

Gershenovich/Ribkin Family and Information about the Moshkovich and Mairovich Families

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My father and all his family were from Shveksne, Lithuania.

As I was told, not very many family members survived the Holocaust.

My grandfather Boruch Gershenovich was born in about 1893/2 and was the son of Isak and Rivka. His wife, my grandmother was Henna Ribkin. She did not survive the Holocaust.

They had eight children, five survived. My father's (David Gershenovich, b. 1925) siblings were Zundke, Hanna, Yeuda, Haita, Devora, Berel and Zelik. Two of the brothers, Zundke and Yudke died in the Holocaust. Zundke, the oldest one, committed suicide in Auschwitz, a day before the liberation. (We were told this by a survivor.) Yudke was a soldier in the army and was killed. Haita, Dovid, Dvora, Berel and Zelik survived. David and Zelik are alive and live in Israel.

Their mother's sister Rocherivke and her two brothers Haim and Hirsh Ribkin survived too and settled in Israel. They escaped to Russia. They stopped on the way to take their father from his place of work. My Grandfather's sister, Mrs. Mairovich went to South Africa before the war and she had a big family, he was in touch with her.

When the war started my father Dovid (David) was 15 years old. He took the horse with the cart and all his siblings, the ones that were then at home.

Their mother and sister Hana returned to Shveksna and were killed by the Nazis.

Their grandfather was at that time close to 100 years old and he did not want to join them, for he was optimistic.

My father appears in some of the photographs in the "[Pictures of Švėkšna](#)" article on this website:

1. He is in the picture of the elementary school children (pages 15 and 30). He is standing second to the right of the Rabbi in the picture (to the Rabbi's left side).
2. He is in the Memorial picture (page 19). He is the last one and is wearing a white hat. My grandfather is the tall one in the middle with a moustache.

I was in Shveksne just once, in 2008. I saw the Synagogue there and went to see the Memorial. The following was written in Lithuanian on the Synagogue's interior wall: "IT IS OUR VILLAGE (CHA IRA MUSU KAIMAS)".

I was born in Kaunas, Lithuania. In 1971, we left Lithuania and went on Aliyah to Israel. My father's family would go every year to Shveksne for Izkor (Memorial Service) at the Memorial Ceremony.

In Kaunas, Lithuania, there was a Moshkovich family and they were from Shveksne too. One of their sons Moushe resigns in Toronto, Canada.

Photos provided in November 2012 by the author:

<p>Shveksne Synagogue, 2008</p>	
<p>Shveksne Synagogue, 2008 I am the tall one.</p>	
<p>Shveksne Synagogue, 2008 This photograph was taken from the window and shows the Synagogue inside. It is clearly written in Lithuanian: "This is our village" (cha ira musu kaimas).</p>	

Shveksne Inkakliu
The Monument for the Perished Jews,
2008



This picture shows some members of my
father's family. They all survived
the Holocaust.

Left to Right, Back Row:
My father David, Zelik, Berke.

Left to Right, Front Row:
Dvora, Baruch (in the center), Haita

