

Bernstein, Harris and Flora

and daughter, Staff Sister **Dorah (Bunny) Bernstein**

born in Kimberley in 1888

who died aged 30 on active service in London in 1918

Harris Bernstein was a farmer from the Kimberley area. He was married to Flora Lazarus, also from Kimberley in the Kimberley Synagogue on **26 May 1885** by Rev **Meyer Mendelssohn**.



They had several children born in Kimberley and surrounding areas: Miriam on 4 March 1886 in Kimberley, **Deborah b 17 January 1888**, Judith at Tafelberg on 9 May 1891, Lazarus on 24 January 1894 also at Tafelberg (his bris was performed by Rev S Rapaport). Rachel was born in Tafelberg on 22 June 1896, Leah was born at 33 Sydney Street Kimberley on 10 December 1901 – the minister by then was **Rev Harris Isaacs**.

We know about the Bernsteins of Kimberley, only through this picture of this gravestone sent to me by South African historian and genealogist, Paul Cheifitz.

It shows that Staff Sister Dorah, daughter of Flora and Harris Bernstein, (known at Bunny) died on active service, in London, during the First World War.

She was a Staff Sister at the South African Military Hospital, Richmond Park. She is buried at the Willesden Green Jewish cemetery in London. I wonder if she succumbed to the dreaded 'flu pandemic of 1918.

Her mother, sisters and brothers raised this tombstone to her and declared hers was

A duty unflinchingly performed and a glorious end.

From her loving mother, sisters and brothers

(Her father had predeceased her.)

Her tombstone reads:

Sacred to the memory of Staff Sister DORAH BERNSTEIN SAMNS (BUNNY)

Daughter of FLORA and the late HARRIS BERNSTEIN of Kimberley CP who passed away on active service at the South African Military Hospital Richmond Park

To the deep grief of her patients and colleagues

on November 6th 1918 in her thirtieth year

Beloved by all

Marriage certificate

DUPLICATE ORIGINAL REGISTER.

1885 Marriage solemnized at the Synagogue in the Parish of Kimberley District of Griqualand West 1885

| No. | When Married. | Names and Surnames. | Ages. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | After Banns or License. | Consent by whom given, or Judge's Order. |
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| 18. | Twenty Sixth May 1885 | Harris Bernstein Flora Lazarus | Full | Bachelor | Farmer | Kimberley | Banns | |
| | | | | Spinster | Lady | Kimberley | | |

Married in the Synagogue at Kimberley aforesaid in district of Griqualand by me

This Marriage was solemnized between us
Harris Bernstein
Flora Lazarus

In the presence of
M. H. Leary
P. Bannard

Examined with the Original Register by me, and found to be correct.

L. Simmons Hon Sec
G. H. Jewish Congregation

Signature
L. Simmons
Hon Sec

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