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Faye Schulman





Faye Schulman (1919-2021)
Photographer & Partisan

Born as the youngest of six children in what is today Belarus, she received a good education and learned photography.

After the German invasion in 1941, she and her family were deported to the Leninskoye Ghetto; nearly all her family members were murdered in 1942.



Due to her photographic skills, she was seen as “useful” and was forced to take photos for the Nazis — yet she used her camera to document evidence of the mass murders.

During a partisan attack, she managed to escape and joined the *Molotova Brigade*, a partisan group. As the only woman in the unit, she carried both a weapon and a camera — the latter to document the fight of Jewish partisans against the Nazis.



Her photographs are the only known images today, taken by a Jewish partisan woman during World War II, making her an iconic figure of female resistance in the Holocaust.



After the war, she emigrated to Canada in 1948 and was active there as a photographer and Holocaust remembrance activist.

She gave lectures around the world to raise awareness among younger generations and to share her story.

She passed away in 2021 at the age of 101 – her photographs endure as a memorial to survival and resistance.





„Ich lebe, damit andere nicht vergessen. Ich erzähle, damit andere nicht schweigen.“

„I live so others won't forget. I tell so others won't remain silent.“

