
Where Are They Now?

It comes as no surprise that at war's end, the Kurcs had no interest in returning to Poland. Below is a brief explanation of where the family decided to settle once they made it safely to the shores of the Americas. 'Home' became Brazil, the United States, and later France. The siblings kept in close contact, mostly by letter, and visited each other whenever they could, often for Passover.

Mila and Selim remained in Rio de Janeiro, where **Felicia** attended medical school. Upon graduating, she met a Frenchman and a few years later moved to Paris to start a family. After Selim passed away, Mila followed her daughter to France. Today, Mila's grandson lives in her old home in the Sixteenth Arrondissement, just blocks from Felicia and her husband, Louis, whose elegant apartment looks out on the Eiffel Tower. Mila kept in close touch with the nun who took Felicia in during the war. In 1985, thanks to Mila's nomination, Sister Zygmunta was honored posthumously as a Righteous Among the Nations.

Halina and Adam put down roots in São Paulo, where Ricardo's sister Anna was born in 1948. They shared a house with **Nechuma and Sol**, and **Genek and Herta** lived close by with their two sons, Józef and Michel. To repay Herr Den for saving her life during the war, Halina sent regular checks to him in Vienna. She and Adam never told their firstborn of his real birthday; Ricardo was in his forties and living in Miami when he discovered that he was born on Italian soil and not in Brazil as his birth certificate indicated.

In the States, **Jakob and Maryla** landed in Skokie, Illinois, where Victor's younger brother, Gary, was born and where Jakob (Jack, to his American friends and relatives) kept up his career in photography. They remained close with **Addy** (who changed his name to Eddy) and **Caroline**, who settled in 1947 in Massachusetts, where Kathleen's sister (Georgia's mother), Isabelle, and their brother, Timothy, were born. Eddy travelled often to visit the family in Illinois, Brazil, and France, and continued to make music; he produced a number of recordings, both popular and classical, composing up until his death.

As of 2017, Nechuma and Sol's grandchildren, along with their spouses and progeny, number more than one hundred. Among them are pianists, violinists, cellists, and flautists; engineers, architects, lawyers, doctors, and bankers; carpenters, motorcyclists, lawmakers, and photographers; naval officers, event planners, restaurateurs, DJs, teachers, entrepreneurs, and writers. They are scattered throughout Brazil, the United States, France, Switzerland, and Israel, but still make an effort to come together every few years. Their most recent gathering was in February of 2017, when over twenty Kurc descendants gathered in New York City to celebrate the launch of *We Were the Lucky Ones*.