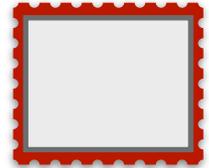


Sending for Help: An Introduction



The Family

Berlin:

Chaim Landsmann: Tailor. Originally from Poland but was a German citizen at the start of the correspondence. Married Malie in 1921.

Malie Landsmann (néé Lustgarten): Cousin to Minnie, Rose, and Fanny. Like her husband, Malie was born in Poland but had been living in Germany. Married Chaim in 1921.

Ida Landsmann: Daughter of Chaim and Malie. Born in 1926.

Peppi Landsmann: Daughter of Chaim and Malie. Born in 1937.

America:

Minnie Baum: Malie's main contact with her American cousins and the primary coordinator of efforts to get the Landsmanns out of Europe. She lived in Camden, South Carolina.

Rose Tewel: Minnie's sister, helped Minnie coordinate the funding and logistics of work to get the Landsmanns to America.

Fanny Adlestein: Cousin of Minnie and Rose. Lives in Harrisburg, PA.

Background

Chaim and Malie Landsmann lived in Berlin with their two daughters, Peppi and Ida. Chaim and Malie were both born in Poland, but lived in Germany from at least 1921. Chaim supported the family as a tailor. As the situation for Jews grew increasingly more dangerous, Malie reached out to her cousin Minnie Baum of Camden, South Carolina in 1938. The two had never met before.

By the time Malie first contacted her American cousin Minnie, the Nazis had been in power for five years. During this time, they enacted many sweeping anti-Jewish laws. In 1933, the year the Nazis seized power, Jews were barred from civil service. In the same year, the Nazi Denaturalization Law stripped foreign born Jews of their German citizenship. In



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