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00:00:00,000 --> 00:01:18,864

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00:01:18,864 --> 00:01:22,250

Give it about 10 seconds.

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00:01:22,250 --> 00:01:22,750

OK.

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00:01:22,750 --> 00:01:25,550

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00:01:25,550 --> 00:01:31,900

Was your family a family
of observant Jews?

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00:01:31,900 --> 00:01:33,880

I would say semi-observant.

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00:01:33,880 --> 00:01:40,320

We observed the major
holidays up to a point.

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00:01:40,320 --> 00:01:43,930

I'll tell you why I
say that in a minute.

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00:01:43,930 --> 00:01:47,950

Certainly, Yom Kippur and
Rosh Hashanah and, you know?

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00:01:47,950 --> 00:01:55,900

In fact, my mother fasted on
Yom Kippur until two years ago

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00:01:55,900 --> 00:01:57,740

when I laid down the law.

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00:01:57,740 --> 00:02:01,420

And she was 88 then, or over 88.

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00:02:01,420 --> 00:02:07,270

I fast on Yom Kippur for
a very strange reason,

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00:02:07,270 --> 00:02:12,820

namely, to prove to
myself that I am not--

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00:02:12,820 --> 00:02:15,430

that the reason
that I'm irreligious

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00:02:15,430 --> 00:02:18,430

is not because
it's inconvenient.

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00:02:18,430 --> 00:02:20,500

That's why I fast.

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00:02:20,500 --> 00:02:25,570

You know, the
engineer's explanation.

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00:02:25,570 --> 00:02:28,090

My father did an interesting
thing on Yom Kippur.

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00:02:28,090 --> 00:02:30,940

I always remember
that, because it's

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00:02:30,940 --> 00:02:36,910

indicative of one's
approach to religious life.

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00:02:36,910 --> 00:02:39,370

The rest of the family fasted.

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00:02:39,370 --> 00:02:42,040

And he always went to visit
my uncle, the one who had

24

00:02:42,040 --> 00:02:45,048
the candy com whatever store--

25
00:02:45,048 --> 00:02:47,590
or it was really-- it was really
part of the house they lived

26
00:02:47,590 --> 00:02:49,150
in, in the Prater--

27
00:02:49,150 --> 00:02:50,020
on Yom Kippur.

28
00:02:50,020 --> 00:02:54,370
And it wasn't until I
was maybe 10 years old

29
00:02:54,370 --> 00:02:58,970
that I went along one day and
I found out what he was doing.

30
00:02:58,970 --> 00:03:01,510
He had my uncle
ate ham sandwiches

31
00:03:01,510 --> 00:03:05,840
and drank cognac on Yom Kippur.

32
00:03:05,840 --> 00:03:06,340
See?

33
00:03:06,340 --> 00:03:10,506
[CHUCKLES] When
you say observant,

34
00:03:10,506 --> 00:03:13,640
it ranged all the
way from having

35
00:03:13,640 --> 00:03:15,940
a grandfather that
I don't remember,

36

00:03:15,940 --> 00:03:17,740

who died before I
was born, who was

37

00:03:17,740 --> 00:03:24,880

a member of the council
and the temple, to,

38

00:03:24,880 --> 00:03:29,770

I guess, my father with ham
sandwiches on Yom Kippur.

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00:03:29,770 --> 00:03:34,060

So it's-- as I say,
I had one uncle--

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00:03:34,060 --> 00:03:37,300

the opera singer
who was converted,

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00:03:37,300 --> 00:03:38,950

obviously for
professional reasons.

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00:03:38,950 --> 00:03:43,610

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00:03:43,610 --> 00:03:45,140

I guess the answer is no.

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00:03:45,140 --> 00:03:49,650

We certainly were
acknowledged as Jews.

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00:03:49,650 --> 00:03:52,520

We acknowledged
ourselves as being Jews.

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00:03:52,520 --> 00:03:56,700

We observed, in some fashion,
all the major holidays.

47

00:03:56,700 --> 00:04:00,620

I was bar mitzvahed, and
that's about it, yeah.

48

00:04:00,620 --> 00:04:02,750

I think it's fairly
typical of sort

49

00:04:02,750 --> 00:04:06,620

of an assimilated Jewish
family in Austria and Germany.

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00:04:06,620 --> 00:04:09,310

Some were even less
religious and others

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00:04:09,310 --> 00:04:10,310

maybe a little bit more.

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00:04:10,310 --> 00:04:13,400

But we were sort of--

53

00:04:13,400 --> 00:04:15,110

German was the language
spoken at home?

54

00:04:15,110 --> 00:04:16,587

Oh, yes.

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00:04:16,587 --> 00:04:18,170

Didn't speak a word
of Yiddish until I

56

00:04:18,170 --> 00:04:19,329

came to the United States.

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00:04:19,329 --> 00:04:22,410

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00:04:22,410 --> 00:04:25,710

Back to the night
of Kristallnacht.

59

00:04:25,710 --> 00:04:28,770

Did you recognize
any of the looters?

60

00:04:28,770 --> 00:04:30,480

Not that I remember.

61

00:04:30,480 --> 00:04:32,730

I think there were people
from the neighborhood there,

62

00:04:32,730 --> 00:04:35,040

but I really don't
recall specifically,

63

00:04:35,040 --> 00:04:36,510

no, that there were--

64

00:04:36,510 --> 00:04:39,900

I mean, they came from all over.

65

00:04:39,900 --> 00:04:43,560

Some were in
stormtrooper uniform.

66

00:04:43,560 --> 00:04:47,500

Some were just civilians, just
came in and helped themselves.

67

00:04:47,500 --> 00:04:48,780

In fact, I allude to that.

68

00:04:48,780 --> 00:04:51,840

I told you I have this
20/20 tape which dealt

69

00:04:51,840 --> 00:04:53,820

with the stolen art treasures.

70

00:04:53,820 --> 00:04:56,910

And I have a little
recollection of Kristallnacht

71
00:04:56,910 --> 00:04:59,400
there, because one of the
paintings that was stolen

72
00:04:59,400 --> 00:05:05,790
was later recovered, and
it was stolen that day.

73
00:05:05,790 --> 00:05:10,350
So I think it's something that--

74
00:05:10,350 --> 00:05:11,490
I suspect that I was--

75
00:05:11,490 --> 00:05:13,560
I don't remember
specifically, but I

76
00:05:13,560 --> 00:05:16,380
suspect I was
pretty quickly drawn

77
00:05:16,380 --> 00:05:19,560
into one of the back rooms where
my mother and grandmother were

78
00:05:19,560 --> 00:05:23,760
sort of hiding to stay
out of the way, I think.

79
00:05:23,760 --> 00:05:25,530
So we weren't there
watching the people.

80
00:05:25,530 --> 00:05:28,095

81
00:05:28,095 --> 00:05:31,570
Do you know how they were
directed to your apartment?

82

00:05:31,570 --> 00:05:33,240

I think they were
doing it generally.

83

00:05:33,240 --> 00:05:35,092

And, of course, people
knew who we were.

84

00:05:35,092 --> 00:05:36,550

Everybody in the
neighborhood knew.

85

00:05:36,550 --> 00:05:39,155

I mean, the apartment house
belonged to my grandmother.

86

00:05:39,155 --> 00:05:43,445

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00:05:43,445 --> 00:05:45,570

I think, essentially,
everybody in the neighborhood

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00:05:45,570 --> 00:05:46,650

knew we were Jewish.

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00:05:46,650 --> 00:05:48,257

That wasn't any secret.

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00:05:48,257 --> 00:05:49,590

People in the neighborhood knew.

91

00:05:49,590 --> 00:05:51,483

Oh, sure.

92

00:05:51,483 --> 00:05:53,400

It may have been the
authorities knew it, too.

93

00:05:53,400 --> 00:05:55,950

Whether there was a concerted
effort to send people out

94

00:05:55,950 --> 00:05:57,690
to loot, I don't know.

95

00:05:57,690 --> 00:06:01,540
You were registered, so it's--

96

00:06:01,540 --> 00:06:04,350
And how did it end that day?

97

00:06:04,350 --> 00:06:05,370
How did it end that day?

98

00:06:05,370 --> 00:06:10,017
I really don't have any
specific recollection.

99

00:06:10,017 --> 00:06:11,850
I think my mother, being
a good housekeeper,

100

00:06:11,850 --> 00:06:13,830
was trying to clean up the mess.

101

00:06:13,830 --> 00:06:16,350
I mean, it was
that kind of thing.

102

00:06:16,350 --> 00:06:18,150
Then my father did
eventually come home.

103

00:06:18,150 --> 00:06:20,130
I don't remember exactly when.

104

00:06:20,130 --> 00:06:23,160
There were a number of
occasions where my father barely

105

00:06:23,160 --> 00:06:24,760
escaped things like that.

106

00:06:24,760 --> 00:06:30,900
I guess I spoke earlier
about the Civil War,

107
00:06:30,900 --> 00:06:35,760
I guess, in Austria in
the early part of '34,

108
00:06:35,760 --> 00:06:40,860
when the fascist government and
the socialist party and workers

109
00:06:40,860 --> 00:06:44,410
were carrying on a
civil war of some weeks.

110
00:06:44,410 --> 00:06:48,690
And I remember that there
was a machine gun posted

111
00:06:48,690 --> 00:06:49,920
at our street corner.

112
00:06:49,920 --> 00:06:52,170
And I remember my
father crawling home

113
00:06:52,170 --> 00:06:57,210
on his stomach to stay out
of the way of the bullets.

114
00:06:57,210 --> 00:07:00,420

115
00:07:00,420 --> 00:07:02,940
But he was very lucky that
day, because, A, he could

116
00:07:02,940 --> 00:07:04,870
have been beaten up, or he--

117
00:07:04,870 --> 00:07:08,490
he was a person

with a bad temper.

118

00:07:08,490 --> 00:07:10,740

And he might well have
tried to keep people

119

00:07:10,740 --> 00:07:14,220

from taking his
things away, probably

120

00:07:14,220 --> 00:07:16,050

would have been very outraged.

121

00:07:16,050 --> 00:07:18,810

And I think that
he was prevailed on

122

00:07:18,810 --> 00:07:23,290

to stay in the office, which
is probably a damn good thing.

123

00:07:23,290 --> 00:07:26,930

And the following
year when you--

124

00:07:26,930 --> 00:07:30,835

when the family
packed up possessions,

125

00:07:30,835 --> 00:07:33,460

there were obviously things left
from that night that you kept.

126

00:07:33,460 --> 00:07:33,960

Oh, yeah.

127

00:07:33,960 --> 00:07:36,310

Well, furniture,
household goods.

128

00:07:36,310 --> 00:07:40,450

We brought some very strange
things along, things that

129
00:07:40,450 --> 00:07:42,230
really weren't terribly useful.

130
00:07:42,230 --> 00:07:45,880
In fact, my mother when she
moved to the nursing home

131
00:07:45,880 --> 00:07:49,660
in November, and I helped--

132
00:07:49,660 --> 00:07:52,660
and she had already moved
stuff to the retirement

133
00:07:52,660 --> 00:07:53,950
home two years ago--

134
00:07:53,950 --> 00:07:58,630
there were doilies and strange
things that she brought along.

135
00:07:58,630 --> 00:08:02,140

136
00:08:02,140 --> 00:08:03,557
These vans, they got packed up.

137
00:08:03,557 --> 00:08:05,140
And whatever they
could stuff in them,

138
00:08:05,140 --> 00:08:06,160
I guess they stuffed in there.

139
00:08:06,160 --> 00:08:07,450
Some things didn't survive.

140
00:08:07,450 --> 00:08:09,033
I mean, there were
things put in there

141

00:08:09,033 --> 00:08:12,160
that must have been
robbed by the movers,

142

00:08:12,160 --> 00:08:14,470
because they didn't show up
when we got to the States

143

00:08:14,470 --> 00:08:16,330
and opened the crates.

144

00:08:16,330 --> 00:08:19,600
They were these crates that--

145

00:08:19,600 --> 00:08:23,020
I mean, my mother even
shipped furniture.

146

00:08:23,020 --> 00:08:25,000
We came on a boat,
and on a boat,

147

00:08:25,000 --> 00:08:27,805
you could ship lots of things,
not like traveling by plane.

148

00:08:27,805 --> 00:08:30,820

149

00:08:30,820 --> 00:08:38,330
Carpets, all kinds of
things-- tapestries.

150

00:08:38,330 --> 00:08:41,169
So as I say, even
in early '40, you

151

00:08:41,169 --> 00:08:43,985
could still do
that, surprisingly.

152

00:08:43,985 --> 00:08:45,610

That's why I say, I
think things really

153
00:08:45,610 --> 00:08:50,450
didn't become critical
until shortly after that.

154
00:08:50,450 --> 00:08:52,450
They became critical for
individuals, of course,

155
00:08:52,450 --> 00:08:54,940
because people got
hailed off and stuff.

156
00:08:54,940 --> 00:08:57,700
But sort of as a
general rule, you

157
00:08:57,700 --> 00:09:03,280
could still emigrate in a
reasonably organized way, which

158
00:09:03,280 --> 00:09:04,780
is surprising.

159
00:09:04,780 --> 00:09:12,610
I remember that-- I have the,
I guess, the export permission,

160
00:09:12,610 --> 00:09:17,170
which was registered with the
American consulate in Vienna

161
00:09:17,170 --> 00:09:20,410
and stamped by all the
appropriate authorities,

162
00:09:20,410 --> 00:09:21,490
Nazi authorities.

163
00:09:21,490 --> 00:09:24,610
And it lists so many

pieces of underwear

164

00:09:24,610 --> 00:09:27,775
and the fur coat and--

165

00:09:27,775 --> 00:09:29,680
very strange.

166

00:09:29,680 --> 00:09:33,850
The Germans were
sticklers for legalities,

167

00:09:33,850 --> 00:09:37,450
even if they had an
evil purpose behind it.

168

00:09:37,450 --> 00:09:41,110
But they want everything
to look legal.

169

00:09:41,110 --> 00:09:44,800
In that regard, do
you know what became

170

00:09:44,800 --> 00:09:49,480
of the equity in the building
that your grandmother owned--

171

00:09:49,480 --> 00:09:50,200
Very interesting.

172

00:09:50,200 --> 00:09:51,940
--and the business
that your father had?

173

00:09:51,940 --> 00:09:51,990
Sure.

174

00:09:51,990 --> 00:09:53,530
Well, the business
was Aryanized.

175

00:09:53,530 --> 00:09:56,410

And again, I think
the legalities as I--

176

00:09:56,410 --> 00:09:58,310

I don't remember
the exact numbers,

177

00:09:58,310 --> 00:10:01,270

but I remember the
discussions and later

178

00:10:01,270 --> 00:10:03,430

on looking at the
figures involved,

179

00:10:03,430 --> 00:10:07,960

because my mother brought
all kinds of documents along.

180

00:10:07,960 --> 00:10:10,570

There was always a
legal transaction.

181

00:10:10,570 --> 00:10:14,092

For example, when the--

182

00:10:14,092 --> 00:10:19,840

there was a chemical firm that
had a store on the ground floor

183

00:10:19,840 --> 00:10:22,300

of that apartment house on one
of the-- there was a corner

184

00:10:22,300 --> 00:10:25,870

house, and then on
one of the streets--

185

00:10:25,870 --> 00:10:28,960

people by the name of
Zalud, Z-A-L-U-D. See,

186

00:10:28,960 --> 00:10:30,190
certain names I remember.

187
00:10:30,190 --> 00:10:32,080
And they've always
wanted that house,

188
00:10:32,080 --> 00:10:34,660
and here was their opportunity.

189
00:10:34,660 --> 00:10:38,920
Well, they paid a
nominal sum, like \$0.01

190
00:10:38,920 --> 00:10:40,180
on the dollar kind of thing.

191
00:10:40,180 --> 00:10:43,300
But as far as the papers were
concerned, they owned it.

192
00:10:43,300 --> 00:10:44,770
And they paid for it.

193
00:10:44,770 --> 00:10:46,570
It was a forced sale, of course.

194
00:10:46,570 --> 00:10:49,570
But nonetheless, there
was a legal transaction.

195
00:10:49,570 --> 00:10:51,820
And as I remember,
some of that money

196
00:10:51,820 --> 00:11:00,100
was used to buy our fare,
our tickets on the Eternia.

197
00:11:00,100 --> 00:11:03,430
In fact, my father even
paid for his brother-in-law

198

00:11:03,430 --> 00:11:05,830

and my mother's sister
the year before when

199

00:11:05,830 --> 00:11:08,800

they came to the States,
bought their tickets

200

00:11:08,800 --> 00:11:12,740

I think from this forced
sale of his business.

201

00:11:12,740 --> 00:11:15,040

And so there was always
a legal transaction

202

00:11:15,040 --> 00:11:19,330

with some money changing
hands and that kind of thing.

203

00:11:19,330 --> 00:11:20,020

Yeah.

204

00:11:20,020 --> 00:11:22,082

And the Aryanization of his--

205

00:11:22,082 --> 00:11:23,290

was it electrical components?

206

00:11:23,290 --> 00:11:26,770

Yeah, electrical supplies and
radios and stuff like that.

207

00:11:26,770 --> 00:11:27,820

The same kind of thing?

208

00:11:27,820 --> 00:11:29,403

The same kind of
thing happened, yeah.

209

00:11:29,403 --> 00:11:31,480

Somebody was designated

as the buyer?

210
00:11:31,480 --> 00:11:32,020
Or--

211
00:11:32,020 --> 00:11:33,730
Well, first, there
was a kommissar

212
00:11:33,730 --> 00:11:35,740
who was put in to
Aryanize the business.

213
00:11:35,740 --> 00:11:39,220
And then I think he found
somebody who took it over.

214
00:11:39,220 --> 00:11:46,810
But there was a legal document
and some quid pro quo.

215
00:11:46,810 --> 00:11:48,370
Except for the house
in the country.

216
00:11:48,370 --> 00:11:49,960
Now, the mayor of
Vienna took that,

217
00:11:49,960 --> 00:11:51,550
and I know that was not sold.

218
00:11:51,550 --> 00:11:55,170
That was just expropriated.

219
00:11:55,170 --> 00:11:57,550
But the business and the
apartment house, they

220
00:11:57,550 --> 00:11:59,170
were sold.

221

00:11:59,170 --> 00:12:00,910
Yeah.

222
00:12:00,910 --> 00:12:05,080
For very little money,
but nonetheless, there

223
00:12:05,080 --> 00:12:06,460
was a legal sale.

224
00:12:06,460 --> 00:12:09,220
So, for example, it'd
would be very difficult--

225
00:12:09,220 --> 00:12:11,230
not that one would
want to do it--

226
00:12:11,230 --> 00:12:14,530
but to go back now and
say, we want this back,

227
00:12:14,530 --> 00:12:17,698
other than if one
could prove that--

228
00:12:17,698 --> 00:12:21,260
that it was-- it was
certainly a forced sale.

229
00:12:21,260 --> 00:12:22,990
But on the other
hand, these things

230
00:12:22,990 --> 00:12:28,030
are hard to prove and
probably not worth the effort.

231
00:12:28,030 --> 00:12:31,630
With some of the art
stuff, the paintings,

232
00:12:31,630 --> 00:12:35,860

I did go back and eventually
claim things that--

233
00:12:35,860 --> 00:12:40,750
there was a long
article in the--

234
00:12:40,750 --> 00:12:43,930
in ARTnews in the early '80s.

235
00:12:43,930 --> 00:12:45,520
I was interviewed
for a whole year,

236
00:12:45,520 --> 00:12:49,930
and ARTnews did a very large
article, a major article--

237
00:12:49,930 --> 00:12:55,810
30, 40 pages-- called
"The Legacy of Shame,"

238
00:12:55,810 --> 00:12:59,200
dealing with stolen
art treasures.

239
00:12:59,200 --> 00:13:01,060
And then the 20/20 program.

240
00:13:01,060 --> 00:13:07,030
And as I say, I did
get some watches out

241
00:13:07,030 --> 00:13:10,675
of that safe in Zurich.

242
00:13:10,675 --> 00:13:17,290
A very strange dichotomy
between complete illegality

243
00:13:17,290 --> 00:13:22,248
and just a little bit
of legality or whatever.

244
00:13:22,248 --> 00:13:23,290
And I think it's typical.

245
00:13:23,290 --> 00:13:26,320
I'm sure you've heard
that story before,

246
00:13:26,320 --> 00:13:28,510
where there was a certain
amount of attention

247
00:13:28,510 --> 00:13:30,100
paid to looking legal.

248
00:13:30,100 --> 00:13:33,420

249
00:13:33,420 --> 00:13:36,200
You mentioned that some things
didn't survive the trip.

250
00:13:36,200 --> 00:13:38,130
What was packed?

251
00:13:38,130 --> 00:13:40,980
Well, there were a couple of
paintings that didn't make it,

252
00:13:40,980 --> 00:13:42,270
obviously the better ones.

253
00:13:42,270 --> 00:13:45,270

254
00:13:45,270 --> 00:13:48,742
The sort of decorative
kind of painting,

255
00:13:48,742 --> 00:13:50,700
I don't know why we even
bothered to ship them,

256
00:13:50,700 --> 00:13:52,830
but they made it.

257
00:13:52,830 --> 00:13:55,597
But as soon as there was a
name attached to the painting,

258
00:13:55,597 --> 00:13:56,430
they didn't make it.

259
00:13:56,430 --> 00:14:00,000

260
00:14:00,000 --> 00:14:02,250
The coin collection,
none of it--

261
00:14:02,250 --> 00:14:03,448
none of it made it.

262
00:14:03,448 --> 00:14:05,490
That was probably one of
the more valuable things

263
00:14:05,490 --> 00:14:08,990
my father had going back to
Roman coins and gold ducats

264
00:14:08,990 --> 00:14:09,990
and all kinds of things.

265
00:14:09,990 --> 00:14:10,865
None of that made it.

266
00:14:10,865 --> 00:14:14,490
That kommissar was
going to deposit it

267
00:14:14,490 --> 00:14:16,580
for us in Switzerland.

268

00:14:16,580 --> 00:14:19,380

That was just too
tempting, I guess.

269

00:14:19,380 --> 00:14:23,730

270

00:14:23,730 --> 00:14:28,470

But then the Etruscan
artifacts made it,

271

00:14:28,470 --> 00:14:31,170

because I guess nobody really
paid much attention to all

272

00:14:31,170 --> 00:14:34,080

the axes and stuff like that.

273

00:14:34,080 --> 00:14:35,382

It's very strange.

274

00:14:35,382 --> 00:14:36,840

These things are
really-- you don't

275

00:14:36,840 --> 00:14:43,560

have a particularly rational
way of explaining why people act

276

00:14:43,560 --> 00:14:48,630

or why they take some
things and leave others.

277

00:14:48,630 --> 00:14:51,780

But in a sense, all
that's really secondary.

278

00:14:51,780 --> 00:14:53,620

I mean, it's too
bad to be robbed.

279

00:14:53,620 --> 00:14:57,120

But, yeah, that's the way it is.

280
00:14:57,120 --> 00:14:59,320
People get robbed all the time.

281
00:14:59,320 --> 00:15:06,000
So I don't feel
particularly bad about that.

282
00:15:06,000 --> 00:15:10,100
Even if it isn't
replaceable, it's just stuff.

283
00:15:10,100 --> 00:15:11,995
What happened to
the grand piano?

284
00:15:11,995 --> 00:15:14,140
The grand piano stayed.

285
00:15:14,140 --> 00:15:15,750
That didn't get shipped.

286
00:15:15,750 --> 00:15:17,500
That stayed, I think,
with the people that

287
00:15:17,500 --> 00:15:18,880
took over the apartment house.

288
00:15:18,880 --> 00:15:21,640

289
00:15:21,640 --> 00:15:24,610
The big, heavy
furniture all stayed.

290
00:15:24,610 --> 00:15:26,350
Mattresses-- now,
my mother brought

291
00:15:26,350 --> 00:15:28,540

her horsehair
mattresses, on which

292
00:15:28,540 --> 00:15:31,880
she slept until two years ago.

293
00:15:31,880 --> 00:15:33,160
The same mattress?

294
00:15:33,160 --> 00:15:35,470
Well, it'd been
reworked and stuff.

295
00:15:35,470 --> 00:15:38,530
But, I mean, horsehair,
really tough stuff.

296
00:15:38,530 --> 00:15:40,750
That got shipped.

297
00:15:40,750 --> 00:15:41,590
Kitchen utensils.

298
00:15:41,590 --> 00:15:45,410

299
00:15:45,410 --> 00:15:48,530
Mortar and pestle, I remember,
one of those brass mortar

300
00:15:48,530 --> 00:15:49,430
and pestles.

301
00:15:49,430 --> 00:15:54,200
My mother loved to bake,
so that got shipped.

302
00:15:54,200 --> 00:15:58,370
Just stuff that you could
buy in a hardware store here.

303
00:15:58,370 --> 00:15:59,840

I mean, I'm sure
it cost a lot more

304
00:15:59,840 --> 00:16:02,360
to ship it than it was worth.

305
00:16:02,360 --> 00:16:03,725
So it's very strange.

306
00:16:03,725 --> 00:16:06,870

307
00:16:06,870 --> 00:16:08,880
But you're attached
to those things.

308
00:16:08,880 --> 00:16:10,218
I can understand it, too.

309
00:16:10,218 --> 00:16:12,010
That's what you lived
with all these years,

310
00:16:12,010 --> 00:16:15,750
and so you wanted them with you.

311
00:16:15,750 --> 00:16:17,700
Did you take music lessons?

312
00:16:17,700 --> 00:16:19,020
I took piano lessons.

313
00:16:19,020 --> 00:16:21,690
Hated every minute of it.

314
00:16:21,690 --> 00:16:24,420
Don't play the piano.

315
00:16:24,420 --> 00:16:27,150
It's called an
anti-talent, I guess.

316

00:16:27,150 --> 00:16:29,610

But I took piano
lessons for seven years

317

00:16:29,610 --> 00:16:31,470

on that grand piano.

318

00:16:31,470 --> 00:16:33,390

At what age did you start?

319

00:16:33,390 --> 00:16:36,810

Oh, probably at five
or something like that.

320

00:16:36,810 --> 00:16:38,640

Yeah, yeah.

321

00:16:38,640 --> 00:16:40,980

One way not to teach your--

322

00:16:40,980 --> 00:16:43,720

I love music.

323

00:16:43,720 --> 00:16:48,260

I mean, I'm not a fanatic,
but I like classical music,

324

00:16:48,260 --> 00:16:53,440

starting with Gregorian chants.

325

00:16:53,440 --> 00:16:55,090

But I certainly
never made any music.

326

00:16:55,090 --> 00:16:57,700

327

00:16:57,700 --> 00:17:01,570

Later on, my wife and I
made a second attempt,

328

00:17:01,570 --> 00:17:03,070
because she took
piano lessons, too.

329
00:17:03,070 --> 00:17:05,829
And she still plays it,
but only for herself.

330
00:17:05,829 --> 00:17:08,200
We have a baby grand in
Berkeley, and she plays it.

331
00:17:08,200 --> 00:17:11,510
But as soon as she hears me
come up the steps, she stops.

332
00:17:11,510 --> 00:17:12,940
So I know she does
it for herself.

333
00:17:12,940 --> 00:17:13,510
That's fine.

334
00:17:13,510 --> 00:17:16,450

335
00:17:16,450 --> 00:17:19,589
We tried to learn the--

336
00:17:19,589 --> 00:17:22,390
the recorder one summer.

337
00:17:22,390 --> 00:17:24,640
We had a place up at
Donner Lake in the Sierra.

338
00:17:24,640 --> 00:17:26,829
And we figured it'd
be a good thing

339
00:17:26,829 --> 00:17:28,119
to do around the fireplace.

340

00:17:28,119 --> 00:17:31,450

So we started--

341

00:17:31,450 --> 00:17:34,480

I think we had the--

342

00:17:34,480 --> 00:17:41,470

some learn-it-yourself,
teach yourself kind of book.

343

00:17:41,470 --> 00:17:43,330

And we did fine for
a couple of months,

344

00:17:43,330 --> 00:17:47,020

and then suddenly the fingering
became very difficult.

345

00:17:47,020 --> 00:17:49,810

And then I should
have, as an engineer,

346

00:17:49,810 --> 00:17:51,460

caught this much earlier.

347

00:17:51,460 --> 00:17:56,380

I looked again, and we'd
used the wrong hand.

348

00:17:56,380 --> 00:17:57,897

We taught ourself
the left hand when

349

00:17:57,897 --> 00:17:59,980

it should have been the
right hand and vice versa.

350

00:17:59,980 --> 00:18:01,522

And then after a
while, the fingering

351

00:18:01,522 --> 00:18:04,220

becomes impossible
when you do that.

352
00:18:04,220 --> 00:18:07,420
So that's the kind
of musicians we are.

353
00:18:07,420 --> 00:18:11,980
And my wife, as I say,
as a Welsh extraction,

354
00:18:11,980 --> 00:18:20,590
loves the theater and abominates
chamber music and opera--

355
00:18:20,590 --> 00:18:22,240
cannot stand opera.

356
00:18:22,240 --> 00:18:23,950
She likes a cappella singing.

357
00:18:23,950 --> 00:18:26,980
I guess maybe that comes
from her Welsh background.

358
00:18:26,980 --> 00:18:32,860
And she likes simple chamber
music, very few instruments.

359
00:18:32,860 --> 00:18:36,160
Loves the Haydn Trumpet
Concerto, that kind of thing,

360
00:18:36,160 --> 00:18:36,760
very--

361
00:18:36,760 --> 00:18:38,390
everything very clear.

362
00:18:38,390 --> 00:18:42,490
But as soon as it
gets complicated,

363

00:18:42,490 --> 00:18:44,420
she doesn't like it.

364

00:18:44,420 --> 00:18:48,910
So I like music
more than she does.

365

00:18:48,910 --> 00:18:51,730
I play it more
often than she does.

366

00:18:51,730 --> 00:18:54,710
And I have a radio and
tape recorder in my car.

367

00:18:54,710 --> 00:18:55,210
She doesn't.

368

00:18:55,210 --> 00:18:58,330

369

00:18:58,330 --> 00:18:59,920
And then we did it to our son.

370

00:18:59,920 --> 00:19:02,500
We made him play the piano.

371

00:19:02,500 --> 00:19:10,330
And he's a wonderful learner.

372

00:19:10,330 --> 00:19:15,580
And he learned all the
technical part very quickly.

373

00:19:15,580 --> 00:19:19,840
And he practiced every morning
from 6:00 to 7:00 to punish us,

374

00:19:19,840 --> 00:19:22,420
because he would play
scales from 6:00 to 7:00

375

00:19:22,420 --> 00:19:25,150
to wake us up every morning.

376

00:19:25,150 --> 00:19:28,150
And it's too bad, because
he wanted to play the oboe.

377

00:19:28,150 --> 00:19:33,400
And his piano teacher, who
was Sarah Nell's older sister,

378

00:19:33,400 --> 00:19:35,257
said, no, one
instrument at a time.

379

00:19:35,257 --> 00:19:37,090
And he actually was
pretty good on the oboe,

380

00:19:37,090 --> 00:19:38,235
so that was a mistake.

381

00:19:38,235 --> 00:19:39,610
He should have
stuck to the oboe.

382

00:19:39,610 --> 00:19:42,310
And our daughter wanted
to play the drums.

383

00:19:42,310 --> 00:19:44,300
And we said, no, not the drums.

384

00:19:44,300 --> 00:19:46,170
She said, well, in
that case, the trumpet.

385

00:19:46,170 --> 00:19:48,830
So we got her a trumpet.

386

00:19:48,830 --> 00:19:51,490
So she played the

trumpet for a while.

387

00:19:51,490 --> 00:19:55,570

But she's turned
to country music.

388

00:19:55,570 --> 00:19:58,870

And our son, who, of course,
is in esoteric places

389

00:19:58,870 --> 00:20:02,370

most of the time, is
constantly playing

390

00:20:02,370 --> 00:20:06,850

either Calypso or
reggae or African Bush

391

00:20:06,850 --> 00:20:07,960

music or something.

392

00:20:07,960 --> 00:20:10,720

In fact, you enter his car,
and the tape recorder--

393

00:20:10,720 --> 00:20:14,740

or the radio is on automatically
at a very high volume.

394

00:20:14,740 --> 00:20:18,850

And it's always African music
or Caribbean music or something

395

00:20:18,850 --> 00:20:20,260

like that.

396

00:20:20,260 --> 00:20:20,980

That's OK.

397

00:20:20,980 --> 00:20:21,970

That's fine.

398

00:20:21,970 --> 00:20:23,590
Whatever turns you on.

399
00:20:23,590 --> 00:20:26,950
What music did you
play in Vienna?

400
00:20:26,950 --> 00:20:28,000
Clemente.

401
00:20:28,000 --> 00:20:31,840
I think it was mostly scales,
[CHUCKLES] seems to me.

402
00:20:31,840 --> 00:20:34,810
I don't think I
really ever played.

403
00:20:34,810 --> 00:20:37,270
I think I was a
perpetual student.

404
00:20:37,270 --> 00:20:40,510
I had lessons twice
a week, I remember.

405
00:20:40,510 --> 00:20:42,610
And I was really
made to practice.

406
00:20:42,610 --> 00:20:43,790
And I really hated it.

407
00:20:43,790 --> 00:20:45,490
Did the teacher
come to the house?

408
00:20:45,490 --> 00:20:46,610
Yeah, yeah.

409
00:20:46,610 --> 00:20:49,715
It's that big piano in
the formal dining room.

410
00:20:49,715 --> 00:20:52,070
Who was your teacher?

411
00:20:52,070 --> 00:20:52,570
Male?

412
00:20:52,570 --> 00:20:53,650
Female?

413
00:20:53,650 --> 00:20:54,865
It was a female.

414
00:20:54,865 --> 00:20:55,960
It was a female.

415
00:20:55,960 --> 00:20:59,590
But I really don't
remember a thing about her.

416
00:20:59,590 --> 00:21:01,360
How long were the lessons?

417
00:21:01,360 --> 00:21:02,337
They were an hour.

418
00:21:02,337 --> 00:21:03,670
So you had two hours of lessons.

419
00:21:03,670 --> 00:21:07,960
Two hours a week, and then a
lot of practicing in between.

420
00:21:07,960 --> 00:21:09,580
Who oversaw your practicing?

421
00:21:09,580 --> 00:21:11,120
My mother.

422
00:21:11,120 --> 00:21:11,620
Yeah.

423
00:21:11,620 --> 00:21:15,220
No, my father didn't
really partake

424
00:21:15,220 --> 00:21:17,680
of that part of my education.

425
00:21:17,680 --> 00:21:18,550
He took me fishing.

426
00:21:18,550 --> 00:21:21,833

427
00:21:21,833 --> 00:21:24,180
Did you play anything classical?

428
00:21:24,180 --> 00:21:25,570
Oh, yeah, but minor things.

429
00:21:25,570 --> 00:21:29,617
Maybe a little Bach, sort
of little, simple fugues

430
00:21:29,617 --> 00:21:30,450
and stuff like that.

431
00:21:30,450 --> 00:21:33,540
But nothing, no,
nothing that you

432
00:21:33,540 --> 00:21:37,965
would want to put on the stage.

433
00:21:37,965 --> 00:21:40,710

434
00:21:40,710 --> 00:21:43,800
When our son took piano
lessons, as I say,

435

00:21:43,800 --> 00:21:45,832
it was Sarah Nell's
older sister.

436
00:21:45,832 --> 00:21:48,040
See, I remember that, but
I do not remember her name.

437
00:21:48,040 --> 00:21:50,680
She was a piano
teacher in Berkeley.

438
00:21:50,680 --> 00:21:52,170
She had yearly recitals.

439
00:21:52,170 --> 00:21:55,210
He took lessons for
about five years.

440
00:21:55,210 --> 00:21:58,200
And we went to one
of these recitals.

441
00:21:58,200 --> 00:22:00,900
He played, and then a little--

442
00:22:00,900 --> 00:22:02,460
another little boy played.

443
00:22:02,460 --> 00:22:08,830
And our daughter, who was then
maybe four and who was always

444
00:22:08,830 --> 00:22:13,030
very outspoken-- and still
is, she's just a very honest

445
00:22:13,030 --> 00:22:15,010
person--

446
00:22:15,010 --> 00:22:17,440
this little kid stopped
playing, and she

447
00:22:17,440 --> 00:22:21,640
said in a very loud voice,
boy, that sure was lousy.

448
00:22:21,640 --> 00:22:25,610

449
00:22:25,610 --> 00:22:30,330
And, you know, so--

450
00:22:30,330 --> 00:22:32,090
Did you ever have
to give a recital?

451
00:22:32,090 --> 00:22:34,350
No, at least I
don't remember it.

452
00:22:34,350 --> 00:22:37,280
If I did, I've wiped
it out of my mind.

453
00:22:37,280 --> 00:22:41,330
My only public appearance was
as the second citizen in Faust,

454
00:22:41,330 --> 00:22:44,720
I remember that, because
I can still smell the glue

455
00:22:44,720 --> 00:22:48,270
from my mustache and beard.

456
00:22:48,270 --> 00:22:49,250
That's funny.

457
00:22:49,250 --> 00:22:51,710
It's certain things
that stick with you.

458
00:22:51,710 --> 00:22:53,750

I can smell that.

459

00:22:53,750 --> 00:22:56,510

Can you smell your
mother's cooking?

460

00:22:56,510 --> 00:22:59,660

Yeah, but she cooked and
baked on occasion for me,

461

00:22:59,660 --> 00:23:03,590

even until she was in her 80's.

462

00:23:03,590 --> 00:23:04,790

But back in Vienna?

463

00:23:04,790 --> 00:23:05,305

Oh, yeah.

464

00:23:05,305 --> 00:23:06,680

Yeah, we had a--
well, of course,

465

00:23:06,680 --> 00:23:10,460

we had a maid and the cook,
so my mother supervised that.

466

00:23:10,460 --> 00:23:13,010

But there were certain things
she insisted on doing herself,

467

00:23:13,010 --> 00:23:15,380

of course.

468

00:23:15,380 --> 00:23:17,600

She helped my father
in the office.

469

00:23:17,600 --> 00:23:21,410

And after he had
his own company,

470

00:23:21,410 --> 00:23:23,150
did some of the bookkeeping.

471
00:23:23,150 --> 00:23:28,580
But she did all the
baking herself and--

472
00:23:28,580 --> 00:23:30,170
What did she bake?

473
00:23:30,170 --> 00:23:33,290
Well, everything,
including challah.

474
00:23:33,290 --> 00:23:36,140
Because even though we didn't
have a formal Sabbath service,

475
00:23:36,140 --> 00:23:38,940
we did have, of
course, a special meal.

476
00:23:38,940 --> 00:23:43,310
That's the time I
learned to hate chicken.

477
00:23:43,310 --> 00:23:45,290
To this day, can't look
a chicken in the eye

478
00:23:45,290 --> 00:23:49,580
because that was always,
I guess, the meal to eat

479
00:23:49,580 --> 00:23:52,130
was chicken.

480
00:23:52,130 --> 00:23:53,300
[INAUDIBLE]

481
00:23:53,300 --> 00:23:55,490
Yeah, on special occasions.

482

00:23:55,490 --> 00:23:58,700

The Friday evening meal, I
think, was usually chicken.

483

00:23:58,700 --> 00:24:03,390

And my mother had to cook fish,
although she wouldn't eat it.

484

00:24:03,390 --> 00:24:06,440

So we had fish on occasion, then
she would have something else.

485

00:24:06,440 --> 00:24:10,790

She had had a bad
experience as a child.

486

00:24:10,790 --> 00:24:14,510

Her family used to go, when
she was a child, very often,

487

00:24:14,510 --> 00:24:16,640

to Italy on vacation.

488

00:24:16,640 --> 00:24:20,180

And they had a maid
they took along.

489

00:24:20,180 --> 00:24:25,520

And the maid had taken
her to the fish market

490

00:24:25,520 --> 00:24:26,840

and brought the fish home.

491

00:24:26,840 --> 00:24:29,600

And then I guess to
cleanse it and make sure

492

00:24:29,600 --> 00:24:32,480

that everything that
was in it came out,

493

00:24:32,480 --> 00:24:36,260
they poured vinegar on the fish
and a bunch of worms came out.

494
00:24:36,260 --> 00:24:38,250
My mother, to this
day, remembers that.

495
00:24:38,250 --> 00:24:42,050
And it must be 85 years ago.

496
00:24:42,050 --> 00:24:45,620
And she's never eaten a
piece of fish since then.

497
00:24:45,620 --> 00:24:49,310
So these things stick with
you, all these childhood

498
00:24:49,310 --> 00:24:50,270
experiences.

499
00:24:50,270 --> 00:24:52,720
But my father fished
and loved to eat fish.

500
00:24:52,720 --> 00:24:53,720
And she made it for him.

501
00:24:53,720 --> 00:24:57,500

502
00:24:57,500 --> 00:24:58,460
A good wife is--

503
00:24:58,460 --> 00:25:01,250
What other things
would she bake?

504
00:25:01,250 --> 00:25:04,250
Well, she baked all
kinds of pies and cakes.

505

00:25:04,250 --> 00:25:06,140

She made what's
called, in Vienna,

506

00:25:06,140 --> 00:25:08,920

called gugelhupf, which is--

507

00:25:08,920 --> 00:25:11,000

it's a coffee cake.

508

00:25:11,000 --> 00:25:12,980

I guess, it's a yeast dough.

509

00:25:12,980 --> 00:25:15,680

510

00:25:15,680 --> 00:25:21,650

She made that for me even
five or six years ago.

511

00:25:21,650 --> 00:25:23,645

She baked things.

512

00:25:23,645 --> 00:25:26,630

She made sachertorte,
that kind of stuff,

513

00:25:26,630 --> 00:25:28,160

chocolate cakes and stuff.

514

00:25:28,160 --> 00:25:31,610

515

00:25:31,610 --> 00:25:35,360

All kinds of local desserts.

516

00:25:35,360 --> 00:25:37,880

They're, I guess, typically
Viennese desserts--

517

00:25:37,880 --> 00:25:40,950

518

00:25:40,950 --> 00:25:47,360
custards and zabaglione, the
Austrian version of zabaglione,

519

00:25:47,360 --> 00:25:50,630
I remember, which is called
[NON-ENGLISH], "hot water."

520

00:25:50,630 --> 00:25:54,156
I guess it's because it's done
on a-- on a double-boiler.

521

00:25:54,156 --> 00:25:57,490

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00:25:57,490 --> 00:26:01,690
Meals were always very
important, but usually

523

00:26:01,690 --> 00:26:02,410
on the weekend.

524

00:26:02,410 --> 00:26:07,870
Because, typically, we would
have just supper at night

525

00:26:07,870 --> 00:26:09,340
during the week.

526

00:26:09,340 --> 00:26:13,330
And the main meal is-- my father
ate his main meal at noon.

527

00:26:13,330 --> 00:26:16,600

528

00:26:16,600 --> 00:26:19,640
In fact, I remember
that they used to go out

529

00:26:19,640 --> 00:26:22,510
and always had very
small breakfasts here,

530
00:26:22,510 --> 00:26:26,262
European-type breakfast,
just a roll and coffee.

531
00:26:26,262 --> 00:26:27,970
But then at 10 o'clock,
they would go out

532
00:26:27,970 --> 00:26:32,515
and they'd have a small meal--

533
00:26:32,515 --> 00:26:38,440
hot dogs or-- but not just in
a bun, you know, the whole bit.

534
00:26:38,440 --> 00:26:44,710
And then a regular meal maybe
around 1 o'clock, a full meal.

535
00:26:44,710 --> 00:26:46,630
And the ladies used to
have coffee and cake

536
00:26:46,630 --> 00:26:48,730
in the afternoon
about 4 o'clock.

537
00:26:48,730 --> 00:26:49,900
A hot dog at 10?

538
00:26:49,900 --> 00:26:51,010
Yeah, hot dog at 10:00.

539
00:26:51,010 --> 00:26:52,510
A full meal at 1:00.

540
00:26:52,510 --> 00:26:54,270
Coffee and cake at 4 o'clock.

541

00:26:54,270 --> 00:26:56,020

And then maybe at 7
o'clock in the evening

542

00:26:56,020 --> 00:27:00,040

have just maybe cold cuts or
something, a light supper.

543

00:27:00,040 --> 00:27:02,770

544

00:27:02,770 --> 00:27:06,100

So five meals a day, yeah,
but some of them very small.

545

00:27:06,100 --> 00:27:10,490

Breakfast really was a
small continental breakfast.

546

00:27:10,490 --> 00:27:13,090

So the important meals you
had on the weekend, you said.

547

00:27:13,090 --> 00:27:14,673

Yeah, then, of course,
on the weekend,

548

00:27:14,673 --> 00:27:20,870

when the family was home, then
we would have regular dinners.

549

00:27:20,870 --> 00:27:23,140

There would be a Friday
night dinner, and then

550

00:27:23,140 --> 00:27:25,600

Saturday and Sunday,
there'd be regular dinners.

551

00:27:25,600 --> 00:27:27,500

What would you have
Saturday and Sunday?

552

00:27:27,500 --> 00:27:33,490

Well, I want to say roast beef--

553

00:27:33,490 --> 00:27:37,540

I mean the brisket
kind of stuff.

554

00:27:37,540 --> 00:27:42,730

And they used to
make stuff I hated--

555

00:27:42,730 --> 00:27:49,870

calf's liver, calf's liver
and onions I really hated.

556

00:27:49,870 --> 00:27:53,380

And I went through this whole
period of moving spinach

557

00:27:53,380 --> 00:27:55,810

from one cheek to the
other, until they discovered

558

00:27:55,810 --> 00:27:58,630

that I liked creamed
spinach, and particularly

559

00:27:58,630 --> 00:28:00,520

if you put an egg on it.

560

00:28:00,520 --> 00:28:03,130

And so then I got my spinach
creamed with an egg on it,

561

00:28:03,130 --> 00:28:04,180

and I ate my spinach.

562

00:28:04,180 --> 00:28:06,640

But I remember that
I wasn't allowed

563

00:28:06,640 --> 00:28:10,960

to leave the table until
I swallowed my spinach.

564
00:28:10,960 --> 00:28:13,270
You read these things, and
you say it's all made up,

565
00:28:13,270 --> 00:28:15,860
but it really isn't.

566
00:28:15,860 --> 00:28:19,000
I remember it'd be in this
cheek, and then in that cheek,

567
00:28:19,000 --> 00:28:20,000
and back and forth.

568
00:28:20,000 --> 00:28:21,497
And I just couldn't swallow it.

569
00:28:21,497 --> 00:28:23,080
Well, how did you
finally get it down?

570
00:28:23,080 --> 00:28:26,410
Well, I guess I finally took a
big slug of milk or something

571
00:28:26,410 --> 00:28:27,160
and swallowed it.

572
00:28:27,160 --> 00:28:31,880
But just-- spinach
was good for you.

573
00:28:31,880 --> 00:28:35,450
You had to have spinach.

574
00:28:35,450 --> 00:28:37,400
But at least they
learned somehow.

575

00:28:37,400 --> 00:28:39,692

I don't know whether it's
trial and error or something.

576

00:28:39,692 --> 00:28:42,710

Some day, somebody gave me
creamed spinach, I loved it,

577

00:28:42,710 --> 00:28:45,070

and I still do.

578

00:28:45,070 --> 00:28:47,780

Now I like it souffled, but--

579

00:28:47,780 --> 00:28:50,771

[CHUCKLES]

580

00:28:50,771 --> 00:28:52,500

Did you have a Passover Seder?

581

00:28:52,500 --> 00:28:56,760

Yes, yes, we did have a Seder.

582

00:28:56,760 --> 00:29:01,270

I don't know how complete it
was, but we did go through it.

583

00:29:01,270 --> 00:29:02,670

And did you go through Haggadah.

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00:29:02,670 --> 00:29:03,690

We read the Haggadah.

585

00:29:03,690 --> 00:29:05,220

Yes, yes, we did.

586

00:29:05,220 --> 00:29:07,350

And I had learned
Hebrew, of course,

587

00:29:07,350 --> 00:29:09,360

when I took my bar mitzvah.

588
00:29:09,360 --> 00:29:12,900
So I did read parts in Hebrew.

589
00:29:12,900 --> 00:29:14,490
With a lot of
effort, I can still

590
00:29:14,490 --> 00:29:16,800
do that, with a little faking.

591
00:29:16,800 --> 00:29:19,350

592
00:29:19,350 --> 00:29:26,410
And as I say, when--

593
00:29:26,410 --> 00:29:28,720
at the end of Yom Kippur,
there was always a good meal,

594
00:29:28,720 --> 00:29:29,850
I remember.

595
00:29:29,850 --> 00:29:33,897
Break the fast, that was
always an important meal.

596
00:29:33,897 --> 00:29:35,480
What can you remember
about that meal?

597
00:29:35,480 --> 00:29:37,950
What did you have?

598
00:29:37,950 --> 00:29:39,570
Oh, I really don't.

599
00:29:39,570 --> 00:29:42,120
My mother was very
good in making--

600

00:29:42,120 --> 00:29:43,290

I loved her meatloaf.

601

00:29:43,290 --> 00:29:45,270

I'm sure that wasn't
served then, but I--

602

00:29:45,270 --> 00:29:47,790

meatloaf is something that
she always made for me.

603

00:29:47,790 --> 00:29:50,160

My wife's a wonderful
cook, but meatloaf--

604

00:29:50,160 --> 00:29:52,200

I don't eat meat anymore,
but when I ate meat,

605

00:29:52,200 --> 00:29:55,140

my wife's meatloaf was not
as good as my mother's.

606

00:29:55,140 --> 00:29:58,020

607

00:29:58,020 --> 00:30:01,050

And she baked apple pies.

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00:30:01,050 --> 00:30:03,000

When she lived in
New York and I used

609

00:30:03,000 --> 00:30:04,710

to go to meetings
in New York, I'd

610

00:30:04,710 --> 00:30:10,410

bring colleagues along
and eat her apple pie.

611

00:30:10,410 --> 00:30:13,260

That was always a big hit.

612

00:30:13,260 --> 00:30:15,840

So she was a good
cook and a good baker.

613

00:30:15,840 --> 00:30:20,378

And she enjoyed
doing it, obviously.

614

00:30:20,378 --> 00:30:22,420

Then in the country, in
the summertime, when we--

615

00:30:22,420 --> 00:30:25,860

particularly after we had
the house at the lake,

616

00:30:25,860 --> 00:30:27,870

my father was--

617

00:30:27,870 --> 00:30:32,880

being in that kind of technical
business-- well, all the latest

618

00:30:32,880 --> 00:30:34,890

gadgets, he had to have
all the latest gadgets.

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00:30:34,890 --> 00:30:37,962

620

00:30:37,962 --> 00:30:42,572

We had an automatic
electric stove, I guess,

621

00:30:42,572 --> 00:30:43,530

whatever you'd call it.

622

00:30:43,530 --> 00:30:45,322

It was one of these
things about this high,

623

00:30:45,322 --> 00:30:46,560
and it had about four layers.

624

00:30:46,560 --> 00:30:48,773
And you could put
the different dishes

625

00:30:48,773 --> 00:30:50,190
for the evening
in there, and they

626

00:30:50,190 --> 00:30:52,740
would go on at different times.

627

00:30:52,740 --> 00:30:54,938
He loved gadgets like that.

628

00:30:54,938 --> 00:30:56,730
The only thing is it
was clearly dangerous,

629

00:30:56,730 --> 00:30:58,897
because I remember that you
had to stand on a rubber

630

00:30:58,897 --> 00:31:00,720
mat in the kitchen
when you used it, so as

631

00:31:00,720 --> 00:31:01,900
not to electrocute yourself.

632

00:31:01,900 --> 00:31:05,085
[CHUCKLES] There's
certain things I remember.

633

00:31:05,085 --> 00:31:08,730

634

00:31:08,730 --> 00:31:12,840
So in the country, cooking
was more of a thing

635
00:31:12,840 --> 00:31:15,300
because, of course, they
had all day to do it.

636
00:31:15,300 --> 00:31:17,820
And we grew our own
vegetables and tomatoes.

637
00:31:17,820 --> 00:31:22,200
And we had an orchard with
pears and apples and stuff.

638
00:31:22,200 --> 00:31:25,350
And then they used to can stuff
and put it down for the winter,

639
00:31:25,350 --> 00:31:30,480
and also take the fruit
and put it in, I guess,

640
00:31:30,480 --> 00:31:33,490
the newspaper or something.

641
00:31:33,490 --> 00:31:34,860
Let it ripen in the wintertime.

642
00:31:34,860 --> 00:31:36,920
We had huge pears--

643
00:31:36,920 --> 00:31:38,100
incredible.

644
00:31:38,100 --> 00:31:45,240
And that went on for a couple
of months-- two, three months

645
00:31:45,240 --> 00:31:47,430
every summer we were out there.

646
00:31:47,430 --> 00:31:50,970
Who grew the vegetables?

647
00:31:50,970 --> 00:31:52,230
Both parents.

648
00:31:52,230 --> 00:31:55,820
My father was a fairly
good gardener, actually.

649
00:31:55,820 --> 00:31:58,380
He particularly
liked the orchard.

650
00:31:58,380 --> 00:32:02,460
But I have pictures
of him watering.

651
00:32:02,460 --> 00:32:05,833
And it wasn't a huge place.

652
00:32:05,833 --> 00:32:08,500
I think it was maybe, like, half
an acre or something like that.

653
00:32:08,500 --> 00:32:11,010
But that was enough to
grow a lot of vegetables.

654
00:32:11,010 --> 00:32:13,560
There was also a more
formal garden with a lawn.

655
00:32:13,560 --> 00:32:15,670
We had a little swimming pool.

656
00:32:15,670 --> 00:32:18,550
It wouldn't be considered much
of a swimming pool these days,

657
00:32:18,550 --> 00:32:21,810
but it was pretty
good in those days.

658

00:32:21,810 --> 00:32:24,190
And a little pond with
goldfish and stuff

659
00:32:24,190 --> 00:32:26,190
like that, until the
snake-- and we had a snake.

660
00:32:26,190 --> 00:32:27,980
It ate the goldfish, I remember.

661
00:32:27,980 --> 00:32:28,980
Sounds elegant.

662
00:32:28,980 --> 00:32:31,500
No, it was very nice.

663
00:32:31,500 --> 00:32:34,050
And, of course, it was just a
couple of blocks off the lake.

664
00:32:34,050 --> 00:32:36,210
And so my father was
in seventh heaven.

665
00:32:36,210 --> 00:32:37,890
He could go fishing.

666
00:32:37,890 --> 00:32:41,070
We had a boat that I rowed.

667
00:32:41,070 --> 00:32:43,290
He came across the lake
every evening on a boat,

668
00:32:43,290 --> 00:32:44,520
on a rowboat.

669
00:32:44,520 --> 00:32:46,710
Somebody rowed him across
the lake on a rowboat

670

00:32:46,710 --> 00:32:48,390
every evening, because
the-- actually,

671
00:32:48,390 --> 00:32:51,360
the streetcar went
all the way out

672
00:32:51,360 --> 00:32:54,630
to the end of the line
at one end of the lake,

673
00:32:54,630 --> 00:32:58,085
and then he'd take the
boat across to our end.

674
00:32:58,085 --> 00:32:58,960
Every day after work.

675
00:32:58,960 --> 00:33:02,380
Every day after the work,
yeah, except weekends.

676
00:33:02,380 --> 00:33:05,650
Yeah, so I spent a lot
of time in the water.

677
00:33:05,650 --> 00:33:10,080
I learned swimming
at a very early age.

678
00:33:10,080 --> 00:33:14,150
In fact, when I
was still a baby,

679
00:33:14,150 --> 00:33:16,430
I guess maybe a year old
or so, I almost drowned.

680
00:33:16,430 --> 00:33:19,970
Because I sat at the edge of
the swimming pool, and my mother

681

00:33:19,970 --> 00:33:22,610
was talking to some
lady in the pool.

682
00:33:22,610 --> 00:33:24,765
And I slipped off the
edge of the swimming pool.

683
00:33:24,765 --> 00:33:26,390
And the only reason
they found me was I

684
00:33:26,390 --> 00:33:28,400
had red bathing trunks
on, and they saw me

685
00:33:28,400 --> 00:33:29,990
at the bottom of the--

686
00:33:29,990 --> 00:33:30,710
of the pool.

687
00:33:30,710 --> 00:33:33,440
But then I learned they
immediately gave me

688
00:33:33,440 --> 00:33:37,422
swimming lessons, so I
still swim every day.

689
00:33:37,422 --> 00:33:38,390
Where do you swim?

690
00:33:38,390 --> 00:33:39,880
On campus.

691
00:33:39,880 --> 00:33:42,320
Yeah, I swam this morning.

692
00:33:42,320 --> 00:33:43,250
How much?

693

00:33:43,250 --> 00:33:48,890

I do a kilometer,
just that's my--

694

00:33:48,890 --> 00:33:51,500

but I get a little
fanatical about things.

695

00:33:51,500 --> 00:33:53,550

Well, I get guilt
feelings very easily.

696

00:33:53,550 --> 00:33:56,690

And so I just don't feel
right, I don't feel good,

697

00:33:56,690 --> 00:33:58,680

if I don't do it.

698

00:33:58,680 --> 00:34:00,220

So I do it seven days a week.

699

00:34:00,220 --> 00:34:04,280

700

00:34:04,280 --> 00:34:07,460

What was the size
of your summer home?

701

00:34:07,460 --> 00:34:08,570

Oh, let's see.

702

00:34:08,570 --> 00:34:11,330

It was a two-story.

703

00:34:11,330 --> 00:34:18,330

The main level had two bedrooms,
a living room, a porch,

704

00:34:18,330 --> 00:34:20,420

a kitchen, and a bathroom.

705

00:34:20,420 --> 00:34:22,739

It was a wooden-- a
modern wooden place.

706

00:34:22,739 --> 00:34:23,840

It was square.

707

00:34:23,840 --> 00:34:25,580

My father liked
the Bauhaus type.

708

00:34:25,580 --> 00:34:28,500

It was sort of a bow
house type thing.

709

00:34:28,500 --> 00:34:35,219

And then it had a roof deck
with another room and bathroom

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00:34:35,219 --> 00:34:35,719

on top.

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00:34:35,719 --> 00:34:37,219

And that's where
my two grandmothers

712

00:34:37,219 --> 00:34:39,860

lived in the summertime.

713

00:34:39,860 --> 00:34:43,830

I'm not sure where
the maid lived.

714

00:34:43,830 --> 00:34:44,469

Good question.

715

00:34:44,469 --> 00:34:46,427

There must have been
another room for the maid.

716

00:34:46,427 --> 00:34:49,820

717

00:34:49,820 --> 00:34:54,189

By the way, that maid
got fired when I was--

718

00:34:54,189 --> 00:34:56,989

it must have been
1936 or '37, so I

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00:34:56,989 --> 00:34:59,090

was either 11 or almost 12.

720

00:34:59,090 --> 00:35:02,600

She was caught taking
liberties with me,

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00:35:02,600 --> 00:35:07,430

as my grandmother put it,
which I thought was very nice.

722

00:35:07,430 --> 00:35:10,340

But in those days,
that's how you learn

723

00:35:10,340 --> 00:35:11,970

about sex is from your maids.

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00:35:11,970 --> 00:35:14,530

And that maid was all
about 16 or 17 years old.

725

00:35:14,530 --> 00:35:18,230

And the reason I remember her
so well is obviously that,

726

00:35:18,230 --> 00:35:21,890

but also because she was born
in the same town as Hitler,

727

00:35:21,890 --> 00:35:24,890

Braunau on the Inn.

728

00:35:24,890 --> 00:35:26,270

And I remember her name, see?

729

00:35:26,270 --> 00:35:31,880

Her name was [Personal name]

But she was caught in flagrante,

730

00:35:31,880 --> 00:35:37,970

and my grandmother fired her

on the spot to my chagrin.

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00:35:37,970 --> 00:35:40,540

So that must have been 1937.

732

00:35:40,540 --> 00:35:43,370

It was the last year

we had the place.

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00:35:43,370 --> 00:35:45,290

Did you get another maid?

734

00:35:45,290 --> 00:35:48,860

We got another maid who

was very old and ugly.

735

00:35:48,860 --> 00:35:50,930

She must have been 40.

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00:35:50,930 --> 00:35:56,360

And only lasted a few

months, because Jews

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00:35:56,360 --> 00:35:57,830

weren't allowed to have maid--

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00:35:57,830 --> 00:36:00,880

weren't allowed to

have Christian maids.

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00:36:00,880 --> 00:36:03,820

So right after the Anschluss,

maybe for another couple

740

00:36:03,820 --> 00:36:05,560
of months, and
then we had to let

741
00:36:05,560 --> 00:36:07,060
her go, because
Jews weren't allowed

742
00:36:07,060 --> 00:36:09,130
to have Christian servants.

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00:36:09,130 --> 00:36:14,360

744
00:36:14,360 --> 00:36:17,810
And we wouldn't have known what
to do with a maid after that.

745
00:36:17,810 --> 00:36:20,180
Did you have a good time
at your summer home?

746
00:36:20,180 --> 00:36:21,200
Oh, yeah.

747
00:36:21,200 --> 00:36:21,800
It was great.

748
00:36:21,800 --> 00:36:24,410
What kinds of things
would you do during a day?

749
00:36:24,410 --> 00:36:26,810
Well, I spent a lot of time
on the lake, of course.

750
00:36:26,810 --> 00:36:29,510
I loved swimming and just
boating, as long as I

751
00:36:29,510 --> 00:36:30,830
didn't have to fish.

752

00:36:30,830 --> 00:36:34,745

And just wandering
around the neighborhood.

753

00:36:34,745 --> 00:36:36,670

There were lots of other kids.

754

00:36:36,670 --> 00:36:38,510

We played war a lot, I remember.

755

00:36:38,510 --> 00:36:43,190

We had big slingshots and
used to bombard each other.

756

00:36:43,190 --> 00:36:49,150

I had cousins who stayed
with us occasionally,

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00:36:49,150 --> 00:36:51,910

who live back east
now, two girls.

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00:36:51,910 --> 00:36:58,990

They were the daughters of my
father's sister, the one that

759

00:36:58,990 --> 00:37:00,520

lived in the amusement park.

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00:37:00,520 --> 00:37:03,940

Also had a younger
brother, Kurt, who

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00:37:03,940 --> 00:37:07,360

is a statistician in Michigan.

762

00:37:07,360 --> 00:37:11,360

And they used to
come and see us.

763

00:37:11,360 --> 00:37:14,860

And particularly the younger

one, Martha, was a tomboy.

764

00:37:14,860 --> 00:37:16,950

And we had a great time.

765

00:37:16,950 --> 00:37:19,870

We used to stand

on this roof deck

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00:37:19,870 --> 00:37:23,770

and blind the motorists up on

the highway a few blocks away

767

00:37:23,770 --> 00:37:24,370

with mirrors.

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00:37:24,370 --> 00:37:27,470

That was very

fun-- a lot of fun.

769

00:37:27,470 --> 00:37:31,870

And then one day, she gave

me an inverted mohawk.

770

00:37:31,870 --> 00:37:37,070

She ran the clippers through

the middle of my head.

771

00:37:37,070 --> 00:37:39,490

And so I didn't have any

hair for that summer, just

772

00:37:39,490 --> 00:37:40,700

these two pieces.

773

00:37:40,700 --> 00:37:44,170

That wasn't thought of

too highly, I remember.

774

00:37:44,170 --> 00:37:45,460

So we had a lot of fun.

775

00:37:45,460 --> 00:37:48,760
And I ran away with
the army one day.

776
00:37:48,760 --> 00:37:52,480
The army unit came through
there on maneuvers.

777
00:37:52,480 --> 00:37:54,820
I think it was a
signal corps unit.

778
00:37:54,820 --> 00:37:56,733
They were laying
wires with telephones.

779
00:37:56,733 --> 00:37:57,775
It was all very exciting.

780
00:37:57,775 --> 00:38:01,630
And when they left in the
evening, I went with them.

781
00:38:01,630 --> 00:38:04,425
They just adopted
me as a mascot.

782
00:38:04,425 --> 00:38:05,425
My parents were frantic.

783
00:38:05,425 --> 00:38:08,980
It took two days to find me.

784
00:38:08,980 --> 00:38:10,367
Where did you go?

785
00:38:10,367 --> 00:38:11,341
Where did they go?

786
00:38:11,341 --> 00:38:12,910
Oh, they were somewhere around.

787

00:38:12,910 --> 00:38:14,200
They're not too far, you know?

788
00:38:14,200 --> 00:38:17,260
But they'd broken
camp and just put up

789
00:38:17,260 --> 00:38:19,550
their camp a few miles away.

790
00:38:19,550 --> 00:38:21,760
And I was with them.

791
00:38:21,760 --> 00:38:26,196
I was a mascot, helped them
string the wires and stuff.

792
00:38:26,196 --> 00:38:29,290
I think I got spanked that time.

793
00:38:29,290 --> 00:38:30,070
How old were you?

794
00:38:30,070 --> 00:38:31,450
Aw, how old was I?

795
00:38:31,450 --> 00:38:32,650
Probably about 10.

796
00:38:32,650 --> 00:38:35,620

797
00:38:35,620 --> 00:38:39,820
So sort of the normal kind
of childhood, I think.

798
00:38:39,820 --> 00:38:40,510
I wasn't--

799
00:38:40,510 --> 00:38:42,550
How did your parents find you?

800

00:38:42,550 --> 00:38:45,730

I think they called the police.

801

00:38:45,730 --> 00:38:48,940

Police figured it

out, because I guess

802

00:38:48,940 --> 00:38:51,100

I wasn't the first one who

ran away with the army.

803

00:38:51,100 --> 00:38:52,808

I mean, that was

probably the first thing

804

00:38:52,808 --> 00:38:55,270

that occurred to them.

805

00:38:55,270 --> 00:38:57,994

[CHUCKLES]

806

00:38:57,994 --> 00:38:58,970

807

00:38:58,970 --> 00:39:00,420

Where did you sleep?

808

00:39:00,420 --> 00:39:01,420

Oh, in one of the tents.

809

00:39:01,420 --> 00:39:03,500

They put up little

pup tents, and I

810

00:39:03,500 --> 00:39:04,750

slept in one of the pup tents.

811

00:39:04,750 --> 00:39:07,900

812

00:39:07,900 --> 00:39:09,490

A lot of fun.

813

00:39:09,490 --> 00:39:10,900

It was great.

814

00:39:10,900 --> 00:39:14,110

Yeah, but no, there
was lots to do there.

815

00:39:14,110 --> 00:39:17,080

I mean, first of all,
there was the maid.

816

00:39:17,080 --> 00:39:22,440

No, but, it was--
it was a good time.

817

00:39:22,440 --> 00:39:24,430

It was very nice.

818

00:39:24,430 --> 00:39:26,740

Were there other friends
from Vienna there?

819

00:39:26,740 --> 00:39:28,030

Oh, yeah, we had--

820

00:39:28,030 --> 00:39:28,670

there were.

821

00:39:28,670 --> 00:39:31,300

And then my uncle,
the cavalry officer,

822

00:39:31,300 --> 00:39:35,110

the one whose daughter had
been the actress in Hollywood,

823

00:39:35,110 --> 00:39:37,670

they rented the place
nearby in the summertime.

824

00:39:37,670 --> 00:39:39,770

So we used to go see
them, because my uncle

825

00:39:39,770 --> 00:39:43,340

was already retired, or
maybe he was unemployed.

826

00:39:43,340 --> 00:39:44,050

I don't remember.

827

00:39:44,050 --> 00:39:46,550

But anyway, he didn't work.

828

00:39:46,550 --> 00:39:51,580

He was quite a bit older
than his wife, Uncle Max.

829

00:39:51,580 --> 00:39:54,550

And they had-- they
always had a dog.

830

00:39:54,550 --> 00:39:55,660

We had a dog, too.

831

00:39:55,660 --> 00:39:58,600

We had a wirehaired terrier.

832

00:39:58,600 --> 00:40:00,430

So there was lots to do.

833

00:40:00,430 --> 00:40:01,750

What was the dog's name?

834

00:40:01,750 --> 00:40:02,980

Jancsi.

835

00:40:02,980 --> 00:40:07,240

He was Hungarian, a
Hungarian wirehaired terrier.

836

00:40:07,240 --> 00:40:09,000

He was crazy.

837

00:40:09,000 --> 00:40:13,060

He used to bite everybody.

838

00:40:13,060 --> 00:40:13,930

But, very nervous.

839

00:40:13,930 --> 00:40:17,850

840

00:40:17,850 --> 00:40:19,170

What happened to the dog?

841

00:40:19,170 --> 00:40:21,250

He died.

842

00:40:21,250 --> 00:40:22,320

He died.

843

00:40:22,320 --> 00:40:25,500

But that was before
the Anschluss.

844

00:40:25,500 --> 00:40:30,540

And didn't have another dog
until I adopted or took over

845

00:40:30,540 --> 00:40:34,170

my daughter's dog when
she went off to Davis.

846

00:40:34,170 --> 00:40:38,250

And he and I became
very good friends.

847

00:40:38,250 --> 00:40:41,430

One of the few individuals
I can communicate

848

00:40:41,430 --> 00:40:43,160

with without talking.

849

00:40:43,160 --> 00:40:46,680

My wife thinks I'm crazy,
but that's all right.

850

00:40:46,680 --> 00:40:48,540

He died just a couple years ago.

851

00:40:48,540 --> 00:40:51,250

Got to be 16.

852

00:40:51,250 --> 00:40:52,110

Go ahead.

853

00:40:52,110 --> 00:40:54,420

What did your place
in Vienna look like?

854

00:40:54,420 --> 00:40:55,110

The apartment?

855

00:40:55,110 --> 00:40:56,880

Yes, the apartment.

856

00:40:56,880 --> 00:40:57,700

Oh, let's see.

857

00:40:57,700 --> 00:41:01,212

We lived on the first floor.

858

00:41:01,212 --> 00:41:02,670

Well, what we call
the first floor.

859

00:41:02,670 --> 00:41:05,760

It was called the
second floor there.

860

00:41:05,760 --> 00:41:07,170

It was a double apartment.

861

00:41:07,170 --> 00:41:11,180

862

00:41:11,180 --> 00:41:13,420

It was in a very old house.

863

00:41:13,420 --> 00:41:15,200

Well, very old by our standards.

864

00:41:15,200 --> 00:41:18,838

It was probably
early 19th century.

865

00:41:18,838 --> 00:41:22,270

It had a big, double gate.

866

00:41:22,270 --> 00:41:24,520

And then in the courtyard,
I guess in those days,

867

00:41:24,520 --> 00:41:28,510

the coaches used to go through
and park in the courtyard,

868

00:41:28,510 --> 00:41:33,370

so the entrance was big enough
so that horses and coaches

869

00:41:33,370 --> 00:41:34,840

could go through.

870

00:41:34,840 --> 00:41:40,460

And it had a big, marble
staircase that went up.

871

00:41:40,460 --> 00:41:43,820

But I think that except
for our apartment,

872

00:41:43,820 --> 00:41:48,410

the toilets were in the hallway.

873

00:41:48,410 --> 00:41:51,050

In our place, there was
a toilet in the hallway,

874

00:41:51,050 --> 00:41:54,050

but we had a humongous bathroom.

875

00:41:54,050 --> 00:41:56,840

And I guess that must have been
remodeled when two compartments

876

00:41:56,840 --> 00:42:01,170

were put together to one.

877

00:42:01,170 --> 00:42:05,150

So we had two entry halls--

878

00:42:05,150 --> 00:42:08,480

one going off to the
dining room on the right,

879

00:42:08,480 --> 00:42:11,220

and one going, in
fact, into the kitchen.

880

00:42:11,220 --> 00:42:13,280

Strange arrangement.

881

00:42:13,280 --> 00:42:15,440

Large kitchen, and
then a small living

882

00:42:15,440 --> 00:42:18,650

room off the kitchen, which was
really more like a family room.

883

00:42:18,650 --> 00:42:20,600

That's really where we
spent most of our time.

884

00:42:20,600 --> 00:42:24,710

Then off that was my parents'
bedroom, which was very large.

885
00:42:24,710 --> 00:42:31,860
It had two big beds,
and, again, a fireplace

886
00:42:31,860 --> 00:42:35,130
in the corner, one of
those ceramic fireplaces,

887
00:42:35,130 --> 00:42:42,300
and a big wardrobe, one of
these massive, double-doored

888
00:42:42,300 --> 00:42:48,150
wardrobes, and a couch and
a table and two chairs.

889
00:42:48,150 --> 00:42:51,300
And on the other side,
there were two bay windows

890
00:42:51,300 --> 00:42:53,730
with balconies.

891
00:42:53,730 --> 00:42:59,130
And between them was a
chest of drawers with--

892
00:42:59,130 --> 00:43:08,900
with a phonograph, I remember,
that used cactus needles.

893
00:43:08,900 --> 00:43:09,760
You remember those?

894
00:43:09,760 --> 00:43:10,260
Really?

895
00:43:10,260 --> 00:43:11,710
No, you're not old enough.

896
00:43:11,710 --> 00:43:14,940

Had a little sharpener to
sharpen the cactus needles.

897
00:43:14,940 --> 00:43:16,150
What's a cactus needle?

898
00:43:16,150 --> 00:43:18,030
Well, they're actually
needles from cactus

899
00:43:18,030 --> 00:43:21,870
for the phonographs, what
they used as a pick-up.

900
00:43:21,870 --> 00:43:23,040
They had wooden ones, too.

901
00:43:23,040 --> 00:43:25,380
But then the cactus ones
were the more advanced ones

902
00:43:25,380 --> 00:43:27,740
for some reason.

903
00:43:27,740 --> 00:43:30,780
And the horn.

904
00:43:30,780 --> 00:43:36,180
And, of course, night tables
on each side, with little doors

905
00:43:36,180 --> 00:43:39,390
for the chamber pots.

906
00:43:39,390 --> 00:43:43,710
And then my bedroom was right
off my parents' bedroom,

907
00:43:43,710 --> 00:43:45,760
with a double door
that went into it.

908

00:43:45,760 --> 00:43:49,080
And that had been my mother's
room when she was a girl.

909
00:43:49,080 --> 00:43:55,200
And it had Art Nouveau,
Art Deco blonde furniture.

910
00:43:55,200 --> 00:43:56,050
I remember that.

911
00:43:56,050 --> 00:44:01,950
Really light blonde furniture,
all round, you know, so 1920s.

912
00:44:01,950 --> 00:44:02,850
That was my room.

913
00:44:02,850 --> 00:44:05,790
And then that went directly
into the formal dining

914
00:44:05,790 --> 00:44:08,250
room with double doors.

915
00:44:08,250 --> 00:44:11,220
This was clearly a cobbled
up kind of apartment.

916
00:44:11,220 --> 00:44:14,620
That's where the grand piano was
and this long table that sat,

917
00:44:14,620 --> 00:44:20,880
I don't know, 20 people, with
high-backed chairs, red plush.

918
00:44:20,880 --> 00:44:23,520
And all the curtains were
those heavy, plush curtains,

919
00:44:23,520 --> 00:44:25,890
with big rings like that.

920

00:44:25,890 --> 00:44:29,970

And that also had two bay
windows with balconies.

921

00:44:29,970 --> 00:44:31,590

That was just one
window in my room,

922

00:44:31,590 --> 00:44:33,450

but then this had
the two windows.

923

00:44:33,450 --> 00:44:36,780

And then my grandmother's room
was off that formal dining

924

00:44:36,780 --> 00:44:37,920

room.

925

00:44:37,920 --> 00:44:41,600

And it was more like my
room, that size room.

926

00:44:41,600 --> 00:44:45,590

Then there was-- off in
between the two entry halls

927

00:44:45,590 --> 00:44:50,090

was this big bathroom, sort
of the size of today's living

928

00:44:50,090 --> 00:44:53,840

room, with a tub and a sink.

929

00:44:53,840 --> 00:44:55,940

And my father was an
amateur photographer,

930

00:44:55,940 --> 00:44:57,650

so there was all his equipment.

931

00:44:57,650 --> 00:45:01,250

He used to develop his
own films and plates.

932

00:45:01,250 --> 00:45:04,490

All his underwear
had these burn spots,

933

00:45:04,490 --> 00:45:06,920

because he developed all
the stuff in his underwear,

934

00:45:06,920 --> 00:45:11,120

and he splashed the
developer on his underwear.

935

00:45:11,120 --> 00:45:14,720

My mother was always getting
him new underwear, I remember.

936

00:45:14,720 --> 00:45:15,950

But it was all tailor made.

937

00:45:15,950 --> 00:45:20,190

In those days, we had somebody
who sewed all that stuff.

938

00:45:20,190 --> 00:45:22,490

You hardly ever bought
anything in a department store.

939

00:45:22,490 --> 00:45:24,115

Although, there were
department stores,

940

00:45:24,115 --> 00:45:26,870

but the normal thing was
to have your shirts made

941

00:45:26,870 --> 00:45:29,360

and your underwear made
to fit the shirts, all

942

00:45:29,360 --> 00:45:31,220
of the same material
and all that stuff.

943
00:45:31,220 --> 00:45:34,700
My father had those
detachable collars, you know?

944
00:45:34,700 --> 00:45:37,070
I guess he kept the
shirt on, but got

945
00:45:37,070 --> 00:45:39,262
new collars kind of thing.

946
00:45:39,262 --> 00:45:47,700
[CHUCKLES] So it was considered
a fairly substantial apartment

947
00:45:47,700 --> 00:45:49,630
for those days.

948
00:45:49,630 --> 00:45:54,870
It was sort of
middle-class apartment.

949
00:45:54,870 --> 00:45:56,220
What was the address?

950
00:45:56,220 --> 00:45:59,863
The address was
number 17 Rueppgasse--

951
00:45:59,863 --> 00:46:00,780
see, I remember that--

952
00:46:00,780 --> 00:46:05,340
R-U-E-P-P-G-A-S-S-E, number 17.

953
00:46:05,340 --> 00:46:07,800
And the apartment
number was 6/7.

954

00:46:07,800 --> 00:46:10,020

See, it was two apartments.

955

00:46:10,020 --> 00:46:10,830

So those things.

956

00:46:10,830 --> 00:46:12,720

And maybe those things
come back as you grow

957

00:46:12,720 --> 00:46:14,340

older, these sort of trivia.

958

00:46:14,340 --> 00:46:17,520

959

00:46:17,520 --> 00:46:23,790

And that place actually
existed until the middle '60s.

960

00:46:23,790 --> 00:46:26,190

Because when I--
second or third trip

961

00:46:26,190 --> 00:46:29,100

I took back to Vienna,
not counting the one

962

00:46:29,100 --> 00:46:35,280

right after the war, I took my
wife along and took her there.

963

00:46:35,280 --> 00:46:38,300

And it still existed.

964

00:46:38,300 --> 00:46:40,680

And then the next trip we
took a couple years later,

965

00:46:40,680 --> 00:46:42,630

it'd been knocked down.

966

00:46:42,630 --> 00:46:44,760

There was a very
large farmer's market

967

00:46:44,760 --> 00:46:49,000

on the next block, a whole
square block, a plaza,

968

00:46:49,000 --> 00:46:51,840

with huts where the farmers
brought their produce,

969

00:46:51,840 --> 00:46:55,920

and also there were butchers and
bakers and stuff in addition to

970

00:46:55,920 --> 00:46:57,180

the stores around the place.

971

00:46:57,180 --> 00:47:01,170

And my mother did most of her
shopping, every day shopping,

972

00:47:01,170 --> 00:47:01,680

there.

973

00:47:01,680 --> 00:47:06,270

Of course, everybody
knew everybody else.

974

00:47:06,270 --> 00:47:13,920

There were a couple of
bakeries and candy--

975

00:47:13,920 --> 00:47:19,420

bake shops with all kinds of
fancy desserts on the block.

976

00:47:19,420 --> 00:47:26,190

My favorite dessert
was meringue,

977

00:47:26,190 --> 00:47:31,780
meringues stuffed with whipped
cream and chocolate sauce

978
00:47:31,780 --> 00:47:32,280
over it.

979
00:47:32,280 --> 00:47:34,410
That was my favorite dessert.

980
00:47:34,410 --> 00:47:35,910
What was it called?

981
00:47:35,910 --> 00:47:37,980
They were called [FRENCH].

982
00:47:37,980 --> 00:47:42,090
You know, kisses, French kisses.

983
00:47:42,090 --> 00:47:47,855
And then also I
loved these stuffed--

984
00:47:47,855 --> 00:47:49,230
I don't know what
they're called,

985
00:47:49,230 --> 00:47:53,100
but they're rolls
stuffed with cream.

986
00:47:53,100 --> 00:47:53,860
I like those.

987
00:47:53,860 --> 00:47:58,670
And then Napoleons,
that kind of thing.

988
00:47:58,670 --> 00:48:00,810
We used to eat a
lot of that stuff.

989

00:48:00,810 --> 00:48:02,750

It wasn't good for
us, but we used

990

00:48:02,750 --> 00:48:05,690

to eat a lot of that stuff.

991

00:48:05,690 --> 00:48:07,800

And it showed after all,
because I have pictures,

992

00:48:07,800 --> 00:48:09,770

as you will see tomorrow,
of my father when

993

00:48:09,770 --> 00:48:14,270

he was a young man,
then in the army,

994

00:48:14,270 --> 00:48:17,990

and even when he got married,
he was as thin as a rail.

995

00:48:17,990 --> 00:48:21,590

I mean, really-- I
mean, he was emaciated.

996

00:48:21,590 --> 00:48:24,680

By the time I remember
him, he was never fat,

997

00:48:24,680 --> 00:48:26,060

but he got to be pretty chunky.

998

00:48:26,060 --> 00:48:29,400

999

00:48:29,400 --> 00:48:34,303

So I think I've inherited
my body type from him.

1000

00:48:34,303 --> 00:48:35,220

And he had a mustache.

1001
00:48:35,220 --> 00:48:38,332

1002
00:48:38,332 --> 00:48:43,553
He used to wear a hair
net and a mustache net.

1003
00:48:43,553 --> 00:48:44,470
What's a mustache net?

1004
00:48:44,470 --> 00:48:46,000
Well, keep the mustache--

1005
00:48:46,000 --> 00:48:49,240
because he trimmed it, and
then you don't want it to get

1006
00:48:49,240 --> 00:48:50,810
discombobulated at night.

1007
00:48:50,810 --> 00:48:53,800
So he had a little thing that
you put around like this, keep

1008
00:48:53,800 --> 00:48:56,290
the mustache all nice and flat.

1009
00:48:56,290 --> 00:48:57,580
But he had a hair net.

1010
00:48:57,580 --> 00:48:58,662
I remember that.

1011
00:48:58,662 --> 00:48:59,620
Was that for the night?

1012
00:48:59,620 --> 00:49:01,945
For the night, yeah, a hair net.

1013
00:49:01,945 --> 00:49:04,120

Right.

1014
00:49:04,120 --> 00:49:04,871
Right.

1015
00:49:04,871 --> 00:49:07,230
His hair must've
been very thick.

1016
00:49:07,230 --> 00:49:09,570
Yeah, our family had good hair.

1017
00:49:09,570 --> 00:49:12,420
My Uncle Max was bald,
but my part of the family

1018
00:49:12,420 --> 00:49:14,850
had good hair.

1019
00:49:14,850 --> 00:49:19,740
And my mother spent a
fair amount of time,

1020
00:49:19,740 --> 00:49:23,760
I remember, at
lady's who made hats.

1021
00:49:23,760 --> 00:49:28,380
I remember, to me, it seemed
like an inordinate amount

1022
00:49:28,380 --> 00:49:33,510
of time was spent on going to
fittings for hats with veils

1023
00:49:33,510 --> 00:49:35,580
and with feathers,
and it seemed to be

1024
00:49:35,580 --> 00:49:36,960
very important in those days.

1025

00:49:36,960 --> 00:49:39,210
And all that stuff was made.

1026
00:49:39,210 --> 00:49:42,300
You wouldn't think of going to
these cheap department stores

1027
00:49:42,300 --> 00:49:43,260
to buy that stuff.

1028
00:49:43,260 --> 00:49:48,720
And all the suits were all
made and all that stuff.

1029
00:49:48,720 --> 00:49:54,490
My mother had favorite ladies,
hatmakers, that made her hats.

1030
00:49:54,490 --> 00:49:55,540
I remember that.

1031
00:49:55,540 --> 00:49:56,790
I have to bring some pictures.

1032
00:49:56,790 --> 00:50:00,510
There's some great pictures
of me with her in the Prater,

1033
00:50:00,510 --> 00:50:02,730
looking very haughty.

1034
00:50:02,730 --> 00:50:05,690
And particularly in the '20s,
when they had the cloche hats.

1035
00:50:05,690 --> 00:50:07,380
We used to wear those.

1036
00:50:07,380 --> 00:50:11,320

1037
00:50:11,320 --> 00:50:15,156

You look at it now, and it's--

1038
00:50:15,156 --> 00:50:19,261
it's like looking
at the Civil War.

1039
00:50:19,261 --> 00:50:21,830
It seems so far away.

1040
00:50:21,830 --> 00:50:24,010
But it's interesting.

1041
00:50:24,010 --> 00:50:26,440
Were your clothes made as well?

1042
00:50:26,440 --> 00:50:30,610
Yes, yes, I went to a--

1043
00:50:30,610 --> 00:50:32,620
to a tailor and had--

1044
00:50:32,620 --> 00:50:37,287
I was much better dressed then
than I'm now, much better.

1045
00:50:37,287 --> 00:50:39,370
What can you remember of
the way you were dressed?

1046
00:50:39,370 --> 00:50:41,380
Well, I mean, they
made suits for me.

1047
00:50:41,380 --> 00:50:43,945
When I was a little kid,
they had suits made for me.

1048
00:50:43,945 --> 00:50:46,870
Had to go to a tailor and got
measured and all that stuff.

1049
00:50:46,870 --> 00:50:49,270

Spent a lot of-- four
or five fittings.

1050
00:50:49,270 --> 00:50:51,820
And I remember always
with the little stitches,

1051
00:50:51,820 --> 00:50:54,880
and then they rip them
off and try it again.

1052
00:50:54,880 --> 00:50:59,500
So a lot of time was spent
on that kind of stuff.

1053
00:50:59,500 --> 00:51:03,690
There was a certain smell to
the stuffing in the stiffening

1054
00:51:03,690 --> 00:51:05,023
in the jackets.

1055
00:51:05,023 --> 00:51:07,590
It was some kind
of white cottony

1056
00:51:07,590 --> 00:51:10,080
material, stiff material,
they put in between.

1057
00:51:10,080 --> 00:51:14,430
All that stuff is amazing.

1058
00:51:14,430 --> 00:51:16,470
So would you get a new--

1059
00:51:16,470 --> 00:51:17,880
a couple of new suits a year?

1060
00:51:17,880 --> 00:51:18,510
One for summer?

1061

00:51:18,510 --> 00:51:19,500
One for winter?

1062
00:51:19,500 --> 00:51:23,250
Oh, yeah, sure, because I
grew, so they had to go and get

1063
00:51:23,250 --> 00:51:24,420
me new stuff every year.

1064
00:51:24,420 --> 00:51:26,050
Sure.

1065
00:51:26,050 --> 00:51:26,550
Sure.

1066
00:51:26,550 --> 00:51:29,340

1067
00:51:29,340 --> 00:51:31,160
Was your bar mitzvah
suit special?

1068
00:51:31,160 --> 00:51:32,240
Any different?

1069
00:51:32,240 --> 00:51:34,880
I don't remember it, but I know
I had a suit made for that.

1070
00:51:34,880 --> 00:51:36,230
Sure.

1071
00:51:36,230 --> 00:51:39,890
And then I-- my father
gave me a watch,

1072
00:51:39,890 --> 00:51:41,840
and then an uncle
gave me a gold chain.

1073
00:51:41,840 --> 00:51:44,150

I still have that gold
chain for my watch.

1074
00:51:44,150 --> 00:51:48,347

1075
00:51:48,347 --> 00:51:49,680
There was a party at the temple.

1076
00:51:49,680 --> 00:51:51,060
There was a party.

1077
00:51:51,060 --> 00:51:53,580
Well, there was a party at
the temple, and also at home.

1078
00:51:53,580 --> 00:51:55,920
I think there was a bigger
party at the temple,

1079
00:51:55,920 --> 00:51:57,630
and then I think
just family at home.

1080
00:51:57,630 --> 00:52:00,210

1081
00:52:00,210 --> 00:52:03,270
At the temple, it was more
like a coffee reception

1082
00:52:03,270 --> 00:52:04,170
kind of thing.

1083
00:52:04,170 --> 00:52:07,320
Then at home, there was
a meal with relatives.

1084
00:52:07,320 --> 00:52:11,490

1085
00:52:11,490 --> 00:52:17,160

But there was already a certain
amount of gloom by that time

1086
00:52:17,160 --> 00:52:22,140
because the handwriting
was certainly on the wall.

1087
00:52:22,140 --> 00:52:23,880
But it was before Kristallnacht.

1088
00:52:23,880 --> 00:52:25,680
And there were still
all the possibilities.

1089
00:52:25,680 --> 00:52:28,500

1090
00:52:28,500 --> 00:52:32,460
I'm not even sure
that there was even--

1091
00:52:32,460 --> 00:52:35,760
that early, like a month
or two after the Anschluss,

1092
00:52:35,760 --> 00:52:38,160
whether people were really
sure that we had to leave.

1093
00:52:38,160 --> 00:52:40,920
Maybe it would blow
over, or maybe we'd

1094
00:52:40,920 --> 00:52:44,130
have to get resettled in
another part of Austria.

1095
00:52:44,130 --> 00:52:47,910
People had all kinds
of weird stories.

1096
00:52:47,910 --> 00:52:50,450
I think by the time the fall

came around and Kristallnacht,

1097
00:52:50,450 --> 00:52:52,830
it was pretty sure that
everybody had to leave.

1098
00:52:52,830 --> 00:52:54,540
What was your rabbi's name?

1099
00:52:54,540 --> 00:52:55,248
I don't remember.

1100
00:52:55,248 --> 00:52:56,748
Can you remember
anything about him?

1101
00:52:56,748 --> 00:52:58,710
I don't remember
a thing about him.

1102
00:52:58,710 --> 00:53:01,200
It's sort of tragic,
since he burned up.

1103
00:53:01,200 --> 00:53:05,550
But, no, I don't even have a
picture in front of my face.

1104
00:53:05,550 --> 00:53:09,454

1105
00:53:09,454 --> 00:53:11,795
Were most of the people
in your life family?

1106
00:53:11,795 --> 00:53:14,990

1107
00:53:14,990 --> 00:53:16,400
Well, a lot of them.

1108
00:53:16,400 --> 00:53:18,340

But, no, there were
a lot of friends.

1109
00:53:18,340 --> 00:53:23,780
And as I say, my
oldest, and certainly

1110
00:53:23,780 --> 00:53:25,610
chronologically
my oldest friend,

1111
00:53:25,610 --> 00:53:30,620
is this retired postal inspector
in Florida, Kurt Similes.

1112
00:53:30,620 --> 00:53:33,890
And he came-- his
mother, at least,

1113
00:53:33,890 --> 00:53:35,330
came from Hungary originally.

1114
00:53:35,330 --> 00:53:36,410
She was born in Hungary.

1115
00:53:36,410 --> 00:53:40,340
And she and my mother used
to push the baby carriages

1116
00:53:40,340 --> 00:53:42,248
in the park together.

1117
00:53:42,248 --> 00:53:43,540
And we went to school together.

1118
00:53:43,540 --> 00:53:46,080

1119
00:53:46,080 --> 00:53:47,580
He was never a great scholar.

1120
00:53:47,580 --> 00:53:50,030

I guess that's why he
became a postal inspector.

1121
00:53:50,030 --> 00:53:52,700
That's a nasty thing to say.

1122
00:53:52,700 --> 00:53:55,540
He always wanted
to be an official.

1123
00:53:55,540 --> 00:53:57,320
And so when he grew
up in the States,

1124
00:53:57,320 --> 00:53:59,510
he became a postal inspector.

1125
00:53:59,510 --> 00:54:06,920
Carried a gun, you know, and
raided pornographic picture

1126
00:54:06,920 --> 00:54:09,460
rings and all that stuff.

1127
00:54:09,460 --> 00:54:11,450
And he's not-- in fact,
he's the president

1128
00:54:11,450 --> 00:54:16,130
of the Postal Inspector's
Union-- or not union,

1129
00:54:16,130 --> 00:54:19,650
but the organization of retired
postal inspectors in the United

1130
00:54:19,650 --> 00:54:20,280
States.

1131
00:54:20,280 --> 00:54:24,270
So, I mean, he certainly
found his niche

1132

00:54:24,270 --> 00:54:27,740

and liked what he was
doing, which is great.

1133

00:54:27,740 --> 00:54:29,300

Did you go to--

1134

00:54:29,300 --> 00:54:32,090

or did your parents go to
the opera, to the theater,

1135

00:54:32,090 --> 00:54:33,260

to restaurants?

1136

00:54:33,260 --> 00:54:35,750

Yes, yes.

1137

00:54:35,750 --> 00:54:40,430

In fact, one of the few
single experiences I remember

1138

00:54:40,430 --> 00:54:46,280

happened on a night my
parents went to the opera.

1139

00:54:46,280 --> 00:54:52,010

I was left alone with
the maid, and I had just

1140

00:54:52,010 --> 00:54:55,070

been given a chemistry set.

1141

00:54:55,070 --> 00:54:58,490

So I must have been
either 10 or 11.

1142

00:54:58,490 --> 00:55:00,860

May I interrupt
to ask which maid?

1143

00:55:00,860 --> 00:55:01,850

Not that one.

1144
00:55:01,850 --> 00:55:04,970
No, it was-- it was just
a normal maid in Vienna,

1145
00:55:04,970 --> 00:55:06,410
not in the country.

1146
00:55:06,410 --> 00:55:09,570
And anyway, that's a good point.

1147
00:55:09,570 --> 00:55:14,210
Anyways, the chemistry set that
made it singular, not the maid.

1148
00:55:14,210 --> 00:55:16,760
And I began to mix things.

1149
00:55:16,760 --> 00:55:18,050
My parents were at the opera.

1150
00:55:18,050 --> 00:55:20,180
And it was after
dinner, after supper.

1151
00:55:20,180 --> 00:55:22,790
And I was playing
with my chemistry set.

1152
00:55:22,790 --> 00:55:25,340
And I still remember
exactly what I was mixing.

1153
00:55:25,340 --> 00:55:31,940
I was mixing sulfuric acid
and sodium permanganate.

1154
00:55:31,940 --> 00:55:32,930
And it was wonderful.

1155
00:55:32,930 --> 00:55:35,510
I dropped these crystals

in the sulfuric acid,

1156

00:55:35,510 --> 00:55:40,490
and all this smoke curled
out, sort of reddish smoke.

1157

00:55:40,490 --> 00:55:43,250
And then suddenly it
went [MIMICS EXPLOSION]

1158

00:55:43,250 --> 00:55:44,810
and all blew up.

1159

00:55:44,810 --> 00:55:47,990
And it made a big
hole in the ceiling.

1160

00:55:47,990 --> 00:55:50,120
And some of it
splattered on my face.

1161

00:55:50,120 --> 00:55:53,750
And I had enough
presence of mind

1162

00:55:53,750 --> 00:55:56,120
to run into the bathroom,
that big bathroom,

1163

00:55:56,120 --> 00:56:01,070
and stand under the shower
and washed my eyes out.

1164

00:56:01,070 --> 00:56:03,170
And the maid panicked.

1165

00:56:03,170 --> 00:56:05,720
But the two things I did
is I heaved the whole thing

1166

00:56:05,720 --> 00:56:07,790
out the window, first
of all, into the yard.

1167
00:56:07,790 --> 00:56:11,120
And then ran into the bathroom
to stand under the shower.

1168
00:56:11,120 --> 00:56:13,340
And when my parents
got home that night,

1169
00:56:13,340 --> 00:56:15,770
the maid hadn't
called the doctor.

1170
00:56:15,770 --> 00:56:16,520
I was in bed.

1171
00:56:16,520 --> 00:56:18,187
I couldn't see a thing.

1172
00:56:18,187 --> 00:56:20,270
And then, of course, my
parents called the doctor.

1173
00:56:20,270 --> 00:56:21,980
And I was in bed for a few days.

1174
00:56:21,980 --> 00:56:24,080
And they washed my eyes out.

1175
00:56:24,080 --> 00:56:28,250
But I saved my eyesight by
standing under the shower.

1176
00:56:28,250 --> 00:56:32,660
So chemistry sets are dangerous.

1177
00:56:32,660 --> 00:56:34,935
So that was my parents'
opera experience anyway.

1178
00:56:34,935 --> 00:56:36,560
You asked me if they

went to the opera,

1179

00:56:36,560 --> 00:56:37,940

so I know they
went to the opera,

1180

00:56:37,940 --> 00:56:42,140

because at least that night
they went to the opera.

1181

00:56:42,140 --> 00:56:43,880

My father slept a
lot at the opera.

1182

00:56:43,880 --> 00:56:46,433

I think that wives
usually are the ones who--

1183

00:56:46,433 --> 00:56:47,600

well, at least the musical--

1184

00:56:47,600 --> 00:56:50,240

more musical part of the
family drags the other part

1185

00:56:50,240 --> 00:56:53,210

to the opera.

1186

00:56:53,210 --> 00:56:57,230

But they weren't opera buffs,
but they went to the opera.

1187

00:56:57,230 --> 00:56:58,670

And they went to the theater.

1188

00:56:58,670 --> 00:57:02,380

My father took me
to the circus a lot.

1189

00:57:02,380 --> 00:57:05,560

There was a very famous
European circus--

1190

00:57:05,560 --> 00:57:08,950

still exists--

called Circus Busch.

1191

00:57:08,950 --> 00:57:11,830

They came from

Germany, actually.

1192

00:57:11,830 --> 00:57:14,750

And I think they

came every year.

1193

00:57:14,750 --> 00:57:18,010

In fact, they had their

own building in Vienna,

1194

00:57:18,010 --> 00:57:22,690

not too far from where we

lived, where they performed.

1195

00:57:22,690 --> 00:57:26,050

And the thing that I remember

with the greatest fondness

1196

00:57:26,050 --> 00:57:28,330

in the circus, other

than the clowns,

1197

00:57:28,330 --> 00:57:33,850

was that sometime during

the evening, they flooded--

1198

00:57:33,850 --> 00:57:35,530

they were one-ring

circuses, there

1199

00:57:35,530 --> 00:57:38,890

were no three-ring circuses--

they flooded the big ring.

1200

00:57:38,890 --> 00:57:41,320

And they had little

boats that they

1201
00:57:41,320 --> 00:57:45,130
had on this little lake they
made in the middle of the ring.

1202
00:57:45,130 --> 00:57:47,620
And that was a lot of fun.

1203
00:57:47,620 --> 00:57:51,910
And I liked the high-wire act.

1204
00:57:51,910 --> 00:57:55,180
And they shot a man out
of cannon, I remember.

1205
00:57:55,180 --> 00:57:59,610
But we went every
year, Circus Busch.

1206
00:57:59,610 --> 00:58:00,600
That was fun.

1207
00:58:00,600 --> 00:58:03,160
We went to the zoo quite a bit.

1208
00:58:03,160 --> 00:58:05,116
Vienna had a good zoo.

1209
00:58:05,116 --> 00:58:09,960
It was at Schonbrunn, which
is the big castle outside

1210
00:58:09,960 --> 00:58:12,480
of Vienna, the imperial castle.

1211
00:58:12,480 --> 00:58:14,910
The zoo was out there.

1212
00:58:14,910 --> 00:58:16,410
We'd go out there by streetcar.

1213

00:58:16,410 --> 00:58:19,800

1214
00:58:19,800 --> 00:58:23,520
We never had an automobile.

1215
00:58:23,520 --> 00:58:27,090
But my father's firm
had a few trucks--

1216
00:58:27,090 --> 00:58:28,350
two, I think.

1217
00:58:28,350 --> 00:58:31,785
And so before we had
the house and the--

1218
00:58:31,785 --> 00:58:37,650
at the lake, where we went up
to Upper Austria on vacation,

1219
00:58:37,650 --> 00:58:40,560
we would move for
the whole summer.

1220
00:58:40,560 --> 00:58:42,300
And the trucks would
take us up there.

1221
00:58:42,300 --> 00:58:47,010
They'd move some furniture
and a lot of trunks and stuff.

1222
00:58:47,010 --> 00:58:52,140
We'd usually rent a place, some
farmer's house or something.

1223
00:58:52,140 --> 00:58:59,040
And including my brass bed.

1224
00:58:59,040 --> 00:59:01,980
I had a brass bed,
which is famous also

1225
00:59:01,980 --> 00:59:04,260
for another episode.

1226
00:59:04,260 --> 00:59:07,890
And I was allowed to sleep
during this trip, which

1227
00:59:07,890 --> 00:59:08,550
took all day.

1228
00:59:08,550 --> 00:59:11,290
I was allowed to sleep in my
bed in the back of the truck.

1229
00:59:11,290 --> 00:59:14,190
And that was wonderful, looking
out the back of the truck,

1230
00:59:14,190 --> 00:59:15,990
lying in bed.

1231
00:59:15,990 --> 00:59:21,930
But when I was smaller, I stuck
my head through two of the bars

1232
00:59:21,930 --> 00:59:27,253
in the brass bed and had to get
some workmen to come with tools

1233
00:59:27,253 --> 00:59:28,920
and pry those things
apart, because they

1234
00:59:28,920 --> 00:59:30,480
couldn't get my head back.

1235
00:59:30,480 --> 00:59:34,710
[LAUGHS] So I did all
the things kids do.

1236
00:59:34,710 --> 00:59:38,050

1237
00:59:38,050 --> 00:59:40,120
Nothing unusual.

1238
00:59:40,120 --> 00:59:41,230
I wasn't the model child.

1239
00:59:41,230 --> 00:59:44,550

1240
00:59:44,550 --> 00:59:48,100
I was nasty on occasion.

1241
00:59:48,100 --> 00:59:49,960
I had a little girl
friend, I remember,

1242
00:59:49,960 --> 00:59:51,910
that was out there in
the country where we--

1243
00:59:51,910 --> 00:59:56,950
in Upper Austria at a
river, who adored me,

1244
00:59:56,950 --> 00:59:59,830
I think, because she
didn't leave me alone.

1245
00:59:59,830 --> 01:00:04,845
Must have been about three or
four years old, maybe five.

1246
01:00:04,845 --> 01:00:06,850
Five probably,
between five and six,

1247
01:00:06,850 --> 01:00:09,340
I think, because it must
have been the early '30s.

1248

01:00:09,340 --> 01:00:12,850

And I think she was
a little retarded,

1249

01:00:12,850 --> 01:00:15,220

at least she seemed
to be that way.

1250

01:00:15,220 --> 01:00:19,480

And I, one day, arranged
her in such a way

1251

01:00:19,480 --> 01:00:23,370

that she had her
back to the river.

1252

01:00:23,370 --> 01:00:28,710

And we were playing,
tugging a rope.

1253

01:00:28,710 --> 01:00:30,780

And at a strategic
moment, I let go,

1254

01:00:30,780 --> 01:00:32,860

and she fell backwards
into the river.

1255

01:00:32,860 --> 01:00:34,740

I found that pretty funny.

1256

01:00:34,740 --> 01:00:39,330

Fortunately, her mother was
close by and pulled her out.

1257

01:00:39,330 --> 01:00:41,460

And then she didn't bug
me so much after that.

1258

01:00:41,460 --> 01:00:44,100

1259

01:00:44,100 --> 01:00:46,440

So, you know, I did
all the normal things.

1260
01:00:46,440 --> 01:00:50,170

1261
01:00:50,170 --> 01:00:56,340
When were you aware of
anti-Semitism coming up?

1262
01:00:56,340 --> 01:00:59,130
Or was it there all the time?

1263
01:00:59,130 --> 01:01:10,440
No, as a matter of fact, I
cannot recall being either

1264
01:01:10,440 --> 01:01:15,600
personally exposed to it
or being particularly aware

1265
01:01:15,600 --> 01:01:22,325
of-- made aware of it until
close to the real end.

1266
01:01:22,325 --> 01:01:23,700
I mean, in other
words, it wasn't

1267
01:01:23,700 --> 01:01:26,490
probably until maybe a year
or so before the Anschluss,

1268
01:01:26,490 --> 01:01:30,750
when there was already a lot
of talk about Nazis and stuff

1269
01:01:30,750 --> 01:01:32,140
that I became aware.

1270
01:01:32,140 --> 01:01:33,840
And, of course, I
became old enough

1271
01:01:33,840 --> 01:01:36,720
to just become aware of things.

1272
01:01:36,720 --> 01:01:40,560
But I was certainly
never exposed to it,

1273
01:01:40,560 --> 01:01:41,400
not that I recall.

1274
01:01:41,400 --> 01:01:47,600

1275
01:01:47,600 --> 01:01:49,720
One has to be very
careful, because I've done

1276
01:01:49,720 --> 01:01:51,050
a lot of reading since then.

1277
01:01:51,050 --> 01:01:56,140
And one has to be careful not to
remember things that you really

1278
01:01:56,140 --> 01:01:58,160
read about later, because I--

1279
01:01:58,160 --> 01:02:00,730
in trying to sort
this out, I really

1280
01:02:00,730 --> 01:02:04,360
don't think that I was ever
exposed to it personally.

1281
01:02:04,360 --> 01:02:05,920
I went to school
with a lot of kids.

1282
01:02:05,920 --> 01:02:08,480

1283
01:02:08,480 --> 01:02:11,740
I think occasionally
there might have been

1284
01:02:11,740 --> 01:02:13,960
something in the sense that--

1285
01:02:13,960 --> 01:02:15,820
of course, in
Austria, and I think

1286
01:02:15,820 --> 01:02:18,850
this is true in most of the
Central European countries,

1287
01:02:18,850 --> 01:02:20,470
it was really the
Catholic church

1288
01:02:20,470 --> 01:02:25,690
that provided whatever
anti-Semitism there was rather

1289
01:02:25,690 --> 01:02:27,550
than the political parties.

1290
01:02:27,550 --> 01:02:30,632
Although, obviously, that's
not true reading history now.

1291
01:02:30,632 --> 01:02:31,840
But that's the way it seemed.

1292
01:02:31,840 --> 01:02:35,897
When there was mention of
some anti-Semitic remark

1293
01:02:35,897 --> 01:02:38,230
or something like that, it
was really more in connection

1294

01:02:38,230 --> 01:02:38,950
with the church.

1295
01:02:38,950 --> 01:02:42,080

1296
01:02:42,080 --> 01:02:48,350
And then until 1934
or thereabouts, the--

1297
01:02:48,350 --> 01:02:51,800
at least the major
part of the government

1298
01:02:51,800 --> 01:02:52,980
was Social Democratic.

1299
01:02:52,980 --> 01:02:55,670
And a lot of Jews were
involved in the Social

1300
01:02:55,670 --> 01:02:58,370
Democratic movement, and they
were also in the government.

1301
01:02:58,370 --> 01:03:04,730

1302
01:03:04,730 --> 01:03:08,600
And given my
family's background,

1303
01:03:08,600 --> 01:03:12,650
the fact that my grandfather had
been in the military and so on,

1304
01:03:12,650 --> 01:03:17,180
there was really no
feeling of being different.

1305
01:03:17,180 --> 01:03:20,360
Now, there was an
occasional twinge, I'm sure.

1306
01:03:20,360 --> 01:03:25,130
But it was really a very
occasional gentle reminder

1307
01:03:25,130 --> 01:03:28,400
rather than something
that was brazen

1308
01:03:28,400 --> 01:03:32,310
and that would really hit you.

1309
01:03:32,310 --> 01:03:34,380
You would hear Hitler
speak on the radio.

1310
01:03:34,380 --> 01:03:35,260
Yeah, but much later.

1311
01:03:35,260 --> 01:03:39,420
I mean, this wasn't until maybe
1937 or something like that.

1312
01:03:39,420 --> 01:03:41,220
Sure.

1313
01:03:41,220 --> 01:03:44,670
Yeah, well, I knew by that
time, of course, it was clearer.

1314
01:03:44,670 --> 01:03:46,770
Because by that time,
I read the newspaper.

1315
01:03:46,770 --> 01:03:53,040
And so I think by that time, you
know, I was 11, 12 years old.

1316
01:03:53,040 --> 01:03:55,080
But again, it
wasn't personalized.

1317

01:03:55,080 --> 01:03:58,030

It was really more
in the abstract.

1318

01:03:58,030 --> 01:04:01,710

You were aware of who was Jewish
and who was not [INAUDIBLE]..

1319

01:04:01,710 --> 01:04:04,980

Oh, yeah, sure, but much more
from a religious point of view.

1320

01:04:04,980 --> 01:04:07,260

Yeah, sure.

1321

01:04:07,260 --> 01:04:09,573

Sure, because there
were people who--

1322

01:04:09,573 --> 01:04:11,490

first of all, there was
religious instruction,

1323

01:04:11,490 --> 01:04:14,670

and we were excused from
saying the paternoster, which

1324

01:04:14,670 --> 01:04:17,520

they still did, before classes.

1325

01:04:17,520 --> 01:04:18,750

We didn't have to do that.

1326

01:04:18,750 --> 01:04:22,950

1327

01:04:22,950 --> 01:04:28,230

And whatever religious
instruction we had

1328

01:04:28,230 --> 01:04:30,510

was supposed to be our
religious instruction.

1329
01:04:30,510 --> 01:04:34,192
We weren't in any way
forced or even invited.

1330
01:04:34,192 --> 01:04:36,150
And that was normal here
where there were Jews.

1331
01:04:36,150 --> 01:04:36,780
There were Catholics.

1332
01:04:36,780 --> 01:04:38,250
I mean, there wasn't
really any other people.

1333
01:04:38,250 --> 01:04:39,500
There were Jews and Catholics.

1334
01:04:39,500 --> 01:04:43,710
I mean, the other religions
were really minimal in Austria.

1335
01:04:43,710 --> 01:04:46,930
When you were young, what
did Vienna look like?

1336
01:04:46,930 --> 01:04:48,930
Not too different from
what it looks like today.

1337
01:04:48,930 --> 01:04:55,560

1338
01:04:55,560 --> 01:04:58,050
It's changed very little.

1339
01:04:58,050 --> 01:04:59,525
There's a subway
now and all that.

1340
01:04:59,525 --> 01:05:00,900

But if you look
at the buildings,

1341
01:05:00,900 --> 01:05:02,820
if you look at
the neighborhoods.

1342
01:05:02,820 --> 01:05:04,440
Vienna is a very
interesting city,

1343
01:05:04,440 --> 01:05:07,860
because it consists
of 24 districts.

1344
01:05:07,860 --> 01:05:11,040
And the inner city is really
the glory of the city.

1345
01:05:11,040 --> 01:05:15,990
The farther out you get,
the more yuck it gets,

1346
01:05:15,990 --> 01:05:19,470
except once you get
out into the woods.

1347
01:05:19,470 --> 01:05:21,820
There are workers' quarters.

1348
01:05:21,820 --> 01:05:25,890
Vienna had probably one of the
first successful public housing

1349
01:05:25,890 --> 01:05:28,330
projects in the world.

1350
01:05:28,330 --> 01:05:31,110
So the socialist
government in the '20s

1351
01:05:31,110 --> 01:05:36,460
built very large public

housing projects,

1352
01:05:36,460 --> 01:05:38,640
which became very important
during the Civil War

1353
01:05:38,640 --> 01:05:42,333
and in early '34 because
they became strongholds.

1354
01:05:42,333 --> 01:05:44,500
I mean, the government
actually brought artillery in

1355
01:05:44,500 --> 01:05:45,150
to pound them.

1356
01:05:45,150 --> 01:05:47,670

1357
01:05:47,670 --> 01:05:50,250
There was one place
called the Karl Marx-Hof.

1358
01:05:50,250 --> 01:05:51,300
I still remember that.

1359
01:05:51,300 --> 01:05:54,720
There was a Lassalle-Hof.

1360
01:05:54,720 --> 01:05:56,250
And they still exist.

1361
01:05:56,250 --> 01:06:00,570
They were big,
multi-block complexes.

1362
01:06:00,570 --> 01:06:03,960
Within the courtyards,
there were gardens and parks

1363
01:06:03,960 --> 01:06:06,930

and quite far-sighted.

1364
01:06:06,930 --> 01:06:08,505
Not too high-- three
or four stories.

1365
01:06:08,505 --> 01:06:11,100

1366
01:06:11,100 --> 01:06:12,780
But they were meant
to be fortresses.

1367
01:06:12,780 --> 01:06:15,540
I mean, it was later on
admitted that they were really

1368
01:06:15,540 --> 01:06:18,900
built to be essentially
defensive points,

1369
01:06:18,900 --> 01:06:21,453
because there was always
the notion that something

1370
01:06:21,453 --> 01:06:22,245
had to be defended.

1371
01:06:22,245 --> 01:06:24,930

1372
01:06:24,930 --> 01:06:27,030
The inner city, of
course, is beautiful--

1373
01:06:27,030 --> 01:06:34,340
Baroque buildings and
that whole Ringstrasse

1374
01:06:34,340 --> 01:06:36,110
which surrounds
the inner cities,

1375

01:06:36,110 --> 01:06:42,920

all full of imposing buildings,
churches, theaters, museums.

1376

01:06:42,920 --> 01:06:44,270

But it's a city of contrast.

1377

01:06:44,270 --> 01:06:46,820

Then you have some very
poor neighborhoods.

1378

01:06:46,820 --> 01:06:50,210

And Leopoldstadt,
which was District 2,

1379

01:06:50,210 --> 01:06:54,620

is where most of the Jews lived.

1380

01:06:54,620 --> 01:06:56,290

Even Freud lived
there for a while

1381

01:06:56,290 --> 01:06:59,200

before he moved to District 1.

1382

01:06:59,200 --> 01:07:03,660

And it was a poorer
neighborhood.

1383

01:07:03,660 --> 01:07:08,590

But again, it had a middle-class
and the poor section.

1384

01:07:08,590 --> 01:07:14,350

One of the things which I
now analyze and remember

1385

01:07:14,350 --> 01:07:17,590

with some discomfort
is the fact that there

1386

01:07:17,590 --> 01:07:21,130

was a fair amount of--

1387
01:07:21,130 --> 01:07:23,290
I suppose you could
call it anti-Semitism

1388
01:07:23,290 --> 01:07:25,450
on the part of the Jews.

1389
01:07:25,450 --> 01:07:28,690
Because there was a distinction
made between the Eastern Jews

1390
01:07:28,690 --> 01:07:30,580
and the Austrian Jews.

1391
01:07:30,580 --> 01:07:39,520
And a fair amount of, I don't
know, disdain or whatever

1392
01:07:39,520 --> 01:07:44,230
heaped on the Eastern Jews,
because there was a fair influx

1393
01:07:44,230 --> 01:07:47,680
of particularly Polish Jews--

1394
01:07:47,680 --> 01:07:51,160
Poland being essentially part of
Austria at that part of Poland,

1395
01:07:51,160 --> 01:07:53,320
and Romanian Jews,
because part of Romania

1396
01:07:53,320 --> 01:07:56,410
belonged to Austria--

1397
01:07:56,410 --> 01:07:58,660
into Vienna during the 19th--

1398
01:07:58,660 --> 01:08:00,790

particularly, the second
part of the 19th century,

1399
01:08:00,790 --> 01:08:05,350
after the emancipation in 1848.

1400
01:08:05,350 --> 01:08:12,100
And the old Jews, the Austrian
Jews, the assimilated Jews,

1401
01:08:12,100 --> 01:08:16,149
really didn't feel
comfortable with the Jews

1402
01:08:16,149 --> 01:08:19,634
with the side locks and--

1403
01:08:19,634 --> 01:08:21,550
a little bit more
like the Hasidic Jews,

1404
01:08:21,550 --> 01:08:23,350
I guess, in Brooklyn,
like a lot of them

1405
01:08:23,350 --> 01:08:28,000
were essentially that came
from little towns in Poland

1406
01:08:28,000 --> 01:08:34,870
and were usually poor, very
often tailors or artisans

1407
01:08:34,870 --> 01:08:38,290
of one kind or
another, or peddlers.

1408
01:08:38,290 --> 01:08:41,380
And they were an embarrassment.

1409
01:08:41,380 --> 01:08:43,162
In analyzing it
now, rationally, I

1410
01:08:43,162 --> 01:08:45,370
think that's what it was--
they were an embarrassment

1411
01:08:45,370 --> 01:08:47,580
to the assimilated Jews.

1412
01:08:47,580 --> 01:08:50,890

1413
01:08:50,890 --> 01:08:53,149
I think that sort of
thing still goes on.

1414
01:08:53,149 --> 01:08:57,430
I mean, you have it in this
country on a more sophisticated

1415
01:08:57,430 --> 01:08:58,509
level, but--

1416
01:08:58,509 --> 01:09:00,630
Did they live in
a different area?

1417
01:09:00,630 --> 01:09:03,979
Well, they lived in an
economically different area.

1418
01:09:03,979 --> 01:09:05,109
They weren't segregated.

1419
01:09:05,109 --> 01:09:08,170
There was no ghetto
or anything like that.

1420
01:09:08,170 --> 01:09:09,569
But they lived on--

1421
01:09:09,569 --> 01:09:12,569
in the poorer part of town.

1422
01:09:12,569 --> 01:09:15,630
Even the poorer
part of District 2,

1423
01:09:15,630 --> 01:09:18,345
all the houses were
dilapidated houses.

1424
01:09:18,345 --> 01:09:23,620

1425
01:09:23,620 --> 01:09:26,830
You didn't see them
at the skating rink.

1426
01:09:26,830 --> 01:09:29,890
I was an ice skater
when I was a child.

1427
01:09:29,890 --> 01:09:33,520
And ice skating rink was only
about two or three blocks

1428
01:09:33,520 --> 01:09:35,319
from where I lived.

1429
01:09:35,319 --> 01:09:38,529
And the people you
saw skating there--

1430
01:09:38,529 --> 01:09:40,479
I got to be a pretty
good dancer on ice--

1431
01:09:40,479 --> 01:09:43,819
they were of your class.

1432
01:09:43,819 --> 01:09:46,330
So even though my parents
were Social Democrats,

1433

01:09:46,330 --> 01:09:50,410
they certainly belonged
to a higher level

1434
01:09:50,410 --> 01:09:56,140
in this hierarchical structure
than many of the immigrant Jews

1435
01:09:56,140 --> 01:09:57,167
from Poland.

1436
01:09:57,167 --> 01:09:58,750
Did any of them go
to school with you?

1437
01:09:58,750 --> 01:10:00,887
Not that I remember.

1438
01:10:00,887 --> 01:10:01,720
Not that I remember.

1439
01:10:01,720 --> 01:10:03,490
Those kids I remember--

1440
01:10:03,490 --> 01:10:05,530
even though I don't
remember their names--

1441
01:10:05,530 --> 01:10:10,780
their fathers were dentists or
lawyers or that kind of thing.

1442
01:10:10,780 --> 01:10:13,780
Jews rose very high in the
professions, of course,

1443
01:10:13,780 --> 01:10:19,180
in Vienna, particularly in the
medical profession and in law,

1444
01:10:19,180 --> 01:10:20,020
in the arts.

1445

01:10:20,020 --> 01:10:24,280

1446

01:10:24,280 --> 01:10:28,100

Some of the most
prominent people,

1447

01:10:28,100 --> 01:10:32,170

particularly in the arts and
architecture, were Jews--

1448

01:10:32,170 --> 01:10:34,900

Mahler, Gustav
Mahler was Jewish.

1449

01:10:34,900 --> 01:10:37,600

And of course, in the
medical profession,

1450

01:10:37,600 --> 01:10:40,960

lots of the famous
doctors were Jewish,

1451

01:10:40,960 --> 01:10:43,270

not to speak of psychiatrists.

1452

01:10:43,270 --> 01:10:47,500

And so there was always
something to be proud of.

1453

01:10:47,500 --> 01:10:52,420

People did-- I mean, did
identify with being Jewish.

1454

01:10:52,420 --> 01:10:55,050

I mean, they were proud of the
fact that so-and-so was Jewish.

1455

01:10:55,050 --> 01:10:57,158

And there were nobles,
people who were noble.

1456

01:10:57,158 --> 01:10:59,200
There were people that
had a von in front of them

1457
01:10:59,200 --> 01:11:00,000
and were Jewish.

1458
01:11:00,000 --> 01:11:05,320
The emperor, particularly,
made a lot of Jews nobility.

1459
01:11:05,320 --> 01:11:07,440
They gave a lot of money,
of course-- that helped.

1460
01:11:07,440 --> 01:11:09,610
What is interesting is that--

1461
01:11:09,610 --> 01:11:14,010
and that's something that
I only learned about seven,

1462
01:11:14,010 --> 01:11:15,240
eight years ago--

1463
01:11:15,240 --> 01:11:17,990
the technical
university in Vienna--

1464
01:11:17,990 --> 01:11:19,740
there is the university
on the Ringstrasse

1465
01:11:19,740 --> 01:11:23,010
and a technical
university on Karlsplatz,

1466
01:11:23,010 --> 01:11:26,070
and they have other, which
is near the big Charles

1467
01:11:26,070 --> 01:11:28,680
Church, the one with the round

domes and the two columns

1468

01:11:28,680 --> 01:11:32,070
that you see in a
lot of paintings--

1469

01:11:32,070 --> 01:11:36,450
it was actually endowed
by the Rothschilds.

1470

01:11:36,450 --> 01:11:39,570
The then emperor--

1471

01:11:39,570 --> 01:11:40,860
I forget his name--

1472

01:11:40,860 --> 01:11:45,930
predecessor to Franz Joseph,
was a sort of a dodo.

1473

01:11:45,930 --> 01:11:49,380
And when he was approached
in the early 1900s--

1474

01:11:49,380 --> 01:11:54,550
early 19th century, 1825
or something like that--

1475

01:11:54,550 --> 01:11:57,630
and told that there ought
to be an engineering school,

1476

01:11:57,630 --> 01:12:02,690
not just the regular university,
like the École Polytechnique

1477

01:12:02,690 --> 01:12:04,440
or something-- the
French were, of course,

1478

01:12:04,440 --> 01:12:06,910
the model for
engineering schools--

1479
01:12:06,910 --> 01:12:08,430
he couldn't see that.

1480
01:12:08,430 --> 01:12:09,790
He couldn't.

1481
01:12:09,790 --> 01:12:14,295
And so the Rothschilds actually
provided the first endowment

1482
01:12:14,295 --> 01:12:19,020
to form the technical
university, which was, I think,

1483
01:12:19,020 --> 01:12:23,280
started in maybe
around 1830, 1825.

1484
01:12:23,280 --> 01:12:29,700
And in 1848, during
the revolution--

1485
01:12:29,700 --> 01:12:33,390
I guess it was all over Europe--

1486
01:12:33,390 --> 01:12:35,610
again, Jews were very prominent.

1487
01:12:35,610 --> 01:12:41,280
And the leaders of the student
contingent of the revolution

1488
01:12:41,280 --> 01:12:42,600
were almost all Jews.

1489
01:12:42,600 --> 01:12:45,750
There was a very interesting
exhibit in Vienna

1490
01:12:45,750 --> 01:12:49,680
a couple of years ago on the

whole Biedermeier period.

1491
01:12:49,680 --> 01:12:55,210
And they have one
wonderful city museum

1492
01:12:55,210 --> 01:12:58,450
that had a very large exhibit
on the Biedermeier period.

1493
01:12:58,450 --> 01:13:00,330
And that's really
where I learned

1494
01:13:00,330 --> 01:13:06,120
how many of both the leaders
of the overall uprising,

1495
01:13:06,120 --> 01:13:09,870
as well as particularly among
the academics, were Jews.

1496
01:13:09,870 --> 01:13:12,990

1497
01:13:12,990 --> 01:13:18,600
And that's also, I guess,
really only those few years ago

1498
01:13:18,600 --> 01:13:20,430
that I found out that
the Rothschilds were

1499
01:13:20,430 --> 01:13:25,890
the ones who essentially
founded Technical University.

1500
01:13:25,890 --> 01:13:28,320
In 1940, when you
were still in Vienna,

1501
01:13:28,320 --> 01:13:32,790
there were few Jews left

there, believe it or not.

1502

01:13:32,790 --> 01:13:33,515

Well, let's see.

1503

01:13:33,515 --> 01:13:34,890

I really don't

know how many Jews

1504

01:13:34,890 --> 01:13:36,370

were left by the time I left.

1505

01:13:36,370 --> 01:13:38,460

I think there were very

few by the time we left.

1506

01:13:38,460 --> 01:13:41,700

But Vienna, which,

let's see, was

1507

01:13:41,700 --> 01:13:45,570

a city of about 2 million

people, more than 10%

1508

01:13:45,570 --> 01:13:47,310

of the population was Jewish.

1509

01:13:47,310 --> 01:13:51,990

There were over

200,000 Jews in Vienna.

1510

01:13:51,990 --> 01:13:55,470

And Vienna itself, during

the Republic and now,

1511

01:13:55,470 --> 01:13:58,080

made up almost a third of

the country as a whole.

1512

01:13:58,080 --> 01:14:01,050

The whole population of Austria

was about between 6 and 7

1513

01:14:01,050 --> 01:14:06,450
million people, a very small
part of the empire left.

1514

01:14:06,450 --> 01:14:09,660
And a third of that was Vienna.

1515

01:14:09,660 --> 01:14:13,260
And 10% of that
or more were Jews.

1516

01:14:13,260 --> 01:14:17,730
But I imagine probably 98%
of the Jews lived in Vienna,

1517

01:14:17,730 --> 01:14:20,490
or at least the
metropolitan area.

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01:14:20,490 --> 01:14:23,940
Probably 2% somewhere in
the other larger cities

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01:14:23,940 --> 01:14:26,610
and a few in the country.

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01:14:26,610 --> 01:14:28,950
Graz and Innsbruck probably
had a couple of Jews

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01:14:28,950 --> 01:14:29,950
and that kind of thing.

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01:14:29,950 --> 01:14:35,610
But on the whole, they were
concentrated in Vienna, again,

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01:14:35,610 --> 01:14:38,350
because they were primarily--

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01:14:38,350 --> 01:14:41,040
at least the assimilated

Jews were primarily

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01:14:41,040 --> 01:14:44,700
in the professions
or in commerce.

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01:14:44,700 --> 01:14:47,970
And the poor Jews
were in the trades--

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01:14:47,970 --> 01:14:52,510
tailors, shoemakers,
that kind of thing.

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01:14:52,510 --> 01:14:55,260
And that was mostly
concentrated in the big city,

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01:14:55,260 --> 01:14:58,380
in the capital.

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01:14:58,380 --> 01:15:00,580
But they were very prominent.

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01:15:00,580 --> 01:15:06,530
They were very prominent,
which is, of course,

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01:15:06,530 --> 01:15:11,810
probably one of the excuses,
that they were too prominent.

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01:15:11,810 --> 01:15:13,178
You always hear that, you know?

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01:15:13,178 --> 01:15:16,610

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01:15:16,610 --> 01:15:17,928
We should stop for today.

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01:15:17,928 --> 01:15:19,220

Oh, yeah, no, but that's right.

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01:15:19,220 --> 01:15:21,006

Yeah, right, that's great.

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01:15:21,006 --> 01:15:22,910

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01:15:22,910 --> 01:15:24,020

Thank you very much.

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01:15:24,020 --> 01:15:25,853

Thank you. very much.

what we're going to do

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01:15:25,853 --> 01:15:28,980

is rewind what we have now.

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01:15:28,980 --> 01:15:30,840

to give you the tape from today.

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01:15:30,840 --> 01:15:32,390

Oh, OK.

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01:15:32,390 --> 01:15:34,610

I figure that takes

a few minutes.

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01:15:34,610 --> 01:15:35,750

Oh, that's fine.

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01:15:35,750 --> 01:15:37,340

That's fine.

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01:15:37,340 --> 01:15:40,683

As long as I get there

about by quarter after.

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01:15:40,683 --> 01:15:42,350

I think from here,

over to Sutter, it --

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01:15:42,350 --> 01:15:43,040

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01:15:43,040 --> 01:15:46,700

Yeah, but to Sutter
doesn't take that long.

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01:15:46,700 --> 01:15:49,020

Of course, it depends
on the traffic.

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01:15:49,020 --> 01:15:51,302

Yeah.

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01:15:51,302 --> 01:15:52,710

[COUGHS] Excuse me.

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01:15:52,710 --> 01:15:57,330

Now the question is, I wonder if
I ought to drive over tomorrow?

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01:15:57,330 --> 01:16:02,190

Because I was going to
bring some of the material,

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01:16:02,190 --> 01:16:03,150

but it's pretty heavy.

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01:16:03,150 --> 01:16:06,420

And that's eight
blocks to BART, so I

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01:16:06,420 --> 01:16:09,960

wasn't going to drag that over.

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01:16:09,960 --> 01:16:12,740

So maybe I ought to do that.

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01:16:12,740 --> 01:18:12,000