

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:01:03,140

2  
00:01:03,140 --> 00:01:05,753  
OK.

3  
00:01:05,753 --> 00:01:08,170  
Actually, it's probably getting  
real close to the end now.

4  
00:01:08,170 --> 00:01:12,340

5  
00:01:12,340 --> 00:01:13,840  
Let me ask you a  
couple of questions

6  
00:01:13,840 --> 00:01:15,370  
that I've asked  
before because it

7  
00:01:15,370 --> 00:01:17,140  
was so long ago that  
we did this so I

8  
00:01:17,140 --> 00:01:19,120  
don't remember every question.

9  
00:01:19,120 --> 00:01:20,950  
Did you attempt to  
get anything back,

10  
00:01:20,950 --> 00:01:23,350  
any possessions from friends  
and neighbors after the war?

11  
00:01:23,350 --> 00:01:25,030

12  
00:01:25,030 --> 00:01:27,910  
Well, as you know,

part of the history,

13  
00:01:27,910 --> 00:01:32,330  
the history of the restitution,  
Ben-Gurion met with, Adenauer .

14  
00:01:32,330 --> 00:01:34,850  
I think in the Waldorf  
Astoria in New York,

15  
00:01:34,850 --> 00:01:38,080  
and they came to an  
agreement that the Jews

16  
00:01:38,080 --> 00:01:44,230  
personally and the Jewish  
state should be restituted.

17  
00:01:44,230 --> 00:01:47,110  
Money should be given  
what the Germans had done.

18  
00:01:47,110 --> 00:01:50,740  
So I having lost my  
parents, I received--

19  
00:01:50,740 --> 00:01:55,360  
I had a share with my  
two brothers and so forth

20  
00:01:55,360 --> 00:01:58,060  
and loss of education.

21  
00:01:58,060 --> 00:02:02,610  
I received a sum of money  
but not really very much,

22  
00:02:02,610 --> 00:02:04,420  
maybe \$12,000, \$10,000.

23  
00:02:04,420 --> 00:02:06,190  
I don't remember exactly.

24

00:02:06,190 --> 00:02:10,990

And my wife received some  
money but nothing in ratio,

25

00:02:10,990 --> 00:02:15,550

in comparison, to what  
we should have got.

26

00:02:15,550 --> 00:02:19,450

My wife, for instance, she had  
to start work in agriculture

27

00:02:19,450 --> 00:02:24,490

at the age of 11 or 12,  
and she had no education,

28

00:02:24,490 --> 00:02:27,140

formal education, whatsoever.

29

00:02:27,140 --> 00:02:29,860

So we received some money.

30

00:02:29,860 --> 00:02:30,710

We had a house.

31

00:02:30,710 --> 00:02:34,060

We still have a house in  
the town I was born in.

32

00:02:34,060 --> 00:02:38,320

And when I was back there  
1 and 1/2 years ago,

33

00:02:38,320 --> 00:02:39,350

I went into that house.

34

00:02:39,350 --> 00:02:43,030

This is almost the  
only house of the Jews

35

00:02:43,030 --> 00:02:45,280

who lived there which

is still inhabitable.

36  
00:02:45,280 --> 00:02:47,170  
The other house,  
our old haunts--

37  
00:02:47,170 --> 00:02:50,530  
I went to several houses  
of people I knew--

38  
00:02:50,530 --> 00:02:51,910  
and they were just shells.

39  
00:02:51,910 --> 00:02:55,840  
Similar to East Germany,  
didn't build or repair anything

40  
00:02:55,840 --> 00:02:56,350  
at all.

41  
00:02:56,350 --> 00:02:57,670  
It's unbelievable.

42  
00:02:57,670 --> 00:03:00,010  
But our house still stands.

43  
00:03:00,010 --> 00:03:01,960  
And there are two  
people living in it.

44  
00:03:01,960 --> 00:03:03,250  
A girl downstairs.

45  
00:03:03,250 --> 00:03:07,690  
And it is a really not  
a bad house and nothing

46  
00:03:07,690 --> 00:03:09,730  
to shout about, but  
it's not a bad house.

47  
00:03:09,730 --> 00:03:14,530

It's very close to the  
center and with a little bit

48  
00:03:14,530 --> 00:03:19,463  
of a imagination I could say  
that with the reunification

49  
00:03:19,463 --> 00:03:21,130  
of Germany, they are  
building, the house

50  
00:03:21,130 --> 00:03:23,050  
will have potential value.

51  
00:03:23,050 --> 00:03:26,560  
Maybe they'll tear it  
down and build a --

52  
00:03:26,560 --> 00:03:30,740  
I'm sure in time to come,  
it will go up in value.

53  
00:03:30,740 --> 00:03:33,820  
So I contacted the  
German authorities,

54  
00:03:33,820 --> 00:03:36,040  
and they received  
several letters.

55  
00:03:36,040 --> 00:03:41,090  
And then they directed me  
toward the city itself.

56  
00:03:41,090 --> 00:03:43,600  
And I have written  
them a letter.

57  
00:03:43,600 --> 00:03:47,980  
In the meantime, you know,  
asking for that house back,

58  
00:03:47,980 --> 00:03:51,470

but in the meantime, I  
have received no response.

59  
00:03:51,470 --> 00:03:55,480  
And if I do, it'll  
probably be a prolonged--

60  
00:03:55,480 --> 00:03:56,460  
I don't know.

61  
00:03:56,460 --> 00:03:57,460  
I know it's going to be.

62  
00:03:57,460 --> 00:03:58,290  
It's not fair.

63  
00:03:58,290 --> 00:03:59,870  
It's our house.

64  
00:03:59,870 --> 00:04:02,658  
And when I knocked  
on the door to go in,

65  
00:04:02,658 --> 00:04:05,200  
I had to ask permission but I  
could have a look at the house.

66  
00:04:05,200 --> 00:04:07,930  
And I, you know, I showed you  
photographs of that house.

67  
00:04:07,930 --> 00:04:11,350  
You know, I went there  
and I saw in my mind

68  
00:04:11,350 --> 00:04:15,520  
my family sitting on the Shabbat  
table with the candles on.

69  
00:04:15,520 --> 00:04:18,250  
I saw my father and my  
mother and all the children.

70

00:04:18,250 --> 00:04:19,600

And my father made kiddush.

71

00:04:19,600 --> 00:04:20,410

I saw all that.

72

00:04:20,410 --> 00:04:25,360

My mind I saw I slept  
in my parents' bedroom.

73

00:04:25,360 --> 00:04:27,790

I saw the kitchen where  
my mother made the food,

74

00:04:27,790 --> 00:04:30,970

and I went into  
the yard where we

75

00:04:30,970 --> 00:04:34,330

used to split the  
wood for the and you

76

00:04:34,330 --> 00:04:37,850

know where we used to  
heat the stove with wood

77

00:04:37,850 --> 00:04:42,530

to do in those days  
to cook the food.

78

00:04:42,530 --> 00:04:43,280

It's all the same.

79

00:04:43,280 --> 00:04:46,310

Nothing has really  
changed except it

80

00:04:46,310 --> 00:04:48,010

was dilapidated a bit.

81

00:04:48,010 --> 00:04:48,700

Same house.

82  
00:04:48,700 --> 00:04:50,680  
And I remember I was 11  
years old when I left,

83  
00:04:50,680 --> 00:04:52,570  
but I remembered it very well.

84  
00:04:52,570 --> 00:04:55,480  
I didn't remember  
the slanting roof.

85  
00:04:55,480 --> 00:04:58,150  
But I sat opposite  
at my friend's house.

86  
00:04:58,150 --> 00:04:58,900  
He lives opposite.

87  
00:04:58,900 --> 00:05:03,460  
I sat at the window for  
hours looking at the house,

88  
00:05:03,460 --> 00:05:06,110  
and I saw my mother coming  
out of the house dressed

89  
00:05:06,110 --> 00:05:10,000  
with a hat and a coat and  
have bag going shopping.

90  
00:05:10,000 --> 00:05:10,552  
I saw her.

91  
00:05:10,552 --> 00:05:12,010  
I saw, you know,  
in my imagination,

92  
00:05:12,010 --> 00:05:13,940  
I saw her going out.

93  
00:05:13,940 --> 00:05:16,480

And I saw my father and  
we had a shop there.

94  
00:05:16,480 --> 00:05:20,830  
Customers as you know I have  
a hell of a vivid imagination.

95  
00:05:20,830 --> 00:05:21,890  
I saw the customers.

96  
00:05:21,890 --> 00:05:22,990  
We had a shop.

97  
00:05:22,990 --> 00:05:26,810  
And they all came in, and they  
bought things and so forth.

98  
00:05:26,810 --> 00:05:28,390  
And then I had to knock on the--

99  
00:05:28,390 --> 00:05:29,350  
I came the first day.

100  
00:05:29,350 --> 00:05:30,700  
There was nobody there.

101  
00:05:30,700 --> 00:05:32,860  
The first thing I  
did when I came off

102  
00:05:32,860 --> 00:05:37,990  
the plane in Frankfurt, I  
rented a car in Frankfurt.

103  
00:05:37,990 --> 00:05:38,980  
No, no.

104  
00:05:38,980 --> 00:05:41,080  
In Frankfurt, and I  
took a plane to Hamburg.

105  
00:05:41,080 --> 00:05:43,950

And I rented a car, and  
I went over the border.

106  
00:05:43,950 --> 00:05:48,190  
It wasn't-- I needed a visa  
in those days, wasn't unified.

107  
00:05:48,190 --> 00:05:51,085  
The first thing I did,  
I had been six hours

108  
00:05:51,085 --> 00:05:53,650  
from the plane and another  
two hours from Frankfurt

109  
00:05:53,650 --> 00:05:57,930  
to Hamburg, another three  
hours driving with the car.

110  
00:05:57,930 --> 00:06:00,353  
Before I did anything,  
I went to our house.

111  
00:06:00,353 --> 00:06:02,270  
And then I was standing  
in front of our house.

112  
00:06:02,270 --> 00:06:05,080  
I couldn't believe  
that I had reached it.

113  
00:06:05,080 --> 00:06:08,470  
I just dreamt all  
the time that I was

114  
00:06:08,470 --> 00:06:10,040  
standing in front of our house.

115  
00:06:10,040 --> 00:06:14,710  
And when I was about to  
enter, I always woke up.

116  
00:06:14,710 --> 00:06:16,150

I was never able to enter.

117  
00:06:16,150 --> 00:06:18,640  
And there I was actually  
in front of our house.

118  
00:06:18,640 --> 00:06:20,500  
I couldn't believe it.

119  
00:06:20,500 --> 00:06:21,260  
Couldn't believe.

120  
00:06:21,260 --> 00:06:24,820  
I had to pinch myself to  
believe that I'm standing right

121  
00:06:24,820 --> 00:06:26,840  
in front of our house.

122  
00:06:26,840 --> 00:06:30,370  
So there's absolutely no  
justice may be in this world.

123  
00:06:30,370 --> 00:06:33,780  
Our house, it's my house.

124  
00:06:33,780 --> 00:06:36,850  
I suppose it's my house,  
belonged to my parents.

125  
00:06:36,850 --> 00:06:39,100  
And there were two strange  
girls living in that house,

126  
00:06:39,100 --> 00:06:40,870  
and I had to ask permission  
to whether I could look,

127  
00:06:40,870 --> 00:06:41,870  
and they were very nice.

128  
00:06:41,870 --> 00:06:43,360

They let me look around.

129  
00:06:43,360 --> 00:06:46,960  
And I went up to the loft,  
and I went down to the cellar,

130  
00:06:46,960 --> 00:06:49,180  
and I went up the stairs,  
and I went to every room,

131  
00:06:49,180 --> 00:06:54,100  
and I photographed  
every single room.

132  
00:06:54,100 --> 00:06:56,360  
And I was shaken.

133  
00:06:56,360 --> 00:06:58,900  
I mean, I didn't show it,  
but I was really shaken.

134  
00:06:58,900 --> 00:07:03,590  
Completely, I was  
shaken to my core.

135  
00:07:03,590 --> 00:07:05,330  
It was a horrible experience.

136  
00:07:05,330 --> 00:07:06,910  
I didn't feel well there.

137  
00:07:06,910 --> 00:07:09,073  
The food was bad.

138  
00:07:09,073 --> 00:07:11,240  
And I don't touch their  
food and I don't touch pork.

139  
00:07:11,240 --> 00:07:13,130  
I never touch pork.

140  
00:07:13,130 --> 00:07:16,420

I'm not that kosher, I  
will never touch pork.

141  
00:07:16,420 --> 00:07:19,580  
And everything in  
Germany's pork was awful.

142  
00:07:19,580 --> 00:07:21,460  
The smell of it, I  
couldn't take it.

143  
00:07:21,460 --> 00:07:23,980  
And then I asked  
only for vegetarian.

144  
00:07:23,980 --> 00:07:25,630  
They haven't got--

145  
00:07:25,630 --> 00:07:27,680  
Cheese, they have  
cheese, but the cheese

146  
00:07:27,680 --> 00:07:33,250  
is so bad that it caused  
me such heartburn.

147  
00:07:33,250 --> 00:07:38,910  
Every night, I went to sleep,  
the stomach juices came up.

148  
00:07:38,910 --> 00:07:39,910  
Then I went to the shop.

149  
00:07:39,910 --> 00:07:41,170  
I bought milk.

150  
00:07:41,170 --> 00:07:42,940  
I only drink milk  
and milk in order

151  
00:07:42,940 --> 00:07:45,860  
to soothe the terrible  
revolution in my stomach.

152  
00:07:45,860 --> 00:07:47,860  
It was burning inside me.

153  
00:07:47,860 --> 00:07:50,240  
Couldn't take it anymore.

154  
00:07:50,240 --> 00:07:54,733  
So that reminds me of a  
story which happened to me

155  
00:07:54,733 --> 00:07:55,400  
the following --

156  
00:07:55,400 --> 00:07:56,800  
I know whether I  
told that story.

157  
00:07:56,800 --> 00:07:59,830  
I'm full of stories.

158  
00:07:59,830 --> 00:08:09,310  
When I left that day, I loaded  
my baggage onto the car boot.

159  
00:08:09,310 --> 00:08:12,250  
I had gone to Did  
I tell this story?

160  
00:08:12,250 --> 00:08:14,180  
German markings on there.

161  
00:08:14,180 --> 00:08:19,250  
And I was about to leave this  
little town to West Germany,

162  
00:08:19,250 --> 00:08:22,570  
to Hamburg, and then fly to  
Frankfurt and from Frankfurt,

163  
00:08:22,570 --> 00:08:24,880  
Tel Aviv.

164  
00:08:24,880 --> 00:08:28,030  
Two elderly men passed me.

165  
00:08:28,030 --> 00:08:30,910  
And one of them came up  
to me, and he saw the car

166  
00:08:30,910 --> 00:08:32,320  
with the West German markings.

167  
00:08:32,320 --> 00:08:36,250  
And he grabbed hold of my  
hand and said in German,

168  
00:08:36,250 --> 00:08:37,458  
he said to me, how do you do?

169  
00:08:37,458 --> 00:08:38,083  
Where you from?

170  
00:08:38,083 --> 00:08:38,590  
From Munich?

171  
00:08:38,590 --> 00:08:40,210  
From Frankfurt?

172  
00:08:40,210 --> 00:08:43,100  
I said, no, I'm from Jerusalem.

173  
00:08:43,100 --> 00:08:45,160  
So like saying  
Jerusalem, like you

174  
00:08:45,160 --> 00:08:47,950  
would say, for instance, if you  
would say, what language do you

175  
00:08:47,950 --> 00:08:48,550  
speak?

176

00:08:48,550 --> 00:08:51,250  
You say in English, it  
sounds like Greek to me.

177  
00:08:51,250 --> 00:08:53,148  
If, you know--

178  
00:08:53,148 --> 00:08:54,690  
If you say it to  
somebody in Germany,

179  
00:08:54,690 --> 00:08:56,167  
you're from Jerusalem like--

180  
00:08:56,167 --> 00:08:58,000  
there's a German saying,  
where are you from?

181  
00:08:58,000 --> 00:09:00,430  
I'm from Buxtehude,  
from Honolulu.

182  
00:09:00,430 --> 00:09:03,200  
You know, it's like a joke.

183  
00:09:03,200 --> 00:09:05,470  
He said, what do you mean  
you're from Jerusalem?

184  
00:09:05,470 --> 00:09:08,180  
I said, well, I'm from  
Israel, I'm from Jerusalem.

185  
00:09:08,180 --> 00:09:11,320  
So he turned to his friend  
and said, [SPEAKING GERMAN]..

186  
00:09:11,320 --> 00:09:12,730  
He's nuts.

187  
00:09:12,730 --> 00:09:16,480  
You know, he's sort  
of impatient with him.

188  
00:09:16,480 --> 00:09:20,590  
I didn't want to answer him but,  
in fact, I am from Jerusalem.

189  
00:09:20,590 --> 00:09:23,650  
You know, I spoke German.

190  
00:09:23,650 --> 00:09:26,320  
He gave me up as a bad joke.

191  
00:09:26,320 --> 00:09:31,420  
So anyway, I took the car,  
and I drove towards the border

192  
00:09:31,420 --> 00:09:32,770  
in order to--

193  
00:09:32,770 --> 00:09:35,478  
And I had still some East  
German money, and I was hungry.

194  
00:09:35,478 --> 00:09:36,520  
I hadn't eaten, you know.

195  
00:09:36,520 --> 00:09:39,520  
And I thought-- and I came  
to the border crossing

196  
00:09:39,520 --> 00:09:42,032  
and-- on the East  
side still-- and I

197  
00:09:42,032 --> 00:09:44,720  
asked is there a restaurant  
Yeah, Huge restaurant.

198  
00:09:44,720 --> 00:09:46,270  
You can go in and eat.

199  
00:09:46,270 --> 00:09:47,650  
I went into that restaurant.

200

00:09:47,650 --> 00:09:50,615

It was full with people, and  
the same smells, poor, poor.

201

00:09:50,615 --> 00:09:52,840

It was smelly.

202

00:09:52,840 --> 00:09:56,140

You go to an American  
restaurant, there is no smell.

203

00:09:56,140 --> 00:09:57,610

It's beautifully clean.

204

00:09:57,610 --> 00:10:00,850

Every restaurant you go into  
in America, no smell, nothing

205

00:10:00,850 --> 00:10:02,140

from the kitchen.

206

00:10:02,140 --> 00:10:03,070

It is beautiful.

207

00:10:03,070 --> 00:10:03,970

The service is good.

208

00:10:03,970 --> 00:10:05,560

Immediately they  
pour cold water.

209

00:10:05,560 --> 00:10:06,970

Would you like coffee, sir?

210

00:10:06,970 --> 00:10:09,670

There's no such thing there.

211

00:10:09,670 --> 00:10:12,040

So when I smelled  
that, I said, well, I

212  
00:10:12,040 --> 00:10:14,560  
have still some German--

213  
00:10:14,560 --> 00:10:15,610  
East German currency.

214  
00:10:15,610 --> 00:10:16,610  
I want to get rid of it.

215  
00:10:16,610 --> 00:10:20,200  
So I said to the waitress,  
where can I sit down?

216  
00:10:20,200 --> 00:10:21,580  
She said, sit down there.

217  
00:10:21,580 --> 00:10:23,440  
There you have to join tables.

218  
00:10:23,440 --> 00:10:27,400  
You can't sit by yourself on  
one table like in America.

219  
00:10:27,400 --> 00:10:30,520  
Say you have to join somebody  
where there's a single seat,

220  
00:10:30,520 --> 00:10:32,968  
and there are three or four  
people, you have to join them.

221  
00:10:32,968 --> 00:10:33,760  
So there was a man.

222  
00:10:33,760 --> 00:10:34,880  
There was a table for two.

223  
00:10:34,880 --> 00:10:36,952  
There was a man sitting there.

224  
00:10:36,952 --> 00:10:38,660

And there was one  
seat, and he sat there.

225  
00:10:38,660 --> 00:10:39,910  
And the man was eating.

226  
00:10:39,910 --> 00:10:41,840  
And then the waitress  
came up to me

227  
00:10:41,840 --> 00:10:43,090  
and said, what would you like?

228  
00:10:43,090 --> 00:10:44,340  
I said, have you got the menu?

229  
00:10:44,340 --> 00:10:46,870  
And I looked again and  
schwein this and schwein that.

230  
00:10:46,870 --> 00:10:48,940  
You know, pork this, pork that.

231  
00:10:48,940 --> 00:10:52,073  
I said, well, have you  
got something vegetarian?

232  
00:10:52,073 --> 00:10:53,990  
She didn't even know  
what I was talking about.

233  
00:10:53,990 --> 00:10:56,633  
I said, well, maybe  
bring me some cheese.

234  
00:10:56,633 --> 00:10:58,300  
And I had this  
experience cheese already

235  
00:10:58,300 --> 00:11:00,467  
and I said, maybe here,  
they have decent cheese.

236

00:11:00,467 --> 00:11:01,300

What's the big deal?

237

00:11:01,300 --> 00:11:04,120

Cheese is made out of milk, so  
what can go wrong with cheese,

238

00:11:04,120 --> 00:11:06,100

for crying out loud?

239

00:11:06,100 --> 00:11:12,290

So the man says to me,  
in German he says to me,

240

00:11:12,290 --> 00:11:13,300

don't be concerned.

241

00:11:13,300 --> 00:11:15,430

She doesn't know what kosher is.

242

00:11:15,430 --> 00:11:17,560

I looked at him.

243

00:11:17,560 --> 00:11:20,290

You know an East German  
should know what kosher means.

244

00:11:20,290 --> 00:11:21,580

He said, no, I'm from Hamburg.

245

00:11:21,580 --> 00:11:22,810

I'm West German.

246

00:11:22,810 --> 00:11:25,570

So he knew what kosher means.

247

00:11:25,570 --> 00:11:26,650

He knew what kosher was.

248

00:11:26,650 --> 00:11:29,320

I was a little bit

pleased about the man

249

00:11:29,320 --> 00:11:31,960

who knows what kosher is.

250

00:11:31,960 --> 00:11:33,280

So she brought me this cheese.

251

00:11:33,280 --> 00:11:34,238

It was the same cheese.

252

00:11:34,238 --> 00:11:36,450

Oh, not today.

253

00:11:36,450 --> 00:11:38,140

And he had a big meal.

254

00:11:38,140 --> 00:11:40,550

And then he turned to me,  
and we talked a little bit.

255

00:11:40,550 --> 00:11:42,140

And then he said to  
me the following.

256

00:11:42,140 --> 00:11:46,120

He said-- he asked me  
first, where I was from

257

00:11:46,120 --> 00:11:47,975

and I explained to  
him, and I asked him.

258

00:11:47,975 --> 00:11:49,600

Then he said, I got  
a terrible problem.

259

00:11:49,600 --> 00:11:52,940

Maybe you could help me.

260

00:11:52,940 --> 00:11:54,302

I said to him, I don't know.

261

00:11:54,302 --> 00:11:56,010

Maybe you'd tell me  
what your problem is.

262

00:11:56,010 --> 00:12:01,350

He said, you know I'm married,  
and my wife is gone now.

263

00:12:01,350 --> 00:12:04,620

And I'm on a visit to East  
Germany, but I have a mother.

264

00:12:04,620 --> 00:12:07,110

She's very old.

265

00:12:07,110 --> 00:12:12,450

And she used to be a big  
something in the Nazi party,

266

00:12:12,450 --> 00:12:16,380

and she still lives in the  
glories of the Nazi party.

267

00:12:16,380 --> 00:12:19,800

And every time I have  
visitors in the house,

268

00:12:19,800 --> 00:12:24,120

she bursts into the room,  
and she raises her hand,

269

00:12:24,120 --> 00:12:27,570

and she shouts, Heil Hitler.

270

00:12:27,570 --> 00:12:29,700

What shall I do  
with such a woman?

271

00:12:29,700 --> 00:12:34,540

I said, I'm [INAUDIBLE], take  
a revolver and shoot her.

272

00:12:34,540 --> 00:12:37,230

I said, look, she's your mother.

273

00:12:37,230 --> 00:12:39,300

You've got to honor your mother.

274

00:12:39,300 --> 00:12:41,940

I mean, your mother apparently  
is not quite right in the head.

275

00:12:41,940 --> 00:12:43,560

I mean, if she  
does such a thing.

276

00:12:43,560 --> 00:12:45,210

He says, well, she isn't.

277

00:12:45,210 --> 00:12:47,640

Either you can do  
one or two things.

278

00:12:47,640 --> 00:12:50,310

Make sure when you have visitors  
to lock her into a room then

279

00:12:50,310 --> 00:12:53,133

she doesn't come, or  
send her to a home.

280

00:12:53,133 --> 00:12:54,300

He says, that's a good idea.

281

00:12:54,300 --> 00:12:56,670

And it's sort of--

282

00:12:56,670 --> 00:13:01,440

it's a brilliant idea to  
come up with such thing.

283

00:13:01,440 --> 00:13:02,970

That was another  
little experience

284  
00:13:02,970 --> 00:13:05,130  
I had before I crossed  
into West Germany.

285  
00:13:05,130 --> 00:13:09,510

286  
00:13:09,510 --> 00:13:12,660  
You know, the experience I  
have every time I'm in Germany,

287  
00:13:12,660 --> 00:13:15,930  
I'm very annoyed,  
always very angry.

288  
00:13:15,930 --> 00:13:18,160  
I speak to people  
angrily and so forth.

289  
00:13:18,160 --> 00:13:20,730  
Terrible.

290  
00:13:20,730 --> 00:13:21,870  
I should not go, really.

291  
00:13:21,870 --> 00:13:24,078  
I've been many times back  
to Germany in the meantime,

292  
00:13:24,078 --> 00:13:29,420  
but I feel so angry  
when I'm there.

293  
00:13:29,420 --> 00:13:30,610  
It's unbelievable.

294  
00:13:30,610 --> 00:13:34,060  
I look at the people who  
probably have nothing

295  
00:13:34,060 --> 00:13:35,373

to do with the Holocaust.

296  
00:13:35,373 --> 00:13:36,290  
They're too young or--

297  
00:13:36,290 --> 00:13:39,700

298  
00:13:39,700 --> 00:13:42,700  
I know I went onto  
a wrong plane.

299  
00:13:42,700 --> 00:13:45,460  
I had to board a plane, and  
I went to the wrong entrance.

300  
00:13:45,460 --> 00:13:49,210  
And the number on my  
ticket didn't tally

301  
00:13:49,210 --> 00:13:50,945  
with the number on the seat.

302  
00:13:50,945 --> 00:13:52,570  
And it says, you're  
on the wrong plane,

303  
00:13:52,570 --> 00:13:54,680  
and I quickly went  
off the plane.

304  
00:13:54,680 --> 00:13:58,640  
It almost took off with me  
to a different destination.

305  
00:13:58,640 --> 00:14:01,360  
So there was a  
stewardess on the ground.

306  
00:14:01,360 --> 00:14:02,560  
And she said, you went--

307

00:14:02,560 --> 00:14:04,030  
I said, and I was annoyed.

308  
00:14:04,030 --> 00:14:05,070  
I was annoyed.

309  
00:14:05,070 --> 00:14:07,100  
I mean, it was my fault.

310  
00:14:07,100 --> 00:14:09,220  
So she turned to me and  
she said to me in German,

311  
00:14:09,220 --> 00:14:10,330  
why are you so annoyed?

312  
00:14:10,330 --> 00:14:11,810  
It is no problem.

313  
00:14:11,810 --> 00:14:16,815  
I've already phoned for a  
bus to take you back to the--

314  
00:14:16,815 --> 00:14:18,310  
what do you call it?

315  
00:14:18,310 --> 00:14:20,860

316  
00:14:20,860 --> 00:14:24,590  
To the-- you know,  
where the people are.

317  
00:14:24,590 --> 00:14:25,090  
Terminal?

318  
00:14:25,090 --> 00:14:25,930  
Terminal.

319  
00:14:25,930 --> 00:14:27,100  
To the terminal.

320  
00:14:27,100 --> 00:14:27,760  
Don't worry.

321  
00:14:27,760 --> 00:14:30,520  
You have plenty of time  
to catch your right plane.

322  
00:14:30,520 --> 00:14:32,110  
But why are you so annoyed?

323  
00:14:32,110 --> 00:14:34,900  
Why are you so angry?

324  
00:14:34,900 --> 00:14:38,650  
So I said, do you  
know why I'm angry?

325  
00:14:38,650 --> 00:14:41,253  
I said, I'm angry because  
I came back to Germany.

326  
00:14:41,253 --> 00:14:43,170  
She knew looking into  
my passport or something

327  
00:14:43,170 --> 00:14:44,410  
that I was an Israeli.

328  
00:14:44,410 --> 00:14:45,620  
I have an Israeli passport.

329  
00:14:45,620 --> 00:14:46,912  
I said, that's why I'm annoyed.

330  
00:14:46,912 --> 00:14:49,550  
I'm not annoyed about the  
fact that I went on the plane.

331  
00:14:49,550 --> 00:14:51,838  
I think this is a punishment  
from heaven, I said.

332

00:14:51,838 --> 00:14:53,380

That I went on the  
wrong-- everything

333

00:14:53,380 --> 00:14:54,130

goes wrong here in Germany.

334

00:14:54,130 --> 00:14:55,530

I shouldn't have come back.

335

00:14:55,530 --> 00:15:00,310

She was a young girl,  
maybe 21 or 22, so forth.

336

00:15:00,310 --> 00:15:01,541

She didn't say one word.

337

00:15:01,541 --> 00:15:04,490

338

00:15:04,490 --> 00:15:08,000

Maybe we shouldn't  
go to Germany.

339

00:15:08,000 --> 00:15:08,500

Well.

340

00:15:08,500 --> 00:15:11,684

341

00:15:11,684 --> 00:15:15,190

Did you ever seek psychiatric  
help after the Holocaust?

342

00:15:15,190 --> 00:15:16,150

No.

343

00:15:16,150 --> 00:15:17,700

I don't think I needed it.

344

00:15:17,700 --> 00:15:21,130

I think myself to be  
completely balanced and normal.

345  
00:15:21,130 --> 00:15:23,230  
I don't think anything's  
wrong with me.

346  
00:15:23,230 --> 00:15:24,040  
I'm very pragmatic.

347  
00:15:24,040 --> 00:15:26,740

348  
00:15:26,740 --> 00:15:28,782  
I didn't feel that I needed any.

349  
00:15:28,782 --> 00:15:30,490  
After all, I didn't  
go through the camps.

350  
00:15:30,490 --> 00:15:32,875  
And I don't think the  
inmates of the camps,

351  
00:15:32,875 --> 00:15:35,450  
the survivors' camp did  
get that kind of treatment,

352  
00:15:35,450 --> 00:15:36,940  
so why should I?

353  
00:15:36,940 --> 00:15:39,730  
It's never been--

354  
00:15:39,730 --> 00:15:41,110  
I don't think necessary for me.

355  
00:15:41,110 --> 00:15:44,780  
I feel I'm a happy person.

356  
00:15:44,780 --> 00:15:45,920  
I don't feel sad.

357  
00:15:45,920 --> 00:15:48,190  
I don't feel-- despite  
the fact that--

358  
00:15:48,190 --> 00:15:50,890  
I think I've been  
strengthened so for all this.

359  
00:15:50,890 --> 00:15:53,860  
I'm a much more conscious  
Jewish person today.

360  
00:15:53,860 --> 00:15:56,590  
I'm very proud Israeli.

361  
00:15:56,590 --> 00:15:57,760  
Very proud to be Jewish.

362  
00:15:57,760 --> 00:15:58,720  
I've come to America.

363  
00:15:58,720 --> 00:16:02,270  
I've seen the Jewish  
community in America.

364  
00:16:02,270 --> 00:16:03,740  
I'm very proud of them.

365  
00:16:03,740 --> 00:16:04,660  
I go to synagogue.

366  
00:16:04,660 --> 00:16:06,850  
I have lots of contact  
with Jewish people,

367  
00:16:06,850 --> 00:16:08,900  
and I see in every Jewish  
person something very,

368  
00:16:08,900 --> 00:16:11,620  
very, very, very positive.

369

00:16:11,620 --> 00:16:16,450

I mean, we have all our failures and some people are not

370

00:16:16,450 --> 00:16:18,050

that what we want them to be.

371

00:16:18,050 --> 00:16:23,890

But on the whole, I've met wonderful American Jews,

372

00:16:23,890 --> 00:16:27,370

the best, strong people, intelligent people,

373

00:16:27,370 --> 00:16:28,600

cultured people.

374

00:16:28,600 --> 00:16:32,710

I can only be proud of my life, honestly.

375

00:16:32,710 --> 00:16:34,720

It's not only the Israelis who are good.

376

00:16:34,720 --> 00:16:36,680

I think American Jews are first class.

377

00:16:36,680 --> 00:16:38,170

I've great admiration for them.

378

00:16:38,170 --> 00:16:42,140

379

00:16:42,140 --> 00:16:46,020

Thinking back, who was most helpful to you?

380

00:16:46,020 --> 00:16:49,010

It depends where you mean.

381  
00:16:49,010 --> 00:16:52,280  
Coming out of, you  
know, during the time

382  
00:16:52,280 --> 00:16:55,940  
while you were still in Germany.

383  
00:16:55,940 --> 00:16:59,180  
You know, this is a  
profound question.

384  
00:16:59,180 --> 00:17:01,730  
I can't think of a  
single person who

385  
00:17:01,730 --> 00:17:07,670  
was except the  
institutions and the--

386  
00:17:07,670 --> 00:17:11,720  
who did get me out  
of Germany, you know.

387  
00:17:11,720 --> 00:17:14,390  
Probably it was the Jewish  
community in conjunction

388  
00:17:14,390 --> 00:17:15,839  
with the British government.

389  
00:17:15,839 --> 00:17:18,859  
So it was an impersonal thing,  
but to think of a person who

390  
00:17:18,859 --> 00:17:21,290  
was helpful to  
me, I think it was

391  
00:17:21,290 --> 00:17:25,280  
from my own initiative that I--

392

00:17:25,280 --> 00:17:28,430

whatever I did, whatever  
it is, whatever I may be,

393

00:17:28,430 --> 00:17:30,080

it was only through my own--

394

00:17:30,080 --> 00:17:36,232

through my own work and through  
my own self development.

395

00:17:36,232 --> 00:17:39,350

I went-- I left my  
parents at 11 years old.

396

00:17:39,350 --> 00:17:42,800

I've never asked  
anything from anybody.

397

00:17:42,800 --> 00:17:45,620

I've always felt uncomfortable  
when somebody was giving me

398

00:17:45,620 --> 00:17:48,020

something, which--

399

00:17:48,020 --> 00:17:51,860

I feel uncomfortable when  
somebody gives me something,

400

00:17:51,860 --> 00:17:52,850

takes me out to dinner.

401

00:17:52,850 --> 00:17:55,040

I'd rather pay for it.

402

00:17:55,040 --> 00:18:00,050

I feel awfully uncomfortable  
if I'm given something.

403

00:18:00,050 --> 00:18:02,630

Not that I've been given

something because I'd rather

404  
00:18:02,630 --> 00:18:05,170  
give and take.

405  
00:18:05,170 --> 00:18:07,910  
But the bottom  
line is that there

406  
00:18:07,910 --> 00:18:13,010  
hasn't been a special  
person or a special case

407  
00:18:13,010 --> 00:18:15,080  
where I have been given help.

408  
00:18:15,080 --> 00:18:19,940  
Everything has been done  
through my own initiative.

409  
00:18:19,940 --> 00:18:21,950  
Did anyone you  
considered a friend

410  
00:18:21,950 --> 00:18:24,980  
betray you during  
that period of time?

411  
00:18:24,980 --> 00:18:26,090  
Yes.

412  
00:18:26,090 --> 00:18:28,880  
And I think all of  
us here or anywhere

413  
00:18:28,880 --> 00:18:30,130  
have this kind of experience.

414  
00:18:30,130 --> 00:18:33,710  
You make friends and  
sometime or another, they--

415

00:18:33,710 --> 00:18:38,998  
you have a kind of  
a feeling that there

416  
00:18:38,998 --> 00:18:40,040  
should have been loyalty.

417  
00:18:40,040 --> 00:18:41,870  
There wasn't quite the  
loyalty you expected

418  
00:18:41,870 --> 00:18:44,780  
but then as you grow old,  
you don't expect maybe

419  
00:18:44,780 --> 00:18:45,450  
so much loyalty.

420  
00:18:45,450 --> 00:18:48,480  
You take things as they come,  
and you are more forgiving.

421  
00:18:48,480 --> 00:18:52,730  
So I don't expect so  
much of people today.

422  
00:18:52,730 --> 00:18:56,738  
If you want to live together  
with people, you have to be--

423  
00:18:56,738 --> 00:18:58,760  
you have to give.

424  
00:18:58,760 --> 00:19:01,250  
And there was a time  
and stage in my age

425  
00:19:01,250 --> 00:19:05,150  
when I was not able to,  
that I wasn't flexible.

426  
00:19:05,150 --> 00:19:06,350  
I'm very flexible today.

427  
00:19:06,350 --> 00:19:09,710  
I can see in people  
that they are people,

428  
00:19:09,710 --> 00:19:13,670  
and they have their  
mistakes, and so I have mine.

429  
00:19:13,670 --> 00:19:18,530  
So I will not be too harsh  
in judgment of people.

430  
00:19:18,530 --> 00:19:19,070  
It's OK.

431  
00:19:19,070 --> 00:19:19,910  
I have many friends.

432  
00:19:19,910 --> 00:19:23,960

433  
00:19:23,960 --> 00:19:28,170  
Did you attend the Holocaust  
survivors' conference in 1985?

434  
00:19:28,170 --> 00:19:30,620  
Where was it?

435  
00:19:30,620 --> 00:19:32,520  
I think that might  
have been in DC.

436  
00:19:32,520 --> 00:19:33,020  
No.

437  
00:19:33,020 --> 00:19:33,520  
No.

438  
00:19:33,520 --> 00:19:34,280  
No.

439

00:19:34,280 --> 00:19:36,710

Did you go to the one that was  
in Jerusalem in, I believe,

440

00:19:36,710 --> 00:19:37,230

'81?

441

00:19:37,230 --> 00:19:37,510

No.

442

00:19:37,510 --> 00:19:38,090

No.

443

00:19:38,090 --> 00:19:42,050

No, I'm not a survivor, so--

444

00:19:42,050 --> 00:19:43,888

I'm not a Holocaust  
survivor or am I?

445

00:19:43,888 --> 00:19:45,680

Yeah, we consider you  
a Holocaust survivor.

446

00:19:45,680 --> 00:19:47,680

Yes, well, I've never been.

447

00:19:47,680 --> 00:19:49,530

Because you were forced  
to leave your home.

448

00:19:49,530 --> 00:19:50,030

I see, no.

449

00:19:50,030 --> 00:19:50,530

No.

450

00:19:50,530 --> 00:19:51,678

I have never been.

451

00:19:51,678 --> 00:20:02,052

452  
00:20:02,052 --> 00:20:05,020  
Do you have any questions?

453  
00:20:05,020 --> 00:20:08,665  
They may have been covered  
before, but first thing,

454  
00:20:08,665 --> 00:20:11,860  
why do you go back to Germany?

455  
00:20:11,860 --> 00:20:13,810  
Oh.

456  
00:20:13,810 --> 00:20:16,168  
I tell you why I  
went back to Germany.

457  
00:20:16,168 --> 00:20:17,710  
The first time I  
went back to Germany

458  
00:20:17,710 --> 00:20:19,330  
was after the Six-Day War.

459  
00:20:19,330 --> 00:20:30,070  
It was in '67 when my wife  
had received from Germany

460  
00:20:30,070 --> 00:20:33,580  
because she had something  
wrong with her health

461  
00:20:33,580 --> 00:20:38,860  
because of the persecution, and  
she received what one called

462  
00:20:38,860 --> 00:20:40,510  
health--

463  
00:20:40,510 --> 00:20:44,240

for health, you could go  
to Germany to a sanatorium.

464  
00:20:44,240 --> 00:20:46,240  
So we went there, had  
some terrible experiences,

465  
00:20:46,240 --> 00:20:49,840  
and I swore to myself  
that I'd never go back.

466  
00:20:49,840 --> 00:20:51,070  
I'd never go back.

467  
00:20:51,070 --> 00:20:52,770  
I tell you this  
small experience.

468  
00:20:52,770 --> 00:20:57,430  
I stayed in a kind of a pension.

469  
00:20:57,430 --> 00:21:01,870  
And I had agreed with the  
woman, the owner of the pension

470  
00:21:01,870 --> 00:21:04,450  
that I would pay  
her so much money.

471  
00:21:04,450 --> 00:21:07,493  
And I'm fundamentally a very  
decent and honest person.

472  
00:21:07,493 --> 00:21:09,160  
I don't think I've  
ever cheated anybody.

473  
00:21:09,160 --> 00:21:14,050  
And when it came to paying,  
she quoted me a higher price.

474  
00:21:14,050 --> 00:21:17,110  
And I said to her, I

think you're mistaken,

475  
00:21:17,110 --> 00:21:18,520  
that we agreed upon a price.

476  
00:21:18,520 --> 00:21:21,220  
I think that's a  
natural thing to say.

477  
00:21:21,220 --> 00:21:26,260  
And she ran out, and  
her husband came,

478  
00:21:26,260 --> 00:21:29,500  
and he looked at me  
with fire in his eyes.

479  
00:21:29,500 --> 00:21:32,860  
And I knew immediately  
that trouble was brewing.

480  
00:21:32,860 --> 00:21:34,420  
And I said, why  
are you so excited?

481  
00:21:34,420 --> 00:21:35,860  
I had an agreement  
with your wife

482  
00:21:35,860 --> 00:21:37,360  
that I would only pay so much.

483  
00:21:37,360 --> 00:21:38,500  
And now she comes out.

484  
00:21:38,500 --> 00:21:41,470  
Maybe she's mistaken.

485  
00:21:41,470 --> 00:21:48,760  
And he said-- he didn't  
even react to that.

486

00:21:48,760 --> 00:21:52,360  
He said, if you don't pay, you  
will not take your luggage out.

487  
00:21:52,360 --> 00:21:55,000  
Just arbitrarily like that.

488  
00:21:55,000 --> 00:21:56,500  
I said, I wasn't  
talking about that.

489  
00:21:56,500 --> 00:21:58,930  
I wasn't talking  
about not paying you.

490  
00:21:58,930 --> 00:22:02,560  
I was just-- there seems  
to be a misunderstanding.

491  
00:22:02,560 --> 00:22:05,750  
No misunderstanding,  
in a terrible way.

492  
00:22:05,750 --> 00:22:08,080  
And I have a good relationship  
when it came to money.

493  
00:22:08,080 --> 00:22:09,910  
Because he jumped  
to the conclusion

494  
00:22:09,910 --> 00:22:11,800  
immediately when  
it comes to money,

495  
00:22:11,800 --> 00:22:13,690  
the Jews are all no good.

496  
00:22:13,690 --> 00:22:15,310  
That's the conclusion  
he came to,

497  
00:22:15,310 --> 00:22:19,120

which is, of course, an  
antisemitic one, which

498  
00:22:19,120 --> 00:22:21,070  
is an outrage.

499  
00:22:21,070 --> 00:22:22,780  
So I paid.

500  
00:22:22,780 --> 00:22:26,110  
I wasn't going to create a  
furor and give my country

501  
00:22:26,110 --> 00:22:29,020  
a bad name for a few  
pfennigs although I'm

502  
00:22:29,020 --> 00:22:30,275  
a man of principles.

503  
00:22:30,275 --> 00:22:31,150  
You know I wanted to.

504  
00:22:31,150 --> 00:22:31,913  
I was insistent.

505  
00:22:31,913 --> 00:22:32,830  
I said, you know what?

506  
00:22:32,830 --> 00:22:33,610  
Keep your luggage.

507  
00:22:33,610 --> 00:22:34,810  
I'll go to the police.

508  
00:22:34,810 --> 00:22:36,040  
But I didn't want it.

509  
00:22:36,040 --> 00:22:37,870  
I didn't want to create  
for a few pfennigs.

510

00:22:37,870 --> 00:22:43,300

511

00:22:43,300 --> 00:22:46,220

So the next morning, I paid him.

512

00:22:46,220 --> 00:22:52,480

And when I left, out of  
almost-- out of embarrassment,

513

00:22:52,480 --> 00:22:56,020

I spoke to him, and I  
had something on my hand.

514

00:22:56,020 --> 00:22:59,020

I had something,  
a kind of a rash.

515

00:22:59,020 --> 00:23:00,850

And I was going like  
this all the time.

516

00:23:00,850 --> 00:23:02,770

It was itching me.

517

00:23:02,770 --> 00:23:04,570

So he mimicked me.

518

00:23:04,570 --> 00:23:08,260

He said, oh, you Jews like  
money, even like this.

519

00:23:08,260 --> 00:23:09,350

When I was scratching my--

520

00:23:09,350 --> 00:23:11,692

I was itching here  
because I had a rash.

521

00:23:11,692 --> 00:23:13,900

He mimicked me, and he said,  
oh, you Jews like money,

522  
00:23:13,900 --> 00:23:14,525  
even like this.

523  
00:23:14,525 --> 00:23:16,840  
Of course, I see what  
the Germans always did.

524  
00:23:16,840 --> 00:23:19,000  
They made this movement,  
Jews like money.

525  
00:23:19,000 --> 00:23:20,320  
Like this, they used to.

526  
00:23:20,320 --> 00:23:21,700  
I remembered as  
a child when they

527  
00:23:21,700 --> 00:23:25,280  
talked about Jews and money,  
they used to go like that.

528  
00:23:25,280 --> 00:23:26,860  
Well, that did something to me.

529  
00:23:26,860 --> 00:23:29,890  
Something went right into  
my brain when he did that.

530  
00:23:29,890 --> 00:23:32,440  
And he was in Stalingrad.

531  
00:23:32,440 --> 00:23:34,600  
He was captured and  
then he came back.

532  
00:23:34,600 --> 00:23:36,860  
And he went through  
terrible things himself.

533  
00:23:36,860 --> 00:23:38,500

He hadn't forgotten  
his antisemitism.

534  
00:23:38,500 --> 00:23:40,280  
And I said, tell me--

535  
00:23:40,280 --> 00:23:43,660  
I was really mad at him.

536  
00:23:43,660 --> 00:23:47,320  
And I said-- whatever I said,  
I don't want to mention it,

537  
00:23:47,320 --> 00:23:51,430  
but I was really rough on him  
then as I cursed him like hell.

538  
00:23:51,430 --> 00:23:52,900  
Bastard.

539  
00:23:52,900 --> 00:23:56,740  
He got the money, and  
we just [INAUDIBLE]..

540  
00:23:56,740 --> 00:23:58,750  
Of course, he might  
have said dirty Jew

541  
00:23:58,750 --> 00:24:00,588  
or whatever he-- you know.

542  
00:24:00,588 --> 00:24:01,630  
He probably did say that.

543  
00:24:01,630 --> 00:24:04,480  
He probably told all the  
guests what the Jews are.

544  
00:24:04,480 --> 00:24:05,747  
Who cares?

545  
00:24:05,747 --> 00:24:07,330

That was a terrible  
experience and you

546  
00:24:07,330 --> 00:24:10,150  
know I'm a man of goodwill.

547  
00:24:10,150 --> 00:24:12,920  
Very good relationship  
until it came to money.

548  
00:24:12,920 --> 00:24:16,330  
When I said, there  
is a misunderstanding

549  
00:24:16,330 --> 00:24:17,350  
about this thing.

550  
00:24:17,350 --> 00:24:20,980  
And I think it's my  
valid right to question

551  
00:24:20,980 --> 00:24:22,750  
if something was wrong.

552  
00:24:22,750 --> 00:24:24,940  
But he associated  
money with Jews

553  
00:24:24,940 --> 00:24:27,280  
in the most terrible manner.

554  
00:24:27,280 --> 00:24:30,980  
And that, you know, it  
really mattered much to me.

555  
00:24:30,980 --> 00:24:33,490  
I had my-- and my flag.

556  
00:24:33,490 --> 00:24:34,810  
And I had my national anthem.

557  
00:24:34,810 --> 00:24:37,915

And I had my country  
so the lunatic there.

558  
00:24:37,915 --> 00:24:39,610  
Who cares for him?

559  
00:24:39,610 --> 00:24:43,867  
I had very, very literally --  
but I said-- again, I said,

560  
00:24:43,867 --> 00:24:45,700  
you know, we shouldn't  
have come to Germany.

561  
00:24:45,700 --> 00:24:47,830  
It was a punishment from God.

562  
00:24:47,830 --> 00:24:50,033  
We shouldn't have even--

563  
00:24:50,033 --> 00:24:51,700  
we should have taken  
our convalescence--

564  
00:24:51,700 --> 00:24:53,020  
you can take it in Israel, too.

565  
00:24:53,020 --> 00:24:54,640  
You don't have to go to Germany.

566  
00:24:54,640 --> 00:24:56,680  
My wife wanted to, so I went.

567  
00:24:56,680 --> 00:24:59,950  
But in the meantime, every  
time I went to Israel,

568  
00:24:59,950 --> 00:25:02,450  
it's a long journey,  
16 hours, 18 hours.

569  
00:25:02,450 --> 00:25:05,820

So I made a stopover and  
came over with Lufthansa.

570  
00:25:05,820 --> 00:25:07,680  
I think was maybe  
the cheapest price

571  
00:25:07,680 --> 00:25:10,980  
so maybe I'm not such  
a man of principle

572  
00:25:10,980 --> 00:25:13,080  
when it comes to  
money after all.

573  
00:25:13,080 --> 00:25:17,610  
So oh, we stayed the  
night over in Frankfurt.

574  
00:25:17,610 --> 00:25:19,870  
And then I go into  
a hotel in Frankfurt

575  
00:25:19,870 --> 00:25:22,530  
and then people speak to  
me, and I speak to people,

576  
00:25:22,530 --> 00:25:26,070  
and I sit next to  
people, and I, you know--

577  
00:25:26,070 --> 00:25:29,340  
So I've been back to  
Germany several times.

578  
00:25:29,340 --> 00:25:33,270  
And then, of course, I went  
five days to East Germany.

579  
00:25:33,270 --> 00:25:38,550  
So I walk around and  
memories flood my brain.

580

00:25:38,550 --> 00:25:41,550  
Maybe doesn't matter, really.

581  
00:25:41,550 --> 00:25:43,440  
Maybe I shouldn't go  
or maybe I should.

582  
00:25:43,440 --> 00:25:44,040  
I don't know.

583  
00:25:44,040 --> 00:25:47,190  
It's not a crucial question.

584  
00:25:47,190 --> 00:25:51,570  
My other question is  
also there was a plan,

585  
00:25:51,570 --> 00:25:54,210  
I believe, by Morgenthau  
after the war to make

586  
00:25:54,210 --> 00:25:56,280  
Germany an agrarian society.

587  
00:25:56,280 --> 00:25:58,500  
Certainly nothing like  
the Marshall Plan.

588  
00:25:58,500 --> 00:26:01,800  
Would you have come here?

589  
00:26:01,800 --> 00:26:03,930  
Would you have thought  
then, and do you think now

590  
00:26:03,930 --> 00:26:05,780  
it would have been a good idea?

591  
00:26:05,780 --> 00:26:06,870  
No.

592  
00:26:06,870 --> 00:26:09,750

You know, I'm not an expert in economics.

593  
00:26:09,750 --> 00:26:12,960  
The fact that they would not be ever an industrial society

594  
00:26:12,960 --> 00:26:14,160  
or will not get help.

595  
00:26:14,160 --> 00:26:16,950  
They basically would have to pay and live poorly

596  
00:26:16,950 --> 00:26:19,050  
for quite a number of years.

597  
00:26:19,050 --> 00:26:21,088  
Well, my instinct would say to me

598  
00:26:21,088 --> 00:26:23,130  
that they should be punished like hell, that they

599  
00:26:23,130 --> 00:26:27,030  
should live really the way they did, what they did to us.

600  
00:26:27,030 --> 00:26:29,010  
But it never works out that way.

601  
00:26:29,010 --> 00:26:30,930  
I know too little about the Morgenthau Program

602  
00:26:30,930 --> 00:26:33,510  
I know a lot about the Marshall Plan,

603  
00:26:33,510 --> 00:26:36,795  
and it did a lot to raise the living

604

00:26:36,795 --> 00:26:40,380

standard and not only of  
Germany but the whole of Europe.

605

00:26:40,380 --> 00:26:42,460

In '45, I was in Europe.

606

00:26:42,460 --> 00:26:45,040

I was in Holland and  
Belgium and Italy.

607

00:26:45,040 --> 00:26:47,160

And I was in the army.

608

00:26:47,160 --> 00:26:48,660

I saw the destruction  
of Germany.

609

00:26:48,660 --> 00:26:52,800

I think that if they wouldn't  
have helped Germany to rebuild,

610

00:26:52,800 --> 00:26:54,578

it might have  
affected-- in Japan,

611

00:26:54,578 --> 00:26:56,370

it might have affected  
the living standards

612

00:26:56,370 --> 00:27:01,188

of many, many people in the  
world in the wake of making

613

00:27:01,188 --> 00:27:02,980

them [INAUDIBLE] in  
the country of Germany,

614

00:27:02,980 --> 00:27:05,430

which is an industrial country.

615

00:27:05,430 --> 00:27:09,015  
Who am I to say, I like  
the Germans punished.

616  
00:27:09,015 --> 00:27:10,140  
In which way, I don't know.

617  
00:27:10,140 --> 00:27:11,816  
Maybe do some good.

618  
00:27:11,816 --> 00:27:14,640  
You see, after all, I mean,  
even it might have an effect

619  
00:27:14,640 --> 00:27:17,230  
if Germany would have been  
a poor country, an agrarian

620  
00:27:17,230 --> 00:27:17,730  
country.

621  
00:27:17,730 --> 00:27:21,930

622  
00:27:21,930 --> 00:27:24,270  
It would have been a reflection  
even on my own country.

623  
00:27:24,270 --> 00:27:27,450  
Maybe my country wouldn't have  
had this restitution money.

624  
00:27:27,450 --> 00:27:31,950  
People [INAUDIBLE] the  
creative industries with it

625  
00:27:31,950 --> 00:27:34,723  
and all kinds of things with it.

626  
00:27:34,723 --> 00:27:36,390  
And the living standards  
sort of went up

627

00:27:36,390 --> 00:27:39,330

quite a bit because of that.

628

00:27:39,330 --> 00:27:41,188

Who am I to say?

629

00:27:41,188 --> 00:27:43,605

And after all, one has to take  
into consideration in order

630

00:27:43,605 --> 00:27:44,430

to be fair.

631

00:27:44,430 --> 00:27:47,640

632

00:27:47,640 --> 00:27:49,900

What does a new generation--

633

00:27:49,900 --> 00:27:52,500

are they at fault what  
their parents did?

634

00:27:52,500 --> 00:27:55,180

You know, it's such a  
difficult question to answer.

635

00:27:55,180 --> 00:27:57,890

You know, I've spoken to  
so many young Germans.

636

00:27:57,890 --> 00:27:59,460

Nice people.

637

00:27:59,460 --> 00:28:01,540

I know many, many  
Germans who are nice,

638

00:28:01,540 --> 00:28:06,650

who were filled with  
remorse what they did,

639

00:28:06,650 --> 00:28:09,270

what their country did.

640

00:28:09,270 --> 00:28:12,060

Even in East Germany,  
while I was standing

641

00:28:12,060 --> 00:28:14,670

in front of my house ringing  
the bell, the very first moment

642

00:28:14,670 --> 00:28:16,860

I arrived, a girl arrived.

643

00:28:16,860 --> 00:28:19,170

And she also rang the bell,  
and I said, who are you?

644

00:28:19,170 --> 00:28:23,730

And she was an insurance agent.

645

00:28:23,730 --> 00:28:26,685

And she was also trying  
to reach those two girls.

646

00:28:26,685 --> 00:28:28,810

And then she spoke to me  
and she says, who are you?

647

00:28:28,810 --> 00:28:29,518

I looked strange.

648

00:28:29,518 --> 00:28:30,930

Maybe a little bit--

649

00:28:30,930 --> 00:28:33,880

maybe my [INAUDIBLE] you  
know, I looked different.

650

00:28:33,880 --> 00:28:34,380

Different.

651

00:28:34,380 --> 00:28:36,950

You can-- maybe my dress  
was a little bit different,

652

00:28:36,950 --> 00:28:38,670

not quite East German.

653

00:28:38,670 --> 00:28:40,240

I had a West German car then.

654

00:28:40,240 --> 00:28:41,670

And I told her who I was.

655

00:28:41,670 --> 00:28:44,820

I lived in America, but I'm an  
Israeli, and I was born here.

656

00:28:44,820 --> 00:28:46,680

And this is our house.

657

00:28:46,680 --> 00:28:49,620

So she started to  
cry, real big tears.

658

00:28:49,620 --> 00:28:51,740

And I must have been  
woman of maybe 28;

659

00:28:51,740 --> 00:28:55,930

she had two children, very  
nice looking, very quiet.

660

00:28:55,930 --> 00:28:58,710

She looked a nice  
girl, a real nice girl,

661

00:28:58,710 --> 00:29:01,260

and she cried when  
I told her my story.

662

00:29:01,260 --> 00:29:03,250

Didn't take long, 4, 5 minutes.

663  
00:29:03,250 --> 00:29:06,190  
I gave a background,  
and she cried so much.

664  
00:29:06,190 --> 00:29:07,500  
And she said, oh my God.

665  
00:29:07,500 --> 00:29:11,190  
What we Germans did to  
you will be, I can't--

666  
00:29:11,190 --> 00:29:15,580  
So, you know, I'm  
full of this dilemma.

667  
00:29:15,580 --> 00:29:21,870  
I wish upon those dogs,  
those monsters the worst.

668  
00:29:21,870 --> 00:29:24,690  
Can you blame-- I've written a--

669  
00:29:24,690 --> 00:29:28,033  
I've read a book about  
the children of leaders,

670  
00:29:28,033 --> 00:29:28,950  
of the German leaders.

671  
00:29:28,950 --> 00:29:33,540  
There's a book written by  
an Israeli psychiatrist.

672  
00:29:33,540 --> 00:29:37,050  
He interviewed the  
children of these monsters,

673  
00:29:37,050 --> 00:29:38,880  
of Hess and of--

674  
00:29:38,880 --> 00:29:41,940

no, Himmler, his children died  
of-- all kinds of children

675  
00:29:41,940 --> 00:29:45,670  
of these German leaders.

676  
00:29:45,670 --> 00:29:48,930  
I have forgotten exactly  
but in order to quote,

677  
00:29:48,930 --> 00:29:51,630  
but it's terrible what  
they even go through,

678  
00:29:51,630 --> 00:29:55,260  
the children of the German  
leaders who are still alive.

679  
00:29:55,260 --> 00:29:58,380  
One is a minister of a church.

680  
00:29:58,380 --> 00:30:02,010  
They're all full of remorse,  
what their parents did.

681  
00:30:02,010 --> 00:30:04,950  
So who am I to say?

682  
00:30:04,950 --> 00:30:06,836  
Difficult for me to say, really.

683  
00:30:06,836 --> 00:30:11,370

684  
00:30:11,370 --> 00:30:15,070  
Going back to your  
arrival in the--

685  
00:30:15,070 --> 00:30:19,320  
to Israel and the  
time after that in '48

686

00:30:19,320 --> 00:30:22,650  
after the independence  
and after the armistices,

687  
00:30:22,650 --> 00:30:26,852  
what was life in Israel like?

688  
00:30:26,852 --> 00:30:29,310  
When you went on the kibbutz,  
you were then on the kibbutz,

689  
00:30:29,310 --> 00:30:30,240  
what did you do?

690  
00:30:30,240 --> 00:30:32,580  
How was the social life?

691  
00:30:32,580 --> 00:30:36,440  
You mean specifically in  
the kibbutz or generally?

692  
00:30:36,440 --> 00:30:38,190  
Specifically because  
you were specifically

693  
00:30:38,190 --> 00:30:39,107  
in the kibbutz in '48.

694  
00:30:39,107 --> 00:30:40,710  
Let's start from there.

695  
00:30:40,710 --> 00:30:47,390  
Well, it was a  
time of upbuilding

696  
00:30:47,390 --> 00:30:48,560  
of the state of Israel.

697  
00:30:48,560 --> 00:30:53,150  
You know it was the inception,  
the creation of a new state.

698

00:30:53,150 --> 00:30:58,790

And surprisingly, all  
the institutions worked.

699

00:30:58,790 --> 00:31:00,770

You know, like the  
ministry of the interior

700

00:31:00,770 --> 00:31:03,680

and the ministry of  
the food distribution.

701

00:31:03,680 --> 00:31:06,770

Everything worked  
first class in Israel.

702

00:31:06,770 --> 00:31:11,210

You know, one always says about  
the Jews, they are disorganized

703

00:31:11,210 --> 00:31:13,910

and, you know, Judenschule  
they used to say,

704

00:31:13,910 --> 00:31:16,390

but everything worked  
well in Israel.

705

00:31:16,390 --> 00:31:19,075

706

00:31:19,075 --> 00:31:23,780

The bus service was  
first class and the--

707

00:31:23,780 --> 00:31:26,390

well, in short,  
everything was fine.

708

00:31:26,390 --> 00:31:32,250

And there was an aura  
of idealism in Israel,

709

00:31:32,250 --> 00:31:34,070  
which, unfortunately,  
isn't there today

710  
00:31:34,070 --> 00:31:35,340  
as it was in those days.

711  
00:31:35,340 --> 00:31:38,667  
People were pioneers.

712  
00:31:38,667 --> 00:31:40,250  
They were prepared  
to go to the desert

713  
00:31:40,250 --> 00:31:43,940  
and make the, metaphorically,  
the desert bloom.

714  
00:31:43,940 --> 00:31:47,090  
We were all prepared to do  
many things which today we

715  
00:31:47,090 --> 00:31:51,350  
have become much more a society  
of materialist, much more.

716  
00:31:51,350 --> 00:31:54,080  
People are more out  
for worldly things.

717  
00:31:54,080 --> 00:31:59,882  
But those days, we were  
very, very patriotic.

718  
00:31:59,882 --> 00:32:01,340  
We were prepared  
to go to the army.

719  
00:32:01,340 --> 00:32:03,870  
We were prepared to go  
to the ends of Israel

720  
00:32:03,870 --> 00:32:06,750

in order to create a new state.

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00:32:06,750 --> 00:32:11,210

And people maybe asked for  
less but then we Jewish

722

00:32:11,210 --> 00:32:13,490

people are very active,  
and we are very--

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00:32:13,490 --> 00:32:16,960

724

00:32:16,960 --> 00:32:19,850

seeing that Israel is  
fundamentally a poor country,

725

00:32:19,850 --> 00:32:21,760

we all have a high  
living standard.

726

00:32:21,760 --> 00:32:26,740

Everybody wanted, you know, good  
living standards and good food

727

00:32:26,740 --> 00:32:29,530

and good clothing and a  
vacation here and then.

728

00:32:29,530 --> 00:32:31,890

And I think Israel  
has achieved it.

729

00:32:31,890 --> 00:32:34,780

730

00:32:34,780 --> 00:32:37,480

I went back five, six  
months ago to Israel,

731

00:32:37,480 --> 00:32:38,950

and I went to Tel Aviv.

732

00:32:38,950 --> 00:32:39,910

And I went--

733

00:32:39,910 --> 00:32:45,040

I mean, you have malls like  
in America, beautiful malls

734

00:32:45,040 --> 00:32:49,510

and aesthetic, beautiful  
cafes and restaurants.

735

00:32:49,510 --> 00:32:51,880

And I mean, the service is good.

736

00:32:51,880 --> 00:32:57,250

I mean, still, a lot  
has to be worked for.

737

00:32:57,250 --> 00:32:58,997

Many things have  
still to be done,

738

00:32:58,997 --> 00:33:00,830

but then you have to  
take into consideration

739

00:33:00,830 --> 00:33:02,860

it's a country of immigration.

740

00:33:02,860 --> 00:33:06,557

It's so many diverse  
cultures come

741

00:33:06,557 --> 00:33:10,150

to the country with  
their own ideas of how

742

00:33:10,150 --> 00:33:11,470

to make things work.

743

00:33:11,470 --> 00:33:15,520

And there are cultural

issues in Israel.

744

00:33:15,520 --> 00:33:20,260

So it makes a little  
bit for harsh living.

745

00:33:20,260 --> 00:33:22,030

But hopefully, you  
know, this time

746

00:33:22,030 --> 00:33:25,900

to come generation  
and integration.

747

00:33:25,900 --> 00:33:28,700

Hopefully, things will come  
a little bit more gracious

748

00:33:28,700 --> 00:33:29,200

in Israel.

749

00:33:29,200 --> 00:33:33,220

In the meantime, we  
have to swallow a bit.

750

00:33:33,220 --> 00:33:41,470

When you came, you mentioned  
a German or kibbutz that was

751

00:33:41,470 --> 00:33:43,330

Yavneh.

752

00:33:43,330 --> 00:33:45,520

That was made by German--

753

00:33:45,520 --> 00:33:46,470

people from Germany.

754

00:33:46,470 --> 00:33:47,550

What was the language?

755

00:33:47,550 --> 00:33:48,760

What language did you speak?

756  
00:33:48,760 --> 00:33:49,990  
Hebrew.

757  
00:33:49,990 --> 00:33:51,730  
He spoke Ivritz.

758  
00:33:51,730 --> 00:33:54,925  
I didn't speak so  
well Ivrit, but I

759  
00:33:54,925 --> 00:33:57,760  
had learned Ivrit when I  
was in the Jewish Brigade.

760  
00:33:57,760 --> 00:34:00,130  
And I had the  
rudiments of Ivrit.

761  
00:34:00,130 --> 00:34:02,955  
I spoke a little bit, but  
they all spoke German.

762  
00:34:02,955 --> 00:34:05,080  
So just in case I couldn't  
get through with Hebrew,

763  
00:34:05,080 --> 00:34:06,580  
I spoke German.

764  
00:34:06,580 --> 00:34:08,800  
I'd never forgotten my  
German although I was

765  
00:34:08,800 --> 00:34:11,380  
only 11 years old when I left.

766  
00:34:11,380 --> 00:34:15,860  
But I tried to speak  
Hebrew, and I mastered it

767

00:34:15,860 --> 00:34:17,260  
in a very short time.

768  
00:34:17,260 --> 00:34:19,900  
It's not a difficult  
language, Hebrew, by the way.

769  
00:34:19,900 --> 00:34:21,280  
It's phonetic and it's easy.

770  
00:34:21,280 --> 00:34:24,389

771  
00:34:24,389 --> 00:34:27,420  
In those [INAUDIBLE] kibbutz,  
in another kibbutz was there

772  
00:34:27,420 --> 00:34:29,969  
a lot of, I mean, were  
there are a lot of meetings

773  
00:34:29,969 --> 00:34:33,429  
to decide what to do, how  
was that being handled?

774  
00:34:33,429 --> 00:34:34,802  
Yeah, it's called an assepha.

775  
00:34:34,802 --> 00:34:35,760  
It's called an assepha.

776  
00:34:35,760 --> 00:34:36,810  
It's a meeting.

777  
00:34:36,810 --> 00:34:41,730  
Every week, the members of  
the kibbutz used to assemble

778  
00:34:41,730 --> 00:34:44,889  
and the problems and  
the whatever came up,

779

00:34:44,889 --> 00:34:46,860  
we used to sit down  
and discuss them.

780  
00:34:46,860 --> 00:34:49,570  
Although I was not a member  
of that particular kibbutz,

781  
00:34:49,570 --> 00:34:51,870  
so I could not have  
the right to vote.

782  
00:34:51,870 --> 00:34:54,570  
But I used to take part  
in order to listen in.

783  
00:34:54,570 --> 00:35:03,060  
And it was divided into  
committees and a secretary

784  
00:35:03,060 --> 00:35:03,690  
and so forth.

785  
00:35:03,690 --> 00:35:06,870  
It was a well organized  
society which, to this day,

786  
00:35:06,870 --> 00:35:07,890  
works very well indeed.

787  
00:35:07,890 --> 00:35:11,290  
In fact, I was back five months  
ago when I went to Israel.

788  
00:35:11,290 --> 00:35:14,520  
On my last visit, I went back  
to the kibbutz which I was

789  
00:35:14,520 --> 00:35:17,130  
a founder of after many years.

790  
00:35:17,130 --> 00:35:19,700  
And I came back, and all

those memories flashed.

791  
00:35:19,700 --> 00:35:22,620  
My two sons were  
born in that kibbutz.

792  
00:35:22,620 --> 00:35:24,840  
Not in the kibbutz --

793  
00:35:24,840 --> 00:35:26,430  
I was a member of the kibbutz.

794  
00:35:26,430 --> 00:35:27,690  
They were born in Tiberius.

795  
00:35:27,690 --> 00:35:32,070  
And I received  
the most beautiful

796  
00:35:32,070 --> 00:35:37,080  
welcome that it was moving  
when they saw me and they all

797  
00:35:37,080 --> 00:35:38,380  
embraced me and kissed me.

798  
00:35:38,380 --> 00:35:42,610  
They had no, you know, after  
all I had left the kibbutz,

799  
00:35:42,610 --> 00:35:44,070  
and I had left the country even.

800  
00:35:44,070 --> 00:35:47,890  
So I was a kind of  
a [INAUDIBLE] which

801  
00:35:47,890 --> 00:35:51,630  
I don't like that word because  
I don't consider myself

802  
00:35:51,630 --> 00:35:55,410

a [INAUDIBLE] because I'm only  
here on a visit, so to speak,

803  
00:35:55,410 --> 00:35:57,120  
and on a long visit.

804  
00:35:57,120 --> 00:36:00,780  
So I'm definitely going  
back to my country.

805  
00:36:00,780 --> 00:36:03,060  
But it was a most  
wonderful visit.

806  
00:36:03,060 --> 00:36:07,260  
All those people brought  
back these wonderful memories

807  
00:36:07,260 --> 00:36:09,960  
of the kibbutz, the  
establishing of the kibbutz.

808  
00:36:09,960 --> 00:36:13,590  
Probably went and we erected the  
first fence and the watchtower

809  
00:36:13,590 --> 00:36:19,620  
and the water tower and  
we created an effect that

810  
00:36:19,620 --> 00:36:21,025  
was [INAUDIBLE] by the Arabs.

811  
00:36:21,025 --> 00:36:22,650  
They woke up the next  
morning and there

812  
00:36:22,650 --> 00:36:24,600  
was a Jewish settlement.

813  
00:36:24,600 --> 00:36:26,650  
And it's a beautiful  
kibbutz today.

814  
00:36:26,650 --> 00:36:33,810  
It has a most wonderful hotel,  
which looks upon the Kinneret,

815  
00:36:33,810 --> 00:36:34,920  
upon the Sea of Galilee.

816  
00:36:34,920 --> 00:36:39,420  
And what amazed  
me most was we had

817  
00:36:39,420 --> 00:36:41,730  
hard times in the beginning,  
really hard times.

818  
00:36:41,730 --> 00:36:45,060  
And the food was  
a lot less then.

819  
00:36:45,060 --> 00:36:47,190  
It was poor.

820  
00:36:47,190 --> 00:36:52,270  
The food we were served was  
maybe a five-star hotel.

821  
00:36:52,270 --> 00:36:55,035  
The breakfast and the  
supper and the dinner was--

822  
00:36:55,035 --> 00:36:57,890  
you could choose  
what you wanted.

823  
00:36:57,890 --> 00:36:58,570  
Wonderful.

824  
00:36:58,570 --> 00:37:03,900  
I couldn't believe the food,  
much better than each day.

825

00:37:03,900 --> 00:37:07,385  
In fact, I went with a lady.

826  
00:37:07,385 --> 00:37:08,010  
She's a lawyer.

827  
00:37:08,010 --> 00:37:10,440  
She lives in Berkeley who  
I've met in a synagogue,

828  
00:37:10,440 --> 00:37:12,990  
and she was, at the  
same time, in Israel.

829  
00:37:12,990 --> 00:37:14,490  
And I took her along  
to the kibbutz.

830  
00:37:14,490 --> 00:37:17,160  
And she was she was-- it  
was a highlight of her visit

831  
00:37:17,160 --> 00:37:19,740  
to Israel.

832  
00:37:19,740 --> 00:37:24,000  
So all the old  
[INAUDIBLE] comrades

833  
00:37:24,000 --> 00:37:26,570  
the members of the  
kibbutz that night we

834  
00:37:26,570 --> 00:37:34,370  
met and we exchanged  
memories and spoke

835  
00:37:34,370 --> 00:37:35,840  
of the good old times.

836  
00:37:35,840 --> 00:37:38,000  
I gave a little talk.

837

00:37:38,000 --> 00:37:39,530

And I'm in correspondence again.

838

00:37:39,530 --> 00:37:44,660

You know, I recreated the bond  
between myself and the kibbutz.

839

00:37:44,660 --> 00:37:48,650

It's really a wonderful  
life to live in a kibbutz.

840

00:37:48,650 --> 00:37:51,610

Why did you leave?

841

00:37:51,610 --> 00:37:54,040

Why did I leave?

842

00:37:54,040 --> 00:37:57,340

Well, I suppose maybe  
I made a mistake.

843

00:37:57,340 --> 00:37:59,050

I shouldn't have left.

844

00:37:59,050 --> 00:38:03,220

But I felt there  
was a kind of a--

845

00:38:03,220 --> 00:38:06,420

846

00:38:06,420 --> 00:38:08,220

the kind of kibbutz--

847

00:38:08,220 --> 00:38:12,870

I'm a very-- a person  
who wants to do things,

848

00:38:12,870 --> 00:38:14,570

who wants to get on in life.

849

00:38:14,570 --> 00:38:16,100  
I have great ambition.

850  
00:38:16,100 --> 00:38:19,270  
In the kibbutz, you cut down  
your ambition, you can't--

851  
00:38:19,270 --> 00:38:20,408  
the only thing you can do--

852  
00:38:20,408 --> 00:38:22,200  
I used to be a truck  
driver in the kibbutz.

853  
00:38:22,200 --> 00:38:24,830  
And then I was a as  
I said, a commander.

854  
00:38:24,830 --> 00:38:26,360  
And that's all you  
could ever reach,

855  
00:38:26,360 --> 00:38:27,770  
but I wanted to reach more.

856  
00:38:27,770 --> 00:38:29,660  
I want to reach for the stars.

857  
00:38:29,660 --> 00:38:34,340  
And I am a very driven  
person, very dedicated.

858  
00:38:34,340 --> 00:38:37,370  
I work very, very  
hard, you know?

859  
00:38:37,370 --> 00:38:40,500  
The man [INAUDIBLE] for the  
kibbutz, for the country.

860  
00:38:40,500 --> 00:38:42,830  
And I was a little bit crazy.

861

00:38:42,830 --> 00:38:44,750

And there's some people  
who didn't, and they

862

00:38:44,750 --> 00:38:46,790

had the same living  
standard as I.

863

00:38:46,790 --> 00:38:50,770

And I found that it's an  
inequity and an injustice.

864

00:38:50,770 --> 00:38:53,060

I working so hard,  
have the same kind

865

00:38:53,060 --> 00:38:56,490

of results of a person  
who doesn't do nothing.

866

00:38:56,490 --> 00:38:58,790

So I felt immature in a way.

867

00:38:58,790 --> 00:39:00,860

Again, I wasn't flexible enough.

868

00:39:00,860 --> 00:39:04,220

I felt that me working so  
hard and doing so many things,

869

00:39:04,220 --> 00:39:06,290

I deserved more.

870

00:39:06,290 --> 00:39:08,760

And I thought that we'll  
see something was missing

871

00:39:08,760 --> 00:39:11,660

that kibbutz, that didn't  
give scope to a person who

872

00:39:11,660 --> 00:39:15,050

wanted to reach the zenith.

873  
00:39:15,050 --> 00:39:17,630  
I reached a certain  
line, and you

874  
00:39:17,630 --> 00:39:19,220  
couldn't overreach that line.

875  
00:39:19,220 --> 00:39:25,320  
So I said, I need to go and  
do something more than that.

876  
00:39:25,320 --> 00:39:27,990  
So I left and that's--

877  
00:39:27,990 --> 00:39:29,030  
I did what I did.

878  
00:39:29,030 --> 00:39:33,440  
And I became a plumbing  
contractor, and I did OK.

879  
00:39:33,440 --> 00:39:35,150  
I had two children,  
and I educated--

880  
00:39:35,150 --> 00:39:38,070  
I had a very nice  
house in Israel.

881  
00:39:38,070 --> 00:39:42,350  
And I had a comfortable life.

882  
00:39:42,350 --> 00:39:44,090  
I made myself a  
comfortable life.

883  
00:39:44,090 --> 00:39:46,550  
In a way, I succeeded.

884  
00:39:46,550 --> 00:39:49,970

You know, top of the  
world with enough,

885  
00:39:49,970 --> 00:39:55,310  
a nice, comfortable life  
with friends and activities.

886  
00:39:55,310 --> 00:39:57,230  
Nothing was missing in my life.

887  
00:39:57,230 --> 00:40:00,890  
Moneywise, it was fine.

888  
00:40:00,890 --> 00:40:03,640  
I came at quite an  
advanced age to America,

889  
00:40:03,640 --> 00:40:05,860  
and there's nothing missing  
here for me as well.

890  
00:40:05,860 --> 00:40:07,690  
You know, when I was--

891  
00:40:07,690 --> 00:40:09,280  
how old was I?

892  
00:40:09,280 --> 00:40:12,640  
54, I think I came to America.

893  
00:40:12,640 --> 00:40:14,800  
I immediately started  
to work for somebody

894  
00:40:14,800 --> 00:40:17,560  
and then I gave that up  
and became independent.

895  
00:40:17,560 --> 00:40:19,930  
And I have a house  
today and a couple

896

00:40:19,930 --> 00:40:23,380  
of cars today and nothing  
missing in my house.

897  
00:40:23,380 --> 00:40:25,330  
So this is the kind  
of person I am.

898  
00:40:25,330 --> 00:40:26,590  
That's why I left the kibbutz.

899  
00:40:26,590 --> 00:40:28,960  
It restricted me.

900  
00:40:28,960 --> 00:40:30,940  
But again, maybe  
I shouldn't have.

901  
00:40:30,940 --> 00:40:35,740

902  
00:40:35,740 --> 00:40:38,630  
Did you have any more questions?

903  
00:40:38,630 --> 00:40:45,460  
Well, personally, what are you  
most proud of in your life?

904  
00:40:45,460 --> 00:40:47,510  
Tell you that very easily.

905  
00:40:47,510 --> 00:40:54,180  
The two most proud moments of  
my life were the following.

906  
00:40:54,180 --> 00:40:56,220  
The most privileged  
was that I was

907  
00:40:56,220 --> 00:41:00,330  
present at the establishment  
of the Jewish state

908

00:41:00,330 --> 00:41:03,330  
when Ben-Gurion declared the  
state on the 15th of May.

909

00:41:03,330 --> 00:41:05,820  
Was it '48?

910

00:41:05,820 --> 00:41:07,980  
And I was present  
at the establishment

911

00:41:07,980 --> 00:41:09,180  
of a Jewish state.

912

00:41:09,180 --> 00:41:12,540  
It was an unbelievable  
privilege for me.

913

00:41:12,540 --> 00:41:17,640  
And the moment when Moshe  
Dayan put the officer's thing

914

00:41:17,640 --> 00:41:18,720  
on my shoulder.

915

00:41:18,720 --> 00:41:19,690  
I became an officer.

916

00:41:19,690 --> 00:41:21,250  
I went to an officer's course.

917

00:41:21,250 --> 00:41:24,650  
Moshe Dayan was the  
commander-in-chief

918

00:41:24,650 --> 00:41:27,360  
of the Israeli army, and I  
was an outstanding cadet.

919

00:41:27,360 --> 00:41:31,530  
And he took the he took  
off the white -- you know,

920  
00:41:31,530 --> 00:41:34,860  
the white on the epaulets,  
the white kind of a piece

921  
00:41:34,860 --> 00:41:35,790  
of material.

922  
00:41:35,790 --> 00:41:40,550  
He took it off and he  
put on my first insignia

923  
00:41:40,550 --> 00:41:42,840  
that I became an officer  
in the Israeli army.

924  
00:41:42,840 --> 00:41:45,540  
That was also an unbelievable  
fact that I was here,

925  
00:41:45,540 --> 00:41:50,430  
an officer in the first  
sovereign Israeli army.

926  
00:41:50,430 --> 00:41:52,140  
Two outstanding  
moments in my life.

927  
00:41:52,140 --> 00:41:59,170

928  
00:41:59,170 --> 00:42:00,380  
May have been cut off before.

929  
00:42:00,380 --> 00:42:05,180

930  
00:42:05,180 --> 00:42:12,050  
What-- well, it's  
a funny question.

931  
00:42:12,050 --> 00:42:16,130

Can you see anything  
that was, quote, good

932  
00:42:16,130 --> 00:42:18,190  
that came after the Holocaust?

933  
00:42:18,190 --> 00:42:24,540  
What was the good,  
so to speak, if any?

934  
00:42:24,540 --> 00:42:30,400  
How can-- well, it's good.

935  
00:42:30,400 --> 00:42:31,330  
It's terrible.

936  
00:42:31,330 --> 00:42:36,580  
It's the most horrific  
experience that anybody can--

937  
00:42:36,580 --> 00:42:39,280  
affected the Jewish  
people that--

938  
00:42:39,280 --> 00:42:41,880  
a third, every third  
Jew was killed.

939  
00:42:41,880 --> 00:42:42,976  
Third.

940  
00:42:42,976 --> 00:42:45,500  
Yeah, we were 18, 16  
million we were at least.

941  
00:42:45,500 --> 00:42:48,310  
Close to every third Jew  
was annihilated in that.

942  
00:42:48,310 --> 00:42:53,830  
One half million children  
were gassed, were killed.

943

00:42:53,830 --> 00:42:58,540

Good, well, hopefully, it  
united the Jewish people

944

00:42:58,540 --> 00:43:01,860

against all the dangers  
lurking in the shadows for us.

945

00:43:01,860 --> 00:43:04,033

We've become a careful people.

946

00:43:04,033 --> 00:43:05,950

We can see it in the  
politics of Israel today,

947

00:43:05,950 --> 00:43:09,878

that we are so careful about our  
security, may be overcareful.

948

00:43:09,878 --> 00:43:10,420

I don't know.

949

00:43:10,420 --> 00:43:12,610

I don't think anyone  
can be overcareful.

950

00:43:12,610 --> 00:43:17,020

But, of course,  
maybe some people

951

00:43:17,020 --> 00:43:19,600

deny the Jewish  
state came out of it.

952

00:43:19,600 --> 00:43:20,890

Some people say not so.

953

00:43:20,890 --> 00:43:23,470

Even if the Holocaust  
would not have happened,

954

00:43:23,470 --> 00:43:26,030

the Jewish state would  
have happened in any case.

955  
00:43:26,030 --> 00:43:28,300  
It was ripe for it.

956  
00:43:28,300 --> 00:43:29,140  
But maybe not.

957  
00:43:29,140 --> 00:43:36,390  
But I can't quite answer that.

958  
00:43:36,390 --> 00:43:41,640  
I don't think much good can  
come out of anything like that.

959  
00:43:41,640 --> 00:43:45,970  
Maybe some positive things  
came out that people--

960  
00:43:45,970 --> 00:43:48,270  
you see, I remember  
when I was a child

961  
00:43:48,270 --> 00:43:52,350  
and when one spoke to Jews,  
many said, I'm not a Zionist.

962  
00:43:52,350 --> 00:43:54,510  
I don't believe  
in a Jewish state.

963  
00:43:54,510 --> 00:43:55,870  
I want to go to Mexico.

964  
00:43:55,870 --> 00:43:57,120  
I want to go to the Argentine.

965  
00:43:57,120 --> 00:43:58,840  
I want to go to America.

966  
00:43:58,840 --> 00:44:00,780

I want to go to Canada.

967

00:44:00,780 --> 00:44:03,780

Even so, many people  
want to do that today.

968

00:44:03,780 --> 00:44:07,290

Any responsible Jew will  
never say I'm not a Zionist.

969

00:44:07,290 --> 00:44:10,680

So all for the Jewish state,  
if they have any sense.

970

00:44:10,680 --> 00:44:12,180

A person who has  
no sense, I mean, I

971

00:44:12,180 --> 00:44:14,220

can't talk about these people.

972

00:44:14,220 --> 00:44:17,450

If any person denies and  
says, I'm not for Jews,

973

00:44:17,450 --> 00:44:18,990

then he's nuts.

974

00:44:18,990 --> 00:44:22,200

He might not want to live there.

975

00:44:22,200 --> 00:44:23,940

He might not even be a Zionist.

976

00:44:23,940 --> 00:44:25,770

But to say I'm against  
the Jewish state,

977

00:44:25,770 --> 00:44:30,060

then that person is not normal  
because if that same person

978

00:44:30,060 --> 00:44:33,180  
who's Jewish and something  
is done to that person,

979  
00:44:33,180 --> 00:44:35,247  
he has a whole Israeli  
army behind him.

980  
00:44:35,247 --> 00:44:37,080  
They will do everything  
in order to save him

981  
00:44:37,080 --> 00:44:39,990  
like they saved the Jews  
in Entebbe and so forth.

982  
00:44:39,990 --> 00:44:41,370  
I don't have to go into these.

983  
00:44:41,370 --> 00:44:45,100  
If anybody maintains and says  
I'm not for a Jewish state,

984  
00:44:45,100 --> 00:44:47,050  
then I have nothing  
to talk to them.

985  
00:44:47,050 --> 00:44:48,630  
This is not normal.

986  
00:44:48,630 --> 00:44:51,440  
So that has maybe come  
out of the Holocaust.

987  
00:44:51,440 --> 00:44:56,015  
All Jews, or normal  
Jews, will never

988  
00:44:56,015 --> 00:44:58,140  
be against the Jewish state  
like in the olden days.

989  
00:44:58,140 --> 00:45:00,360

And now we don't want  
to live amongst Jews.

990  
00:45:00,360 --> 00:45:01,500  
We are European Jews.

991  
00:45:01,500 --> 00:45:05,580  
We are German Jews,  
Polish Jews, Russian Jews.

992  
00:45:05,580 --> 00:45:07,410  
I have this experience  
with my cousins

993  
00:45:07,410 --> 00:45:09,000  
whom I discovered in Paris.

994  
00:45:09,000 --> 00:45:11,205  
They were Communists.

995  
00:45:11,205 --> 00:45:11,705  
Said no.

996  
00:45:11,705 --> 00:45:13,440  
We are Jews, but we are French.

997  
00:45:13,440 --> 00:45:14,670  
We are Communists.

998  
00:45:14,670 --> 00:45:17,610  
And, of course, even  
after the Holocaust.

999  
00:45:17,610 --> 00:45:22,570  
But in later years, they  
all became very pro-Israeli.

1000  
00:45:22,570 --> 00:45:26,250  
And that is great that  
I can talk to Jews

1001  
00:45:26,250 --> 00:45:28,920

and speak to them in  
the same language.

1002  
00:45:28,920 --> 00:45:33,240  
We have many things in common  
when we talk about Israel,

1003  
00:45:33,240 --> 00:45:34,740  
all our eyes light up.

1004  
00:45:34,740 --> 00:45:35,340  
That's fine.

1005  
00:45:35,340 --> 00:45:39,360  
Even our differences  
about Israeli politics

1006  
00:45:39,360 --> 00:45:42,613  
and Israelis' attitudes, our  
love for Israel transcends

1007  
00:45:42,613 --> 00:45:43,340  
that.

1008  
00:45:43,340 --> 00:45:44,460  
OK, we know.

1009  
00:45:44,460 --> 00:45:47,905  
Maybe many people don't  
like the policies of Shamir

1010  
00:45:47,905 --> 00:45:49,920  
or the policies of [INAUDIBLE].

1011  
00:45:49,920 --> 00:45:52,380  
We know all that.

1012  
00:45:52,380 --> 00:45:57,660  
But our love, our positive  
attitude towards Israel

1013  
00:45:57,660 --> 00:45:59,130

transcends politics.

1014  
00:45:59,130 --> 00:46:00,180  
That's a different story.

1015  
00:46:00,180 --> 00:46:04,850

1016  
00:46:04,850 --> 00:46:08,660  
Do you have anything you'd like  
to say to end this in Ivritz?

1017  
00:46:08,660 --> 00:46:13,520  
Well, I've been interviewed  
so many times now, I'm

1018  
00:46:13,520 --> 00:46:18,860  
running dry, out of stories,  
but I suppose if you goad me on,

1019  
00:46:18,860 --> 00:46:21,900  
there'll be more stories.

1020  
00:46:21,900 --> 00:46:22,980  
I've said many things.

1021  
00:46:22,980 --> 00:46:25,440  
I said things which  
I didn't expect

1022  
00:46:25,440 --> 00:46:26,700  
to say in the very beginning.

1023  
00:46:26,700 --> 00:46:29,850  
I thought when I  
should only talk

1024  
00:46:29,850 --> 00:46:33,390  
about the experiences in  
connection with the Holocaust,

1025  
00:46:33,390 --> 00:46:35,730

but we have interwoven  
many things like politics

1026  
00:46:35,730 --> 00:46:38,610  
and affiliations and attitudes.

1027  
00:46:38,610 --> 00:46:43,200  
And I'm happy that I was able  
to bring it up from the video.

1028  
00:46:43,200 --> 00:46:47,550  
Hopefully, this is going  
to contribute whoever

1029  
00:46:47,550 --> 00:46:53,070  
looks at it sometimes that  
I will help this person

1030  
00:46:53,070 --> 00:46:56,250  
to be maybe a little  
bit a better Jew

1031  
00:46:56,250 --> 00:47:01,470  
and maybe increase his love  
for the state of Israel.

1032  
00:47:01,470 --> 00:47:03,000  
Thank you.

1033  
00:47:03,000 --> 00:47:06,630  
Do you want to read that  
last letter before we end?

1034  
00:47:06,630 --> 00:47:07,370  
Which letter?

1035  
00:47:07,370 --> 00:47:11,010  
That you said you got another  
letter back after you wrote--

1036  
00:47:11,010 --> 00:47:11,700  
The mayor?

1037  
00:47:11,700 --> 00:47:13,020  
Is the mayor in East Germany?

1038  
00:47:13,020 --> 00:47:14,790  
But it's in German.

1039  
00:47:14,790 --> 00:47:17,380  
You could read it in German  
and then translate it.

1040  
00:47:17,380 --> 00:47:18,480  
Tough.

1041  
00:47:18,480 --> 00:47:20,070  
Can you give this to me?

1042  
00:47:20,070 --> 00:47:24,790  
I wrote a letter to the  
mayor of the town I was born,

1043  
00:47:24,790 --> 00:47:27,960  
and I'm afraid I  
haven't got it here.

1044  
00:47:27,960 --> 00:47:35,550  
And in it, I tell him that he  
knew of my coming to the town,

1045  
00:47:35,550 --> 00:47:41,280  
and he didn't receive me  
as a returning resident.

1046  
00:47:41,280 --> 00:47:44,400  
And it was a rather  
seething letter.

1047  
00:47:44,400 --> 00:47:46,470  
I haven't got it here,  
so it's not relevant.

1048  
00:47:46,470 --> 00:47:51,450  
Anyway, he wrote me a letter

back to my greatest surprise,

1049  
00:47:51,450 --> 00:47:53,670  
and here's the letter.

1050  
00:47:53,670 --> 00:47:56,490  
And I will read  
it first in German

1051  
00:47:56,490 --> 00:47:59,490  
and then I will try to  
translate into English.

1052  
00:47:59,490 --> 00:48:03,420  
It says, [GERMAN] Herr  
Grossmann, [SPEAKING GERMAN]..

1053  
00:48:03,420 --> 00:48:39,620

1054  
00:48:39,620 --> 00:48:41,780  
I'll try to [INAUDIBLE].

1055  
00:48:41,780 --> 00:48:44,660  
Dear Mr. Grossman, I  
would like to thank you

1056  
00:48:44,660 --> 00:48:49,020  
for your letter, which you wrote  
on the 6th of the 6th, 1990,

1057  
00:48:49,020 --> 00:48:52,100  
which moved me very deeply.

1058  
00:48:52,100 --> 00:48:56,480  
I have to tell you that  
I am the mayor only

1059  
00:48:56,480 --> 00:49:01,370  
from the 22nd of May 1990.

1060  
00:49:01,370 --> 00:49:07,880

I entered this  
office, and I have

1061  
00:49:07,880 --> 00:49:14,750  
to carry all the things which  
my predecessor has left me.

1062  
00:49:14,750 --> 00:49:23,360  
I belong to the Christian  
Democratic Party who work

1063  
00:49:23,360 --> 00:49:30,710  
in conjunction with the  
Methodist Church in GÅ¼strow

1064  
00:49:30,710 --> 00:49:34,790  
since July, and we are making  
the first steps in order

1065  
00:49:34,790 --> 00:49:36,245  
to reconstruct the Jewish--

1066  
00:49:36,245 --> 00:49:44,646

1067  
00:49:44,646 --> 00:49:47,320  
the Jewish population  
of this town.

1068  
00:49:47,320 --> 00:49:50,950  
I would be very happy to greet  
you here back in GÅ¼strow.

1069  
00:49:50,950 --> 00:49:55,930  
Maybe you will find an  
opportunity in short time

1070  
00:49:55,930 --> 00:49:58,600  
to pay us a visit again.

1071  
00:49:58,600 --> 00:50:00,010  
Best regards.

1072  
00:50:00,010 --> 00:50:04,570  
[INAUDIBLE] the mayor.

1073  
00:50:04,570 --> 00:50:06,250  
Thank you.

1074  
00:50:06,250 --> 00:50:10,290  
And thank you for all of  
your time and generosity.

1075  
00:50:10,290 --> 00:50:10,790  
Thank you.

1076  
00:50:10,790 --> 00:50:12,160  
It was a pleasure.

1077  
00:50:12,160 --> 00:50:15,160  
And before you go, we  
need to get the spellings

1078  
00:50:15,160 --> 00:50:16,510  
of about pages of--

1079  
00:50:16,510 --> 00:50:17,380  
Oh, good.

1080  
00:50:17,380 --> 00:50:18,250  
OK.

1081  
00:50:18,250 --> 00:50:18,970  
Are we still on?

1082  
00:50:18,970 --> 00:50:19,715  
Let me start.

1083  
00:50:19,715 --> 00:50:20,590  
Yeah, we're still on.

1084  
00:50:20,590 --> 00:50:22,220  
Let me start with the names.

1085

00:50:22,220 --> 00:50:24,830

You spell your name.

1086

00:50:24,830 --> 00:50:32,530

I-L-A-N-A. And my last name  
is spelled B-R-A-U-N. OK,

1087

00:50:32,530 --> 00:50:33,680

and Laurie?

1088

00:50:33,680 --> 00:50:35,980

Mine's gonna be on the slate,  
so it's all written down

1089

00:50:35,980 --> 00:50:41,090

in the beginning, but it's  
L-A-U-R-I-E-S-O-S-N-A.

1090

00:50:41,090 --> 00:50:43,912

It's all in the  
beginning of the tape.

1091

00:50:43,912 --> 00:50:45,370

The stuff that  
we're concerned with

1092

00:50:45,370 --> 00:50:47,382

are the proper names and stuff.

1093

00:50:47,382 --> 00:50:49,840

So what we're going to do now  
is read off some of the words

1094

00:50:49,840 --> 00:50:52,030

that you used, and we'd  
like you to spell them

1095

00:50:52,030 --> 00:50:54,400

for us in as close  
approximation as possible.

1096

00:50:54,400 --> 00:50:55,720

OK, fine.

1097  
00:50:55,720 --> 00:50:58,640  
[INAUDIBLE]

1098  
00:50:58,640 --> 00:50:59,140  
Are you--

1099  
00:50:59,140 --> 00:51:01,310  
Are we rolling.

1100  
00:51:01,310 --> 00:51:02,950  
That's OK That's good.

1101  
00:51:02,950 --> 00:51:05,030  
Just speak the word  
clearly and loudly.

1102  
00:51:05,030 --> 00:51:05,530  
OK.

1103  
00:51:05,530 --> 00:51:08,560  
Kindertransport

1104  
00:51:08,560 --> 00:51:17,240  
K-I-N-D-E-R-T-R-A-N-S-P-O-R-T.

1105  
00:51:17,240 --> 00:51:18,910  
The Mossad.

1106  
00:51:18,910 --> 00:51:19,690  
Mossad.

1107  
00:51:19,690 --> 00:51:23,380  
M-O-S-S-A-D.

1108  
00:51:23,380 --> 00:51:25,280  
Haifa.

1109  
00:51:25,280 --> 00:51:27,900  
H-A-I-F-A.

1110  
00:51:27,900 --> 00:51:29,620  
Tel Aviv.

1111  
00:51:29,620 --> 00:51:34,780  
T-E-L-A-V-I-V.

1112  
00:51:34,780 --> 00:51:35,890  
Hachshera.

1113  
00:51:35,890 --> 00:51:47,010  
H-A-C-H-S-H-E-R-A.

1114  
00:51:47,010 --> 00:51:48,390  
Alija.

1115  
00:51:48,390 --> 00:51:52,500  
A-L-I-J-A.

1116  
00:51:52,500 --> 00:51:54,694  
Exodus Agnes.

1117  
00:51:54,694 --> 00:51:56,080  
[INAUDIBLE]

1118  
00:51:56,080 --> 00:51:57,580  
Kibbutz.

1119  
00:51:57,580 --> 00:52:01,240  
K-I-B-B-U-T-Z.

1120  
00:52:01,240 --> 00:52:02,560  
Javneh.

1121  
00:52:02,560 --> 00:52:06,430  
J-A-V-N-E-H.

1122  
00:52:06,430 --> 00:52:07,540  
Lavi. .

1123

00:52:07,540 --> 00:52:11,380  
L-A-V-I

1124  
00:52:11,380 --> 00:52:13,570  
Should we spell Galilee?

1125  
00:52:13,570 --> 00:52:16,860  
I think that's  
[INAUDIBLE] I don't know.

1126  
00:52:16,860 --> 00:52:18,100  
Irgun.

1127  
00:52:18,100 --> 00:52:21,520  
I-R-G-U-N.

1128  
00:52:21,520 --> 00:52:23,260  
Egel.

1129  
00:52:23,260 --> 00:52:30,200  
E-G-E-L.

1130  
00:52:30,200 --> 00:52:33,860  
Irgun Zvai Leumi.

1131  
00:52:33,860 --> 00:52:45,110  
I-R-G-U-N Z-V-A-I L-E-U-M-I.

1132  
00:52:45,110 --> 00:52:46,460  
Bren Gun.

1133  
00:52:46,460 --> 00:52:50,210  
B-R-E-N G-U-N.

1134  
00:52:50,210 --> 00:52:51,950  
Eshdod.

1135  
00:52:51,950 --> 00:52:58,240  
E-S-H-D-O-D.

1136  
00:52:58,240 --> 00:53:00,970

Yishuv.

1137  
00:53:00,970 --> 00:53:04,900  
Y-I-S-H-U-V.

1138  
00:53:04,900 --> 00:53:07,630  
Givati.

1139  
00:53:07,630 --> 00:53:12,220  
G-I-V-A-T-I.

1140  
00:53:12,220 --> 00:53:13,540  
Ben-Gurion.

1141  
00:53:13,540 --> 00:53:22,470  
B-E-N G-U-R-I-O-N.

1142  
00:53:22,470 --> 00:53:24,210  
Kirjat Gat.

1143  
00:53:24,210 --> 00:53:30,020  
K-I-R-J-A-T G-A-T.

1144  
00:53:30,020 --> 00:53:31,920  
Chazor.

1145  
00:53:31,920 --> 00:53:37,080  
C-H-A-Z-O-R.

1146  
00:53:37,080 --> 00:53:38,580  
Ashkelon.

1147  
00:53:38,580 --> 00:53:43,690  
A-S-H-K-E-L-O-N.

1148  
00:53:43,690 --> 00:53:44,565  
Rakusen Matzo.

1149  
00:53:44,565 --> 00:53:48,900

1150  
00:53:48,900 --> 00:53:52,838  
R-A-K-U-S-E-N M-A-T-Z-O.

1151  
00:53:52,838 --> 00:53:53,338  
Sinai.

1152  
00:53:53,338 --> 00:53:56,310

1153  
00:53:56,310 --> 00:54:01,460  
S-I-N-A-I.

1154  
00:54:01,460 --> 00:54:03,500  
Kibbutz and rodges.

1155  
00:54:03,500 --> 00:54:04,340  
The German--

1156  
00:54:04,340 --> 00:54:05,600  
Rodges.

1157  
00:54:05,600 --> 00:54:06,470  
Kibbutz?

1158  
00:54:06,470 --> 00:54:15,370  
K-I-B-B-U-T-Z R-O-D-G-E-S.

1159  
00:54:15,370 --> 00:54:16,990  
Tnuva.

1160  
00:54:16,990 --> 00:54:21,310  
T-N-U-V-A.

1161  
00:54:21,310 --> 00:54:23,260  
Kastel.

1162  
00:54:23,260 --> 00:54:26,860  
K-A-S-T-E-L.

1163  
00:54:26,860 --> 00:54:28,210

Salame Street.

1164  
00:54:28,210 --> 00:54:31,600  
S-A-L-A-M-E.

1165  
00:54:31,600 --> 00:54:32,770  
Jaffa.

1166  
00:54:32,770 --> 00:54:35,890  
J-A-F-F-A.

1167  
00:54:35,890 --> 00:54:38,290  
Hapoel Hamisrathi.

1168  
00:54:38,290 --> 00:54:50,460  
H-A-P-O-E-L H-A-M-I-S-R-A-T-H-I.

1169  
00:54:50,460 --> 00:54:51,670  
Ramle.

1170  
00:54:51,670 --> 00:54:54,450  
R-A-M-L-E.

1171  
00:54:54,450 --> 00:54:55,230  
Lod.

1172  
00:54:55,230 --> 00:55:00,430  
L-O-D.

1173  
00:55:00,430 --> 00:55:01,720  
Maabarot.

1174  
00:55:01,720 --> 00:55:08,590  
M-A-A-B-A-R-O-T.

1175  
00:55:08,590 --> 00:55:11,800  
Mordechai Levy.

1176  
00:55:11,800 --> 00:55:21,850  
M-O-R-D-E-C-H-A-I L-E-V-Y.

1177  
00:55:21,850 --> 00:55:23,590  
Cholent.

1178  
00:55:23,590 --> 00:55:24,090  
Cholent.

1179  
00:55:24,090 --> 00:55:27,940

1180  
00:55:27,940 --> 00:55:29,470  
[INAUDIBLE] cholent.

1181  
00:55:29,470 --> 00:55:30,690  
Oh, Cholent.

1182  
00:55:30,690 --> 00:55:37,070  
C-H-O-L-E-N-T.

1183  
00:55:37,070 --> 00:55:39,020  
Ashkenazi.

1184  
00:55:39,020 --> 00:55:47,330  
A-S-H-K-E-N-A-Z-I.

1185  
00:55:47,330 --> 00:55:48,530  
Scfartim.

1186  
00:55:48,530 --> 00:55:52,460  
S-C-F-A-R-T-I-M.

1187  
00:55:52,460 --> 00:55:53,480  
Moshav.

1188  
00:55:53,480 --> 00:55:56,420  
M-O-S-H-A-V.

1189  
00:55:56,420 --> 00:55:57,770  
Sejera.

1190  
00:55:57,770 --> 00:56:03,170

S-E-J-E-R-A.

1191  
00:56:03,170 --> 00:56:03,670  
Keep going.

1192  
00:56:03,670 --> 00:56:04,170  
Go ahead.

1193  
00:56:04,170 --> 00:56:05,300  
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

1194  
00:56:05,300 --> 00:56:08,090  
We're doing this because the  
transcriber really needs it.

1195  
00:56:08,090 --> 00:56:09,800  
Regoshavski.

1196  
00:56:09,800 --> 00:56:10,610  
Regoshavski.

1197  
00:56:10,610 --> 00:56:20,770  
R-E-G-O-S-H-A-V-S-K-I.

1198  
00:56:20,770 --> 00:56:22,090  
Sde Boker.

1199  
00:56:22,090 --> 00:56:28,510  
S-D-E B-O-K-E-R.

1200  
00:56:28,510 --> 00:56:29,650  
Negev.

1201  
00:56:29,650 --> 00:56:32,650  
N-E-G-E-V.

1202  
00:56:32,650 --> 00:56:33,340  
Golde Meir

1203  
00:56:33,340 --> 00:56:35,830  
No.

1204  
00:56:35,830 --> 00:56:37,120  
Jonah.

1205  
00:56:37,120 --> 00:56:43,480  
J-O-N-A-H.

1206  
00:56:43,480 --> 00:56:44,980  
Benjamin.

1207  
00:56:44,980 --> 00:56:47,980  
B-E-N-J-A-M-I-N.

1208  
00:56:47,980 --> 00:56:48,970  
Uri.

1209  
00:56:48,970 --> 00:56:51,430  
U-R-I-.

1210  
00:56:51,430 --> 00:56:53,110  
Bir Kafka.

1211  
00:56:53,110 --> 00:57:02,550  
B-I-R K-A-F-K-A.

1212  
00:57:02,550 --> 00:57:05,140  
Degel Adom.

1213  
00:57:05,140 --> 00:57:10,210  
D-E-G-E-L A-D-O-M.

1214  
00:57:10,210 --> 00:57:11,650  
Kafar Aza.

1215  
00:57:11,650 --> 00:57:16,000  
K-A-F-A-R A-Z-A.

1216  
00:57:16,000 --> 00:57:17,380  
Kantara.

1217

00:57:17,380 --> 00:57:22,240  
K-A-N-T-A-R-A.

1218  
00:57:22,240 --> 00:57:23,440  
Uzi.

1219  
00:57:23,440 --> 00:57:25,570  
U-Z-I.

1220  
00:57:25,570 --> 00:57:26,620  
Chanukah.

1221  
00:57:26,620 --> 00:57:34,210  
C-H-A-N-U-K-A-H.

1222  
00:57:34,210 --> 00:57:35,860  
Yom Kippur.

1223  
00:57:35,860 --> 00:57:37,840  
Yom Kippur [INAUDIBLE].

1224  
00:57:37,840 --> 00:57:39,210  
Yom Kippur.

1225  
00:57:39,210 --> 00:57:40,690  
Yom Kippur.

1226  
00:57:40,690 --> 00:57:46,750  
Y-O-M K-I-P-P-U-R.

1227  
00:57:46,750 --> 00:57:47,950  
Hagah.

1228  
00:57:47,950 --> 00:57:53,960  
H-A-G-A-H.

1229  
00:57:53,960 --> 00:57:55,720  
Bir Chamad.

1230  
00:57:55,720 --> 00:57:56,770  
Bir Chamad

1231  
00:57:56,770 --> 00:58:05,620  
B-I-R C-H-A-M-A-D.

1232  
00:58:05,620 --> 00:58:08,350  
Shma Jisrael.

1233  
00:58:08,350 --> 00:58:17,092  
S-H-M-A apostrophe I-S-R-A-E-L.

1234  
00:58:17,092 --> 00:58:18,910  
Bar Lev.

1235  
00:58:18,910 --> 00:58:22,810  
B-A-R L-E-V.

1236  
00:58:22,810 --> 00:58:24,250  
Mitleh.

1237  
00:58:24,250 --> 00:58:28,630  
M-I-T-L-E-H.

1238  
00:58:28,630 --> 00:58:31,680  
And the name of the  
other path of GIdi

1239  
00:58:31,680 --> 00:58:32,680  
Giddi.

1240  
00:58:32,680 --> 00:58:37,240  
J-I-D-E-H. No, no, I'm sorry.

1241  
00:58:37,240 --> 00:58:38,260  
Giddi.

1242  
00:58:38,260 --> 00:58:43,930  
G-I-D-D-I. Giddi.

1243  
00:58:43,930 --> 00:58:49,500  
Jehoshaphat I thought you  
mentioned he was the commander

1244  
00:58:49,500 --> 00:58:51,850  
Jehoshaphat.

1245  
00:58:51,850 --> 00:58:52,750  
Maybe I got it wrong.

1246  
00:58:52,750 --> 00:58:53,590  
No.

1247  
00:58:53,590 --> 00:58:57,040  
I didn't mention Jehoshaphat.

1248  
00:58:57,040 --> 00:58:58,930  
Malach Hamavet.

1249  
00:58:58,930 --> 00:59:07,630  
M-A-L-A-C-H H-A-M-A-V-E-T.

1250  
00:59:07,630 --> 00:59:08,770  
Torah.

1251  
00:59:08,770 --> 00:59:13,510  
T-O-R-A-H.

1252  
00:59:13,510 --> 00:59:15,040  
Synagogue.

1253  
00:59:15,040 --> 00:59:17,320  
Oh, that's OK.

1254  
00:59:17,320 --> 00:59:18,960  
Litani.

1255  
00:59:18,960 --> 00:59:23,350  
L-I-T-A-N-I.

1256  
00:59:23,350 --> 00:59:26,680  
Kibbutz Jat.

1257

00:59:26,680 --> 00:59:33,370  
K-I-B-B-U-T-Z J-A-T.

1258  
00:59:33,370 --> 00:59:35,830  
Har Setim.

1259  
00:59:35,830 --> 00:59:46,890  
H-A-R S-E-T-I-M.

1260  
00:59:46,890 --> 00:59:49,140  
Seychelles Island,  
they will understand?

1261  
00:59:49,140 --> 00:59:50,310  
Seychelles.

1262  
00:59:50,310 --> 00:59:51,810  
Seychelles Islands?

1263  
00:59:51,810 --> 00:59:53,550  
Better spell it.

1264  
00:59:53,550 --> 00:59:59,850  
S-A-Y-C-H-E-L-L-E and  
islands, you know.

1265  
00:59:59,850 --> 01:00:01,110  
Gurevich.

1266  
01:00:01,110 --> 01:00:05,540  
G-U-R-E-V-I-C-H.

1267  
01:00:05,540 --> 01:00:06,600  
Gonen.

1268  
01:00:06,600 --> 01:00:09,090  
G-O-N-E-N.

1269  
01:00:09,090 --> 01:00:10,920  
Yeshiva Bocher.

1270

01:00:10,920 --> 01:00:18,510  
Y-E-S-H-I-V-A B-O-C-H-E-R.

1271  
01:00:18,510 --> 01:00:19,890  
Shmuel.

1272  
01:00:19,890 --> 01:00:24,540  
S-H-M-U-E-L.

1273  
01:00:24,540 --> 01:00:25,650  
Ali.

1274  
01:00:25,650 --> 01:00:27,210  
A-L-I.

1275  
01:00:27,210 --> 01:00:28,470  
Shmulik.

1276  
01:00:28,470 --> 01:00:32,600  
S-H-M-U-L-I-K.

1277  
01:00:32,600 --> 01:00:33,600  
There was a German word.

1278  
01:00:33,600 --> 01:00:35,160  
Something like weltanschauung.

1279  
01:00:35,160 --> 01:00:37,320  
Weltanschauung.

1280  
01:00:37,320 --> 01:00:52,520  
W-E-L-T-A-N-S-C-H-A-U-U-N-G.  
It's a long word.

1281  
01:00:52,520 --> 01:00:56,802

1282  
01:00:56,802 --> 01:00:58,200  
Riches.

1283  
01:00:58,200 --> 01:01:04,010

R-I-C-H-E-S.

1284  
01:01:04,010 --> 01:01:05,840  
Buxtehude.

1285  
01:01:05,840 --> 01:01:14,390  
B-U-X-T-E-H-U-D-E.

1286  
01:01:14,390 --> 01:01:16,130  
Pfennigs.

1287  
01:01:16,130 --> 01:01:16,700  
Pfennigs.

1288  
01:01:16,700 --> 01:01:21,860  
P-F-E-N-N-I-G-S.

1289  
01:01:21,860 --> 01:01:23,930  
Assepha.

1290  
01:01:23,930 --> 01:01:28,760  
A-S-S-E-P-H-A.

1291  
01:01:28,760 --> 01:01:30,740  
Jored.

1292  
01:01:30,740 --> 01:01:33,920  
J-O-R-E-D.

1293  
01:01:33,920 --> 01:01:35,180  
Kinneret.

1294  
01:01:35,180 --> 01:01:39,410  
K-I-N-N-E-R-E-T.

1295  
01:01:39,410 --> 01:01:40,550  
Chaverin.

1296  
01:01:40,550 --> 01:01:44,840  
C-H-A-V-E-R-I-N.

1297

01:01:44,840 --> 01:01:48,620

Laman Hamoledet.

1298

01:01:48,620 --> 01:01:57,954

L-A-M-A-N H-A-M-O-L-E-D-E-T.

1299

01:01:57,954 --> 01:01:59,330

Moshe Dayan.

1300

01:01:59,330 --> 01:02:09,310

M-O-S-H-E D-A-Y-A-N.

1301

01:02:09,310 --> 01:02:09,810

That's it.

1302

01:02:09,810 --> 01:02:13,820

Did you get the German  
word for Honolulu?

1303

01:02:13,820 --> 01:02:14,630

Buxtehude.

1304

01:02:14,630 --> 01:02:15,860

Buxtehude.

1305

01:02:15,860 --> 01:02:18,098

Buxtehude is a town somewhere.

1306

01:02:18,098 --> 01:02:18,890

Where are you from?

1307

01:02:18,890 --> 01:02:22,010

From Buxtehude.

1308

01:02:22,010 --> 01:02:23,022

OK.

1309

01:02:23,022 --> 01:02:24,980

Well, listen, I really  
want to thank you again.

1310

01:02:24,980 --> 01:02:27,574

Did you just feel like  
you're in a Spelling Bee?

1311

01:02:27,574 --> 01:02:30,410

I did well in spelling, huh?

1312

01:02:30,410 --> 01:02:33,110

I never make a mistake  
in English in spelling.

1313

01:02:33,110 --> 01:02:36,080

In Hebrew, I'm full of mistakes.

1314

01:02:36,080 --> 01:02:39,650

You tell me approximately when  
this photograph was taken.

1315

01:02:39,650 --> 01:02:42,350

How old am I there?

1316

01:02:42,350 --> 01:02:43,730

Probably 1935?

1317

01:02:43,730 --> 01:02:44,540

1935.

1318

01:02:44,540 --> 01:02:46,220

And you are in this photograph?

1319

01:02:46,220 --> 01:02:48,020

The last one, the tiniest one.

1320

01:02:48,020 --> 01:02:50,030

The tiniest one  
right on-- right on--

1321

01:02:50,030 --> 01:02:50,697

right

1322

01:02:50,697 --> 01:02:51,890

The left.

1323

01:02:51,890 --> 01:02:53,150

Far left side of the frame?

1324

01:02:53,150 --> 01:02:54,530

And where was this taken?

1325

01:02:54,530 --> 01:02:55,430

In GÅ¼strow.

1326

01:02:55,430 --> 01:02:58,107

In the time I was born in  
front of the synagogue.

1327

01:02:58,107 --> 01:03:00,065

Which does not exist any  
longer, the synagogue.

1328

01:03:00,065 --> 01:03:03,110

It was burned on  
the Kristallnacht.

1329

01:03:03,110 --> 01:03:06,770

And so these are all your  
schoolmates then or--

1330

01:03:06,770 --> 01:03:07,780

No, no, no, no.

1331

01:03:07,780 --> 01:03:09,110

All children.

1332

01:03:09,110 --> 01:03:10,053

All ages.

1333

01:03:10,053 --> 01:03:11,720

These were all the  
children of the town.

1334

01:03:11,720 --> 01:03:15,830

And approximately how old were

you when the photo was taken?

1335  
01:03:15,830 --> 01:03:17,090  
Maybe eight.

1336  
01:03:17,090 --> 01:03:17,630  
Eight?

1337  
01:03:17,630 --> 01:03:18,410  
So that was--

1338  
01:03:18,410 --> 01:03:20,370  
Or seven, seven maybe?

1339  
01:03:20,370 --> 01:03:22,810  
--is you.

1340  
01:03:22,810 --> 01:03:27,380  
It's a little difficult. I  
can't get it to zoom any closer.

1341  
01:03:27,380 --> 01:03:30,220  
That's about as  
close as I can get.

1342  
01:03:30,220 --> 01:05:31,487