

# Mauskopf family of Komlosh

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My great-grandfather, Menashe Mauskopf, was a wealthy man. He owned most of the town and owned the *shul* (synagogue) as well.

My grandfather, Herman Mauskopf, inherited his father's home with fields for farming and huts for the workers to live in. My mother went to school in Beregszász by train everyday. Her religious education came from listening in when the *melamed* (religious teacher) came to their home to teach the boys in the family. Many people passing through the town stayed at their home. The poor who needed assistance were always welcome and given a hot meal and a bed for the night. During WWII, their home was used as headquarters for the army.

My mother, one brother and three sisters survived the war. After the war, they returned to Komlosh [Khmil'nyk (Komlós)] and found their former workers living in their home. The workers were shocked to see that anyone from the family was alive. They told the family they could sleep on the floor.

They stayed overnight and looked for family valuables---which they did not find---and knew they had to move on.

My mother and one of her sisters settled in New York. Her two sisters and one brother went to Israel illegally. They were placed in a DP camp in Cypress before entering Israel.

My mother lives in Queens and she has a one sister living in Israel.