

Columbia Survivors

Rebuilding their lives

"I carry inside me a very unpretty past. . . others should not experience [such things] in their future. Let us appreciate the freedom we have and guard it."

Captured near Warsaw soon after the German's invaded his native land, Felix was sent to work in a German camp where he worked hard with little to eat, sometimes in the bitter cold. Eventually, the Nazis transported him to Auschwitz concentration camp. Felix endured his awful conditions and hailed his liberators in 1945. He immigrated to Columbia, S.C. with his wife, Bluma, and their newborn son. Two more children were born to them in Columbia. His hardworking nature combined with a deep sense of responsibility earned him respect and admiration from all whom he worked with. He loved to make people laugh while he enjoyed life to the fullest. "Life is great!" was his favorite thing to say.



Felix Goldberg
Native of Kalisz, Poland
1917-2000



"Like others, I have mixed feelings about having survived the Holocaust, but it was most important that we defeated Hitler's attempt at genocide of our people."

Bluma T. Goldberg, native of Pinczov, Poland



Bluma and Felix Goldberg

Bluma and Felix Goldberg's extended family.



"I carry within me an unexplainable anxiousness or guilt that my parents withstood such atrocities. This guilt propels me to do the right things, to be a good Jew, to be a good citizen. It is now up to my generation to educate and tell my parents' stories, so that genocide will never happen again."

Karl Goldberg,
son of Bluma and
Felix Goldberg



David Miller

"Do not take your family for granted; keep them close to you. No matter how we feel today, what we lived through can happen again. We must never forget."

Cela Tysczgarten Miller,
native of Pinczov, Poland
1923-2000



Cela Tysczgarten Miller

Cela and David Miller's extended family.



The second oldest of six children, Cela and her family were imprisoned by the Nazis early on in Poland. She and her sister, Bluma, endured the brutal treatment at concentration camps such as Bergen-Belson before being liberated in 1945. She met her husband, David Miller, in a displaced persons camp in Germany. With the help of the Hebrew Benevolent Society, Cela and David immigrated to Columbia, S.C. in the early 1950s.

The couple raised two children, and became successful business persons in their new home. Later in life, they took on the mission of speaking to schools and colleges across the state about their experiences as Holocaust survivors.

"The Holocaust was not only a horrific event for the Jewry of Europe; it also demonstrated the disgrace of mankind's 20th century lack of humanity toward its fellow man."

Henry Miller, son of Cela and David Miller.



(Left to right)
Esther Goldberg, mother
Leon, brother
Bernard
Regina, sister.

"My parents, Luba and Bernard Goldberg, of blessed memory, taught us two lifetime lessons from their having lived through the horrors of the Holocaust.

First, to work so the world never forgets the Holocaust, lest its terrible inhumanity be repeated.

Second, to be always thankful, never bitter.

They were thankful, of course, for their survival and thankful for the difficult post-war journey that eventually brought them together in Cyprus and, later, to their first taste of freedom in the new State of Israel. But most of all, they were thankful for the opportunity to start a wonderful new life and raise their children in America, in their welcoming hometown of Columbia, South Carolina."

Esther (Goldberg) Gordon, daughter of Luba and Bernard Goldberg

The Luba and Bernard Goldberg extended family.

