

Never Again

Survivors' Share Holocaust Testimony



Hidden Child Survivor
Rachel Miller

Stories of
Inhuman
Cruelty,

Righteousness
and
Survival

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Survivor
Dr. Ram Levy

Forty-two thousand (42,000) slave labor camps, ghettos or extermination camps were operated under the direction of German Führer Adolf Hitler.

Six million Jews were methodically murdered, as well as hundreds of thousands of Roma, homosexuals, disabled people, political opponents and other victims.

These people were shot, starved, tortured, and gassed.

“For evil to flourish, it only requires good men to do nothing.”

Simon Wiesenthal

The mission of The Hannah Ida Urman Foundation is to remember and learn about the innocent victims tortured and murdered by Hitler’s regime.

We believe that facilitating Holocaust educational programs that share the human stories of those who suffered and died bridges social and religious divides and enables communities to bond together, strengthening their commitment to combat anti-Semitism and prevent future genocides.

In memory of the victims of the Holocaust...

Honoring those who survived.

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for their continued efforts to educate and help us
reflect, learn and remember.



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Biography

Rachel Miller, ne Goldman

I was born in Paris in 1933, Rachel Goldman, and was one of four children. My father had moved from Warsaw to escape pronounced anti-Semitism in Poland. He thought Paris would be a safe haven to raise a family, where he had a brother and sister.

I recall we were a happy family in Paris before the German invasion. We were a singing family -- each Saturday night we would sing with my uncle's family.

In August 1941, my father and uncle were taken to Drancy internment camp outside Paris. When my mother went to visit him in December in the hospital there, he died in her arms. She later learned he was used as a Guinea pig to test drugs for killing purposes. My uncle suffered the same death. They were among the first Jews to die under German occupation.

I tried to lead a normal life by going to school like other children. However, in 1942, my mother sent me to summer camp outside of Paris. She said that I should tell people my name was "Christine", and do not tell anyone that you are Jewish. My mother, sister Sabine, and brother Henri were soon taken by the authorities. My brother Adolphe ran away to join the French Resistance. Life in Paris continued to deteriorate, and my aunt took me to an orphanage in 1944. Of the 60 children, three had parents come back for them.

Many years later I learned that after the round up in Paris, my mother, Sabine and Henri were taken to Auschwitz and killed. In total, 93 people in my family were killed.

Rachel is the widow of Milton Miller, the mother of two children and a grandmother of two. In addition to the Holocaust, she has survived breast cancer, a crippling illness that kept her in a wheel chair for 12 years, and the death of her son Mark in 1992; she mourns his passing each day.



In Honor of Yahrzeit
for Ben Fainer

Jill and Tom Barad

Biography

Ram Leon Levy, PhD.

I was born in Samokov, Bulgaria in 1933 and lived there until 1949 when we immigrated to Israel. My parents were Sephardic Jews whose ancestors settled in the Ottoman Empire following the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492. The total number of Jews in Samokov was about 700 who were living in a small open "ghetto". The total number of Jews in Bulgaria was about 50,000.

During WW2, my family endured various hardships and restrictions and was very close to being deported to the death camps. However, we survived thanks to the support from leading Bulgarian government officials and ultimately, thanks to the intervention of the King Boris III.

We arrived in Israel, early in 1949. I spent the first year there in a kibbutz where I studied Hebrew and worked on the farm. After high school, I served in the Israeli Army for two and one-half years, and I worked as a technician in chemical research. During 1957-1963, I studied at the Israel Institute of Technology (IIT) and received B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees in Chemistry.

During 1963-67, I conducted research at the Dept. of Plant Science at University of Manitoba, Canada and simultaneously worked towards my Ph.D., which I completed in 1967. In 1968, I was hired and relocated to St. Louis and began work as a Research Scientist for McDonnell-Douglas Research Labs, where I worked until I retired in 1998.

Dr. Levy met his wife Bilha in Holon, Israel; they have been married 56 years. They have three children and six grandchildren.

Thank you
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Mrs. Rachel Miller and Dr. Ram Levy
for sharing their life stories

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stories

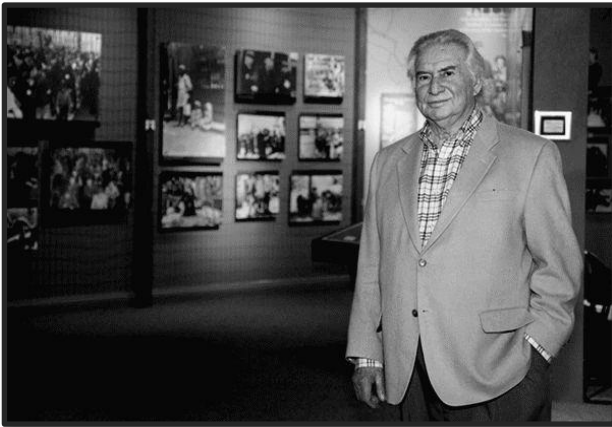
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