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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:53,560

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00:00:53,560 --> 00:00:57,370  
--that Menachem Begin, when  
he became prime minister.

3  
00:00:57,370 --> 00:01:02,080  
But he stopped smoking  
right after that.

4  
00:01:02,080 --> 00:01:07,860  
But anyway I wanted  
him to have it.

5  
00:01:07,860 --> 00:01:08,430  
You ready?

6  
00:01:08,430 --> 00:01:09,590  
Yes, I think.

7  
00:01:09,590 --> 00:01:13,165

8  
00:01:13,165 --> 00:01:14,290  
Can you tell me that story?

9  
00:01:14,290 --> 00:01:18,157  
Did your mother take  
any personal items

10  
00:01:18,157 --> 00:01:18,865  
of your father's?

11  
00:01:18,865 --> 00:01:21,760

12  
00:01:21,760 --> 00:01:23,560  
Yes, my mother took--

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00:01:23,560 --> 00:01:27,400  
He had a little mustache brush.

14  
00:01:27,400 --> 00:01:32,860  
It was in a silver case.

15  
00:01:32,860 --> 00:01:35,860  
Not brush, comb, a little comb.

16  
00:01:35,860 --> 00:01:36,910  
And she took that.

17  
00:01:36,910 --> 00:01:40,652  
And there was a little  
pencil, a silver pencil.

18  
00:01:40,652 --> 00:01:41,860  
How about the cigarette case?

19  
00:01:41,860 --> 00:01:45,270  
And the cigarette case.

20  
00:01:45,270 --> 00:01:47,080  
OK, I will start all over.

21  
00:01:47,080 --> 00:01:49,420  
No, just start but just start  
with the cigarette case.

22  
00:01:49,420 --> 00:01:53,530  
And a silver cigarette.

23  
00:01:53,530 --> 00:01:55,870  
My mother took--

24  
00:01:55,870 --> 00:01:58,750  
Should I mention the  
two other things?

25  
00:01:58,750 --> 00:02:01,450  
And should I mention  
the fact I gave it away?

26  
00:02:01,450 --> 00:02:04,630  
Oh, I see.

27  
00:02:04,630 --> 00:02:08,710  
My mother took a  
silver cigarette case

28  
00:02:08,710 --> 00:02:10,780  
that belonged to my father.

29  
00:02:10,780 --> 00:02:15,670  
And we hid it all the  
time and in the time

30  
00:02:15,670 --> 00:02:18,340  
that Menachem Begin  
became prime minister

31  
00:02:18,340 --> 00:02:21,130  
I gave it to him  
as a gift because I

32  
00:02:21,130 --> 00:02:23,780  
wanted him to have it.

33  
00:02:23,780 --> 00:02:26,884  
And that's it.

34  
00:02:26,884 --> 00:02:38,890

35  
00:02:38,890 --> 00:02:40,705  
So tell me about  
the cigarette case.

36  
00:02:40,705 --> 00:02:46,350

37  
00:02:46,350 --> 00:02:51,010  
One of the things  
that my mother took?

38  
00:02:51,010 --> 00:02:53,340  
Ready?

39  
00:02:53,340 --> 00:02:56,130  
One of the things  
that my mother took

40  
00:02:56,130 --> 00:02:59,070  
with her that was  
meaningful to her I

41  
00:02:59,070 --> 00:03:02,850  
believe because it was my  
father's was a cigarette

42  
00:03:02,850 --> 00:03:05,430  
case that he-- a  
silver cigarette case

43  
00:03:05,430 --> 00:03:08,760  
that he used and she  
brought it with her

44  
00:03:08,760 --> 00:03:12,210  
and we had it for  
many, many years.

45  
00:03:12,210 --> 00:03:16,740  
And then when Menachem  
Begin became prime minister

46  
00:03:16,740 --> 00:03:19,620  
and he came to the United  
States the first time

47  
00:03:19,620 --> 00:03:22,620  
as the prime minister  
we were invited

48  
00:03:22,620 --> 00:03:25,470  
to the Waldorf Astoria,  
my husband and I,

49  
00:03:25,470 --> 00:03:28,020  
to join the celebration.

50  
00:03:28,020 --> 00:03:31,650  
And I presented it  
to him as a gift

51  
00:03:31,650 --> 00:03:35,190  
because I felt that  
I really wanted

52  
00:03:35,190 --> 00:03:37,860  
him to have something  
very special that

53  
00:03:37,860 --> 00:03:41,170  
belonged to the family.

54  
00:03:41,170 --> 00:03:47,610  
And I knew how much he meant  
to my mother and to all of us

55  
00:03:47,610 --> 00:03:49,710  
and I wanted him to have it.

56  
00:03:49,710 --> 00:03:50,805  
He was very touched.

57  
00:03:50,805 --> 00:03:53,650

58  
00:03:53,650 --> 00:03:56,910  
Well, he should have been.

59  
00:03:56,910 --> 00:03:57,580  
What's this?

60  
00:03:57,580 --> 00:04:11,690

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00:04:11,690 --> 00:04:20,570

This picture was taken, if  
I could remember correctly,

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00:04:20,570 --> 00:04:25,070

around 1936, 1937.

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00:04:25,070 --> 00:04:29,300

It's a bunch of friends  
of ours from school

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00:04:29,300 --> 00:04:34,430

and they're friends of  
my sister and myself.

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00:04:34,430 --> 00:04:36,590

Unfortunately, and  
none of them survived.

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00:04:36,590 --> 00:04:40,840

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00:04:40,840 --> 00:04:43,930

So any story or occasion  
that goes with that?

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00:04:43,930 --> 00:04:45,730

It was just an outing.

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00:04:45,730 --> 00:04:50,620

It was an outing  
and I took pictures

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00:04:50,620 --> 00:04:52,750

in that particular story.

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00:04:52,750 --> 00:04:55,310

72

00:04:55,310 --> 00:04:57,170

Is there any story  
that goes with that?

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00:04:57,170 --> 00:05:00,170

Is that in Japan?

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00:05:00,170 --> 00:05:07,730

No, this is, let me see,  
this is a graduating class.

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00:05:07,730 --> 00:05:10,010

OK, I think it's probably--

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00:05:10,010 --> 00:05:15,125

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00:05:15,125 --> 00:05:18,270

--of a school year.

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00:05:18,270 --> 00:05:20,270

I don't believe it's  
a graduating class.

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00:05:20,270 --> 00:05:24,995

It was the end of a  
school year and a picture

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00:05:24,995 --> 00:05:28,570

was taken of that.

81

00:05:28,570 --> 00:05:30,980

Did they all survive?

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00:05:30,980 --> 00:05:33,810

Nobody survived except  
my sister and I.

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00:05:33,810 --> 00:05:37,820

This is mainly the  
reason why those pictures

84

00:05:37,820 --> 00:05:39,710

I picked the last time.

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00:05:39,710 --> 00:05:42,880

86

00:05:42,880 --> 00:05:44,950

And I will have you say that.

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00:05:44,950 --> 00:05:48,530

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00:05:48,530 --> 00:05:50,130

Let's try this one.

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00:05:50,130 --> 00:06:02,220

90

00:06:02,220 --> 00:06:05,305

Oh yes, that I remember vividly.

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00:06:05,305 --> 00:06:07,180

Can you tell the story  
to go along with that?

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00:06:07,180 --> 00:06:10,240

Oh yeah.

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00:06:10,240 --> 00:06:11,770

That's my mother.

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00:06:11,770 --> 00:06:16,120

You see here is my  
mother, my sister,

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00:06:16,120 --> 00:06:18,670

and I'm hiding  
right there behind.

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00:06:18,670 --> 00:06:23,950

97

00:06:23,950 --> 00:06:31,530

This was a bitter outing  
which was held on Shavuot.



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00:06:31,530 --> 00:06:35,040

It was a holiday and we used  
to have a certain outing

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00:06:35,040 --> 00:06:37,510

and it was photographed.

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00:06:37,510 --> 00:06:43,510

There was a very famous  
poet, Hayim Nahman Bialik who

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00:06:43,510 --> 00:06:50,170

is alive and studied in  
the yeshiva in Valozhyn

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00:06:50,170 --> 00:06:56,050

and this particular mountain  
was named Hayim Nahman Bialik

103

00:06:56,050 --> 00:06:57,130

Mountain.

104

00:06:57,130 --> 00:07:00,220

And we always used to  
go on outings over there

105

00:07:00,220 --> 00:07:05,710

and that was the occasion  
when the picture was taken.

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00:07:05,710 --> 00:07:13,190

And out of these people, no  
one survived except my sister,

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00:07:13,190 --> 00:07:14,275

myself, and my mother.

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00:07:14,275 --> 00:07:39,780

109

00:07:39,780 --> 00:07:46,020

This picture was taken in Japan  
when my mother was in Japan

110  
00:07:46,020 --> 00:07:49,590  
for what my mother  
is in it and I

111  
00:07:49,590 --> 00:07:54,030  
could see there is a  
girl and a young man

112  
00:07:54,030 --> 00:07:56,010  
and a girl who is sitting.

113  
00:07:56,010 --> 00:08:00,690  
And they're all dressed up and  
the girl is holding flowers.

114  
00:08:00,690 --> 00:08:05,190  
And I believe it might have  
been an occasion for a wedding.

115  
00:08:05,190 --> 00:08:09,750  
And that's my mother  
brother's picture with her.

116  
00:08:09,750 --> 00:08:10,980  
It comes from Japan.

117  
00:08:10,980 --> 00:08:15,410  
It was taken I believe  
somewhere between around 1941

118  
00:08:15,410 --> 00:08:16,310  
when she was there.

119  
00:08:16,310 --> 00:08:19,090

120  
00:08:19,090 --> 00:08:21,300  
And may I see?

121

00:08:21,300 --> 00:08:25,820

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00:08:25,820 --> 00:08:30,260

Most of these people survived  
because they were in Japan.

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00:08:30,260 --> 00:08:33,530

And then they were  
sent to Shanghai

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00:08:33,530 --> 00:08:39,030

so all the people, all  
those people survived.

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00:08:39,030 --> 00:08:42,020

So the value of this is  
that your mother is in this.

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00:08:42,020 --> 00:08:42,799

Right.

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00:08:42,799 --> 00:08:44,340

Where she?

128

00:08:44,340 --> 00:08:46,017

My mother?

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00:08:46,017 --> 00:08:46,850

Right in the middle.

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00:08:46,850 --> 00:08:49,880

131

00:08:49,880 --> 00:08:50,765

In back of the bride.

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00:08:50,765 --> 00:08:55,320

133

00:08:55,320 --> 00:08:57,290

That's good enough.

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00:08:57,290 --> 00:10:57,000