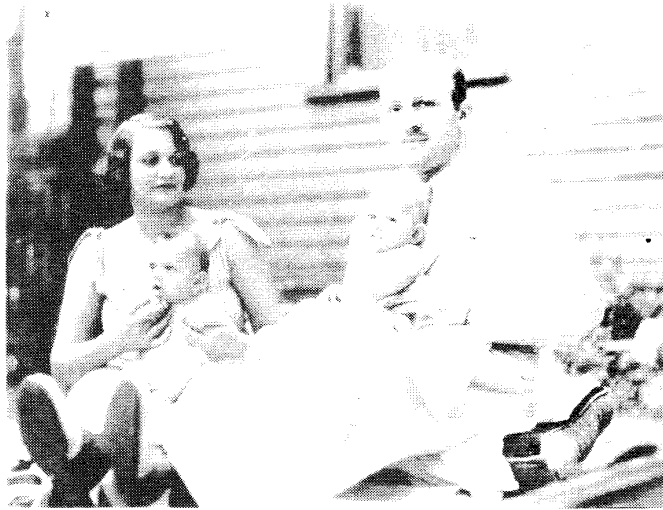


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DEDICATED TO MY FATHER  
LOUIS A. SCHNEIDER  
YOU LIVE FOREVER IN MY HEART



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HOLOCAUST VICTIMS  
IN MEMORIAM



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP CENTER- Rifka, Folice (children of Itcha),  
\_\_\_\_?\_\_\_\_ ( son of Louis Schneider), Haskel (son of Sqalia)---  
all grandchildren of Chaskiel Layb (8)

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## INTRODUCTION

Five years ago, my father, Louis Schneider, M.D. asked me to trace his family. It was to be my Golden Wedding Anniversary present to him in 1979. I thought it would be a simple task and started tracing the Szeynersznayders of Koden, the Barlas' of Domacheva, the Rosenbaums of Opaline ( my father's ancestors), the Ladrachs, Bergers, Krebs and Zimmermans of Wattenwil, Switzerland ( my mother's Protestant ancestors), the Aronstams, Edelbergs and Voss' of Libau, - Latvia and the Orkins and Oshrins of Zagaare, Lithuania, the Nudels and Maizlishs of Swinach, Russia ( my husband's ancestors).

The project was not without many sad interruptions. My father-in-law, Henry Oshrin, M.D. died after a long illness in August, 1979. Then I had major surgery the following month. April, 1980, my father, Louis Schneider became ill and after a five month illness, died November, 1980. On Yom Kippur 1981, my mother, Dorothy Schneider, suffered a minor stroke. She recovered, but in January, 1982 she suffered another stroke and her condition deteriorated until she died March 25, 1982. It has been especially painful to continue the genealogies after each loss, as just searching photograph albums etc evokes memories that I am not yet ready to confront.

About the name SZEYNEERSZNAyder (pronounced Shanerschneider) in Kaganoff's A DICTIONARY OF JEWISH NAMES AND THEIR HISTORY, I learned "... Schoen in a non-Jewish name refers to the bearer as a handsome person, in a Jewish name it is an abbreviation of shaliah neeman, the trusted representative of the community". Therefore, the first Sznayder (tailor), had Szeyner added to his name to signify he was a personage in the community, probably in Koden in the 1700's.

At present I have someone in Poland doing research for me in the town of Koden, trying to locate some missing information- maiden names of wives, husband's names, etc. Until I receive that information if there is any available, this book contains all the family information I could obtain. When you read this, you will see that some families or individuals received more stories or pictures than others. It is not that they are more important, just that I was able to obtain more information about these families.

If there are any mistakes, or omissions, I apologize. I hope you will notify me and in a few months, I will mail an addenda with all the updates.

I want to thank all the relatives who sent me information, pictures and gave me encouragement to carry on. Special thanks to my husband, Bob, a busy Obstretician, who found time to xerox hundreds of pages for me, hundreds of times, and who endured the clutter of my den for five years. And thank you to my brother, Bern, who has offered to help finance this project.

And, Dad, I've kept my promise... Here are your ROOTS...

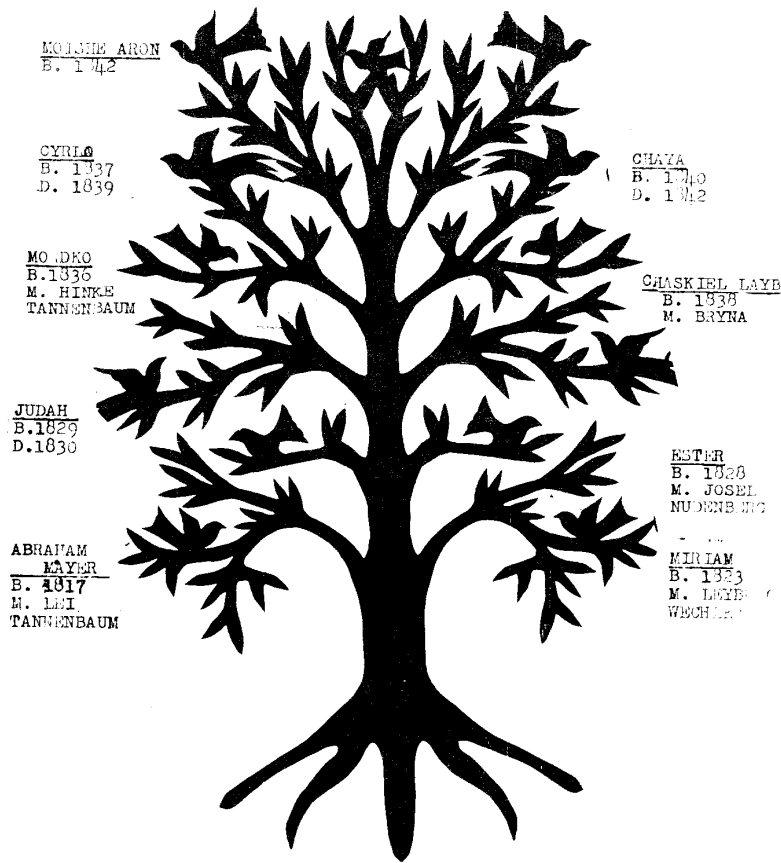
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KODEN

The town of Grandpa's birth and growing  
 Was not marked on smaller maps,  
 But on the largest atlas page  
 Where every village name is printed  
 Was Koden in small black letter.  
 When its thousand Jews were slaughtered,  
 It should have disappeared in shame,  
 But there it was- Koden-  
 Where Icko sat and sewed  
 And Bayl Sur,h baked her rolls and challah,  
 People sew there still- and bake  
 And greet each other in the street.  
 They pass their days without the Jews;  
 I wonder, though,  
 About their nights.

Adapted from a Poem Telechany by  
 Shirley Blumberg  
 The Jewish Spectator, Spring 1981  
 Idea from Michael Nevins, M.D.

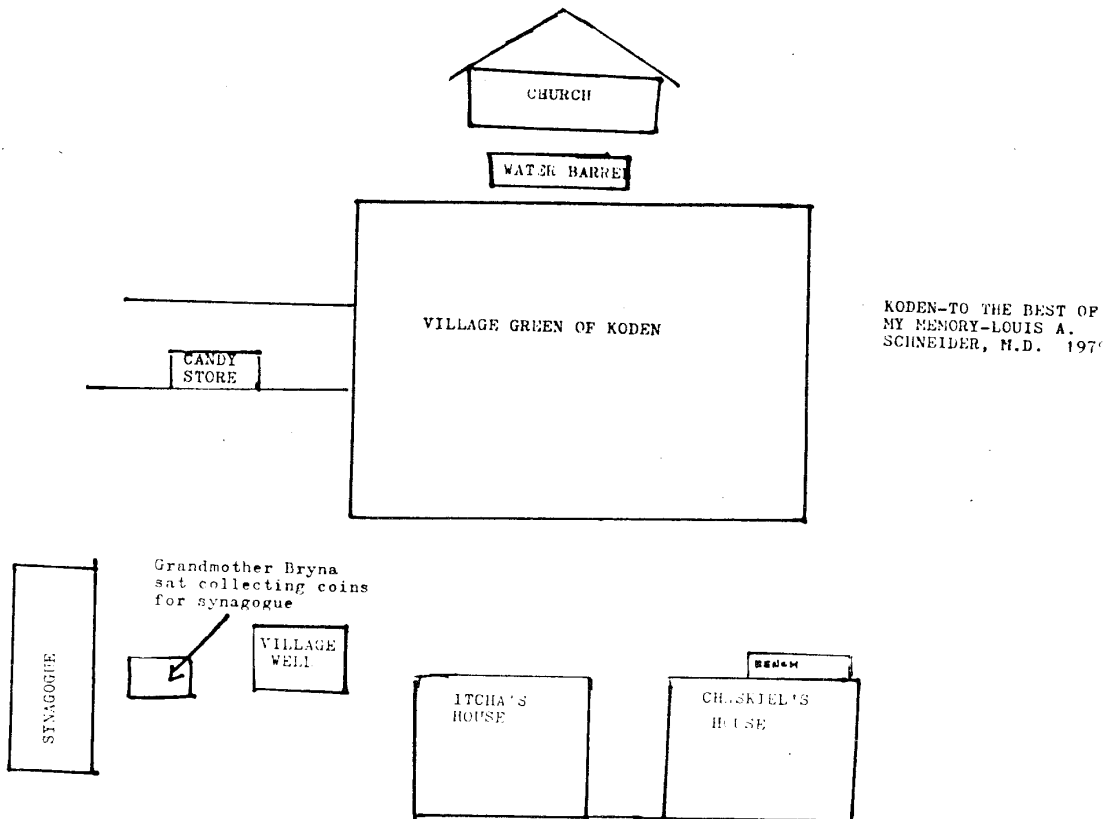


ISAAC (ICHA), SON OF MORDKAI AND RIFKA,  
 AND BAYLA SURA SZEYNERSZAYDER

KODEN, LUBLIN, RUSSIA/POLAND



Koden, where the Szeynersznayders lived for one hundred years- and forty years- app. 1795-1939. It is located ten miles south of Brest on the Bug River. Presently, it is in Poland, but in past years it has been part of the Duchy of Warsaw and, for many years it has been part of Russia. In 1939 there were 549 Jews.



IN THE BEGINNING . . .

MORDKAI SZEYNEERSZNAyder (1)

BORN: (?)

MARRIED: Rifka (?)

DIED: Probably between 1795-1826

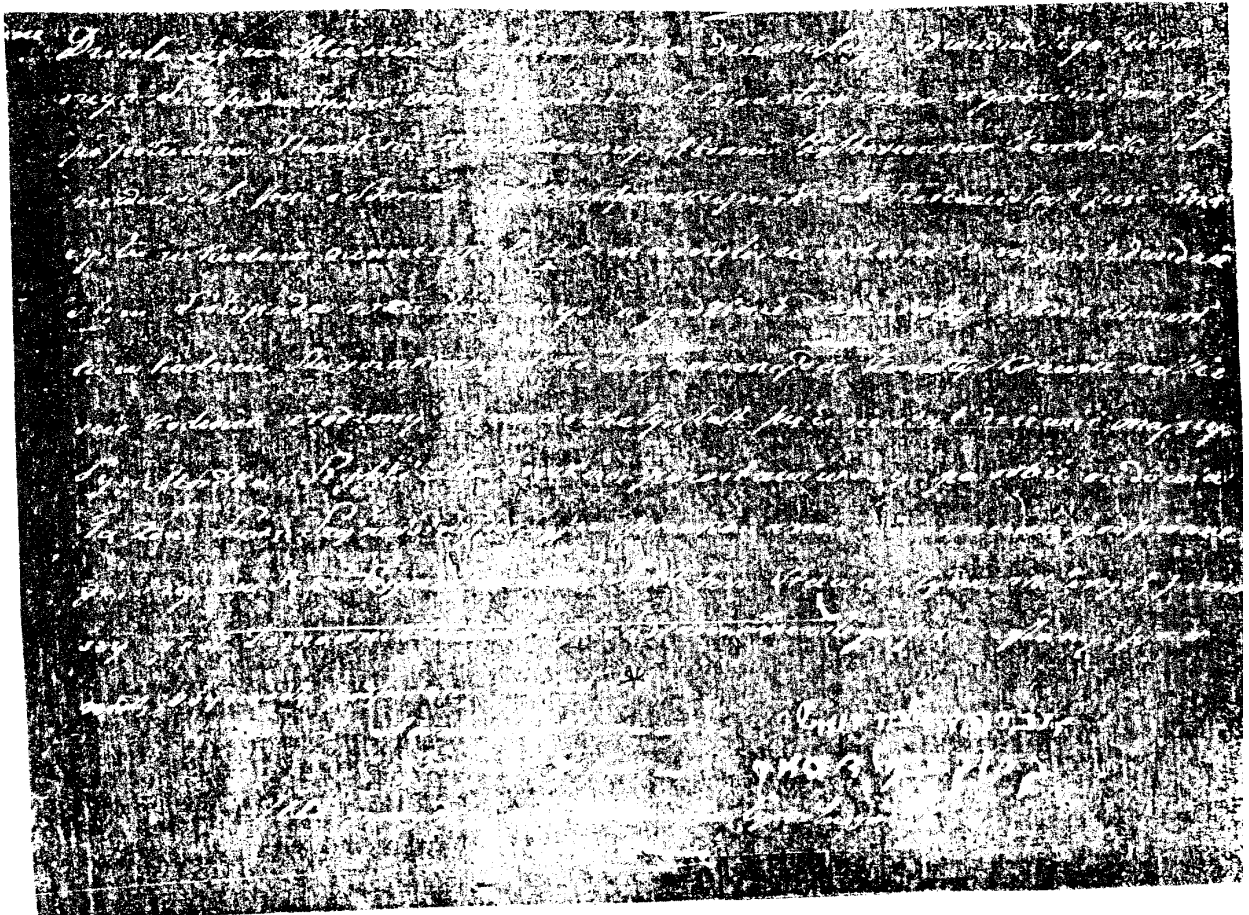
OCCUPATION: (?) Probably Tailor

CHILDREN: Icha (Isaac) Szeynersznayder (2)

Death certificate of Icko (Isaac) Szeynersznayder (2) - 1854

It took place in Koden on the 29th of November in the year 1854 at 2 p.m. in the afternoon, Orthodox Jews, Abram Zylberwaser, a worker, and Boruch Goldhur, a peddler, who bore witness to the death of Icko Szeynersznayder at 9 a.m., November 28, an Orthodox Jew and a married tailor, born and lived in Koden 59 years, son of Mordko and Rifka. He leaves behind his widow, Bayla Sura, who he told before his death how to dispose of his possessions. His will was written by his son-in-law.

Witnesses: Abram Zylberwaser  
Boruch Goldhur



ICHA (ISAAC) SZEYNEERSZMAYDER (2)

BORN: App. 1795                      Koden, Lublin, Poland

MARRIED: Bayla Sura  
Born: App. 1799  
Died: Between 1854-1880

DIED: 29 November 1854      Koden, Lublin, Poland

OCCUPATION: Tailor

CHILDREN: Abraham Mayer, (3) tailor, B. 1817 D.      married Lei Tannenbaum  
(B. 1824. dau of Szulim (tailor) and Feige Nudenberg. Married -  
25 July 1841

Miriam, (4) B. 1823 married Leyblio Wechler (scholar) son of Zellio  
Wechler of Stawatyczach. Married - 29 September 1843

Ester, (5) B. 1828 married Josel Yankiel Nudenberg (scholar) B. 1828  
son of David (tailor) and Sura. Married September 1846

Judah, (6) B. 1829 D. 1830

Mordko, (7) B. 24 July, 1836 m. Lache Tannenbaum

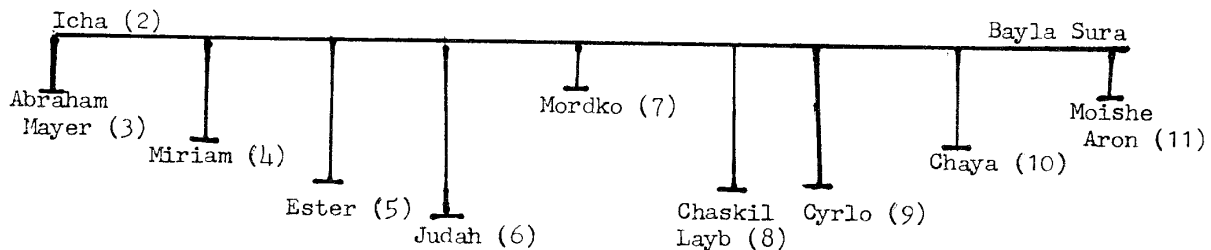
Chaskil Layb, (8) B. 31 May 1838 D. 1905 married Bryna

Cyrlo, (9) B. 1837 D. 1838

Chaya, (10) B. 1840 D. 1842

Moishe Aron, (11) B. 22 December 1842

Source: Death certificate of Icha Szeynerszmayder (2) - November 1854.  
Birth certificate of Ester, Judah, Mordko, Chaskil, Cyrlo, Chaya, Moishe  
Aron.  
Marriage certificate of Abraham Mayer, Ester, Miriam.



ABRAM MAYER SZEYNEERSNAYDER (3)

Abraham Mayer (B. 1817 - Koden) married Lea Tannenbaum in Koden in 1841.  
They had:

1. Berko (B. 28 Aug 1844) m. Eta Bala  
Gedalia m. 1. Penna Tannenbaum 2. Pescal  
Julis m. 1. Bela 2. Letty  
Benajmin m. Edith Goodman (See Mordecai (7))  
Sarah m. Sam Gershman  
Morty m. Giano Itzenberg  
Annette  
David  
Julis m. Bess  
Sam m. Gags Rubenstein  
Thelma m. Ed Novick  
Steve  
Gertrude m. Karl Parker  
Glenn  
Dennis  
Harry m. Betty  
Chaskel Israel  
Mayer
2. Rifka (B. 1847)
3. Feyge (B. 1848 D. 1849)
4. Faaya (D. 1850)
5. Szulim (B. 1851 D. 1853)
6. David (B. 1854 D. 1854)
7. Chaya Rachel
8. Bayla Sura m. Buman Shulman (Shuckmacher)  
Max m. Kate  
Eddie m. Adele Weiner  
Fred, Herbert, Gary  
Louis m. Jean  
Abe m. Norma  
Phyllis m. Carl  
Elliott  
Shmila m. Elka (All killed in WWII)  
Label - 3 children  
Moishe m. Sadie  
Eugene  
Anna m. Louis Scheider  
Bessie m. Irving Ginsberg  
Cynthia  
Michael  
Pescal m. ? from Warsaw (All killed in WWII)  
Ida m. Morris Schulman  
Louis m. Evelyn Rothenberg  
Bonnie, Walter  
Harry m. Natalie Jacobsen  
Diane m. Stuart Neufeld  
Michael, Shari  
Lily m. Jerry Siegel  
Cathy  
Scott  
Mary m. Sam Sherman  
Leon m. Gertie  
Murray m. Eleanor  
Bernard m. Sylvia



Continued- Children of Bayla Sura and Ruman

- Joseph m. (Had 2 daughters-killed in WWII)  
Esther m. Isaac Getzoff  
    Lorraine m. Harold Sowlor  
        Keith, Craig, Scott  
    Rochelle m. Arnold  
Nettie m. Max Ested  
    Libby m. Leo Rothenberg  
        Steven, Shelley, Bruce  
    Eleanor m Joe Gottheim  
        Barbara, Abby  
Leah m Gutman (Killed WWII- Belgium)  
    Mannie m/ Margie  
        Bernard  
Evelyn m Ben Desatnick  
    Robert m Sonja  
    Donald m. Judy  
    Richard m Elaine  
9. Boruch ( B 1859)  
10. Hershza Wolf (B 1860 D. 1863)  
11. Josela ( B 1857 D. 1861)

MIRIAM SZEYNEERSZDAYDER WECHLER (4)

Miriam Szeynerszdayder was born in Koden in 1823. Her parents were Icha and Bayla Sura. She married Leyblie Wechler, a scholar, the son of Yenta and Zellio Wechler, a tailor, in 1843. They had

1. Aron (B 1844)
2. Yenta (B. 1848)
3. Zellio ( B. 1845)
4. Smul (B. 1849)
5. Chana Rifka ( B. 1851)

There is no further information on this family after 1854. They may have returned to Leyblie's hometown of Slawatyczeh,

MY SOJOURN IN EGYPT  
JULIUS SNIDER

After I became Bar Mitzvahed, I used to go everyday to the synagogue. In one of the holidays a boy bigger than I, he has come from a big city, he was working there. This city is one hours ride from us with train, the Jews called it Brick, the real name is Brecklitafak. We boys gather around him, and we want to know news from a big city, and the big boy said we will have our country, our government, and our own soldiers and our own cities and villages and our own farms. We asked him from where he knows all these things, he said in the big cities you go to meetings and they will tell you all about that. In the big city, Brick, there lived my grandmother, my mother's mother with her young daughter Tizael. Tizael had two little girls with blonde hair and she was waiting for money and tickets from her husband in America. When Tizael saw me when I used to come for a holiday she said to me I should be a tailor in America. Tailors is good. In the meanwhile I used to go to meetings in the big city. In the meetings they sell stamps and emblems from the Zionist organization and for this money, the Jewish national front buys land in Palestine they show you pictures and give you pamphlets from Eretz, Israel.

So I come home and become a tailor. My father and grandfathers they was tailors even our name came from tailors. Tailor in German is Schneider and so we went to become a tailor takes time and the time come with the Russian and the Japanese was and I have to be a soldier to fight Japan, and this I don't want. I had not enough money to go to America so I decided to go to Palestine. The first stop it was in Vienna and as I passed a few streets I saw there fine establishments of tailoring. From Vienna I went to Triest. In Triest there is not a ship to take me to Jaffa Palestine they advised me to take a ship to go to Alexandria, Egypt. From there I could take a ship to Jaffa. As I came to Alexandria there are men from the Hotels dressed in uniforms with the names of the Hotels on their emblems as the ship stops, these men come up on the ship. One of the men asked me a few words in Yiddish and I said I have to change a ship to go to Jaffa, the man said to me you have to wait a few days, until you could get a ship to go to Jaffa in the meantime come with me so I went with him and he brought me to a Jewish Hotel and the man asked me if I have a trade. I said I am a tailor he said good. I will come in the afternoon and I will bring you to a tailor. The man came in the afternoon after walking a few blocks we come to the tailor, and I saw there a fine establishment of tailoring as I saw in Vienna. The boss don't look Jewish he had a fine mustache, elegant dressed, still young. I heard him speak French to the customers. We had to wait for him until he has a few minutes to speak with us but the man has no time to wait for him he said to me I should wait for the boss and he said to the boss he will meet him in the Hotel. I saw four young men working but I did not speak to none of them. Finally the boss was through with the customers and he asked me if I am a tailor. He speak Yiddish but as a Litvak. He said to me I should wait until he will close for the night and he want me I should go with him in his home and will have supper. When he closed the store he take a carriage and the driver I suppose knew him as a customer brought us to the door. He introduced me to his wife. She don't speak Yiddish she speak French and Greek, and we had a fine supper and he asked me about my coming to Alexandria. I said I had not the intention to come to Alexandria I just wait for a ship to go to Jaffa, Palestine and he started to laugh and I find me embarrassed and I did not understand why he laughed at me. Then he said you are a tailor, what for you go to Palestine, you want to be a farmer. I said so was my plan as I could not go to America. I go to Palestine. Then he said, "Young man you first make a few dollars and then you go to America or to Palestine." I noticed that he did not pay too much attention to his wife she was of the old fashion and she was

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working in the kitchen. She had a dark complexion after a few hours he showed me a room to sleep over night.

The next day we went to work, as time pass by I find I could make money so I stick to the job. Then I find out how my boss speaks so good French, he was a Litvak his name was Arka Levin, but the Jews call him Arke Lutvack. Arke comes from Lutvania from Lita and he went to Paris there he went to a tailoring academy and he got a diploma, after he got the diploma he meet this girl and he married her. She is a Jewish girl from Greece. Her parents lived in Alexandria, Egypt and they decided to come to Egypt and he opened a store of French Tailoring.

At that time a tailor has to have a diploma and he had a diploma from Paris, he became a French tailor, and he had plenty business and he made a fortune. The Egyptians Pachashas and the French Colony in Egypt, a Litvak remain a Litvak. One of his workmen a Jewish man had a beautiful daughter, and the Lutvak fell in love with her and he gave her all the money he had and he divorced his wife. His wife sued him, she claimed she gave him money to open the store and the expenses she supported him and she is entitled to alimony. He became sick and he went to the hospital and the business went to Hell. Arka did not come out of the hospital alive.

I opened a store. My first customers was my neighbors one of them a musician and one a jeweler. One day the jeweler told me he has a friend in Savoy Hotel. I come to the Hotel and I asked for Mr. Cher Myer and a man came out with a brown mustache, he was dressed in tails and he started to speak in German he said he needed another set of tails he wears every day tails. I take his order and I told him it will be ready the next week. After I delivered the tails, there were in this hotel waiters what they work there ofr the summer season, the winter they go to Cairo to work in the big hotels and I had plenty of business for them. Alexandria is a port city. Ships come there from almost all the world. Alexandria is also a summer resort people from Cairo for the summer the rich people go to Europe for the summer. Cairo has a hot climate as in Florida. These big hotels in Egypt were built by Swiss Company the same company built the Hotel in Jerusalem The King David Hotel. In these hotels the managements the waiters, the cooks, the bars are people from Germany, Austria, Swiss and Italians. The Nobility, the Kings, the Queens and the rich men from Europe come to Cairo for the Winter Season also from America the big stars from Hollywood come here to make films. Emile Cesil make the film the Ten Commandments. The Opera Cleopatra was played for the first time in Cairo near the pyramids in my time they excavated and find an ancient kingdom with many golden relics and golden furniture and jeweleried and precious stones. Many millionaires come there out of curiosity and they remain for the winter season. Cairo is also a commerce city as New York. All merchandise from all the world you could find here from Cairo I received a letter from one of my customers I should come to take orders. The letter was addressed from a Hotel near Cairo there is hot baths for people with arthritis or rumatism and so on. I went there and I take orders from Alexandria to Cairo is three hours ride on train.

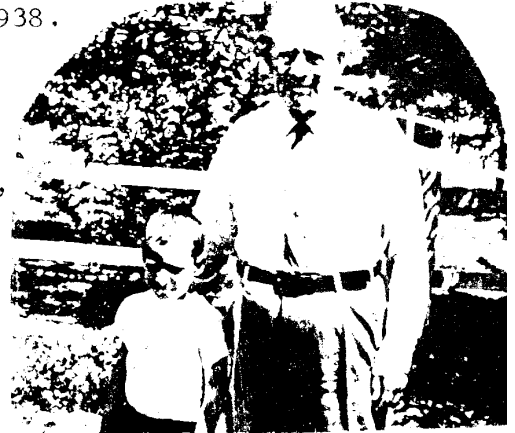
I forgot about America and Palestine. I was a businessman and I made money until the first world war when the first world war broke out the English government in Egypt rounded up all the Germans and Austrians and I lost all my customers. It was good that I had money in the Belgian Bank International. Four months was no business people did not know what the war will bring nobody bought anything except food. After four months one day I go out in the streets I saw soldiers there wore cowboy hat and heavy uniforms in summertime. They come from Australia through the Suez Canal. They go fight the Turks in Galuoy. The Turks they was with the Germans but they lost the fight in Galipoly and many were killed and wounded. Those come out alive they was worn and torn out of their heavy

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uniforms. There was in Alexandria two brothers their parents came from Spain. They lived in Manchester, England and they came to Alexandria and they opened a store to sell piece goods. I used to buy from them some time piece goods. I passed their store and I asked them how is business. They said nobody buys a yard of goods. I asked them if they have khaki goods they said they will be glad to sell it to me. I said I will not pay you for the goods, I will make shorts and you will sell the shorts to the Australians as you know the English language. I make the shorts and they sold them and I started to make uniforms for the Australians and they sold them. Then I made a contract with them they should pay me a certain price and I will give up my store and I will be in their store to manage the uniforms. They moved out of this store to a huge store in the main street. And they put out a big sign Globe Uniforms. I was with them five years in this store I learned English and Arabic the language of the community. A businessman in Egypt has to know a few languages as every nationality speaks his own. After five years I opened a store 2 blocks from them. Many customers come to me. Two workman come to work for me and I was a businessman again and I made money again. After World War I was over President Wilson in his 14 points declared that all little nations should be free independent nations. The Arabs in Egypt the first few years they was not organized and they did not know how to be independent. They was mostly farmers. The rich and the Pacha they are satisfied with their riches and they don't need a change in the country. It takes quite a few years some politicians Egyptian patriots instigated the masses against the English government. They started to make riots they make demonstrations they break windows they break stores and they take away all the merchandise in some demonstrations they killed European people. One morning I come to my store and I put the key to open the store the door was not locked it was an iron door and I saw an empty store everything was taken out of the store. I said now I was going to America. It takes me one year until I made the necessary papers. As I had the C.K. from the American Consulate I arranged tickets from the American Agency Shipping Company on the 10th of August 1938 early in the morning everythings was packed and I went on the Boat Escordia. It was 1st class passenger ship. The Escordia passed in the Mediteranean and she stopped in Greece one day, in Italy two ports each port 1 day, in Marcells, France 1 day, in Gibraltar 1 day then crossed the Atlantic and stopped in Boston 1 day. In Boston, there lived my aunt, my father's sister with her family. They send a representative to help me come out of the boat, but I did not need a representative to help me I came on the shore of the Boston Harbor. A woman came to me she was wearing a band across her shoulder and a badge from Haya. She started to speak English and asked my name. I said that I am Schneider. She said I came to help you. I said thank you for your help but passengers of 1st class ship don't need help. She said your relatives send me. If you need help. As I talked to her my aunt and her husband and children come and I went with them to their home. After refreshments we went sight-seeing in Boston. The next morning Escordia come to New Jersey. It was September 1st, 1938.



Right: Julius Snider  
(born 1892) and  
grandson, Brian.  
Left: Benjamin Snider,  
son of Julius



ESTER SZEYNEERSZWAYDER NUDEBERGER (5)

Ester Szeynerszwayder was born in 1828 in Koden. She married Josel Yankiel Nudenberg (also born in 1828 in Koden) on September 1846. He was a scholar and schoolteacher. They had:

1. Chana (D. 1853)
2. Rifka (B. 1849)
- e. Srul Gedalia (B. 1853)
4. David Borach (B. 1851) m. Leah Rosenbaum
  - Sarah m. Samuel Mazer
    - Rose m. Irving Brower
      - Michael m. Antoinette Federica
      - Phyllis m. Michael Nevins, M.D.
        - Andrea, Daniel, Edward
    - David m. Dorothy Schopp
      - Rich m. Eileen (div)
    - Leo m. 1. Doris Berkenfeld 2. Joelle Beentin
      - Janet
        - Marion m. Mark Remignanti
        - Sarah
        - Lisa
      - Becky m. Sol Rosenbaum
        - Lillian m. Eli Levin
        - Ethel m. George Buck (div)
          - Nancy, Larry, Vivian
        - Ozzie m. 1. Hani Weiss 2. Marcella Lehman 3. Marga
          - Stephanie, Amy, Lynne
- Joel m. Elsie Van Liew
  - Susan m. Jerold Taub
  - Wayne m. Ellen Uszynski
  - Robert
- Benjamin m. Ann Zipperman
  - Lois m. J. Natkin
    - Michael, Joel
    - Rita m. Clegg
- Leo m. Rae Harris
  - Nat m. Selma Rosenbaum
  - Walter m. Edith
    - David (killed in Vietnam)
    - Leonard
    - Richard m. Lisa Courtney
  - Rodney m. Patricia
    - Jaime
5. Joseph
6. Gedalia
7. Bronka

## SAM AND SARAH MAZER

Samuel Mazer was born in 1892 in Malin, a Ukrainian summer resort (dacha) about 75 miles from Kiev on a branch of the Dnieper River. Malin was also a paper milling center and young Sam enjoyed the surrounding pine forests and swimming in the river. Samuel's father Abram and his grandfather, Moishe, were shoemakers. Times were hard and Abram couldn't afford to provide his son with an education. Sam did learn Hebrew and worked at odd jobs but opportunities for employment were few. Once, while looking for work in Kiev, he narrowly missed being arrested by bribing a policeman. Sam was eligible to be drafted into the army and so he decided to leave for America. At age 17, he crossed the Austrian border without a passport. At a border hotel he met a pretty young girl, Sarah Nudenberg, and together they took the train to Antwerp. There, they were both delayed for two weeks, Sam being unable to pass the eye examination. At last they embarked on "The Fatherland" arriving 13 days later on February 3, 1910 in New York. They separated with Sam going to the Bronx to stay with a cousin. He needed to make money to help bring his family over from Russia and he worked 17 hour days for \$12 a week cutting shoe leather. Then he found a job as a hat checker in a New Jersey restaurant which earned him \$60 a week, enough to buy a house and bring his parents and brothers over in 1911. Sam set Abram up as a shoemaker in Newark. Frieda (Blinde) is remembered for her generosity to the poor and her religious orthodoxy. About this time Sam went to the Yiddish theater to see the famous actress, Madame Lipson. By accident he met his girlfriend from the crossing. He was very excited and they began courting. They were married three years later, 1912.

Sarah was born in the small town of Naputchna on the border of Poland in about 1893. Her parents both died when she was young. Father Benjamin David of cancer in 1898 and mother Leah after an accident in 1906. The family had a prosperous parquet floor factory that employed about seventeen men. Sarah's paternal grandfather, Yonkel, was a Hebrew scholar known as the "rebbe's rebbe" since he knew the answers when the Rabbi didn't. His wife Esther (Szeynersznayder) was more practical and ran a small roadhouse. Sarah's maternal grandmother, Rukel Rosenbaum (Rukel the cottonmaker) had an absorbent cotton mill and lived to be 103. When Sarah's father died, the eldest son Joseph was already working in his in-laws factory. The next son, Leo, was in the Russian Navy. One day, leaving his uniform on the river bank with a suicide note, he fled to America. Ordinarily the next son would have to replace him in the Navy, but Gedalya didn't pass the physical examination and was exempted. Gedalya moved the family and factory to the larger town of Kaltz. Sarah wanted to become a dressmaker and to go to school but Gedalya believed that a woman's place was in the home where his younger sister's role was to care for his children. Being a rebellious fifteen year old, Sarah decided to join her sister, Becky, in America. She borrowed another girl's passport and set off by train. A jilted boyfriend's father was the conductor and informed the border guards. Sarah was put in jail. Fortunately, she was recognized by people from her home town of Naputchka and the town's mayor had her released after a week and returned to her family. This time she obtained a proper passport and set off again. (Of the six Nudenberg children - Sarah, Becky and Leo came to America. Joseph, Gedalya and Bronka stayed on and were killed by the Germans, years later.)

On the train, several boys noticed Sarah but she claimed that she was engaged and Samuel Mazer protected her from their attentions. After the marriage Sarah thought that Sam's restaurant job was undignified. Anyway, Sam had a quarrel with the cook and quit, sold his house and bought a saloon in Brooklyn near the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The saloon business failed when the Navy Yard was closed after the end of the

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Mexican War. They moved back to New Jersey where Sam joined his brother-in-law, Leo, as a painter. Rose was born in 1913., David in 1917 and Leo in 1924. The construction business was good and Sam began to put up apartments and single family houses until he was wiped out in the Depression in 1929.

For the next four decades Sam and Sarah moved many times and Sam built many houses, including homes for each of his children. They later moved to Miami where they purchased a condominium. In September, 1977, the entire clan including children, grand and great grandchildren congregated to celebrate Sam and Sarah's 65th Anniversary and Sam's 85th birthday.

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#### UPDATE ON THE MAZER FAMILY

Sam and Sarah Mazer are still living in good health in Florida. Their daughter, Rose, and her husband Irving Brower, retired from real estate, spend their summers in Hackensack, N.J and their winters in Florida.

Thyllis, the Browers' daughter, is living in River Dale, New Jersey with her husband, Michael Nevins, M.D. and their three children. Michael is a graduate of Tufts Medical School and is a cardiologist and a clinical associate professor of medicine at New Jersey Medical School. He is also the author of a Memorial Book to his ancestral town of Dubrowa. Michael Brower is a real estate manager.

David and Dorothy Mazer are currently living in Tucson, Arizona, where he plans to go into business ventures with former classmates from the Colorado School of Mines. Their son, Rick, is living in San Francisco and is Director of Planning for ITEL.

Ann Mazer, recent widow of Benjamin, is still living in Kentucky and was nice enough to supply many of the family photographs.

Leo and Joelle live in Harrington Park with her ( his adopted) son, Ross. They recently celebrated their fourth anniversary. He is a lawyer.

Ethel Levin, a real estate broker, and her children, Nancy , a lawyer, and Larry, in the Office of Environmental Protection (Both Brown graduates) are all living in Washington, D.C.

Joel Rosenbaum and his wife, Elsie, are both retired and living in Morristown, N.J. He was a chemical engineer and she taught school. Their children, Susan and her husband Jerold live in Danbury, Conn. Wayne, is involved in the sale of precious metals, and his wife is a teacher. Robert is completing his PHD in clinical psychology.

Ozzie, a metallurgist, is living in R.I. His daughter Stephanie is a technical writer for computer software. Amy attended Univ. of Tenn. and Lynne is in elementary school.

Lois Natkin, daughter of Ben and Ann Mazer, is a teacher and her husband, Jerome, is an educational psychologist in Louisville, KY. Rita Clegg, her sister, is a librarian there.

Nat Mazer, son of Leon and Rae, is a retired engineer living in Caldwell, N.J. Walter, his brother, is a chemical engineer living in New Town, Conn.

Ben, Joel and  
Ezra(Oz) Rosenbaum



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TOP. L-R. Rose and Irving Brower. Top Lower. Sam and Sarah Mazer. Elsie, Joel, Wayne, Ellen, Sosha Rosenbaum-Robert, Chris Rosenbaum. Rita Clegg. Sue and Terry Taub



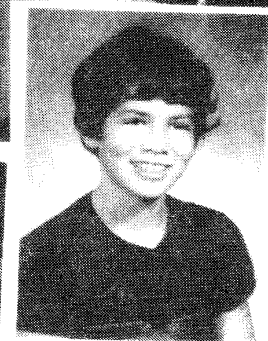
Middle L-R. Michael, Danny, Teidy, Andrea and Phyllis Nevins. Dorothy and Dave Mazer. Lower Left.- Robert Rosenbaum, Cathy Buc, Alex and Jason Buc, Sue Taub, Larry Buc.

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CENTER TOP- Becky and Sol Rosenbaum(1954-50th Wedding Anniversary).  
MIDDLE LEFT- Lois and Jerry Natkin. MIDDLE LEFT- Ann and Ben  
Rosenbaum (1980-40th Wedding Anniversary). LOWER L-R- Sarah and  
Sam Mazur with Nevins grandchildren. Rita Rosenbaum. Joel and  
Michael Natkin.



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MORDECAI SZEYNEERSZNYDER (7)

Mordecai Szeynersznayder was born July 1836 and married Hinke Tannenbaum.  
They had:

1. Abraham m.
2. Kaile m. Sam Goodman (capmaster)  
Ethel m. Irving Harris (Book salesman)  
Eileen m. Martin Winkler (Pharmacist)  
Karen, Laurie, Eric  
Herman m. Madeline Koltman  
Dorothy m. Dr. Robert Wallace  
Ethan  
Edith m. Benjamin Snider (State Auditor)  
Gerald m. Rita Licht (Printing Business)  
Brian, Stephen  
Allan m. Joan Bresman (Stockbroker)  
Amanda, Dana
3. Esther m. Harry Rosenbaum  
Morton m. Katie Menkes  
Robert m. Diana Mahonin  
Aaron  
Dorothy
- Isador m. Ruth Rabkin  
Ann m. Mitchell Kramer  
Hollis, Daniel, Phillip,\*Henry \* \*sons of Isador & Ruth
- Arnold m. Gertrude Kest  
Jeffrey  
Karen m. Charles Ulrich  
David  
Kenneth  
Eric
4. Itzel m. Celia Elkin
5. Gedalia m.
6. Sarah

Mordecai was drafted into the Russian Army at a young age and served twenty five years in the service. When he was released he was in his forties and without a trade. He was able to procure a position in Brest-Litovsk at the railroad station where he was in charge of cleaning the trains. He had to have a special permit from the government to have the honor. He lived within walking distance of the railroad station. His wife was from Brest-Litovsk, and all his children were raised there.



ETHEL GOODMAN AND ESTHER ROSENBAUM



TOP PAGE: TOP, L-R Amanda Snider. Dana Snider. CENTER- Joan and Alan Snider, Gerald and Rita Snider. LOWER L-R Stephen Snider. Edith Snider. Brian Snider.



LOWER PAGE. L-R. Ben and Lillian Rosenbaum. Harry and Sol Rosenbaum. Miriam Rosenbaum and her brother.

CHASKIEL LEYB SZEYBERSZYNAYDER (8)

BORN: 31 May, 1838                      Koden, Lublin, Poland

MARRIED: Bryna  
Born:                                      Kobrine  
Died: App. 1908                      Koden, Lublin, Poland

DIED: App. 1903-4                      Koden, Lublin, Poland

OCCUPATION: Farmer, Druggist, Physician

CHILDREN: Itcha (8A)                      Married Anya

Aaron (Urin)/ Harris Taylor (8B) Born: 1867 Died: 8 October 1924  
Married Hannah Steinberg

Gedalia (8C) Born: 1868 Died: 1901 Koden  
Married Rebecca Gruman              Died: 1947

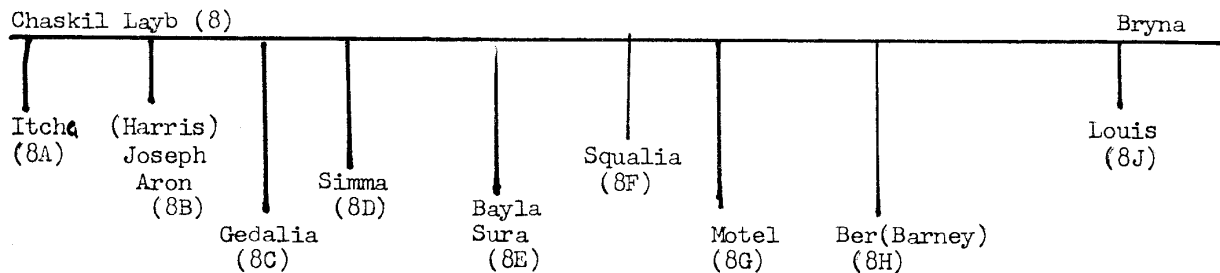
Simma (8D)  
Married a widower from Wisnice

Bayla Sura (8E)  
Married a widower from Wisnice

Squalia (8F)  
Motel (8G) Died: App. 1906 Koden

Ber-Barney(8H) Born: 11 June 1874 Koden Died: 15 March 1933  
Married Elka Barlas, daughter of Tonne and Gittel (Rosenbaum). Born:  
1877 Domacheva Died: 1 February, 1957

Louis (8J) Born: 1884 Died: 8 March, 1956  
Married: Yochvet



CHASKIEL LAYB SZEYNEERSZDAYDER (8)

Chaskiel Szeynerszdayder was born on May 31, 1839 in the town of Koden, Lublin, Poland. He married Bryna, who came from the town of Kobrine, Russia.

Chaskiel and Bryna owned a dairy farm outside Koden. To get to town, they had to cross a stream. One Friday night when Chaskiel was in synagogue, his usual Friday night mitzvah, he saw flames in the sky and by the direction of the flames, he knew it was his barn on fire. Nothing remained. He moved his family into Koden where he started a business. During his spare time, he studied medical books, given to him by a Christian friend. Chaskiel soon became a scholar and a doctor. He was invited to come and practice in the larger nearby cities but he refused to leave the poor people of Koden.

Jews were not able to practice medicine in those days. Some of them changed their names and pretended to be Christians so they could practice medicine. Chaskiel would take his granddaughter, Bella, with him to the big cities and get medical supplies from his friends who were doctors. He and Bella would eat at these homes which were kept Kosher.

Inspectors would come to inspect the Jewish homes of Koden. Because Chaskiel was not permitted to practice medicine, he hid the medical supplies in the home of a neighbor, a Christian, who had a bakery.

Chaskiel was always helping the poor people who could not always pay so they would bring food and things that they made. His house was always full of food. Chaskiel studied Latin, Russian, Polish, Hebrew, German and Yiddish. He even learned to write English so the people could have someone to address their envelopes to their relatives in America.

Chaskiel and Bryna had seven sons and two daughters. The oldest son, Itcha, lived next door to his parents. He was a pawnbroker and married to Anya. They had three children, Lea, Police, and Rifka. Lea was married to Zishe Rubenstein and had two children. He died and she remarried again. They had a farm which burned and they moved to Bialystok. Lea's sister and brother joined her there. Itcha died of TB about 1910.

Joseph Aaron, the second son, was in business. He married Hannah Steinberg and they went to Liverpool to live with their children. He changed his name to Harris Taylor. From Liverpool the family came to the United States and settled in Bayonne and then New York City where he was in real estate. They had four daughters and two sons, Lillian, Bayla Sura (Sadie), Rachel, Anna, Herman, and Oscar. Harris dies of a heart attack on October 8, 1924.

Gedalia was married to Rebecca Gruman. He worked in his father-in-law's shoe factory. He died at an early age of TB, leaving two children, Bella and Murray. The children were raised by Chaskiel and Bryna as if they were their own children. When Chaskiel died, Bryna worried about the future of her grandchildren and arranged through Chaskiel's brother, Mordecai, in Brest Litovsk, that Bella should go to America with Mordecai's son, Avram. Avram had settled in New Jersey (Newark) and had come to Europe for the third time trying to persuade his wife to come and live in America with him. He had bought tickets for his two children. When his wife again refused to go, he brought Kaile Goodman and Bella with him, disguising them as his children. Eventually Avram returned to Europe permanently. Murray joined his sister, Bella, in America when he was older.

Chaskiel's two daughters were Bayla Sura and Simma. They were married at the age of sixteen to widowers from Wisnice, Poland. There are descendants of these sisters living in Chicago and California but I am unable to locate them at present.

Sqalia was a Lieutenant in the Russian Army during the Japanese Russian War. He was wounded and captured. He did not return home after the war. For two years no one heard from him and he was finally located in Vienna, Austria. He was persuaded to return home. He married a bookkeeper, Yetta, who lived

near Warsaw. He settled there with Yetta and their two children. He died in Biala of TB. The son and daughter were in Berlin, Germany when WWII broke out. I believe the son's name was Chaskiel.

Motel, the next son, was a tailor. He never married. He came to America but was already sick with TB. He returned to Koden where he died of TB about 1905.

Barney married Elka Barlas of Domacheva. He was a carpenter and lived in Koden. They had one child, Gussie, when Barney was inducted into the Russian Army. He served in the Tsar's personal regiment where all the men were over six feet tall. He was an exemplary soldier and discharged with honors and a silver medal. Because of his serving in the elite corps he was given a pass to travel throughout Russia. He left for Liverpool in 1905 and then to the United States. He had left his wife and three children in Koden, living with his parents. They were Gittel (Gussie), Velvel (William) and Layb (Louis). His family came to U.S. in 1908 and the following year Sara was born. Barney continued as a carpenter, contractor and builder, working to build Fort Dix and many homes in Bayonne, where they lived. He died on cancer in March, 1933.

Louis, the youngest son, was married to Yochvet. They had one son. Yochvet and her son would not come to America to live with Louis, although he tried repeatedly to persuade them. He was a cabinetmaker and lived in St. Louis and San Francisco. His son asked for money to come to America just before WWII. It was sent but the Germans invaded Russia before he could escape. His destiny is unknown. Louis died of cancer March 6, 1956.

Chaskiel, the father of all these children, died about 1901-2. He had TB and had been very sick. He was brought into the living room where all the neighbors came to say goodbye. Then his children came, then the grandchildren. Chaskiel told Beela, his granddaughter, to go out and buy candles as the Sabbath was coming. She didn't want to leave him, but he said, "Go, my kin, go." She went out and bought the candles. When she returned, he said, "Light the candles." They lit the candles then he died.

Bryna lived to see most of her children and grandchildren safe in America. Bryna, who spent her life as a pious Jew collecting money for the poor by sitting outside the Temple every day, died in Koden about 1909-10. She had been living with her son, Itcha.



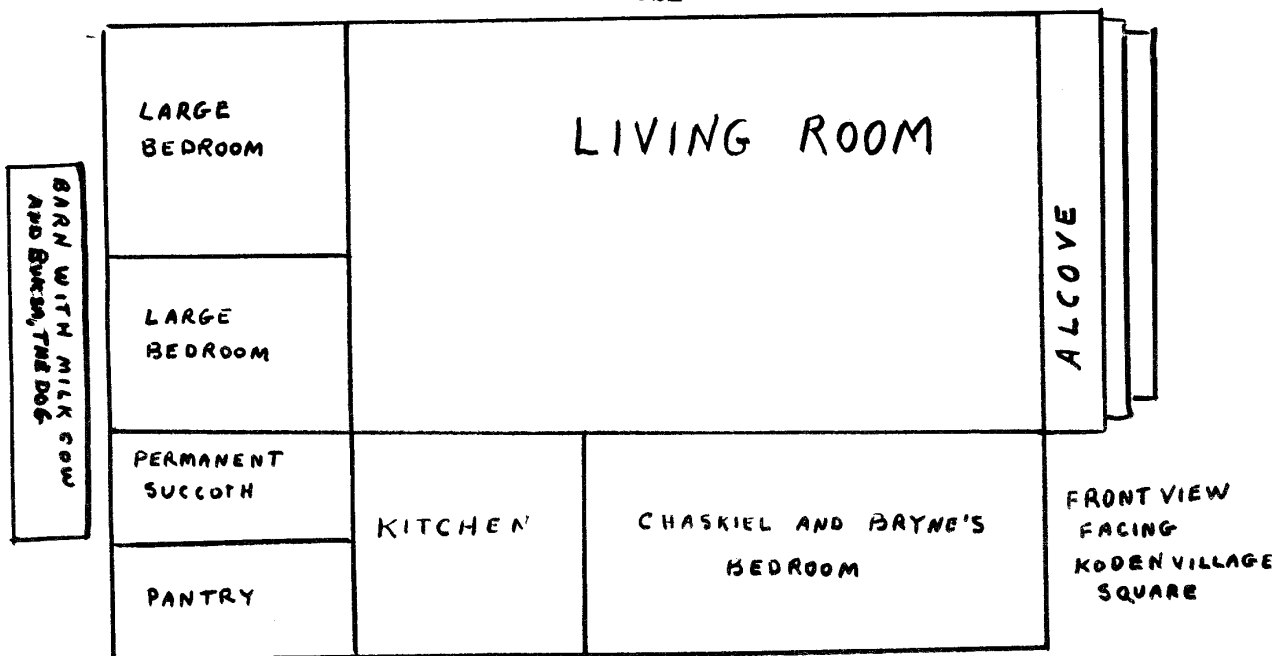
BRYNA ( WIFE OF CHASKIEL) AND HER GRAND-  
SON, MURRAY, SON OF GEDALIA (8C)



BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF CHASKIEL SZEYNEERSZDAYDER 30 MAY 1838

It took place in the town of Koden May 30, 1838 Orthodox Jew, Icko Szeynerszdayder, tailor here in Koden residing, 43 years old, with witnesses Orthodox Jews, Smul Ruberstyn, merchant, age 49 years and Rafuta Szwartzberg, schoolteacher age 67 years, who reside in Koden, to give evidence to us of the birth in Koden, the mother, Bayla Surą married name Szeynerszdayder, age 40 years, of Chaskiel Layb Szeynerszdayder.

CHASKIEL'S HOUSE



LOUIS SCHNEIDER( 8J) - youngest son of Chaskiel and Brayna.

**LOUIS SCHNEIDER**  
 Louis Schneider, 78, 515 79th st., North Bergen, uncle of Dr. Louis A. Schneider, West New York, died at 2:30 p. m. yesterday in North Hudson Hospital after a long illness. He had undergone an operation for malignancy at Beth Israel Hospital, New York, 3 weeks ago.  
 Mr. Schneider was born in Russia, and came to this country 55 years ago. Until 5 weeks ago he had been a resident of San Francisco, Cal., coming east for the operation. His wife, Yetta Schneider, died 40 years ago. Mr. Schneider was a retired cabinet maker. There are no immediate survivors.  
 Funeral will be at 2 p. m. today from Gutterman Funeral Home, 2218 Hudson Blvd., Jersey City. Rabbi Abraham I. Zigelman of Temple Beth Abraham, North Bergen, will officiate. Interment will be in Mt. Moriah Cemetery, Fairview.







TOP L-R. Sadie Taylor. Louis and Sadie Shapiro. CENTER Taylor Family at Rockaway (1931). LOWER L-R Harris Taylor and Barney Schneider's families. (abt. 1921). Bonnie, Vicky, Elaine, Harris, Shirley and Alan Shapiro.



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#### UPDATE ON THE TAYLOR FAMILY

With the death of Louis Shapiro, a few years ago, Sadie because of failing health has been living in a New Jersey nursing home. She is 91 years old.

Ben Shapiro, who lost his wife, Helen, has retired from his position as President of Lincoln-Mercury on Long Island and has moved to Florida. He has recently remarried. His oldest daughter, Judy, is married to an attorney, Franklin Beri, a graduate of N.Y. Law School. The youngest, Laurie, who received a Masters from Univ. of Michigan is married to Richard Raker, a neonatologist, a graduate of University of Michigan Medical School.

Dr. Harris Shapiro, a graduate of City College Engineering School owned United Aerotest Labs. He returned to Baruch College after his retirement and received a PHD in Business. At present he is Chairman of the Department of Management. His wife, Shirley, who holds a Masters from Columbia does Freelance Interior Plant Designing. Their daughter, Elaine, is a pediatrician, receiving her degree from Mt. Sinai. She is married to Dr. Stuart Kravitz, an allergist, who received his M.D. from Jefferson Medical School. They have a new son, Eric Louis. Vicki, an electrical engineer, has a PHD in Business from Columbia and is a professor in Baruch College. She is married to Al Wullick, an attorney on Wall Street, a graduate of Syracuse Law School. Bonnie is presently attending Life Chiropractic College in Georgia. Alan is attending Boston University Medical School.

The families of Herman and Oscar are living in Florida. Rae Taylor is living in Miami. Her sons Harold, an optometrist and Martin, a physician are living there also. Tillie, and Her son Arthur are also in Miami.

Gladys Black, daughter of Lillian and Herman Moss lives in Maryland. Her husband, Harry, is an optician, and works for his son-in-law, Dr. Bruce Goodman. Her son, Larry is an electrical engineer and lives in Boulder, Colorado in private business.

#### UPDATE ON THE FISHMAN FAMILY

Goldie, Bella and Nathan's oldest daughter, attended NYU and majored in Music. She married Bob Gilmore, a pharmacist, a graduate of Columbia School of Pharmacy. He ran and owned Gilmore's Pharmacy until he retired last year. Their children are Margery, who attended Boston Univ. and is a legal Administrator of a New York City law firm, and Bruce, a graduate of Brooklyn School of Pharmacy. He is presently a pharmacist in Flint, Michigan.

Beatrice, the Fishman's second child, a graduate of Brooklyn College was married to Jack Rich, a lawyer. Their children are Marcia, a lawyer and graduate of Brooklyn Law School and Ira, a stockbroker.

Roy, son of Bella and Nathan, graduated from University of Wisconsin, majoring in agriculture. He is director of Education and Public Relations with Nabisco Brand Foods. His children are Nancy, who majored in Nursing, married to Erik Helgerdt, an illustrator and teacher of Art at Ramapo College. Jed, graduated from Adelphi College, majoring in oceanography.



L-R. Goldie and Bob Gilmore. Oscar and Tillie Taylor. Martha and Nat Sunshine. Sara StroKoff, Sarah Fox

GEDALIA SZEYERSZAYDER (8c)

BORN: Approx. 1869 Koden, Lublin, Russia/Poland

MARRIED: Rebecca Gorman

DIED: 1901 Koden, Lublin, Russia/Poland

OCCUPATION: Worked in father-in-law's shoe factory

CHILDREN:

Beila m. Nathan Fishman  
Goldie m. Robert Gilmore  
Margery m. Wm Yourgolis  
Bella  
Katie  
Bruce m. Betty Carpenter  
Suzanne  
Heather  
Beatrice m. Jack Rich  
Ira m. Dawn  
Shane  
Gillian  
Marcia  
Roy m. Debbie Rogers m. Gerry Robbins  
Jed  
Nancy m. Erik Helgerdt  
Simon  
Murray m. Ethel De Roos

BAYLA SURA AND SIMMA SZEYERSZAYDER (8d + 8e)

We know that the two sisters were both married at about 16 years old to 2 widowers from Wisnice, Poland.

They had children: Hatzel, Sam, Sol (he had a son Irving m. Hadassah), Rose Skulnick and Itta m. Hershel Marker (Mutzmacher). Itta and her husband came from Argentina and are living in the Los Angeles vicinity. There was also a son, Abe, who died in Florida. Rose Skulnick's family (thinking there were no Szeynerszayder men surviving the Holocaust) took the name Snider.

SQALIA SZEYERSZAYDER (8f)

We think Sqalia was married to Rifka. He had two children. The girl wrote to Louis Schnieder, M.D. before WWII and asked for passage money to the U.S. However, when she received the money she used it for her dowery and married a butcher. They went to live in Berlin. Sqalia was an officer in the Russian Army, fighting in the Japanese Russian War. He was ill and his father had to go find him. He lived in Biala.

MOTEL SZEYERSZAYDER (8g)

Motel was the only son who did not marry. He was a tailor. He came to the U.S., but returned to Koden to die of T.B. about 1907.

BELLA SCHNEIDER FISHMAN  
(Daughter of Gedalia (8c))

Bella was born on March 25, 1891, the firstborn of Gedalia and Rebecca (gruman) Szeynersznyder. Her brother Murray was born later on. She was ten years old when her father and she and her brother went to live with their grandparents, Chaskiel and Bryna, who raised them as their own children.

Bella remembers helping her grandfather mix the medicines for his patients. The patients were poor and could not pay so they sent the best meat and fruits. Sometimes her grandfather would give her money to buy herself a little candy. Chaskiel was always kind to his relatives. His brother, Mayer, had died many years before but Chaskiel would send Bella to bring Shabbos food to his widow, Lea, who still lived in Koden.

When Chaskiel died, Bella was twelve years old. Bryna was worried about what would happen to Bella and arranged for Bella to go to America. Bryna got the best velvets and gabardines to have the tailors make clothes for Bella so they would know in America that she was somebody. They even had the tailor in town who made only wedding gowns sew the dresses. Grandma Bryna took Bella on the train from Koden to Brisk. Bella remembers that her uncle Barney saw them off at the Koden station. His entire family was with him and little Louis (Louis Schneider, MD) was sitting on his shoulders. Bella thought Louis looked so sick and said to herself, "I will never see him again." When Bella arrived in the United States she never wore her new clothes. She looked like a 'greenhorn'. She saw the clothes styles were so much different here that she cut up one dress and made a skirt and blouse to wear to work in the factory. The others hung unused.

When Bella started working, she saved a weeks' salary and bought a warm sweater to send to her grandmother, Bryna, in Koden. Later when Murray, Bella's brother, came to America, he told Bella that Bryna sent the sweater to her daughter in Wisnice, who was now a widow and expecting her 10th child.

In 1910 Bella married Nathan Fishman and had three children. Goldie married to Robert Gilmore, Beatrice married to Jack Rich and Roy married to Debbie Rogers, then Gerry Robbins.

Murray, Bella's brother, came to the U.S., married, and had a store in Newark. He had no children. He died in 1929.

Bella, in 1981, celebrated her 90th birthday surrounded by her relatives and friends. She still does volunteer work five mornings a week in a hospital. A truly remarkable woman.



RIGHT: BELLA SCHNEIDER AND NATHAN  
RICHMAN'S WEDDING PICTURE  
LEFT: MURRAY SCHNEIDER AND HIS  
WIFE, ETHEL.



Clockwise from upper left- Ica , Jack and Marcia Rich, Shane and Gillian Rich. Gerry and Roy Fishman, Nancy, Erik and Simon Helgerdt. Suzanne and Heather Gilmore. Berry and Bruce Gilmore. Bella and Kate Yourgolis. Beatrice Rich. Center- Jed Fishman. Lower center- Suzanne and Bruce Gilmore. Goldie and Bob Gilmore.

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BARNET SCHNEIDER (8h)  
BER SZEYNEERSZNYDER - Dov Ber

BORN: 11 June, 1876 Koden, Lublin, Russia

MARRIED: Elka Barlas, daughter of Tonme Barlas and Gittel Rosenbaum.  
Born: Nov. 1877 Domacheva, Russia Died: 1 Feb. 1957.  
Married: About 1895.

DIED: 15 March 1933 West New York, New Jersey

OCCUPATION: Carpenter, Soldier - Russian Army, Builder

CHILDREN:

Gussie (Gittel) - Born: 1896 Koden, Russia. Married: Irving Finkelstein.  
Edwin m. Rita Bock Barry, Ilene, Brian

William (Velvel Abbish - Zev) Born: June 1900 Koden, Russia. Died: 15,  
January 1932.

Louis Alexander (Leyb Itzik) Born: 6 October, 1901 Koden, Russia.  
Married: Dorothy Ladrach, daughter of Edwin and Elizabeth (Berger)  
Ladrach of Ragersville, Ohio 21 Feb. 1929 Alexandria, Virginia.  
Died: 12 Oct. 1980 Guttenberg, New Jersey  
Joyce m. Robert Cshrin, M.D. Richard  
Ronald  
William m. Roberta Craig Dawn  
Louis  
Gregory

Bernard, M.D. m. Helju Rossman Karin  
Lisa  
Erik

Sara --Born: Nov. 1909 Bayonne, New Jersey. Married: Al Fox.  
Barbara m. Arnold Silverman Susan  
Mark  
Donna m. Dr. Mark Blum Andrew

LOUIS SZEYNEERSZNYDER (8j)

BORN: 1884

MARRIED: Yochvet

DIED: 8 March, 1956 Weehawken, New Jersey

OCCUPATION: Carpenter

CHILDREN: Son who sent to U.S. for money to come to U.S. before the WWII  
started. He received the money but Germans invaded before he could  
leave.

## Schneider Dies; In City 28 Years

Barnet Schneider, prominent carpenter and builder, died shortly after midnight this morning at his home, 461 Avenue A. His death followed a short illness. He was 59 years old and had been a resident of Bayonne for 28 years.

Mr. Schneider is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ella Schneider, two daughters, Mrs. Gussie Finkelstein of Weehawken and Miss Sarah Schneider, a son, Dr. Louis A. Schneider of West New York, and a brother, Louis, of St. Louis. He was a member of the Bayonne Hebrew Benevolent Association.

The funeral will take place at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the home and burial will be made in Baron De Hirsch Cemetery, Staten Island.



Left to right: Elka Schneider, Barnet Schneider, Center: Irving and Gussie Finkelstein, Elka, Beatrice Fishman, Bill Schneider, Nathan and Roy Fishman, Barnet Schneider. Lower Louis and Elka Schneider, Bill Schneider.



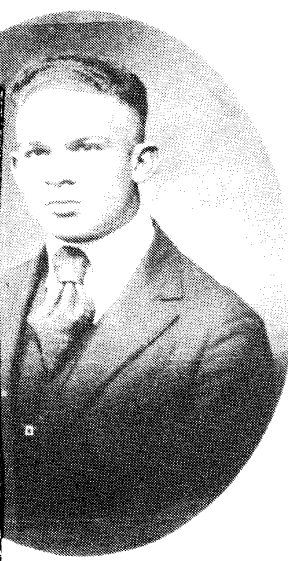
"Mother + I"

## Schneider, 31, Dies Of Heart Seizure

William Schneider, 31, of 461 Avenue A, died suddenly at 6 o'clock last evening, when he suffered a heart attack and cerebral hemorrhage.

A resident of Bayonne for 25 years, Mr. Schneider was employed as a salesman. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Barnet Schneider with whom he lived, and, besides his parents, is survived by one brother, Dr. Louis Schneider, of West New York, and two sisters, Mrs. Gussie Finkelstein, of West New York, and Miss Sarah Schneider.

The funeral will take place at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon with interment being made in Baron De Hirsch cemetery, Staten Island.







## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF LOUIS SCHNEIDER, M.D.

Every father wants to pass his life on to his children, and that is different from imposing his life on them. That quality of immortality the father seeks in his children is not motivated by an unfulfilled life as much as the desire to be understood and continued into the next generation. The children redeem the father, not by imitation but by assimilating into their own life the good that was in the father, whether it was realized in the father or not. I will not be so arrogant as to claim that I know what good may be within me or be hasty in assuming that it is even present, but if it is, it cannot be separated from the effect of making me what I am. If you do not experience that for yourselves then I will be a stranger to you.

I cannot or want to deny my nationality-I am proud of my heritage. I was fortunate in marrying a woman, although of a different religion, than mine. I never made it an issue and the question was never brought out in our lifetime. I never went to synagogue for many years except when my father died and he asked me, about two hours before he expired in my house, that I as the only living son to say yahrzeit, which in our religion meant going to the synagogue for one year at sunrise and sunset to say prayers for the dead. Every year since then, my wife lights a candle on the anniversary of his death, as a sort of reminder. I personally do not believe in rituals and prayers-have no conception of an hereafter and that perhaps accounts for the reason my children were not indoctrinated in any religious beliefs. I have never questioned them on their beliefs but have at times felt they were denying me and my religion on several occasions. As it eventuated, with each one of them marrying into three separate religious faiths, I am sure they were able to adjust much easier than if they had been indoctrinated in one religious faith.

I always think what a great philosopher named Pascal wrote about four centuries ago, which in my opinion states what I always wanted to express. He said; "When I consider the short duration of life, swallowed up in an eternity before and after, the little space which I fill, and even can see, engulfed in the infinite immensity of a space of which I am ignorant and which knows me not, I am frightened and astonished at being here rather than there and why not rather than then."

I was born on October 6, 1901 in a small town called Koden in Russia. My father, Ber, who was one of seven sons, had two sisters. My father's name was Barnet, my mother Elka (nee Barlas). My father's brothers were Itcha, Gedalia, Motel, Louis, Aaron (changed name to Harris Taylor) and Srarya. The two sisters names were Bayla Sura and Simma. (The original name was Szeynersznader, it was changed to Schneider in the United States.) Of all the brothers, all died in Russia except my father, Aaron and Louis. What happened to their families I do not know - I assume if any of their children lived to maturity, they were killed in the Holocaust. One sister married a Rosenblum, their three sons came to this country and believing that their mother's family was extinct assumed their mother's family name of Snider, believing that was how the name was spelled. I met two of these brothers in Chicago but they are all dead now. I believe one had a son who was an engineer in California but don't know what happened to him.

My Uncle Lou had one son who was in Russia with his mother. I sent him money to come to this country but World War II broke out and we never heard from him and assume he is dead. Gedalia's children, Bella and Murray came to this country. Bella married Nathan Fishman and had three children. Murray married, had no offspring and died of TB. Uncle Aaron, who changed his last name to Taylor when he was in England had two sons - Oscar who is dead, and Herman who became a physician, subsequently developed Parkinson's Disease. He is retired in Florida. I saw him about three years ago. He has two sons, one an optometrist and one a physician. Uncle Aaron also had four daughters, but we have not kept in touch for many years.

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My father and his brothers were known throughout the entire area and Koden for their physical strength so in spite of the prevailing anti-semitism in Russia, no one locally ever attempted to disturb the family. My father because of his strength when drafted in the Russian Army served in the Czar's Battalion in Moscow, an honor that very few Jews ever attained. Upon his discharge, after four years, he received a silver medal and a certificate permitting him to travel throughout Russia without any passport - this was when most Jews were restricted to their immediate communities.

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Bill, apparently never could hold a job and I didn't realize why until later I found he had a severe rheumatic heart which subsequently killed him when he developed subacute bacterial endocarditis for which there was no cure at that time. He was 42 years old.

I finished High School and then came the decision as to what I was going to do. We had very little money. I finished High School in February so got a job in Pine Street, New York City making c9ld cream. There were so many boys from Bayonne going to the University of Michigan, so I applied and was accepted. With the money I saved and three hundred dollars my parents accumulated, I left for Ann Arbor with a steamer trunk with an extra second hand suit and shirts, and a bathrobe and underwear that my mother made. Again I was forced to get a job as a waiter in a fraternity house for my food. The first Christmas vacation I wanted to come home but had no money for fare so got in back of the coal bin on the Wolverine Express. When we reached Buffalo, I got into the Pullman sections and got under the seats until the tickets were collected. When I got home the problem again was about going back to school, so I got a job as a carpenter's helper - that cured me about coming home for the holidays.

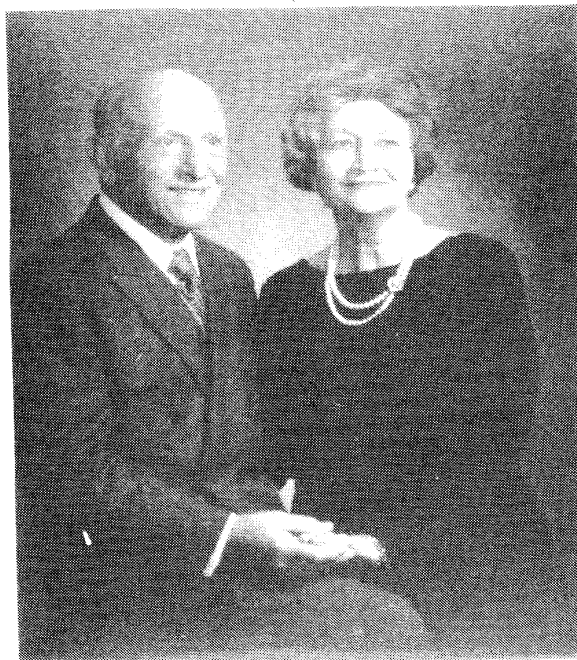
I must admit that I had no knowledge of what I was going to study - at first I thought about Agriculture, then pre-dental but drifted into Pre-Med. I must admit that Latin and scientific German were tough subjects. The second Christmas I spent in Ann Arbor, I had my right eye operated on for a 17 degree external squint. This was done free thru student's health service. After the second year I had a roommate from Savannah, Georgia who spoke so much about Vanderbilt University where he was transferring to. So without any knowledge of the place I applied to the Medical School and was accepted. When I came home in February I got a job as a carpenter to make enough money to go to Medical School in the Fall.

Tuition then was \$300 a year. I got a roommate and we shared an apartment for \$2½ a week. I had to eat at a diner where they had a punch card giving five dollars food for \$4.25. Well, needless to say I got thru Medical School by working every summer as a carpenter. Upon completion of my Medical School, I applied for an internship in the Gallinger Memorial Hospital, Washington, D.C.

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From left to right- Louis Schneider. Bill, Roberta, Louis, Gregory and Dawn Schneider. Gregory Schneider.  
Bob, Joyce, Richard and Ronald Oshrin; Lower Bernard, Helju, Karin, Lisa and Erik Schneider.



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UPDATE ON THE SCHNEIDER FAMILY  
BY  
JOYCE SCHNEIDER OSHRIN

My mother was Dorothy Neoma Ladrach, born February 2, 1908 in Twinsburg, Ohio. Her parents were descendants of Swiss farmers who came to this country in 1833. My father, Louis Schneider, was born in Koden October 6, 1901. My parents met when my mother was in Nurses Training and he was in his internship in Washington, D.C. After they married they lived at 412 61st St. West New York and practised there for fifty years. He was a Founding Fellow in the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and the American Geriatric Society. They had three children. William and Joyce (twins born in February 2, 1933) and Bernard (born April 13, 1935).

William served 6 years in the U.S. Navy and graduated from NYU in the top 10% of his class, with a B.S. in Accounting. He received the Founders Day Award. He is presently employed with ComputerVision, Inc. He married Roberta Craig, who attended Holy Name School of Nursing in Teaneck. They have three children: Dawn, who is a graduate of Mt. Ida Jr. College. Louis and Gregory who are both attending the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

Joyce attended the University of Edinburgh, Scotland and University of Wisconsin, where she graduated with a BS in Education. Since her marriage she has taught school, worked as the Editor-Selector of the New York Times Information Bank, done quilting, needlepoint and, of course, genealogy. She is married to Robert Oshrin, who graduated from Rutgers University and the University of Buffalo Medical School. He served 2 years in the Air Force as a Captain at Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan. They have two sons, Richard, a graduate of Susquehanna University and now completing a Masters in Industrial Psychology at Fairleigh Dickinson University and Ronald, who is in his second year of Business at Susquehanna University.

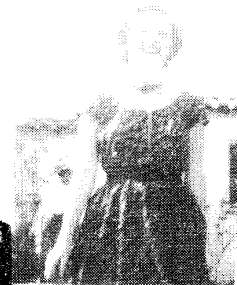
Bernard, graduated from Vanderbilt University and Jefferson Medical School. He served as a Captain in the Air Force and completed his residency at Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital in NYC. He is now Attending Radiologist at the Crouse Irving Memorial Hospital and Clinical Professor of Radiology Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse, N.Y. He married Helju Rossman, a graduate of Moore Institute. They have three children, Karin, Lisa and Erik (twins). They are junior high and high school in Fayetteville, N.Y.

Gussie Finkelstein, my father's oldest sister, is living in Encino, California. Her son, Edwin, lives nearby. He graduated from UC-Berkeley in Hospital Administration. He recently opened an Industrial Emergency Medical Center. He and Rita have three children. Brian (who was killed in an automobile accident), Ilene and Barry., who is working in his father's Center.

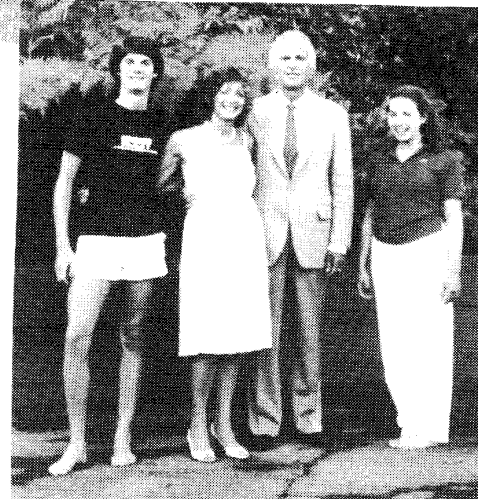
Sarah Fox, my father's youngest sister, married Al Fox. They are retired and living in Oakland, California. Al was a member of the Million Dollar Club of Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. They have two daughters. Barbara, a graduate of UC has taught school and at present is involved in real estate sales. She is married to Arnie Silverman, an engineering graduate who was President of Dymo Corp and is now President and Chairman of the Board of ICOT. They have two children, Susan, who is at Stanford, and Mark, who is at UC-Berkeley. Donna, the youngest Fox Daughter, is also a graduate of UC-Berkeley. She is married to Mark Blum, a graduate of Georgetown Medical School, an internist practicing in Sacramento, California. They have a son,

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TOP L-R Brian Finkelstein. Ilene Finkelstein. Irving, Edwin and Gussie Finkelstein. CENTER L-R Barry Finkelstein. Sarah and Al Fox. Rita Finkelstein. LOWER L-R Donna, Andrew and Mark Blum. Mark, Barbara, Arnie and Susan Silverman.



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KODEN, BIALA PODESTA, AND TERESPOL

These are the Jewish residents listed on the Mormon records No. 813,999 and 814,000. They cover the years 1828 to 1854. I have included all variations of the names, exactly as they were written in the records. In Polish, the 'z' is pronounced 'sh'.

AUERBACH	FENNIC	HELFMAN	MANAZRY	SZJULMANOWA
ASZBERG	FELDMAN	HAMIENCE	MALRE	SRUCH
ALBERMAN	FOYERNAYER	HACHMAN	MOLNAR	SZUCH
ABRAMOWICZ	FEYOLYEFER	HALERMAN	NAYMARK	SZYFRO
AYZENBERG	FRAYNE	HANDELMAN	NUDENBERGER	SZININOW
ADLER	FYDLEJFER	IPSENSZNAYDER	NAZOW	SLONINSKI
AYZLOWICZ	FEJCZMAJSER	INGBIER	NIEMACHER	SATEYNERMAN
BAREBAUM	GOLDBERG	INNBOWEIZ	NADELBAERG	SZREWAHL
BROYD	GOJA	IOWELEWIEZ	NAUFMARROW	SZWAREBERG
BLANKLEYDER	GOLDHUR	IUNGIETAUB	NOWERSZTON	STOMIMSKA
BLUMENBERGER	GREMAN	IDIOWUZ	PYTERMAN	SZUCHMACHER
BRIGFRON	GARFINKEL	ICKOWICZ	PERLELMUTTER	SENDER
BLACKERMAN	GLOCKENSYNDER	JORBERG	PROZIOMKI	TENEBAUM
BAYHLMANSON	GRYNBERG	JANKELOWICZ	PIETROSZKA	TOPOL
BONIM	GLURMAN	KAUMAN	PYTEL	TURPENDER
BRONZHEYN	GANNON	KRONENBERG	PARGAMENT	TERLISEZHYN
BAUM	GOVERHMAN	KAMIENIE	PYKEMAN	WEIZOW
BRUSZHYN	GOLDSZAYN	KULMAN	PUIAMKAS	WAYMAN
BUCHBINDER	GOTSYN	KORNMAN	PHARSILY	WASSERMAN
BEGUN	GORMAN	KIRNER	PERELSZHEYN	WAKIERMAN
BLUMENKRANE	GOLRSHUR	KOHN	PYASZCHI	WAYNEMAN
BLUMENKRANTZ	GORSZAYN	KAC	PLASZER	WAYMANOW
BURSTYN	GWIAZDA	KLBN	PASIH	WECHLER
BRONSTYN	GROUMAN	KLEIN	PTASZER	WECHTER
BOIM	GOLDFARB	KANANOYDNY	RUBINSTYN	WAINGURT
BORENSZTYN	GOLDSMITH	KATZENELLBOGEN	ROYZENBERG	ZEKIER
CUKIERMAN	GHERMAN	KAHANIYYK	ROYTENBERG	ZYSERMAN
CILMY	GROJOBIRD	LAUFAMN	RYCHLBYRG	ZYLTERWASSER
CELNIK	GROMAN	LEYDERMAN	ROYZENBOIM	ZHOTOBOGEN
CULIERMAN	HANTWAGER	LI OZYI	RAWATER	ZLYREBARGOW
KINLY	HILIMAN	LAYDERMACHER	RABINOWICZ	ZANBERMAN
DANESNEZ	GORNBERG	LICHSYNDER	RAYZ	ZYLBERMAN
DAVIDOWIEZEWA	HIMMELGARB	LEYBEL	ROSENZWEIG	ZAUBERMAN
ERLICH	HORNBER	LEYVERANT	ROYBLOT	ZELMANOWICZ
EDYLMAN	HELERZBYRANT	LEYBROWA	ROZENBLUM	ZYNZ
ELBANKOW	HEHERMAN	LERMAN	SZWANEMAN	ZCHANOWICZ
ELMAN	HERSHBERG	LEWIN	SZBEYNBERG	ZELCER
EYZENBOGEN	HOLTSMAN	LEBEROW	SZYCHMAN	
EDELSZTEYN	HALPERN	LERNER	SZEYNERSZNAYDER	
EJGENBOGEN	HIRSHOWIZOWERE	LIPMAN	SWANEMAN	
FEGISINAJSET	HAMMERSTYN	MARGULIS	SZEYNERMAN	
FISZMAN	HABERMAN	MORGENSTERN	SPIEVAK	
FRYDMAN	HANHNERGER	MARKIER	SZHENBERG	
FEFERMAN	HILBUR	MARKARKOW	SPRIENAHY	
FENKELSTYN	HALDZMAN	MIEMACHER	SZERER	
FEYSLEYER	HERBERST	MILNAR	SPRYNATON	
FIOZMAN	HANIFISN	MIEROWA	SZULMAN	
FLIDERMAN	HELBERT	MANDELBAUM	SZERMAN	
FIKELONSHEYN	HELLERMAN	MASKONIENOWA	SZEYNEUZWIST	
FLANEBAUM	HINSBURG	MANARAY	SZARFSZEYN	
FREYDEFER			SZHENSZMIT	