



FOR THE BRS TEHILLIM CIRCLE MEMBERS AND BEYOND...

BRS Tehillim Circle's Inspirational Message for Tishrei 5778

A New Year filled with amazing potential!

For those of you who are part of our BRS Tehillim Circle, thank you so much for your continued commitment to reciting your Tehillim assignment. We are definitely making a difference! Our brothers and sisters on our list are battling for their lives. Whether it is brain and other cancers, serious injuries from accidents or babies born with birth complications, they and their families are extremely comforted knowing that we are praying for them. In this merit, may Hashem renew our contracts for an amazing year for the holy work we do every day!! Amen!

As we approach the days of Awe, we can thank Hashem for not only sparing our community from the potential devastation of Hurricane Irma, but we also can be grateful for how those terrifying moments created a renewed and deeper relationship with Our Father in Heaven. May the joy and light of this salvation enlighten our Rosh Shana davening and usher in an amazing year!

The story I selected is from Aish HaTorah and is a beautiful example of a woman who had the courage to forge through the Holocaust and make the best of her life all the while knowing that 'God is protecting her'.

May you all be inscribed and sealed for a Happy and Healthy Year!

Blessings of Shalom,

Yocheved Hande
BRS Tehillim Circle Founder



<http://www.aish.com/sp/so/God-Protect-You-Grandmas-Necklace-She-Saved-from-the-Holocaust.html>

God Protect You: Grandma's Necklace She Saved from the Holocaust

by Dr. Yvette Alt Miller

The pendant's life-affirming message of hope gave her courage to embrace challenges throughout her life.

My grandmother risked her life for a cheap piece of costume jewelry she received when she was a baby. She smuggled it out of Nazi Europe in violation of strict rules that Jews not take jewelry with them as they fled.

The little pendant had a picture of a cherub on one side and the words, in swirling gothic German letters, "*Gott Schütze Dich*" (God Protect You) on the other side. Though Grandma wasn't particularly observant, she always felt that God was indeed her protector. That belief shaped her decisions for years to come.

In 1937, that meant deciding to leave Austria. Not everyone agreed with her. Grandma was a medical student at the University of Vienna. Her family was comfortable and she'd recently met a chemistry student who would one day become her husband.



My grandmother wearing the pendant



My grandmother's school in Vienna. She's second from left in front row. Many of the girls were passionate Nazis

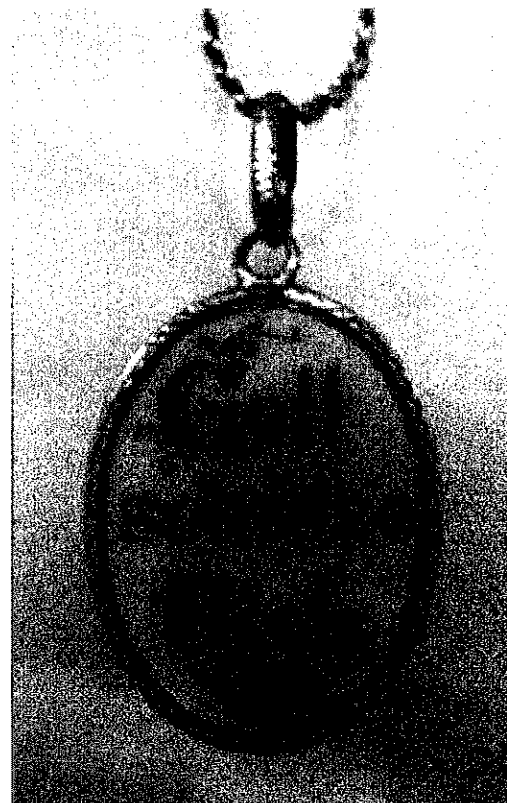
"How can you give this all up?" Grandma was often asked. But she was confident. With her steadfast belief that God was watching out for her, the fear of the unknown didn't daunt her and she made plans to leave.

"If you find yourself on a runaway train," she would tell people, "you'd be a fool not to get off." She dropped out of college and took a two-year job as a servant in London. She tucked her "*Gott Schütze Dich*" pendant in a secret pocket in her coat, along with some money – another violation of Austrian law that would have had serious consequences if she'd been discovered – and left everything behind.

Two years later, on the eve of war, Britain wanted to send her back to Vienna. Inspired by her example, Grandma's parents had obtained visas to America; they even got one for the chemistry student, my future grandfather. Unable to have my grandmother sign the visa application, they forged her signature. But the forgery had been discovered and the U.S. government officials would not let her in. And Grandma's two-year visa to Britain was nearly up.



Her University of Vienna ID photo



The pendant

She devised a plan. Every day she visited the American embassy in London and asked for a meeting with the ambassador, Joe Kennedy. It was an audacious move. Grandma's English was still poor, she was without connections, and in later years Ambassador Kennedy was notorious for allowing America's quota for Jewish refugees to go unfilled during World War II. But she was single-minded in her determination, drawing confidence from the pendant she wore around her neck which reminded her that she was never alone.

After weeks of requests, Grandma was shown into Joe Kennedy's well-appointed office. Stumbling over her English, Grandma explained how her family had visas to the U.S., and how her mother felt no option but to fill in my grandmother's application herself.

Ambassador Kennedy listened in silence, then leaned back, looked at Grandma and said the words that saved her life: "Alright Miss Dubskey, I'll grant you your visa. America needs more girls with spunk like you."

Life in the U.S. was hard but the same trust that Grandma showed when she was young never left her. She always felt that she wasn't alone and that she'd somehow find the strength to confront the unknown challenges that faced her. She didn't feel she was special; the fate of her friends and relatives in Europe showed her that sometimes there was no protection from evil. But Grandma was also keenly aware that it's up to each of us to try to take advantage of all the opportunities in our lives.

Soon after arriving in the U.S., the apartment Grandma shared with my grandfather and her parents was robbed. The few meager possessions these poor immigrants had were taken; my grandmother even lost her wedding ring. But her "*Gott Schütze Dich*" pendant wasn't stolen and its words continued to shape the way Grandma looked at the world.

It was important for her to join a Jewish community, something she insisted that my parents do so as well. "A family needs a synagogue," I remember her explaining to my parents when I was a child. Grandma was fascinated by the Torah, and sometimes I went with her to her weekly classes where she'd explore Jewish texts. Grandma's fearless zest for life extended into every area, including the intellectual.

When my grandfather died at the young age of 42 in a tragic accident, my grandmother was able to find love a second time, marrying my step-grandfather when she was in her sixties. "I've had two wonderful marriages," she once told me, explaining how she viewed both as presents from Above. No matter how difficult things might have been, she looked at the world as an amazing miracle in progress and never lost her wonder at it all.

With her second husband, Grandma was able to fulfill her lifelong passion to visit Israel. Long before Israel was the "Start Up Nation", when it was still struggling economically and visiting the Jewish state was difficult, Grandma believed that it was the future of the Jewish people. She learned Hebrew and encouraged me to study it as well. She kept a large picture of Jerusalem on her apartment wall. When I was young Grandma told me she believed that one day most Jews in the world would live in Israel. It seemed so improbable at the time, but today it's the reality.

Grandma lived through some of the most seminal events in Jewish history, including the Holocaust and the State of Israel. With her motto "*Gotte Schütze Dich*" she saw the presence of the Divine throughout her life.



My grandmother, Francie Dubsky, in London where she worked as a servant 1937-1939



My great-grandmother's passport picture to leave Austria, with Nazi stamps



Wedding photo of my grandmother Francie and grandfather Henry Alt



My grandmother with her second husband Frank Weinman



My grandparents with my father in Chicago 1944

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WOMEN'S TEHILLIM REFUAH SHLAYMAH

September 21, 2017

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Avigile Malka bat Chana Yehudis
Alta Haita bat Devorah
Tziona bat Sara
Shoshana bat Rochel
Zeesa bat Gnessa
Tziporah bat Chana
Devora Elka bat Sara
Devorah bat Pesel
Cyrel Libah bat Chana
Sara Leah bat Maya Elanit
Eta Chaya bat Rachel
Shoshana bat Bella
Gila Fruma bat Ita Chaya
Shulamit Hinke bat Gittel
Riwella bat Freida
Chana Naomi bat Esther
Daniella Gittel bat Rus
Bracha Avigayil bat Rochel Geeta
Naomi Orah bat Tatiana Shalhavet
Iris bat Daisy
Dina Gayla bat Faiga Chava
Yocheved bat Freidel
Chaya Yocheved Alexandra
bat Chaviva Tova
Esther Revela bat Fruma
Sprintza Shaindel Bat Henya Rochel
Shayna Rochel bat Feige
Sara bat Chaya
Dina Malka bat Devorah Tsiral
Avigayil bat Rochel Geeta
Ariella Simcha bat Sarah Leah
Esther bat Doba
Aliza bat Mesodi
Suri bas Lea
Sara Faige bat Bluma
Luba bat Chana
Dina bat Chaya
Baila Ruth bat Sarah
Ayelet Mariah bat Ranana
Blima Yosefa bat Chaya
Esther Hadassa Chaya bat Pearl
Orli Rachel bat Yehudis Rus
Liba Rivka bat Esther Malka
Rachel Esther bat Devorah
Muna bat Salima Shulamit
Rochelle bat Rivka
Leah bat Mechel L'Chaya

Benyamin Eliezer Ha Levi ben Isrus
Aryeh Michael ben Liza
Chaim Yitzchak ben Shaindel Hinda
Eitan Nissim Tzvi Ben Vera Faiga
Nechemia ben Shayna
Eliyahu Pesach ben Rachel
Shlomo Yehoshua ben Esther
Aharon ben Ora Chana
Daniel ben Ahava
Shmuel ben Hannah
Eitan ben Deena
Chaim Bare haCohen ben Chaya
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Izzy ben Tebal
Dovid Yosef haLevy ben Etle haCohen
Chaim ben Ziporah haLevy
Yaakov Dovid ben Avigail
Yisrael Aaron ben Bayla Golda
Israel ben Josefa
Yosef Issac ben Yehuda Moshe
Walter Spatz ben Yisrael
Moshe Lazar ben Shayna Chaya
Menachem Koppel ben Faiga Hannah
Yerachmeil Eliyahu ben Esther Revela
Yisroel Moshe ben Yocheved
Moshe Zvi ben Rochel Leah
Arieh Leib ben Baila Rochel
Shalom Meir ben Perel
Benzion ben Chana
Isaac Shaya ben Taliya Levana
Shmuel ben Eva
Moshe Dovid ben Hannah
Shmuel ben Chana Menucha
Yerachmiel Moshe ben Hinda
Pinchas Tzvi ben Yechezkel
Arkady ben Chaya
Alexander ben Roza
Leo ben Leah
Baruch Tzvi ben Rikva Baysa
Simcha Shmaryahu ben Ita
Yehudah ben Rochel
Tuvya Yaakov ben Masha
Yoel ben Etel Tziviva
Mordechai ben Hassya
Josef ben Rochel
Yaakov Moshe ben Gittel

WOMEN'S TEHILLIM CIRCLE SCHEDULE

On Thursday, September 21, 2017, Rosh Chodesh Tishrei
please rotate to the next 3 Psalms as follows:

PSALMS	READER/S	PSALMS	READER/S
1-3	Bonnie Weinreb & Baila Kaplan	79-81	Becky Michael
4-6	Leah Chana Levy & Chaya Sura Bukhover	82-84	Pam Cohen
7-9	Rhona Cohen & Tova Goldberg	85-87	Bonnie Jacobson
10-12	Ruth Bejar	88-90	Pam Silverman & Davida Nakdimen
13-17 (5)	Debbie Rand	91-93	Joyce Hacker & Andrea Lieberman
18	Jackie Lome & Elana Belizon	94-96	Marion Santhouse
19-21	Sarah Margolies & Rita Rubin	97-99	Rachel Bensimon & Shari Matz
22-24	Rosalie Somsy	100-102	Anna Cohen & Eliana Galer
25-27	Chana Feinberg	103-105	Avigayil Alpern & Margo Rosman
28-30	Ellen Averbook & Jane Teichner	106-108	Penny Pearlman
31-33	Carolynn Jarashow and Gigi Kaminetzky	109-111	Gila Griner
34-36	Betty Maikhor	112-114	Marissa Levenson
37-39	Sara Schandelson	115-118 (4)	Beth Plotkin
40-42	Susan Siedler and Shifra Coker	119 (1-96)	Gwenn Lerman & Shoshana King
43-45	Michal Marcus	119 (97-176)	Georgina Rice
46-48	Suzanne Scheiner	120-123 (4)	Shirley Girnun
49-51	Chani Salamon & Fay Eisenberg	124-126	Betty Goldberg
52-54	Linda Melcer & Orly Sabag,	127-129	Diane Charme & Leora Rosenberg
55-57	Malka Morris & Miriam Fox	130-132	Rochelle Ettetdgui
58-60	Carol Hordish & Mimi Furst	133-135	Susan Rotsztajin & Ana Kan
61-63	Tova Gil & Bruia Kodsi	136-138	Jean Cohen & Irene Berger
64-66	Yocheved Hande	139-141	Carol Kahn
67-69	Dorothy Perkins & Tamar Nawy	142-144	Pam Abitbol
70-72	Amy Wolnerman & Caroline Kalter	145-147	Esther Abrams
73-75	Sara Brudnoy	148-150	Tanya Reinfeld & Toby Albert
76-78	Deena Kunken, Sari Halpern and Helene Silkin		