

**April 10, 1939**  
The Kurc family's gathers for Passover, as Addy tries to get home from France



**September 27, 1939**  
Poland falls and is divided by the Soviets and Germans

**June 20, 1940**  
Genek and his wife Herta are shipped to Siberia along with over 1 million other Poles



**January 15, 1941**  
Granted an illicit visa, Addy boards a boat out of France; it takes him 7 months to reach the shores of Brazil

**June 22–30, 1941**  
When Germany attacks the Soviet Union, massacres take place by both powers, resulting in the deaths of thousands of Jews

**September 1941**  
After the Soviets grant amnesty to Poles detained in work camps, Genek and his family make their way to Palestine. Genek joins Anders's new Polish Army

**August 5, 1942**  
Jakob and Bella escape from the work camp factory in Radom



**August 4–17, 1942**  
Radom's ghettos are liquidated and some 28,000 Jews are either murdered or deported to Treblinka

**February 1943**  
Genek is reunited with Mila's husband at a Polish Army camp in Tel Aviv

**July 1945**  
The Kurc family remaining in Poland crosses the Austrian Alps on foot—led by a now pregnant Halina—to reunite with Selim, Genek, and his family in Italy

**September 1, 1939**  
Germany invades Poland

**September 7, 1939**  
Jakob and Genek are conscripted into the army and sent to Lvov

**September 17, 1939**  
The Soviet Union invades Poland



**October 27, 1939**  
Nechuma, Sol, Mila, and Felicia are forced out of their Radom apartment and into the Jewish ghetto, whose doors are sealed 6 months later

**October 3, 1940**  
France, now divided, abolishes the civil rights of its Jewish citizens

**March 17, 1941**  
Genek and Herta's son, Józef, is born in the barracks of their Siberian labor camp



**July 18, 1941**  
Using a fake ID, Halina gets her husband out of a work camp by posing as his German wife

**April 1942**  
Mila and Felicia make a daring escape from the ghetto in Radom. Mila and Felicia make a daring escape from the ghetto in Radom

**August 15, 1942**  
Halina bribes a guard to release her parents from the Walowa ghetto and finds them a hiding place with a family in the Polish countryside



**February 1943**  
Mila leaves Felicia in a convent in hopes that her daughter will avoid being captured and killed

**May 8, 1945**  
Germany surrenders and Allied victory is proclaimed in Europe

**June 30, 1946**  
The Kurc family reunites with Addy in Brazil while Jakob and Bella begin a new life in America