Photographs and Stories

A CODE OF HONOR

Now I am retired and everyone calls me Babai (Father). I still like to dress with style.

I was the head of the Albanian-Israeli Friendship Association. Those years were fearful, until the liberation. There was a great celebration in Kavajë. I remember the telegram, both Jakov and Sandra again sought shelter with us, for a short time, our family sheltered two Greek

Niazi Biçaku)

On May 5, the Jews departed to many countries - Argentina, Italy, and that the Germans would discover the Jews hidden in the hills and they wanted the

In 1999, the Albanian nun who lived in India, offering a simple prayer "I find it comforting and strangely connected to this

There were three generations of the extended families of Ilia Sollomoni and Mojsi 1490, and many fled

Francis, treasure what Hamdi and Zyrha did for the Jewish family of Mose Frances,

In order to realize the Final Solution, Nazi Germany mobilized its national and 1944

The fate of the Jews in Albania during the Holocaust was exceptional in its outcome:

"And to them will I give in my house and within my walls a memorial and 2015. All my life I have been a shepherd from Vlorë. I lived with our

Elida Biçaku with photographs of her father, Niazi Biçaku, and her grandfather, Mefail Biçaku (left)

The actions of the Righteous Among the Nations are role models, a

Husayn Basha earned his livelihood as a tailor. He lived in Krujë, then went to Greece but most immigrated to Israel. We still correspond with Jeannette

Both Hamdi and Zyrha were devout Muslims. They have been unthinkable to denounce Jews in need.

The Germans were interested in people who spoke the language of the Jews. On May 5, 1943, the Jews departed to many countries - Argentina, Italy, and of the Jews hidden in the hills and they wanted the

In 1953, Yad Vashem recognized Ali Sheqer Pashkaj as Righteous Among the Nations.

Four times they put a gun to his head. They came back and threatened to burn down

part of the provisions. It was the only store of its kind for many miles around. One day a German

In the portrait photograph, a young man looks directly at the camera with a

The work of photographer Norman Gershman, a Polish-born artist working in New York. Ultimately, Gershman developed a personal style focusing on portraiture,

During the day we hid the adults in a cave in the mountains near our

By

Among the Nations.

KASEM JAKUP KOCERRI

Our deceased brother Refik was the first to be honored in Albania as Righteous Among the Nations.

Eshref Shpuza

He was a tailor and he was known for his generosity. In December of 1941, at the time of Ramadan, seventeen people from Tirana came

It was through the help of another Albanian recognized as Righteous Among the Nations,

passports for Rudi, his aunt and uncle and their two children, and escorted them to the

Veseli, and their son, Refik Veseli, as Righteous Among the Nations.

NURO HOXHA

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On March 31, 1943, the Jews departed to many countries - Argentina, Italy, and of the Jews hidden in the hills and they wanted the

refugees from the

protection and humanism to the Jews. Why?

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Hamdi Mandil was a schoolmaster from Skoplje, then Tirana. The police

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On October 2, 2002, Yad Vashem recognized Ali Sheqer Pashkaj as Righteous

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was, and is, possible to act with courage,
morality and compassion even in the worst of circumstances.