

Chapter 1 : Disney Family | Recipes, Crafts and Activities

Baba Haxhi Dede Reshat Bardhi Abaz & Zade Sinani Beluli Sadik & Son Rruzhdia Esheref & Easuerë Shpuza Family Of Ali & Ragip Kraja.

Gershman Abaz Sinani holds a photo of his father. His parents sheltered a family of three during the war. We did what any Albanian would do. Gershman, it seemed like an unimaginable story. Which was why he had to see it for himself. But the year-old Gershman said the most important work of his life would come from the photos and stories he collected for five years among the Muslims of Albania and Kosovo whose families harbored thousands of Jewish refugees during the Nazi occupation. Jews fleeing to Albania were welcomed into Muslim homes, not as refugees but as guests. Entire villages would protect them. Jews were given Muslim names, clothing, even passports. Fascinated and surprised by what he heard, he traveled to the Balkans for the first time in He said a man who worked for the society carried a small notebook in his pocket with the names and addresses of families who had helped protect Jews. With an interpreter, a driver and assistant, Gershman crisscrossed the country looking for them. He found the families in cities, villages and at the end of gravel roads. In their hallways, gardens and living rooms, he began with a simple question: What is your story? Sometimes it was the men and women who actually clothed and housed the Jewish refugees who spoke. Other times it was their sons and daughters. Intimate tales filled the rooms that Gershman said often had little more than a few pieces of furniture. Afterwards, using a medium format camera and natural light, he would photograph the family. The feelings of pride, hope, loss and love are all etched into the faces of these men and women. It is clear Gershman managed to form an intimate connection with each of them. There have been more than 75 exhibitions around the world, including at the United Nations. Norman Gershman will talk about his work on Jan.

Chapter 2 : Besa : Muslims who saved Jews in World War II in SearchWorks catalog

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Who Ever Heard of It? Muslims who saved Jews? I must record this forgotten event with my camera and tell the story through the various family histories of the people I was to meet. As a Jew and a Sufi, my spiritual connection with the beauty of Islam and Judaism is seamless. Although besa is a traditional Albanian code of honour, many Muslim families have incorporated it into their religious beliefs and often were inspired by their faith in saving Jews from the Albanian people. Equally important is the message, through my portraits and stories, of the compassion extended to Jews by Albanian Muslim families during the Holocaust. As a Jew, and a student of the Sufi tradition, I always made it a point to thank those Muslim families I photographed for the saving of Jews during those harrowing times. The rescue of Jews in Albania was a unique experience in Holocaust history as Jewish refugees fleeing Hitler were welcomed not as refugees, but as guests. Besa is a message to the world of brotherhood and compassion for those in need and unique to the Norman H. Gershman established The Eye Contact Foundation to promote religious, political, cultural and economic understanding and tolerance among people worldwide through the use of portrait photography. Its origins lie in the citizen diplomacy of its founder, through his years of international humanistic portrait photography. And they lie in the Albanian honor code of besa, which requires individuals to protect anyone in danger regardless of all religious and political affiliations. There are more than seven million Bektashi in the world, including in the United States. Our sect derives from the Shia. We trace our heritage back to Imam Ali, the son-in-law of the prophet Mohammed. We are the most liberal of Muslims. Our religious practices are in the language of the country where we live. Many of our rituals are secret. Ataturk expelled our order from Turkey in the early s because we refused to take off our religious garb in public. It was then that we moved our centre here to Tirana. All around us is the colour green. This has been the colour of our mosques for years. Green is pure, peaceful and clean. It is the colour of the earth. He was a member of the Bektashi. He refused to release the names of Jews to the Nazi occupiers. He organized an underground of all Bektashi to shelter all the Jews, both citizens and refugees. At that time, nearly half of all Muslims in Albania were Bektashi. Prime Minister Frasherri gave a secret order: There cannot be infidels. There cannot be discrimination. If one sees a good face, one is seeing the face of God. There is no God but God. I was nine years old. We lived in a big house in the village of Lushmja, in southern Albania. My parents took in a Croatian Jewish family of three – Fritz, Katherine and their daughter, Gertrude. I do not remember their family name. A fourth member of the family was sheltered with our cousin. We gave them false passports, and Gertrude went to school with me. Fritz was a carpenter, and I remember that the family was educated. We always treated Fritz and his family as guests. We never gave them work assignments. We were secular Muslims. In our home, we celebrated all the holidays – Jewish, Muslim and Christian. They stayed with us for six months and at the end of the war, they left for England. After the war, we lost contact with all those we sheltered. Why did we shelter the Jewish family? We had the biggest house in the village. Any villager would have done the same. We also sheltered two Italian soldiers during the German occupation. Why should we be honoured? We did nothing special. We did what any Albanian would do. We are all human. This is a picture of my father. All else has been lost.

Chapter 3 : Abaz & Zade Sinani : Diplomat Magazine

Family of Pjeter Jankovic Afterword: On and off the road in Albania and Kosovo. Besa is a code of honor deeply rooted in Albanian culture and incorporated in the faith of Albanian Muslims.

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