

## Shnip, Anton

Aron Babkis was a Jewish doctor in the town of Molodechno. He treated Anton Shnip's wife after she had given birth. It was only after a number of meetings that the doctor revealed his Jewish identity and told Shnip that his wife Hanna and her parents had already been murdered and that he did not know how to save his children. Shnip immediately promised to do his best.

Aron Babkis smuggled his two children, Ada and Yakob, from the Molodechno ghetto. Shnip hid them in his home for a brief period, before finding them a safer hiding place in May 1942. He brought Ada to live with his wife's aunt in the village of Legezy. The family presented the girl as the daughter of a Polish friend, and treated her as if she were their own daughter. Her brother Yakob was brought by Shnip to the home of Alexander Belsky in the village of Glei. There was no point in attempting to establish a false identity for Yakob, since it was clear to the neighbors that he was Jewish. The danger involved in hiding him was therefore that much greater.

After the area was liberated, Shnip wished to return the children to their family. Aron Babkis, however, could not be found, therefore Shnip contacted the missing father's family. In May 1945, the children's uncle arrived and took them with him to Moscow.