

Harry and Esther Nogid

(Pictured in 1959)

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from their grandchildren:

Joseph Gluck (South Africa)

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with additions from Cecil and Natalie
Sussman and Bev Solsky



Grandson Joseph Gluck recalls:

Joseph Gluck, son of Harry and Esther Nogid's eldest daughter Anne, says, **Harry Nogid** was one of the most well-known and respected Jews in Kimberley and surrounding area. He, MHDSRIP was not ONLY known by just about EVERY farmer in the Northern Cape and further but also loved and Respected, fondly known as Oom Harry. Although from Eastern Europe he spoke Afrikaans fluently and six other languages He was a LONG-standing member of the Kimberley Jewish community and had a prominent seat in the Shul. That about sums up the story of my Oupa HARRY NOGID.

Grandson Glenn Kirschner remembers:

Glenn, son of their second daughter Rose, has vivid memories of happy school holidays spent in Kimberley with his grandparents, Esther and Harry Nogid. He says My Grandmother, Esther Nogid (nee Silber, born in 1889 in Shavel Lithuania) was a darling person, loved by all who met her. She was serene, placid and modest. I never knew her to raise her voice. How is your Yiddish? She always said, " don't stech ouise der eigen" among other of her wise sayings. I miss her to this very day. Glenn has sent a recipe for taiglach like his grandma used to make (It's at the end of this story on page 8).

Commuted from Johannesburg

For some while Harry (born in Dvinsk Latvia) and his family lived in Johannesburg and he commuted back and forth to his business in Kimberley – 'African Produce and Export Company' near the Floors township. He dealt in hides and skins for the leather industry, also wool and bonemeal. Leslie Goldberg, son of Abraham Goldberg, says that his father Abraham had travelled around the districts near Kimberly such as Barkley West and Gong Gong trading in hides, bags and skins. He sold his business to Mr Harry Nogid.

The Nogid family settled in Kimberley in about 1947 and lived there until 1969. They first lived in upper Carrington Road, and later in Atlas Street, Herlear, then in a flat in Chapel Street. Esther passed away in 1967 and is buried in Johannesburg. Harry died in 1969 and is buried in Kimberley.

Five daughters and one son

They had five daughters and one son Joseph, who was known as 'Boetie'. The order and their married names were **Anne** (Gluck), **Rose** (Kirschner – then Bernstein), **Josephine** (Lewis), **Stella** (Peck), **Joseph** (known for obvious reasons as Boetie) and **Rhoda** (Marcovitch). Cecil Sussman said that their children always addressed Mrs Esther Nogid, in terms of endearment. She was a lovely person, a typical Yiddishe Mama.



Granddaughter Jackie Simantov says: This photo is of my gran, Esther Nogid with her first 3 daughters, Anne (Gluck) Rose (Bernstein) and the baby is my mother Josephine (Lewis). This must have been taken late 1917 or early 1918.

The tragic accident

Cecil Sussman wrote in February 2018: '**Joseph Nogid** (Boetie) was a very close friend of mine. Tragically he was killed, together with **Tossy Goldman** in an aeroplane accident at the Kimberley airport right in front of me. You can imagine how devastated the Nogid family was on receiving the news - their only son!'

The Diamond Fields Advertiser (DFA) newspaper reported:

Two Kimberley men, Vernon "Tossie" Goldman and Joseph Nogid, were killed on Sunday 8 December 1946 when the Piper-J-Cub they were in, crashed at the Kimberley Aerodrome. (Pictured is a Piper-J-Cub).

The plane was flying low, preparing to make a landing when it went into a spin and crashed. Tossie Goldman, the pilot, died instantly, while Nogid died from his injuries while on the way to hospital.



The 28-year-old Goldman was the elder son of Phil and the late Dolly Goldman, Phil being the well-known bookmaker of 33 Currey Street. Educated at Christian Brother's College, Tossy saw service in World War II with firstly, the Kimberley Regiment, and later with 24 Squadron SAAF, reaching the rank of Captain. He had been mentioned in despatches. Other than his father, he left his younger brother Henry "Buddy" Goldman (serving in the

SAAF) and a sister Joy, still at school. (see the family entry for Buddy Goldman on the family pages <https://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/kimberley/Goldman.html>)

Joseph Nogid, 23 years of age, was educated at SACS in Cape Town, and was an only son. Although employed in Kimberley, his parents lived in Johannesburg. Nogid was buried in Johannesburg and Goldman in the West End Jewish cemetery in Kimberley.~~~~~

Anne Nogid married Maurice Gluck

Son-in-law Maurice Gluck, who married the Nogid's eldest daughter Anne, joined Harry in his business. Their son, Joseph Gluck was known as "Junior", in front of the grandparents, obviously the name Joseph was too painful to mention. He grew up in Kimberley and has fond



memories of living there and of his Bar Mitzvah in the Kimberley synagogue with Rabbi Werner.

Granddaughter Jacky Simantov writes: This photo was taken the day of Joe Gluck's barmitzvah in Kimberley. It shows my grandparents Esther and Harry Nogid, their daughters Rhoda Marcovitch, Rose Bernstein, Hannah (Anne) Gluck, Josephine Lewis (my mother) and Stella Magidson as well as Joe Gluck. Unfortunately, all of the daughters are deceased and it is my generation that are now the 'oldies' with grandchildren of our own.

Joseph Gluck writes (February 2018) 'HARRY NOGID MHDSRIP was highly respected and well-known, not only in Kimberley but in the entire Northern Cape. He was generous to extremes. When he sadly passed, there were write-ups about HARRY NOGID in the DFA of Kimberley, all the MAJOR Jewish newspapers and even in the Johannesburg Star newspaper.(see the article from the South African Zionist Record on page 10)

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**Rose Nogid (b 1915 in Victoria West) married first Frederick (Cherry) Kirschner and then Mr Bernstein**

**Her son Glenn Kirschner** wrote in April 2021 'My Grandfather, Harry Nogid was 'n uitlander in the Transvaal. He fought on the Boer side and was wounded in action. Fortunately, he didn't die. I was pleased to see my Uncle Morris Gluck's name on the list of 2nd WWII soldiers. [Kimberley Jews and the Second World War](#) .Uncle Morris always included me with 'Junior' (Joseph) Gluck when I visited my grandparents in Kimberley.

(Glenn Adds, 'I used to have piano lessons with the lovely Gertie Haas originally from Kimberley. Her husband Ivor Haas had a jewellery store around the corner from where we lived in Sea Point. Their sons were at the same school as me.' [Haas, Gertie, Ivor & Family](#) )

In trying to find people who knew his grandparents Glenn approached Natalie Sussman and also Beverly Solsky who might have lived in the same block of flats in Chapel Street.

He said: 'I had such a wonderful and moving reply from **Natalie Sussman**. She even remembered me as a young boy of four years old. Natalie also remembered my Mother (Rose), and Auntie Jose and said that my Auntie Rhoda was part of their social set and last but not least she remembers fondly my Grandmother Esther Nogid. ([Sussman Cecil and Natalie](#))

### **Block of Flats in Chapel Street**

**Glenn told Beverly:** My grandparents last home in Kimberley was in a block of flats in Chapel



Street. I spent many holidays in Kimberley and stayed with Oupa and Granny in their flat. At night and in the morning one always heard the sound of the locomotives from Kimberley Station. (left: a site we must all remember)

**Beverly told Glenn:** 'I did see you on the 1<sup>st</sup> Kimberley reunion Zoom

[https://youtu.be/2iC3CxcWJ\\_Q](https://youtu.be/2iC3CxcWJ_Q) but couldn't recall your name and when you spoke about your grandparents, memories came flooding back of our unit in Chapel Street. I asked my sister, but she couldn't recall details, what she did tell me was that there was a couple in the block whose business was skins and hides. This must have been your grandfather? So, they did live in the same block of flats where we lived for a number of years before we moved to Memorial Road.

I clearly remember my mom being friendly with your grandmother who was quite a bit older. My sister said that Dr Hymie and his wife Nina Tocker (née Apter) also lived in the same block and I think if my memory serves me correctly so did Buddy Goldman who was a pilot in the war, and was a bookie at Tattersalls.' Glenn says 'I know that my Aunty Rhoda Marcovitch (nee Nogid) was friendly with Nina Tocker. Ethel Apter was also a close of Aunty Rhoda's.'

(see Beverly's family story here [Solsky \(nee Buirski\), Beverly](#).)

Glenn remembers that from their balcony you could see the Afrikaans funeral parlour, AVBOB (which we felt stood for 'almal vrek behalwe ons boere'). Beverly and Glenn could not remember what the block was called – it was **Helderzicht** – as mentioned by Mike Dalrymple in his memories of his uncle Sol Perel who had his GP practice in Chapel Street near Helderzicht? ([Perel, Dr Solly \(Dalrymple, Mike\)](#))

### **Stop the plane and the train!**

Glenn says that Buddy Goldman was also a very good friend of his Aunty Rhoda's. I recall when Aunty Rhoda visited us in London and as a result of the clocks going either back or forward she nearly missed her SAA flight to South Africa. Somehow Buddy heard that she wasn't on the plane yet and being BIG in SAA, told London to hold the flight until she was on board.

Another lovely story Glenn told was, 'My grandfather had a sister Ida and niece and Mila who visited us from New York. Oupa arranged for them to go on the Blue Train to Cape Town. As it was usual in those days the whole family went to the station to see the Americans off and naturally boarded the train to do so (the train usually stayed in the station for a long time). The Blue Train was air-conditioned and the windows didn't open. Suddenly the train started to pull out without a sound or whistle. Fortunately, my Grandfather was on the platform and being extremely well known on the Railways, (he travelled very frequently by train for business). shouted at the top of his voice "Stop the bloody train!!!!". The train stopped!



### **Glenn's memories of Kimberley**

Glenn says: My first memories of Kimberley are having a picnic with my grandparents and Aunts and Uncle at Riverton – a favourite nearby picnic spot on the Vaal River. I also remember when my Grandparents lived in Carrington Road, one morning people who had gone out hunting

brought back some dead Springboks which were disembowelled at the back of the yard, and the meat was cut into strips, salted to make into biltong.

I always stayed with my Grandparents and Granny always spoiled me with delicious food. I remember having steak and eggs for breakfast. Her other specialities were gribernis and gesmeerter matzo over Pesach; not to mention her taiglach. (see below)

I don't know what prompted them to move from Carrington Road to Atlas Street. Their house was on the corner and the Levinsohns lived on the opposite corner. I was friendly with Stella Levinsohn's daughter Pam Orkin. I also used to hang out with Milton Geller who later qualified as a doctor. I think that his father ran a bottle store. I always thought that their home was something really special as it consisted of 2 floors.

Winters in Kimberley were spent chatting with the adults smoking like chimneys, so much that my eyes use to water. My Grandfather had an Airdale dog called Jinx. Jinx would lie at his feet and my Grandfather kept his feet on Jinx against the cold. The only adults who didn't smoke were my Mother and Grandmother.

'After Atlas Street, my Grandparents moved in to a flat in Chapel Street. This was near the Market Square 'I used to clear my grandfather's post office box # 9 once a day - sometimes twice a day'. I remember going to the cinema quite a lot, frequenting the Plaza on one side of the Market Square and the Astra on the other (City Hall in the middle, pictured right – I can't find a picture of the post office in the 1950s or 60s).



I often went to the store – my Grandfathers hide and skin business, with my Aunt Anne Gluck. I watched the men sorting and salting the hides and putting them on trucks for export.

In the early days my Grandfather travelled extensively by train and new all the conductors etc. He loved to play cards with them to while away the time. He was only happy when he won and was able to return all his winnings.

As he got older, he flew from Kimberley to Johannesburg and Cape Town. He was quite a chain smoker and towards the end of his life my Aunt, Stella Magidson used to fly with him to ensure that he didn't fall asleep and drop his cigarette, setting the aeroplane alight.

It was said that there were two famous Harrys in Kimberley: **Harry Oppenheimer and Harry Nogid**



**Granddaughter Jacky Simantov** (daughter of third daughter, Josephine - Lewis) sent these lovely pictures She says:



Above Left is my Aunty Rhoda (Marcovitch) with her daughter Debby Marcovitch (now Newman). Debby and her brother Darryl live in Los Angeles.

Below is a nice picture of my Grandfather Harry Nogid.



This photo above was taken at the wedding of Rhoda Nogid to Jack Marcovitch and shows Ethel Apter (also a Kimberley girl) as the maid of honour and my sister Lesley (Lunn) and Jacky (Simantov) (née Lewis) as flower-girls.



## Sefer Torah Mantle

Glenn says: At the back of my mind I think that there is a sefer torah at the Memorial Road Synagogue which bore my Grandparents name. Is there someone I could email about this?’

This prompted me to think about all the many artifacts in the shul and that they should be found, cleaned, catalogued, valued and protected. I will speak to Barney about this. There will be much of Kimberley social history bound up in the shul artifacts and coverings. (The one pictured is in the Victoria and Albert Museum and dates from 1675. I use it for a logo for the International Forum for Jewish Music Studies Jewish Music Group

<https://jewishmusic.hcommons.org/>

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Glenn sent these recipes for TAIGLACH

– like his grandmother Esther Nogid made:

Two recipes for you to choose from.

A: Cut Taiglach

Ingredients

6 eggs
2 tablespoons oil
2 teaspoons ginger
Flour
1lb syrup
2.5 tablespoons sugar

Method

Beat eggs, oil and ginger. Add flour to make firm dough. Roll pieces of dough into strips and cut into small pieces.

Boil syrup and sugar in large pot. Add taiglach and allow to boil for 15 minutes before opening pot. Dry lid. Continue with the same method opening the pot and stirring the taiglach more constantly until syrup has thickened. Just before completion add in a little ginger. Throw on wet wooden board, sprinkle with chopped nuts (optional) and when cool, cut into squares.

B: Syruped Taiglach

Ingredients

Dough

12 eggs less 4 whites

1 tablespoon ginger

1 tablespoon brandy

4 tablespoons oil

Rind of orange

Flour

Method

Beat eggs very well, add other ingredients and enough flour to make a firm dough. Make into shapes. Allow to stand in warm place for 30 minutes.



How to make shape with filling:

Roll pieces of dough into strips about a finger thick. Plait 3 strips together; cut into lengths of 1.5 inches, place filling into each piece and roll into ball.

Filling:

0.25 prune

Piece of date

1 raisin

Syrup

6 cups sugar

6 cups water

3lbs syrup

Boil together in a large pot with a tight-fitting lid and add taiglach. Boil on high temperature for 15 minutes. Remove and dry lid (NB Every time the pot is opened, the lid must be dried and care must be taken that the moisture on the lid does not fall back on taiglach). Continue cooking, lower temperature and stir more often as taiglach near completion. When golden brown, stir in 2 dessertspoons ginger. Remove from heat, add 4 cups boiling water (one cup at a time), stirring slowly until singing sound stops. Leave taiglach in syrup.

NB If dry taiglach are desired, add less boiling water, about 2 cups, roll in chopped nuts, sugar or coconut and place on wetted wooden board.

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This is one of the articles in the newspaper from when Harry Nogid died in 1969 that Joe Gluck mentioned.

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## Kimberley mourns "Oom Harry" Nogid

**MR. HARRY NOGID**, a well-known Kimberley personality, passed away recently at the age of 92.

Mr. Nogid was devoted to Jewish causes and civic charities. He was known as "Oom Harry" to a wide circle of business associates and friends.

One of his lifelong friends, Mr. Harry Klein, said: "Harry Nogid was one of Israel's staunchest supporters and contributors. He was a pacesetter in every sense, a Jew devoted to his people and the cause of Zion. His dedication to Israel never waned.

"Kimberley will miss his



*The late Mr. Nogid*

vision, his benevolence and openheartedness. It was a privilege to know such a Jew."

Mr. Nogid is survived by his daughters, Anne Gluck, Rose Bernstein, Josephine Lewis, Stella Magidson and Rhoda Marcovitch.

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## **Harry and Esther Nogid and family**

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