

PERSON THERE COULD BE NAME

YAD VASHEM Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority

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A Page of Testimony P.O.B. 3477 Jerusalem, 91034

Print Name NEERQVITS

First Name IRINA - RACHEL

Maiden Name FARKAS

Date of birth in approximate year NOVEMBER 21 1906

Place of birth town country BAR GITA - GUS. 3. FOR. ROMANIA

Name of mother of the deceased FINA **Name of father of the deceased** ABRAHAM

Place of work or business SEWING

Place of residence before the war 74A SALAZ

Place of residence during the war SEPARATE

Continuation of death when the year DECEASED BY HUNGARY JUNE 1944

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PLEASE FILL IN ALL THE INFORMATION IN BLOCK LETTERS. EACH VECTOR OF THE HOLOCAUST MUST BE INDICATED ON A SEPARATE FORM.

A Page of Testimony, stored in the Hall of Names

Israel Defense Forces, the Union of Local Authorities in Israel and the Israel media will cooperate to raise the public's awareness of the campaign. Children will be encouraged to contribute, by motivating their parents and grandparents to fill in Pages of Testimony and by reaching those Holocaust survivors and new immigrants living in old-age homes. In addition, educational material for students and teachers, as well as a campaign poster, will be distributed in Israeli high schools.

In the Diaspora, Yad Vashem will act in cooperation with Yad Vashem Societies worldwide. The Israeli Ministry for Foreign Affairs, B'nai Brith International, the Israel Public Council for Soviet Jewry, the World Jewish Congress, and the World Zionist Organization that are member organizations in the commemorative project "Unto Every Person There is a Name," Public Recitation of Names of Holocaust Victims on Yom HaShoah, since

its inception by Holocaust survivor Haim Roet, in 1989 will take part in the campaign. The Jewish Agency, Hadassah, the March of the Living, and other Jewish organizations will promote and publicize the campaign to their respective public. Pages of Testimony will be distributed in the Diaspora via these organizations.

The more Pages of Testimony these efforts yield, the more traces of our people's story will be preserved.

Thirty years from now, the Pages of Testimony will be among the written memoirs, audio and visual recorded testimonies, and oral testimonies of children survivors and the second generation, the safe-keepers of our fathers' and grandfathers' memory. Yad Vashem appeals to all - survivors, relatives and friends of the victims - to bear witness and testify to their fate.

To receive Pages of Testimony please call: 1-800-257-777.

For more information on the campaign and to download Pages of Testimony, enter Yad Vashem's internet site at:

<http://www.yadvashem.org.il>

Please return Pages of Testimony to: Yad Vashem Remembrance Authority, "Collecting Holocaust Victims' Names Campaign"

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“ Our God and the God of our forefathers, preserve this child for his father and mother, and may his name be called in Israel, Avraham Barouh, son of Alter.” Alter and Golda Meler’s son was blessed and named on his *Brit Mila*, in Poland, in 1933. The family lived in Lodz,

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the second largest Jewish community in Poland, with 223,000 members. Six years after this blessing, Lodz was occupied by the Germans. A few years later, Avraham Barouh and his mother Golda were deported from Lodz and killed in Chelmno.

A brief record on Avraham Barouh and Golda survives on a Page of Testimony in Yad Vashem’s Hall of Names. Their names are documented together with another two million names on Pages of Testimony that contain basic information on each person - a lifetime encapsulated on one page. That lifetime unfolds when recounted by the survivor who filled in the Page.

In the case of Avraham Barouh, the survivor is his uncle, his mother’s brother, Mordka Latanicki.

Through Mordka’s narration, Avraham Barouh’s life story comes alive.

Yad Vashem has joined forces with survivors and their descendants in an effort to preserve the victims’ memory on history’s pages. Menashe Davidowitz, who was only fifteen when taken to Auschwitz, has devoted two years to collecting the names of Jews from his hometown who did not return from the camps. Thus far, he has collected 4,000 names. Out of a community of 5,000, only 500 people survived. Davidowitz’s perseverance enabled him to obtain a list which includes the names of 1450 children born in his town from 1928 to 1944 and the names of 1700 parents. “It is likely that the 850 mothers were sent together with their children to their death. Paradoxically, the birth certificates of these children also serve as death certificates,” observes Davidowitz, now living in Ramat Hasharon, Israel.

Thirty years from now, who, among the

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Holocaust survivors, will be here to tell the story?

This year, on the eve of Martyrs’ and Heroes’ Remembrance Day, Yad Vashem is launching an urgent campaign in Israel and in the Diaspora to collect, document, and memorialize the names of the victims on Pages of Testimony. The President of Israel, Ezer Weizman; the Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu; Chairman of the Israeli Knesset, Dan Tichon; President of the Supreme Court, Judge Aharon Barak; Israel’s Chief Rabbi, Rav Israel Meir Lau; The Rishon Lezion Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rav Eliyahu Bakshi Doron; and the Minister of Education, Rav Itshak Levi; together with the Chairperson of the Center of Organizations of Holocaust Survivors in Israel, Moshe Sanbar; the Chairman of the International Council of Yad Vashem, Dr. Josef Burg; and the Chairman of the Yad Vashem Directorate, Avner Shalev have undersigned a letter addressed to the citizens of Israel urging their participation in the national campaign for the collection and memorialization of victims’ names.

The letter and a Page of Testimony will, via the Friday newspapers prior to Remembrance Day, reach as many Israeli homes as possible.

In Israel, the Israeli Society for Yad Vashem leads the campaign. The Youth and Society Administration of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport, Survivors’ organizations, the Israel Association of Community Centers, the

