

## *Monor residents who saved Jewish lives*

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The greatest help was given to *Dr. Imre Rosinger*, whose entire family managed to escape the Holocaust. *József Méhész*, a carpenter and the warden of the Gőzmalom street Baptist Chapel and his wife kept their valuables safe. In April 1944, a peasant family from Tete (*András Ács*, his wife *Juliska* and daughter *Margit*) offered to hide the Rosinger family if necessary. They received a similar offer from a family in Vasad, whose name is now sadly unknown.

A music teacher from Újpest, *Ödön Mozsa* and his wife warned the Rosingers of their impending deportation. Thus the night before, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June, 1944, they disguised themselves and fled to Tete-puszta to hide in the Ács' home. The constables in Monor spread a rumour that the family was captured while trying to escape and was shot at the outskirts of the town. By giving refuge to the Rosingers', the Ács family risked their own lives.

After Monor was taken over by the Russians on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, the family went home. They found their house nearly empty, and even saw people taking pieces of their furniture as they were returning. When the robbers saw the family whom everyone had thought dead, they dropped the objects and ran. The Rosingers' opposite neighbour, *Mihály Gazsi*, a carpenter, had kept a list of who had taken what, which he then gave to the family.

Another Monor resident, *Sándor Golstein* escaped thanks to *Katalin Csáki*, who hid and cared for him for four months. He emerged after the Russians' arrival.

An unknown family from Gőzmalom street offered to hide *Katalin Kugel*, who was 14 at the time. Her parents were afraid to leave her behind, and thus the whole family died in the gas chambers.

There were various families in Monor who kept Jewish valuables safe and returned them to the survivors.

*Vilmos Kugel*, while still away on forced labour in László Dömötör's company, received a list of his stolen belongings and the perpetrators. The list was prepared by one of his neighbours, namely the *Kaszás'*. Vilmos Kugel, who returned home to find his house robbed and his family dead, was able to rebuild his life based on this list.