

***Opening May 8th at the
Peoples Street Photo Project:***

The Last Album

Eyes from the Ashes of Auschwitz

As they were in life and not in death: an intimate collection of personal photographs of Jewish deportees to Auschwitz.

This exhibition contains photographs of ordinary people doing ordinary things...what makes it an extraordinary exhibition, is that every single image shows the eyes of someone condemned to die without trial nor jury; all for the same crime...the crime of being Jewish. In Europe during the early 1930/40s through the rise, and all the way through the fall of the Nazi regime, Jews from all over Europe were condemned to "relocation camps" and deported via trains to unknown destinations. Individuals and families often took with them personal photographs of things they cherished most, not knowing that upon arrival to death and slave labor camp, everything they had would be taken away from them—including all their possessions, all the photos they cherished, and in far too many cases, even their lives. Out of the millions photographs brought by millions of Jews into the Nazi camps, only one cache of approximately 2,400, hidden and saved by the prisoner Underground, survived.

In October 1986, Educator Ann Weiss, herself the daughter of two Holocaust survivors, accidentally came across these photographs while on a tour of Auschwitz-Birkenau. Captivated by these nameless souls lost to Hitler's madness, she devoted the next 10 years of her life to give life back to these images staring out at her from the long forgotten photographs. Her efforts resulted in a critically acclaimed book entitled *The Last Album: Eyes from the Ashes of Auschwitz-Birkenau*, published in 2001 by W.W. Norton & Company, from which she has adapted a traveling exhibition of a selection of 72 of the photographs faithfully reproduced from the originals. These photographs will be on display at the Peoples Street Photo Project May 8th through June 27th.

For more information on the exhibition please visit Ann's website: www.thelastalbum.org
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