



JGS of Greater Miami

At the Greater Miami Jewish Federation

4200 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami Florida

Sunday May 22 2016, 11:00 am

Dr. Peter Tarjan: A child at the Holocaust

Peter Tarjan will present his extensive search for a Jewish child whose tracks had disappeared in Budapest in 1945.

This presentation is part of a project of seeking records of the plight of children in Hungary and find those who may have survived but their tracks also disappeared.

The speaker will describe his search for Miklos Reisman in cooperation with Kathy Altman, first cousin of Miklos.

Miklos was the son of Jenó Reisman, the brother of Kathy's mother, and his mother's maiden name was Ilona Stern. Miklos was born in Uzhgorod, Czechoslovakia in 1937. The area was annexed to Hungary in 1938 and it is today in Ukraine.

Jenó was drafted into the forced labor service for Jewish men and disappeared on the Eastern Front. Ilona moved to Budapest in 1944. She was probably forced into the infamous Eichmann March in November, 1944.

Kathy Altman began to search for Miklos in the 1990s. Ilona did survive and returned to Budapest, but her tracks also disappeared. Ilona's brother, Martin Stern, was living in Israel after the war.

Although the search has been inconclusive, it has produced numerous documents which may be exploited toward establishing the identities and fates of many of the children whose fate has not been recorded. There were probably thousands of Jewish children who were taken to Israel, where many had changed their names and some were too young to remember their lives during the war.

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