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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:37,990

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00:00:37,990 --> 00:00:39,900

All right, you're  
welcome to continue.

3

00:00:39,900 --> 00:00:42,370

OK.

4

00:00:42,370 --> 00:00:47,410

I wanted to ask you if you  
knew about a revival of Judaism

5

00:00:47,410 --> 00:00:49,480

in Germany.

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00:00:49,480 --> 00:00:51,590

Is that going on?

7

00:00:51,590 --> 00:00:53,330

Do you know?

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00:00:53,330 --> 00:00:59,330

I know some directly and  
some from the newspapers

9

00:00:59,330 --> 00:01:00,895

and also a book.

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00:01:00,895 --> 00:01:03,770

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00:01:03,770 --> 00:01:07,465

Especially the Jews from Russia.

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00:01:07,465 --> 00:01:10,220

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00:01:10,220 --> 00:01:16,600

I hear that there are more than  
20,000 Russian Jewish people

14  
00:01:16,600 --> 00:01:19,150  
in Berlin now.

15  
00:01:19,150 --> 00:01:25,030  
And that a small town,  
I forgot the book,

16  
00:01:25,030 --> 00:01:32,710  
the name of the book, a  
small town they brought

17  
00:01:32,710 --> 00:01:41,180  
I think 800 Jewish families  
and people altogether,

18  
00:01:41,180 --> 00:01:44,950  
they are families from  
Russia, into this town,

19  
00:01:44,950 --> 00:01:49,130  
in this small town,  
and from the beginning

20  
00:01:49,130 --> 00:01:52,860  
they have had plenty problems.

21  
00:01:52,860 --> 00:01:53,690  
Plenty of problems?

22  
00:01:53,690 --> 00:01:54,220  
Yes.

23  
00:01:54,220 --> 00:01:55,800  
From the neighbors?

24  
00:01:55,800 --> 00:01:56,890  
Yeah.

25  
00:01:56,890 --> 00:01:58,720

They don't accept it.

26

00:01:58,720 --> 00:02:00,610

But in the end it works.

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00:02:00,610 --> 00:02:04,900

28

00:02:04,900 --> 00:02:11,500

This problem is always  
especially in West Germany

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00:02:11,500 --> 00:02:15,910

because the economic  
situation in West Germany

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00:02:15,910 --> 00:02:21,620

was very, very good and  
everybody wants to live there.

31

00:02:21,620 --> 00:02:26,080

And so you know  
with the law what

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00:02:26,080 --> 00:02:33,730

we have had after the war  
was a part of the experience

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00:02:33,730 --> 00:02:38,380

during the Nazi time  
that the country is

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00:02:38,380 --> 00:02:43,390

open for foreign people  
and special for assessment

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00:02:43,390 --> 00:02:49,220

and religion reasons and so on.

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00:02:49,220 --> 00:02:55,480

But the country was, I think  
it was too much to open

37

00:02:55,480 --> 00:03:01,660  
and the population, the  
people from other countries

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00:03:01,660 --> 00:03:08,710  
they came in and you can tell  
it only in thousands and more.

39

00:03:08,710 --> 00:03:13,250  
And so they changed the law.

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00:03:13,250 --> 00:03:17,230  
And they changed the law in  
all Western countries of Europe

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00:03:17,230 --> 00:03:20,890  
because there the  
borders are open

42

00:03:20,890 --> 00:03:24,910  
and you can go from this  
country to this country

43

00:03:24,910 --> 00:03:28,420  
without any control because  
they have nobody there

44

00:03:28,420 --> 00:03:29,090  
on the border.

45

00:03:29,090 --> 00:03:29,830  
Right.

46

00:03:29,830 --> 00:03:32,890  
But they're not giving  
benefits like they were doing,

47

00:03:32,890 --> 00:03:33,490  
is that right?

48

00:03:33,490 --> 00:03:34,462  
Yeah.

49  
00:03:34,462 --> 00:03:36,670  
Because they just couldn't  
afford to keep doing that.

50  
00:03:36,670 --> 00:03:37,170  
Yeah.

51  
00:03:37,170 --> 00:03:39,700

52  
00:03:39,700 --> 00:03:43,270  
I remember in  
Vienna particularly

53  
00:03:43,270 --> 00:03:45,610  
they had a tremendous  
influx of people

54  
00:03:45,610 --> 00:03:50,590  
from Eastern European countries  
and that really set off

55  
00:03:50,590 --> 00:03:53,980  
a tremendous backlash  
of anti-Semitism

56  
00:03:53,980 --> 00:03:56,320  
before World War II.

57  
00:03:56,320 --> 00:03:59,500  
And I wondered if  
people in Germany

58  
00:03:59,500 --> 00:04:02,750  
were worrying that  
that would happen again

59  
00:04:02,750 --> 00:04:07,060  
if too many Eastern  
Europeans came in.

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00:04:07,060 --> 00:04:08,200  
It's still there.

61  
00:04:08,200 --> 00:04:13,120  
It's the right-wing  
parties in Germany

62  
00:04:13,120 --> 00:04:20,620  
that they speak only auslander  
aus, Foreign people out

63  
00:04:20,620 --> 00:04:21,470  
of the country.

64  
00:04:21,470 --> 00:04:24,100  
That's their big line.

65  
00:04:24,100 --> 00:04:28,360  
But they are just  
always on the border

66  
00:04:28,360 --> 00:04:33,490  
between 5% of the  
population and the votes

67  
00:04:33,490 --> 00:04:37,630  
and just under or just over.

68  
00:04:37,630 --> 00:04:41,890  
And so sometimes they have  
somebody in the government

69  
00:04:41,890 --> 00:04:44,140  
and sometimes they lose.

70  
00:04:44,140 --> 00:04:49,600  
And it's a dangerous  
situation, I think.

71  
00:04:49,600 --> 00:04:55,870  
And the big problem still  
in Germany is unemployment.

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00:04:55,870 --> 00:05:01,540

Especially in East Germany  
it started with 50%

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00:05:01,540 --> 00:05:04,600

just after the wall  
come down, and now it's

74

00:05:04,600 --> 00:05:08,960

still between 17% and  
27% unemployed people.

75

00:05:08,960 --> 00:05:09,880

Which is a lot.

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00:05:09,880 --> 00:05:10,570

It's a lot.

77

00:05:10,570 --> 00:05:15,190

And that's a basis we  
have had with Hitler

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00:05:15,190 --> 00:05:21,320

that these are the people  
who give him the vote.

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00:05:21,320 --> 00:05:26,770

And this, I think, still  
is a problem in Germany

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00:05:26,770 --> 00:05:30,280

that the situation  
come back and now we

81

00:05:30,280 --> 00:05:37,300

have more than 4 million  
unemployed people in Germany.

82

00:05:37,300 --> 00:05:37,970

Divided.

83

00:05:37,970 --> 00:05:41,142

How much between East  
and West, do you know?

84  
00:05:41,142 --> 00:05:44,410

85  
00:05:44,410 --> 00:05:50,380  
In the East part of  
Germany it's about 17%, 20%

86  
00:05:50,380 --> 00:05:53,290  
and in West Germany  
around 12%, 13%.

87  
00:05:53,290 --> 00:05:56,020

88  
00:05:56,020 --> 00:05:59,080  
It's too high.

89  
00:05:59,080 --> 00:06:01,840  
If you have 3%  
unemployed people,

90  
00:06:01,840 --> 00:06:08,710  
then we speak in Germany  
it's the best situation.

91  
00:06:08,710 --> 00:06:13,150  
And the 3% fluctuates.

92  
00:06:13,150 --> 00:06:14,530  
It changes as the jobs.

93  
00:06:14,530 --> 00:06:17,210

94  
00:06:17,210 --> 00:06:25,640  
And my thinking, my hope is  
that the Social Party wins

95  
00:06:25,640 --> 00:06:28,430



the election next  
year and that they

96  
00:06:28,430 --> 00:06:30,170  
change it a little bit more.

97  
00:06:30,170 --> 00:06:35,260  
Because they are more for the  
people and not for the money.

98  
00:06:35,260 --> 00:06:38,780  
So you think they'll do  
something about unemployment.

99  
00:06:38,780 --> 00:06:40,300  
Yes.

100  
00:06:40,300 --> 00:06:42,950  
They will do it.

101  
00:06:42,950 --> 00:06:46,040  
Germany is the only  
capitalist country

102  
00:06:46,040 --> 00:06:47,780  
at the moment in Europe.

103  
00:06:47,780 --> 00:06:55,040  
All the other countries have  
already social governments.

104  
00:06:55,040 --> 00:06:59,250

105  
00:06:59,250 --> 00:07:05,100  
But Germany is very powerful  
in the European Union,

106  
00:07:05,100 --> 00:07:08,070  
and so I hope that it changes.

107  
00:07:08,070 --> 00:07:10,810

108  
00:07:10,810 --> 00:07:12,565  
How do you feel about  
the state of Israel?

109  
00:07:12,565 --> 00:07:16,530

110  
00:07:16,530 --> 00:07:23,210  
My wife, she had relatives  
in Israel and I was thinking

111  
00:07:23,210 --> 00:07:29,180  
or we are thinking it was a  
very good thing with Israel.

112  
00:07:29,180 --> 00:07:33,500  
But with this president  
at the moment,

113  
00:07:33,500 --> 00:07:38,540  
nobody of our  
friends and we think

114  
00:07:38,540 --> 00:07:46,040  
it's a wrong situation  
with this president.

115  
00:07:46,040 --> 00:07:51,080  
You know the foreign minister  
canceled his job yesterday.

116  
00:07:51,080 --> 00:07:54,350

117  
00:07:54,350 --> 00:07:57,440  
What did he do?

118  
00:07:57,440 --> 00:07:58,740  
He lost his job.

119

00:07:58,740 --> 00:08:00,830  
He gave it away.

120  
00:08:00,830 --> 00:08:03,060  
Resigned?

121  
00:08:03,060 --> 00:08:05,670  
Yeah, almost broke  
the coalition.

122  
00:08:05,670 --> 00:08:08,570

123  
00:08:08,570 --> 00:08:14,000  
We spoke with plenty  
of friends in Israel.

124  
00:08:14,000 --> 00:08:18,080  
We celebrated  
Greta's 70th birthday

125  
00:08:18,080 --> 00:08:21,380  
two years ago in Tel Aviv.

126  
00:08:21,380 --> 00:08:25,760  
And so we come together  
with our relatives

127  
00:08:25,760 --> 00:08:30,650  
and they spoke already  
about the same point

128  
00:08:30,650 --> 00:08:34,490  
that they said it  
doesn't work very well.

129  
00:08:34,490 --> 00:08:39,260  
And we spoke together how  
it was going in Germany

130  
00:08:39,260 --> 00:08:43,429  
with the communists and  
the East and West Germany.

131  
00:08:43,429 --> 00:08:46,430  
No one person was sure.

132  
00:08:46,430 --> 00:08:51,620  
It was just finished with a  
communist situation in Germany

133  
00:08:51,620 --> 00:08:54,650  
and we couldn't believe it.

134  
00:08:54,650 --> 00:09:02,420  
And they hope let's do it with  
the Palestinians on a peace

135  
00:09:02,420 --> 00:09:04,370  
way.

136  
00:09:04,370 --> 00:09:12,980  
And it's not easy and it  
is very hard for Israel.

137  
00:09:12,980 --> 00:09:19,290  
I remember that it was more than  
10 years ago we went to Israel.

138  
00:09:19,290 --> 00:09:29,690  
And it was in the  
Egypt part, in--

139  
00:09:29,690 --> 00:09:30,800  
Along the Sinai?

140  
00:09:30,800 --> 00:09:32,750  
Yeah, south of--

141  
00:09:32,750 --> 00:09:38,540  
We made a stop on the way to  
the Cloisters Santa Carolina,

142  
00:09:38,540 --> 00:09:47,630  
and somebody killed in this

area, a Palestinian person.

143

00:09:47,630 --> 00:09:57,710

And they say this was a family  
war between two families

144

00:09:57,710 --> 00:10:01,820

and the last person  
from these two families

145

00:10:01,820 --> 00:10:05,600

was killed 45 years  
ago and now it

146

00:10:05,600 --> 00:10:09,210

had to do with  
this 45 years ago.

147

00:10:09,210 --> 00:10:19,130

And so it's very hard to  
became peace in this area.

148

00:10:19,130 --> 00:10:20,070

Long memory,

149

00:10:20,070 --> 00:10:20,570

Yeah.

150

00:10:20,570 --> 00:10:24,570

151

00:10:24,570 --> 00:10:27,060

And what do you  
think about genocides

152

00:10:27,060 --> 00:10:28,320

in other parts of the world?

153

00:10:28,320 --> 00:10:31,350

154

00:10:31,350 --> 00:10:32,970

What kind of  
response do you have

155  
00:10:32,970 --> 00:10:39,090  
when you hear about the troubles  
in the former Yugoslavia?

156  
00:10:39,090 --> 00:10:43,180

157  
00:10:43,180 --> 00:10:44,290  
We know this problem.

158  
00:10:44,290 --> 00:10:46,420  
I've been there plenty of times.

159  
00:10:46,420 --> 00:10:54,640  
And I still cannot believe  
it that they fight each other

160  
00:10:54,640 --> 00:10:57,430  
in this way.

161  
00:10:57,430 --> 00:11:03,040  
What I say, everything is  
going extremely orthodox,

162  
00:11:03,040 --> 00:11:09,240  
like Jewish orthodox  
communities.

163  
00:11:09,240 --> 00:11:14,650

164  
00:11:14,650 --> 00:11:17,140  
It's very wrong, to my eyes.

165  
00:11:17,140 --> 00:11:18,340  
The orthodox.

166  
00:11:18,340 --> 00:11:20,200  
To be orthodox.

167  
00:11:20,200 --> 00:11:23,020  
If you are orthodox, you  
don't accept other people

168  
00:11:23,020 --> 00:11:24,700  
and their way of life.

169  
00:11:24,700 --> 00:11:31,390  
If you do it, then you  
should be much better.

170  
00:11:31,390 --> 00:11:34,420  
We are all lovers  
of this world and we

171  
00:11:34,420 --> 00:11:37,870  
have to live together  
on a special way,

172  
00:11:37,870 --> 00:11:40,860  
to accept each other.

173  
00:11:40,860 --> 00:11:46,750  
If you are orthodox, you cannot  
accept that your neighbor

174  
00:11:46,750 --> 00:11:52,210  
thinks differently or wants to  
do things in a different way.

175  
00:11:52,210 --> 00:11:57,250  
And that's the same as  
in politics if you are

176  
00:11:57,250 --> 00:12:00,200  
too extreme in one direction.

177  
00:12:00,200 --> 00:12:03,460  
I think you have to tolerate it.

178  
00:12:03,460 --> 00:12:06,280

You have to look for  
a way to go together

179  
00:12:06,280 --> 00:12:08,380  
or to accept each other.

180  
00:12:08,380 --> 00:12:12,310  
This is, to my  
eyes, the only way

181  
00:12:12,310 --> 00:12:20,320  
to have a real life  
without enemies.

182  
00:12:20,320 --> 00:12:23,320

183  
00:12:23,320 --> 00:12:26,680  
So extreme orthodoxy  
frightens you.

184  
00:12:26,680 --> 00:12:30,100  
Yeah, we saw two  
months ago, a movie

185  
00:12:30,100 --> 00:12:37,840  
in New York about the orthodox  
Jewish group in Parkland

186  
00:12:37,840 --> 00:12:42,850  
and they are OK.

187  
00:12:42,850 --> 00:12:46,570  
They said, we just came to this  
country because in this country

188  
00:12:46,570 --> 00:12:49,470  
we can do what we want to do.

189  
00:12:49,470 --> 00:12:52,780  
That's the freedom of this  
country, the United States,



190

00:12:52,780 --> 00:12:59,880

that everybody can do  
what is his behavior

191

00:12:59,880 --> 00:13:06,010

and OK, you can accept it.

192

00:13:06,010 --> 00:13:07,660

This is a very big country.

193

00:13:07,660 --> 00:13:12,810

But if you have to live together  
very close with other people,

194

00:13:12,810 --> 00:13:16,450

you cannot do it all over.

195

00:13:16,450 --> 00:13:18,520

You have to accept that  
you have neighbors.

196

00:13:18,520 --> 00:13:22,250

197

00:13:22,250 --> 00:13:25,700

It's not easy for  
people if they are

198

00:13:25,700 --> 00:13:27,510

thinking in this extreme way.

199

00:13:27,510 --> 00:13:31,460

200

00:13:31,460 --> 00:13:35,890

Have you found your own thinking  
becoming more conservative

201

00:13:35,890 --> 00:13:41,230

as you get older, more attuned  
to how to get along with others

202

00:13:41,230 --> 00:13:44,140  
and how to compromise?

203

00:13:44,140 --> 00:13:47,440  
My family was Catholic.

204

00:13:47,440 --> 00:13:49,510  
They are Catholics.

205

00:13:49,510 --> 00:13:56,290  
And I changed my  
mind now 20 years ago

206

00:13:56,290 --> 00:14:05,290  
because in Switzerland there  
is a factory for weapons

207

00:14:05,290 --> 00:14:12,940  
and I hear that about 60% of  
the capital, of the money,

208

00:14:12,940 --> 00:14:18,200  
of this company the  
owner is the Vatican.

209

00:14:18,200 --> 00:14:18,700  
The what?

210

00:14:18,700 --> 00:14:19,570  
The Vatican.

211

00:14:19,570 --> 00:14:22,030  
It's the pope.

212

00:14:22,030 --> 00:14:23,070  
I couldn't believe it.

213

00:14:23,070 --> 00:14:28,140  
And so it was going around  
on the radio and television.

214

00:14:28,140 --> 00:14:31,180

And the answer from  
the Vatican was

215

00:14:31,180 --> 00:14:35,140

this is a very  
lucrative company for us

216

00:14:35,140 --> 00:14:38,530

and we don't want to lose it.

217

00:14:38,530 --> 00:14:44,083

And this was the end of my  
thinking to be a Catholic.

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00:14:44,083 --> 00:14:44,875

I go out of church.

219

00:14:44,875 --> 00:14:50,200

220

00:14:50,200 --> 00:14:54,860

And that's the only  
thing that you can do.

221

00:14:54,860 --> 00:14:57,080

You cannot fight them.

222

00:14:57,080 --> 00:15:02,990

We have been in this  
last year in Auschwitz

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00:15:02,990 --> 00:15:08,420

and also in Poland.

224

00:15:08,420 --> 00:15:11,210

There was a congress on ghetto.

225

00:15:11,210 --> 00:15:17,510

And the Polish people are  
super Catholics, you know,

226

00:15:17,510 --> 00:15:22,850  
and she works for  
an organization

227  
00:15:22,850 --> 00:15:28,700  
the ISPP is the  
name, and there are

228  
00:15:28,700 --> 00:15:32,810  
plenty of Jewish  
academic people there.

229  
00:15:32,810 --> 00:15:39,350  
And there was a panel discussion  
with the Polish academic people

230  
00:15:39,350 --> 00:15:44,390  
about this point, to  
be a Catholic or not.

231  
00:15:44,390 --> 00:15:49,500  
And only one person  
came from their side.

232  
00:15:49,500 --> 00:15:53,497

233  
00:15:53,497 --> 00:15:54,830  
And you cannot change it, right?

234  
00:15:54,830 --> 00:15:58,190

235  
00:15:58,190 --> 00:16:02,450  
The churches are very powerful,  
especially the Catholic Church

236  
00:16:02,450 --> 00:16:04,115  
in Poland, those in Krakow.

237  
00:16:04,115 --> 00:16:10,080

238

00:16:10,080 --> 00:16:15,420

But we have to still work on it.

239

00:16:15,420 --> 00:16:22,810

It's so important to  
think in a human way,

240

00:16:22,810 --> 00:16:26,710

not in an idealistic way.

241

00:16:26,710 --> 00:16:30,190

Was that hard for you to  
move away from the church?

242

00:16:30,190 --> 00:16:32,470

No.

243

00:16:32,470 --> 00:16:33,970

I was married with my wife.

244

00:16:33,970 --> 00:16:41,780

She was Lutheran, and  
so it was no problem.

245

00:16:41,780 --> 00:16:43,250

So that was already  
a first step.

246

00:16:43,250 --> 00:16:43,750

Yeah.

247

00:16:43,750 --> 00:16:52,420

248

00:16:52,420 --> 00:16:54,650

How much awareness  
do you think there

249

00:16:54,650 --> 00:16:57,470

is in Germany about  
the other groups

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00:16:57,470 --> 00:17:00,950

that were persecuted  
along with Jews--

251

00:17:00,950 --> 00:17:09,589

the Gypsies and homosexuals,  
political prisoners?

252

00:17:09,589 --> 00:17:11,720

How much awareness is  
there of those groups

253

00:17:11,720 --> 00:17:13,910

and what they went through?

254

00:17:13,910 --> 00:17:14,960

After the war?

255

00:17:14,960 --> 00:17:18,299

Yeah, both during and after.

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00:17:18,299 --> 00:17:18,799

Yeah.

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00:17:18,799 --> 00:17:22,069

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00:17:22,069 --> 00:17:28,280

It's not easy to answer  
that because the government,

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00:17:28,280 --> 00:17:32,690

also from the Social Party and  
also from the Christian Party,

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00:17:32,690 --> 00:17:37,830

they are looking for the  
German country is for Germans.

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00:17:37,830 --> 00:17:39,620

That's the first.

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00:17:39,620 --> 00:17:48,650

It started before 1973

to get foreign persons

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00:17:48,650 --> 00:17:53,090

to work in Germany first

from Italy and then

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00:17:53,090 --> 00:17:59,180

from other countries and start

to get workers from Turkey

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00:17:59,180 --> 00:18:04,940

and they are Muslims

and so in my job

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00:18:04,940 --> 00:18:09,650

I have to deal with

industrial companies.

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00:18:09,650 --> 00:18:15,320

It was a big thing because they

need separate washing rooms

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00:18:15,320 --> 00:18:21,050

and dressing rooms and so on for

the workers because the Muslim

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00:18:21,050 --> 00:18:26,130

cannot put out their clothes in

front of Christians and so on.

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00:18:26,130 --> 00:18:33,980

And so it was already

in industrial companies

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00:18:33,980 --> 00:18:36,560

some troubles between

the foreign people

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00:18:36,560 --> 00:18:39,420

and the German people.

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00:18:39,420 --> 00:18:45,020

But most of the  
Germans, they accepted

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00:18:45,020 --> 00:18:52,370

and they want to be  
international and not separated

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00:18:52,370 --> 00:18:57,200

that we are Germans and they  
have to be by side or something

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00:18:57,200 --> 00:18:58,130

like that.

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00:18:58,130 --> 00:19:00,590

This is a long time ago.

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00:19:00,590 --> 00:19:07,040

Only I think under  
5% of the Germans

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00:19:07,040 --> 00:19:14,180

say they fight for a clean  
country only for Germans.

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00:19:14,180 --> 00:19:15,600

Clean of foreigners.

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00:19:15,600 --> 00:19:16,100

Yeah.

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00:19:16,100 --> 00:19:19,330

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00:19:19,330 --> 00:19:22,450

Is there much awareness  
and recognition

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00:19:22,450 --> 00:19:25,420

in Germany about  
the groups other



285  
00:19:25,420 --> 00:19:30,490  
than Jews who had suffered  
during the Hitler regime?

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00:19:30,490 --> 00:19:33,730

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00:19:33,730 --> 00:19:39,370  
No, I think it changed totally  
that the Germans accept

288  
00:19:39,370 --> 00:19:47,470  
them and they are part  
of our social life.

289  
00:19:47,470 --> 00:19:50,020  
Have they made  
restitution to say

290  
00:19:50,020 --> 00:19:55,330  
political prisoners who were  
put in concentration camps?

291  
00:19:55,330 --> 00:19:57,640  
Do they give them any  
kind of reparation

292  
00:19:57,640 --> 00:20:02,170  
like they've done to  
Jews, the government?

293  
00:20:02,170 --> 00:20:04,290  
Yes, the government has.

294  
00:20:04,290 --> 00:20:12,040  
And there is no question to the  
government spent money for them

295  
00:20:12,040 --> 00:20:16,750  
for Israel and also  
to help people.

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00:20:16,750 --> 00:20:21,880

I know that in New York  
Greta and her family

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00:20:21,880 --> 00:20:27,490

get money from Austria  
and now Jewish people

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00:20:27,490 --> 00:20:31,960

from Germany they get their  
money from Germany, a pension.

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00:20:31,960 --> 00:20:37,180

And there are no  
problems, especially

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00:20:37,180 --> 00:20:39,700

form from West Germany.

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00:20:39,700 --> 00:20:42,530

It was different  
to East Germany,

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00:20:42,530 --> 00:20:46,030

but now I don't know  
the situation what

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00:20:46,030 --> 00:20:50,430

happens in these East Germany.

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00:20:50,430 --> 00:20:52,570

Why has the German  
government been

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00:20:52,570 --> 00:20:55,480

so reluctant to pay  
reparation to people

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00:20:55,480 --> 00:21:00,880

from the East as opposed  
to people from the West?

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00:21:00,880 --> 00:21:08,110

I think this was the  
Iron Curtain between West

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00:21:08,110 --> 00:21:11,440

Germany and the East.

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00:21:11,440 --> 00:21:17,500

There was a war and there  
was an ideological border.

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00:21:17,500 --> 00:21:31,300

And Greta, she spoke about the  
situation that the Austrians,

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00:21:31,300 --> 00:21:33,770

they never have been Nazis.

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00:21:33,770 --> 00:21:39,006

They are liberated from  
the Nazis just for the way.

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00:21:39,006 --> 00:21:44,420

The same East Germany they  
never have had something

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00:21:44,420 --> 00:21:47,990

to do with the Nazis because  
they cleaned their country.

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00:21:47,990 --> 00:21:53,870

And they are the only country  
who said OK, we have had Nazis.

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00:21:53,870 --> 00:21:56,900

This was German Bundesliga.

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00:21:56,900 --> 00:21:57,525

West Germany.

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00:21:57,525 --> 00:22:00,280

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00:22:00,280 --> 00:22:05,120

And this is still the situation.

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00:22:05,120 --> 00:22:10,370

It changed already in Austria.

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00:22:10,370 --> 00:22:20,180

Greta took her  
information and you

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00:22:20,180 --> 00:22:23,000

had to question here  
and in this country.

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00:22:23,000 --> 00:22:26,090

It changed after Waldheim.

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00:22:26,090 --> 00:22:30,860

After that, it's absolutely  
another situation than the time

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00:22:30,860 --> 00:22:31,820

before.

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00:22:31,820 --> 00:22:34,400

Now they have  
suddenly recognized

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00:22:34,400 --> 00:22:37,070

that they were  
oppressive to Jews

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00:22:37,070 --> 00:22:39,740

and they're paying  
reparations and they

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00:22:39,740 --> 00:22:42,640

are paying for stolen property?

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00:22:42,640 --> 00:22:44,300

Yeah.

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00:22:44,300 --> 00:22:45,860  
And this is all since Waldheim.

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00:22:45,860 --> 00:22:46,430  
Yeah.

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00:22:46,430 --> 00:22:51,110  
But now we have an absolutely  
new situation in East Germany

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00:22:51,110 --> 00:22:57,680  
because the West German  
government took East Germany

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00:22:57,680 --> 00:23:05,660  
and didn't change the law  
maybe for Jewish people who

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00:23:05,660 --> 00:23:08,900  
had had a house or  
something in East Germany.

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00:23:08,900 --> 00:23:11,630  
And they say, come  
on, this now it's

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00:23:11,630 --> 00:23:15,620  
the first time I can ask  
to get it back or get money

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00:23:15,620 --> 00:23:17,150  
from this country.

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00:23:17,150 --> 00:23:18,410  
No.

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00:23:18,410 --> 00:23:26,960  
The law in Germany was I think  
1953 that everybody can say,

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00:23:26,960 --> 00:23:30,710  
come on, if you have

something, a house

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00:23:30,710 --> 00:23:37,640

or a business in Germany,  
then you have to say,

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00:23:37,640 --> 00:23:39,100

here are the papers.

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00:23:39,100 --> 00:23:40,130

This was my.

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00:23:40,130 --> 00:23:42,350

Yeah.

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00:23:42,350 --> 00:23:44,840

And the Jewish  
people, they come now

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00:23:44,840 --> 00:23:48,260

and say, look, in East  
Germany this factory was

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00:23:48,260 --> 00:23:50,180

my factory of my family.

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00:23:50,180 --> 00:23:53,520

And now the German  
government said, come on,

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00:23:53,520 --> 00:23:59,780

you have to say  
that before 1953.

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00:23:59,780 --> 00:24:03,150

And the law is on this way.

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00:24:03,150 --> 00:24:07,700

And so in the moment  
there are big problems.

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00:24:07,700 --> 00:24:09,770

So they're not sure  
whether they're going to--

355  
00:24:09,770 --> 00:24:11,210  
Maybe they have  
to change the law,

356  
00:24:11,210 --> 00:24:15,380  
but I don't know  
which way that works.

357  
00:24:15,380 --> 00:24:17,600  
I got a book about it.

358  
00:24:17,600 --> 00:24:21,320  
And I never know that  
there are problems

359  
00:24:21,320 --> 00:24:23,825  
like that in the country.

360  
00:24:23,825 --> 00:24:27,960

361  
00:24:27,960 --> 00:24:36,260  
And East Germany never  
pay something or money

362  
00:24:36,260 --> 00:24:40,280  
or help somebody  
from Jewish people

363  
00:24:40,280 --> 00:24:44,150  
or from the survivors  
of the Nazi time.

364  
00:24:44,150 --> 00:24:47,120  
They didn't recognize  
that Jews were oppressed.

365  
00:24:47,120 --> 00:24:54,210  
But now they do it because  
it's now Germany all together.

366  
00:24:54,210 --> 00:24:58,910  
And the most money  
came from West Germany

367  
00:24:58,910 --> 00:25:00,645  
still from this side.

368  
00:25:00,645 --> 00:25:04,760

369  
00:25:04,760 --> 00:25:08,430  
Do you think all this  
could happen again?

370  
00:25:08,430 --> 00:25:09,720  
I hope not.

371  
00:25:09,720 --> 00:25:11,450  
But I don't know.

372  
00:25:11,450 --> 00:25:12,470  
Not in Germany.

373  
00:25:12,470 --> 00:25:17,600  
Maybe in other countries,  
but I don't think so that it

374  
00:25:17,600 --> 00:25:19,660  
won't happen again in Germany.

375  
00:25:19,660 --> 00:25:21,930  
Do you think it could  
happen here in America?

376  
00:25:21,930 --> 00:25:30,350  
You know this it was  
a test of I think

377  
00:25:30,350 --> 00:25:39,440  
in California a teacher tried  
to teach on the Nazi way



378  
00:25:39,440 --> 00:25:41,840  
his class.

379  
00:25:41,840 --> 00:25:46,250  
And they accepted it and say,  
that's wonderful, that's fine.

380  
00:25:46,250 --> 00:25:49,438  
And the parents accepted it too.

381  
00:25:49,438 --> 00:25:50,480  
There was a special name.

382  
00:25:50,480 --> 00:25:52,040  
I forget the name.

383  
00:25:52,040 --> 00:25:53,120  
The Wave.

384  
00:25:53,120 --> 00:26:00,980  
And in this way it can  
come back in each country

385  
00:26:00,980 --> 00:26:02,210  
and in each place.

386  
00:26:02,210 --> 00:26:06,440  
It was a very idealistic idea.

387  
00:26:06,440 --> 00:26:12,850  
What they do with this  
idea to kill other people,

388  
00:26:12,850 --> 00:26:16,910  
it was written in Mein Kampf  
against the Jewish people.

389  
00:26:16,910 --> 00:26:19,840  
He wrote it down, but  
nobody believed it.

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00:26:19,840 --> 00:26:22,590

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00:26:22,590 --> 00:26:29,220

But the way was the best  
way to give you the answer.

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00:26:29,220 --> 00:26:34,660

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00:26:34,660 --> 00:26:38,030

Are there any things that  
we can answer for you?

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00:26:38,030 --> 00:26:38,560

For me?

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00:26:38,560 --> 00:26:43,630

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00:26:43,630 --> 00:26:44,230

I don't know.

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00:26:44,230 --> 00:26:47,760

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00:26:47,760 --> 00:26:54,740

I never lived together with  
a Jewish person like me.

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00:26:54,740 --> 00:26:58,110

This Greta is from  
a Jewish family

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00:26:58,110 --> 00:27:01,320

and we have a very,  
very good life.

401

00:27:01,320 --> 00:27:03,900

We have plenty of discussions.

402

00:27:03,900 --> 00:27:11,170

And not only both of us and  
also with friends of us.

403

00:27:11,170 --> 00:27:18,280

And I think it works very well.

404

00:27:18,280 --> 00:27:20,250

It's very peaceful.

405

00:27:20,250 --> 00:27:25,740

And the big problem,  
it was a problem

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00:27:25,740 --> 00:27:30,330

to accept each  
other that we came

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00:27:30,330 --> 00:27:34,740

from different way of lives.

408

00:27:34,740 --> 00:27:36,100

But it works very well.

409

00:27:36,100 --> 00:27:37,110

It's very good.

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00:27:37,110 --> 00:27:40,320

411

00:27:40,320 --> 00:27:44,150

It's been a pleasure meeting you  
and taking your story, Herbert.

412

00:27:44,150 --> 00:27:50,820

And I think that your  
life and your marriage

413

00:27:50,820 --> 00:27:54,360

is symbolic of a  
world that can heal.

414

00:27:54,360 --> 00:27:56,100  
Yeah.

415  
00:27:56,100 --> 00:28:00,420  
Two wounded worlds got  
together and began to healing.

416  
00:28:00,420 --> 00:28:03,360  
We were both of  
us we work on it.

417  
00:28:03,360 --> 00:28:05,220  
Yeah.

418  
00:28:05,220 --> 00:28:08,380  
It's been very  
inspiring to meet you.

419  
00:28:08,380 --> 00:28:09,130  
Thank you.

420  
00:28:09,130 --> 00:28:10,820  
Thank you.

421  
00:28:10,820 --> 00:30:13,419