

Rabbi Menachen Mendel Schneersohn



I got this photo from my cousin Sally from America. This is Rabbi Menachen Mendel Schneersohn, whom I met and deeply admired.

My mother's sister, Etty, married David Dauber. They had three daughters; my cousins' names were Roza, born in 1924, Suzana, nicknamed Coca, born in 1926, and Sarah, nicknamed Sally, born in 1932. Aunt Etty died in May 1940, before the deportation. Uncle David Dauber and his three girls were deported at the same time with us. My mother ended up in the same camp with Roza, while Coca and Sally were taken to an orphanage, as they were younger. Coca and Sally survived the Holocaust and left the country - but I couldn't tell you when or how they left. Coca is now living in Spain; I never met her again.

Sally is living in the US, close to New York City. The last time I saw her was in 1968, when she came to Romania and we went to the seaside [the Black Sea]. She's the one who contacted the mayor in Sipot in order to start the formalities to get the family house back. But neither of us received any answer so far. They won't give us anything back.