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"Mother of Eight Shot Dead" - The Story of the Niepsuj Family, Klikowa near Tarnów

IPN's educational series of short films *Not Only the Ulmas* presents well-researched examples of Poles who saved Jews under German occupation during World War II. Each episode is focusing on a separate person, and most often a family or several families, whose members risked, and most often lost, their lives trying to protect their Jewish fellow citizens. The series was prepared by the IPN's Spokesperson's Office in cooperation with IPN's Office of International Cooperation and with researchers at the IPN's Historical Research Office.



Anna Niepsuj of Klikowa was a mother of eight. She was killed on her farm by Germans for hiding the Kurz family – a Jewish husband and wife. On 9 April 1943 in Klikowa, now part of the city of Tarnów. Her six-year-old daughter Maria was a witness to the tragedy. The genesis of this crime has to do with the German operation launched a year earlier to exterminate the Jewish population in the General Government.

In 1942, Tarnów was the largest concentration of the Jewish population in the Kraków district. Its Jewish population was around 40,000 people. In June of that year, the first deportation operations to the Bełżec death camp were carried out. On orders from the Germans, Jewish residents of Tarnów had to register and have their work cards stamped. In total, about 8,000 Jews were deported from Tarnów to the Bełżec death camp in June 1942. On the other hand, all those deemed unfit for transport – the elderly, the sick, the crippled, and mothers with small children – some 8,000 people – were slaughtered in the Jewish cemetery and nearby forests.

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