

# The Family Sight

News About Our Family and Family Website

## Website Notes:

It has been awhile since the last newsletter, but, in that time, the number of total visits has exceeded 8,100. Hopefully you are enjoying the site's new integrated format.

**GILNER.ORG** has been reserved for us & automatically opens **OLENBERG.ORG**. This means that an **XXX@GILNER.ORG** email address is available to you, free, upon request. Once issued, you can change the standard password and, if you like, forward your gilner.org mail to any other email address, at your discretion.

It is hoped that more people from the family will obtain a free username and password so that they can comment and expand upon the photos, essays, anecdotes and other documents already in our family archive. Another user name and password allows you to participate in the family forum, Both the archive and the forum can be set to automatically notify you of new responses and postings.

Please, please do not neglect to interview our oldest family for their anecdotes and their story and past. Our remaining links to our collective European past are almost lost now. Don't lose the opportunity to record these histories. There are a few scripts for interviews in the [genealogy help section](#) of our website. As has been said before, you should not "wing" these interviews...You will undoubtedly forget to ask some very pertinent questions.

Barbara Spector Yeninas and Celia Gilner have offered to help arrange a family reunion later in the summer, What are your thoughts on this???

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### Just for Thought or Laughs:

The main difference between genius and stupidity is that there is a limit to genius.

.....*Albert Einstein*

I want to die the way my grandfather did.. peacefully, in his sleep.. .not screaming like the passengers in his car. *Anonymous*

Here is how to tell who loves you more, your dog or your spouse: Lock both of them in the trunk of your car. Then drive around for an hour or so...ideally, on the bumpiest roads you can find. Then, when you stop and open the trunk...see who is the most glad to see you!

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## Skype vs. MagicJack

Those of you who use Skype as a means of saving money on long-distance phone calls may want to investigate MagicJack. This is a tiny device that is ¼ the size of a pack of cigarettes, which plugs into a USB port of any computer with broadband Internet service (WiFi, cable modem, DSL, etc). While you can use a headset, if you like, the advantage of MagicJack is that you can plug a normal phone into it which rings and calls out just like any telephone. (Works on Intel Macs & Windows XP or newer PC's.)

The \$39.95 MagicJack includes the first year of service. Subsequent years cost \$19.95, but you can now buy ten years of service for \$59.95. Imagine..5 years of long-distance service for \$11.90 per year! The MagicJack configures itself in less than a minute, when it is first plugged in and your only setup is to chose your free telephone number and set up your voice mail messages. Call forwarding is free and voice mail is invoked automatically when Your MagicJack is disconnected from your computer or the computer is off.

You can carry it with you around the world and, when it is plugged into any computer that has high-speed Internet service, a phone or headset will work as if you were home. Thus, if you stay in a hotel with free Internet access, your laptop and the MagicJack will give you free local and long distance calling to anywhere in the world. No more costly hotel or cellular or long distance bills!

By the way, the voice quality is excellent and is a similar service to Vonage. But Vonage costs \$29.95 per month and the MagicJack is less than that for a year.

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### What's in a Name:

Did you know that our Rapoport family's name originated in Italy in the 1500's? If you want to know more about the origin of your surname just ask the webmaster .

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### Filling in the Gaps:

While you are getting around to sharing your old and new pictures, stories and documents, you can help fill in a lot of gaps by completing and submitting the attached family group information form. So far, a grand total of ONE has been received! With the information on this

form, we can share the names, dates and events of each families history. Also, PLEASE send in new photos and news! Our youngest family is as much a part of our family history as we are!!!

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Thanks Diane...



**Kaiserin Auguste Victoria**

Based on documents found among Paula Olenberg Greenblatt's papers, by her daughter Diane Benjamin, it was possible to discover the wedding date and the Ellis Island record of our grandmother Bertha Director Olenberg's arrival in NYC in 1912 on the above ship. This shows how new, small bits of information can help further document our family histories. Numerous previous searches failed to find this record, because it was thought that Bertha had arrived a couple of years earlier, and no-one had ever mentioned that her name in the Ellis Island records was Bobke. But, with an accurate date of arrival, the record was found in moments. A printable document showing this ship of arrival, and other information from the ship's manifest is located in our family archive.

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### Where Are Your Recipes?

While we want photos and other documents for the archive, it is the theory of the webmaster that some of our oldest existing family history is as close as our dinner table! That is, the family, traditional recipes that we serve and enjoy.

Think about that recipe that you learned from your mother or grandmother. Who did you learn it from? Your mother? grandmother? Who did THEY learn it from? You might know family history no further back than a generation or two. But, that potato pancake pot roast recipe could have originated many, many generations ago.

Won't you do the rest of the family a favor and share your favorite family traditional recipes with us? We are such a diverse group of clans, that those recipes can make for a wide variety of meals for all of us to enjoy. Also, collecting these oral, edible traditions and putting them into a form that can be published online, is a way of involving children in our genealogy project. It can teach them a cooking skill and also teach them about weights and measures and family history. And, after all, they probably know more than you do about formatting pictures and text into good- looking, readable documents.

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