

- Taking at night and weekends. And I remember there's this saying, meet your spouse at the Hillel House. And they tell you exactly what happened. Of course, Hillel House, the kitchen for the fraternities very often didn't serve meals on nights or holidays. I think students came to the Hillel House and used the kitchen. And I gave them a lecture.

You see there, this is for milk, and this is for meat. And you must not mix those up. See that's the Jewish law. Lo and behold, five minutes after I gave that lecture, I come down. It's all mixed up. And there was a redhead, and said, tell me about it. And I told her about it.

Unfortunately, I lost her after 38 years marriage. But I have been very fortunate. I married twice, again, Gluckstein.

And Jill Pauly, who is also from Berlin asked--

Cologne.

Cologne, I'm sorry. Asked the question about how many Jews survived or were in Berlin. The fact that your father was able to go back and re-establish himself as a judge seems extraordinary. Was it?

In some degree, yes. But actually, every effort has been made and is being made to make restitution of what has happened right now. There are still some parts of Europe where people are reluctant to recognize what happened or take responsibility. But right now, if you go back-- I have been back to Berlin, actually twice, first to show Ethel and then Maran, Berlin where I came from.

If you go now to Berlin, for instance, there's a sign on one of the major subway stations, a big sign stating places of horror never to be forgotten and lists the concentration camps. Or you go to a quarter of Berlin where many Jews used to live, and there's a sign, suddenly on one side. On that and that date, our Jewish fellow citizens were not permitted to have pets. Or another sign on the street on that and that day, our Jewish fellow citizens were not given any white bread and something. The efforts are being made.

I must say it's [INAUDIBLE] nice.

I have to use my prerogative here to ask another question. I know you probably have some more. But we mentioned earlier that Fritz is an opera buff. Tell us about listening to your first opera.

Yes. How I got hooked to opera, well the Jews were not permitted to have radios. But I had a little crystal set, if you know what it is, earphones, you didn't need electricity, no current. I had it hidden in a shoe box and under my bed, and I used to listen to that. Particularly you hear will there be-- they announced will there be an air raid. Usually is that we heard no planes over the Reich, and knew there wouldn't be any air raid. Anyhow, I used it.

And one day they said, tomorrow night an opera will be broadcast. Well, I had heard a little bit about opera here and there, arias. Well, I said, tomorrow, let me, listen for half an hour. If I'm lucky, there will be no air raid and I can listen for half an hour to the opera. And I put on the earphone. It wasn't just half an hour. It was the opera, Tosca. And I listened. It was done in German. The diction was very good, and I could follow it. And I was hooked.

And actually, now I have a copy of this particular performance. And that's the way, more or less, I became an opera buff.

We are about to end our program. And I'm going to turn back to Fritz in just a couple of moments. I want to, one, thank all of you for being here for our final First Person of the year. I'd also like to acknowledge for all of us, I think we're aware that we've just compressed a seven-year period in a lifetime in just a very short while. And we can only get just but a glimpse. And Fritz, thank you for sharing that glimpse with us.

Before I do turn back to Fritz, I want to thank you again to say that this was our last First Person. We will have First Person again next year. We typically begin in March and last through the end of August. So please, if you are local,

come back to First Persons as often as you can, every Wednesday next year, between March and August. If you're visitors please check the website and maybe coincide your trip to the museum when we're actually having a first person on a Wednesday.

It is our tradition at First Person that our First Person gets the last word. And with that, I'd like to turn back to Fritz to conclude not just today's program, but this season's program.

Well, let me tell you, my motto is don't do unto others what you won't done to yourself. And let's be nice to each other. Let's do things now. Let's not put it off. Write that letter. Make that phone call. Make that visit. Read that book. And if you have two bottles of wine, drink the better one first.

[LAUGHTER]

[APPLAUSE]

I might mention that Fritz will be signing books outside for those who can stay for a little bit. Thanks.