

We are going to, I think, cut this story a little bit. I will tell you that I stayed in England 3 and 1/2 years. And after 3 and 1/2 years, I came to the United States. And Max, he was here already 11 months. Toby was here to a year.

Because while I was in England, they both wanted to go to Israel. And there was so much fighting there. And although I've been sorry many times, I told them if they go to Israel, they'd go without me. I am too young to go into another war. I still hear the bombs. I can't.

So they went here just to convince me to go to Israel. Needless to say, we're still here, all of us.

They went to Cleveland?

They went to New York. And then first Max moved to New York because he heard of opportunities which were great for him. He, thank God, is a very, very successful construction man. Not-- he has a construction business, a very successful business in construction. And Toby lives in Cleveland. Married, has two daughters, and she has three beautiful grandchildren.

And here I am. I am in California. I have a husband, a wonderful husband. I married an Oaklander. And I have a daughter who is just about the most wonderful person in my life. And she has two children that are great. And a very, very wonderful husband, also a native Californian.

And what can I say, other than we hope to-- I hope to dance at my Annie's wedding, who is my granddaughter. And that's it for us.

How do you think your life now has been affected by your experiences?

With the exception of the past two hours that I've been speaking, I don't think I am terribly emotional about it. I have told it to many children. I've spoken at a few high schools to high school kids because I think it should be told. I think it made me a more understanding human being of human suffrage.

If anything, I am happy to say I'm not a bitter person. I think it has made me a warmer human being. Unfortunately, I don't know how I would have been otherwise, but I think I'm quite sympathetic to people if they are in pain for any reason at all, physical or mental.

Is there something about your experiences that I didn't ask you or that you think was important that we didn't touch on?

I don't think so. I think that we can't go into more details because we would need about six weeks.

Sure.

I think mainly I did tell you about things. There are a lot of people along the way that were both wonderful and terribly hateful. But I think you got the idea of it.

And you'll never know where your parents are?

I've been told. And of course Max, he saw my brothers and my father being killed. And a Nazi lady, if I can call her that, told me where my mother was. So as far as having any hope, are you saying that anyone is alive? Definitely not.

No, just the not knowing.

No. I mean, there is no question about that. No, there's no doubt.

And you have some relatives in Israel, some cousins?

I have lots of cousins in Israel, yes. Some there were during the war with me, some that were just there. I've been there a few times myself and certainly hope to go there a few more times in my lifetime.

How often do you see Toby?

Toby? She is coming here next month, which is March. I was there last June. We go on a tennis junket, the two of us. We're the most compatible two human beings.

You have to be.

And yet we're so completely different, you wouldn't believe it. But she is quite a lady.

Thank you, Helen, for sharing all of this.

I'm glad I could.

--experience to hear it all, to know you that much better.

Well, I'm glad of my contribution for the future. We'll see what happens from here.

That's the important thing.

Thank you, Barbara.