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0:27 min I was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1936 and stayed in the Jewish Hospital until 1949. I lived in a private apartment before Kristallnacht when my father was taken away in a “Paddy Wagon” and my mother retrieved him. We lived in the Jewish Hospital until the war was over.

Description of the hospital. My friend was little Eva. Mr. Dobberke¹ was a SS – we sometimes called him uncle. Both our fathers were physicians. My mother was a nurse and little Eva’s mother was a lab technician. We played in the basement. People in the Jewish Hospital were waiting for papers to go to Palestine. Count Bernadotte was Swedish and made a pact, and we were on the list to go to Palestine.

There were a group of children who were on the children’s ward. They were from mixed marriages. There was a police station and people too sick to be transported. Some high officials from Czechoslovakia. There was a sign on that ward – highly contagious.

7:45 min My parents had a fear and watched what they said. My father’s grandparents died before the war. My mother’s parents were on the second transport and had to dig their own graves. If you didn’t get food stamps, you knew you were going to be taken way.

I started school in 1945 and graduated at the proper age. I was born in 1938 in the Jewish Hospital. My days consisted on playing with little Eva. Former patients would help us. Once we got a salami.

15:00 min Raids at night – seeing people leave their houses. At 5 years old you didn’t know what was happening. In 1989 there was a 75th anniversary of the Jewish hospital. We found out later that Mr. Dobberke – the Nazi, on May 1, 1945, had orders to shoot us. I don’t remember if we celebrated Jewish holidays.

22:00 min Description of the hospital – Our apartment in the hospital. My father was a medical director after the war. Parents had large doses of morphine. We would never had gone to a concentration camp.

30:45 min Description and show the birthday card/storybook that was made for me on my 7th birthday by 3 Czechs who did not survive the war.

36:00 min Description of mass grave for my paternal grandparents.
Pictures of friend Rita.

40:27 min May 1, 1945 – liberated by the Russians.

¹ Walter Dobberke was head of the collection camp at the Jewish Hospital. [Richard Lutjens, *Submerged on the Surface*, p. 183.](#)