

with us. But maybe we just kept in touch, because we owed her so much gratefulness for taking care of us. Yes, but, oh, I talk to Katie all the time.

I think we have time for one more question before we close up, and I think I have our person right back there in the middle.

If this isn't too personal ask, I wondered after you, or even during the time you were hiding, and afterward when you were free and came to the United States, did you have trouble with nightmares or fears because of all that you went through, or were you able to just leave that behind?

The question is, in light of all that you went through, did you have fears or nightmares, both during the time, afterwards, and when you came to United States, or were you able to leave that behind?

I can leave that behind.

You can leave that behind.

Absolutely. I never did.

Can I add on one--

Yes.

Sure.

Can you share what might have been the key to being able to leave behind anger or resentment for the things that happened in your life and in your family?

The question is, if you could-- if it's possible for you to share what made it possible for you to put that behind you, to leave those angers and resentments and fears behind, and go on with your life.

I was so busy making a living when I came to the United States. No, I am not angry, because this all happens to me, or happened to me. No. I am-- it's just something that came to me as a Jew, and that I-- it was right there. And I don't know. I really don't know.

Ruth-- and I want to thank you very much for being willing to sit up and talk about this in front of an audience. It's only possible for you to give us just a brief glimpse in an hour into something that went on for many years for you. But I think you've been able to really allow us a glimpse of what you experienced.

Before I turn back to Ruth for a few final words, I want to thank all of you for coming, very much. I want to remind you that we have First Person every Wednesday until the 25th of August. So that means next Wednesday, on the 5th of May, at 1:00 PM, we'll present another First Person.

And our "first person" next week will be Mr. William Luksenburg, who will tell us about his survival from a ghetto, forced labor camps in Germany and Poland, and a death march.

I'd also like to mention that there is a very special exhibit here at the museum that closes, I believe, on May 12th, and that's a program, an exhibit called Life in Shadows-- Hidden Children in the Holocaust. And I sure hope that if you've not seen, you might be able to find a way to see it before it closes.

It's our tradition at First Person that our "first person" has the last word. And with that, I'd like to turn it to Ruth to close with a few thoughts about whatever she wants to share, and maybe a little bit about why she does the work she does here at the museum.

Oh, let me tell you one thing. If you live in the area, don't miss Mr. Luksenburg next week. I know him in person, and I know his experiences in person, and-- come back. It is worth your while to listen to this man.

Another thing, that I just love to work for the museum. I feel that I give something back, because I am alive, and I want to help the museum in any way I can.

Another thing-- please don't forget the 6 million Jews that were killed, and killed in concentration camp, or wherever. It is so sad just to think, all those families that never had a chance to survive. Thank you.

[APPLAUSE]

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.