

Ethel (née Roth) Perl
b. 11 November 1907, Boród
Courtesy of Joan Perl Gray, USA

My grandmother, Ethel Roth Perl was born in Boród (Brid) 11 November 1907. She married my grandfather, Irving (Israel Chaim) from Also Apsa, in a double wedding shared with her sister, Rachel Roth Lieberman.

David Gelb conducted both ceremonies. She was the daughter of Zola Roth b. 1862 who had a butcher shop and served as a local magistrate. (Zola's parents were Hersch and Malca Roth)

Zola died sometime before 1929 because my uncle was named for him. Her mother was Regina Roth b 1860 and killed at Auschwitz.

Ethel had 6 sisters and one brother Martin who died before the war. Her sister Sarah Roth Weis was murdered in Auschwitz (along with 2 daughters Ethel and Gizzy) Sarah's son Herman survived the camps and post war remarried in Russia and ultimately moved to Israel. Herman's son Norman also survived the camps and after the war came to live with his uncle Bernard who had gone to NY.

Norman said that his Dad had a still in the cellar and made alcohol. Some years ago he returned to see his home and the owners still use the still. It is difficult to get information from him because he does not talk about the war.

Sarah's daughter Rita also went to NY. My grandmother did say that Sarah's other children Leiba, and Irvin died in the camps, but she never told me where they settled.

Ethel and Irvin lived in Brod a number of years and had 3 sons born there: Albert, Zola, and Morton (my Dad b 1932).

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Due to economic hardship they moved to Also Apsa and a daughter Elaine was born there. The story of their survival is a miracle.

Below is the passport photo for my grandmother and her children who left Also Apsa in December 1939 and arrived in New York on the Manhattan January 1940, on the last US ship to leave Genoa.

