

Chana's Secret Note

The day Chana crossed the border to sneak into the country of her birth, Hungary, she was caught immediately and sent to Budapest by the Hungarian police for interrogation. Despite severe torture, she refused to give up details of the mission or its members. She was tried for treason, and in November 1944, before the trial was even completed, she was executed in a prison in Budapest.

Following her execution, a tiny, brief note was found in her dress, written in Hungarian. It was addressed to her mother Katherine. Chana continued writing until her final moments. This note preserves the very last lines she wrote in her lifetime.

“Dear mother,

I don't know what to tell you. I will only say this: A thousand thanks and more, and forgive me, if you can. After all, you will understand, better than anyone else, that words are not necessary now.

With great love, your daughter.”



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