

## Mark's family and ancestry

Mark's parents Morris and Esther were born in Austria. Morris died in 1939 in Salford, Greater Manchester aged 58. They were married in 1907 in Prestwich and had three children. Julius born 22 September 1908, Beatrice born 9 April and Mark born in 1923.

In the 1901 census, Esther was living with her widowed mother Ethel at 14 Long St., Salford, Lancashire with her sisters Clara, Polly and Milly. Ethel worked as a cap trimmer and died in 1927.

In 1911 Morris & Esther Baras were living at 16 Tully St, Broughton, Salford, Lancashire. At that time Morris was working as a cap maker and his brother Isaac, a cap cutter was living with them. Their son (Julius) Lionel had been born in 1908. Their home was described as having 5 rooms which was large as accommodation at this time. The children attended Ross Place School, Hampden St, Ardwick, Manchester.

In 1939, Mark's widowed mother Esther was living at 52 Murray St, Salford. His brother Julius was single and working as a Mail Order Rep. and sister Beatrice (later married name Goodman, then Cohen) was a raincoat finisher.

Beatrice married Benny Sidney Goodman (1918-1998) in Salford in 1940. Their son Maurice G Goodman was born in Manchester in 1943. She later married Eric Cohen in Manchester in 1963.

In 1949, Mark's brother Julius married Celia Rosen in Salford.

Mark's mother Esther died in Manchester in 1960.

Mark's uncle Isaac Baras was born 10th August 1889 and died 1962 aged 72 in Manchester, Lancashire. His wife was called Minnie Matrial (b. 15 Nov 1889) and they were married in 1913 in Prestwich. Their son, Mark's cousin was Adolph (Abraham) Baras born 26th Jan 1916 in Manchester (died 1998 Manchester) and was later married to Edna Kreger (or Krieger) in 1946 in Manchester. Adolph attended Waterloo Rd/ Cheetwood Junior and Infant School, Cheetham, Manchester.

In 1939 Isaac and family were living at 48 Brunswick St, Manchester, Lancashire. He was a Rproof Factory Manager. Son Adolph (or Abraham) was a Machiner and Elly Baras born 2 October 1902 was unemployed.

At the outset of WW2 Mark's uncle, Ben Ludlum was scrutinized as an Enemy Alien because he'd been born in Austria.

### **Ben Ludlum Enemy Alien File**

Ben J Ludlum born 2 May 1892 Sokol, Gelicia.

Residence: Birmingham Nationality: Austrian

Police Cert. No. 564250

Address: 48 Constance Rd, Calthorpe Park, Edgbaston, Birmingham

Occupation: Hairdresser's Manager

Employer: Messrs. Lewis, Bull St., Birmingham

Date 20th Oct 1939

Comment: The committee are satisfied that the antecedents of this man are correctly stated and that he has no relatives, or friends outside this country, or any interests that are not British and further that he is completely loyal. This view was assisted by oral evidence of an unimpeachable character.

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Ben's wife Becky (née Lazarus) was born 4th July 1900 in Newcastle, nationality Austrian, and she too was investigated with her husband. They married in 1923 in Sheffield. A son Maurice Julian Ludmer was born on the 7th August 1926. Maurice J Ludmer married Elizabeth N Miller in Birmingham in 1956. In 1939, Ben & Becky Ludmer were living at 48 Constance Rd, Birmingham, Warwickshire. Ben J Ludmer changed his name to Lawton and applied for naturalisation in 1939.

#### **Manchester Evening News 26th August 1944**

Roll of Honour - In Memorium

BARAS - Treasured and loving 21st birthday memories of my darling son, Sergt Mark Baras, missing presumed killed from air operations on Aug 24th, 1943. A sorrow too deep for words, sadly missed by his heartbroken Mother and brother Len - 52 Murray St, Salford 7

BARAS - In loving and treasured 21st birthday memories of my darling brother Sergt Mark Baras, missing from air operations. Longed for by his heartbroken sister Beatrice and brother-in-law Ben

God Bless my Uncle Mark from nephew Maurice (a baby)

Maurice Ludmer eventually became a journalist and managing editor of the Birmingham anti-racist magazine, 'Searchlight'. He was also spokesman for the Anti-Nazi League.

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