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When did you find out that you were going to be leaving Germany? At what time did you find this out?

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But my parents found out. I didn't find out. I was one of the children.

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I was 15 going on 16. And it was actually my little sister who got us onto the kind of transport by coming home one day and saying a friend told her a secret there was no school anymore after the Kristallnacht that was the 9 November, the pogrom of the 9 November. There was no school. So she went to play with a friend and she came home telling a secret that her little friends were going to England.

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So my mother said, that's ridiculous. England who dreamt of England. Everybody was desperate to get away and most people had left it too late because a lot of the German Jews didn't themselves realise what was happening to them and what was going to happen. So they delayed and delayed some we call the clever ones, got away some years before when Hitler came to power.

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So my father went deeper into it and found out that there was such a thing. It wasn't called 'Kindertransport'. And it was just a transport going to England. And he went to the committee. There was a Jewish committee in every town village, almost where the Jews live, because the Jews have been impoverished.

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They lost their businesses and all their belongings already gradually over since 1933. So it was very important to get away. So he found out and he went to the committee. They had first denied that there was such a thing. And after he insisted they gave him two places, which was the three of us.

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They gave him a place for myself and my brother, who was twelve.