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A Jewish prayer, the Unetaneh Tokef tells of a heavenly book where “On Rosh Hashanah it is inscribed, and on Yom Kippur it is sealed - how many shall pass away and how many shall be born, who shall live and who shall die,”

In 1982, Marvin Fredman, Harry’s son, created a list/chart of the extended Ferdman—Fredman family. Some had died before the Second World War started. Many were killed in the holocaust.

Marvin’s grandmother (my grandmother) Kaila was born in a shtetl called Ausditich. (??? present day Oziutychi.) Her father, Yitzhak Meister married twice.

Yitzhak’s first wife, Sarah Breindel had two daughters. The oldest, Rachel, was born before Kaila, and she **had three children. All were murdered.** Kaila was born in 1871. When she was a few days old her mother died of a childbirth related illness.

Yitzhak remarried and had three more children: **Goldie, Asher, and Rivka, (Misha’s mother.) All were murdered in the holocaust.**

Of the Ferdmans: Our great grandfather, Sracheel had 5 children
Son Aharon was born in 1866 and moved to the U.S. shortly before the First World War. He and his children survived.

Son Shlomo Moshe was born in 1868 and died in Europe in 1936. His wife and all his children were in the U.S. when the Nazis invaded Poland.

Daughter Rachel married Yaacov Ehrlich, and lived in a nearby shtetl, Rozysce. She had five children. One son, Zev, moved to Palestine when it was still part of Turkey.

Three of their children were living in Europe when the Nazis invaded Russia in 1941. They were murdered.

Daughter Leah was married and lived in Torczyn. She had three children. **They were murdered.**

Brother Elyah probably died before the Second World War. He had 5 daughters. 2 moved to Argentina in the 20s or 30s. **The other 3 were living in Torczyn when the town Jews were taken to the cemetery and shot to death.**