2131

01:26:02,210 --> 01:26:04,080

This was the second case.

2132

01:26:04,080 --> 01:26:07,610

This third case was they called
the [INAUDIBLE] professional

2133

01:26:07,610 --> 01:26:08,510

already--

2134

01:26:08,510 --> 01:26:15,500

professional [INAUDIBLE]
to diffuse a mine.

2135

01:26:15,500 --> 01:26:17,270

Diffuse it.

2136

01:26:17,270 --> 01:26:19,310

He also was killed.

2137

01:26:19,310 --> 01:26:24,050

So our course-- our
training was so demoralized

2138

01:26:24,050 --> 01:26:26,390

that they said no more.

2139

01:26:26,390 --> 01:26:29,120

Because they couldn't
go on anymore like that.

2140
01:26:29,120 --> 01:26:31,010
We all were -- what
happened, what happened.

2141
01:26:31,010 --> 01:26:33,990
So they said that
people are demoralized.

2142
01:26:33,990 --> 01:26:36,140
They finished the course.

2143
01:26:36,140 --> 01:26:40,640
So after I was in the
hospital I came to a camp,

2144
01:26:40,640 --> 01:26:43,670
you know, where they
again reorganized

2145
01:26:43,670 --> 01:26:46,010
wherever unit you go.

2146
01:26:46,010 --> 01:26:49,310
So they were looking for
people with experience

2147
01:26:49,310 --> 01:26:53,970
to organize the [INAUDIBLE]
means the same thing

2148
01:26:53,970 --> 01:26:57,230
the NAAFI, the same
thing like the PX,

2149
01:26:57,230 --> 01:26:59,780
but for the Israeli army.

2150
01:26:59,780 --> 01:27:00,950
So I have experience.

2151

01:27:00,950 --> 01:27:02,630

It was five years
since the army,

2152

01:27:02,630 --> 01:27:08,600

so I was one of the
organizers of the [INAUDIBLE]

2153

01:27:08,600 --> 01:27:12,710

which was the canteens.

2154

01:27:12,710 --> 01:27:15,650

We started ours as
a canteen service.

2155

01:27:15,650 --> 01:27:19,460

We had cake, we had some
soft drinks, some cigarettes,

2156

01:27:19,460 --> 01:27:20,960

and things like that.

2157

01:27:20,960 --> 01:27:26,290

When I left was a really
big department stores.

2158

01:27:26,290 --> 01:27:29,120

You see, I opened
the first store

2159

01:27:29,120 --> 01:27:34,580

in 1950, the first store for
the families of the army which

2160

01:27:34,580 --> 01:27:38,840

get special rations and could
buy cheaper things and so on.

2161

01:27:38,840 --> 01:27:41,510

2162

01:27:41,510 --> 01:27:44,060

How long did you do that?

2163

01:27:44,060 --> 01:27:48,710

I was in uniform

about 2 and 1/4 years.

2164

01:27:48,710 --> 01:27:50,720

I was in the army.

2165

01:27:50,720 --> 01:27:53,180

But then whenever I was

released of the army,

2166

01:27:53,180 --> 01:27:55,490

I continued as a civilian.

2167

01:27:55,490 --> 01:27:56,875

In the same place?

2168

01:27:56,875 --> 01:27:58,340

Yeah, in Tel Aviv.

2169

01:27:58,340 --> 01:28:02,990

I opened stores and so on in

the same organization, yeah.

2170

01:28:02,990 --> 01:28:06,390

Were you intending

to stay in Israel?

2171

01:28:06,390 --> 01:28:11,060

I intended to stay

till my parents said,

2172

01:28:11,060 --> 01:28:13,340

listen, maybe go out

and see something.

2173

01:28:13,340 --> 01:28:16,380

I hadn't seen Max for 20 years.

2174

01:28:16,380 --> 01:28:19,040

My brother in America
was already in America.

2175
01:28:19,040 --> 01:28:21,230
I hadn't seen him
for 20 or 21 years.

2176
01:28:21,230 --> 01:28:24,500

2177
01:28:24,500 --> 01:28:29,150
So go there and see and this
and so on and so on, you know?

2178
01:28:29,150 --> 01:28:31,700
I didn't leave
with my full heart.

2179
01:28:31,700 --> 01:28:32,430
You didn't?

2180
01:28:32,430 --> 01:28:32,930
No.

2181
01:28:32,930 --> 01:28:35,283

2182
01:28:35,283 --> 01:28:36,200
Were you still single?

2183
01:28:36,200 --> 01:28:38,780
But I tell you, before I left--

2184
01:28:38,780 --> 01:28:43,740
before I left I saw this was--

2185
01:28:43,740 --> 01:28:46,740

2186
01:28:46,740 --> 01:28:54,800
yeah, this was November 1956.

2187

01:28:54,800 --> 01:28:57,680

You know, November 1956.

2188

01:28:57,680 --> 01:28:58,790

I saw already--

2189

01:28:58,790 --> 01:29:00,780

I had already my American visa.

2190

01:29:00,780 --> 01:29:03,140

I had everything to go.

2191

01:29:03,140 --> 01:29:05,483

But I saw something
is going on in Israel.

2192

01:29:05,483 --> 01:29:08,000

Right away I could
recognize if something

2193

01:29:08,000 --> 01:29:11,900

is going on because buses
disappeared from the street,

2194

01:29:11,900 --> 01:29:12,740

you know?

2195

01:29:12,740 --> 01:29:14,240

You saw more soldiers.

2196

01:29:14,240 --> 01:29:16,340

I say, something happening here.

2197

01:29:16,340 --> 01:29:18,150

Something is going on.

2198

01:29:18,150 --> 01:29:19,570

So really I came home.

2199

01:29:19,570 --> 01:29:22,650

I had already been

ordered to go to camp.

2200

01:29:22,650 --> 01:29:23,840

This was the time--

2201

01:29:23,840 --> 01:29:27,680

I remember 1956, the

Suez Campaign when

2202

01:29:27,680 --> 01:29:32,150

the Israeli parachutes went

down and then France and England

2203

01:29:32,150 --> 01:29:35,570

went to the war for the Suez.

2204

01:29:35,570 --> 01:29:40,968

So I was-- still was in the

army there for one month, again,

2205

01:29:40,968 --> 01:29:42,260

because I didn't want to leave.

2206

01:29:42,260 --> 01:29:44,030

I see what was going on.

2207

01:29:44,030 --> 01:29:46,850

And my brother was there.

2208

01:29:46,850 --> 01:29:50,240

-- I didn't leave.

2209

01:29:50,240 --> 01:29:54,320

So I was one month in the army.

2210

01:29:54,320 --> 01:29:59,720

And after this was all

over, I went to America.

2211

01:29:59,720 --> 01:30:03,440

And was the purpose

to see your brother?

2212
01:30:03,440 --> 01:30:05,790
To see my brother and
see what was going on.

2213
01:30:05,790 --> 01:30:08,690
Maybe it's better
to be in America.

2214
01:30:08,690 --> 01:30:09,580
I don't know.

2215
01:30:09,580 --> 01:30:10,970
I really don't know.

2216
01:30:10,970 --> 01:30:12,158
But I didn't like it.

2217
01:30:12,158 --> 01:30:12,950
You didn't like it.

2218
01:30:12,950 --> 01:30:15,680
And after one year, I
went back to Israel.

2219
01:30:15,680 --> 01:30:18,590
What didn't you like?

2220
01:30:18,590 --> 01:30:21,020
I tell you, you
were used to live

2221
01:30:21,020 --> 01:30:25,010
in Israel for so many years
and my heart was there.

2222
01:30:25,010 --> 01:30:26,540
You gave everything there.

2223
01:30:26,540 --> 01:30:29,600
And here you come between
[INAUDIBLE] which I was not

2224
01:30:29,600 --> 01:30:31,910
used anymore and so on.

2225
01:30:31,910 --> 01:30:35,520
I was always looking for a
Jewish company and so on.

2226
01:30:35,520 --> 01:30:39,740
And I went back and my wife--

2227
01:30:39,740 --> 01:30:41,390
she wasn't my wife yet--

2228
01:30:41,390 --> 01:30:43,760
was there still.

2229
01:30:43,760 --> 01:30:46,250
So I went back to get married.

2230
01:30:46,250 --> 01:30:47,570
You knew her from before?

2231
01:30:47,570 --> 01:30:49,460
Yeah, I went before.

2232
01:30:49,460 --> 01:30:53,040
And I went back to get married.

2233
01:30:53,040 --> 01:30:57,720
But then my brother left and
my mother was already here.

2234
01:30:57,720 --> 01:31:00,020
I said, what am I
going to do alone here?

2235
01:31:00,020 --> 01:31:01,220
Jack had left?

2236
01:31:01,220 --> 01:31:02,780

Jack left, yeah.

2237

01:31:02,780 --> 01:31:04,370

To come to America.

2238

01:31:04,370 --> 01:31:08,400

Jack also went-- yeah,
he also went to America.

2239

01:31:08,400 --> 01:31:09,800

So you were there--

2240

01:31:09,800 --> 01:31:11,390

I know that he's going to leave.

2241

01:31:11,390 --> 01:31:15,740

I know he's going to leave
also with his whole family.

2242

01:31:15,740 --> 01:31:18,740

So I said to my wife,
listen, let's go and try

2243

01:31:18,740 --> 01:31:21,020

and see in America.

2244

01:31:21,020 --> 01:31:24,140

So we all went to America.

2245

01:31:24,140 --> 01:31:27,140

And where did you come?

2246

01:31:27,140 --> 01:31:30,540

Well, I came to New York.

2247

01:31:30,540 --> 01:31:36,180

But the business where I
work before, that one year,

2248

01:31:36,180 --> 01:31:38,280

the father-in-law
heard that I'm there.

2249
01:31:38,280 --> 01:31:41,750
Yeah, the boss wrote
me a letter to Israel.

2250
01:31:41,750 --> 01:31:45,070
Listen, the work
is in a big mess.

2251
01:31:45,070 --> 01:31:47,950
We would like you
to come back fast.

2252
01:31:47,950 --> 01:31:50,430
I still have this
letter till today.

2253
01:31:50,430 --> 01:31:53,010
And I say to my wife--

2254
01:31:53,010 --> 01:31:55,560
first we tried
something in New York.

2255
01:31:55,560 --> 01:31:59,310
It didn't succeed, so
we went to California

2256
01:31:59,310 --> 01:32:03,570
and I went back to
the work which I left.

2257
01:32:03,570 --> 01:32:05,160
The same company you mean?

2258
01:32:05,160 --> 01:32:06,190
The same company.

2259
01:32:06,190 --> 01:32:07,830
The one who asked
you to come back?

2260

01:32:07,830 --> 01:32:08,810
Yeah.

2261
01:32:08,810 --> 01:32:12,940
And I was there for 35
years till I retired.

2262
01:32:12,940 --> 01:32:16,350
Did he have business
out here too?

2263
01:32:16,350 --> 01:32:18,990

2264
01:32:18,990 --> 01:32:20,400
Here in California.

2265
01:32:20,400 --> 01:32:23,080
In San Francisco.

2266
01:32:23,080 --> 01:32:25,080
When you came the first
time, were you out here?

2267
01:32:25,080 --> 01:32:26,880
It was always in
San Francisco, yeah.

2268
01:32:26,880 --> 01:32:27,810
Oh, I see.

2269
01:32:27,810 --> 01:32:29,220
OK.

2270
01:32:29,220 --> 01:32:31,750
So you tried it in New
York for a year and--

2271
01:32:31,750 --> 01:32:33,130
No a year, a few months only.

2272
01:32:33,130 --> 01:32:33,810

Few months.

2273

01:32:33,810 --> 01:32:35,280

Yeah.

2274

01:32:35,280 --> 01:32:38,240

With my brother we brought
some biblical playing cards.

2275

01:32:38,240 --> 01:32:41,500

We thought maybe this is an
article but it didn't go.

2276

01:32:41,500 --> 01:32:43,830

We were two months
or three months.

2277

01:32:43,830 --> 01:32:44,880

I don't remember.

2278

01:32:44,880 --> 01:32:48,510

And then I went back and--

2279

01:32:48,510 --> 01:32:51,420

but I have to tell
you a funny story.

2280

01:32:51,420 --> 01:32:55,140

You know, when we came
back, I started working

2281

01:32:55,140 --> 01:32:58,260

and my wife had
already a job prepared

2282

01:32:58,260 --> 01:33:00,210

for Jewish organizations.

2283

01:33:00,210 --> 01:33:07,410

In Oakland there was a store
like I. Magnin like that

2284

01:33:07,410 --> 01:33:11,160
but in a better clothing
store for women,

2285
01:33:11,160 --> 01:33:13,320
and she started working there.

2286
01:33:13,320 --> 01:33:15,840
And the owner was also a Jew.

2287
01:33:15,840 --> 01:33:18,750
So one time they were
talking and he said to her,

2288
01:33:18,750 --> 01:33:21,060
you know, there is
the Israeli girl.

2289
01:33:21,060 --> 01:33:24,210
And my wife was working
already there some time.

2290
01:33:24,210 --> 01:33:26,520
He said, you know there's
another Israeli girl working

2291
01:33:26,520 --> 01:33:29,200
here, she comes from
Israel and so on.

2292
01:33:29,200 --> 01:33:33,210
So she said one day they
were sitting in the lunchroom

2293
01:33:33,210 --> 01:33:35,790
so they started talking.

2294
01:33:35,790 --> 01:33:37,185
So she asked, what is your name?

2295
01:33:37,185 --> 01:33:39,780
She said, Weingarten.

2296

01:33:39,780 --> 01:33:44,010

And [INAUDIBLE] down
from Denmark and so on.

2297

01:33:44,010 --> 01:33:47,820

She said, me and my husband
also was in Denmark.

2298

01:33:47,820 --> 01:33:51,485

And she said, is his name
maybe Leo Weingarten?

2299

01:33:51,485 --> 01:33:52,920

She said, yeah.

2300

01:33:52,920 --> 01:33:55,530

It was the same girl
which was with me

2301

01:33:55,530 --> 01:34:00,060

on the farm in Denmark
who was working in Oakland

2302

01:34:00,060 --> 01:34:02,130

in the store with my wife.

2303

01:34:02,130 --> 01:34:04,850

2304

01:34:04,850 --> 01:34:07,240

This can happen once
in I don't know what.

2305

01:34:07,240 --> 01:34:10,280

Oh yeah.

2306

01:34:10,280 --> 01:34:14,360

So since then we became friends
again with the whole family.

2307

01:34:14,360 --> 01:34:15,890

She's still around here?

2308
01:34:15,890 --> 01:34:18,310
No, her husband passed away
and she went back to Israel.

2309
01:34:18,310 --> 01:34:22,160

2310
01:34:22,160 --> 01:34:23,800
So this is my story.

2311
01:34:23,800 --> 01:34:26,170
So how has it been
for you in America?

2312
01:34:26,170 --> 01:34:27,220
Pretty good.

2313
01:34:27,220 --> 01:34:28,673
I cannot complain.

2314
01:34:28,673 --> 01:34:29,965
Does it feel like your country?

2315
01:34:29,965 --> 01:34:34,440

2316
01:34:34,440 --> 01:34:37,680
I mean, I have to be
thankful to America.

2317
01:34:37,680 --> 01:34:42,330
I mean, first of all, America
is a big help to Israel also.

2318
01:34:42,330 --> 01:34:46,200
And I mean, I cannot
complain here in America.

2319
01:34:46,200 --> 01:34:47,370
But you know--

2320

01:34:47,370 --> 01:34:50,810

You have to be thankful, but
what does your heart say?

2321

01:34:50,810 --> 01:34:52,090

My heart is here.

2322

01:34:52,090 --> 01:34:53,460

I just came back from Israel.

2323

01:34:53,460 --> 01:34:55,520

I was in Israel now.

2324

01:34:55,520 --> 01:34:57,150

It's a different life there.

2325

01:34:57,150 --> 01:34:58,770

It's a different life.

2326

01:34:58,770 --> 01:34:59,690

It's a different life.

2327

01:34:59,690 --> 01:35:00,690

You wish you were there?

2328

01:35:00,690 --> 01:35:03,590

2329

01:35:03,590 --> 01:35:04,640

I have my children here.

2330

01:35:04,640 --> 01:35:07,490

I have grandchildren
here, you know?

2331

01:35:07,490 --> 01:35:08,590

It's not so easy.

2332

01:35:08,590 --> 01:35:11,210

2333

01:35:11,210 --> 01:35:13,280

But my wife has a sister there.

2334

01:35:13,280 --> 01:35:16,250

She has one daughter from
her first marriage there.

2335

01:35:16,250 --> 01:35:20,560

The grandchild was just
released of the army and so on.

2336

01:35:20,560 --> 01:35:22,464

Mm-hmm.

2337

01:35:22,464 --> 01:35:25,940

Now, when your mother came to
America, where did she live?

2338

01:35:25,940 --> 01:35:26,930

She lived in Oakland.

2339

01:35:26,930 --> 01:35:27,530

Oakland.

2340

01:35:27,530 --> 01:35:29,510

Yeah.

2341

01:35:29,510 --> 01:35:31,490

She passed away in 1974.

2342

01:35:31,490 --> 01:35:32,360

Yeah.

2343

01:35:32,360 --> 01:35:33,950

Did she adjust to America?

2344

01:35:33,950 --> 01:35:35,120

Yeah, pretty good.

2345

01:35:35,120 --> 01:35:35,803

Yeah.

2346
01:35:35,803 --> 01:35:36,470
Did she like it?

2347
01:35:36,470 --> 01:35:37,550
Very good, yeah.

2348
01:35:37,550 --> 01:35:39,178
You see, my mother,
like I told you,

2349
01:35:39,178 --> 01:35:40,470
always she was a dynamic woman.

2350
01:35:40,470 --> 01:35:42,890
She was-- she well --
went to Jewish center,

2351
01:35:42,890 --> 01:35:47,110
made the laughs for the Jewish
soldiers in Israel and played

2352
01:35:47,110 --> 01:35:47,610
cards.

2353
01:35:47,610 --> 01:35:49,410
She was OK.

2354
01:35:49,410 --> 01:35:49,910
Yeah.

2355
01:35:49,910 --> 01:35:54,650

2356
01:35:54,650 --> 01:35:55,620
How about Austria?

2357
01:35:55,620 --> 01:35:57,500
You've been back?

2358
01:35:57,500 --> 01:35:59,330

I was twice back in Austria.

2359

01:35:59,330 --> 01:36:00,440

When was the first time?

2360

01:36:00,440 --> 01:36:03,240

2361

01:36:03,240 --> 01:36:04,290

After a long time.

2362

01:36:04,290 --> 01:36:05,180

A long time.

2363

01:36:05,180 --> 01:36:08,920

2364

01:36:08,920 --> 01:36:11,320

Maybe 15 years ago or what.

2365

01:36:11,320 --> 01:36:12,310

Was the first time?

2366

01:36:12,310 --> 01:36:13,150

Yeah.

2367

01:36:13,150 --> 01:36:17,556

Did you not want to
go back before then?

2368

01:36:17,556 --> 01:36:21,190

I didn't have the
desire to go back, no.

2369

01:36:21,190 --> 01:36:24,010

But I went back because
I wanted to show

2370

01:36:24,010 --> 01:36:27,996

my wife and the children where
I lived and where I come from.

2371

01:36:27,996 --> 01:36:29,780

Mm-hmm.

2372

01:36:29,780 --> 01:36:30,820

Did you?

2373

01:36:30,820 --> 01:36:31,460

Yeah.

2374

01:36:31,460 --> 01:36:31,960

Yeah?

2375

01:36:31,960 --> 01:36:32,860

I showed it to them.

2376

01:36:32,860 --> 01:36:35,290

Still there?

2377

01:36:35,290 --> 01:36:36,880

Still there, yeah.

2378

01:36:36,880 --> 01:36:37,890

Still there.

2379

01:36:37,890 --> 01:36:40,030

How about the business?

2380

01:36:40,030 --> 01:36:41,540

This was taken away from us.

2381

01:36:41,540 --> 01:36:42,460

Yeah, was the store--

2382

01:36:42,460 --> 01:36:44,470

Other people--

yeah, not the same.

2383

01:36:44,470 --> 01:36:46,025

The store is there, but not--

2384

01:36:46,025 --> 01:36:46,720
Not fabric.

2385
01:36:46,720 --> 01:36:50,530
These plastic things and
things like that, yeah.

2386
01:36:50,530 --> 01:36:53,830
But I was back already
twice in Vienna afterwards.

2387
01:36:53,830 --> 01:36:59,080
On the way to Slovakia
and on the way to Hungary

2388
01:36:59,080 --> 01:37:02,553
we went back there
for a few days always.

2389
01:37:02,553 --> 01:37:03,970
How do you feel
when you go there?

2390
01:37:03,970 --> 01:37:08,690

2391
01:37:08,690 --> 01:37:13,220
I was wondering how Jews
can live there, you know,

2392
01:37:13,220 --> 01:37:19,370
especially when you see Jews
with beards and with all this--

2393
01:37:19,370 --> 01:37:20,685
still how.

2394
01:37:20,685 --> 01:37:26,240

2395
01:37:26,240 --> 01:37:27,410
I mean, how--

2396

01:37:27,410 --> 01:37:34,370

You know, it's funny because my
brother has some friends still

2397

01:37:34,370 --> 01:37:38,160

in Vienna, which after
the concentration camps,

2398

01:37:38,160 --> 01:37:40,460

after this, they
all stayed there.

2399

01:37:40,460 --> 01:37:44,690

And one said the good thing
is that it is very bad for me

2400

01:37:44,690 --> 01:37:49,490

that I stay here in Vienna,
but it's even worse for you

2401

01:37:49,490 --> 01:37:54,170

to come to visit me in Vienna.

2402

01:37:54,170 --> 01:37:55,190

Why is it worse?

2403

01:37:55,190 --> 01:37:56,090

I don't understand.

2404

01:37:56,090 --> 01:37:58,070

Because that you go back--

2405

01:37:58,070 --> 01:37:58,610

I see.

2406

01:37:58,610 --> 01:38:01,430

--to that country which
you suffered so much.

2407

01:38:01,430 --> 01:38:04,580

We threw you out and all.

2408

01:38:04,580 --> 01:38:08,960

That you still can live
there and he lives there.

2409

01:38:08,960 --> 01:38:10,970

He said it's bad
enough I live there,

2410

01:38:10,970 --> 01:38:14,390

but it's bad enough that
you come and visit me even,

2411

01:38:14,390 --> 01:38:15,440

that you come to--

2412

01:38:15,440 --> 01:38:18,000

you have desire to go to Vienna.

2413

01:38:18,000 --> 01:38:18,500

I see.

2414

01:38:18,500 --> 01:38:21,430

2415

01:38:21,430 --> 01:38:25,870

Does it pull any strings for
you when you go to Austria?

2416

01:38:25,870 --> 01:38:26,410

No.

2417

01:38:26,410 --> 01:38:26,910

No?

2418

01:38:26,910 --> 01:38:28,720

No.

2419

01:38:28,720 --> 01:38:29,590

So many years.

2420

01:38:29,590 --> 01:38:31,990

It's--

2421

01:38:31,990 --> 01:38:35,920

Does it feel like a
foreign country to you?

2422

01:38:35,920 --> 01:38:36,580

It's funny.

2423

01:38:36,580 --> 01:38:38,230

Sometimes I feel
good there, you know?

2424

01:38:38,230 --> 01:38:40,750

Like I was born there,
I know the language,

2425

01:38:40,750 --> 01:38:45,550

and I know every
place were like--

2426

01:38:45,550 --> 01:38:46,600

Very familiar.

2427

01:38:46,600 --> 01:38:47,110

Yeah.

2428

01:38:47,110 --> 01:38:48,040

Yeah.

2429

01:38:48,040 --> 01:38:49,570

But not yours.

2430

01:38:49,570 --> 01:38:52,780

No, not mine.

2431

01:38:52,780 --> 01:38:53,920

Someone else's.

2432

01:38:53,920 --> 01:38:55,480

I wouldn't like to live there.

2433

01:38:55,480 --> 01:38:56,480

You wouldn't.

2434

01:38:56,480 --> 01:38:58,930

No.

2435

01:38:58,930 --> 01:39:01,310

Absolutely not.

2436

01:39:01,310 --> 01:39:05,006

I went through enough
there as a child.

2437

01:39:05,006 --> 01:39:08,800

Did Austria ever make
compensation for the people

2438

01:39:08,800 --> 01:39:11,420

who were driven out?

2439

01:39:11,420 --> 01:39:11,920

Yeah.

2440

01:39:11,920 --> 01:39:14,970

2441

01:39:14,970 --> 01:39:16,830

Yeah, they compensate.

2442

01:39:16,830 --> 01:39:18,840

They try now more even.

2443

01:39:18,840 --> 01:39:21,220

They don't invite people
back like the Germans do?

2444

01:39:21,220 --> 01:39:21,870

They did.

2445

01:39:21,870 --> 01:39:23,070

They did.

2446
01:39:23,070 --> 01:39:23,820
Not me.

2447
01:39:23,820 --> 01:39:24,660
Not me.

2448
01:39:24,660 --> 01:39:28,800
But some of my friends
yeah, got invitations

2449
01:39:28,800 --> 01:39:32,460
to come for a week
to Vienna and so on.

2450
01:39:32,460 --> 01:39:34,350
If they invited
you, would you go?

2451
01:39:34,350 --> 01:39:35,280
I don't know.

2452
01:39:35,280 --> 01:39:36,660
I don't know if it would go.

2453
01:39:36,660 --> 01:39:37,952
You don't know if you would go?

2454
01:39:37,952 --> 01:39:40,380
No, I don't know.

2455
01:39:40,380 --> 01:39:41,640
I mean, some--

2456
01:39:41,640 --> 01:39:44,388
I know Vienna.

2457
01:39:44,388 --> 01:39:45,930
What would I do
there for eight days?

2458

01:39:45,930 --> 01:39:47,970
Just, I know everything there.

2459
01:39:47,970 --> 01:39:49,170
No.

2460
01:39:49,170 --> 01:39:50,910
I don't know if I would go.

2461
01:39:50,910 --> 01:39:53,610
Beside that, it's only for
you, not with your wife.

2462
01:39:53,610 --> 01:39:54,180
Oh really?

2463
01:39:54,180 --> 01:39:58,950
It's only for [? your ?]
[? person ?] as far as I know.

2464
01:39:58,950 --> 01:39:59,790
As far as I know.

2465
01:39:59,790 --> 01:40:00,750
Maybe I'm wrong, but--

2466
01:40:00,750 --> 01:40:02,250
Yeah.

2467
01:40:02,250 --> 01:40:05,220
How do you feel
about being Jewish?

2468
01:40:05,220 --> 01:40:08,040
Very good.

2469
01:40:08,040 --> 01:40:09,714
I'm proud to be Jewish.

2470
01:40:09,714 --> 01:40:11,490
Mm-hmm.

2471

01:40:11,490 --> 01:40:15,990

Did you ever wish when there was
trouble because you were Jewish

2472

01:40:15,990 --> 01:40:17,200

that you weren't Jewish?

2473

01:40:17,200 --> 01:40:18,120

No, never.

2474

01:40:18,120 --> 01:40:20,095

Never occurred to me.

2475

01:40:20,095 --> 01:40:20,595

Never.

2476

01:40:20,595 --> 01:40:23,378

2477

01:40:23,378 --> 01:40:25,170

Have you ever wanted
to go back to Denmark?

2478

01:40:25,170 --> 01:40:29,130

2479

01:40:29,130 --> 01:40:32,580

Those people-- I mean,
they are not alive anymore.

2480

01:40:32,580 --> 01:40:34,830

They were elderly
people that time.

2481

01:40:34,830 --> 01:40:38,130

I don't even remember how to go
there to that island or what.

2482

01:40:38,130 --> 01:40:42,850

2483

01:40:42,850 --> 01:40:46,170
No, not really.

2484
01:40:46,170 --> 01:40:48,010
But basically good memories.

2485
01:40:48,010 --> 01:40:49,150
Yeah, yeah.

2486
01:40:49,150 --> 01:40:49,960
Oh yeah.

2487
01:40:49,960 --> 01:40:52,030
Oh yeah.

2488
01:40:52,030 --> 01:40:53,620
They were helpful.

2489
01:40:53,620 --> 01:40:56,620
They were nice to me.

2490
01:40:56,620 --> 01:40:59,920
I cannot complain.

2491
01:40:59,920 --> 01:41:02,910
Leo, do you think we could
have a Holocaust again?

2492
01:41:02,910 --> 01:41:07,758

2493
01:41:07,758 --> 01:41:09,800
I don't know if you could
have a Holocaust again.

2494
01:41:09,800 --> 01:41:14,690
But I tell you, I was wondering
about the world, even America,

2495
01:41:14,690 --> 01:41:19,220
which lost so many people in
war which was created through

2496
01:41:19,220 --> 01:41:25,460
Hitler, they lost so many lives,
that they still cannot allow

2497
01:41:25,460 --> 01:41:29,630
a Nazi party, even if
it's a Democratic country.

2498
01:41:29,630 --> 01:41:32,060
But I mean, I think there
should be a limit even

2499
01:41:32,060 --> 01:41:36,200
if it's Democratic and not allow
a thing like that to happen.

2500
01:41:36,200 --> 01:41:39,313
Because what you know today
with the internet is all this.

2501
01:41:39,313 --> 01:41:40,230
You get more and more.

2502
01:41:40,230 --> 01:41:41,530
You never know who is a--

2503
01:41:41,530 --> 01:41:44,750
in Vienna you didn't
know who's a Nazi.

2504
01:41:44,750 --> 01:41:46,505
You didn't know who is a Nazi.

2505
01:41:46,505 --> 01:41:49,725
I mean, you think they were all
the friends of the Jews here.

2506
01:41:49,725 --> 01:41:51,260
Yeah, good, good.

2507
01:41:51,260 --> 01:41:53,067

This next day when
Hitler came they

2508
01:41:53,067 --> 01:41:55,130
were already in SS uniform.

2509
01:41:55,130 --> 01:41:57,215
You didn't even know that
they were illegal Nazis.

2510
01:41:57,215 --> 01:42:00,720

2511
01:42:00,720 --> 01:42:03,600
And this I still
wonder until today

2512
01:42:03,600 --> 01:42:05,790
that they can allow
a thing like that.

2513
01:42:05,790 --> 01:42:09,750
You think maybe democracy
allows too much freedom?

2514
01:42:09,750 --> 01:42:12,420
In a case like that.

2515
01:42:12,420 --> 01:42:17,290
In a case like that, which they
knew what happened years ago.

2516
01:42:17,290 --> 01:42:21,630
And I mean, they were the
reason that it all happened.

2517
01:42:21,630 --> 01:42:24,300
The problem is when you
start outlawing a party,

2518
01:42:24,300 --> 01:42:25,140
where do you stop?

2519

01:42:25,140 --> 01:42:29,730

2520

01:42:29,730 --> 01:42:32,550

Do you put criminals in jail?

2521

01:42:32,550 --> 01:42:36,720

Do you ask where do you
stop to put criminals?

2522

01:42:36,720 --> 01:42:37,770

Where?

2523

01:42:37,770 --> 01:42:39,180

These are criminals.

2524

01:42:39,180 --> 01:42:40,200

Yeah.

2525

01:42:40,200 --> 01:42:41,640

But I mean, you know--

2526

01:42:41,640 --> 01:42:44,580

You know very well they
are against the government.

2527

01:42:44,580 --> 01:42:47,400

You know what did they
do with that black guy.

2528

01:42:47,400 --> 01:42:50,730

They chained him onto
this and slaughtered--

2529

01:42:50,730 --> 01:42:53,820

I mean, a dog you wouldn't
slaughter like that.

2530

01:42:53,820 --> 01:42:55,530

And this is allowed?

2531

01:42:55,530 --> 01:42:57,030
This is my opinion.

2532
01:42:57,030 --> 01:43:02,333
How about these-- how about
these groups up in Idaho

2533
01:43:02,333 --> 01:43:03,250
and, you know, these--

2534
01:43:03,250 --> 01:43:07,665

2535
01:43:07,665 --> 01:43:08,540
I know what you mean.

2536
01:43:08,540 --> 01:43:10,740
With the training weapons
and things like that?

2537
01:43:10,740 --> 01:43:11,240
Yeah.

2538
01:43:11,240 --> 01:43:11,840
Survivalists.

2539
01:43:11,840 --> 01:43:13,650
You think we should outlaw them?

2540
01:43:13,650 --> 01:43:14,150
Yeah.

2541
01:43:14,150 --> 01:43:16,070
In my opinion yeah.

2542
01:43:16,070 --> 01:43:17,540
It's against the government.

2543
01:43:17,540 --> 01:43:19,550
I mean, which government
allows to be--

2544

01:43:19,550 --> 01:43:22,610

I mean, OK, you can have
a party, opposition party,

2545

01:43:22,610 --> 01:43:27,290

the Democratic and Republican
leaders, things like that.

2546

01:43:27,290 --> 01:43:29,000

But you know, they
train with weapons.

2547

01:43:29,000 --> 01:43:32,000

What do they train it for?

2548

01:43:32,000 --> 01:43:35,960

To kill the people, to kill
the government or what.

2549

01:43:35,960 --> 01:43:37,010

Should that be allowed?

2550

01:43:37,010 --> 01:43:39,930

2551

01:43:39,930 --> 01:43:41,292

In my opinion, no.

2552

01:43:41,292 --> 01:43:45,542

2553

01:43:45,542 --> 01:43:47,000

Are there any things
that you would

2554

01:43:47,000 --> 01:43:50,660

like to add to what
we have talked about?

2555

01:43:50,660 --> 01:43:51,590

I talked too much.

2556

01:43:51,590 --> 01:43:54,720

2557

01:43:54,720 --> 01:43:55,280

Not really.

2558

01:43:55,280 --> 01:43:58,580

I mean, I have to be
thankful to America.

2559

01:43:58,580 --> 01:44:01,950

I cannot complain.

2560

01:44:01,950 --> 01:44:04,580

I had a good life here.

2561

01:44:04,580 --> 01:44:06,410

If you have freedom--

2562

01:44:06,410 --> 01:44:08,210

You think this is
a good country?

2563

01:44:08,210 --> 01:44:09,110

I think so, yeah.

2564

01:44:09,110 --> 01:44:10,640

Uh-huh.

2565

01:44:10,640 --> 01:44:12,530

Are you proud to be American?

2566

01:44:12,530 --> 01:44:15,946

2567

01:44:15,946 --> 01:44:17,790

I'm a Jew.

2568

01:44:17,790 --> 01:44:19,170

Mm-hmm, first?

2569

01:44:19,170 --> 01:44:21,660

I'm a Jew.

2570

01:44:21,660 --> 01:44:23,400

More than American?

2571

01:44:23,400 --> 01:44:24,720

I'm an American Jew.

2572

01:44:24,720 --> 01:44:25,220

OK.

2573

01:44:25,220 --> 01:44:32,940

2574

01:44:32,940 --> 01:44:35,310

Well, I want to

really thank you, Leo,

2575

01:44:35,310 --> 01:44:38,580

for being willing to give

us an interview, to tell us

2576

01:44:38,580 --> 01:44:42,630

about your life, your

experiences, and--

2577

01:44:42,630 --> 01:44:43,470

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2578

01:44:43,470 --> 01:44:45,475

Really appreciate it.

2579

01:44:45,475 --> 01:44:45,975

My pleasure.

2580

01:44:45,975 --> 01:44:46,808

Thank you very much.

2581

01:44:46,808 --> 01:44:48,495

My pleasure.

2582
01:44:48,495 --> 01:44:52,500
I'm recording, and which
one are we looking at first?

2583
01:44:52,500 --> 01:44:57,950
This is my father
and this was me.

2584
01:44:57,950 --> 01:45:01,360
This was in the 1930s.

2585
01:45:01,360 --> 01:45:02,820
You were about 10?

2586
01:45:02,820 --> 01:45:05,760
About 10 years old, yeah.

2587
01:45:05,760 --> 01:45:07,200
Then we went to--

2588
01:45:07,200 --> 01:45:10,770
my father was always sick
we had to go to a spa

2589
01:45:10,770 --> 01:45:13,320
so he shouldn't be alone so I
went to see him all the time.

2590
01:45:13,320 --> 01:45:18,300

2591
01:45:18,300 --> 01:45:19,105
This was in Vienna.

2592
01:45:19,105 --> 01:45:23,470

2593
01:45:23,470 --> 01:45:24,680
No, you're right.

2594

01:45:24,680 --> 01:45:29,760

It is really-- you can't
see it for some reason.

2595

01:45:29,760 --> 01:45:31,500

OK, we're recording now.

2596

01:45:31,500 --> 01:45:32,730

Go ahead.

2597

01:45:32,730 --> 01:45:37,570

So this is my father, and here
I'm about 9 or 10 years old,

2598

01:45:37,570 --> 01:45:40,860

which I went with him
because he was in a spa

2599

01:45:40,860 --> 01:45:42,860

and so he shouldn't be alone.

2600

01:45:42,860 --> 01:45:45,810

2601

01:45:45,810 --> 01:45:48,810

This is here when I worked
with the British army

2602

01:45:48,810 --> 01:45:50,490

and I was in charge.

2603

01:45:50,490 --> 01:45:52,380

This is me as a manager.

2604

01:45:52,380 --> 01:45:54,350

These are the people,
Arab and Jews together,

2605

01:45:54,350 --> 01:45:57,960

which are working for me
in the canteen service.

2606

01:45:57,960 --> 01:46:01,530

Is the little Arab boy
who saved you there?

2607

01:46:01,530 --> 01:46:04,260

2608

01:46:04,260 --> 01:46:06,120

No, I don't see him here.

2609

01:46:06,120 --> 01:46:08,220

No, he's not here.

2610

01:46:08,220 --> 01:46:15,390

And then this is already in
the army, the Israeli army.

2611

01:46:15,390 --> 01:46:17,790

This is already
when I was manager

2612

01:46:17,790 --> 01:46:23,280

in here for the stores for the
Israeli army which I managed.

2613

01:46:23,280 --> 01:46:25,060

That's the store there?

2614

01:46:25,060 --> 01:46:26,070

This is only part.

2615

01:46:26,070 --> 01:46:28,800

This is only
cosmetic department.

2616

01:46:28,800 --> 01:46:31,620

This was a very big store.

2617

01:46:31,620 --> 01:46:35,300

We made about \$200,000
a day turnover.

2618

01:46:35,300 --> 01:46:35,800
Wow.

2619
01:46:35,800 --> 01:46:37,800
Which is pounds at
that time, not dollars.

2620
01:46:37,800 --> 01:46:40,000
I just give an example.

2621
01:46:40,000 --> 01:46:42,360
This was a very big store.

2622
01:46:42,360 --> 01:46:44,580
And what was the one above it?

2623
01:46:44,580 --> 01:46:47,970
Also this-- this I
talk to my assistant.

2624
01:46:47,970 --> 01:46:49,620
This was my assistant.

2625
01:46:49,620 --> 01:46:50,740
And how about this?

2626
01:46:50,740 --> 01:46:52,110
What is this?

2627
01:46:52,110 --> 01:46:53,790
This was in the
apartment in the Israel.

2628
01:46:53,790 --> 01:46:55,560
The apartment, yeah.

2629
01:46:55,560 --> 01:46:58,770
and here also this was-- this
was in Israel when I still

2630
01:46:58,770 --> 01:47:00,356
was young and good looking.

2631
01:47:00,356 --> 01:47:02,730
[LAUGHS]

2632
01:47:02,730 --> 01:47:03,230
OK.

2633
01:47:03,230 --> 01:47:06,340

2634
01:47:06,340 --> 01:47:06,840
Yes.

2635
01:47:06,840 --> 01:47:10,370

2636
01:47:10,370 --> 01:47:14,450
This is still in Vienna
when I was a child,

2637
01:47:14,450 --> 01:47:18,170
and these are some
friends of mine.

2638
01:47:18,170 --> 01:47:19,350
OK.

2639
01:47:19,350 --> 01:47:20,690
Which one is you there?

2640
01:47:20,690 --> 01:47:22,100
Here, this one.

2641
01:47:22,100 --> 01:47:23,210
This is me.

2642
01:47:23,210 --> 01:47:26,000
This was my sister
and her girlfriend.

2643
01:47:26,000 --> 01:47:28,190

Both were killed in Yugoslavia.

2644

01:47:28,190 --> 01:47:29,120

Both were shot.

2645

01:47:29,120 --> 01:47:31,980

2646

01:47:31,980 --> 01:47:34,860

Any idea when that
picture was taken?

2647

01:47:34,860 --> 01:47:36,930

No, I don't remember.

2648

01:47:36,930 --> 01:47:38,850

This is me.

2649

01:47:38,850 --> 01:47:42,690

This is in Denmark, and this
is the girl who saved my life.

2650

01:47:42,690 --> 01:47:45,280

This was my
girlfriend, this here.

2651

01:47:45,280 --> 01:47:48,040

2652

01:47:48,040 --> 01:47:51,190

And here is already
where I showed

2653

01:47:51,190 --> 01:47:55,280

we were in training in
the farm for two years.

2654

01:47:55,280 --> 01:47:55,780

Which one?

2655

01:47:55,780 --> 01:47:57,256

With the horse?

2656
01:47:57,256 --> 01:47:58,577
This and this.

2657
01:47:58,577 --> 01:48:00,160
I told you half a
day we were working,

2658
01:48:00,160 --> 01:48:01,510
half a day we were learning.

2659
01:48:01,510 --> 01:48:04,280
These are our teachers
which I was learning.

2660
01:48:04,280 --> 01:48:05,860
This is me in the middle.

2661
01:48:05,860 --> 01:48:09,080

2662
01:48:09,080 --> 01:48:12,940
This picture is in Denmark.

2663
01:48:12,940 --> 01:48:14,533
OK, hold on.

2664
01:48:14,533 --> 01:48:16,450
And here's, again, the
girl who saved my life.

2665
01:48:16,450 --> 01:48:19,720

2666
01:48:19,720 --> 01:48:20,630
This is Denmark.

2667
01:48:20,630 --> 01:48:24,550

2668
01:48:24,550 --> 01:48:26,890

Oh, you mean saved your
life by getting you--

2669
01:48:26,890 --> 01:48:27,490
Out.

2670
01:48:27,490 --> 01:48:28,140
Telling you--

2671
01:48:28,140 --> 01:48:28,840
Yeah.

2672
01:48:28,840 --> 01:48:30,010
Come to pick me up.

2673
01:48:30,010 --> 01:48:32,260
And you're holding
her hand there?

2674
01:48:32,260 --> 01:48:34,480
That's you holding her hand?

2675
01:48:34,480 --> 01:48:35,650
This is me.

2676
01:48:35,650 --> 01:48:36,670
This is her.

2677
01:48:36,670 --> 01:48:40,540
And this is me and this is her.

2678
01:48:40,540 --> 01:48:46,540
And this here is of Hachsharah
This is still in Austria.

2679
01:48:46,540 --> 01:48:47,970
That was the Jewish
organization?

2680
01:48:47,970 --> 01:48:48,550
Yeah.

2681

01:48:48,550 --> 01:48:50,740

Yeah, of Hachsharah.

2682

01:48:50,740 --> 01:48:53,440

Where are you in that?

2683

01:48:53,440 --> 01:48:55,110

Here.

2684

01:48:55,110 --> 01:48:56,430

This here us me.

2685

01:48:56,430 --> 01:48:58,520

Not holding her
hand in that one.

2686

01:48:58,520 --> 01:48:59,790

No, well, we changed a little.

2687

01:48:59,790 --> 01:49:01,530

[LAUGHTER]

2688

01:49:01,530 --> 01:49:02,400

2689

01:49:02,400 --> 01:49:06,490

And this is me again
on the farm after work.

2690

01:49:06,490 --> 01:49:07,290

Oh wow.

2691

01:49:07,290 --> 01:49:10,086

And this is her and this is me.

2692

01:49:10,086 --> 01:49:11,730

This is me laying down.

2693

01:49:11,730 --> 01:49:17,760

And the woman that you met
in Oakland afterwards who was

2694
01:49:17,760 --> 01:49:18,590
[INAUDIBLE].

2695
01:49:18,590 --> 01:49:19,590
Is she on that haystack?

2696
01:49:19,590 --> 01:49:20,215
She's not here.

2697
01:49:20,215 --> 01:49:21,720
No, she's not here.

2698
01:49:21,720 --> 01:49:23,000
She's not here.

2699
01:49:23,000 --> 01:49:26,660
OK, that's a big haystack.

2700
01:49:26,660 --> 01:49:29,560
I want to get my glasses and
look at the pictures here.

2701
01:49:29,560 --> 01:49:30,060
OK.

2702
01:49:30,060 --> 01:49:32,210
OK, I'm going to stop.

2703
01:49:32,210 --> 01:50:34,000