

## Family Finder

The Family Finder section gives readers the opportunity to place notices about areas of their research. AVOTAYNU accepts these entries at \$5 for the first 25 words and 25 cents for each additional word. Name, address and telephone number are free.

Cara Alson, 7626 Teesdale Avenue, North Hollywood, California 91605, (818) 764-0807. Seeking any **Pumpian/sky, Pompian/sky**; my grandparents Getzel/Gerry (father, Isaac) and Ida Rothblatt of Lithuania, Chicago, Milwaukee. Harry/Aron Mongite/Mongitz born Brest (father, Chaim) and Elizabeth/Etta Leah Tabachnik, born Peschanka, (father, Selig) Quebec, Chicago.

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Cara Alson, 7626 Teesdale Avenue, North Hollywood, California 91605, (818) 764-0807. Seeking relatives Morris **Lachoff/Liachow? (Yakoff?/Laykoff/Lakoff)** born Boguslav, (father, Abram) and Sarah **Krosnitzky** born Smela? (parents, Kalman and Esther **Kwasniczyk**) Kiev, Montreal, Chicago.

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Cara Alson, 7626 Teesdale Avenue, North Hollywood, California 91605, (818) 764-0807. Seeking relatives David Joel **Altzofrum/Alsofrom/Alson** (father, Shmol Leib born Stanislavcik; mother, Tseil **Bauer**) and Mindel **Raubvogel** born Dobrotvor (father, Jacob; mother, Devora **Zuckerhandl** born Olesko) to NY. Seeking link to cousin Emil **Zuckerhandl**.

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Cara Alson, 7626 Teesdale Avenue, North Hollywood, California 91605, (818) 764-0807. Seeking relatives Mayer Isaac **K/Colodny** born Kozhanhorodok (father, Moishe Yehuda; mother, Tseil **Feldman** born Pinsk?) and Anna Esther **Begun** born Logisin (parents, Mollie and B'Tzallel) Luninets, Massachusetts, Vermont. Seeking link **Begun** to cousins Menachem **Begin**, Chaim **Weizmann**.

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Gail S. L. Call, 19684 Glen Brae Drive, Saratoga, California 95070, (408) 867-7554. Seeking siblings and progenitors of Rubin **Sofer/Soifer**, born about 1836 with surname **Kosiner** in Kamenetz Podolski. Went to Poland about 1850. Married Susan **Zweifler**; they had seven children born in Stanislaw.

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Gail S. L. Call, 19684 Glen Brae Drive, Saratoga, California 95070, (408) 867-7554. Seeking additional information about siblings and progenitors of Susan **Zweifler** of Galicia (Stanislaw?), daughter of Jackel **Zweifler**. Born about 1840, married Rubin **Sofer**, had a brother Moshe and sisters: Tema (married to Suma), Sima, and Scheindel.

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Gail S. L. Call, 19684 Glen Brae Drive, Saratoga, California 95070, (408) 867-7554. Seeking siblings and additional information about progenitors of Aron **Levenson/Levinson** of Odessa. Born 1858 to Israel **Levinson** and Dora **Iselowitz**, married Kate **Rosaler** 1876, immigrated 1889, died 1927, Brooklyn.

Gail S. L. Call, 19684 Glen Brae Drive, Saratoga, California 95070, (408) 867-7554. Seeking additional information about siblings and progenitors of Kate (Gettle) **Rosaler** of Odessa. Born 1855 to Eli **Rosaler** and Rachul **Usiff**, married Aron **Levenson** 1876, immigrated 1889, died 1941, Brooklyn. Had a sister Fannie.

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Gail S. L. Call, 19684 Glen Brae Drive, Saratoga, California 95070, (408) 867-7554. Seeking siblings, progenitors, and additional information about Barnard **Loesberg** and Rebecca **Kupferberg**, parents of: Gertrude, Kalman, Charlotte Ruth (Alta Sena) and Jacob Paul. Children born between 1848 and 1860, vicinity of Tysmienica.

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Gail S. L. Call, 19684 Glen Brae Drive, Saratoga, California 95070, (408) 867-7554. Seeking siblings, progenitors, and additional information about descendants of Benjamin **Oxenhandler** of Kamenetz Podolsk, and Toba **Shainis** (daughter of Solomon **Shainis/Sheinis**) of Russia. Their children are Israel (who also used surname **Berkowitz**), Solomon, Morris, Ray, Abraham, Gershon and Baruch (the only one who remained in Russia); all other family members immigrated mid-1880s. Toba died 1906.

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Gail S. L. Call, 19684 Glen Brae Drive, Saratoga, California 95070, (408) 867-7554. Seeking siblings and additional information about progenitors of Ida **Hytha** of Russia. Born 1868 to Sarah and Edward **Hytha/Chaita**; married Morris **Oxenhandler**. Immigrated and married mid-1880s, died 1912, Brooklyn.

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Gail S. L. Call, 19684 Glen Brae Drive, Saratoga, California 95070, (408) 867-7554. Seeking siblings and progenitors of Joseph **Stepper** of Tysmienica. Born about 1856, married Gertrude **Loesberg**, died 1930, Stryj. Children: Itzaak, Louis, Esther, Jacob, Sabina (Shava).

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Jerome K. Delson, 660 Ashton Avenue, Palo Alto, California 94306, (415) 493-0404. Great-grandmother Hannah Gittel **Strashun**, born Trakai 1828, died Chicago 1919. Her father Joseph S. **Strashun** was brother of Mathias (Strashun Library). Interested in all **Strashuns**.

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Sam Elpern, 1 Perry Place, Riverside, Connecticut 06878, (203) 637-7956. Elpern anywhere; **Corman (Korman, Kormanas), Buchman, Fleisher, Hanna, Perlman** from Lithuania; **Abramovitz (Brahms, Braham), Brandes, Feier, Hanick, Lustgarten, Paltiel** from Romania or Austria. Call collect.

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Sam Elpern, 1 Perry Place, Riverside, Connecticut 06878,

(203) 637-7956. Information/families in Lithuanian towns of Stakliskes (Stok-li-shok), Jieznas (Yez-na, located between Kovno and Vilna); Wysoki Dvor (Veh-shu-ka-dvor, located near Vilna); Bucecea (Botosani Province, Romania). Call collect.

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Andrew Farber, 1000 North Allen Street, Robinson, Illinois 62454, (618) 544-8550. Farber, Michaelson, Cohen (Moscow); Sukenick, Cohen, Palter (Bialystock); Shaub, Shoob (Moscow or Samara); Negin, Nagen, Delatitsky, Teldin and Levy (Yekaterinoslav); Freed, Fried, Bornstein (Prezerer?, Perezhiri?, near Minsk); Freiden, Fradin, Berger (Minsk).

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Basile Ginger, 48 rue Michel-Ange, 75016 Paris, France, (1) 46510638. Seeking information on families Giniger (Ginger, Genger, Ganger) from Galicia or Austria, and Prisman (Prissman) from Latvia: origin of the names, localities, pedigrees.

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Murray Goldwaser, 35 Marlin Road, Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857, (201) 251-7424. Seeking information on the following: Goldwaser, Pyterman, Morgensztern and Lejbzon from Koden, Lomazy, Biala Podlaska and Miedzyrzec Podlaski. Markowitz, Tanenbaum, Tenenbaum and Zajdenweber from Radom. Brener and Grauberg from Warsaw. Brener, Feferkichen, Levenson, Lewinshon, Erlich and Frayerberger from Krasnik, Slotkow, and Urzedow. Wurman, Najmark and Goldman from Kurow, Jozefow nad Wisla and Urzedow. All places are in Poland.

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Lynda Handman-Miserocchi, 8006 Espanola Trail, Austin, Texas 78737, (512) 288-0781. Looking for Katie and Louie Goldman's sons and daughter: Morton, Myron and Frances, formerly from Brooklyn, New York. Morton lived on Long Island; Myron lived in Sacramento.

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Carl Henry, 1050 Fifth Avenue, Apt. 11F, New York, New York 10028, (212) 348-4106. (Bas-Rhin) Levy, Meis, Netter, Mandel, Schwab, Uhry, Apfel, Landauer, Hirsch, Hirtzel, Rueff, Ruff, Lehman, Goetsch, Ulrich, Salomon, Klein, Leiser, Kahn, Lazarus, Lazare; (Rhineland) Huttenbauer; (Hesse-Darmstadt) Sternfels; (Galicia) Intrator, Stelzer.

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Marilyn Kaufman 5440 N. Braeswood #954, Houston, Texas 77096, (713) 723-5121. Seeking information on people/towns: David and Miriam (Horowitz) Solomon; Benjamin and Rose (Ackerman) Roffmann, Yedinitzy, Bessarabia. Itchikivi and Gittel (Aschel) Braudy, Narevki Russia (Poland).

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Marilyn Kaufman 5440 N. Braeswood #954, Houston, Texas 77096, (713) 723-5121. Moshe and Ettie Wishneitsky, Nareuki. David and Esther (Kupper) Guy, Kamenets Podolski, Russia; Elle Bear and Lore Halfond, Nezhin Novgorod, Ukraine. All emigrated by 1904.

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D. A. Kirschner, 41 Cloverdale Road, Newton, Massachusetts 02161, (617) 969-1948. Seeking descendants of/information on great-uncles Abram Segal (last known address 63 Plein Street, Johannesburg, R.S.A) and Yisroel Segal, sons of Eliezar (d. 1918) and Frayde (d. 1885) Siegel of Vaskai (?), Lithuania.

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D. A. Kirschner, 41 Cloverdale Road, Newton, Massachusetts 02161, (617) 969-1948. Seeking descendants of/information on great-great-uncle Leib? or Gershon? Levy who changed name from Kirschner at time of emigrating to Glasgow, Scotland, ca. 1890-1900, from Luknik, Lithuania.

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Emerson N. Milligram, 5825 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15232, (412) 661-4567. Looking for information about the following forbears: Nusan Weinberger and Golda Puterfas Weinberger from Iryava, Ung Megye, Hungary; Moshe Klenosky and Mirel Klenosky from Lynics, Ung Megye, Hungary; Shmuel Berkovitz and Bayla Weinberger Berkovitz from Andrasevicz, Ung Megye, Hungary; Rochel Solomon from Divitkiv, Bereg Megye, Hungary; Rivka Leah Sachen from Kismin, Bereg Megye, Hungary. These people lived during the middle part of the last century. The above communities are currently located in the Ukraine.

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Emerson N. Milligram, 5825 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15232, (412) 661-4567. Looking for information about the following forbears: Yeshua Baer Miligram from Dusseldorf, Germany, and later from Bilke, Bereg Megye, Hungary. The name in Germany was Milchram. Bertha (Bayla) Weisman Miligram (Zelig Berkovitz, second husband) from Bilke, Bereg Megye, Hungary, whose brother used the surname Davidovitz. Bieke is currently located in the Ukraine.

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Anna Olswanger, 177 North Highland #909, Memphis, Tennessee, 38111, (901) 327-4341. Seeking information on Olschwanger family of Kovno, Lithuania, later of St. Louis, and ancestors of Boris Schatz (founder of Bezalel Art Academy, Jerusalem) of Varniai, Lithuania.

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Alfred C. Raphelson, 7344 Green Valley Drive, Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439, (313) 694-8544. Seeking information and references on the Jewish experience in Grodno, Byelorussia, as well as the Kimche and Moschovsky families from that town.

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Naomi Rothschild, 1 Brownes Terrace, Englewood, New Jersey 07631, (201) 569-5312. Seeking information: Ephriam Treszczanski (Treshjansky), changed to Bloom in U.S., from Goniondz, Russia/Poland. Descendants of wife # 1 Devorah & wife # 2 Anna Schwartz. Particularly interested in family of son Barnett (Baruch) and his daughter, Fanny Robbins. Rogozinski changed to Rosen in U.S., from Olynka, Russia/Poland. Descendants of Jacob Dovid. Particularly interested in family of Sarah Rebecca

**Lubelsky Rosen**, wife of Max (Mordacai). Looking for descendants of her brother, Mendel Lubelsky. Melnkov changed to **Miller** in U.S., from Kovno. Arrived New York settled primarily Worcester, Massachusetts and Philadelphia. Interested in descendants of Samuel, Meyer and Benjamin Melnkov. Looking for relatives of **Kate Bloom Miller**, wife of Nathan Isaac. **Bloom** family also from Kovno. The **Sapiro** family is also related. **Hoxter (Hexter--Hoechter)** from Treysa, Germany. David and Ellen arrived about 1839-41 to Baltimore(?). Lived Maryland, Richmond, Virginia, and Washington, DC. **Rothschild** from Schluchtern, Germany. Hannchen emigrated about 1870. Coleman and his sister Regina arrived in Baltimore 1871 via S. S. Berlin.

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Robert Shnay, 6800 MacDonald Avenue, Montreal, Quebec H3X 3Z2, Canada (514) 733-4263, Fax (514) 481-7906. Seeking information **Schnee, Shnay, Delson** of Frauenburg or Saldus, Latvia (Kurland) also **Roitberg, Rothberg, Cottler** of Korosten and Zhitomir, USSR.

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Eli & Nitza Simon, 19 Katznelson Street, 36000 Q. Tivon, Israel, 972-4831431. Information about: **Simon** of Krojanke, Berlin; **Moser** of Halberstadt; **Fraenkel** of Breslau; **Miro** of Strassbourg, Breslau, Beuthen; **Dresdner, Mirauer** of Beuthen; **Lissauer, Kraft, Eichholz** of Berlin; **De Espinosa** of Espino, Spain; **Spinosa** of Amsterdam; **Oppenheim** of Stallupoenen; **Kunigishky, Blumenthal** of East-Prussia; **Arik** of Uspol, Lithuania; **Lamkin** of Lithuania; **Zlotoyabko** of Sweer, Poland; **Arkin** of Lunna; **Goldschmid** of Friesack; **Benda, Levinstein, Bendia** of Germany; **Kahan, Friedman** of Sudargen, Suwalki.

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Karen Steinfeld, 809 Parkway Blvd., Coppell, Texas 75019, (214) 462-1299. Seeks descendants of **Udie Landesberg**, (widow) arrived New York 1900 with son **Kuno** from Kopyczynce, Austria-Hungary. Interested in any **Landesberg** from Kopyczynce. Call collect.

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Karen Steinfeld, 809 Parkway Blvd., Coppell, Texas 75019, (214) 462-1299. Seeks information on ancestors/siblings of **Max Meyer Shanbrun** (died 1936, Providence, Rhode Island). Emigrated from Husiatyn, Austria-Hungary, around 1900 with wife **Shandel Heilitcher** and children.

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Renée Steinig, 37 Westcliff Drive, Dix Hills, New York 11746, (516) 549-9532. Seeking information on **Benjie** and **Becky Sheer** (sp?). Lived Brooklyn 1930s. She was born in Lezajsk/Pogozalka, Galicia, 1870s; parents: **Hersh** and **Hesse Rose Reifer**; siblings: **Kate Match, Rivke Lehr, Avram Reifer**.

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Renée Steinig, 37 Westcliff Drive, Dix Hills, New York 11746, (516) 549-9532. Seeking **Avram Yakov Reifer**, born 1921 near Mielec, Poland. Mother: **Regina (Nussbaum)**; father--same name--died before A.Y.R.'s birth. Had "wonderful voice". Reportedly made aliyah w/mother 1930s.

## Encyclopedia of Jewish Genealogy to Make Debut

The first volume of the long-awaited *Encyclopedia of Jewish Genealogy* will be published this November according to coeditor Arthur Kurzweil. More than three years in the making, the work now consists of five volumes. Kurzweil stated that the Encyclopedia will be a comprehensive source covering all aspects of Jewish genealogical research with each volume containing in-depth articles by experts from all over the world.

The five volumes are titled: (1) Sources in the United States and Canada, (2) Sources Worldwide, (3) Topics in Jewish Genealogy, (4) Holocaust Sources and (5) Sephardic and Oriental Sources.

## Improvements Made to Family Finder

Does your family come from New Sounds? Minksgabenia? Vlotzulavek? These were some of the erroneous entries submitted to the Jewish Genealogical Family Finder (JGFF) last year. The correct names are **Nowy Sacz, Minsk guberniya, and Wloclawek**.

Errors like the above are becoming a thing of the past with the recently added error checking between the Family Finder and the more than 35,000 town names accumulated for the soon-to-be-published AVOTAYNU gazetteer of European Jewish communities entitled *Where Once We Walked*.

JGFF is a computerized database of ancestral surnames and towns being researched by Jewish family historians throughout the world. The goal is to match the surnames and/or towns being researched with the entries of other researchers. Names and addresses of submitters are listed, and contacts can be made to confirm the match. The Family Finder now contains 20,000 entries submitted by 1,300 persons. Periodically, updated printouts are available for review by members at regular meetings of any Jewish genealogical society.

For information on submitting entries to the Family Finder, write to Jewish Genealogical Society, 1485 Teaneck Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666.

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### Disputes King-for-a-Day Legend

It was with great anticipation that I read the review of *From King David to Baron David*, by Neil Rosenstein and Charles Bernstein. Dr. Rosenstein is by far our most prolific author of Jewish genealogical books.

I was concerned, however, with the reviewer's presentation of the legend of Saul Wahl as historical fact. The Polish-Jewish historian, Majer Balaban, effectively put this myth to bed some 65 years ago, first in the introduction to the second edition of *Gedulat Shaul* (Warsaw, 1925) then in "Saul Wahl" in *Yiden in Poilen* (Wilna, 1930), pp. 17-39. The facts of the matter are summarized below.

Saul was the son of Rabbi Samuel Judah Katzenellenbogen of Padua, Italy. He married in Poland and settled in Bresc where he secured a number of privileges, including the tax franchise, the salt monopoly for all of Poland (1578) and the operation of salt mines in Wieliczka in 1580. In 1589, he was appointed royal factor to Zymunt III Vase, King of Poland, thus placing him and his holdings under the direct jurisdiction of the King. The privileges he thus secured for the Kahal of Bresc were published in the community's pinkas and his name became known to Jewish Poland. One of his sons, Meir Wahl, became a rabbi of the Bresc community. It was also known that upon the dismantling of the old synagogue of Bresc in 1840, an inscription was discovered,

"The lord, Saul Wahl, son of Rabbi Samuel Judah of Padua, built this synagogue for women and for the study of the Torah, in the memory of his deceased wife Deborah, daughter of David Drucker."

He was never elected King of Poland, not even for a day. According to Professor Balaban, the myth arose from two other factors. First, in the Yiddish of the Renaissance period, the name Wahl meant "the Italian" and evolved to its subsequent meaning "the elected" some time later. Second, Balaban wrote:

"A legend is, at times, based on a play of words. The legend knows no limitations; and so a king in the allegorical meaning of the term (rich as a king; just as a king) became the King of Poland."

Although I doubt that Saul Wahl ever was King of Poland, I look forward to the addition of *From King David to Baron David* to my historical library.

Susan C. Sherman, CG  
Houston, Texas

### Describes Status of Records of British Chief Rabbi's Office

Regarding the British Chief Rabbi's Office records discussed in the previous issue of AVOTAYNU:

In 1987, when I assumed management of the Chief Rabbi's Office archives, the collection had suffered from benign neglect. The British Library and the Greater London Record Office were consulted about the best method of conserving the documents. Fortunately, the only material actually damaged by dampness were four volumes of indexes to marriage authorizations. Since then, all of the pre-1966 archives of both the United Synagogue and the Chief Rabbi's Office have been transferred to the Greater London Record Office where

they can be viewed upon production of a permit issued by the United Synagogue.

The only records which have really been at risk were some marriage registers of the East London Synagogue, retrieved from a damp storage room. They are being dried on the United Synagogue premises according to instructions provided by the British Library. Marriage authorizations and registers are regarded as current records and will remain with their present custodians, not the least because they are required as legal evidence for the Beth Din. The authorizations cannot be made public because, in many instances, they are annotated with details of adultery, disputed parentage, and other private and personal matters.

Copies of uncontroversial entries, or abstracts from them, will be supplied for a nominal cost if details from a marriage certificate, ordered from either the OPCS office or the relevant synagogue secretary for marriage can first be supplied.

I am a member of an archives committee established by the United Synagogue which meets every two months to discuss present and future procedures.

Charles Tucker  
London, England

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## Genealogical Inquiries to Soviet Union

AVOTAYNU readers may be interested in the following letter dated April 28, 1990, from Iniuurcolleguia, Association of Lawyers, 5 Gorky Street, Moscow, USSR 103009. Telephone: 203-68-64; telex: 411811. My original request was sent to local museums, town halls and archives and was written in Russian.

"We have received your letter with a request to send you copies of entries of birth and death of the relatives of the Grossaks who resided in Bobruisk, Byelorussian SSR. It was passed to us because it is just our law firm which carries out genealogical investigations on applications of both Soviet and foreign citizens. Besides we render assistance to the foreigners in searching their relatives in our country and resuming their lost contacts.

"Our Byelorussian correspondents have set working to meet you(r) requests. We will send you copies of entries available without any delay.

"We will inform you of the amount of our expenses and of our account number additionally.

Yours faithfully,

Victor A. Barinov, Esq."

Carol Clapsaddle  
Jerusalem, Israel

[Note: Iniuurcolleguia, also known as the Association of Jurists, has been the official route through which legal inquiries have long been channeled in the Soviet Union. Two years ago they responded to a letter from AVOTAYNU saying that it did not handle genealogical requests. Apparently, this letter reflects a change in policy...Ed.]

## Inquiry Made at Minsk Archives

Last May and June, I visited, for the second time in two years, Minsk, Byelorussia, the city of my father's birth. With the help of friends from my prior visit, I located the governmental agency administering the archival exchange program.

We met with Svetlana Ivanovna Pavlovitch of the Central State Historical Archives of Byelorussia. She explained that records exist, in some cases dating to the 14th and 15th centuries. The search procedure requires that individuals start the search by supplying all known information about one's family's Russian history and paying a starter fee of \$50. I was told that as work progressed, the archives would keep me apprised, and when the \$50 was paid out in expenses, they would supply what they had learned to that point and would continue, for additional money, if that was my desire.

To substantiate their program, Svetlana showed us a file of correspondence from Americans. I took the liberty of copying a few names and addresses with the idea of checking others' experiences with the program. By coincidence, one of the names was that of AVOTAYNU editor, Sallyann Sack.

Fortunately, I had brought some of my archival material (gathered to a great degree by my father in about 1950) with

me to Minsk and was able to supply the archives with a start. My idea was to amend that as best I could once back in the States where I had more complete information.

Of course, I am interested in the suggestions and research experiences of other AVOTAYNU readers.

Jesse Kregal  
Buffalo, New York

## Jewish Researcher in Poland

There is another person in Poland who is capable of doing Jewish genealogical research. He is Adam Jankiewicz, the son-in-law of Estera Krajewska, who is active in the Society for Preservation of Jewish Cultural Relics and Cemeteries in Poland. He is the brother-in-law of her son, Stanislaw Krajewski, the Jewish activist, and of his wife, Monika Krajewska, author of *Time of Stones* (Warsaw, 1983), the photo album of Jewish cemeteries and gravestones in Poland.

Adam was associated with Piast, the Polish Genealogical Research Center in Pultusk. At present, that center does not have much data on Jewish families. Adam keeps his ties with Piast, and its director, Leszek Pudlowski, assured him of their help and cooperation whenever he needs it. The Piast brochure lists among the members of its Scientific Council the director of the State Archives, Professor Dr. Marjan Wojciechowski. Thus, Adam can have access to archives and offices all over Poland.

Adam is often doing research in the State Archives where he can get copies of documents or other material. His research can be prompt and accurate, and his rates are very reasonable. I believe he is best qualified and equipped to do your research and fill your requests in Poland. His address is: Adam Jankiewicz, ul. Skoczylasa 10a m.5, 03-465 Warszawa, Poland

English is no problem in correspondence.

David Einseidler  
Los Angeles, California

## News of Marijampole Society

Looking through some past issues of AVOTAYNU, I noticed a letter written to "Ask the Experts" in the Spring 1989 issue. The letter was from Aaron Goldberg of Burlington, Vermont, and concerned various towns in Lithuania, including Marijampole.

My mother's family came from Marijampole, and I have been interested in the town for some years. The following information may be of interest to Goldberg and other readers.

A Marijampole landsmanschaft still exists. It is the Marijampoler Aid Society, PO Box 1073, Des Plaines, IL 60017. The Society holds meetings in the Chicago area and issues its own bulletin. Secretary is Janice Finelsen.

A yizkor book was published a few years ago and has sections in English, Hebrew and Yiddish. The editor was Avram Tory. The last address I have for him is PO Box 35779, 6 Ramhal Street, Tel Aviv, Israel.

I would be very pleased to receive letters from readers who wish to exchange information about Marijampole.

Geoffrey M. Weisgard  
Cheadle, Cheshire, England

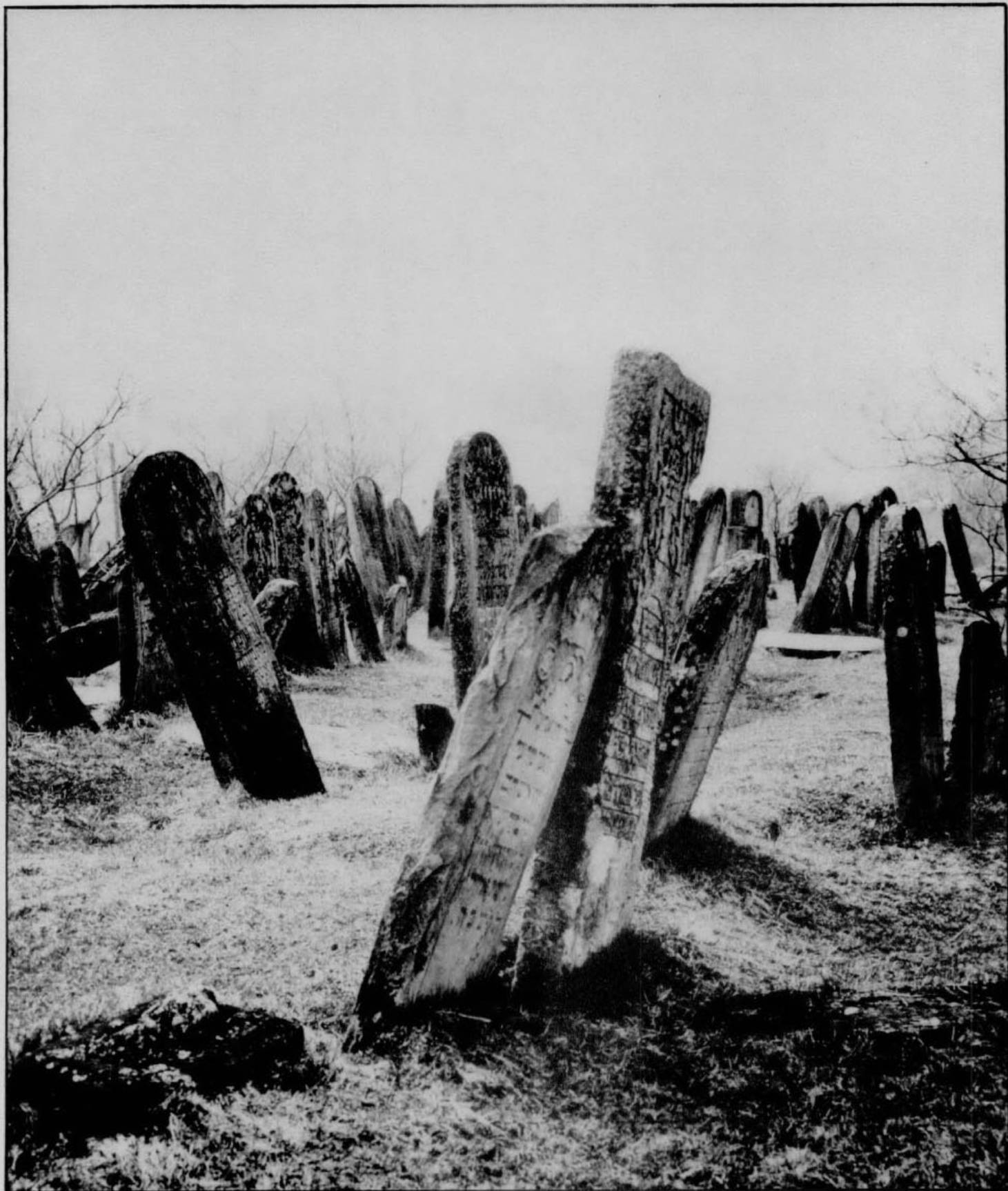


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**The old deserted Jewish cemetery in Yasinya, Ukraine, as it appeared in 1977.**