

Alfred Munzer
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Born on November 23, 1941 in The Hague, The Netherlands

Parents, Simcha and Gitel, sisters - Eva (1936) and Leah (1938)

May 1940 - German invasion, tightening of restrictions

Early 1941 - Gitel became pregnant, obstetrician advised abortion

November 1941 - doctor refused to assist, Alfred born at home, was circumcised, mother carried photos of ceremony with her throughout the war

May 1942 - Simcha called up to work camp, faked suicide attempt to get into the hospital

September 1942 - Eva and Leah hidden in a Catholic family named Jansen

Alfred given to a friend, Annie Madna

Gitel worked as an attendant in Simcha's hospital

October 1942 - Alfred hidden in Tole Madna home, Annie's ex-husband who was of Indonesian descent and father of 3 children, Dewi, Dewie and Rob. Alfred taken care of by Indonesian nanny, Mima Saina

December 1942 - Hospital raided, parents taken to prison, to Westerbork, to Vucht, then to Auschwitz. Gitel sent to Reichenbach, then to 9 other camps and was liberated in Ravensbrueck. Simcha died in Ebensee.

Alfred stayed inside the house and in the backyard, never going out the front door. Tole said Alfred was the illegitimate child of his ex-wife. Alfred would look out of the mail slot, hide under the stairs when the house was being searched. The family was very warm, loving and protective. The last winter there was no food so people ate tulip bulbs.

Mr. Jansen fought with his wife, denounced her and Alfred's 2 sisters. Eva and Leah died in Auschwitz. Mrs. Jansen was deported and survived the war.

August 1945 - Gitel came to Madnas, stayed a few weeks, opened a business

Gitel remarried, moved to Brussels, divorced. Alfred went to Yeshiva in Antwerp.

1958 - Gitel and Alfred immigrated to the United States

Alfred went to medical school, served in the military. Is now a pulmonary physician. Was president of the American Lung Association

Kept in close touch with the Madna family. Went to Papa Madna's funeral. Arranged for Adas Israel Synagogue in Washington, DC to honor the family. He has also contacted Yad Vashem. The Madnas have been recognized by the Queen of The Netherlands.