

The Family Slight

News About Our Family Website

Stable Website Announced:

After many hours of "tweaking", the Webmaster considers the website to be more or less stable. Most promised features have been added and all are working. But, suggestions for other features, or ways to make the site even more "friendly", are always welcome. *By the way...website visits have exceeded 1100!*

Help Pages Redesigned:

The general website and genealogy help pages have been redesigned. Literally hundreds of sites and documents have been viewed and reviewed to provide you with a comprehensive choice of links, without it being overwhelming.

You will find the best record-keeping forms; concise articles and learning aids for genealogy-Jewish genealogy; the best free online searches, available; the best research guides for Eastern European genealogy research, the most comprehensive "links to more links" and suggestions for further reading and research.

Our Family Tree "Grows" to Over 300; Over 130 "Portraits"

Over dozens of hours, many "thumbnail" photos have been cropped out of group photos. At last count, over 130 of these are now associated with people in our family tree, which makes for a much more interesting display.

The family tree has topped 300 "leaves", even without unknowns that must be included as early links between branches of the family!

The 3 main branches of our family that have been included, Gilner-Dubin, Olenberg-Olenberg, Director-Directovich-Chaleff have been traced back much further than ever anticipated: Gilners to 1800; Olen(m)bergs to before 1820 and Directovichs to before 1862.

Our youngest family members, can now know who their 4 to 5 great grandparents were!

Thanks to our new website registrants & welcome to the Gilners who have been added to our email contact list. Best wishes to Paula Olenberg...in the hospital undergoing testing.

Research Donations Promised:

The cost of our family website goes beyond the webmaster's personal time invested to create the site; beyond the time that various family members have spent researching our history and ancestors or translating original documents; and beyond the cost of the Internet server space.

To complete our genealogy, about \$600-\$700 is needed, total, to obtain the majority of original documents that are available from the Polish, Lithuanian and Belarus archives. It is surprising that these documents survived the holocaust, but many such documents do exist.

No formal request has been made for financial support to enable us to obtain research materials and documents, but several people have generously volunteered such support. It is much appreciated!

With such documents, we can fill in births, deaths, marriages, and dates of each. Optimistically, we can extend our genealogy back to at least 1780 for much of the family: *One or two additional generations!*

Family Store:

Please remember that we have a fully functioning, family store on our website ready to offer your creative works with only a photo, description and shipping costs. The online store is completely ready to accept payments thru Paypal™.

A source of huge, color, genealogy charts (40% less expensive than

others) has been located in England. It is hoped that these artistic, depictions of our family history will be available from our store when our genealogy research has proceeded a bit further. Part of the price will support a non-profit, non-aligned, family foundation.

New Photos and Content:

Diane Benjamin, Beverly Lewis Russo, Sveta Moiner, Jennifer Olenberg, etc have provided new photos. And Shari Olenberg Nitzan has provided a wonderful picture of the entire Harry and Marlene Olenberg "clan"...



Shari edited it just right; added a perfect caption, and posted it all by herself. *(I knew you could do it!)*

There are new notes, new family and updates in the Family Tree. It is best viewed offline with genealogy software, and a copy of the family data file that is available from the Webmaster. The best free software for Windows or MAC is linked on our genealogy help page.

Lots More Coming!

Another poignant story from the Wyzkow Yizkor, translated by Gloria Olenberg Rapoport, and husband Benzion, must still be typed and posted.

Barb Yeninas is going to track down some original US family documents and Bev Lewis Russo has offered to help compile our family cookbook.

As mentioned before, we have promises that people will raid their own archives and send in more photos and content when the summer craziness is over. Well, summer is over, and we are going to hold you to your promises!

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