

PAULA FRIED

Paula (Pessi) Fried was born in Munkacs in 1926, the second of five children. In 1944, she and her family were deported to Auschwitz. Pessi was separated from her family in a selection and sent to work in the "Canada Commando", where the luggage that Jews brought to Auschwitz was gathered and sorted. One day, another prisoner who also worked at the sorting facility approached her with an envelope containing seven photos of Pessi and her family, photos that her family members apparently brought and which were taken from them, along with all their other belongings, as they reached the camp.

In one of the photos, Pessi's younger siblings can be seen – Moshe-Aharon, Tzipi and Eti – outside their home in Munkacs in 1941. All three of them were murdered.

Pessi wrapped the photos in a piece of cellophane, on which she spread margarine and then inserted between two slices of bread. In this way she kept the photos safe even in other camps to which she was sent, until her liberation.



The photograph of Pessi Fried's family which she hid inside a slice of bread in Auschwitz.

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