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Summary

Amalia Miller (née Weisman) was born in 1934 in Stanislawow, Poland (now Ivano-Frankivs'k, Ukraine). Her mother was Pero, her father was Mondich (?), a butcher. She had one brother, Zigmund, three years older than her. They had three housekeepers, one of whom was Helena Ruczkan. Helena saved Amalia's life and after the war received widespread recognition as Righteous Among the Nations in Melbourne, Australia in 1996.

The family's ordeal started when the family was moved to the ghetto after the war began. In 1942, the Gestapo took her mother and brother to the train station. Amalia managed to escape to hide with her father's sister for a few months. After the Gestapo arrested and killed her aunt and her son, Amalia was cared for by people whose name she didn't know. Soon, Helena learned of Amalia's situation and took her in and hid her. Helena's husband had died much earlier and her son was living in the country, but he was wounded and died shortly after the war.

Helena had a German officer as a boarder who inadvertently discovered Amalia, but instead of turning her in, he became fond of her and maintained her secret. The officer after, checking with his wife, contemplated adopting her. They made plans to bring her back to Germany but by that time, he decided that it would be better to wait for the approaching Russians.

Amalia has tried without success to find the man or his family since the war.

Helena has remained with Amalia's family since the war and is devoted to Amalia's children and grandchildren.