

Family Pictures of my Mom, a Holocaust Survivor

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After the painful remembrance at Yom Hashoah to the glorious day of Yom Hatzmaut today is the personal celebration of Liberation day. 70 years ago, my mother and one of her sisters were freed by the US Army (we think it was a unit of General Patton's third Army). By a coincidence a few days later the two sisters found their brother. From 96 people of the extended family deported at the end of May 1944, only 9 survived by May 1945. My mother wasn't yet 16 yrs old when she was taken to the camps.



My mom at 14 at home (my favorite picture).



A family photo of parents and the four siblings in 1939



A few months after liberation, being cared for by the USA medical teams, is my mother and two of her siblings.



At our Temple, at a Yom Hashoah remembrance – mother and one of those young US Army soldiers who was about 20 yrs old when he liberated camps in Europe, now lighting together a candle in the memory of those who perished.

My mother in the last photo is in relatively good health, enjoying her family, the picture was taken last summer in our house. Our eternal gratitude goes to all the allied soldiers who fought, sacrificed and freed the whole world.

