

Tank Commander Saves Fellow Jews From Gas Chambers



Tank Commander Stops Death Train



One Of The Nazis On The Train



She Just Got Out Of A Death Camp?



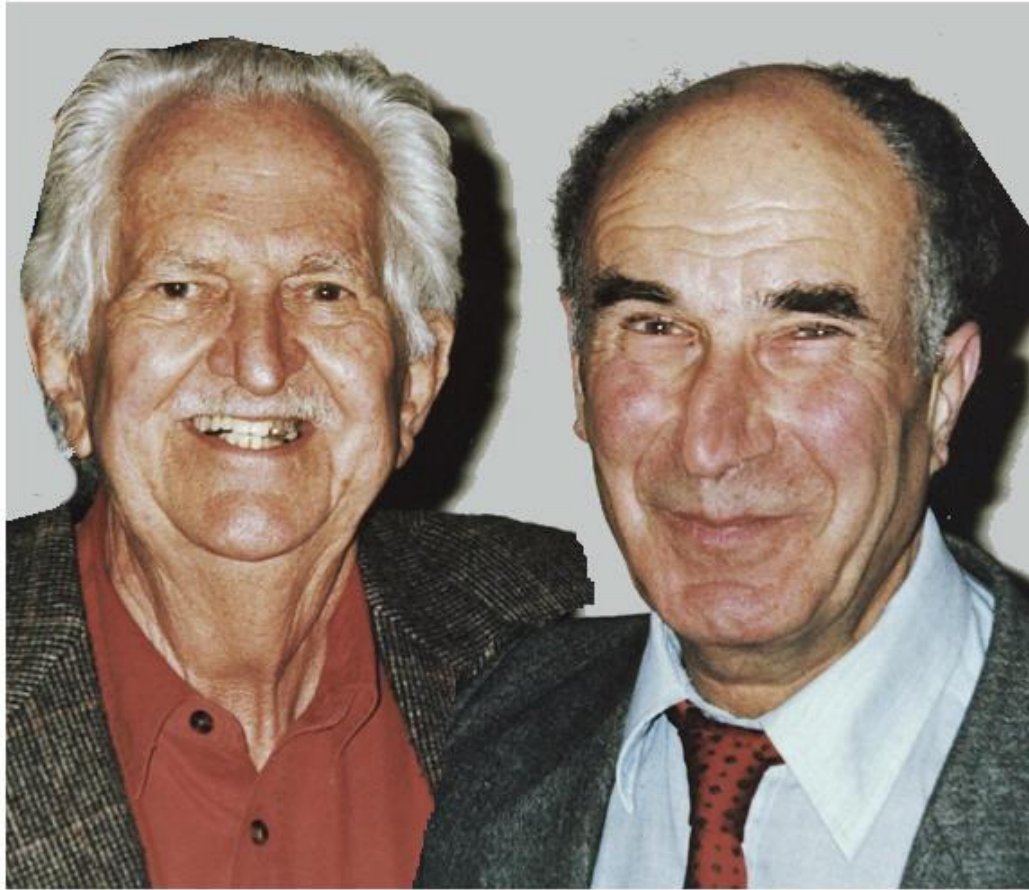
These Are Starving Concentration Camp Survivors?



Harvey Gross Stopped A Train Headed For Auschwitz



Micha Tomkiewicz and Fred Spiegel Were On The Train



The Americans Never Got That Far



Auschwitz Was Liberated Four Months Earlier On Jan 17, 1945



Who Actually Believes This Garbage

Izzie Gross, a tank commander, whose Sherman tank faced down a 'Death Train', shows up at a local high school with three survivors. Oddly the dates are off, the camps were liberated four months earlier, but who are we to doubt?

Maybe the Nazis were going to break through the Russia lines, crash in Auschwitz, and gas these poor survivors?



George Gross Stops Death Train

Captains Gross and Walsh didn't know what to expect when his patrol came across a train as they dashed across northern Germany in the final, chaotic days of World War II. At Magdeburg they find freight cars with 2,500 emaciated and ragged Jewish prisoners from the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. There were scores of children.

"They were just jammed, crammed in there," said Walsh, a 24-year-old tank commander in April 1945.

Nazis Ran When They Saw Americans

Alexandra Keston, now 67, who was on the train with her parents, remembers watching the few remaining SS soldiers -- her captors -- drop their guns and run without a firefight.



Little Samuel Fine

He will never forget how close he came to Auschwitz and 'Zyklon-B'.

They Reunite With Survivors

On Friday, the now 86-year-old retired state Supreme Court judge reunited with three of the survivors of the Nazi death train his unit found near Magdeburg, about 50 miles southwest of Berlin. The train was on its way to another concentration camp.

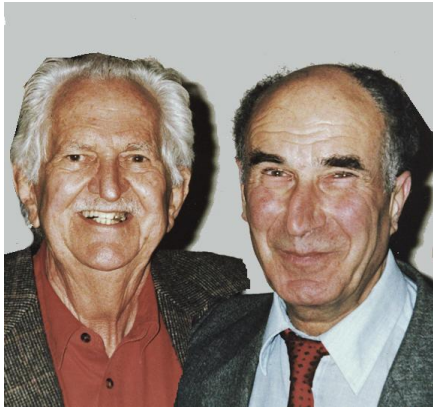


History Teacher

The reunion has its roots in a class project launched by Matthew Rozell, a history teacher at Hudson Falls High School. In the early 1990s, he created an elective course for seniors to collect stories from local veterans and post them on a Web site.

George Gross - Tank Commander

One of Rozell's students was Walsh's grandson, who told the teacher about his grandfather's wartime service. Several years ago, Rozell interviewed Walsh and George Gross, a fellow tank commander from Spring Valley, Calif.



Child Survivors Reunite

Now in their 60s and 70s, Michal Tomkiewicz, Peter Lantos, and Fred Spiegel, reminence of those days of 'Horror'. The high school made a DVD, "A Train Near Magdeburg," produced by two Zionist students.

Capt Gross Is Still Feared

The 'Odesa' consists of Nazis that escaped to Brazil. At their annual reunion, they still tremble, when they tell the showdown with Capt Izzie Gross.



Days Of Glory