14:04:44 From Michael Simonson to Everyone: Please feel free to write down questions or comments in the Chat or in the Q and A. We will monitor both.

14:05:19 From Donald Kollisch to Host and Panelists: Should we put our names and homes in the chat?

14:05:29 From Peter Stern to Everyone: Will this be recorded for future viewing ?

14:05:44 From stephanielainoff to Host and Panelists: Thank you!

14:05:46 From Sam & Claire to Everyone: My question as well.

14:05:48 From Sophie Rupp (LBI) to Everyone: The event today is being recorded! It will be emailed to everyone who registered.

14:06:07 From Sam & Claire to Everyone: Great, thanks.

14:06:08 From Michael Simonson to Everyone: It is not necessary. Let me know if you would like us to note your name or where you are from when you ask the question or comment. This is being recorded for later viewing.

14:06:58 From Virginia Levin to Everyone: I've read all of her books including her books for children," Tell me a Mitzi."

14:07:43 From melissa to Everyone: To learn more about the Kindertransports, please check out the Kindertransport Association: www.kindertransport.org Lore is a much loved member.

14:13:00 From Lisa Goldman to Host and Panelists: Question for Lore Segal: I read somewhere — I think in an essay you wrote many years ago for The New Yorker — that you had been trying for years to write an accurate account of your escape from Austria. I wonder if you feel that you have since succeeded in telling that story?

14:13:13 From Jill Hyams to Everyone: Hello Lore. As an archivist at Surrey History Centre in England, I'm interested to hear about your time at Belcaro (Adorato in 'Other People's Houses') in Guildford, Surrey. We were contacted by the current owner of the house with whom you have corresponded. Was your time at Belcaro a positive experience? Jill

14:16:49 From alyce brown to Host and Panelists: What happened to the closed captions?

14:17:59 From Donald Kollisch to Everyone: My father, Stephen Kollisch, was 1 year older than Eva Kollisch; she has kept her German accent, but he lost his within a couple of years after getting to England on the KT and then to America.

14:20:15 From Sam & Claire to Everyone: And my mother, who was 13 when she boarded the train from Prague to London, developed a mixture of accents but sounded British to many even after leaving England at 18. Curious.

14:20:53 From Ronnie wolf to Host and Panelists: Perhaps that was a subconscious decision for your father. Mine too lost or did away with his German accent when he was 16 and arrived in England on Aug 31st 1939.

14:23:42 From Barbara Martensson to Everyone: My mother apparently retained her accent - I could not hear it but I always had friends and others who said the heard it.

14:24:24 From Marlo Poras to Host and Panelists: I’m curious how Lore has found the “interesting” times in which America has found itself the past couple of years, which have felt so uncertain and foreboding, especially given what she and her family lived through.

14:25:51 From Maya Halebic to Host and Panelists: Couldn’t agree more!

14:26:04 From khanta@middlebury.edu to Host and Panelists: Maybe because the language is more concise.

14:26:09 From Judith van Praag to Everyone: Perhaps the distance between the more emotional grounded German makes reading in English easier.

14:26:25 From khanta@middlebury.edu to Host and Panelists: English, I mean.

14:26:35 From golzberlim to Host and Panelists: Shorter sentences in English. Verb is not at end of sentence as with German.

14:26:45 From Judith van Praag to Everyone: I’m a native Dutch ESL reader/writer didn’t want to learn German in High school, yet picked it up and am fluid in reading and okay in speaking.

14:26:47 From N Toder to Host and Panelists: Have you or yr children considered applying for Austrian citizenship, possibly as a matter of principle?

14:26:49 From Sam & Claire to Everyone: I don't know, I just recall that my mother was put in a kindergarten class at 13 years old and within a year had learned enough English to move to a class with other 13 year olds so she must have picked it up very easily.

14:26:52 From Judith van Praag to Everyone: And a 2G.

14:27:19 From Judith van Praag to Everyone: The language is innocent, but it’s also more emotional, your mother tongue.

14:28:04 From Juliana Biro to Host and Panelists: I am multilingual - am 92 now, was on the Kindertransport and learned English quickly like Lore did. I then went to the Dominican Republic where I picked up Spanish the same way.

14:29:27 From Sam & Claire to Everyone: My mom retained Czech. When she returned for the first time in 1989 after she'd left in '39 she began to speak fluently! Kids are like sponges, and must retain language more than adults do or can.

14:29:41 From Elaine (she, her) to Everyone: At the age of 5 or 6, most children have mastered their native tongue.

14:29:41 From Barbara Martensson to Everyone: JV, I think that is a very perceptive comment. The emotional link. My mother initially rejected German and did not want to speak it in our home but would lapse into it with older relatives. I think as life went on, some of the animus towards speaking German (connected to anything German) became softened. MY father who was a linguist - I recall him saying German is a difficult language grammatically.

14:29:46 From janet to Everyone: My mother and aunts, arriving in NYC at 12 & 10, lost accents, learned English very rapidly, sounded like New Yawkahs. No one taught us (children) German. Perhaps it was easier to read English than German because-- even if it is unconsciously--it is one not wanting to read and revisit the past.

14:30:06 From judyb to Everyone: "tell me a Mitz"was my kids' all-time favorite book. They are 50+ now.

14:30:18 From Juliana Biro to Host and Panelists: I think as long as you are young, your palate is not fully developed and the structure of the vocal production is shaped by how you speak.

14:30:53 From Judith van Praag to Everyone: I wish we could save the chat, interesting convo here.

14:30:58 From carol friedman to Everyone: The English verb structure is much simpler than German, which pushes verbs to end of long sentences. German also links multiple words to form different verbs complicated.

14:31:05 From Sarah Iden to Host and Panelists: Love seeing you on this call, dear Lore!

14:31:08 From Sophie Rupp (LBI) to Everyone: We can save the chat and will make it available to the audience!

14:31:11 From Renate to Host and Panelists: A neutral answer for preferring reading in English vs German - the English language preference for shorter , clearer sentences helps to overcome to deal with the custom of German “schachtelsaetze.”

14:32:07 From Rachel Green to Everyone: Saving the chat would be great. Thank you LBI.

14:32:10 From Juliana Biro to Host and Panelists: Juliane Biro

14:34:19 From Judith van Praag to Everyone: Thanks Sophie!

14:37:43 From Ronnie wolf to Everyone: Lori, have you kept in touch with other KT individuals?

14:37:52 From melissa to Everyone: My mother left Vienna on Kindertransport and had an accent that was a mix of Viennese and English. She spoke German with her mother, but not with me or my sister. She did not want us to learn, but often there were mixups, with mother and grandmother asking us questions in German…

14:37:54 From Judith van Praag to Host and Panelists: I was a reluctant immigrant as well :-)

14:39:04 From Judith van Praag to Everyone: That you came to the US has been a gift to American students.

14:39:47 From Barbara Martensson to Everyone: Interesting that Lori did not want to leave England. My mother did not really want to come to the US (from England) but believed that she and her sister would reunite in the US. Her sister died shortly after the war in Germany.

14:39:55 From Lisa Goldman to Everyone: I would love to hear more about Lore’s uncle. She writes so poignantly about him, in a way that conveys how for some people being exiled & made a refugee is something one never recovers from.

14:41:08 From Lydia Pucci to Everyone: I thought I knew everything, but I never heard about the sausage your mother gave you. Lydia.

14:41:38 From Juliana Biro to Host and Panelists: I read German but it takes me longer because of the structure - German sentences are much more complex. I was asked to say something about our family on zoom in November, and while they wanted me to speak German I did not write or finally speak it in German, because I found it much easier to express myself in English, and they translated it, but I spoke English there. I am in touch with a historian who is transcribing some family letters and he tells me that my German is perfect, but I tell him that while I have no accent and understand it well, but I have never had to function in German in academia. My theses and papers were always written in English.

14:42:42 From Sam & Claire to Everyone: My parents had planned to travel with the family to Czechoslovakia in '68. It would have been my mother's first time back in her homeland since '39 but then the Soviets invaded, in August, and they had to change our travel plans.

14:45:54 From Juliana Biro to Host and Panelists: Please give us the Titles of Uri’s mother’s memoir or fiction.

14:49:24 From Sophie Rupp (LBI) to Everyone: ^ The Ground Under My Feet and Girl in Movement.

14:49:53 From Sophie Rupp (LBI) to Everyone: Our book club previously read The Ground Under My Feet. More info is available here: <https://www.lbi.org/events/lbi-book-club-vol-vi/>.

14:51:03 From melissa to Everyone: I don’t know if the Kindertransports have been statistically studied enough yet (people are working on this), but the idea was that children would do best in families. It seems now that many children did better in schools and hostels, where they were together with other refugee children.

14:52:47 From Sam & Claire to Everyone: An Anglican church sponsored my mom. A childless couple took my mother for 5 years until she could reunite with her mother who managed to get an exit visa and went to work as a domestic in Mexico City. My mother was one of two refugees who lived in Nottingham. She had a good experience there.

14:54:47 From Barbara Martensson to Everyone: My mother made contact with a distant relative in England, hoping they would take her sister, who was older. Instead they agreed to take my mother and she attended boarding school in Bournemouth. She said it was very difficult; she was told on her first night by her "guardian" that his wife did not speak German and therefore he did not want German spoken in the home. She was to speak only English.

14:55:58 From Judith van Praag to Everyone: The 2023 WFJSHD Conference will be August 25-28, 2023 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. Details to come soon!

14:56:25 From melissa to Everyone: The housing situations were organized quite quickly, urgently to get as many children out of the Reich as possible, and some situations were terrible, children taken in as servants, and many very good, with children made part of the family. All the children experienced tremendous disruption and sudden separation from family and home and language.

14:56:30 From Sophie Rupp (LBI) to Everyone: https://bookshop.org/p/books/her-first-american-lore-segal/11178380

14:56:35 From Judith van Praag to Everyone: Thanks so much, wonderful convo!

14:56:51 From David Gross to Host and Panelists: Thanks to both Lore and Uri for a wonderful hour!

14:56:54 From Sophie Rupp (LBI) to Everyone: Here’s our discussion with Lore on Her First American: <https://www.lbi.org/events/lbi-book-club-vol-iii-her-first-american-lore-segal/>.

14:56:56 From janet to Everyone: I am oddly gratified to see that you have included fiction in your memoir because when I have written fictional imaginings about my mother and aunts I felt I had to ask permission from them before publication.

14:56:59 From Susan Dellal to Host and Panelists: It was a fabulous book!!

14:57:01 From Ellie Knepler to Everyone: Thank you all so much

14:57:16 From Sophie Rupp (LBI) to Everyone: <https://www.lbi.org/podcast>.

14:57:18 From Elwynda to Everyone: Thanks so much.

14:57:19 From janet to Everyone: VERY illuminating--thank you for this

14:57:25 From Anita Konrad to Host and Panelists: Thank you so much for this wonderful conversation. Always a great pleasure listening to Lore Segal.

14:57:32 From Katrin Diehl to Everyone: Thank you so much!

14:57:32 From Barbara Martensson to Everyone: Very good - thank you.

14:57:37 From Jill Hyams to Everyone: Thank you. Very interesting. So great to be able to listen from across the pond

14:57:37 From Ora Gordon to Everyone: Always wonderful to see you, Lore. My father, Alexander Gordon/Abrascha Gorbulski, was honored to be in the documentary, “Into the Arms of Strangers” with you.

14:57:40 From Susan Dellal to Host and Panelists: Thank you!!