
The Brecher Family



ר' שמשון הכהן ומרת חנה פעסל ברעכער ע"ה

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About This Book

This book gathers the records and photographs of the family of Alex (Shimshon) Brecher and Anne (Chana Pessel) Brecher née Wahrsager: their parents David and Esther Brecher of Felsőbánya and Elias and Malka Wahrsager of Chyrów and Dobromil, and the generations before them in Kapnik, Sighet, Rădăuți and Siret.

Each document is reproduced as it was found — civil registers, ship manifests, naturalization papers, census pages, newspaper notices, printed books and gravestones — with a short caption and a line naming its source. Names are given in the form each record uses, with the familiar form beside it. Where two records give different dates for the same event, both are shown side by side and neither is preferred; these are collected in the table *Dates the Records Disagree On*.

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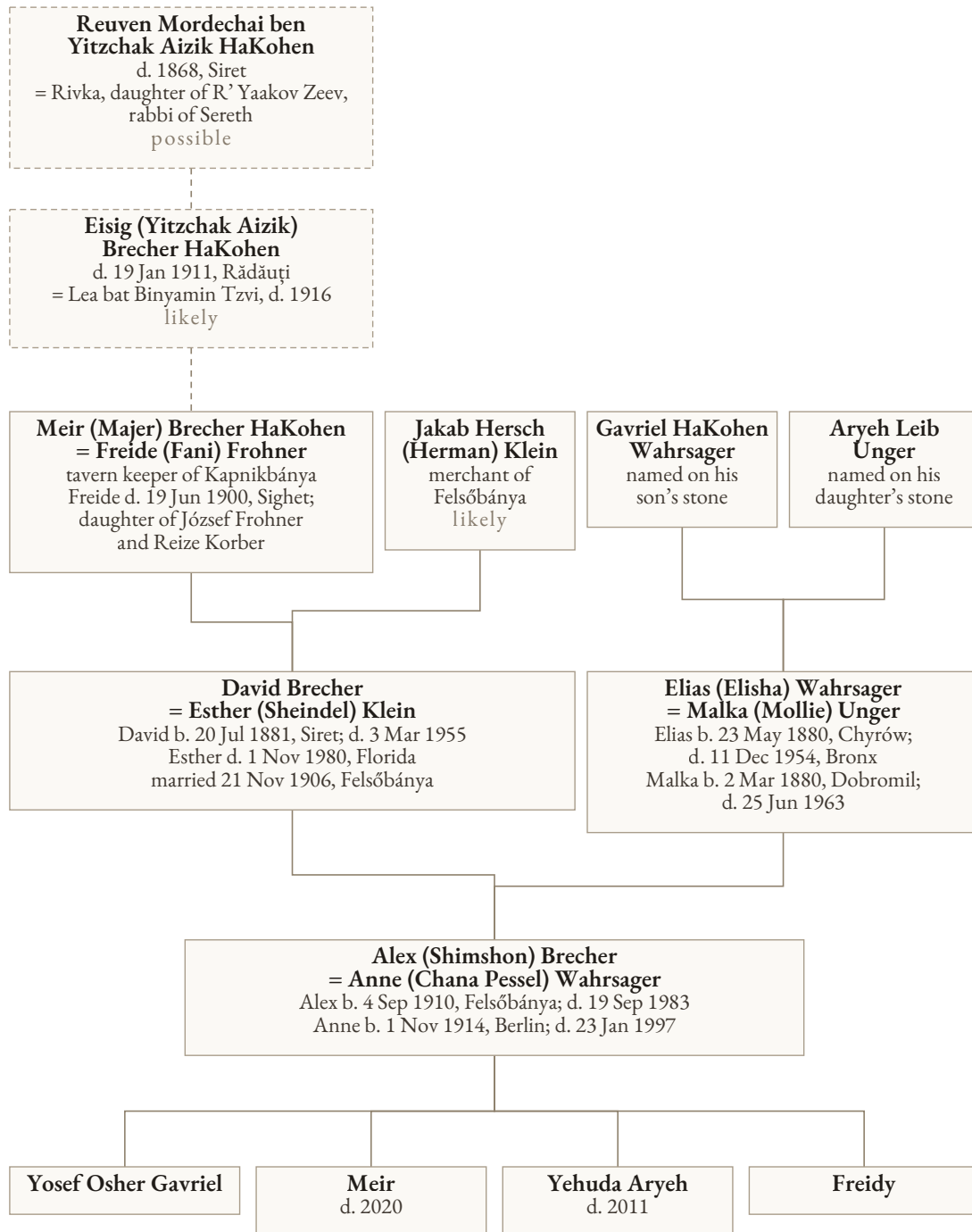
LIKELY One good record or a careful index supports the identification, but it has not been seen twice.

POSSIBLE The identity or the family link is not yet proven; it fits by name, place and date.

Living relatives appear by name only.

The Family at a Glance

The direct line of Alex and Anne Brecher



The direct line of Alex and Anne Brecher. A dashed line marks a link that is likely or possible rather than confirmed.

Timeline

c. 1764	R' Yaakov Zeev ben Aryeh, later Av Beit Din of Sereth, is born (he dies in 1844 "aged eighty").
26 Apr 1841	Zvi Hirsh, son of R' Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen, dies in Siret.
28 Dec 1841	Aizik, son of Avraham HaKohen and grandson of Zvi Hirsh, dies young in Siret
4 May 1844	R' Yaakov Zeev ben Aryeh, Av Beit Din of Sereth, dies in Siret.
17 Jan 1845	Reuven, son of the late Zvi HaKohen, dies in Siret
Sep 1868 / Sep 1867	Reuven Mordechai (Ruben Mordko) Brecher HaKohen dies in Siret (28 Elul 5628, or 5627).
1868	R' Avraham Brecher, born in Sereth, settles in Safed
1 Mar 1869	Riwen Mordche (Reuven Mordechai), son of Eisig Brecher and Lea Bernstein, is born at Volovăț, near Rădăuți.
29 Aug 1870	Ester Michla, daughter of the rabbi of Sereth, dies in Siret.
1875	R' Avraham Brecher, aged 75, in the Montefiore census of Safed
2 Mar 1880	Malka Unger is born in Dobromil, Galicia.
23 May 1880	Elias Wahrsager is born in Chyrów, Galicia.
20 Jul 1881	David Brecher is born in Siret, Bukovina.
25 Dec 1886 / 1887	Esther Klein is born in Felsőbánya (1886 in David's naturalization papers; 1887 on her stone, marker and Social Security record).
1864	Abraham Brecher, son of Eisig and Lea, is born in Rădăuți.
1866	R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher HaKohen, son of Zvi, is born in Banila.
15 Mar 1890	Eisig Leib Brecher and Lea Bernstein re-register their marriage in Rădăuți.
1892	Meir Brecher is listed among the tradesmen of Kapnikbánya.
27 May 1893	Avraham Gottesdiener, later Dr Avraham Ovadia, is born in Chyrów, son of Gavriel and Feige.
17 Mar 1895	Riwen Mordche Brecher, son of Eisig, marries Chana Itte Knobler of Buczacz at Gura Humorului
19 Jun 1900	Freide Brecher née Frohner dies in Sighet.
19 Jul 1900	Emanuel, son of Todres Gottesdiener, born in Kraków
30 Aug 1900	Jakob Wolf Brecher, son of Abraham, born in Rădăuți (d. 13 Jun 1903)
8 Jul 1902	Asher Brecher marries Pesel Kupferman in Szurdok.
1904–1919	Samuel Klein's children are born in Felsőbánya; Asher Brecher's children are born in Szurdok (1904–1914) and Felsőbánya (1916).
1904–1906	Herman Klein, Esther's father, sits in the Felsőbánya town assembly.
21 Nov 1906	David Brecher marries Esther Klein in Felsőbánya.
18 Apr 1907	Elemér Eilender, son of Rosa Brecher and Samuel Eilender, is born in Kapnikbánya.
8 Jun 1907	Miriam Brecher arrives in New York with her daughters Chaje (Ida) and Rosa, to join Abraham
1 Nov 1908	Jenő (Eugene) Brecher is born in Felsőbánya.
20 Oct 1908	Zvi (Hersch) Brecher HaKohen, son of Reuven Mordechai, dies in Jerusalem.
1909–1919	Elias Wahrsager is listed in the Berlin address books at Saarbrücker Straße 33.

25 Jul 1909	Samuel Eilender arrives at Ellis Island.
30 Sep 1909	Kallmann (Charles) Wahrsager is born in Berlin.
4 Sep 1910 / 11 Jul 1912	Shimshon (Alex) Brecher is born in Felsőbánya (1910 in his birth act; 1912 in his American papers and the death index).
Jul 1910	David Brecher elected an alternate member of the Felsőbánya town council
28 May 1910	Harry (Hersch) Brecher arrives in New York, naming his grandfather Eisig Brecher of Rădăuți
19 Jan 1911	Eisig Brecher HaKohen dies in Rădăuți, aged 79.
11 Jul 1912	Ilona (Lucy) Brecher is born in Felsőbánya.
17 Oct 1912	David Brecher is admitted to the municipal community of Felsőbánya.
3 Jul 1913	Rosa Eilender and her three children arrive in New York.
1 Nov 1913	Anne Wahrsager is born in Germany, according to her father's 1926 petition.
24 Jan 1914	Yute bat Baruch, granddaughter of the rabbi of Sereth, dies in Siret.
1 Nov 1914	Anne (Chana Pesel) Wahrsager is born in Berlin.
22 Nov 1915	Miklós (Nicholas) Brecher is born in Felsőbánya.
16 Aug 1915	David Brecher called up for military service, Felsőbánya
27 Aug 1915	Harry Brecher marries Mollie Rudich, Manhattan
16 Jan 1916	Lea Brecher, wife of Eisig, dies in Rădăuți, aged 85.
18 Jun 1916	R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher leaves Banila with his household.
15 Sep 1917	Reuven Mordechai Brecher, son of R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf of Banila, dies (28 Elul 5677).
27 Jan 1921	Elias Wahrsager crosses from Canada at St. John, New Brunswick.
19 Jan 1921	Jakob Leib (Leon) Brecher, son of Riwen Mordko, arrives in New York from Siret
1925	R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher's Katuv Yosher is printed in Czernowitz.
14 Mar 1927	Elias Wahrsager becomes a United States citizen.
20 Sep 1927	Malka Wahrsager arrives in New York with Sabina (Sara), Kallmann and Anne.
19 Dec 1928	The Brecher family sails from Trieste on the SS Vulcania, on the ship's maiden voyage; New York, 31 December 1928 (ship's list) / 2 January 1929 (naturalization papers).
14 Dec 1929	Sabina (Sara) Wahrsager marries Paul Schiff in the Bronx.
Apr 1930	The Brechers are counted at 972 Fox Street, Bronx.
23 Apr 1931	Feige Gottesdiener née Kleinmann dies in Vienna
1932	David Brecher declares his intention to become a citizen; his petition follows in March 1934.
27 Jun 1934	Lucy Brecher marries Paul Friedman in the Bronx.
25 Jun 1934	David Brecher becomes a citizen of the United States (certificate no. 3819630).
4 May 1937	Alex Brecher files his declaration of intention in the Bronx.
7 Jul 1937	Samuel Eilender dies in Brooklyn.
8 Oct 1937	Dos Yudishe Vort in Czernowitz advertises Chedvat Yaakov with novellae by the author's grandson R' Yaakov Zeev HaKohen
16 Mar 1938	Alex Brecher and Anne Wahrsager take out their marriage licence in the Bronx.
1938	Chedvat Yaakov, the teachings of the rabbi of Sereth, is printed in Marghita.
28 Apr 1939	Paul Friedman petitions for naturalization in New York.

20 Oct 1940	Meir (Myron), son of Alex and Anne, is born.
31 Oct 1940	R' Asher Brecher dies in Sighet (29 Tishrei 5701).
1941	R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher HaKohen dies in Banila.
18 Jun 1941	Dr Avraham Ovadia (Gottesdiener), son of the dayan of Chyrów, dies in Jerusalem (23 Sivan 5701).
30 Oct 1941	Todres (Theodor) Gottesdiener dies in Vienna
1942–1945	Nicholas Brecher serves in the United States Army.
1942–43	Rabbi Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher of Banila's Pshuto shel Mikra printed in Marghita
8 Jun 1942	Nicholas Brecher enlists in the U.S. Army
30 Jul 1942	Brecher Brothers, Inc. incorporated in New York County, 1220 Broadway
1944	Pesel Brecher and many of Asher's children die.
16 Mar 1944	Anne Eilender née Kwiat, first wife of Alex Eilender, dies.
7 Jul 1948	Rose Eilender née Brecher dies in Brooklyn.
14 Feb 1949	Hugo Brecher sails from Hamburg on the SS Marine Tiger
Feb 1954	David Brecher receives Beth Medrosh Elyon's outstanding-citizen award in Monsey.
26 Apr 1955	Hugo Chaim Brecher, son of Markus, becomes a citizen in Brooklyn.
3 Mar 1955	David Brecher dies in Suffern, New York (9 Adar 5715).
11 Dec 1954	Elias Wahrsager dies in the Bronx (17 Kislev 5715).
3 Mar 1955	David Brecher buried at Beth Moses Cemetery, West Babylon: Section 2, Block 18, Row 6, Grave 18
26 Oct 1961	Eugene (Yosef) Brecher dies (15 Cheshvan 5722).
3 Sep 1962	Harry Brecher dies, New York
25 Jun 1963	Malka Wahrsager (née Unger) dies (3 Tammuz 5723).
27 Mar 1976	Ida (Chaje) Schwartz née Brecher dies
1 Nov 1980	Esther Brecher dies in Florida (22 Cheshvan 5741).
19 Sep 1983	Alex (Shimshon) Brecher dies (12 Tishrei 5744).
22 Dec 1984	Lucy Friedman née Brecher dies.
10 Oct 1988	Leon Brecher dies, Baltimore
23 Jan 1997	Anne (Chana Pessel) Brecher dies (15 Shevat 5757).
1 Oct 2010	Chaim Shaul Schondorf, husband of Freidy Brecher, dies (23 Tishrei 5771).
18 Oct 2010	Nicholas (Mickey) Brecher records his Veterans History Project interview, Surfside, Florida
13 Dec 2011	Yehuda Aryeh Brecher dies; he is buried on Har HaMenuchot, Jerusalem.
18 Oct 2014	Nicholas Brecher dies.
5/6 Jan 2020	Meir Brecher dies (9 Tevet 5780).

Dates the Records Disagree On

Shown side by side; neither is preferred

PERSON AND EVENT	ONE RECORD SAYS	ANOTHER SAYS
Alex (Shimshon) Brecher, birth	4 Sep 1910, Felsőbánya — civil birth act 128	11 Jul 1912 — father's declaration 1932 and petition 1934; Social Security records and death index
Jenő (Eugene) Brecher, birth	1 Nov 1908, Felsőbánya — civil birth act 157	1 Mar 1911 — father's declaration 1932 and petition 1934; his own petition, about 1941
Ilona (Lucy) Brecher, birth	11 Jul 1912, Felsőbánya — civil birth act 97; Florida death index	4 Sep 1913 — father's declaration 1932 and petition 1934; Paul Friedman's petition 1939
Miklós (Nicholas) Brecher, birth	22 Nov 1915 — civil birth act 112; father's naturalization papers	21 Nov 1915 — gravestone
The family's arrival in New York	31 Dec 1928 — SS Vulcania passenger list	2 Jan 1929 — certificate of arrival (1932); Lucy's entry in her husband's petition 1939
Children's birthplace	Felsőbánya — the four civil birth acts	Sereth — father's declaration 1932
Esther Brecher née Klein, birth	25 Dec 1886 — husband's naturalization papers; aged 24 in Sep 1910 (birth act)	1887 — bronze marker and gravestone; 25 Dec 1887 — Social Security index
Anne Brecher née Wahrsager, birth	1 Nov 1913, Germany — father's petition 1926	1 Nov 1914, Berlin — Social Security records
Meir (Myron) Brecher, death	9 Tevet 5780 = 6 Jan 2020 — gravestone (the Hebrew day began on the evening of 5 Jan)	5 Jan 2020 — cemetery record and funeral listing
Elias Wahrsager, birth	23 May 1880 — declaration 1922; petition 1926	23 May 1879 — draft registration card 1942; also the Social Security claims index
Paul Schiff, birth	10 May 1900 — declaration of intention 1934	10 May 1899 — draft card 1942; Social Security index
Paul Friedman, birth and death	24 Nisan 5743, April 1983 — gravestone; 1905–1983 — bronze marker	1909 – 3 Dec 1983 — family notes; aged 28 at marriage in 1934; 9 Nov 1906, Glod — naturalization petition 1939 and draft card 1940
Sabina (Sara) Wahrsager, birthplace	Galicia — father's naturalization petition, 1926 (Dobromil in the family's papers)	Berlin — her marriage certificate, 1929, and her husband's declaration, 1934
Rosa Eilender née Brecher, age	35 in July 1913 (manifest); 29 in April 1907 (birth act) — born about 1878	40 in 1920; 59 in 1940 (censuses); 58 in 1948 (death certificate)
Samuel Eilender, birth	28 Dec 1879 — death certificate	1880 — gravestone; aged 32 in July 1909 (manifest); 26 Jan 1877 — declaration of intention 1910; 8 Jan 1877 — Felsővisó Jewish birth register
Pepi Rudich née Brecher, death	17 Apr 1906 — newspaper notice (Bukowinaer Post)	16 Apr 1906 — Rădăuți civil death register (index)
Sabina (Sara) Wahrsager, birth	1 May 1908, Berlin — husband's declaration 1934; age 21 at marriage, 1929	1 Sep 1906, "Berlin/Dobromil" — Social Security record; 1906 in the family's papers

PERSON AND EVENT	ONE RECORD SAYS	ANOTHER SAYS
Reuven Mordechai Brecher HaKohen, death	28 Elul 5628 = 15 Sep 1868 — year on stone G-35, Siret	28 Elul 5627 = 28 Sep 1867 — the stone's "Sabbath", which fits only that year
Todres Gottesdiener, death	an older family account: 1940	Vienna cemetery register: 30 Oct 1941, aged 65
Riwen Mordche Brecher, birth	Civil birth index: 1 Mar 1869	Memorial book: 1870
Chana Itte Knobler, birth	Marriage 1895 (aged 24): c. 1871	Memorial book: 1873
Mollie Brecher, death	19 Mar 1980 — her gravestone	21 Mar 1980 — Find a Grave memorial; March 1980 — Social Security index
Harry Brecher, arrival	25 Feb 1904 with his father as "Benjamin" (Moltke list)	May 1910, SS Amerika — his own passenger list and citizenship papers
Dr Avraham Ovadia, birth	27 May 1893 — his marriage record, Sambor, 1922	c. 1896–97 — aged 44–45 at death in the Jerusalem and Tel Aviv papers, 1941

PART I

Alex and Anne



*Alex (Shimshon) Brecher and Anne (Chana Pessel) Brecher, née
Wahrsager*

Alex and Anne Brecher

Felsőbánya, Germany and New York

Alex Brecher was born Shimshon, a son of David Brecher and Esther née Klein, in the mining town of Felsőbánya (today Baia Sprie, Romania) on 4 September 1910. His birth was entered in the town's civil register four days later. He was the second of four children; his brothers Jenő (Eugene) and Miklós (Nicholas) and his sister Ilona (Lucy) were born in the same town.

In December 1928 he sailed from Trieste with his parents, brothers and sister on the SS Vulcania, and reached New York on 31 December 1928, the date on the ship's list (2 January 1929 in his naturalization papers). His American papers give a different birth date, 11 July 1912, which is the date his sister Ilona was born, and which his Social Security record also carries; both dates are shown in the table of dates the records disagree on. In 1930 he was living with his family at 972 Fox Street in the Bronx.

Anne (Chana Pessel) Wahrsager was the youngest child of Elias (Elisha) Wahrsager and Malka née Unger. Her father's 1926 naturalization petition lists her as born on 1 November 1913 in Germany; her Social Security record, which names her Ann Paula and gives her parents as Elias Wahrsager and Malka Unger, gives 1 November 1914, Berlin. She came to New York with her mother, her sister Sabina (listed as Sarah) and her brother Kallmann on the SS Majestic in September 1927, aged 13, and became an American citizen through her father's naturalization, admitted on 14 March 1927 (Likely). Her family's story is told in Part V.

Alex filed his declaration of intention to become a citizen in the Bronx on 4 May 1937, under his registered given name, giving his address as 986 Fox Street, a few doors from his parents. Alex and Anne took out their marriage licence in the Bronx on 16 March 1938 (no. 1991). In April 1940 the census found them at 1640 Topping Avenue, Alex a textile salesman on his own account; their son Meir (Myron) was born on 20 October 1940. Meir died on 9 Tevet 5780 (5/6 January 2020); he rests at Beth Moses Cemetery, West Babylon, in Section 2, Block 21, Row 12, Grave 10 (Brotherhood of America plot), per the cemetery's interment records. In 1950 they lived at 1775 Clay Avenue, two blocks from Anne's parents, with Meir and Yehuda Aryeh (Leiby); Alex was then the proprietor of a wholesale business. Their children were Yosef Osher Gavriel, Meir, Yehuda Aryeh and Freidy.

In the 1970s, in a reprint of the responsa Lehem Shelomo, he dedicated a memorial to his father, David son of Meir, and to Anne's parents, Elisha son of Gavriel HaKohen and Malka daughter of Yehuda Aryeh; in a reprint of the Chatan Sofer he dedicated another share to his father, David HaKohen, beside his brother-in-law Pinchas Shalom (Paul) Friedman, who remembered his own father, Yosef Ephraim son of Yeshayahu. Alex died on 12 Tishrei 5744 (19 September 1983) and is buried in Beth Moses Cemetery, New York, in the section of Congregation Yetev Lev D'Satmar, beside his father and his brother Eugene. Anne died on 15 Shevat 5757 (23 January 1997), a resident of Borough Park, Brooklyn.

AT A GLANCE

Alex (Shimshon) Brecher	b. 4 Sep 1910, Felsőbánya (birth act); 11 Jul 1912 in U.S. papers and Social Security records · d. 12 Tishrei 5744 = 19 Sep 1983 · Beth Moses Cemetery, New York
Anne (Chana Pessel) Brecher, née Wahrsager	b. 1 Nov 1913, Germany (father's petition); 1 Nov 1914, Berlin (Social Security record) · d. 15 Shevat 5757 = 23 Jan 1997
Marriage	Licence no. 1991, Bronx, 16 Mar 1938
Homes	986 Fox Street (1937) · 1640 Topping Avenue (1940) · 1775 Clay Avenue (1950), all in the Bronx
Their children	Yosef Osher Gavriel · Meir (Myron) (b. 20 Oct 1940; d. 9 Tevet 5780 = 5/6 Jan 2020) · Yehuda Aryeh (Leiby) (d. 17 Kislev 5772 = 13 Dec 2011, buried Har HaMenuchot, Jerusalem) · Freidy

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ר' שמשון הכהן ברעכער נ"י (מאנסי)
לעי"נ אביו ר' דוד ב"ר מאיר ז"ל נפ' ט' אדר, חמיו ר' אלישע
ב"ר גבריאל הכהן ז"ל נפ' י"ז כסליו, חמותו מ' מלכה ב"ר
יהודה אריה ע"ה נפ' ג' תמוז.

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Memorial dedication by Shimshon HaKohen Brecher of Monsey in the New York reprint of the responsa Lehem Shelomo (Yoreh De'ah) by Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Ehrenreich: in memory of his father R' David son of R' Meir (died 9 Adar), his father-in-law R' Elisha son of R' Gavriel HaKohen (died 17 Kislev) and his mother-in-law Malka daughter of R' Yehuda Aryeh (died 3 Tammuz).

CONFIRMED · Source: Shlomo Zalman Ehrenreich, Lehem Shelomo, She'elot u-Teshuvot, Yoreh De'ah (Szinérválja 1938; New York reprint, 1970s), dedication pages, p. 470 of the digitised volume; HebrewBooks.org no. 784, <https://hebrewbooks.org/784>

ידידנו הרבני הנכבד והמפואר מו"ה שמשון הכהן
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ולומדיה מו"ה דוד הכהן זצ"ל.

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מו"ה יוסף אפרים ב"ר ישעיהו זצ"ל.

Subscribers' page of a reprint of the Chatan Sofer. Shimshon HaKohen Brecher dedicated his share to the memory of his father, David HaKohen; beside him his brother-in-law Pinchas Shalom Friedman dedicated his to his father, Yosef Ephraim son of Yeshayahu.

CONFIRMED · Source: Chatan Sofer, Orach Chaim, reprint, subscribers' page (HebrewBooks.org no. 7857, p. 505)

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Birth of Shimshon (Alex) Brecher, Felsobánya, 4 September 1910, act 128. Parents: David Brecher, merchant, aged 29, and Eszter Sára Klein, aged 24.

CONFIRMED · Source: Romanian National Archives, Maramureş County Branch, civil registers, Felsobánya births, unit MM-F-00743-2-00621, image 121

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 Annchen " Nov. 1, 1913 " Germany " "

Detail of Elias Wahrsager's 1926 naturalization petition listing his wife Mollie (Malka) and their children, among them Annchen (Anne), born 1 November 1913 in Germany.

CONFIRMED · Source: U.S. National Archives, naturalization records, Southern District of New York, petition 91265 (FamilySearch, host)

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 986 Fox St.

Index card to Alex Brecher's declaration of intention to become a citizen, filed in the Bronx on 4 May 1937 under his registered given name, no. 130134; address 986 Fox Street.

CONFIRMED · Source: Bronx County naturalization records, declaration of intention index 1927–1952 (FamilySearch)



986 Fox Street, Bronx, about 1940: Alex Brecher's address in 1937, a few doors from his parents at no. 972.

CONFIRMED · Source: NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives

NAME OF GROOM		VOL.	PAGE	NUMBER	DATE		
SURNAME	GIVEN NAME				MONTH	DAY	YEAR
Brown	James				1941	4	14
Brocher	Simon				1931	16	
Brocher	William				2113	19	

The City Clerk's index of marriage licences, Bronx, 1938: Alex Brecher, entered under his registered given name, licence no. 1991, 16 March 1938.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York City Clerk, Index to Marriage Licenses, Bronx, 1938 (Reclaim the Records, Internet Archive)

NAME OF BRIDE		VOL.	PAGE	NUMBER	DATE		
SURNAME	GIVEN NAME				MONTH	DAY	YEAR
Wald	Sillie				1932	14	
Wahrsager	Ann				1991	16	
Wachtel	Jennie				2136	21	

The same index, bride's page: Ann Wahrsager, licence no. 1991, 16 March 1938.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York City Clerk, Index to Marriage Licenses, Bronx, 1938 (Reclaim the Records, Internet Archive)

THEIR RESTING PLACES



The gravestone of R' Shimshon ben R' Dovid HaKohen Brecher, who died 12 Tishrei 5744 (19 September 1983). Beth Moses Cemetery, New York.

CONFIRMED · Source: Family collection



The gravestone of Chana Pessel bat R' Elisha HaKohen, wife of R' Shimshon HaKohen Brecher, who died 15 Shevat 5757 (23 January 1997).

CONFIRMED · Source: Family collection

FAMILY RECOLLECTIONS

The following is family memory, as recalled in a family speech in 2021; it has not been checked against records. Alex was born in Felsőbánya, and during the First World War the family moved to Budapest. Alex and his brother Eugene learned with the Velpalei Rav, and later in Satmar with the Schopron Rav, R' Posen. They came to New York in 1929. In the Bronx the family was close to R' Teitelbaum and to the Chenchkevitz Rav and his shul. Alex turned down jobs that would have meant working on Shabbos, as his father — “Zeidi Dudya”, David — advised him. With his brothers he ran Brecher Brothers, first a necktie factory and then a leather-goods and luggage business. In Monsey he helped to build the Bais Yisroel shul, the Yeshiva of Spring Valley and Bais Medrash Elyon. He was a Satmar chassid.



Family photograph, the Bronx, early 1940s. Seated: very likely David and Esther Brecher; standing in the centre: Alex and Anne. The two small children are not named. Identification by the family.

LIKELY · Source: Family collection (Yosef Osher Gavriel Brecher), shared 2017

PART II

David and Esther



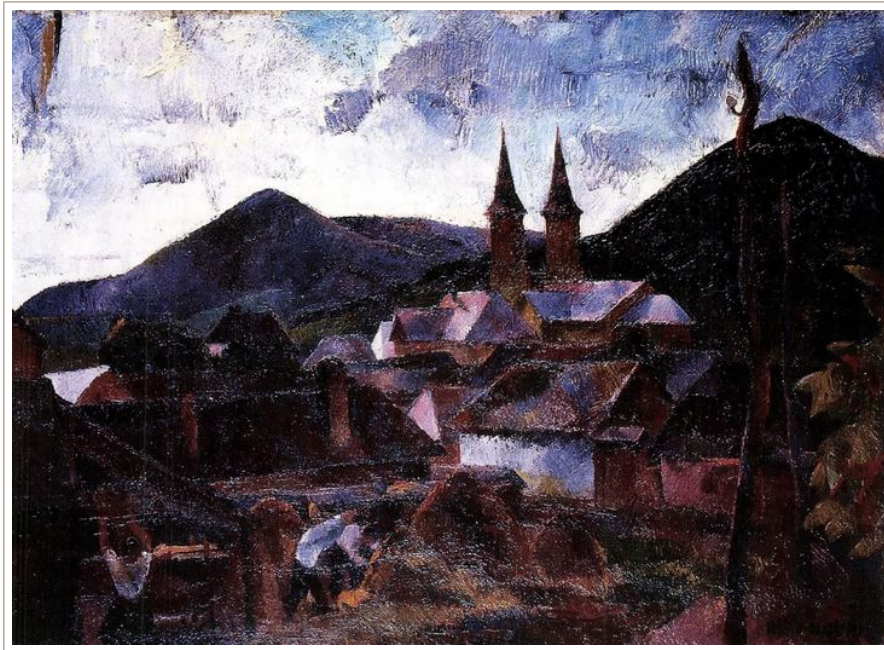
David Brecher and Esther née Klein — Felsőbánya to the Bronx

Marriage and Children in Felsőbánya

1906–1915

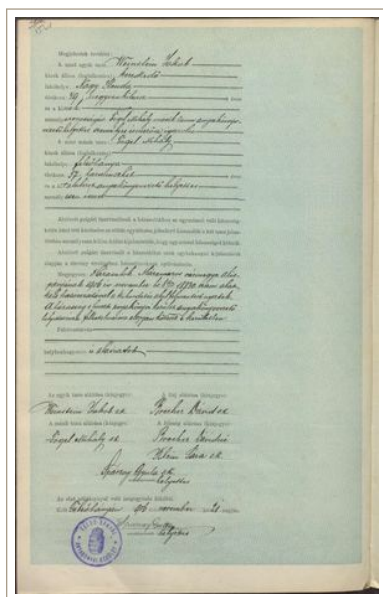
David Brecher was born on 20 July 1881 in Siret (Sereth), in Bukovina, a son of Meir Brecher and Freide née Frohner. On 21 November 1906 he married Eszter Sára (Esther) Klein in Felsőbánya, the daughter of Jakab Hersch (Hermann) Klein, a merchant of the town. The civil marriage act, kept in the Maramureș archives, names David's parents and gives his birthplace and date; its back carries the witnesses' signatures.

The couple made their home in Felsőbánya, where David is described in the registers as a draper, a fashion merchant and a merchant. Four children were born there: Jenő (Eugene) in 1908, Shimshon (Alex) in 1910 (11 July 1912 in his American papers), Ilona (Lucy) in 1912 and Miklós (Nicholas) in 1915. Alex's birth act is reproduced in Part I. The town's synagogue was built from 1909, while the family lived there.



Felsőbánya (Baia Sprie), painted by Vilmos Aba-Novák in 1925.

Source: Vilmos Aba-Novák, Felsőbánya (1925), via Wikimedia Commons



The same marriage act, reverse: the witnesses and the signatures of the bride and groom.

CONFIRMED · Source: Romanian National Archives, Maramureş County Branch, civil registers, unit MM-F-00743-1-1-00044, p. 152v



The chapter on the Jewish community of Felsőbánya in the memorial book of Nagybánya and its region: its dayan R' Májer Zeév Nadler, and the synagogue built from 1909.

Source: Emlékkönyv Nagybánya, Nagysomkút, Felsőbánya... (Tel Aviv, 1996), Yiddish Book Center collection, Internet Archive

1915 nov. 29.	1915 nov. 22.	Miklós fiú. ixx.	Brecher David ixx. 36 kereskedő Klein Eszter ixx. 29. Felsőbánya Hungary M. n.
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Birth of Miklós (Nicholas) Brecher, Felsőbánya, 22 November 1915, act 112. Parents: David Brecher, merchant, 36, and Eszter Klein, 29.

CONFIRMED · Source: Romanian National Archives, Maramureş County Branch, civil registers, Felsőbánya births, unit MM-F-00743-2-00621, image 262



The same chapter, continued.

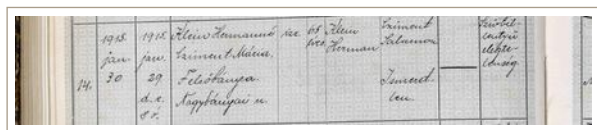
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ESTHER'S FAMILY, THE KLEINS

Esther's father appears in her marriage act as Jakab Hers Klein, a grocer of Felsőbánya, and her mother only as "Mrs Jakab Hers Klein"; on Esther's gravestone she is Esther Sheindel bat Yaakov Tzvi. A margin note of 1907 on the death act of his daughter Berta gives his name as Herman Klein, and under that name he appears in the town's papers: he rented the smaller town shop in the market for 1901–1903, sat among the highest-taxpaying members of the town assembly in 1904 and 1905 and as a substitute in 1906, owned a house on Kossuth Lajos utca at the west end of town, and was still giving to the war-relief collections in 1915 — the same civic path David Brecher followed a few years later. **LIKELY**

Esther's mother was very probably Johanna (Háni) Ferencz. Herman Klein and Háni Ferencz are the parents named on Samuel's marriage act of 1902 and on Berta's death act of 1907, and on 5 March 1890, three years after Esther's birth, they had a son, Shimon, entered in the Nagybánya Jewish birth register; Esther's own entry leaves her mother unnamed, but every child of Herman's known from those years was Háni's. Berta and Samuel were then Esther's full sister and brother. Berta, also called Erzsébet, was born in Nagysomkút about 1875 and married Mihály Fogel, an innkeeper and merchant of Felsőbánya; their sons Izrael Áron and Zoltán were born in 1904 and 1907, and Berta died in October 1907. Samuel (Pinkász) Klein, a general merchant on Hunyadi tér, married Jozefa (Pepi) Szalavitz in 1902; he and his father appear together on the town's list of highest taxpayers for 1908, and on 16 August 1915 Samuel and David Brecher were called up for military service on the same day. Shimon Klein, Esther's younger brother, became a merchant in Felsőbánya and served as an infantryman in the First World War; his portrait was printed in a 1941 book on the Transylvanian

regiments. Mária Cziment, who died in 1915 aged 65 and is named as the wife of a Herman Klein, was probably Herman's second wife, married after 1890 — Esther's stepmother. **LIKELY**



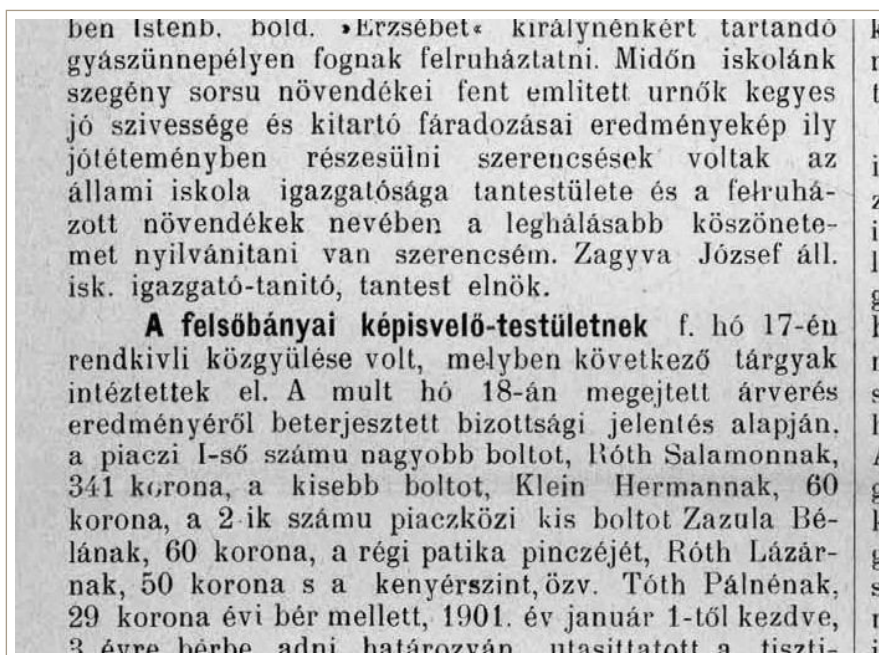
Death of Mária Cziment, wife of Herman Klein, Felsőbánya, 29 January 1915, act 14, aged 65; her father Salamon Cziment. She may have been a second wife of Esther's father.

POSSIBLE · Source: Romanian National Archives, Maramureş County Branch, civil registers, Felsőbánya deaths, unit MM-F-00743-2-00623, image 180



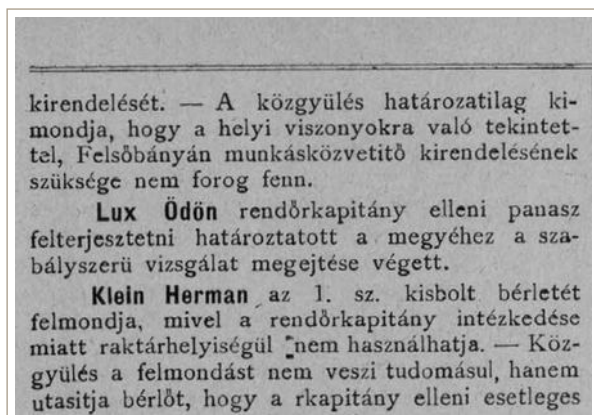
Death of Berta Klein, wife of Mihály Fogel, Felsőbánya, 15 October 1907, act 122, aged 33. Her father is entered as Jakob Klein, corrected in the margin to Herman Klein; her mother as the late Johanna Ferencz.

LIKELY · Source: Romanian National Archives, Maramureş County Branch, civil registers, Felsőbánya deaths, unit MM-F-00743-2-00623, image 21



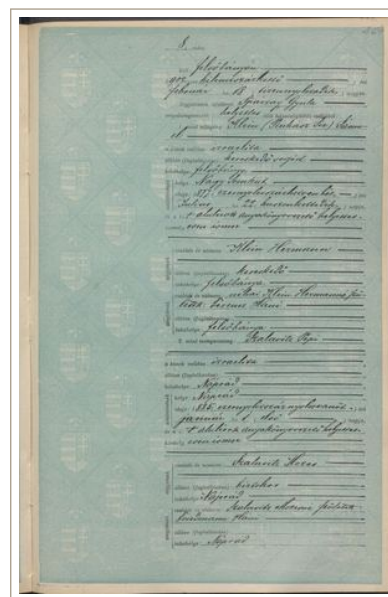
Herman Klein takes the lease of the smaller town shop in the Felsőbánya market for 1901–1903, at 60 crowns a year.

LIKELY · Source: Nagybánya és Vidéke, 2 December 1900 (Hungaricana)



From the town assembly, December 1901: Herman Klein asks to give up the lease of town shop no. 1, which the police captain had forbidden him to use as a storeroom; the assembly declines.

LIKELY · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, 15 December 1901 (Hungaricana)



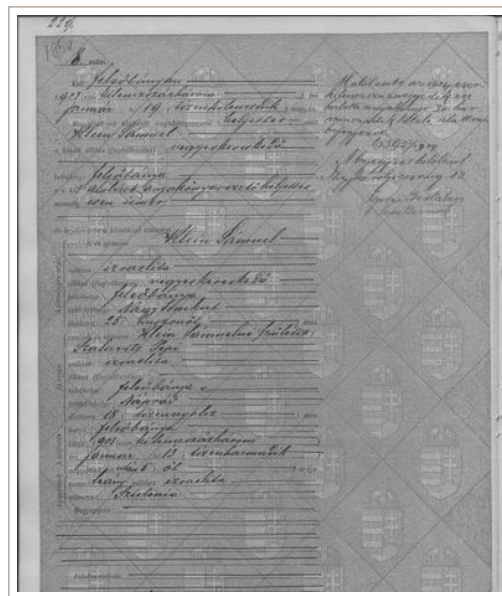
Marriage of Sámuel Pinkász Klein, Felsőbánya, 18 February 1902, act 8. His parents are Hermann Klein and Háni Ferencz, the same parents as Berta's. Samuel was Esther's brother.

LIKELY · Source: Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, Felsőbánya marriages, unit MM-F-00743-1-1-00043



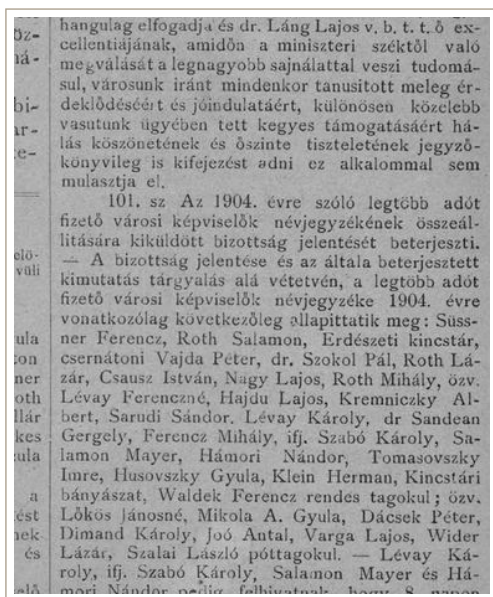
Shimon Klein of Felsőbánya, Esther's younger brother, born in 1890, in uniform during the First World War.

LIKELY · Source: Holocaust memorial records, Photo Archive, 15000/14693547, from L. Deseő, Erdélyi ezredek a világháborúban (1941); birth: Nagybánya Jewish birth register, Book 39, p. 32, as indexed in the JewishGen Hungary database



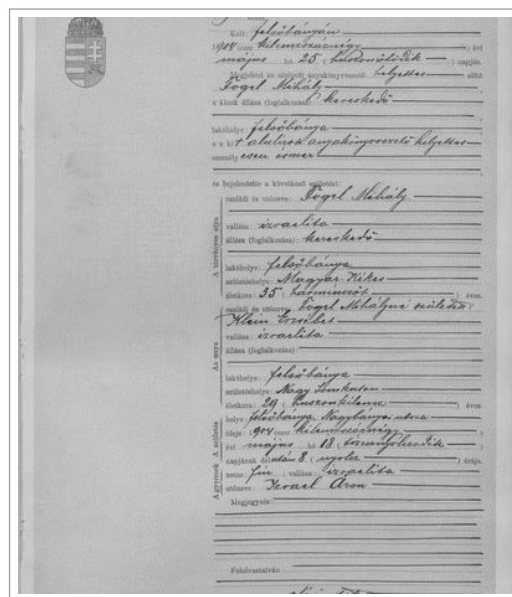
Birth of Szidónia Klein, Felsőbánya, 13 January 1903, act 8 — first child of Samuel Klein, general merchant, born in Nagysomkút, and Pepi (Jozefa) Szalavitz.

LIKELY · Source: Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, Baia Sprie births 1901–1903



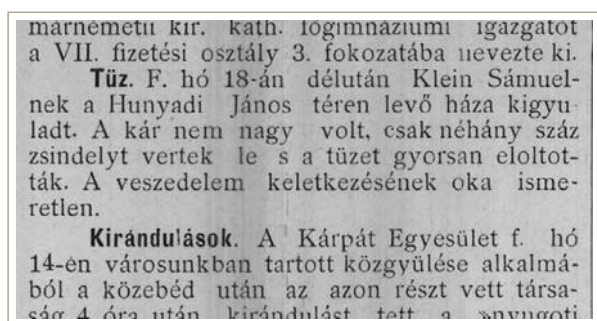
Herman Klein among the highest-taxpaying members of the Felsőbánya town assembly for 1904.

LIKELY · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, 9 December 1903 (Hungaricana)



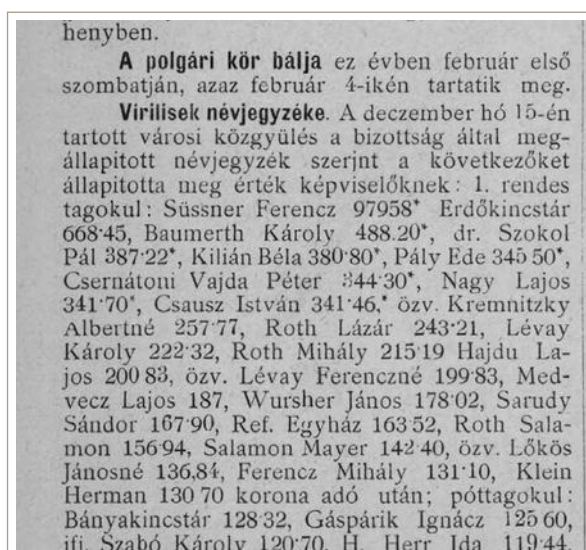
Birth of Izrael Aron Fogel, Felsőbánya, 18 May 1904, act 91 — son of Mihály Fogel, merchant, and Erzsebet (Berta) Klein, born in Nagysomkút, Esther's elder sister.

LIKELY · Source: Romanian National Archives, Maramureş County Branch, civil registers, Baia Sprie births 1904–1906



A small fire in the house of Samuel Klein on Hunyadi tér, Felsőbánya, quickly put out, August 1904.

LIKELY · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, 31 August 1904 (Hungaricana)



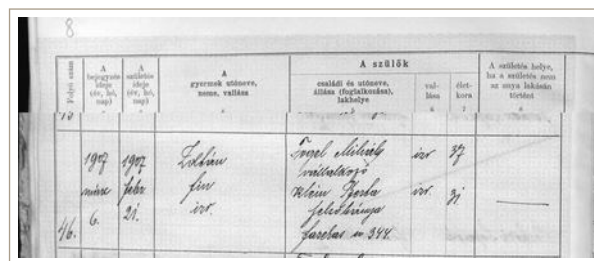
The same list for 1905: Herman Klein, paying 130.70 crowns in tax.

LIKELY · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, 4 January 1905 (Hungaricana)



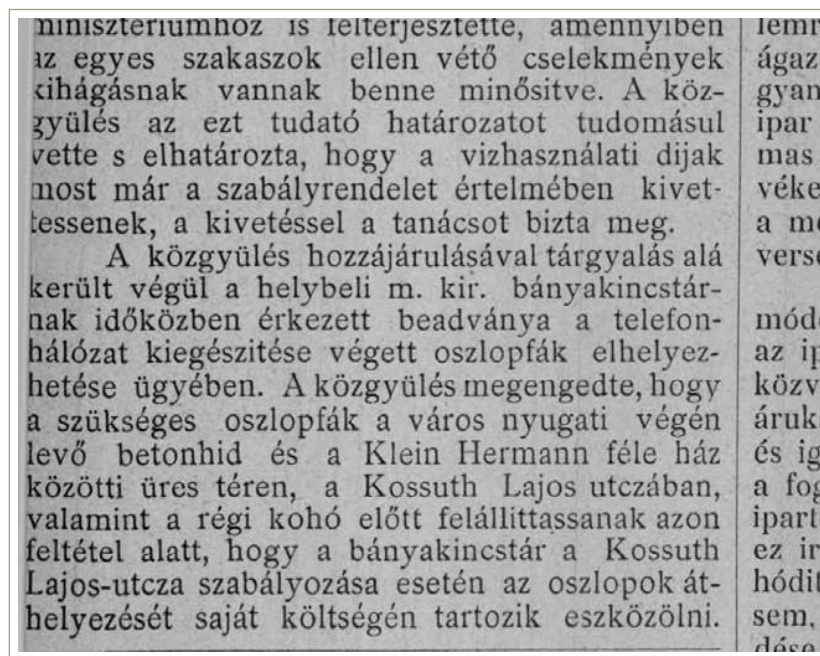
The list for 1906: Herman Klein among the substitute members.

LIKELY · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, 8 November 1905 (Hungaricana)



Birth of Zoltán Fogel, Felsőbánya, 21 February 1907, act 46 — son of Mihály Fogel, entrepreneur, and Berta Klein, of Fazekas utca 344.

CONFIRMED · Source: Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, Baia Sprie births 1907–1919



“The Herman Klein house” on Kossuth Lajos utca, at the west end of Felsőbánya, used as a landmark in a town-assembly report of October 1906.

LIKELY · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, 10 October 1906 (Hungaricana)

Képviselőnek 1900 évre érvényes névjegyzékét
Eszerint a város virilisei a következők:

1. Baumerth Károly 672 K 92 f, 2. Erdő-
kincstár 669 K 92 f, 3. Paly Ede 425 K 02 f,
4. Nagy Lajos 402 K 26 f, 5. Cs. Vajda Péter
343 K 10 f, 6. Dr. Szokol Pal 332 K 60 f, 7.
Róth Lázár 273 K 19 f, 8. Dr. Csasz Károly
272 K 62 f, 9. Róth Mihály 224 K 08 f, 10. Kilian
Béla 221 K 40 f, 11. Bernovits Emil 220 K 28 f,
12. Csasz István 204 K 70 f, 13. Sarudi Sándor
182 K 62 f, 14. Ev. ref. egyház 178 K 42 f, 15.
Kende Dániel 176 K 58 f, 16. Hajdu Lajos 172 K
29 f, 17. Dr. I. Berks Aurél 171 K 84 f, 18. Róth
Salamon 162 K 79 f, 19. ifj. Szabó Károly 158 K
41 f, 20. Dácsek Péter 157 K 42 f, 21. Salamon
Mayer 150 K 40 f, 22. özv. Kremnitzky Albertné
145 K 12 f, 23. Szóke Károly 144 K 72, 24.
Hámori Nádor 142 K 97 f, 25. Ferencz Mihály
142 K 50 f, 26. Husovszky Gy. Herr Ida 136 K
14 f, 27. Parkas Jenő 132 K 32 f, 28. Jó Antal
128 K, 29. Mikola A. Gyula 116 K 84 f, 30. Nové
Salamon 111 K 80 f, 31. Tomasovszky Imre
109 K 50 f, 32. Wider Lázár 105 K 16 f, 33. ifj.
Lévay Sándor 101 K 51 f, 34. Süssner Ferencné
95 K 49 f, 35. Lupán Atanász 94 K 54 f, 36.
Klein Sámuel 91 K 60 f, 37. Lévay Károly 90 K
58 f, 38. Bónis Sándor 86 K 49 f, 39. Dan
György 85 K 32 f, 40. özv. Lőkös Jánosné 82 K
50 f, 41. Klein Herman 80 K 94 f, 42. özv. Szűcs
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44. Kerekes József 77 K-val.

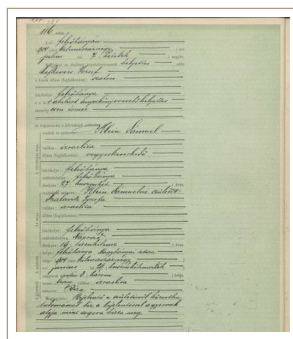
A jegyzékből kiesnek a városi tisztviselők,
kik hivatalból tagjai a képviselőnek s azon virilis

Samuel Klein and his father Herman Klein, both on Felsőbánya's list of highest taxpayers for 1908.

LIKELY · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, 4 December 1907 (Hungaricana)

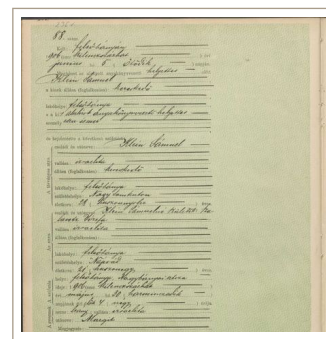
SAMUEL KLEIN'S FAMILY

Samuel Klein and Józefa (Pepi) Szalavitz, born at Náprád, made their home on Nagybányai utca in Felsőbánya, where Samuel is entered in the birth registers as a merchant and later as a general merchant. His own birthplace is given as Nagysomkút in the acts of 1903 and 1906 and as Felsőbánya in that of 1904. Their first child, Szidónia, was born on 13 January 1903 and died on 12 March 1904; seven more children followed between 1904 and 1919: Róza, Margit, Mathild, Blanka, József, Sándor and Miklós.



Birth of Róza Klein, 29 June 1904, Felsőbánya, daughter of Samuel Klein, general merchant, and Józefa Szalavitz.

CONFIRMED · Source: Romanian National Archives, Maramureş County Branch, civil registers, Baia Sprie (Felsőbánya) births 1904–1906, unit MM-F-00743-1-1-00042, act 116



Birth of Margit Klein, 30 May 1906, Felsőbánya, daughter of Samuel Klein, merchant, born at Nagysomkút, and Józefa Szalavitz of Náprád.

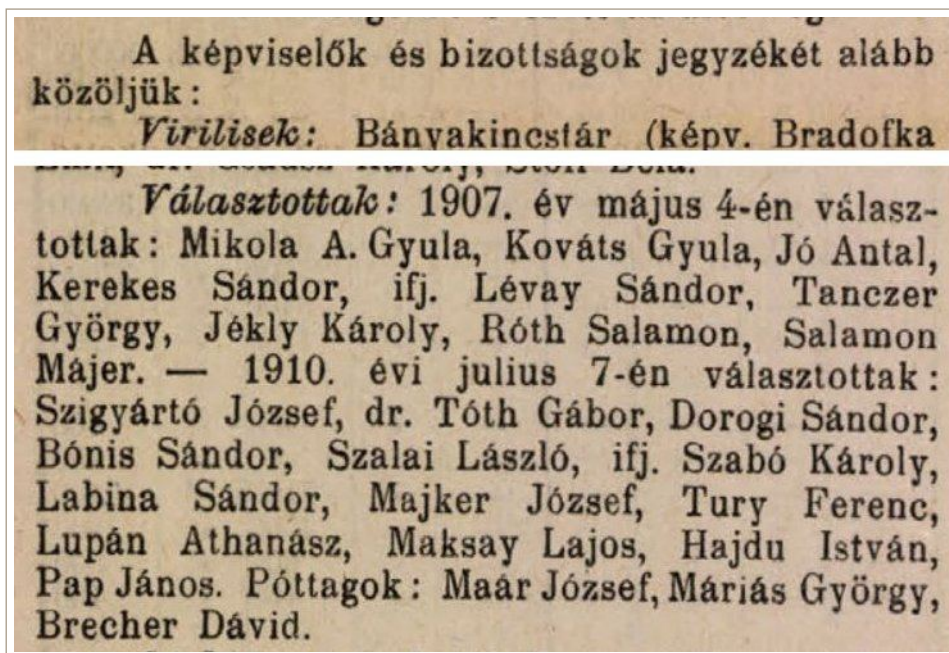
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CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND JÓZEFA KLEIN, ALL BORN IN FELSO'BÁNYA

Szidónia	b. 13 Jan 1903, d. 12 Mar 1904 LIKELY
Róza	b. 29 Jun 1904 CONFIRMED
Margit	b. 30 May 1906 CONFIRMED
Mathild	b. 18 Apr 1908 CONFIRMED
Blanka	b. 15 Dec 1909 CONFIRMED
József	b. 15 Nov 1911 CONFIRMED
Sándor	b. 6 Sep 1913 CONFIRMED
Miklós	Confirmed

DAVID BRECHER IN THE FELSO'BÁNYA AND NAGYBÁNYA PRESS

The local papers record David Brecher as a man of standing in Felsőbánya: elected an alternate member of the town council in July 1910, leasing a town shop in Nagybánya in 1914, and called up for military service on 16 August 1915. Esther's family, the Kleins, appear too: Herman Klein rented the town's small shop no. 1 in 1901 and sat among the council's highest taxpayers, and Shimon Klein served in the war in 1915.



David Brecher elected an alternate member of the Felsőbánya town council, July 1910.

CONFIRMED · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, July 1910

III.
Folyó év augusztus 16-án katonai
szolgálatra bevonultak:*)
457. Almássy Kornél, 458. Bárdoczki Antal,
459. Boczor János, 460. Bálint László, 461. Bö-
lényi Márton, 462. Brecher Dávid, 463. Brodács
Ferenc, 464. Barcs Antal, 465. Csilik Antal, 466.
Csernyestyán Gábor. 467. Darnai Lajos, 468.

David Brecher among the Felsőbánya men called up for military service, 16 August 1915.

LIKELY · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, August 1915

24. Ugyancsak jóváhagyták az 1911. évi
gyámpénztári számadásokat.
25. A város Brecher Dávidnak a XII. sz.
bolthelyiséget évi 450 K-ért bérbe adta.

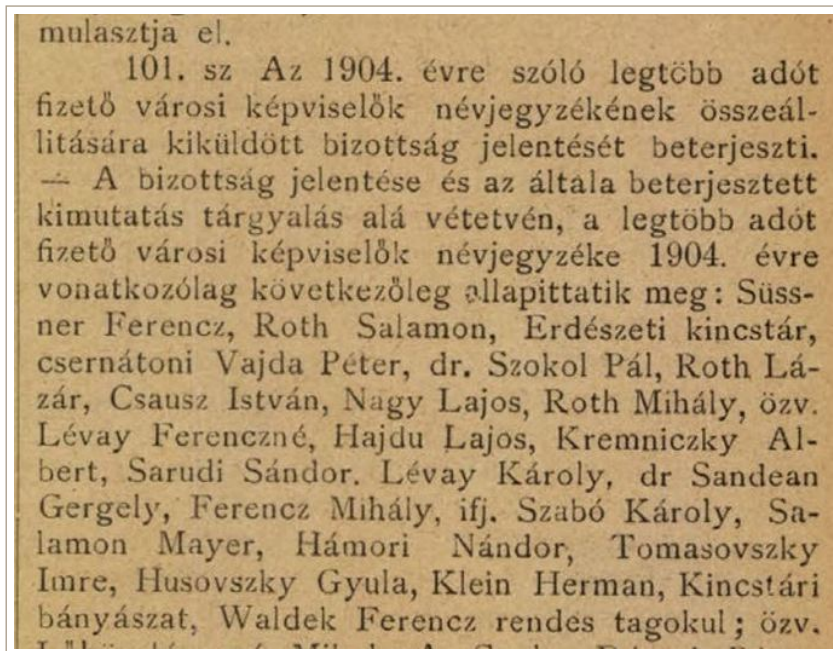
David Brecher leases shop no. XII from the town of Nagybánya, 1914.

LIKELY · Source: Nagybánya és Vidéke, 1914

Balyszeru vizsgalat megejtése veget.
Klein Herman az 1. sz. kisbolt bérletét
felmondja, mivel a rendörkapitány intézkedése
miatt raktárhelyiségül nem használhatja. — Köz-
gyűlés a felmondást nem veszi tudomásul, hanem
utasítja bérlőt, hogy a rkapitány elleni esetleges
panaszait illetékes helyen adja be,

Herman Klein, tenant of the Felsőbánya town's small shop no. 1, 1901.

LIKELY · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, 1901



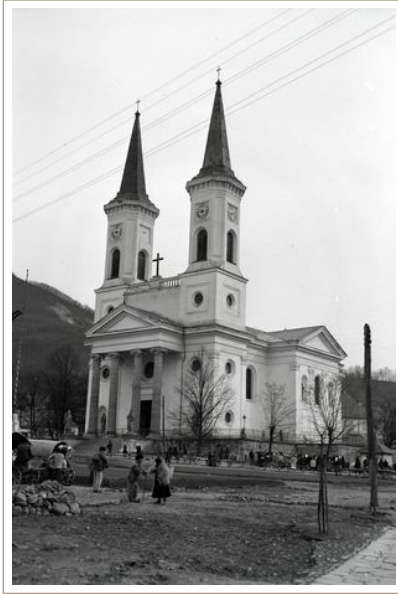
Herman Klein among the highest-taxpaying members (virilists) of the Felsőbánya town council.

LIKELY · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, 1903



Felsőbánya in the 1910s, the town where David and Esther Brecher raised their children.

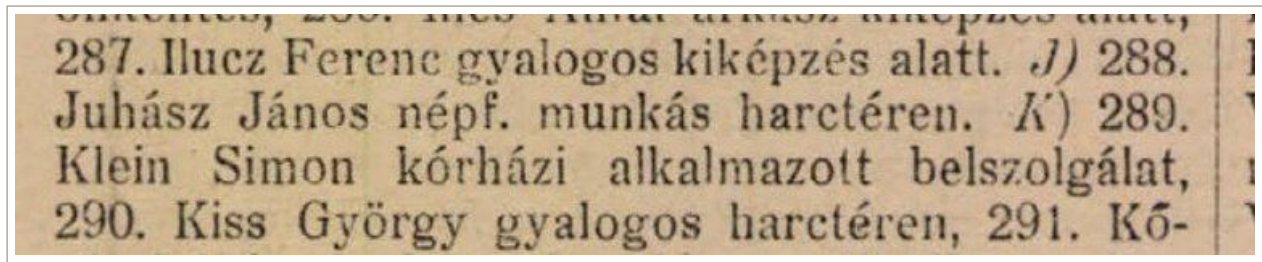
CONFIRMED · Source: Contemporary postcard view



The main square and church of Felsőbánya, 1942.
 CONFIRMED · Source: Contemporary postcard view



The main square of Nagybánya, c. 1910.
 CONFIRMED · Source: Contemporary postcard view



Shimon Klein of Felsőbánya in war service, 1915.

LIKELY · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, 1915

In the Local Newspapers

Felsőbánya and Nagybánya, 1910–1915

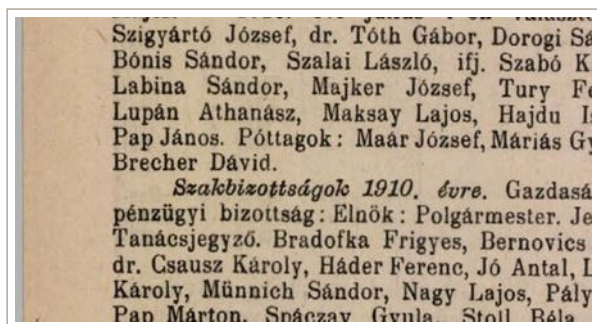
The weekly papers of Felsőbánya and the neighbouring towns, now digitized by Hungaricana, show David and Esther Brecher as settled members of the town. In July 1910 David was elected a substitute member of the town assembly; that December he gave to the Christmas celebration of the state kindergarten; and in October 1912 the town assembly admitted him, as a merchant, into the municipal community. In February 1914 the town of Nagybánya leased its shop premises no. XII to a David Brecher, probably he.

When war came in 1914 both appear in the town's lists of gifts: David pledging monthly war relief and giving to the families of men at the front and to the town's soldiers, Esther (listed, as was the custom, as "Brecher Dávidné", Mrs David Brecher) giving bedding to the war hospital and a pair of gold earrings to the gold collection. On 16 August 1915 David, then 34, was called up for military service on the same day as Esther's brother Samuel Klein; their names are nos. 462 and 494 in the town's published list.



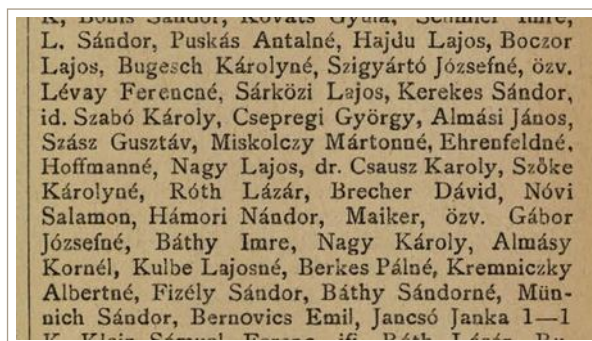
Nagybánya (Baia Mare), 1914–1918.

Source: K.u.k. Kriegspressequartier / Austrian National Library (BildID 15716690)



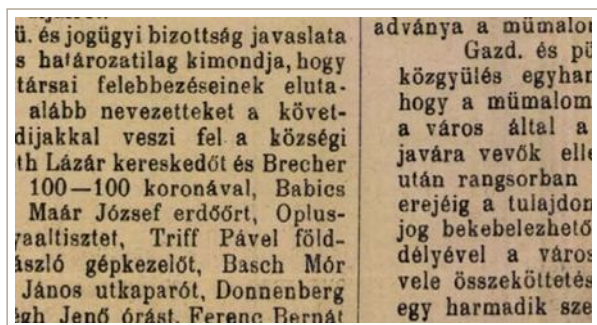
David Brecher named an alternate member of a town committee after the municipal elections, 28 July 1910.

CONFIRMED · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, 28 July 1910 (Hungaricana)



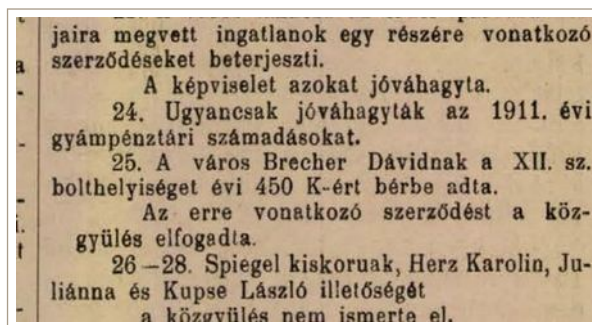
Donors to the Christmas-tree celebration of the Felsőbánya state kindergarten, December 1910 — David Brecher among them.

CONFIRMED · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, 15 December 1910 (Hungaricana)



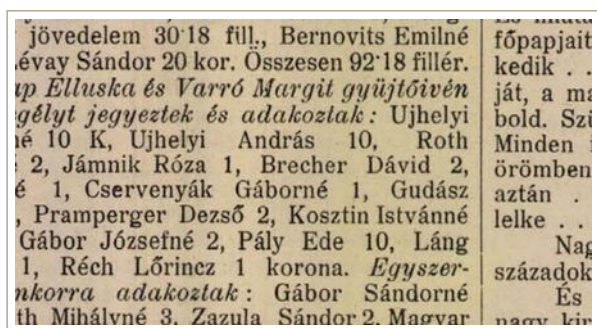
The town assembly admits “Brecher Dávid kereskedő” (merchant) into the municipal community, 17 October 1912.

CONFIRMED · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, 17 October 1912 (Hungaricana)



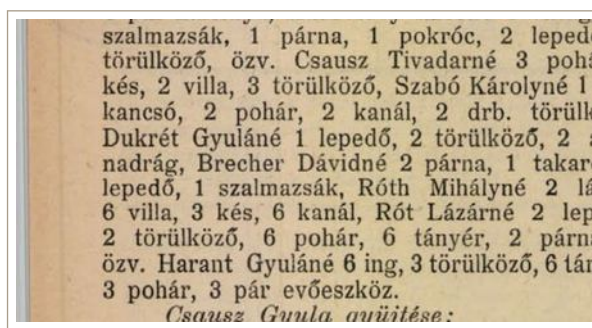
The town of Nagybánya leases its shop premises no. XII to David Brecher for 450 crowns a year, February 1914; no town of residence is given for him.

POSSIBLE · Source: Nagybánya és Vidéke, 22 February 1914 (Hungaricana)



David Brecher pledges two crowns a month to the war relief fund, August 1914.

CONFIRMED · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, 20 August 1914 (Hungaricana)



Gifts for the war hospital: “Brecher Dávidné” — two pillows, a blanket, a sheet and a straw mattress, September 1914.

CONFIRMED · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, 3 September 1914 (Hungaricana)

é 1 korona gyűrű megváltás, ona gyűrű megváltás, Gerő gyűrű, 1 arany függő, 1 ezüst arólyné 2 ezüst lánc, Bradofka arany függő, 1 aranygyűrű, 1 arany kereszt, Brecher arany fülfüggő, Dácsek Péterné fülfüggő, 1 arany lánc darabka, 2 pár arany fülfüggő, ifj. egy arany jegygyűrű, Szalai arany darabka, Biró Ilonka 1 fülfüggő. Dohánvos Gázáné bár iratott többször szegény szerettei a nek és az ettől való sulyosbitja helyzetét, keveset használtam, címet, volna írni vagy iratni és Kérem továbbá szegény, az intézkedés előbb értesíteni. 3. és környékének lakói seje létesítette kor

The gold collection for the war: "Brecher Dávidné egy pár arany fülfüggő" — Mrs David Brecher, a pair of gold earrings, September 1914.

CONFIRMED · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, 17 September 1914 (Hungaricana)

s Ujhelyi Andrásné 10–10 K. Hámori Nándor-
é, Fizély Sándor és N. N. 5–5 K. Tóth Gá-
orné és Mikola A. Gyuláné 4–4 K. Boczor La-
os 3 K. Kováts Gyula, Nagy Lajos, Varga Já-
osné, Hajdu Lajosné, N. N. Dr. Vermes Hugó-
é, Barthos Mariska, Pap Márton, Wider Lázár,
loffmann László, Stein Ferencné, Brecher Dá-
vid, Dr. Szokol Pál, Neubauer Leó, Bay Károly-
é, Bernovits Emilné, Jancsó Janka, dr. Csasz-
árolyné, Nyisztor Irén, Illés Lukács, Májer
yörgy, Lévy Zsigmondné, özv. Vágner Ber-
átné, és Szabó Károly 2–2 K. Miskolezy Ka-

A collection for the town's men called up to the army, November 1914 — David Brecher among the donors.

CONFIRMED · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, 26 November 1914 (Hungaricana)

A harcba vonultak családtagjainak se-
gélyezésére szeptember hóra befizettek: Árus
Jenőné 1 K, Bradofka Frigyes 8 K, Bradofka
Frigyesné 6 K, Bernovits Emilné 10 K, Brecher
Dávid 2 K, Bay Károlyné 2 K, Bónis Sándor 2
K, Bugesch Károlyné 2 K, dr. Berks Aurél 5 K,
Cservenyák Gáborné 1 K, Csasz Tivadarné 1

Payments for September 1914 toward aid for the families of men at the front: Brecher [Dávid], two crowns.

CONFIRMED · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, 1 October 1914 (Hungaricana)

renc 10 K, Ember Péter 2 K, Kováts Gyula 2
K, Bradofka Frigyes 10 K, Farkas Jenő 10 K,
Háder Ferenc 2 K, Pap Márton 2 K, Alexy
Pál 2 K, Puskás Ferenc 2 K, Dukrét Gyula 2
K, Bónis Sándor 1 K, Róth Lázár 1 K, Brecher
Dávid 2 K, Salamon Májer 2 K, Wider Lázár
2 K, Ferenc Mihály 1 K, Fizély Sándor 10 K,
Grün Mór 50 f, Dimand Károly 2 K, Münnich

Gifts given in place of New Year greetings, January 1915: David Brecher, two crowns.

CONFIRMED · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, 21 January 1915 (Hungaricana)

járásban körorvosi, ugyancsak ezen a Kovási és Nagynyíres községben állásra, Kisnamény és Krasznaterebes-en pedig körjegyzői állásra van pályázva.

Öszönetyilvánítás. Brecher Dávid Felsőbányáról 10 koronát adományozott a szatmári izr. Nőegylet céljaira. A nemesszivű férfinak hálás köszönetet mond az Elnökében Rooz Samuné.

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 Szerkesztő: **Dr. Stern Mór.**

“Brecher Dávid úr Felsőbányáról” — David Brecher of Felsőbánya — gives ten crowns to the Szatmár Jewish Women’s Society, March 1915.

CONFIRMED · Source: Szamos (Szatmár), 23 March 1915 (Hungaricana)

Árverési hirdetmény.

A fenti ügyszám alatt felvett jegyzőkönyv foglalt megkeresés folytán ezennel közhírré teszem, hogy a Mózes Marton gazdalkodó kővárhosszúfalusi lakos által Brecher Dávid felsőbányai lakosnak eladott, de általa többszöri felhívás dacára ki nem fizetett és át nem vett és 780 métermázsát kiterjedésű széna mennyiségből 270 métermázsát Pusztahutón Páter Sándor lakásán 1915. évi augusztus 4-ik napján délután 3 órakor, 80 méter

An auction notice of August 1915: hay bought by “Brecher Dávid felsőbányai lakos” — David Brecher of Felsőbánya — from a farmer of Kővárhosszúfalu, to be resold.

CONFIRMED · Source: Kővárvidék (Nagysomkút), 1 August 1915 (Hungaricana)

457. Almássy Kornél, 458. Bárdoczki Antal, 459. Boczor János, 460. Bálint László, 461. Bölényi Márton, 462. Brecher Dávid, 463. Brodács Ferenc, 464. Bares Antal, 465. Csilik Antal, 466. Csernyestyán Gábor, 467. Darnai Lajos, 468. Dácher Ferenc, 469. Ember Ferenc József, 470. Fehér Gábor, 471. Fuksz Mihály, 472. Fuksz Antal, 473. Fuksz János, 474. Friedman Móric, 475. Galkó András, 476. Grün Arpad, 477. Gólovánszki János, 478. Grün Simon, 479. Grabán János, 480. Gájer Ferenc, 481. Huszár József, 482. Hitter Ferenc, 483. Hitter Pál, 484. Hitter István, 485. Hitter József, 486. Hefler Károly id., 487. Jereb József, 488. Jablanovszki Lajos, 489. Krompaszky János, 490. Krompaszky Mihály, 491. Kozma János, 492. Kiss Sándor id., 493. Kozma Ádám, 494. Klein Sámuel, 495. Kozma György, 496. Kandó János ifj., 497. Kerekes Gábor, 498. Lőrincz István, 499. Labina Lajos, 500. Lőrincz István, 501. Márjás Sándor, 502. Máidik István, 503. Máriás István, 504. Mátra

The Felsőbánya men called up for military service on 16 August 1915: no. 462, David Brecher, and no. 494, Samuel Klein, Esther’s brother.

CONFIRMED · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, 16 September 1915 (Hungaricana)

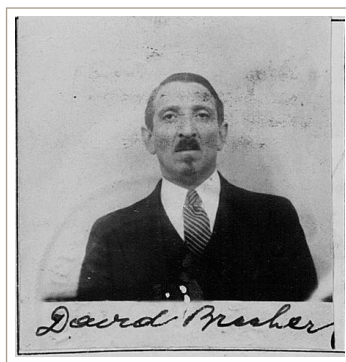
The Crossing and the Bronx

1928–1950

In December 1928 David and Esther left Europe with their four children. Their last home there was Budapest. They sailed from Trieste on the SS Vulcania on 19 December 1928 and reached New York on 31 December 1928, the date on the ship's list (2 January 1929 in the naturalization papers). It was the Vulcania's maiden voyage: the new Cosulich liner left Trieste for the first time on 19 December 1928, calling at Patras and Naples, and the Brechers were among her first passengers to New York. The manifest gives David's destination as Congregation Bikur Cholim, 1080 Tiffany Street, in the Bronx, and names his sister Rosa, who had been in New York since 1913.

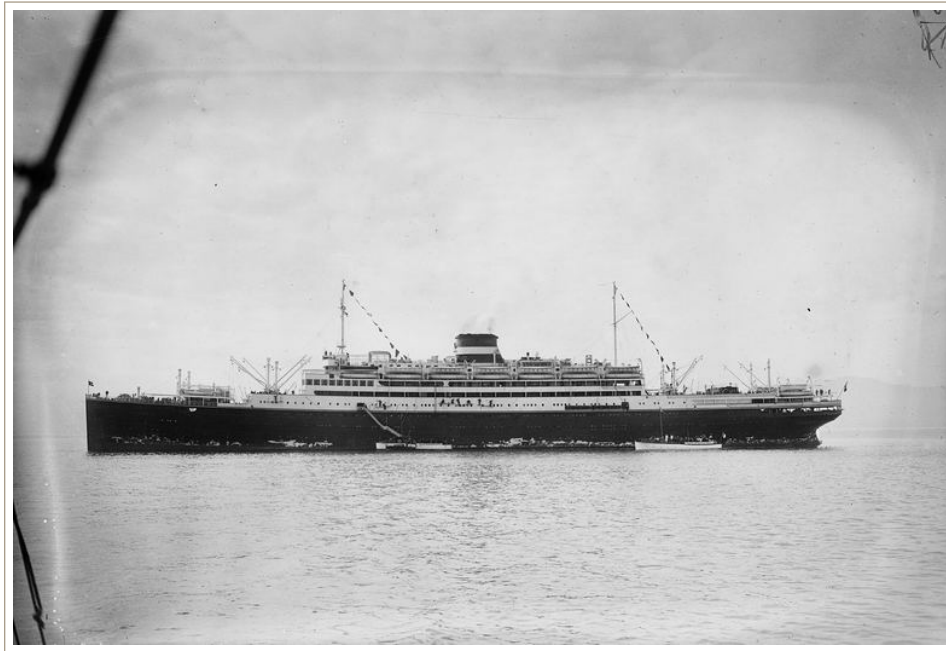
By April 1930 the family lived at 972 Fox Street in the Bronx, where David made neckties. He declared his intention to become a citizen in 1932 — the declaration carries his photograph — and petitioned for citizenship in March 1934; he was sworn in as a citizen on 25 June 1934. His papers repeat his birth in Siret on 20 July 1881, give Esther's birth as 25 December 1886, and list the children with dates that differ from the Felsőbánya registers.

The children married in New York: Lucy to Paul Friedman, a jeweller, at the Bronx Borough Hall on 27 June 1934, both giving 972 Fox Street as their address (Paul's father, Joseph Friedman, was in Hebrew Yosef Ephraim son of Yeshayahu); Eugene to Elizabeth Zelig in 1938; Alex to Anne Wahrsager in the same year. Eugene, a men's-neckwear manufacturer, petitioned for citizenship about 1941. In 1940 David and Esther lived in the Bronx with their youngest son, Nicholas, and in 1942 David, registering for the draft from 1640 Topping Avenue, was working for Joseph Feldstein & Son at 46 Walker Street in Manhattan. Nicholas served in the United States Army from 8 June 1942 to 24 January 1945. Around 1951 David and Esther moved to Monsey, in Rockland County.



David Brecher, from his 1932 declaration of intention, Southern District of New York.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York, U.S. District and Circuit Court Naturalization Records, 1824–1991, Southern District of New York (filed with his 1934 petition); FamilySearch



The Cosulich liner Vulcania, which brought the Brecher family to New York at the turn of 1929, photographed at Cannes on 19 January 1929 on her next voyage.

Source: Agence Rol, Bibliothèque nationale de France (Gallica), public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

5 LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES

ALL ALIENS arriving at a port of continental United States from a foreign port as a part of the regular operation of the United States, and all aliens arriving at a port of call under protection from a foreign port, as a part of the regular operation of the United States, shall file a manifest with the Customs Service at the port of arrival.

S. S. M/V VULCANIA Passengers sailing from TRIESTE, December 19 - 1928, 19

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
ED	NAME IN FULL	Age	Sex	Rank	Ally to	Place of birth	Country	City or town	Place of birth	Country	City or town	Date	Place of arrival	City or town
1	Andrijaevich	Isak	22	M	Private	Yugoslavia	Croatia	Podgorica	Podgorica	Yugoslavia	Podgorica	Dec. 14 1928	Yugoslavia	Podgorica
2	Stefan	Eda	42	F	Labourer	Yugoslavia	Bosnia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Dec. 10 1928	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia
3	Vladimir	Pava	30	M	Private	Yugoslavia	Croatia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Dec. 14 1928	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia
4	Julia	David	20	F	Private	Yugoslavia	Croatia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Dec. 10 1928	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia
5	David	David	7	M	Student	Yugoslavia	Croatia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Dec. 10 1928	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia
6	Esther	David	13	F	Student	Yugoslavia	Croatia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Dec. 10 1928	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia
7	David	David	44	M	Private	Yugoslavia	Croatia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Dec. 10 1928	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia
8	David	David	18	M	Student	Yugoslavia	Croatia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Dec. 10 1928	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia
9	David	David	13	M	Student	Yugoslavia	Croatia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Dec. 10 1928	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia
10	David	David	11	M	Student	Yugoslavia	Croatia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Dec. 10 1928	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia
11	David	David	7	M	Student	Yugoslavia	Croatia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Dec. 10 1928	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia
12	David	David	47	M	Labourer	Yugoslavia	Croatia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Dec. 10 1928	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia
13	David	David	41	M	Private	Yugoslavia	Croatia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Dec. 10 1928	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia
14	David	David	17	M	Student	Yugoslavia	Croatia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Dec. 10 1928	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia
15	David	David	16	M	Student	Yugoslavia	Croatia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Dec. 10 1928	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia
16	David	David	15	M	Student	Yugoslavia	Croatia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Dec. 10 1928	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia
17	David	David	13	M	Student	Yugoslavia	Croatia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Dec. 10 1928	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia
18	David	David	11	M	Student	Yugoslavia	Croatia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Dec. 10 1928	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia
19	David	David	7	M	Student	Yugoslavia	Croatia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Dec. 10 1928	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia
20	David	David	40	M	Private	Yugoslavia	Croatia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Dec. 10 1928	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia
21	David	David	31	M	Labourer	Yugoslavia	Croatia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia	Dec. 10 1928	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavia

The SS Vulcania, sailing from Trieste on 19 December 1928: the Brecher family — David, Esther and their four children, among them Alex.

CONFIRMED - Source: New York passenger lists, U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch, host)

STATES IMMIGRATION OFFICER AT PORT OF ARRIVAL

States, or a part of another insular possession, in whatever class they travel, MUST be fully listed and the master or commanding officer of each vessel carrying such passengers must upon arrival deliver lists thereof to the immigration officer

SECOND-CABIN PASSENGERS ONLY

Arriving at Port of NEW YORK, December 31 - 1928, 19

List

The entries on this sheet must be typewritten or printed.

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36				
13	ACCOMP ~~y~~ by the mother	NY	New York	yes	self	50	no	no	no	1080 Tiffany Str. Bronx NY	no	always	yes	no	no	no	no	no	good	no	5 8	fair	brown	none
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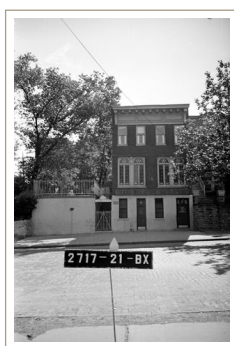
The second page of the *Vulcania*'s list, headed "Arriving at Port of New York, December 31, 1928" (lines 13–18): the family were going to 1080 Tiffany Street in the Bronx, the address of David's sister Rosa, and intended to stay permanently. It records David at 5 ft 8 in and Esther at 5 ft 3 in, and the children Eugen at 5 ft 8 in, Alex at 5 ft 2 in, Ilona at 5 ft 1 in and Nicolaus at 4 ft 7 in, all fair-complexioned with brown hair and eyes.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York, New York Passenger and Crew Lists, 1909, 1925–1958 (FamilySearch), right-hand page, <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-954Z-R6Z>

accomp. by the mother	UN	Cleveland	yes	mother	-	no	no	no	accomp. by the mother	no	s
ACCOMP ~~y~~ by the mother	NY	New York	yes	self	50	no	no	no	Congregation Bikur Cholim 1080 Tiffany Str. Bronx NY	no	al
accomp. by the husband	NY	New York	yes	husband		no	no	no	1080 Tiffany Str. Bronx NY	no	s
accomp. by the father	NY	New York	yes	father		no	no	no	accomp. by the father	no	s
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accomp. by the father	NY	New York	yes	father		no	no	no	accomp. by the father	no	s
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father Tomodopster Jutoslavia Rusavo	NY	Tomarivan	yes	sister	yes	no	no	no	sister Teresa Kosic 405 Main Str. Tomarivan NY	no	s

Detail of the same manifest: David Brecher bound for Congregation Bikur Cholim, 1080 Tiffany Street, Bronx; his sister Rosa named.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York passenger lists, U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch, host)



1080 Tiffany Street, Bronx, about 1940: the home of Congregation Bikur Cholim, the address given for "Sister Rosa Brecher" on the family's 1928 arrival record.

CONFIRMED · Source: NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives



972 Fox Street, Bronx, photographed for the city tax rolls about 1940: the Brecher family's home in the 1930 census and on David Brecher's naturalization papers.

CONFIRMED · Source: NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives

Form No. 1
Date: June 20, 1941
Name: Wm. H. H. H.
Address: 1000 1st St. N. E.
City: Albany, N. Y.
State: N. Y.
Zip: 12208

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES, 1940
POPULATION SCHEDULE

Serial No. 4A
Enumeration District No. 141
Precinct No. 1

C	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF	AG	AH	AI	AJ	AK	AL	AM	AN	AO	AP	AQ	AR	AS	AT	AU	AV	AW	AX	AY	AZ	BA	BB	BC	BD	BE	BF	BG	BH	BI	BJ	BK	BL	BM	BN	BO	BP	BQ	BR	BS	BT	BU	BV	BW	BX	BY	BZ	CA	CB	CC	CD	CE	CF	CG	CH	CI	CJ	CK	CL	CM	CN	CO	CP	CQ	CR	CS	CT	CU	CV	CW	CX	CY	CZ	DA	DB	DC	DD	DE	DF	DG	DH	DI	DJ	DK	DL	DM	DN	DO	DP	DQ	DR	DS	DT	DU	DV	DW	DX	DY	DZ	EA	EB	EC	ED	EE	EF	EG	EH	EI	EJ	EK	EL	EM	EN	EO	EP	EQ	ER	ES	ET	EU	EV	EW	EX	EY	EZ	FA	FB	FC	FD	FE	FF	FG	FH	FI	FJ	FK	FL	FM	FN	FO	FP	FQ	FR	FS	FT	FU	FV	FW	FX	FY	FZ	GA	GB	GC	GD	GE	GF	GG	GH	GI	GJ	GK	GL	GM	GN	GO	GP	GQ	GR	GS	GT	GU	GV	GW	GX	GY	GZ	HA	HB	HC	HD	HE	HF	HG	HH	HI	HJ	HK	HL	HM	HN	HO	HP	HQ	HR	HS	HT	HU	HV	HW	HX	HY	HZ	IA	IB	IC	ID	IE	IF	IG	IH	II	IJ	IK	IL	IM	IN	IO	IP	IQ	IR	IS	IT	IU	IV	IW	IX	IY	IZ	JA	JB	JC	JD	JE	JF	JG	JH	JI	JJ	JK	JL	JM	JN	JO	JP	JQ	JR	JS	JT	JU	JV	JW	JX	JY	JZ	KA	KB	KC	KD	KE	KF	KG	KH	KI	KJ	KL	KM	KN	KO	KP	KQ	KR	KS	KT	KU	KV	KW	KX	KY	KZ	LA	LB	LC	LD	LE	LF	LG	LH	LI	LJ	LK	LM	LN	LO	LP	LQ	LR	LS	LT	LU	LV	LW	LX	LY	LZ	MA	MB	MC	MD	ME	MF	MG	MH	MI	MJ	MK	ML	MM	MN	MO	MP	MQ	MR	MS	MT	MU	MV	MW	MX	MY	MZ	NA	NB	NC	ND	NE	NF	NG	NH	NI	NJ	NK	NL	NM	NN	NO	NP	NQ	NR	NS	NT	NU	NV	NW	NX	NY	NZ	OA	OB	OC	OD	OE	OF	OG	OH	OI	OJ	OK	OL	OM	ON	OO	OP	OQ	OR	OS	OT	OU	OV	OW	OX	OY	OZ	PA	PB	PC	PD	PE	PF	PG	PH	PI	PJ	PK	PL	PM	PN	PO	PP	PQ	PR	PS	PT	PU	PV	PW	PX	PY	PZ	QA	QB	QC	QD	QE	QF	QG	QH	QI	QJ	QK	QL	QM	QN	QO	QP	QQ	QR	QS	QT	QU	QV	QW	QX	QY	QZ	RA	RB	RC	RD	RE	RF	RG	RH	RI	RJ	RK	RL	RM	RN	RO	RP	RQ	RR	RS	RT	RU	RV	RW	RX	RY	RZ	SA	SB	SC	SD	SE	SF	SG	SH	SI	SJ	SK	SL	SM	SN	SO	SP	SQ	SR	SS	ST	SU	SV	SW	SX	SY	SZ	TA	TB	TC	TD	TE	TF	TG	TH	TI	TJ	TK	TL	TM	TN	TO	TP	TQ	TR	TS	TT	TU	TV	TW	TX	TY	TZ	UA	UB	UC	UD	UE	UF	UG	UH	UI	UJ	UK	UL	UM	UN	UO	UP	UQ	UR	US	UT	UU	UV	UW	UX	UY	UZ	VA	VB	VC	VD	VE	VF	VG	VH	VI	VJ	VK	VL	VM	VN	VO	VP	VQ	VR	VS	VT	VU	VV	VW	VX	VY	VZ	WA	WB	WC	WD	WE	WF	WG	WH	WI	WJ	WK	WL	WM	WN	WO	WP	WQ	WR	WS	WT	WU	WV	WW	WX	WY	WZ	XA	XB	XC	XD	XE	XF	XG	XH	XI	XJ	XK	XL	XM	XN	XO	XP	XQ	XR	XS	XT	XU	XV	XW	XX	XY	XZ	YA	YB	YC	YD	YE	YF	YG	YH	YI	YJ	YK	YL	YM	YN	YO	YP	YQ	YR	YS	YT	YU	YV	YW	YX	YY	YZ	ZA	ZB	ZC	ZD	ZE	ZF	ZG	ZH	ZI	ZJ	ZK	ZL	ZM	ZN	ZO	ZP	ZQ	ZR	ZS	ZT	ZU	ZV	ZW	ZX	ZY	ZZ

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The Brecher household in the 1930 census, 972 Fox Street, Bronx: David, 49, Esther, 43, and their four children, Alex then 18.

CONFIRMED · Source: 1930 U.S. Census, Bronx, ED 3-353, sheet 24A, lines 24–29, U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch, host)

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David Brecher's Declaration of Intention, 1932: born 20 July 1881 in Siret; wife Esther; their children.

CONFIRMED · Source: U.S. National Archives, naturalization records, Southern District of New York, declaration 328927 (FamilySearch, host)

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Paul Friedman's petition for naturalization, Southern District of New York, filed 28 April 1939: born at Glod, Romania, on 9 November 1906; jeweler and watchmaker, 305 Mount Eden Avenue, Bronx; married Lucy (born Baia Sprie, 4 September 1913; arrived 2 January 1929) in the Bronx on 27 June 1934. Lucy had become a citizen through her father, David Brecher, naturalized 25 June 1934 (certificate no. 3819630).

CONFIRMED · Source: New York, U.S. District and Circuit Court
Naturalization Records, 1824–1991 (FamilySearch), Southern
District, petition no. 327852, [https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/](https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:WS76-SCPZ)
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REGISTRAR'S REPORT				
DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRATION				
WHITE	HEIGHT (inches)	WEIGHT (pounds)	COMPLETION	
Race ☒	5-7	180	Inches	☒
	EYES	HAIR		
Horns ☐	Shin	Shin	Light	☐
	Shin	Shin	Dark	☐
Orbits ☐	Head	Shin	Franked	☐
	Shin	Shin	Light brown	☐
Infection	Shin	Shin	Dark brown	☐
	Shin	Shin	Shin	☐
Figure				

Other physical information that will aid in identification.

I certify that the contents are true; that the person described has read and signed the foregoing report, and that all of the contents of which I have knowledge are correct and reliable.

Dorothy Nebbett

Registrar No. 136 - 22 - 24 - 14

Date of registration - Oct. 16, 1940

LOCAL BOARD #91

Public Safety 28

TREMONT ANTHONY AREA

BROOK, NEW YORK

STAFF OF LOCAL BOARD

On application of the Board by certificate of the registrant

The reverse of the card describes him as 5 ft 7 in and 180 lb, with brown eyes, brown hair and a light complexion.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York, New York City, World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1940–1947 (FamilySearch), <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3H7-FSQ1-L>

1. NAME (Print) 1433	1. NAME (Print) FOLDER	1. NAME (Print) PAUL FRIEDMAN	1. NAME (Print) FRIEDMAN	1. NAME (Print) 885
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I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.				
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Paul Friedman's draft registration card, Bronx, 16 October 1940: born 9 November 1906 in Romania; his father Joseph Friedman named as the person who would always know his address; his own watch and jewelry shop in the Hudson Tubes terminal at 33rd Street and Broadway.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York, New York City, World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1940–1947 (FamilySearch), <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:WZ9R-7FMM>

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Eugene (Jenő) Brecher's petition for naturalization, Southern District of New York, about 1941: a men's-neckwear manufacturer at 305 Mount Eden Avenue, Bronx, he had arrived with his family on the Vulcania on 2 January 1929 (31 December 1928 on the ship's list).

CONFIRMED · Source: U.S. National Archives, naturalization records, Southern District of New York (FamilySearch)

	Rose Caccamo, 8409 14th Ave.	
	Herman Moses, 284 Pacific St.	
	Veronica Devoe, 924 Madison St.	
	Casmelo Bruccoleri, 835 50th St.	
	Elizabeth Kocis, 835 50th St.	
	Thomas Odegard, 559 58th St.	
	Margit Gundersen, 636 53d St.	
	Eugene Brecher, 986 Fox St., Bronx.	
	Elizabeth Zelig, 466 Jerome St.	
	Christian Jensen, 446 50th St.	
	Nancy Massato, 446 50th St.	
	Robert McDonald, Pittsburgh.	

"Marriage Licenses": Eugene Brecher, 986 Fox Street, Bronx, and Elizabeth Zelig, 466 Jerome Street, 2 March 1938.

LIKELY · Source: Brooklyn Daily Eagle, 2 March 1938 (Fulton History)

ORIGINAL UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
BUREAU OF NATURALIZATION No. 2-208042

CERTIFICATE OF ARRIVAL

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Immigration records show that the alien named below arrived at the port, on the date, and in the manner shown, and was lawfully admitted to the United States of America for permanent residence.

Port of entry: New York, N.Y.
Name: Jenő Brecher
Date: Jan. 2, 1929
Manner of arrival: SS Vulcania

I FURTHER CERTIFY that this certificate of arrival is issued under authority of, and in conformity with, the provisions of the Act of June 29, 1906, as amended, solely for the use of the alien herein named and only for naturalization purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Certificate of Arrival is issued
Feb. 3, 1932

BY DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF LABOR.
vj1 *Richard F. Smith*

Certificate of arrival no. 2-208042 for Jenő (Eugene) Brecher, issued by the Bureau of Naturalization on 3 February 1932: arrived at New York on the SS Vulcania, 2 January 1929.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York, U.S. District and Circuit Court Naturalization Records, 1824–1991, Southern District of New York, petition 379085; FamilySearch

BRECHER BROTHERS

Alex and his brothers ran the family firm, Brecher Brothers (identification by the family). By family memory it began as a necktie factory and turned to leather goods and luggage. **Brecher Brothers, Inc.** was incorporated on 30 July 1942 in New York County, at 1220 Broadway, and was dissolved in 1992 (New York Department of State). In 1946 the firm advertised luggage from 708 Broadway; about 1947–48 it made the “Travel Crib”, a suitcase that opened into a baby’s bed, which the business press noticed; in 1961 it leased space at 27 West 23rd Street, and later kept a showroom at 180 Madison Avenue.



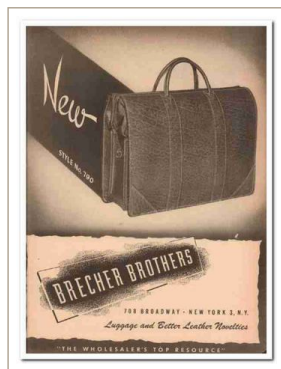
120 Allen Street, Manhattan, c. 1940, the address of Nicholas Brecher’s necktie business.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York City 1940 tax photographs (NYC Municipal Archives)



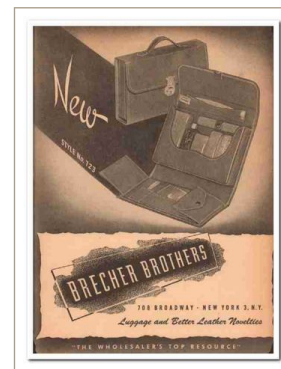
1220 Broadway, Manhattan, c. 1940 — the address given when Brecher Brothers, Inc. was incorporated in 1942.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York City 1940 tax photographs (NYC Municipal Archives)



Brecher Brothers luggage advertisement, 708 Broadway, New York, 1946.

CONFIRMED · Source: Luggage trade magazine, 1946



A second Brecher Brothers advertisement of 1946 (style 723), 708 Broadway.

CONFIRMED · Source: Luggage trade magazine, 1946

-0850	Brecher Adolph	226E70		RHInlndr	4-6628
	Brecher Anna Mrs	320CentPkW	..	SC huylr	4-5473
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-6676	Brecher Bros	lthr gds	708Bway	..	GRmrcy 7-7791
-5348	Brecher C	611W156		ED gecomb	4-9625
-5351	Brecher Carl	lwyr	261Bway		WO rth 2-3555
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	Brecher David	670RivDr		EDgcmb	4-7674
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	Brecher Florence Mrs	425E78		REant	7-5933

Brecher Brothers in the Manhattan telephone directory, 1946.

LIKELY · Source: Manhattan telephone directory, 1946



The Brecher Brothers “Travel Crib”, a suitcase that opened into a baby’s bed, c. 1947.

CONFIRMED · Source: Surviving example



The Travel Crib's Brecher Brothers nameplate, c. 1947.

CONFIRMED · Source: Surviving example



38 West 32nd Street, Manhattan, c. 1940, a later Brecher Brothers address.

LIKELY · Source: New York City 1940 tax photographs (NYC Municipal Archives)



27 West 23rd Street, Manhattan (photographed c. 1940), where Brecher Brothers leased space in 1961.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York City 1940 tax photographs; The New York Times, 1961



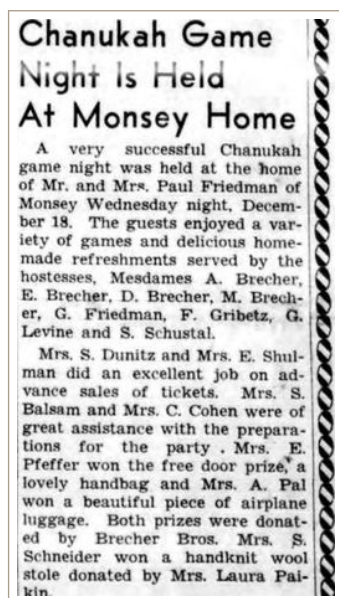
180 Madison Avenue, Manhattan (photographed c. 1940), the later Brecher Brothers showroom.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York City 1940 tax photographs; The New York Times, 1964



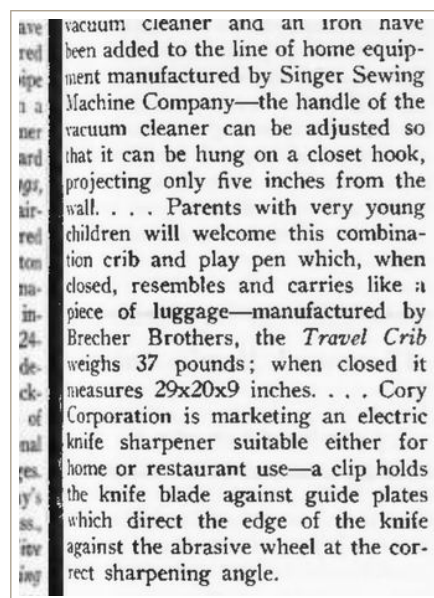
Brecher Brothers "Tommy Traveler" advertisement, 1953.

LIKELY · Source: Coffee and Tea Industries, 1953



A Chanukah game night at the Monsey home of Paul and Lucy Friedman, December 1957; the Brecher wives served as hostesses, and the prizes were donated by Brecher Bros., the family's luggage business.

LIKELY · Source: Orangetown Telegram (Pearl River, N.Y.), late December 1957 (event Wed. 18 Dec 1957) — fultonhistory.com file "Pearl River NY Orangetown Telegram 1957-1958 - 0593.pdf" (Old Fulton NY Post Cards, free).



The Brecher Brothers Travel Crib noticed in Financial World, 1948.

CONFIRMED · Source: The New York Times, 25 August 1961, "More Space Taken by Brass Concern; Entire Floor at 72 5th Ave. Leased — Other Rentings" (nytimes.com archive abstract). Grade: (family firm, as above).

Service Bayonne, N. J. to 1 P. M.	OPERATORS. POWER-MERROW DAY IN. STEADY. LACETEX. 29 W 36 St. (4 fl)
Women 18 NECESSARY FOR GIRLS unities for large tea- Meals, uni- C TO START M. to 1 P. M.	OPERATORS on dresses, work all year round. Feldman, 134 W. 26th St.
	OPERATORS, EXP'D ON SPORTSWEAR. LOUIS GEIGER, 1384 BROADWAY
	OPERATORS on military novelties wanted. Brecher Bros. Inc., 38 W. 32d St.
	PINKER—Exp'd on dresses; good pay. E. & S. Dress Co., 370 W. 35th St.
	POCKETBOOK workers, exp'd. various dept.'s on civilian and government work steady, good pay. Pichel, Inc., 14 E. 33d
	SALESGIRLS—WOMEN experience pref. (not essential) good salary MCLELLAN STORES CO.

Brecher Bros. Inc., 38 West 32nd Street, Manhattan: a help-wanted advertisement, 1943.

CONFIRMED · Source: The New York Times, 25 August 1961, “More Space Taken by Brass Concern; Entire Floor at 72 5th Ave. Leased — Other Rentings” (nytimes.com archive abstract). Grade: (family firm, as above).

Combination crib and play pen, when closed, looks like and carries like a piece of luggage. Weight is 37 lb.; closed measurements: 29 x 20 x 9 in. Brecher Bros., 708 Broadway, New York, calls it the Travel Crib.

Business Week’s new-products column, 10 July 1948, on the Brecher Bros. Travel Crib — a crib and play pen that folded into a 37-lb case “like a piece of luggage”.

CONFIRMED · Source: Business Week, no. 984 (10 July 1948), new-products column; Internet Archive item sim_business-week_1948-07-10_984, leaf 43 — https://archive.org/details/sim_business-week_1948-07-10_984. (The same product is described in Commerce magazine, Aug 1948, item commerce-magazine_1948-08_45_7, leaf 44 — text only, not saved.)



Three Bags Stored in One. The largest piece, 29" long, holds three others 21", 24", and 26" in length to save storage space. Made of waterproof canvas bound in cowhide, the set is priced at \$100 by the maker, Brecher Brothers, New York City.

Three bags stored in one": Brecher Brothers' nesting luggage set — four cases of waterproof canvas bound in cowhide, \$100 the set — in Popular Science, April 1949.

LIKELY · Source: Popular Science Monthly, vol. 154 no. 4 (April 1949), new-products pages, p. [leaf 300]; Internet Archive item [sim_popular-science_1949-04_154_4](https://archive.org/details/sim_popular-science_1949-04_154_4) — https://archive.org/details/sim_popular-science_1949-04_154_4

Illinois

● Former Vice President of the United States and current T.V. personality, Alben W. Barkley, was the guest speaker at the 48th Annual Convention Banquet of the **Shoe Service Institute** held in Chicago recently. The "Veep" was presented with a leather wallet contributed by Brecher Bros., Inc., New York City, at the end of his address.

In 1953 the former Vice President Alben W. Barkley received a leather wallet made by Brecher Bros., Inc. after speaking at the Shoe Service Institute's convention banquet in Chicago.

LIKELY · Source: Leather and Shoes, vol. 126 no. 4 (25 July 1953), "Illinois" news column; Internet Archive item [sim_leather-and-shoes_1953-07-25_126_4](https://archive.org/details/sim_leather-and-shoes_1953-07-25_126_4), leaf 31 — https://archive.org/details/sim_leather-and-shoes_1953-07-25_126_4

EUGENE AND NICHOLAS

Nicholas (Mickey) Brecher, a son of David and Esther, was born in November 1915 and died in 2014. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on 8 June 1942 and served in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. On 18 October 2010, in Surfside, Florida, he recorded a 59-minute interview about his war for the Library of Congress Veterans History Project, which also keeps his wartime photo album (Nicholas Brecher Collection, AFC/2001/001/77021). In 1950 he was a sales manager in the wholesale luggage trade, beside his brother Eugene; in later business life he was known as Mickey Brecher. His wife Margaret (23 August 1920 – 12 January 2020), born in Czechoslovakia, outlived him and died in Florida at ninety-nine; she is remembered at Lakeside Memorial Park, Miami **LIKELY**.

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Eugene Brecher, 39, proprietor of a wholesale luggage business, and his wife Elizabeth in the 1950 census, the Bronx.

CONFIRMED · Source: 1950 U.S. census, the Bronx, ED 3-144 (National Archives)

253	85	70	70	Elizabeth James B. Head	W M 67	1947	New York	WK	36	Bookkeeper	Insurance Co	P310736	19
254	86	70	70	Caroline Head	W F 39	1911	New York	WK	40	Telephone Operator	Tan. Imports	P3106071	19
255	86	70	70	Brecher Nicholas Head	W M 34	1916	New York	WK	45	Salesmanager	Wholesale Luggage	P310626	19

Nicholas Brecher, 34, sales manager in the wholesale luggage trade, in the 1950 census, the Bronx.

CONFIRMED · Source: 1950 U.S. census, the Bronx, ED 3-145 (National Archives)



Nicholas (Mickey) Brecher in the Second World War, 1943, from his wartime photo album.

CONFIRMED · Source: Library of Congress, Veterans History Project, Nicholas Brecher Collection (AFC/2001/001/77021)



Nicholas (Mickey) Brecher in the Second World War, 1942, from his wartime photo album.

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Nicholas (Mickey) Brecher in the Second World War, c. 1943, from his wartime photo album.

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Nicholas (Mickey) Brecher in the Second World War, c. 1943, from his wartime photo album.

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Nicholas (Mickey) Brecher in the Second World War, c. 1944, from his wartime photo album.

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A page of Nicholas Brecher's wartime photo album, North Africa, Sicily and Italy, 1942-44.

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Nicholas (Mickey) Brecher, aged 94, recording his wartime story for the Library of Congress Veterans History Project at his home in Surfside, Florida, 18 October 2010. Drafted in 1942, he served with Company I, 30th Infantry Regiment, Third Infantry Division, in North Africa and Sicily.

CONFIRMED · Source: Library of Congress, American Folklife Center, Veterans History Project, Nicholas Brecher Collection, AFC/2001/001/77021 — <https://www.loc.gov/item/afc2001001.77021/>; video <https://www.loc.gov/resource/afc2001001.77021.mv0001001/> (MP4 https://tile.loc.gov/storage-services/service/vhp/0770/077021/afc2001001_077021_mv0001001_640x480_800.mp4); photos <https://www.loc.gov/resource/afc2001001.77021.ph0001001/> (sp=1-99).

Buyers Exchange Formed

The Buyers & Sellers Exchange has been established at 370 Seventh Ave., New York, as part of Plus Marketing International Corp., an organization headed by Mickey Brecher. Companies with surplus or "left-over" inventories may display and promote their products to "a broader buyer span than they could reach ordinarily." The exchange offers opportunity for barter as well as selling and buying.

Nicholas (Mickey) Brecher noted in Advertising Age, 1961.

LIKELY · Source: Advertising Age, vol. 32 no. 10 (6 March 1961), p. [leaf 45]; Internet Archive item sim_advertising-age_1961-03-06_32_10 — https://archive.org/details/sim_advertising-age_1961-03-06_32_10

Monsey and Spring Valley

Rockland County, 1951–1980

Around 1951 David and Esther Brecher settled on Lenore Avenue in Monsey, in Rockland County, where their sons Alex and Eugene and their daughter Lucy with her husband Paul Friedman also made their homes. The family was closely bound up with the young Torah institutions of the area. David was one of the first directors of the Yeshiva of Spring Valley and of Beth Medrosh Elyon in Monsey, and early in 1954 Beth Medrosh Elyon presented him with its award as outstanding citizen of the year. Eugene served as president of the Yeshiva of Spring Valley in 1953–54 and later as a vice-president; in 1956 Alex, Eugene and Paul Friedman sat together on its board of directors, and Alex was a sponsor and co-chairman of yeshiva dinners into the 1960s. By 1958 Alex and Anne Brecher's home was at 8 Lenore Avenue, a few doors from the Friedmans at no. 4.

David died on 9 Adar 5715 (3 March 1955) in Suffern, New York, and is buried in Beth Moses Cemetery, Long Island, in the section of Congregation Yetev Lev D'Satmar; his stone reads "Dovid son of Meir HaKohen Brecher". Eugene died on 15 Cheshvan 5722 (26 October 1961), aged 50, as the New York State death index also records, and was buried beside him. Esther remained in Monsey, where the Ladies Auxiliary of the yeshiva met at her home and, in 1962, the Bais Yaakov High School of Spring Valley honoured her at its first testimonial dinner. She died on the Sabbath of Chayei Sarah, 22 Cheshvan 5741 (1 November 1980), in Florida, and is buried in Lakeside Memorial Park, near her daughter Lucy.

DAVID BRECHER'S GRAVE

Cemetery	Beth Moses Cemetery, West Babylon, Long Island, New York
Plot	Congregation Yetev Lev D'Satmar, Section 2, Block 18, Row 6, Grave 18
Beside him	his sons Eugene (Grave 17) and Alex (Grave 16)
Died	9 Adar 5715 (3 March 1955), Suffern, New York; New York State certificate no. 19056
Source	Beth Moses Cemetery burial register (Confirmed)

DEATH INDEX								No.
SOUNDEX	NAME OF DECEDENT	PLACE OF DEATH	AGE	CAUSE	DATE	CERT. NO.		
B26	BRECHER DAVID	SUFFERN	74		3 3	19056		

David Brecher's entry in the New York State death index for 1955: died at Suffern, Rockland County, on 3 March 1955, aged 74; certificate no. 19056.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York State Department of Health, Death Index 1955 (statewide, excluding New York City), soundex B626, scan page n165 of the volume as published by Reclaim the Records on the Internet Archive (https://archive.org/details/New_York_State_Death_Index_1955).



The gravestone of David Brecher HaKohen, son of Meir, who died on 9 Adar 5715 (3 March 1955), Beth Moses Cemetery, West Babylon. The verse is an acrostic: the first letters of its lines spell his name, David bar Meir.

CONFIRMED · Source: Photograph of the stone by a relative, 15 Sep 2026. The cemetery is not shown on the photo; Beth Moses is the only David Brecher who died 3 Mar 1955 in its burial register (Section 2, Block 18, Row 6, Grave 18).



Notice in Der Tog, 13 May 1955, p. 14: the unveiling of R' David Brecher's gravestone on Sunday 15 May 1955 (23 Iyar) at Beth Moses Cemetery, in the Yetev Lev D'Satmar plot, signed "the family".

CONFIRMED · Source: Der Tog (New York), 13 May 1955, p. 14



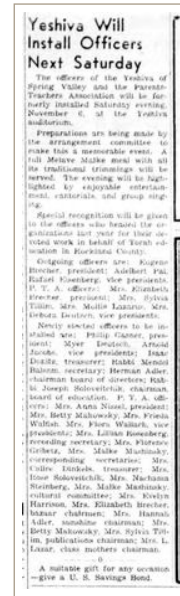
Leibish (Yehuda Aryeh) Brecher among the pupils taking part in the Yeshiva of Spring Valley's Chanukah programme, December 1952.

CONFIRMED · Source: Orangetown Telegram, Pearl River, N.Y., December 1952 (Fulton History)



At the third annual Melave Malke of Beth Medrosh Elyon in Monsey, held in memory of its founder Samuel Halberg, the "outstanding citizen of the year" award is presented to "David Brecher, the head of the Brecher family", early 1954.

CONFIRMED · Source: Orangetown Telegram, Pearl River, N.Y., 4 February 1954, p. 14 (Fulton History)



The Rockland County Leader's report of the same evening names "David Brecher, the head of the Brecher family" as Beth Medrosh Elyon's outstanding citizen of the year.

CONFIRMED · Source: Rockland County Leader, Spring Valley, N.Y., 4 February 1954, p. 16 (HRVH Historical Newspapers (news.hrvh.org))

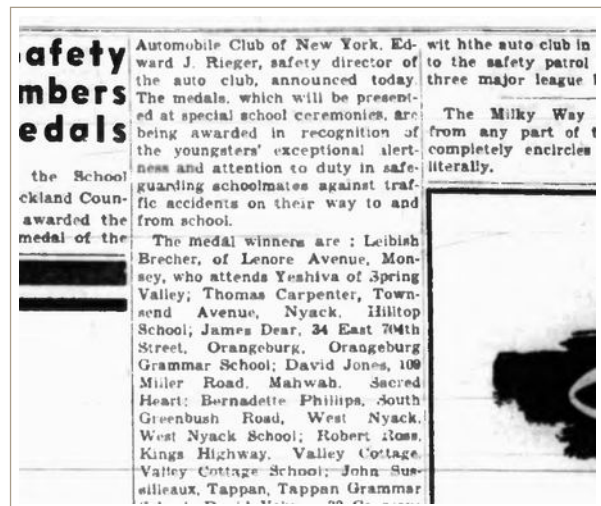
Eugene Brecher, David's eldest son, completes his term as president of the Yeshiva of Spring Valley, October 1954.

CONFIRMED · Source: Orangetown Telegram, Pearl River, N.Y., 28 October 1954, p. 15 (Fulton History)



Alex Brecher, his brother Eugene and their brother-in-law Paul Friedman elected directors of the Yeshiva of Spring Valley, 1956.

CONFIRMED · Source: The Journal-News, Nyack, N.Y., 1956 (Fulton History)



"Leibish Brecher, of Lenore Avenue, Monsey, who attends Yeshiva of Spring Valley" among the county's fire-prevention medal winners, 1956.

CONFIRMED · Source: The Journal-News, Nyack, N.Y., 1956 (Fulton History)

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John Stefan, Mrs. S. D. Zacharias
and Mrs. Norman R. Baker.
The next meeting will be held
June 26 in New City at the home
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Yeshiva PTA Luncheon
Mrs. Lucy Friedman of Lenore
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"Mrs. Lucy Friedman of Lenore Avenue, Monsey" hosts a Yeshiva of Spring Valley PTA luncheon, 1956.

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Michael H. Prendergast of Ha-
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eral days in Albany Hospital, re-
ceiving treatment for an infected
paranoid cyst.

The Past Noble Grands Club of
Forget-Me-Not, Rebekah Lodge,
of Spring Valley will hold a meet-
ing Monday evening, September
9 at 8 o'clock, at the home of
Ruby DelBain, 60 South Madison
Avenue.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the
Yeshiva of Spring Valley will
meet Wednesday evening, Septem-
ber 11, at 8:30, at the home of
Mrs. D. Brecher, Lenore Avenue,
Monsey. Special business will be
transacted.

Alva A. Barbieri, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Barbieri of
Central Avenue, Spring Valley, has
been enrolled in the freshman
class of Hartwick College, On-
tario, N. Y., and will leave for
freshman camp Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Saffer of
19 Panley Avenue, Spring Valley,
are the parents of a son, born
September 1 at the Flood Samarit.

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Wednesday—
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Pineapple Blossom

Thursday—
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Buttered Peas
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Friday—
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The Ladies Auxiliary of the Yeshiva of Spring Valley meets at the home of "Mrs. D. Brecher, Lenore Avenue, Monsey" — Esther, David's widow — September 1957.

CONFIRMED · Source: Orangetown Telegram, Pearl River, N.Y., 5 September 1957 (Fulton History)

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functions of the club, youth
groups, sports, committee work,
programing, were some of the
topics covered. Rabbi Routten-
berg spoke of the various Jewish
activities available at the Center
to both parents and children.
Introduced to the club as new
members were Marcus Meller,
Jerome Trupp, Louis Grutin, and
Sidney Stolzenberg.
The breakfast committee
consisted of Martin Roen, Dr.
Kriesberg, Ibbey Gidman, Jules
Sturtz, Les Marks, Bill Picholtz,
and Hy Letin.

**Valley Yeshiva
Elects Officers**
Sam Rothstein was elected pres-
ident of Spring Valley Yeshiva at
the annual meeting. Other officers
are: Vice presidents, Eugene
Brecher and Leo Rappaport; sec-
retary, Nat Dinkels; treasurer, Isaac
Dunitz. Ezra Austern was chosen
as chairman of the board of direc-
tors.
Irving and Sam Rothstein were
named as journal committee chair-
men and the finance committee
consists of Herman Adler, Her-
bert Garfinkel, Irving Rothstein
and Hy Weinreb.

**Laymen's Sunday
At English Church**

"Valley Yeshiva Elects Officers": Eugene Brecher a vice-president of the Yeshiva of Spring Valley, autumn 1958.

CONFIRMED · Source: Orangetown Telegram, Pearl River, N.Y., October 1958 (Fulton History)



The PTA of the Yeshiva of Spring Valley holds a surprise party "at the newly enlarged and decorated home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Brecher, 8 Lenore Avenue, Monsey", June 1958.

CONFIRMED · Source: Rockland County Leader, Spring Valley, N.Y., 5 June 1958, p. 15 (HRVH Historical Newspapers (news.hrvh.org))



Paul and Lucy Friedman open their home at 4 Lenore Avenue, Monsey, for the yeshiva women's Chanukah party, December 1958; Mrs. Ann Brecher is among those assisting.

CONFIRMED · Source: The Journal-News, Nyack, N.Y., December 1958 (Fulton History)

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Telephone service, of course
should bear its fair share of taxes
and the company expects to do its
part in meeting the costs of gov-
ernment," he said. "But telephone
customers in New York State bear
more than their fair share of the
load."

Mr. Caldwell pointed out that the
telephone customer in New York
State paid 49 percent more in state
and local taxes in 1959 than the
average for all other states.

Heads Drive
(Continued from Page 2)

for in this building we will per-
petuate and strengthen the great
living values of Judaism and de-
mocracy."

The campaign will be officially
opened Sunday, Feb. 14, at 11
a.m. in the auditorium of the
Yeshiva, Old Nyack Turnpike,
Spring Valley. Many celebrities
and outstanding personalities will
grace this event by their presence.
Co-chairmen are Alex Brecher
and Louis Septimus.

Brotherhood
(Continued from Page 1)

Those attending the meeting
were Bonnie Quinn, Judy Rom-
mer, Jerri McArthur, Chuck Willis
and Paul Aicher, all of Pearl River;
Blake Gordon, Spring Valley;
and George Brandt, Suffern.

Those interested in planning and
working on the festival are asked
to contact their G.O. president or
call Mrs. June Kleinwaks, EL 6-

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"Co-chairmen are Alex Brecher and Louis Septimus": a yeshiva campaign dinner at Spring Valley, 1959-60.

CONFIRMED · Source: Orangetown Telegram, Pearl River, N.Y., 1959-60 (Fulton History)

was seen as a significant moment
for the growing number of Hebrew
Day Schools throughout the world.
Academy officials believe
the great demand for reservations for
the forthcoming dinner is due to
the prestige of Mr. Polak, the
guest of honor.

Born in Europe, Mr. Polak ar-
rived in America in 1949. He is
president of the M. P. Press Co.
A leader in the publishing field,
his concern enjoys the reputation
as the "publishing house of quali-
ty."

Upon moving to Monsey, Mr.
Polak became active in many re-
ligious and educational programs.
For his wonderful deeds for the
cause of Beth Medrosh Elyon, its
directors voted to honor Mr. Polak
with a testimonial banquet.

Music will be provided by the
famed Jewish star, Arthur Langer.
Chairmen of the dinner are:
Leon Spitzky, Leo Rapaport, Meyer
A. Shatz, Honorary chairmen are
Rabbi E. Silver, Rabbi J. Solovitchik,
Rabbi A. B. Zilberberg, Har-
ry Harris.

Dinner sponsors include Alex
Brecher, Jesse Elson, Rafael El-
enberg, Raphael Gasser, Herabell
Hulberg, Robert Kenna, David
Palkin, Emil Ramat, Ben Roth-
man, Herman Simst, Arthur Stern-
field and Louis J. Septimus.

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(Continued)

having 37 men on the job. Of
the building's physical construc-
tion, about 92 per cent is complet-
ed, and sub-contractors have about
96 per cent of their work done.

Delays such as have occurred
are matters to be considered at
the completion of a contract, Dr. Man-
ning explained further. The con-
tract anticipated completion of the
school Dec. 15, 1961. The date has

that the supervisors might
the program subject to a
sive referendum if no other
position is brought out at the
ing, rather than making the
odium mandatory. In any
the committee plans to in-
talled information soon af-
hearing taken place.

Obituary

Harold Kristofferson
Harold Kristofferson of Ts
administrator of sales for
Communications, New York
died Thursday in the Good S-
tan Hospital, Suffern.

Mr. Kristofferson was a
ber of St. Thomas Lu-
Church, West Nyack, the B
Hiking Club, and was a vete
World War II.

Surviving are his wife
Kristofferson; two children,
and Paul; and his mother
Gudrun Kristofferson.

Funeral services were held
day at the Waukegan an-
nough Funeral Chapel, Suffe-
ternment was in Airmont Cem-

Mrs. Marilyn M. DeMell
Mrs. Marilyn M. DeMell
Lakewood Dr., Hyattsville, Va-
Valley, died last Thursday
home. Born in the Bronx, at
been a Valley resident for
month.

Surviving are her husband
ward DeMello; three sons
Audrey, Donna and Dorothy
her father, James Kersche-
brothers, Danton and Eugen-
acher, a sister, Debbie, an
grandmother, Mrs. Jennie
all of Bardonia.

Alex Brecher among the sponsors of the Beth Medrosh Elyon testimonial dinner for Mr. Polak, August 1962.

CONFIRMED · Source: Orangetown Telegram, Pearl River, N.Y., 30 August 1962 (Fulton History)



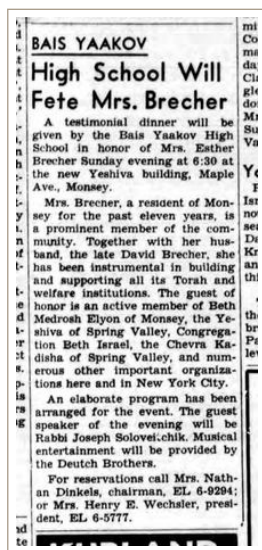
"A. Brecher" and Pinchas Friedman on the dinner committee of Beth Medrash Elyon in Monsey, under the headline "Monsey, N.Y. begins as a centre of Torah", October 1964. The A. Brecher is very probably Alex, listed beside his brother-in-law Pinchas (Paul) Friedman.

LIKELY · Source: Der Tog (New York), 2 October 1964, p. 8 — National Library of Israel, Historical Jewish Press



The same committee a year later, again with "A. Brecher" and Pinchas Friedman, under the headline "The flowering of Monsey, New York as a centre of Torah", October 1965.

LIKELY · Source: Der Tog (New York), 22 October 1965, p. 9 — National Library of Israel, Historical Jewish Press



"To Honor Mrs. Brecher at Bais Yaakov Dinner": Esther Brecher, widow of David Brecher and a resident of Monsey for eleven years, is to be honoured by the Bais Yaakov High School of Spring Valley at its first testimonial dinner, October 1962.

CONFIRMED · Source: Orangetown Telegram, Pearl River, N.Y., 20 September 1962, sec. 2, p. 6 (Fulton History)



At the first commencement of the Bais Yaakov of Spring Valley, June 1963, graduates received gifts given in Eugene Brecher's memory.

CONFIRMED · Source: The Journal-News, Nyack, N.Y., June 1963 (Fulton History)

IN THE LOCAL PRESS: TWO PHOTOGRAPHS



Ann Brecher (left), outgoing president of the Women's League of the Yeshiva of Spring Valley, with the newly elected president, June 1959.

LIKELY · Source: Orangetown Telegram and The Pearl River Searchlight, 11 June 1959, p. 21 (HRVH Historical Newspapers (news.hrvh.org))



Eugene Brecher (far left, printed as “E. Brecher”) at the laying of the cornerstone of Congregation Beth Israel, Maple Avenue and Main Street, Monsey, January 1960.

LIKELY · Source: Orangetown Telegram and The Pearl River Searchlight, 28 January 1960, p. 5; photograph by Arthur's Studio (HRVH Historical Newspapers (news.hrvh.org))

NOTICES OF MOURNING FOR DAVID BRECHER, MARCH 1955

In the week after his death on 3 March 1955, eight institutions and his nephews placed notices of mourning for R' Dovid bar R' Meir HaKohen Brecher in the New York Yiddish daily Der Tog — among them the Spring Valley yeshiva and Beth Medrash Elyon, which he helped found, Torah Vodaath, Chasan Sofer, Arugas HaBosem, and the beis medrash of the Tshenskovitzer Rebbe, where he was gabbai. Two of them name his father as Meir HaKohen, and the yeshiva's notice names his wife Sheindel, his sons R' Yosef, R' Shimshon and R' Michel, his daughter Shifra Chana and her husband R' Pinchas Shalom Friedman.



"David Brecher, an outstanding Jew, passed to his heavenly rest on March 3. May his devoted wife and children Eugene, Alex, Mickey, and Mrs. Lucie Friedman be consoled." The notice of the Hebrew Institute of Rockland County.

CONFIRMED · Source: Rockland County Leader, Spring Valley, N.Y., 10 March 1955, p. 18 (HRVH Historical Newspapers (news.hrvh.org))



"Nichum Aveilim": the Yeshiva and Mesivta of Spring Valley mourns R' Dovid Brecher, one of its first directors, and consoles his wife Sheindel, his sons Yosef (a past president of the yeshiva), Shimschon and Michel, and his daughter Shifra Chana Friedman and her husband Pinchas Shalom.

CONFIRMED · Source: Der Tog (New York), 7 March 1955, p. 7 — National Library of Israel, Historical Jewish Press



"A double loss": the Chevra Machziktei Torah and Chevra Mishnayos of the Tshenskovitzer Rebbe's beis medrash mourn R' Dovid bar R' Meir HaKohen Brecher, their gabbai and co-founder, and his mechutan R' Yosef Efraim bar R' Yeshaya Friedman.

CONFIRMED · Source: Der Tog (New York), 7 March 1955, p. 7 — National Library of Israel, Historical Jewish Press



Yeshiva Torah Vodaath and Mesivta mourns "R' Dovid HaKohen Brecher, who supported Torah".

CONFIRMED · Source: Der Tog (New York), 7 March 1955, p. 7 — National Library of Israel, Historical Jewish Press



Beth Medrash Elyon of Spring Valley mourns "one of the first directors and supporters of our great Torah institution".

CONFIRMED · Source: Der Tog (New York), 8 March 1955, p. 9 — National Library of Israel, Historical Jewish Press



"Our dear and beloved uncle": the notice of his nephews David and Moshe Brecher and their families.

CONFIRMED · Source: Der Tog (New York), 8 March 1955, p. 9 — National Library of Israel, Historical Jewish Press



Yeshiva and Mesivta Arugas HaBosem mourns "one of the supporters of our yeshiva".

CONFIRMED · Source: Der Tog (New York), 11 March 1955, p. 19 — National Library of Israel, Historical Jewish Press



Yeshiva and Mesivta Chasan Sofer mourns "R' Dovid bar R' Meir HaKohen Brecher".

CONFIRMED · Source: Der Tog (New York), 11 March 1955, p. 19 — National Library of Israel, Historical Jewish Press

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The Hebrew Institute of Rockland County mourns "the famous philanthropist R' Dovid Brecher".

CONFIRMED · Source: Der Tog (New York), 18 March 1955, p. 21 — National Library of Israel, Historical Jewish Press

PART III

Meir and Freide



*Meir Brecher HaKohen and Freide née Frohner — Kapnik and
Sigbet, and their children*

Meir Brecher and Freide Frohner

Kapnikbánya, Nagybánya and Sighet

Meir (Majer) Brecher HaKohen kept a tavern in Kapnikbánya (today Căvnic), a mining town in the hills above Nagybánya. A national directory of tradesmen and merchants printed in Budapest in 1892 lists him there, and in March 1900 a court notice in the Felsőbánya paper announced the auction of furniture, drink and barrels seized from several Kapnikbánya debtors, “Brecher Mayer” among them. Meir’s grandson Shimshon (Alex) later named his own father in print as “David son of Meir”.

His wife Freide (Fani) was the daughter of József Frohner, a house-owner of Siret in Bukovina, and Reize Korber, which explains why their sons Asher and David were born in Siret; Freide herself was born in Siret about 1856 (Confirmed, from her death act). Freide died in Máramarossziget (Sighet) on 19 June 1900; the civil death act names her as the wife of Meir Brecher, tavern keeper of Kapnik. Meir was still in Siret when Asher and David were born there, about 1877 and in 1881, and had moved to Nagybánya by 1887, when Chaim Yehuda was born. In January 1906 Mayer Brecher of Kapnikbánya, then 54, signed as a witness at a wedding at Nagybánya, which places his birth about 1851–52 (Likely). In 1913 Meir was living in Nagybánya: his daughter Rosa gave “father Maier Brecher, Nagybánya” as her nearest relative when she sailed for New York. Rosa’s own New York death certificate of 1948 names her parents as Meyer Brecher and Frieda Froner.

The children of Meir and Freide known from the records are Asher, Rosa (Róza), David, and Markus (Mátyás), with Chaim Yehuda (b. 1887), Feige Rachel (b. 1890) and Jakob (b. 1893), who appear in the Jewish birth register of Nagybánya. Each family is followed in the pages below.



Kapnikbánya (Căvnic), the mining town where Meir Brecher kept his tavern, photographed 1914–1918.

Source: K.u.k. Kriegspressequartier / Austrian National Library (BildID 15717026)

MEIR BRECHER HaKohen and his children

Meir (Majer) Brecher HaKohen, b. c. 1851–52; tavern keeper of Kapnikbánya; living in Nagybánya 1913 = **Freide (Fani) Frohner**, b. c. 1856, Siret; d. 19 Jun 1900, Sighet; daughter of József Frohner of Siret and Reize Korber

Asher (Uzser) HaKohen Brecher, b. Siret, c. 1876–77; of Sighet; d. 29 Tishrei 5701 (31 Oct 1940) = Pesel (Pepi) Kupferman

Freida 1904, Tema 1906, Izsák (Yitzchak) 1909, József (Yosef) 1912, Farkas 1914, Lázár (Eliezer) 1916, Chaim Leib, Leah, David 1923

Rosa (Róza) Brecher, b. Kapnikbánya; d. 7 Jul 1948, Brooklyn = Samuel Eilender, 1879–1937

David Brecher, b. 20 Jul 1881, Siret; d. 3 Mar 1955 = Esther (Sheindel) Klein

Markus (Mátyás) Brecher, b. 18 Feb 1886, Felsőbánya; wood merchant **LIKELY**

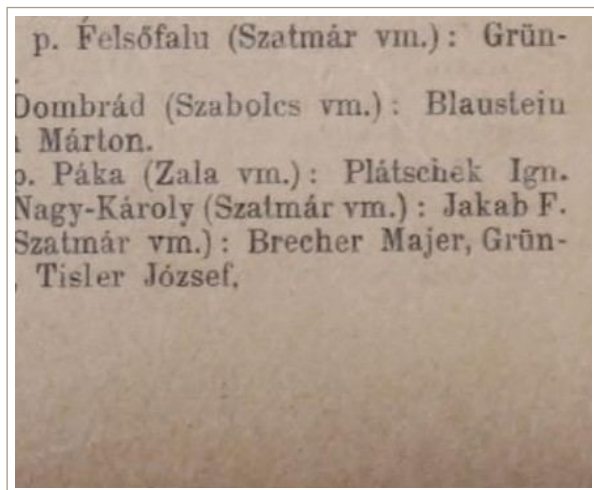
Hugo Chaim 1921–2004, Fana Ruzena 1925

Chaim Yehuda (Miksa) Brecher, b. 8 Dec 1887; d. probably 10 Feb 1940, Satu Mare = (1) Zali Grunberg, d. 1921; (2) Pessel, d. 1941 **LIKELY**

Frida 1913, Elemér 1915, Izrael (d. 1924)

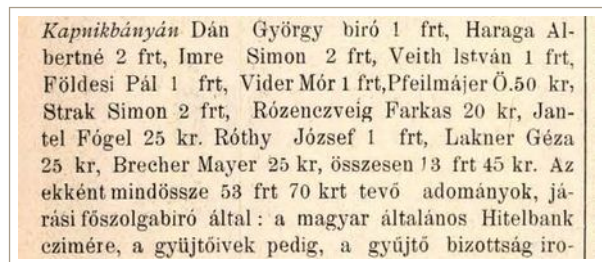
Feige Rachel, b. 5 Jul 1890 · Jakob, b. 13 Apr 1893 **POSSIBLE**

Meir's brother: **Abraham Brecher**, b. 1864, Rădăuți; of New York = Miriam Langsner **LIKELY**



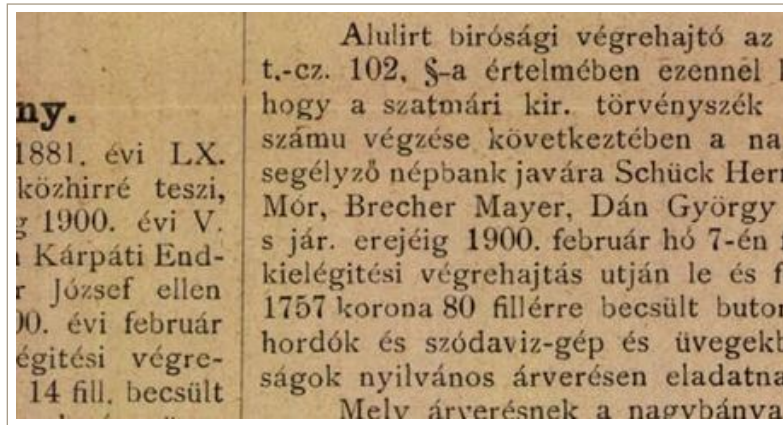
“Brecher Majer” among the tradesmen and merchants of Kapnikbánya, Szatmár county, 1892.

CONFIRMED · Source: Magyarország iparosainak és kereskedőinek cím- és lakjegyzéke (Budapest, 1892), p. 1590 (Hungaricana)



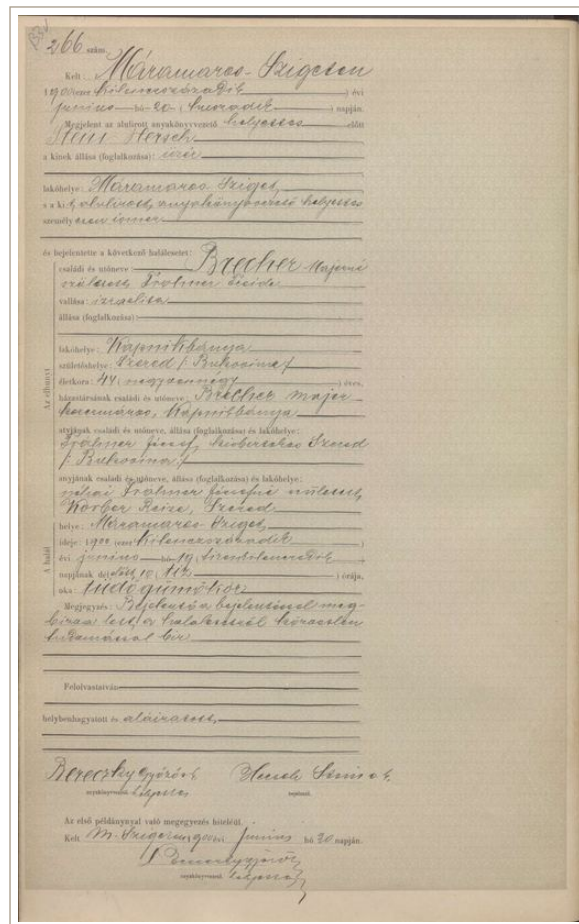
Mayer (Meir) Brecher gives 25 kreuzer to the Queen Elisabeth memorial collection, 1899, listed with the donors of Kapnikbánya.

LIKELY · Source: Szatmármegyei Közlöny, 12 March 1899 (Hungaricana)



A court auction notice of March 1900: furniture, goods, drink and barrels seized from Kapnikbánya debtors, among them “Brecher Mayer”.

CONFIRMED · Source: Felsőbányai Hírlap, 25 March 1900 (Hungaricana)



Death of Freide Brecher née Frohner, Máramarossziget (Sighet), 19 June 1900, act 266: wife of Meir Brecher, tavern keeper of Kapnik; her parents József Frohner, house-owner of Siret, and Reize Korber.

CONFIRMED · Source: Romanian National Archives, Maramureş County Branch, civil registers, Sighet deaths, unit MM-F-00743-1-1-00450

István. Póttagok: Horváth András, Kovács Lajos, Kazamér János, Monoki János, Kovács Béla, Balkó Sándor.

A nagybányai izr. filléregyletnek március 17-én a Kaszinóban rendezett farsangi mulatsága kitűnően sikerült. Ezen siker ország-lánrésze dr. Weisz Ignácné elnököt illeti, aki fáradhatatlan buzgalommal s a legapróbb részletekre is kiterjedő figyelemmel törekedett a siker biztosítására. A mulatság a késő reggeli órákig tartott. Jegyeiket megváltották: dr. Gondos Mór 4 K, Kovács Manó Budapest 10 K, Klein Márton 2 K, Klein Herman 3 K, Frenkel Dezső 4 K, Taub Bertalan 2 K, Rezső Gyula 3 K, dr. Barna Samu 5 K, Frieder Vilmos 2 K, Schük Izidor 3 K, Rezső Sándor 2 K. Felülfizettek: dr. Weisz Ignác 6 K, Fazekas Mózesné 1 K, Izsák Ferencz 1 K, Brecher Márkus 1 K, Löwi Ernő 1 K, Varga Lipót 2 K, Gerő Dezső 1 K, Grünfeld Adolf 1 K, Vértess Adolf 1 K, Markovits Miksa 1 K, özv. Löwi Józsefné 1 K, Kuhn Herman 2 K, Lázár Géza 1 K, Steinfeld Adolf 2 K, Fenyvesi Samu 1 K, Schwarcz Samu 1 K, dr. Vass Gyula 1 K, Benedek Vilmos 1 K, Klein Lipót 1 K.

Dancs Györg Géza. Szaval vacsora köve

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Felsőbányán:
(1928. január hóban)

Házasságot kötöttek: 1. jan. 12. Májericsák János munkás és Obernauer Erzsébet; – 2. 1926. máj. 5. Brecher Jákob kereskedő és Sapira Rozalia; – 3. jan. 21. Vagó Vilmos molnár-segéd és Lendeczky Jolán; –

Jakob Brecher, merchant, married Rozália Sapira (Shapira) on 5 May 1926; the marriage was registered at Felsőbánya in January 1928.

LIKELY · Source: Nagybánya press, 1928

“Brecher Márkus” of Nagybánya among the ticket buyers for a town ball, 1908.

LIKELY · Source: Nagybányai Hírlap, 1908

621—914. sz. **Névjegyzék**
a nbányai járásban az 1893. évben született teljesen ismeretlen állításköte-
lesekről.
Brecher Jakab, Doczil Mihály, Csillik Dezső, Stevenszki Sándor,
Vimán György, Klein Eliás, Márk Tódor Kapnikbánya.
Nagybánya, 1914. márc. 20. **Ináncsv. főszolgabíró.**

Jakab Brecher on a conscription list, 1914.

LIKELY · Source: Contemporary press, 1914

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D. P. STATISTICAL CARD 1. SERIAL NO. 85,490/3

2. **BRECHER** Hugo SURNAME 3. **M.** SEX 4. **Married** MARITAL STATUS

5. **Sata More Roumania** PLACE OF BIRTH 6. **12.4.1921** DATE OF BIRTH 7. **Jewish** RELIGION 8. **3** NO. IN FAMILY UNIT

9. **D. P. Camp 64, Blauenhof** LOGATÓR 10. **Roumania** PRESENT CITIZENSHIP STATUS

ASSISTANCE REQUESTED 11. **Jewish, Roumanian, Hungarian** PRINCIPAL LANGUAGES SPOKEN

12. (a) **Driver, unskilled worker** TRADE OR 13. OCCUP. GRP.

14. IDENTITY CARD VALID UNTIL 15. DATE DETERMINED ELIGIBLE **21.4.1948**

16. DATE OF ENTRY INTO AUSTRIA **March 1945** 17. DATE ADMITTED TO C & M **May 1945**

NOTE: ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE ENTERED ON REVERSE

Hugo Chaim Brecher's refugee registration card, Linz, Austria, 1948.

CONFIRMED · Source: International Tracing Service archive (Arolsen Archives), IRO records

NAME	Brecher
geb. Name:	
Vorname:	Hugo
Geb.-Datum:	12.4.27
Geb.-Ort:	Satunare
Vater:	
Mutter:	
T/F 852991	
Mark Frieda Moskowitz	

Hugo Chaim Brecher's refugee index card naming his parents, 1949.

CONFIRMED · Source: Arolsen Archives, IRO records

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											(H.A.S.)	Bronx 57, NY	

Hugo Brecher on the IRO emigration list of the SS Marine Tiger, Hamburg to New York, sailed 14 Feb 1949. The sponsor is entered as "David Brecher, 305 E. Mt. Eden Ave".

CONFIRMED · Source: Arolsen Archives, IRO emigration lists

INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION	
Tel: Budapest 5719 (Hungarian) Bureau 30455	International Movement, Int. Comm. Area, 400 7th St. N.W., Wash. D.C.
Ref: TRO/24th Feb. 1949	File no. 44
Subject: <u>MR. DAVID BRECHER sailing on</u> <u>SS MARINE TIGER, 14th February 1949</u>	14th February 1949
IRO H: Div. of Settlement/UNRWA/ The Controller/UNRWA (3) IRO H: Room 33, 1344 Connecticut Avenue, Washington (1) IRO H: Director, Area 2, GHM (2) IRO H: Department of Settlement/UNRWA (3) ✓ IRO H: International Trading Centre/AMSTERDAM (1) " " Movement, 66 H: CUN/AMST (1)	
1. Enclosed please find copies of the final roll in respect of the a/s ship which sailed today, 14th February 1949, as Hamburg.	

IRO sailing letter for Hugo Brecher, SS Marine Tiger, 1949.

CONFIRMED · Source: Arolsen Archives, IRO records

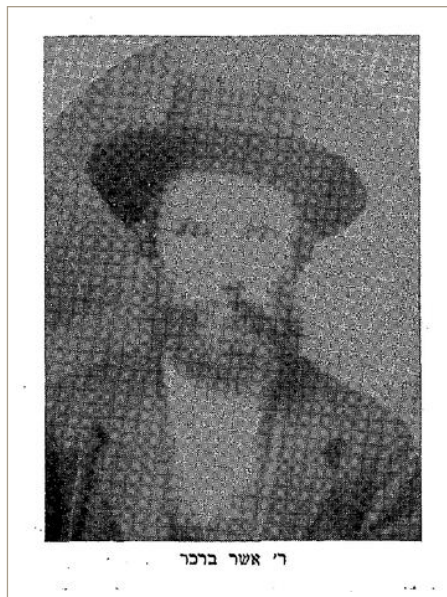
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R' Asher Brecher of Sighet

Asher, Pesel and their children

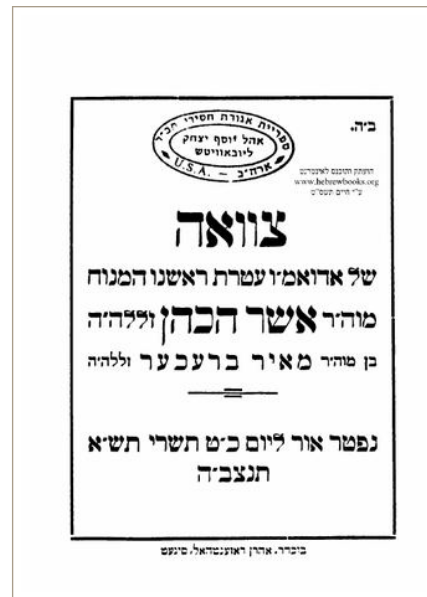
Asher (Uszer) Brecher, born in Siret, married Pepi (Pesel) Kupferman in Szurdok (Strâmtura) on 8 July 1902. The civil act names his parents as Majer Brecher and Fani Frohner. Pesel's father, Izsák Kupferman, born in Kosów in Galicia, had died in Szurdok the year before. The family lived for a time in Felsőbánya, where their son Lázár was born in 1916, and then in Sighet.

In Sighet R' Asher HaKohen Brecher was head gabbai of the Kosov kloiz, where his son R' Yosef gave the daily Gemara shiur, as the Sighet memorial book records. He died on 29 Tishrei 5701 (31 October 1940) and was buried in Sighet. His printed spiritual will names him the son of Meir Brecher HaKohen and asks that his stone read "Asher ben Freide Brecher". Pesel and their children Yitzchak (with his wife Frimet), Yosef, Leah and others were lost in 1944; their portraits are preserved in Holocaust memorial records.



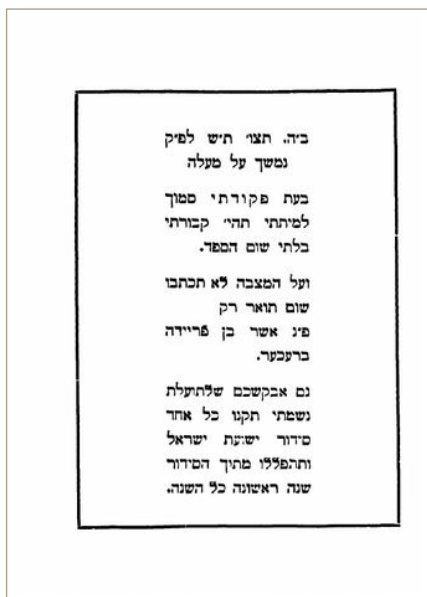
R' Asher HaKohen Brecher of Sighet, son of R' Meir Brecher.

CONFIRMED · Source: Sefer Marmarosh (Tel Aviv, 1983), p. 23
(HebrewBooks)



Title page of R' Asher Brecher's printed spiritual will: "son of Meir Brecher HaKohen", who died 29 Tishrei 5701.

CONFIRMED · Source: Printed spiritual will of R' Asher HaKohen Brecher (HebrewBooks)



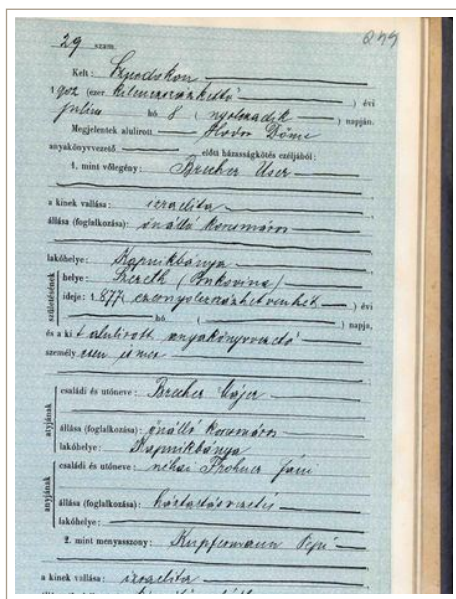
From the will: the wording R' Asher asked for on his gravestone, "Asher ben Freide Brecher".

CONFIRMED · Source: Printed spiritual will of R' Asher HaKohen Brecher, p. 14 (HebrewBooks)



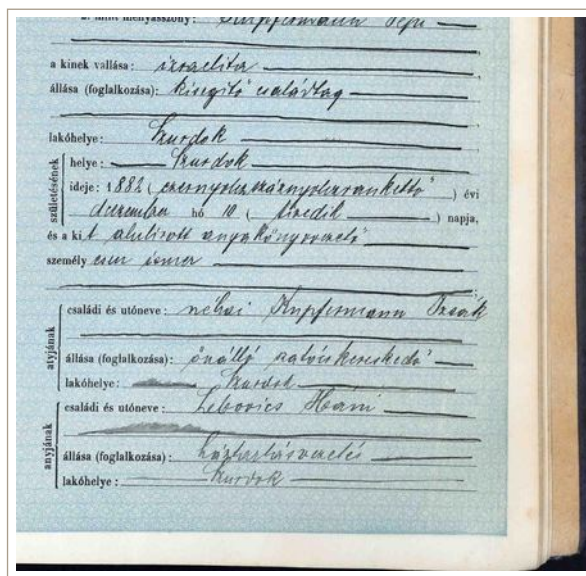
The Sighet memorial book on the town's houses of study: R' Asher Brecher, head gabbai of the Kosov kloiz, where his son R' Yosef gave the Gemara shiur.

CONFIRMED · Source: Sefer Marmarosh (Tel Aviv, 1983), Yiddish Book Center collection (Internet Archive)



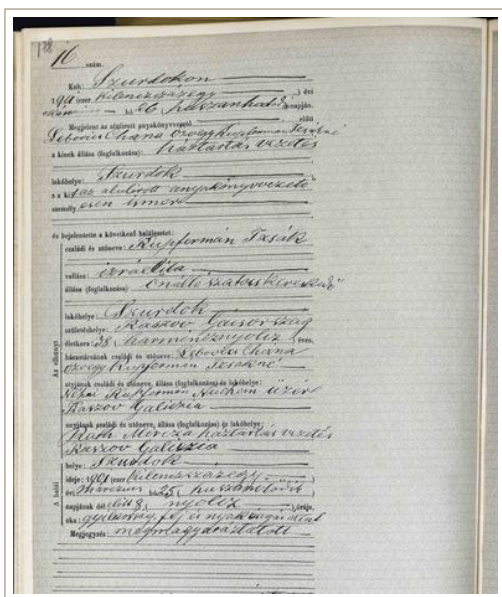
Civil marriage of Asher (Uszer) Brecher, Szurdok (Strâmtura), 8 July 1902, act 29 — the groom's section, naming his parents Majer Brecher and Fani Frohner.

CONFIRMED · Source: Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, Szurdok marriages, unit MM-F-00743-2-00463



The same act, the bride's section: Pepi (Pesel) Kupferman.

CONFIRMED · Source: Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, unit MM-F-00743-2-00463



Death of Izsák Kupferman, Pesel's father, Szurdok, 25 March 1901, act 16; born in Kosów, Galicia; his parents Nuchem Kupferman and Mircza Rath.

CONFIRMED · Source: Romanian National Archives, Maramureş County Branch, civil registers, Szurdok deaths, unit MM-F-00743-2-00465, image 183



Máramarosziget (Sighet): the synagogue courtyard, 1907.

Source: Fortepan / Magyar Földrajzi Múzeum / Erdélyi Mór cége (no. 86872)

1916	1916	Lázár	Brecher Uzer Ábrahám 40
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18	13	rex	Kupferman, Pesel, 36
51			Felsőbánya
1916	1916	Mátild	Fülöp Mária 36
aug	aug	sz.	házi asszony

Birth of Lázár Brecher, Felsőbánya, 13 August 1916, act 51. Parents: Uzer Béla (Asher) Brecher, merchant, 40, and Peszel Kupferman, 36.

CONFIRMED · Source: Romanian National Archives, Maramureş County Branch, civil registers, Felsőbánya births, unit MM-F-00743-1-1-00621



The Great Synagogue of Sighet before the war.

Source: Holocaust memorial records, Photo Archive, Jerusalem, 7959/3



The main square of Sighet, 1941.

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THE CHILDREN OF ASHER AND PESEL

Six of Asher and Pesel's children appear in the civil birth registers. Five were born at Szurdok (Strâmtura), where Asher, recorded as born at Siret in Bukovina, is entered as a dealer in 1904 and 1906, a licensed liquor seller in 1909 and 1912 and a merchant in 1914: Freida on 23 October 1904, Tema on 20 August 1906, Izsák (Yitzchak) on 7 April 1909, József (Yosef) on 28 February 1912 and Farkas on 11 July 1914. Lázár (Eliezer) followed at Felsőbánya on 13 August 1916; Chaim Leib and Leah, whose portraits appear below, were younger, and a son David was born at Strâmtura in 1923. Notes in the margins of the birth acts record Freida's marriage to Moses Wasserstrom at Sighet on 15 June 1931, Tema's to Mihai (Chaim) Tabak at Sighet on 31 May 1934 and Yosef's to Ida Grenstein in 1939; Yitzchak married Frimet Kreindler at Tiszabogdány on 24 June 1935. A son of Asher, R' Nachum Ze'ev ben Asher HaKohen Brecher, survived the war and died in Bnei Brak on 24 Adar 5743 (9 March 1983) **CONFIRMED**; he was very probably Farkas **LIKELY**.

CHILDREN OF ASHER AND PESEL BRECHER

Freida	b. 23 Oct 1904, Szurdok (Strâmtura) CONFIRMED ; = Moses (Moshe) Wasserstrom, Sighet, 15 Jun 1931 LIKELY
Tema	b. 20 Aug 1906, Szurdok CONFIRMED ; = Mihai (Mihály, Chaim) Tabak, b. 22 Jan 1907, Bárdfalú (Berbești), Sighet, 31 May 1934 LIKELY
Izsák (Yitzchak)	b. 7 Apr 1909, Szurdok CONFIRMED ; = Frimet (Frantiska) Kreindler, b. 18 May 1910, Tiszabogdány, 24 Jun 1935 LIKELY
József (Yosef)	b. 28 Feb 1912, Szurdok CONFIRMED ; = Ida Grenstein, 20 Apr 1939 LIKELY
Farkas	b. 11 Jul 1914, Szurdok CONFIRMED ; very probably the later R' Nachum Ze'ev ben Asher HaKohen Brecher of Bnei Brak, d. 24 Adar 5743 (9 Mar 1983) LIKELY
Lázár (Eliezer)	b. 13 Aug 1916, Felsőbánya CONFIRMED ; = Devora
Chaim Leib	portrait below CONFIRMED
Leah	portrait below CONFIRMED
David	b. 1923, Strâmtura (Sighet register of 1945, as indexed in the JewishGen Hungary database) LIKELY

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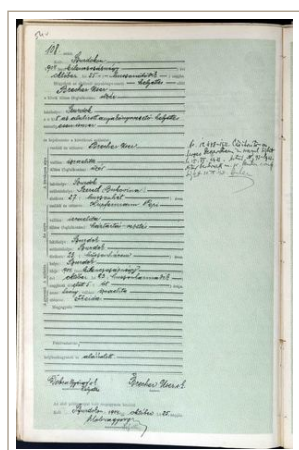
Birth of Izsák (Yitzhak) Brecher, 7 April 1909, at Szurdok (Strâmtura), son of Uzer (Asher) Brecher and Pepi Kupferman.

CONFIRMED · Source: Romanian National Archives, Maramureş County Branch, civil registers, Strâmtura (Szurdok) births 1907–1920, unit MM-F-00743-1-1-00652, act 39 of 1909

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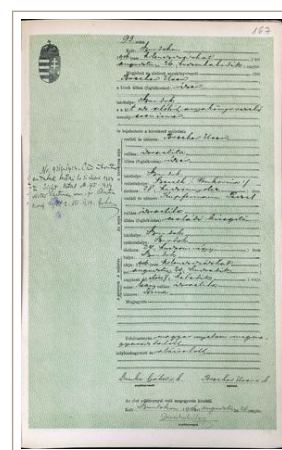
Birth of József (Yosef) Brecher, 28 February 1912, at Szurdok (Strâmtura), son of Uzer (Asher) Brecher and Pepi Kupferman. A note in the margin records his marriage in 1939.

CONFIRMED · Source: Romanian National Archives, Maramureş County Branch, civil registers, Strâmtura (Szurdok) births 1907–1920, unit MM-F-00743-1-1-00652, act 22 of 1912



Birth of Freida Brecher, 23 October 1904, at Szurdok (Strâmtura), daughter of Uzer (Asher) Brecher, dealer, born at Siret in Bukovina, and Pepi Kupfermann. A note in the margin records her marriage to Moses Wasserstrom at Sighet in 1931.

CONFIRMED · Source: Romanian National Archives, Maramureş County Branch, civil registers, Strâmtura (Szurdok) births 1904–1906, unit MM-F-00743-1-1-00460, act 108



Birth of Tema Brecher, 20 August 1906, at Szurdok (Strâmtura), daughter of Uzer (Asher) Brecher and Peszel Kupfermann. The margin records her marriage to Mihai (Chaim) Tabak at Sighet on 31 May 1934.

CONFIRMED · Source: Romanian National Archives, Maramureş County Branch, civil registers, Strâmtura (Szurdok) births 1904–1906, unit MM-F-00743-1-1-00460, act 93

PORTRAITS OF ASHER'S FAMILY



Pesel Brecher née Kupferman, wife of R' Asher Brecher, of Sighet.

CONFIRMED · Source: Holocaust memorial records, Photo Archive, item 15279703



Yitzchak Brecher, son of Asher and Pesel, with his wife Frimet and their children.

CONFIRMED · Source: Holocaust memorial records, Photo Archive, item 15279659



Frimet Brecher née Kreindler, wife of Yitzchak.

CONFIRMED · Source: Holocaust memorial records, Photo Archive, item 15264873



Yosef (Yossel) Brecher, son of Asher and Pesel.

CONFIRMED · Source: Holocaust memorial records, Photo Archive, item 15279728



Chaim Leib Brecher, son of Asher and Pesel.

CONFIRMED · Source: Holocaust memorial records, Photo Archive, item 15264683



Leah Brecher, daughter of Asher and Pesel.

CONFIRMED · Source: Holocaust memorial records, Photo Archive, item 15244127



Devora Brecher, wife of Asher's son Eliezer.

CONFIRMED · Source: Holocaust memorial records, Photo Archive, item 15275789

Asher (User) Brecher and his wife Pepi, née Kupfermann, had sons named David and Moses (Moshe). A 1945 displaced-persons card and a 1947 list of survivors in Sweden record Moses as Asher's son, born in Satu Mare CONFIRMED. These two were the nephews "David and Moshe Brecher" who signed a notice on R' David Brecher's death in March 1955.

Rosa and Samuel Eilender

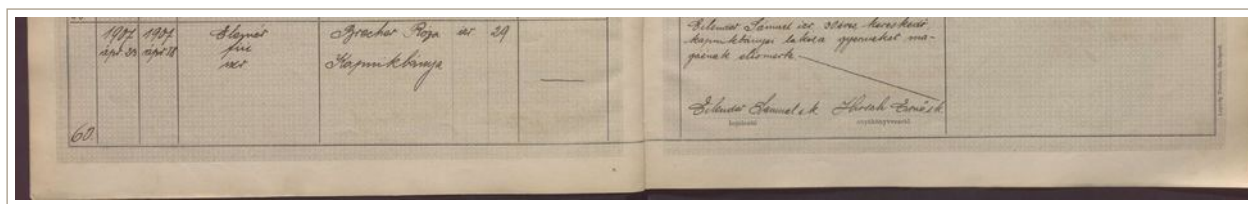
Kapnikbánya to New York

Rosa (Róza) Brecher, Meir's daughter, was born in Kapnikbánya and owned a share of a house there. Samuel Eilender, a merchant of the town and the son of Eliyahu (Elia) Eilender, a tailor of Felsővisó, and Eigye (Agnes), née Katz in the Felsővisó register ("Agnes Rosen" on his New York death certificate), was her husband. Their son Elemér was born in Kapnikbánya on 18 April 1907 and the twins József and Frida on 6 April 1909; in each act Samuel came before the registrar to acknowledge the children as his.

Samuel sailed from Hamburg on the SS Cleveland and reached Ellis Island on 25 July 1909, bound for his "uncle Abraham Brecher" at 185 Orchard Street; in December 1910 he declared his intention to become a citizen, giving his birth as 26 January 1877 in Felső Visó. The Jewish register of Felsővisó (Vișeu de Sus) records the birth of Samuel (Zeinvel), son of Elia Eilender, tailor, and Eigye née Katz, on 8 January 1877 (Confirmed); his sisters Eszter (Feiga), born in December 1867, Feiga, born in 1870, and Devora, born in 1873, appear in the same register (Likely). Eszter died in infancy in 1868 and Devora in 1876. Rosa arrived in New York on the SS Potsdam on 3 July 1913 with Elemér, József and Frida, joining Samuel at 178 Brook Avenue in the Bronx.

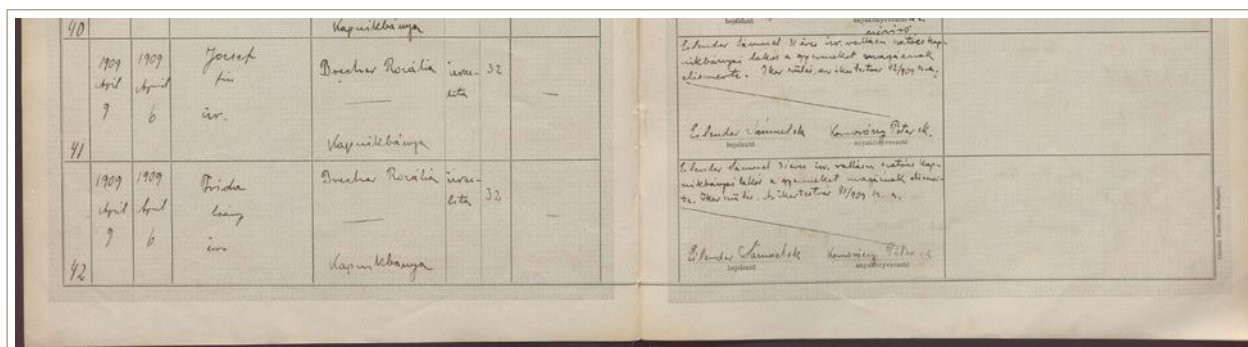
The family lived in the Bronx and later in Brooklyn, where Samuel worked as an insurance agent. Samuel (Shmuel Zanvel) died on 7 July 1937, at 2865 West 17th Street, Coney Island, and is buried in Beth David Cemetery, Elmont; that October their son, now Alex Eilender, married Anna Kiviat in the Bronx: the Paterson Jewish Post announced the engagement in September, reported a bridal shower given by the bride's mother, with Rose and Frieda Eilender among the guests, and announced the wedding at the Burnside Manor on 24 October 1937, with the groom's brother Joseph and his cousin Eugene Brecher among the ushers. In 1940 Rose lived at 2853 West 28th Street with Joseph and Frieda, and later at 5001 14th Avenue in Borough Park, where she died on 7 July 1948; she was buried in Beth David beside Samuel.

Alex (Elemér) Eilender's first wife, Anne (Chana) née Kwiat, daughter of Solomon Kwiat and Bessie Halpern of Paterson, New Jersey, had been a public school teacher there; she died on 21 Adar 5704 (16 March 1944) and is buried in Congregation B'nai Israel Cemetery, Saddle Brook, New Jersey, leaving two daughters, Sandra and Norma (Confirmed). In 1950 Alex lived in Paterson with his second wife, Pauline (Pnina Perl) Eilender, née Kirschenbaum (8 September 1912 – 18 September 2005) **LIKELY**. Frida (Frieda), Joseph's twin, married Isidor Geldzahler (born in Belgium, 13 May 1913; died in Brooklyn, October 1985) in Manhattan in 1953; she died in Brooklyn on 17 March 2005 (Likely). Joseph H. Eilender died in Los Angeles on 24 November 1982 (Likely). Rosa's nephew Hugo Brecher, Markus's son, later lived in the same house at 5001 14th Avenue, and Frieda was the witness to his naturalization.



Birth of Elemér (later Alex) Eilender, Kapnikbánya, 18 April 1907, act 60. Mother: Róza Brecher, 29; the father, Samuel Eilender, merchant, acknowledged him.

CONFIRMED · Source: Romanian National Archives, Maramureş County Branch, civil registers, Cavnic births 1907–1909, unit MM-F-00743-1-1-00141



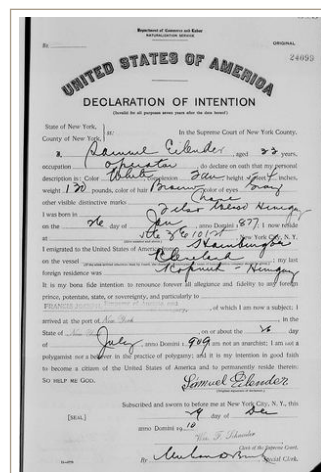
Births of the twins József and Frida, Kapnikbánya, 6 April 1909, acts 41–42. Mother: Rozália Brecher, 32; Samuel Eilender acknowledged them.

CONFIRMED · Source: Romanian National Archives, Maramureş County Branch, civil registers, Cavnic births, unit MM-F-00743-1-1-00141



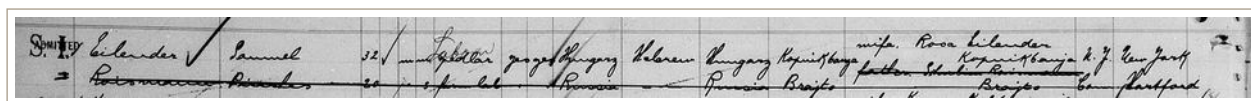
The Hamburg-America liner Cleveland arriving in New York harbour, about 1909–14 — the ship on which Samuel Eilender came in July 1909.

Source: Bain News Service, Library of Congress, public domain, via Wikimedia Commons



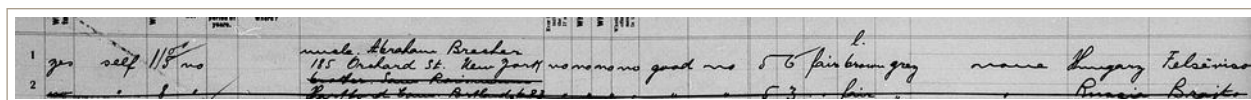
Samuel Eilender declares his intention to become a citizen, Supreme Court of New York County, 9 December 1910: born in Felső Visó, Hungary, on 26 January 1877; last residence Kapnik; arrived on the Cleveland on 26 July 1909. He signs his own name.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York County naturalization records (FamilySearch)



Samuel Eilender, 32, of Kapnikbánya, on the SS Cleveland from Hamburg, arriving at Ellis Island 25 July 1909 (line 1).

CONFIRMED · Source: New York passenger lists, U.S. National Archives, T715 roll 1306, p. 92 (FamilySearch, host)



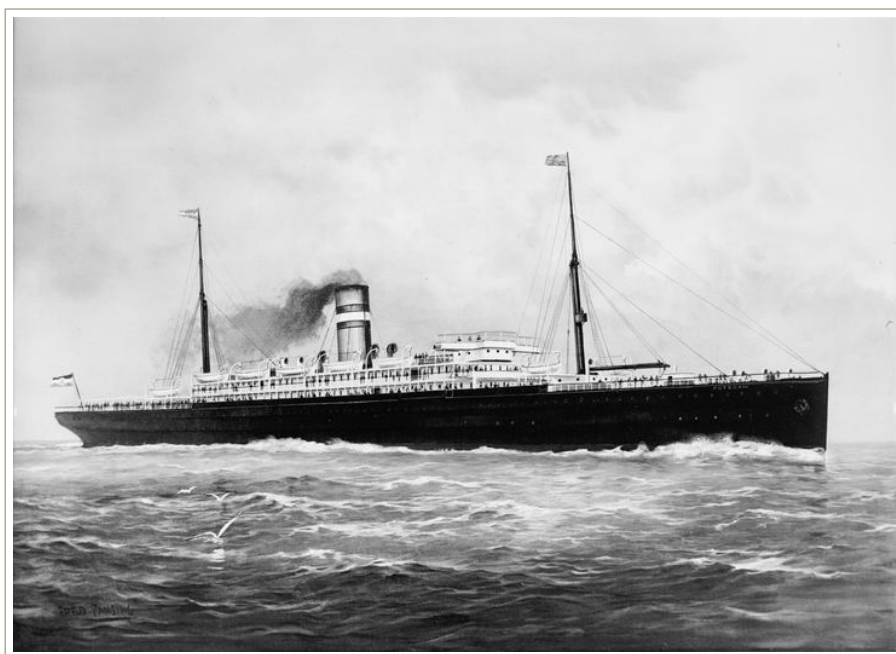
The same manifest, right-hand page: going to his “uncle Abraham Brecher”, 185 Orchard Street, New York.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York passenger lists, U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch, host)

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	13 NAME OF FATHER OF DECEDENT			Eliza Eilender
	14 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER OF DECEDENT (State or country)			Hungary
	15 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER OF DECEDENT			Agnes Rosen
16 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER OF DECEDENT (State or country)		Hungary		

Samuel Eilender's death certificate, New York, 1937: his father is named as Eliza (Elias) Eilender and his mother as Agnes, both born in Hungary.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York City Department of Health, Certificate of Death no. 14769 (Brooklyn), Samuel Eilender, July 1937 — NYC Municipal Archives, historical vital records



The Holland-America liner Potsdam, on which Rosa Eilender and her three children arrived in July 1913, in a rendering by the marine artist Fred Pansing.

Source: Fred Pansing, Library of Congress, public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

9	Eilander	Rosa	35	Yrs	Hungary	Hungary	Maier Brecher	New York
10		Elemér	6	Yrs	Hungary	Hungary	Maier Brecher	New York
11		József	4	Yrs	Hungary	Hungary	Maier Brecher	New York
12		Frida	4	Yrs	Hungary	Hungary	Maier Brecher	New York

Rosa Eilender, 35, of Nagybánya, born in Kapnikbánya, with Elemér, 6, and the twins József and Frida, 4, arriving in New York on the SS Potsdam, 3 July 1913. Nearest relative at home: "father Maier Brecher, Nagybánya".

CONFIRMED · Source: New York passenger lists, U.S. National Archives, T715 roll 2121, p. 130 (FamilySearch, host)

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9	husband	Samuel Eilander	178 Brook Avenue	Bronx				Hungary Nagybánya
10	father							
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The same manifest: going to her husband, Samuel Eilander, 178 Brook Avenue, Bronx.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York passenger lists, U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch, host)



178 Brook Avenue, Bronx, about 1940: the address to which Rosa and the children came in 1913.

CONFIRMED · Source: NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives



5001 14th Avenue, Borough Park, Brooklyn, about 1940: Joseph Eilender's address on his 1940 draft registration.

CONFIRMED · Source: NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives

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If each person whose place of birth on February 1, 1910, was in this family, mention it here, give year and date of birth, and place of birth.								Place of birth of each person and of each person whose place of birth was in this family on February 1, 1910, if of foreign birth, give the place of birth.												If of foreign birth, give the place of birth.	
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Rose Eilender with Elmer (entered as "Elsmere"), Frieda and Joseph in the 1920 census, Bronx.

CONFIRMED · Source: 1920 U.S. Census, Bronx, ED 279, sheet 8B, U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch, host)

01	Eilender Samuel	Head	60	R																	
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03	Frieda	Daughter																			
04	Elmer	Son																			
05	Joseph	Son																			

The Eilender family in the 1930 census, Bronx, with their years of immigration: Samuel 1909, Rose and the children 1913.

CONFIRMED · Source: 1930 U.S. Census, Bronx, U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch, host)



"Deaths in New York": Shmuel Zanvel (Samuel) Eilender, 2865 West 17th Street, Coney Island, a member of Congregation Bikur Cholim, listed first in the day's column, July 1937.

CONFIRMED · Source: Der Morgen Zhurnal (New York), 9 July 1937, p. 11 — National Library of Israel, Historical Jewish Press



The gravestone of Anne (Chana) Eilender, daughter of Shlomo, wife of Alex Eilender, who died on 21 Adar 5704 (16 March 1944). Congregation B'nai Israel Cemetery, Saddle Brook, New Jersey.

CONFIRMED · Source: Find a Grave, memorial 187615138, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/187615138/anne-eilender> (photograph contributed to Find a Grave)

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
STATE OF NEW YORK.
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CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF MARRIAGE
OF
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(Groom) Alex Eilender and (Bride) Anna Kviat

Groom's Residence	<u>2865 W 17 Street, Bklyn</u>	Bride's Residence	<u>100 East 4 St.</u>
Age	<u>30</u>	Age	<u>26 - Nov 4, 1910</u>
Color	<u>White</u>	Color	<u>White</u>
Single, Widowed or Divorced	<u>Single</u>	Single, Widowed or Divorced	<u>Single</u>
Occupation	<u>Insurance</u>	Maiden Name, if a Widow	
Birthplace	<u>Hungary</u>	Birthplace	<u>NYC.</u>
Father's Name	<u>Samuel</u>	Father's Name	<u>Solomon</u>
Mother's Maiden Name	<u>Rose Brecher</u>	Mother's Maiden Name	<u>Bessie Halpern</u>
Number of Groom's Marriage	<u>1st</u>	Number of Bride's Marriage	<u>1st</u>

I hereby certify that the above-named groom and bride were joined in Marriage by me, in accordance with the Laws of the State of New York, at Burnside Manor, City of New York, this 24 of October, 1937.

Signature of person performing the Ceremony: Rabbi Isaac Blumenthal
Official Station: 1034 Tenth St.
Residence: NY

Witnesses to the Marriage: Isaac Gerstel, Isaac Solans

Certificate and Record of Marriage of Alex Eilender and Anna Kviat, Bronx, 24 October 1937. The groom's parents: Samuel Eilender and Rose Brecher.

CONFIRMED · Source: NYC Municipal Archives, historical vital records, Bronx marriages 1937, no. 9544



Notice of the death of Mrs. Alex Eilender — Anne, née Kviat — Paterson, New Jersey, March 1944.

CONFIRMED · Source: Find a Grave, memorial 187615138, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/187615138/anne-eilender> (newspaper clipping, Paterson, March 1944)

Engagements

MR. AND MRS. S. KWIAT
of 100 Graham Avenue
announce the engagement
of their daughter,
ANNE,
to
AL EILENDER,
son of
MRS. ROSE EILENDER
of Brooklyn.

The wedding will take place October 24th. The bride-to-be, who a local school teacher, is a member of the Junior Council and the "Y". The groom is a graduate of the ...

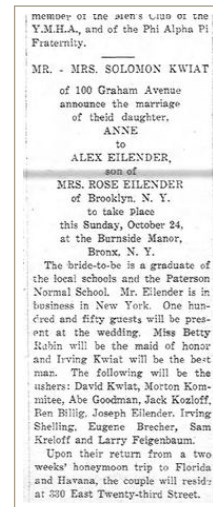
Engagement notice of Anne Kviat and Al (Alex) Eilender, son of Rose Eilender of Brooklyn. The Jewish Post, Paterson, N.J., 2 September 1937.

CONFIRMED · Source: The Jewish Post (Paterson, N.J.), 2 Sep 1937; Old Fulton NY Post Cards (fultonhistory.com), "Paterson NJ The Jewish Post 1936 Jan-Dec 1937", file 1319



Notice of a bridal shower given for Anne Kwiat in Paterson on 10 October 1937; among the guests were Rose Eilender and her daughter Frieda. The Jewish Post, Paterson, N.J., 14 October 1937.

CONFIRMED · Source: The Jewish Post (Paterson, N.J.), 14 Oct 1937, p. 5; Old Fulton NY Post Cards (fultonhistory.com), "Paterson NJ The Jewish Post 1936 Jan-Dec 1937", file 1443



Announcement of the marriage of Anne Kwiat and Alex Eilender, son of Rose Eilender, at the Burnside Manor in the Bronx on 24 October 1937. Among the ushers were the groom's brother Joseph Eilender and his cousin Eugene Brecher. The Jewish Post, Paterson, N.J., 21 October 1937.

CONFIRMED · Source: The Jewish Post (Paterson, N.J.), 21 Oct 1937, women's page; Old Fulton NY Post Cards (fultonhistory.com), "Paterson NJ The Jewish Post 1936 Jan-Dec 1937", file 1477

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Rose Eilender, widowed, with her son Joseph and daughter Frieda in the 1940 census, Brooklyn.

CONFIRMED · Source: 1940 U.S. Census, Brooklyn, ED 24-1927, sheet 5B, U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch, host)



*2853 West 28th Street, Coney Island, Brooklyn, about 1940:
the address of Rose Eilender, widowed, with Joseph and Frieda
in the 1940 census.*

LIKELY · Source: NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives

	(2) Country of village	
9	OF WHAT COUNTRY WAS DECEDENT A CITIZEN AT TIME OF DEATH?	U.S.A.
10	WAS DECEASED WAR VETERAN? IF SO, NAME WAR	none
11	NAME OF DECEDENT	Meyer Brecher
12	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country)	Hungary
13	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER OF DECEASED	Frieda Groner
14	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country)	Hungary
15	SIGNATURE OF INFORMANT	Wesley C. Sanders
16	RELATIONSHIP OF INFORMANT TO DECEASED	Brother-in-law
22	PLACE OF BURIAL OR CREMATION	Both, Warrick Co.

From Rose Eilender's certificate of death, Brooklyn, 7 July 1948: her father "Meyer Brecher" and her mother "Frieda Froner", both born in Hungary; the informant, her daughter Frieda; burial in Beth David Cemetery.

CONFIRMED · Source: NYC Municipal Archives, historical vital records, Brooklyn deaths 1948, no. 14036



The gravestone of Frieda (Freida) Geldzabler née Eilender, daughter of R' Shmuel Zanvel Eilender and wife of R' Yitzchak Geldzabler, who died on 17 March 2005, Beth Israel Memorial Park, Fords, New Jersey.

CONFIRMED · Source: Family records

NAME OF DECEASED	STATE FILE NO.	PLACE OF DEATH	PLACE OF RESIDENCE	DATE OF DEATH	
				(MO.)	(YR.)
EILENDER ALEX	45876	16401	16401	09	63

Alex Eilender in the New Jersey death index for 1963: he died in Paterson in September 1963 (state file no. 45876).

CONFIRMED · Source: New Jersey Department of Health death index, 1963, surnames A–F (Reclaim The Records, Internet Archive item NJ_Death_Index_1963_A-F, image/leaf 310), https://archive.org/details/NJ_Death_Index_1963_A-F ; place codes: <https://archive.org/details/NewJerseyDOHLocalityCodes1949-1984>

Markus Brecher and Abraham Brecher

Felsőbánya, Radautz and the Lower East Side

Markus (Mátyás) Brecher, born in Felsőbánya on 18 February 1886, is recorded as a son of Meir and Freide. He was a wood merchant. He married Frida Moskovics at Taracköz in 1918 (Confirmed: their son's Social Security record names his parents as Marcos Brecher and Frieda Moskowitz). A Lea Brecher was born in Felsőbánya in December 1918 to Mátyás Brecher, wood merchant, and a mother entered as Frida Herskovics. Their son Hugo Chaim Brecher was born in Felsőbánya (Baia Sprie) on 12 April 1921 by his naturalization papers (12 May 1921, at Baia Sprie, in the civil birth register; 12 May 1921, at Baia Mare, in his Social Security application; 15 May 1921 in the death index). He married Bertha, of Felsővisó, at Linz in 1946, reached New York on 27 February 1949, lived at 5001 14th Avenue in Brooklyn — the house of his aunt Rosa Eilender's family — and was naturalized on 26 April 1955. He died in Brooklyn on 1 October 2004. A daughter of Markus and Frida, Fana Ruzena, was born in 1925 at Királymező (Ust-Chorna), when the family was living at Braşov. **CONFIRMED** A Márkus Brecher appears among the paying guests at a charity ball in Nagybánya in 1908. Meir's son Jakob, born in 1893, may be the Jakab Brecher of the Nagybánya district listed by the conscription office in 1914, and the Jákob Brecher, merchant, who married Rozália Sapira in Felsőbánya on 5 May 1926.



Guests who paid extra at a charity ball in Nagybánya, March 1908: Márkus Brecher, one crown.

LIKELY · Source: Nagybányai Hírlap, 22 March 1908 (Hungaricana)

92.	1918 dec 23	1918 dec 21	Lea Brecher isc.	Felsőbánya. Mátyás Brecher isc. 32 Frida Herskovic isc. 21 Felsőbánya. Kereszt u.	Doczi Mihály Felsőbánya isc. 32 Frida Herskovic isc. 21 Felsőbánya. Kereszt u.	61-9. 1918. 12. 21. 1918. 12. 21.
93.	1918 dec 12	1918 dec 10	Frida Brecher isc.	Kereszt u. Felsőbánya. Kereszt u.	Kereszt u. Felsőbánya. Kereszt u.	61-9. 1918. 12. 21. 1918. 12. 21.

Birth of Lea Brecher, Felsőbánya, 21 December 1918, act 93; parents Mátyás Brecher, wood merchant, 32, and Frida Herskovic, 21.

POSSIBLE · Source: Romanian National Archives, Maramureş County Branch, civil registers, Felsőbánya births, unit MM-F-00743-1-1-00621

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION
(Under General Provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act)

To the Honorable the U.S. District Court, Eastern District, Brooklyn, N. Y.

I, **HUGO CHAIM BRECHER**, do hereby make and file, respectively, the following petition for naturalization, hereby made and filed, respectively, at the Court of the U.S. District Court, Eastern District, Brooklyn, N. Y.

(1) My full, true, and correct name is **HUGO CHAIM BRECHER**
(2) My present place of residence is **5001 14th Ave. Brooklyn, New York**
(3) I am **33** years old. (4) I was born on **April 12, 1921** at **Baia Sprie, Romania**
(5) My personal description is as follows: Sex **male**, complexion **fair**, color of eyes **blue**, color of hair **brown**, height **6** feet, **0** inches, weight **154** pounds, visible blemishes **none**, scars of which I am a victim **none**

Hugo Chaim Brecher, son of Markus Brecher, petitions for American citizenship, Brooklyn, 8 March 1955: foreman, 5001 14th Avenue; born 12 April 1921 at Baia Sprie (Felsőbánya); married 1946 at Linz, Austria.

CONFIRMED · Source: Petitions for Naturalization, U.S. District Court, Brooklyn (National Archives), via FamilySearch, New York, U.S. District and Circuit Court Naturalization Records, 1824–1991, <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:6GG5-YWSP>

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

The following witnesses, each being severally, duly, and respectively sworn, depose and say:

(1) My name is **Frieda Goldzähler**, my occupation is **Housewife**
(2) My name is **Oliver Knack**, my occupation is **Superintendent**
I reside at **5001 14th Ave. Brooklyn, New York**

I am a citizen of the United States of America. I have personally known and have been acquainted in the United States with the petitioner named in the petition for naturalization of which this affidavit is a part, since at least **March 1, 1950**. I have personal knowledge that the petitioner has resided continuously in the United States for at least **30** months of this period, and that he has resided at **New York** in the State of **New York** continuously since at least **March 1, 1950**. I have personal knowledge that the petitioner is and during all such periods has been a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States, and in my opinion, the petitioner is in every way qualified to be admitted a citizen of the United States.

Frieda Goldzähler
Oliver Knack

The witness page of the same petition: his cousin Frieda Geldzahler, born Eilender, of the same house at 5001 14th Avenue, vouches for him.

CONFIRMED · Source: Petitions for Naturalization, U.S. District Court, Brooklyn (National Archives), via FamilySearch, New York, U.S. District and Circuit Court Naturalization Records, 1824–1991, <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:6GG5-YWSP>

621—914. sz. **Névjegyzék**
a nbányai járásban az 1893. évben született teljesen ismeretlen állitásköte-
lesekről.
Brecher Jakab, Doczil Mihály, Csillik Dezső, Slevenszki Sándor,
Vimán György, Klein Eliás, Márk Tódor Kapnikbánya.
Nagybánya, 1914. márc. 20. **Ináncsy, főszolgabíró.**

1626—914. sz. **Körözés.**
Vetés községi illetőségű 1906 - 657. tzkvi. Szántó Miklós a m. kir.
12 sz. hadkiegészítő parancsnokság 766—1914 kieg. sz. szerint, mint szöke-
vény van nyilvántartva, megkeresem az összes hatóságokat, hogy neve-

A county list of young men of the Nagybánya district born in 1893 whose whereabouts were unknown to the conscription office, March 1914: Jakob Brecher. Meir's son Jakob was born in 1893.

POSSIBLE · Source: Szatmárvármegye Hivatalos Lapja, 2 April 1914 (Hungaricana)



Felsőbánya register news: the marriage on 5 May 1926 of Jákob Brecher, merchant, and Rozália Sapira.

POSSIBLE · Source: Nagybánya, 19 February 1928 (Hungaricana)

CHAIM YEHUDA BRECHER

Meir's son Chaim Yehuda Brecher, born on 8 December 1887 and known in civil records as Miksa, married Zali (Szali) Grunberg, daughter of Markus Grunberg and Chaja née Katz. Their daughter Frida was born at Huszt in 1913 and their son Elemér there in 1915; a younger son, Izrael, died at Munkács in 1924. The family lived in Szatmár (Satu Mare). Zali died at Zugó in Bereg county on 17 October 1921, aged 31. Chaim Yehuda probably married again: a Chaim Yuda Brecher who died on 1 Adar I 5700 (10 February 1940) lies in the Orthodox cemetery of Satu Mare, section 16, and his wife Pessel, who died on 14 Iyar 5701 (11 May 1941), lies in the same section. **LIKELY**

CHAIM YEHUDA BRECHER'S FAMILY **LIKELY**

Chaim Yehuda (Miksa)	b. 8 Dec 1887, Nagybánya register; of Huszt 1913–15, of Szatmár 1921–24; probably d. 1 Adar I 5700 (10 Feb 1940), Satu Mare
First wife	Zali (Szali) Grunberg, daughter of Markus Grunberg and Chaja née Katz; d. 17 Oct 1921, Zugó, aged 31
Children	Frida, b. 1913, Huszt · Elemér, b. 1915, Huszt · Izrael, d. 1924, Munkács
Second wife	Pessel, d. 14 Iyar 5701 (11 May 1941), Satu Mare
Source	Civil registers of Huszt, Zugó (Volovec) and Munkács, State Archive of Zakarpattia Oblast (Berehove), fonds 1606 and 1610, as indexed in the JewishGen Hungary database; Satu Mare Orthodox Jewish Cemetery burial register, JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry, records J_MARAMURE_0001124 and J_MARAMURE_0001132

ABRAHAM BRECHER IN NEW YORK

Abraham Brecher, born about 1864 in Austria, was the “uncle Abraham Brecher” to whom Samuel Eilender travelled in 1909, and was a son of Eisig Brecher and Lea Bernstein of Rădăuți — a brother of Meir (Likely). He and his wife Miriam née Langsner, daughter of Mordechai Langsner, had children born in Rădăuți in Bukovina — Regina on 25 December 1891, Chaje (Ida) on 6 April 1893 and Mordke on 11 June 1897; they married there, according to the civil register, on 4 July 1892. Abraham landed in New York with his son Benjamin on 25 February 1904 on the Moltke, declared his intention to become a citizen in 1906 while living at 141 Stanton Street, and was naturalized in 1911. In 1920 the family lived on the Lower East Side with their daughter Ida (born about 1894), and in 1940 on East Fourth Street. Miriam died on 6 February 1944 and is buried in Mount Zion Cemetery, Queens.



The Hamburg-America liner Moltke leaving Hoboken, September 1902; Abraham Brecher and his son Benjamin arrived on her from Rădăuți in February 1904.

Source: U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command, public domain, via Wikimedia Commons



The lot at 185 Orchard Street, Lower East Side, about 1940 — Abraham Brecher's address in 1909; by 1940 the old tenement had given way to market stalls.

CONFIRMED · Source: NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives

Abraham Brecher	75	born in Austria	with his wife Miriam	in the 1940 census	East Fourth Street, Manhattan.
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Abraham Brecher, 75, born in Austria, with his wife Miriam in the 1940 census, East Fourth Street, Manhattan.

LIKELY · Source: 1940 U.S. Census, Manhattan, ED 31-685, sheet 6A, U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch, host)



108–110 East 4th Street, Manhattan, about 1940: the home of Abraham and Miriam Brecher in the 1940 census.

LIKELY · Source: NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives

HARRY BRECHER

Abraham and Miriam's eldest child was **Harry Brecher** — Hersch in Yiddish, Binyamin Tzvi in Hebrew — born at Mihăileni, his mother's home town, on 10 October 1888. In May 1910, a 21-year-old tailor, he sailed from Hamburg on the SS Amerika to join his father on Ludlow Street; the passenger list names his grandfather, **Eisig Brecher, still living in Rădăuți**, as his nearest relative at home — a record that ties Abraham to Eisig as father and son. Harry declared his intention to become a citizen on 21 November 1910 and filed his petition on 21 July 1915, with his father Abraham and his sister Ida signing as witnesses. On 27 August 1915 he married **Mollie (Malka) Rudich**, born in Bukovina on 22 December 1892, daughter of Selig (Asher Zelig) Rudich, a cutter, and Feige Lobel. In 1917 Harry was a sales clerk at J. B. Greenhut Co.; by 1942 he ran his own business in the Bronx. He died on 3 September 1962 and Mollie on 19 March 1980; they lie together in Montefiore Cemetery, Queens, under a stone that calls him the son of "Avraham HaKohen Brecher".

CONFIRMED

HARRY BRECHER'S FAMILY CONFIRMED

Harry (Hersch, Binyamin Tzvi) Brecher	b. 10 Oct 1888, Mihăileni, Bukovina; arr. New York 28 May 1910; d. 3 Sep 1962; buried Montefiore Cemetery, Queens
Parents	Abraham (Avraham HaKohen) Brecher and Miriam Langsner
Grandfather	Eisig Brecher of Rădăuți, living in May 1910
Wife	Mollie (Malka) Rudich, b. 22 Dec 1892, Bukovina; m. 27 Aug 1915, Manhattan; d. 19 Mar 1980
Wife's parents	Selig (Asher Zelig) Rudich, b. 15 Feb 1866, d. 23 Jul 1927, the Bronx · Feige (Fagie) née Lobel, b. 12 Sep 1866, d. 24 Apr 1944, the Bronx
Sources	SS Amerika passenger list 1910; New York County declaration 1910 and petition no. 52045 (1915); NYC marriage certificate no. 19380 (1915); draft cards 1917 and 1942; 1950 census; gravestone, Montefiore Cemetery; NYC death certificates of Selig and Feige Rudich

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Family Name.	Given Name.	Yrs. Mos.	Married or Single.					Country.	City or Town.														
13	Brecher Dollinger	Hersch barkus	21	ms	tailor	yes	Polish	Rădăuți, Bukovina	Grandfather: Eisig Brecher Rădăuți, Bukovina Brother: Abraham Brecher Ludlow Street, New York	U.S.A.	New York												
Whether ever before in the United States; and if so, when and where? Whether going to join a relative or friend; and if so, what relative or friend, and his name and complete address. Whether a Polygamist. Whether an Anarchist. Condition of Health, Mental and Physical. Deformed or Crippled. Height, Weight, Length of arms, and of legs. Color of— Complexion. Hair, Eyes. Marks of Identification. Place of Birth. Country. City or Town.																							
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Hersch (Harry) Brecher, 21, a tailor from Rădăuți, on the passenger list of the SS Amerika, Hamburg to New York, May 1910. He names his grandfather Eisig Brecher in Rădăuți as his nearest relative at home and is going to join his father, Abraham Brecher, on Ludlow Street.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York passenger arrival lists (Ellis Island), SS Amerika, arr. 28 May 1910, line 13 (NARA T715, roll 1488; FamilySearch)

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Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE
ORIGINAL

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DECLARATION OF INTENTION
(To be filled out by all persons arriving prior to the date of swearing)

State of New York, County of New York, In the Supreme Court of New York County.

I, Harry Brecher, aged 22 years, occupation tailor, do declare on oath that my personal description is: Color white, complexion dark, height 5 feet 7 inches, weight 130 pounds, color of hair brown, color of eyes brown, other visible distinguishing marks none.

I was born in Mihaileni, Romania, on the 10 day of October, anno Domini 1888. I now reside at 106 Ludlow St, New York City, N. Y. I emigrated to the United States of America from Hambourg, Germany on the vessel Prinzess. My last foreign residence was London, United Kingdom.

It is my honest and true intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to CHARLES, KING OF ROMANIA, of which I am now a subject; I arrived at the port of New York on or about the 21 day of July, anno Domini 1910. I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor adherent in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein: SO HELP ME GOD.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at New York City, N. Y., this 21 day of July, anno Domini 1910.

WILLIAM F. SCHNEIDER
Clerk of the Supreme Court.
By David K. Korb, Special Clerk.

Harry Brecher declares his intention to become an American citizen, New York, 21 November 1910: a 22-year-old tailor born at Mihaileni on 10 October 1888, living at 106 Ludlow Street.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York County Supreme Court, declarations of intention, 21 Nov 1910 (FamilySearch)

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

I, Harry Brecher, do hereby certify that I am a resident of the United States of America, and that I am a resident of the County of New York, State of New York, for the purpose of becoming a citizen of the United States.

I was born in Mihaileni, Romania, on the 10 day of October, anno Domini 1888. I now reside at 106 Ludlow St, New York City, N. Y. I emigrated to the United States of America from Hambourg, Germany on the vessel Prinzess. My last foreign residence was London, United Kingdom.

It is my honest and true intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to CHARLES, KING OF ROMANIA, of which I am now a subject; I arrived at the port of New York on or about the 21 day of July, anno Domini 1910. I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor adherent in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein: SO HELP ME GOD.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at New York City, N. Y., this 21 day of July, anno Domini 1910.

WILLIAM F. SCHNEIDER
Clerk of the Supreme Court.
By David K. Korb, Special Clerk.

Harry Brecher's petition for American citizenship, New York, 21 July 1915.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York County Supreme Court, Petition for Naturalization no. 52045 (FamilySearch)

information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

Harry Brecher
(Complete and true signature of petitioner.)

Abraham Brecher, occupation Pedlar, residing at 190 Ludlow St
and Ida Brecher, occupation Dress maker, residing at 190 Ludlow St

each being severally, duly, and respectively sworn, deposes and says that he is a citizen of the United States of America; that he has personally known Harry Brecher, the petitioner above mentioned, to have resided in the United States continuously immediately preceding the date of filing his petition, since the 1 day of July, anno Domini 1910, and in the State in which the above-entitled petition is made continuously since the 1 day of July, anno Domini 1910; and that he has personal knowledge that the said petitioner is a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and that the petitioner is in every way qualified, in his opinion, to be admitted a citizen of the United States.

Abraham Brecher
(Signature of witness.)
Ida Brecher
(Signature of witness.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named petitioner and witnesses in the office of the Clerk of Court at New York, N. Y., this 21 day of July, anno Domini 1915.

James M. Leveque, Special Deputy County Clerk.
Special Clerk of the Court.

The witnesses to Harry's 1915 petition were his father, Abraham Brecher, a pedlar, and his sister Ida, a dressmaker, all of 190 Ludlow Street — here are the three signatures, the only known signature of Ida.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York County Supreme Court, Petition for Naturalization no. 52045, 21 Jul 1915 (FamilySearch)

THE CITY OF NEW YORK.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

STATE OF NEW YORK.

CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF MARRIAGE

No. of Certificate. 19380

OF
Harry Brecher and *Mollie Rudich*

Groom's Residence	<i>170 Ludlow St.</i>	Bride's Residence	<i>91 2 St.</i>
Age	<i>27</i>	Age	<i>23</i>
Color	<i>white</i>	Color	<i>white</i>
Single, Widowed or Divorced	<i>Single</i>	Single, Widowed or Divorced	<i>Single</i>
Occupation	<i>clerk</i>	Maiden Name, if a Widow	<i>Mollie Rudich</i>
Birthplace	<i>Mihaileni, Roumania</i>	Birthplace	<i>Bukovina Austria</i>
Father's Name	<i>Abraham</i>	Father's Name	<i>Selig</i>
Mother's Maiden Name	<i>Miriam Langsner</i>	Mother's Maiden Name	<i>Feige Lobel</i>
Number of Groom's Marriage	<i>First</i>	Number of Bride's Marriage	<i>First</i>

I hereby certify that the above-named groom and bride were joined in Marriage by me in accordance with

Marriage of Harry Brecher, son of Abraham Brecher and Miriam Langsner, born at Mihaileni, to Mollie Rudich of Bukovina, daughter of Selig Rudich and Feige Lobel, New York, 27 August 1915.

CONFIRMED · Source: NYC Department of Health, Certificate and Record of Marriage no. 19380 (Manhattan, 1915), NYC Municipal Archives

Form 1 REGISTRATION CARD No. 32

1 *294* *Harry Brecher* Age, in yrs. *28*

2 Home address *77 36 St Marks Pl*

3 Date of birth *Oct 10 1888*

4 Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien? (1) or have you declared your intention to become a citizen? *naturalized*

5 What was your birthplace? *Roumania*

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? *sales clerk*

8 By whom employed? *J. B. Greenhut & Co*

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, wholly dependent on you for support (specify which)? *wife - child*

10 Married or single (which)? *married* Race (specify which)? *white*

11 What military service have you had? Rank *None*

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? *ops - on support*

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

88 Harry Brecher

Harry Brecher's First World War draft registration card, New York, 5 June 1917: born 10 October 1888, a sales clerk at J. B. Greenhut Co., living at 36 St Marks Place.

CONFIRMED · Source: U.S. World War I Draft Registration Cards (NARA M1509), New York City (FamilySearch)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

11-20846

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

99 Madison Avenue

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11-20846

I, the undersigned, being the husband of the said John P. Kelly, hereby declare that the following is the substance of the facts and circumstances in relation to the said John P. Kelly:

That the said John P. Kelly was born on 1914 at NEW YORK, New York, and that he is now residing at NEW YORK, New York.

That the said John P. Kelly is a native-born American citizen, and that he is now residing at NEW YORK, New York.

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Mollie's father, Selig Rudich, petitions for American citizenship, New York, 1920: a cutter born in Bukovina on 15 February 1866, he had landed on 23 March 1913.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York naturalization petition, 1920 (FamilySearch)

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Death certificate of Mollie's mother, Fagie (Feige) Rudich née Lobel, the Bronx, 24 April 1944: born 12 September 1866 in Bukovina, daughter of Louis Lobel and Molly Rudler, widow of Selig Rudich.

CONFIRMED · Source: NYC Department of Health, death certificate no. 4397 (Bronx, 1944), NYC Municipal Archives

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Abraham's 1911 citizenship petition names the children then with him in New York, among them Harry and Ida. **Ida** was the Chaje born in Rădăuți on 6 April 1893. She came over with her mother on the SS Patricia in June 1907, worked as a dressmaker, and married Charles B. Schwartz (Kalman Baruch ben Moshe), a salesman born in Romania. They lived in Brooklyn; Ida died on 27 March 1976 and lies beside Charles in Mount Judah Cemetery, Queens, under a stone that reads "Chaya daughter of R' Avraham HaKohen". **CONFIRMED**

UNITED STATES PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

To the Honorable the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Judicial District: hereby filed, respectfully sheweth:

The petition of Abraham Ludlow, New York, N. Y.

First, My place of residence is 106 Ludlow St. (Give number and street.)

Second, My occupation is Peddler

Third, I was born on the 17 day of March, anno Domini 1844, at Galatz Austria

Fourth, I emigrated to the United States from Hamburg Germany on or about the 10 day of February

anno Domini 1904 and arrived in the United States, at the port of New York, on the 20 day of February

anno Domini 1904 on the vessel Matthe (If the alien arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of conveyance and name of transportation company should be given.)

Fifth, I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on the 10 day of August, anno Domini 1906

at New York City, in the United Court of N. S. Southern Dist. N.Y.

State I am married. My wife's name is Mary Ludlow. She was born in Roumania, and now resides at 106 Ludlow St., New York, N. Y.

I have 3 children, and the name, date and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children is as follows:

Harry 10 Oct 1888 at Roumania Ida. 6 April 1893
and Rose 4 Sept 1902 at Austria and all now
in N.Y.

Abraham Brecher's petition for American citizenship, New York, 1911: born 17 March 1864, landed 25 February 1904, his wife born at Mihăileni; among the children he names are Harry, born 10 October 1888, and Ida, born 6 April 1893.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York County Supreme Court, Petition for Naturalization no. 11354 (1911) (FamilySearch)

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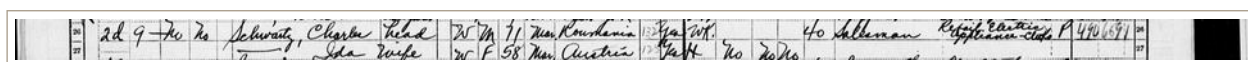
Mirjam Brecher, 42, of Rădăuți, with her daughter Chaje (Ida), on the passenger list of the SS Patricia, Hamburg to New York, May-June 1907, going to join her husband, A[braham] Brecher, on Orchard Street.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York passenger arrival lists (Ellis Island), SS Patricia, arr. 8 Jun 1907, list 17, lines 17–19 (NARA T715, roll 915; FamilySearch)



The gravestone of Ida (Chaje) Brecher and her husband Charles B. Schwartz, Mount Judah Cemetery, Queens. Her inscription reads “Chaya daughter of R’ Avraham HaKohen”; she was born on 6 April 1893 and died on 27 March 1976. His reads “Kalman Baruch son of Moshe”.

CONFIRMED · Source: Gravestone photograph, Mount Judah Cemetery, Ridgewood, Queens



Charles and Ida Schwartz in the 1950 census, Brooklyn: Charles, 71, born in Romania, a salesman in an electrical-appliance shop; Ida, 58, born in Austria.

CONFIRMED · Source: 1950 U.S. Census, Brooklyn (NARA; FamilySearch)

The civil registers of Rădăuți add another child of Abraham Brecher and Mirjam Langsner born there: **Jakob Wolf (Yaakov Zeev)**, born 30 August 1900, who died on 13 June 1903. (Likely: Bukovina births and deaths index, JewishGen Romania Database.)

LEON BRECHER OF BALTIMORE

Abraham’s brother Riwen Mordko (Reuven Mordechai) also had a son in America. **Jakob Leib Brecher**, born on 15 September 1895 at Mănăstirea Humorului (Kloster Humor) in Bukovina, came to New York from Siret on the Rotterdam in January 1921, a student of 26 whose nearest relative at home was Marcus Brecher of Siret. He settled in Baltimore, was naturalized there on 2 March 1927 under the name Leo, and was known as **Leon Brecher**. He and his wife Fanny (Fruma Yetta) are buried in Shaarei Tfiloh Cemetery, Baltimore County; his stone reads “Yaakov Aryeh ben Mordechai Reuven HaKohen”, and gives his birth date exactly as the Bukovina register does. He died on 10 October 1988. **CONFIRMED**

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NATURALIZATION SERVICE

March 1st, 1922 to and including
1st December 1925
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No. 9144

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

To the Honorable the _____ District _____ Court of _____ The United States _____ at _____ Baltimore, Maryland _____

The petition of _____ JACOB BRECHER, _____ hereby filed, respectfully sheweth:

First. My place of residence is _____ 2004 E. PRATT ST., BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, _____
(Give number, street, city or town, and State.)

Second. My occupation is _____ Newspaper-carrier.

Third. I was born on the _____ 15th _____ day of _____ September _____, anno Domini 1 _____ 895 _____, at _____ Buckowina, Austria, _____

Fourth. I emigrated to the United States from _____ Rotterdam, Holland _____, on or about the _____ 8th _____ day of _____ January _____, anno Domini 1 _____ 921 _____, and arrived in the United States, at the port of _____ New York, N.Y. _____, on the _____ 19th _____ day of _____ January _____, anno Domini 1 _____ 921 _____, on the vessel _____ "ROTTERDAM" _____
(If the alien arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of conveyance or name of transportation company should be given.)

Fifth. I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on the _____ 13th _____ day of _____ June _____, anno Domini 1 _____ 922 _____, at _____ Brooklyn, New York, _____, in the _____ Supreme _____ Court of _____ The United States _____

Sixth. I am _____ married. My (wife's / husband's) name is _____ Fanny _____; (she / he) was born on the _____ _____ day of _____ _____, anno Domini 1 _____, at _____ Cebasti, Austria _____, and now resides with me _____
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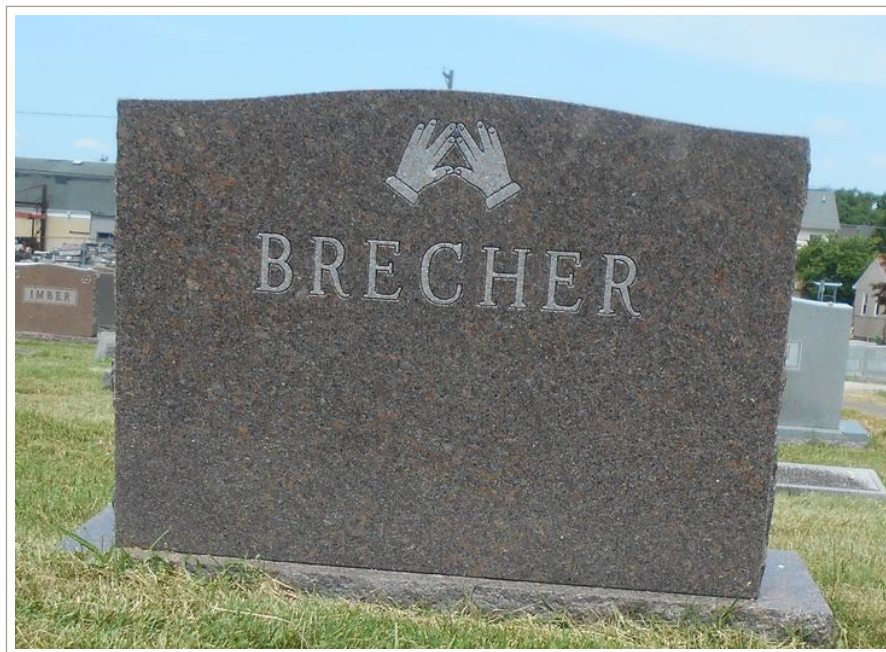
I have _____ children, and the name, date, and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children is as follows: _____
Max _____ 21 June 1921 _____ at Brooklyn, N.Y. Resides at Baltimore, Md.

I PRAY THE COURT TO CHANGE MY NAME TO: "LEO BRECHER"



The stone of Leon Brecher — Yaakov Aryeh ben Mordechai Reuven HaKohen — born in Bukovina on 15 September 1895, died in Baltimore on 10 October 1988. Shaarei Tfiloh Cemetery, Baltimore County, Maryland.

CONFIRMED · Source: Find a Grave memorial 113946164, Shaarei Tfiloh Cemetery, Section K, Lot 449



The Brecher family headstone of Leon and Fanny Brecher, with the hands of the Kohanim, Shaarei Tfiloh Cemetery, Baltimore.

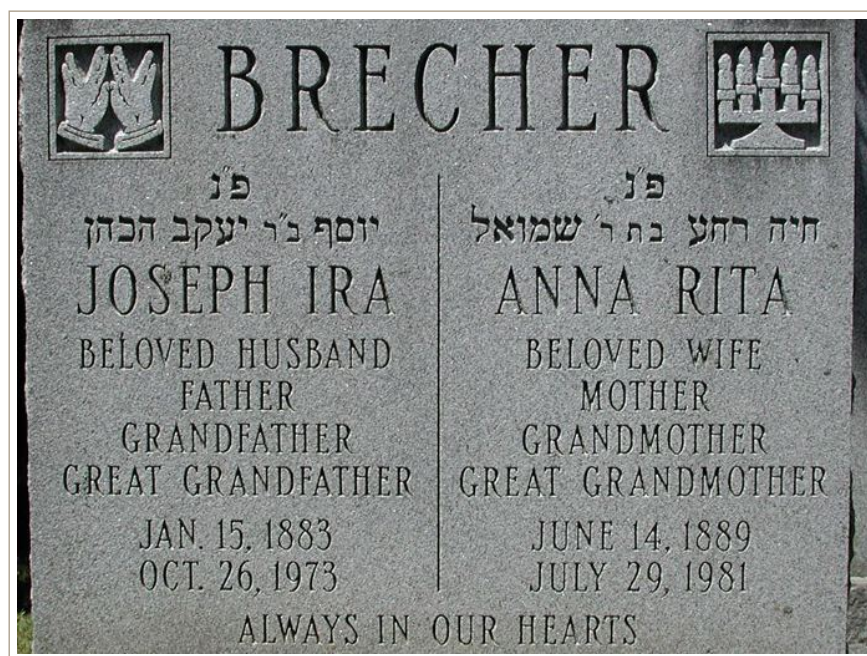
CONFIRMED · Source: Find a Grave memorials 113946164 and 113946163, Shaarei Tfiloh Cemetery

OTHER KOHEN BRECHERS FROM SIRET

Siret was home to more than one family of Kohanim named Brecher, and several of them also reached New York. How they connect to the family of this book is not known; they are set apart here for that reason.

RELATED SIRET KOHEN BRECHERS IN NEW YORK

Joseph Ira Brecher (Yosef ben Yaakov HaKohen)	b. 15 Jan 1883, Siret; arr. New York from Hamburg May 1899; son of Jacob W. Brecher and Bessie Rosenblatt; m. Annie Rita Jaffe (Chaya Rachel bat Shmuel, 1889–1981), Manhattan, 2 Jul 1911; d. 26 Oct 1973, aged 90; Mount Hebron Cemetery, Queens CONFIRMED
Max Brecher	b. 7 Apr 1872, Siret; a tailor and salesman in New York; son of Jacob Brecher and Sarah Landau; d. the Bronx, 24 Nov 1920 CONFIRMED
Josef Brecher (Yosef bar Yaakov HaKohen)	b. 4 Aug 1874, Siret; a clerk in Vienna; arr. New York July 1921 to join his nephew Morris Brecher; d. 11 Sep 1951, aged 77; Mount Hebron Cemetery, Queens; very probably Max's brother LIKELY



The stone of Joseph Ira Brecher (Yosef ben Yaakov HaKohen, 1883–1973), born in Siret, and his wife Anna Rita (Chaya Rachel bat Shmuel, 1889–1981), Mount Hebron Cemetery, Queens. The carved hands mark him as a Kohen.

CONFIRMED · Source: Find a Grave memorials 77397759 and 77397744, Mount Hebron Cemetery, Flushing, Queens

PART IV

The Older Brechers



Rădăuți and Siret in Bukovina

The Older Brechers in Bukovina

Eisig Brecher of Rădăuți and the Kohanim of Siret

The Brechers were kohanim, and the records point back from the Maramureș mining towns to Bukovina: David and Asher were born in Siret (Sereth), Freide Frohner's father owned a house there, and Abraham Brecher's children were born in Rădăuți (Radautz). The civil registers of Siret and Rădăuți for those years are not available, but gravestones in both towns, an indexed Rădăuți birth entry and two printed books carry the line back four generations beyond Meir.

THE GENERATION ABOVE EISIG

Eisig Brecher of Rădăuți, very probably Meir's father, is named on his own stone as the son of Reuven Mordechai HaKohen, and the 1869 birth entry of his son calls Eisig's parents Ruben Mordko Brecher and Rifka née Salzberger of Siret. Because the register entry and his own stone agree, Eisig's parentage is counted as **Confirmed**. In the Siret cemetery stands the stone of Reuven Mordechai, son of the late Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen, "son-in-law of the rabbi of this town", who died on 28 Elul 5628 (15 September 1868); the stone also names the day as a Sabbath, which fits 28 Elul 5627 (28 September 1867), and both dates are shown. The surname is joined to him in print: the epitaph that his grandson, the author R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher HaKohen of Banila, composed for his own father spells out in its verses "Zvi son of Reuven Mordechai Kohen Brecher". **LIKELY**

Reuven Mordechai's wife Rivka (Ruvtse) née Salzberger died on 20 Elul 5650 (5 September 1890); her stone calls her the daughter of the rabbi R' Yaakov Zeev. He was R' Yaakov Zeev son of Aryeh, of Stryj, Av Beit Din of Sereth, who was born about 1764 and died on 15 Iyar 5604 (4 May 1844), "aged eighty"; his wife, the rebbetzin Leah daughter of Yehuda, died three weeks later, on 26 May 1844. Reuven Mordechai and Rivka's son Yaakov Zeev (d. 1886) is called on his stone a "grandson of the rabbi of this town", and the Banila author wrote in his introduction to the rabbi's teachings, Chedvat Yaakov, that he descended from the rabbi through both his father and his mother. Another son, Avraham Yehuda, died in 1894. **LIKELY**

Reuven Mordechai's father, R' Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen of Siret, is named on his son's stone (Confirmed as his father). His own stone has not been found; he probably died before about 1832, when his grandson Eisig was born and given his name. Three more of his children very probably lie in the Siret cemetery: Zvi Hirsh HaKohen, praised on his stone as a learned man and carved with the priestly hands, who died on 5 Iyar 5601 (26 April 1841), Chaya Feige, who died on 7 Kislev 5603 (10 November 1842), and Zlate (Zlata), "daughter of Yitzchak Aizik Katz", who died on 17 Kislev 5595 (19 December 1834). **LIKELY**



Gravestone of Zlata, daughter of Yitzchak Aizik Katz (a Kohen), who died on 17 Kislev 5595 (19 December 1834), Siret Jewish cemetery.

LIKELY · Source: Jewish Galicia and Bukovina Organization, Siret cemetery documentation, stone BC-34

Reuven Mordechai's son Zvi (Hersch) Brecher HaKohen, very probably Eisig's younger brother, was born about 1841 and died in Jerusalem on 25 Tishrei 5669 (20 October 1908), aged sixty-seven; his wife was Chana Ruchama. Their son, R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher HaKohen of Banila, is the author whose books appear at the end of this chapter. **CONFIRMED**

The title page of *Chedvat Yaakov*, printed in Marghita in 1938, describes R' Yaakov Zeev, the rabbi of Sereth, as a foremost disciple of R' Zvi Hirsh of Nadwórna, R' Yechiel Michel, the Maggid of Złoczów, and R' Yaakov Yitzchak, the Seer of Lublin.

The list of teachers on the title page and in the opening pages (p. 5) is family tradition, printed by his descendants when the book appeared in 1938. For one of them the Rav's own words survive: on p. 27 of *Chedvat Yaakov* he cites "my teacher", the Maggid R' Yechiel Michel of Złoczów (Confirmed). The Maggid of Nadwórna and the Seer of Lublin rest on the printed family tradition alone.

A year before the book came out, an advertisement in the Czernowitz Yiddish paper **Dos Yudishe Vort** (8 October 1937) offered *Chedvat Yaakov* "by the Rav R' Yaakov Zeev of blessed memory, Av Beit Din of Sereth", bound together with novellae on the Talmud "by the author's grandson, the Rav R' Yaakov Zeev HaKohen" — the Banila rabbi Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher HaKohen. It is a second printed witness, independent of the book's introduction, that the Brecher kohanim descend from the rabbi of Sereth (Confirmed).

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Advertisement in *Dos Yudishe Vort*, Czernowitz, 8 October 1937: *Chedvat Yaakov*, novellae on Genesis by the Rav R' Yaakov Zeev, Av Beit Din of Sereth, sold together with novellae on the Talmud by "the author's grandson, the Rav R' Yaakov Zeev HaKohen"; printed by Moskovits Hermann, Marghita.

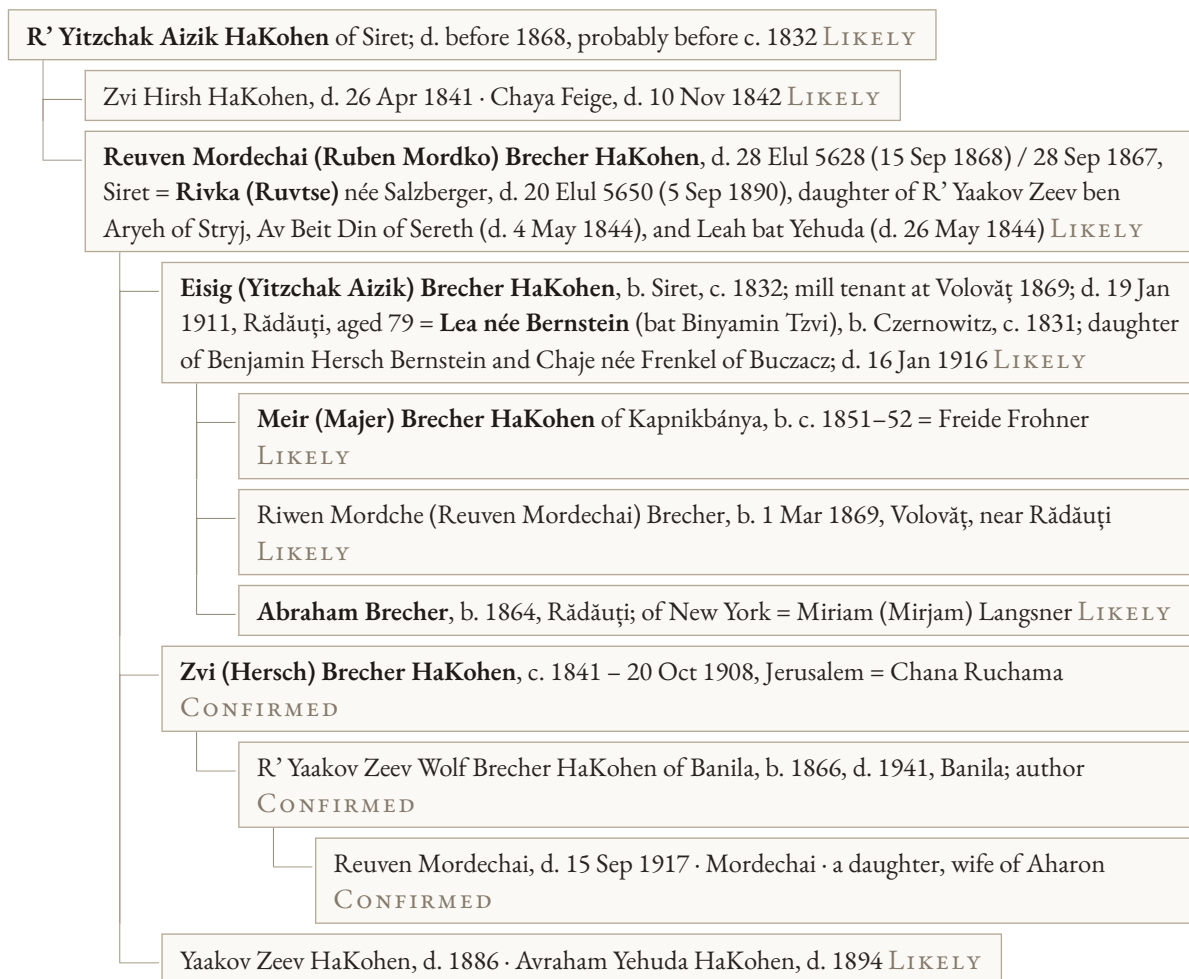
CONFIRMED · Source: *Dos Yudishe Vort* (Czernowitz), 8 Oct 1937, p. 4; National Library of Israel, Historical Jewish Press

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Chedvat Yaakov (Marghita, 1938), p. 27: the Rav of Sereth refers to the Maggid R' Michel of Złoczów as "my teacher".

CONFIRMED · Source: *Chedvat Yaakov*, Marghita 1938, p. 27

FOUR GENERATIONS IN SIRET AND RĂDĂUȚI



FURTHER KIN OF THE RABBI OF SERETH ON THE SIRET STONES

Ester Michla	Daughter of the rabbi R' Yaakov Zeev; sister of Rivka; d. 2 Elul 5630 (29 Aug 1870), Siret; her stone praises her care for the poor and the sick; stone K-52 CONFIRMED
Yute bat Baruch	“Granddaughter of the Rav R' Yaakov Zeev of Sereth”; d. 26 Tevet 5674 (24 Jan 1914), Siret; her father Baruch was a son or a son-in-law of the rabbi (Possible); stone K-51 LIKELY
Source	Jewish Galicia and Bukovina Organization, Siret Jewish cemetery documentation (2022), stones K-51 and K-52

Two more stones in Siret belong to the rabbi's family: his daughter Ester Michla, Rivka's sister, and Yute, daughter of Baruch, called on her stone his granddaughter.

ZVI HIRSH'S SONS, AND THE BRECHERS OF SAFED

Two more stones in the same group as Zvi Hirsh, son of Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen (d. 26 April 1841), carry his line one step further. Beside his grave lies **Reuven, son of the late R' Zvi HaKohen**, an adult who died on 17 January 1845 — very probably Zvi Hirsh's son (Likely). Close by is the stone of the young man **Aizik, son of Avraham HaKohen, grandson of R' Zvi HaKohen**, who died on 15 Tevet 5602 (28 December 1841). He carried the name of his great-grandfather Yitzchak Aizik, and his stone gives Zvi Hirsh a son named Avraham (Likely).

That Avraham is very probably **R' Avraham Brecher of Safed**. The 1875 Montefiore census of Safed lists "R' Avraham Brecher", born in Sereth, aged 75, who had come to the Holy Land in 1868, with his wife Gela; a printed family history of the Safed Brechers calls him R' Avraham son of R' Zvi Brecher of Sereth and gives his death in Safed in 1880. Born about 1800, he was old enough to have had a grown son in Siret in 1841. The Safed family were kohanim from Sereth and Rădăuți, the same two towns as our own line. No single record yet joins the Safed Avraham to the Siret one, so he is shown here as **very likely Zvi Hirsh's son (Likely)**, and his Safed descendants are kept apart from the main tree. In particular, the Zvi Hirsch Brecher of Safed who was still living in 1912–14 is a different man from our Zvi (Hersch) Brecher HaKohen, who died in Jerusalem in 1908.

ZVI HIRSH'S LINE ON THE SIRET STONES AND IN SAFED LIKELY

Zvi Hirsh HaKohen	Son of R' Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen; d. 5 Iyar 5601 (26 Apr 1841), Siret
Reuven HaKohen	"Son of the late R' Zvi HaKohen"; d. 17 Jan 1845, Siret; buried beside Zvi Hirsh
Avraham HaKohen	Son of Zvi; b. Sereth c. 1800; very probably R' Avraham Brecher, to Safed 1868, in the 1875 census there, d. Safed 1880; wife Gela
Aizik HaKohen	Son of Avraham, "grandson of R' Zvi HaKohen"; d. young, 15 Tevet 5602 (28 Dec 1841), Siret
Sources	Jewish Galicia and Bukovina Organization, Siret Jewish cemetery survey; Montefiore Endowment, 1875 census of Safed (Kolel Austria, household 6877, line 8)



Gravestone of Reuven, son of the late R' Zvi HaKohen, died 17 January 1845, Siret; it stands beside the stone of Zvi Hirsh, son of Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen.

LIKELY · Source: Jewish Galicia and Bukovina Organization, Siret Jewish cemetery survey



Gravestone of the young man Aizik, son of Avraham HaKohen, grandson of R' Zvi HaKohen, died 15 Tevet 5602 (28 December 1841), Siret.

LIKELY · Source: Jewish Galicia and Bukovina Organization, Siret Jewish cemetery survey, grave I-29-1

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The 1875 Montefiore census of Safed: "R' Avraham Brecher", born in Sereth, aged 75, came in 1868, with his wife Gela.

LIKELY · Source: Montefiore Endowment, Montefiore Censuses, 1875, Safed, Kolel Austria, household 6877, line 8



Gravestone of Reuven Mordechai, son of the late Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen, son-in-law of the rabbi of Siret, who died on 28 Elul 5628 (15 September 1868); the stone also names the day as a Sabbath, which fits 28 Elul 5627 (28 September 1867). Siret Jewish cemetery.

LIKELY · Source: Jewish Galicia and Bukovina Organization, Siret Jewish cemetery documentation (2022), stone G-35



Gravestone of Rivka (Ruvtse), daughter of the rabbi R' Yaakov Zeev, an aged woman, who died on 20 Elul 5650 (5 September 1890). Siret.

LIKELY · Source: Jewish Galicia and Bukovina Organization, Siret Jewish cemetery documentation (2022), stone BC-17



Gravestone of Ester Michla, daughter of Rabbi Yaakov Zeev, Rabbi of Siret, and sister of Rivka, who died on 2 Elul 5630 (29 August 1870); the inscription praises her care for the poor and the sick. The stone is badly weathered; the reading is that of the cemetery survey.

CONFIRMED · Source: Jewish Galicia and Bukovina Organization, Siret Jewish cemetery documentation (2022), stone K-52



Gravestone of Zvi Hirsh, son of Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen, died 5 Iyar 5601 (26 April 1841), Siret. The carving shows the priestly hands.

LIKELY · Source: Jewish Galicia and Bukovina Organization, Siret Jewish cemetery documentation (2022), stone I-28



Gravestone of Chaya Feige, daughter of Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen, died 7 Kislev 5603 (10 November 1842), Siret.

LIKELY · Source: Jewish Galicia and Bukovina Organization, Siret Jewish cemetery documentation (2022), stone BC-5



Gravestone of Yaakov Zeev, son of Reuven Mordechai HaKohen, "grandson of the rabbi of this town", died 6 Nisan 5646 (11 April 1886), Siret.

LIKELY · Source: Jewish Galicia and Bukovina Organization, Siret Jewish cemetery documentation (2022), stone N-27



Gravestone of Avraham Yebuda, son of Reuven Mordechai HaKohen, died 22 Av 5654 (24 August 1894), Siret.

LIKELY · Source: Jewish Galicia and Bukovina Organization, Siret Jewish cemetery documentation (2022), stone A-12



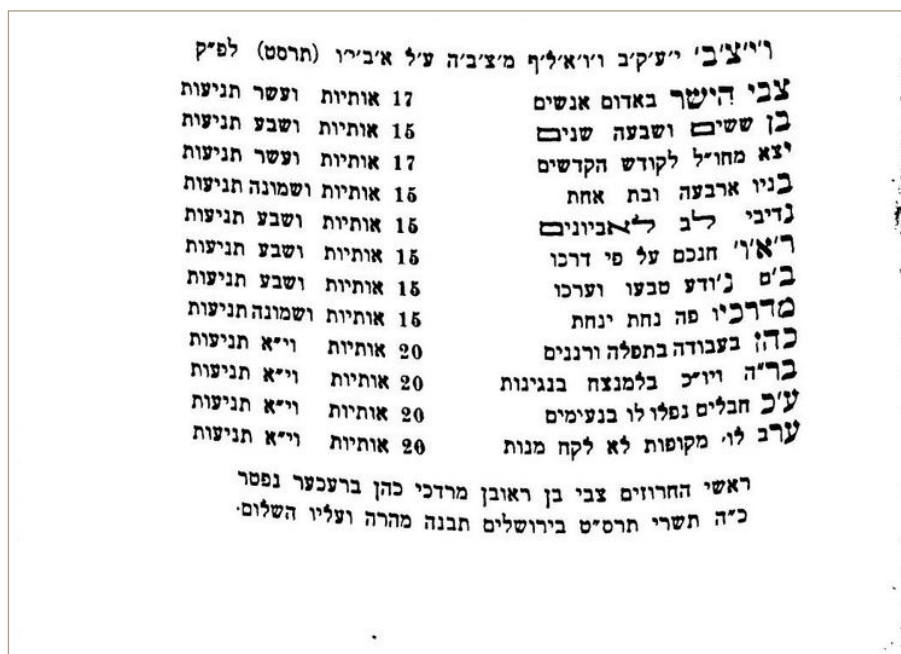
The rabbi R' Yaakov Zeev ben Aryeh of Stryj, Av Beit Din of Sereth, died 15 Iyar 5604 (4 May 1844). Siret, stone I-33.

LIKELY · Source: Siret Jewish cemetery survey (Jewish Galicia and Bukovina); family collection



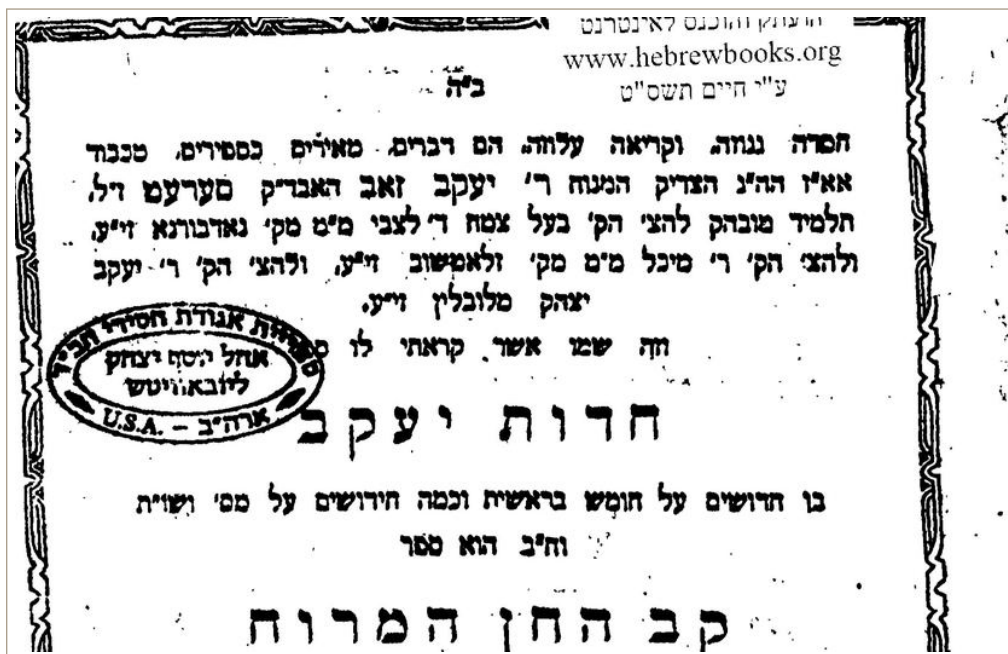
Rebbetzin Leah, daughter of Yebuda, wife of the rabbi of the town, died on the second day of Shavuot 5604 (26 May 1844). Siret, stone K-48.

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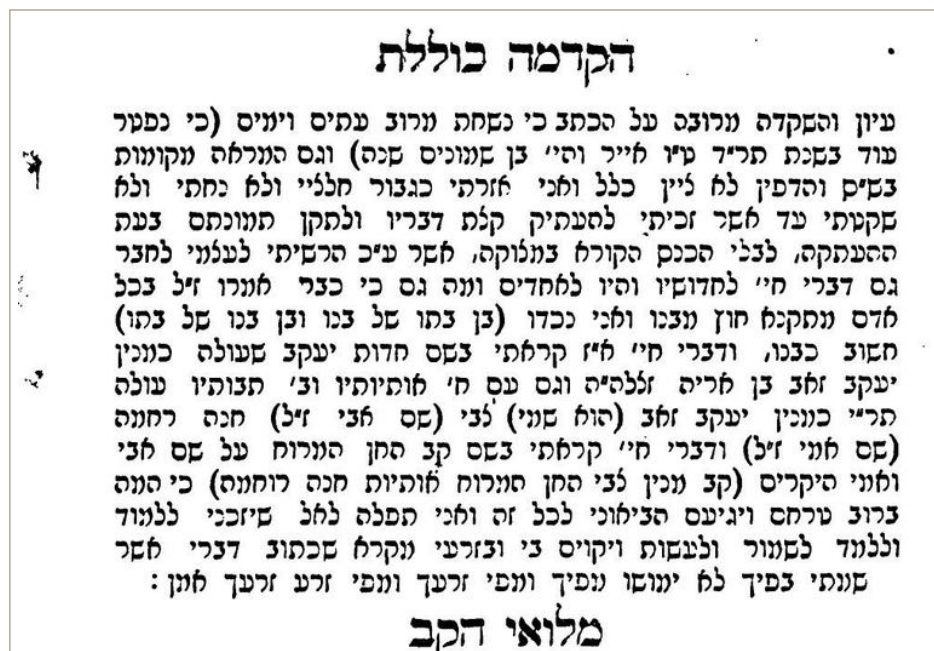
Epitaph composed by Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher for his father, printed in his book Sefer HaAdam. The first letters of the verses spell "Zvi son of Reuven Mordechai Kohen Brecher"; the note below records his death in Jerusalem on 25 Tishrei 5669 (20 October 1908), aged sixty-seven.

CONFIRMED · Source: Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher, Sefer HaAdam, p. 59 (HebrewBooks.org no. 26795)



Title page of *Chedvat Yaakov*, the Torah thoughts of Rabbi Yaakov Zeev, Rabbi of Siret (Sereth), described as a foremost disciple of Rabbi Zvi Hirsh of Nadwórna, Rabbi Yechiel Michel of Złoczów and Rabbi Yaakov Yitzchak of Lublin; published together with *Kav HaChen HaMeruach* by his descendant Yaakov Zeev HaKohen Brecher of Banila. Marghita, 1938.

CONFIRMED · Source: *Chedvat Yaakov / Kav HaChen HaMeruach* (Marghita: Moskovits Herman, 5698 [1938]), title page — HebrewBooks.org no. 32333; year from Be'er BaSadeh (Dirshu), Chayei Sarah 5782, p. 8



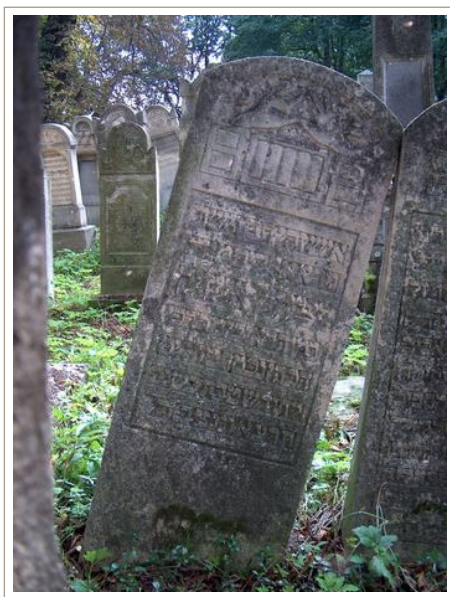
From the introduction to *Chedvat Yaakov*, the sermons of Rabbi Yaakov Zeev son of Aryeh, Rabbi of Siret (died 1844), published by his great-grandson Yaakov Zeev son of Zvi Brecher, who describes himself as "the son of the son of his daughter" and names his father Zvi and his mother Chana Ruchama.

LIKELY · Source: *Chedvat Yaakov* (Marghita), introduction, p. 6 (HebrewBooks.org no. 32333)

EISIG AND LEA IN RĂDĂUȚI

In the Jewish cemetery of Rădăuți stands the stone of Eisig (Yitzchak Aizik) Brecher HaKohen, son of Reuven Mordechai, who died on 19 January 1911 aged 79, and near it the stone of Lea Brecher, daughter of Binyamin Tzvi, wife of Eisig, who died on 16 January 1916 aged 85. Eisig is very probably Meir's father; no single record yet names them together.

The civil registers of Rădăuți, indexed name by name, add the outline of Eisig's family. A son, Riwen Mordche (Reuven Mordechai), was born on 1 March 1869 at Volovăț, beside Rădăuți, to Eisig Brecher and Lea Bernstein — six months after Reuven Mordechai HaKohen died in Siret, and bearing his name. The entry names both sets of grandparents (below); Eisig, born in Siret, was then a mill tenant at Volovăț, and Lea had been born in Czernowitz. Eisig Leib Brecher and Lea Bernstein re-registered their marriage before the civil authorities of Rădăuți on 15 March 1890. The same registers record both deaths, on the dates their stones give. Another son, Abraham, was born in Rădăuți in 1864; he married Mirjam Langsner of Mihăileni, and their children Regina (25 December 1891), Chaje (6 April 1893) and Mordke (11 June 1897) were born in Rădăuți, at house no. 1052. He is very probably the Abraham Brecher, husband of Miriam Langsner, who settled in New York (see the chapter on Markus and Abraham Brecher). **LIKELY**



The stone of Eisig (Yitzchak Aizik) Brecher HaKohen, son of Reuven Mordechai, who died 19 January 1911 aged 79. Rădăuți Jewish cemetery, plot 23, row 7.

LIKELY · Source: JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR), Rădăuți



The stone of Lea Brecher, daughter of Binyamin Tzvi, wife of Eisig, who died 16 January 1916 aged 85. Rădăuți, plot 23, row 9.

LIKELY · Source: JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR), Rădăuți

THE 1869 BIRTH ENTRY AT VOLOVĂȚ LIKELY

Child	Riwen Mordche (Reuven Mordechai) Brecher, born 1 March 1869, Volovăț
Father	Eisig (Eisig Leib) Brecher, born in Siret; mill tenant
Father's parents	Ruben Mordko Brecher and Rifka née Salzberger, of Siret
Mother	Lea née Bernstein, born in Czernowitz
Mother's parents	Benjamin Hersch Bernstein and Chaje née Frenkel, of Buczacz
Note	Birth legitimized by the parents' civil marriage, Rădăuți, 15 March 1890
Source	Bukovina births index (JewishGen Romania Database), from the Rădăuți Jewish civil registers, births vol. 1, p. 38

Lea's own parents were **Binyamin Tzvi (Benjamin Hersch) Bernstein and Chaje née Frenkel**, recorded as living in Buczacz, in Galicia, when their grandson was registered in 1869. Lea's stone in Rădăuți names her father as Binyamin Tzvi, which agrees with the register (Likely). Lea's son Abraham named his first son Hersch (Binyamin Tzvi), born in October 1888, and a daughter Chaje, born in April 1893; as children were named only for relatives who had died, Binyamin Tzvi had very probably died before October 1888 and Chaje before April 1893 (Likely). Their graves and parents are not known; no death record of the right age has been found for either of them in Czernowitz or Rădăuți.

RIWEN MORDCHE BRECHER OF GURA HUMORULUI

Eisig and Lea's son Riwen Mordche (Reuven Mordechai), born at Volovăț in 1869, settled in the Humor valley. On 17 March 1895 at Gura Humorului he married **Chana Itte (Hava-Jetty) Knobler**, aged 24, born in Buczacz in Galicia, the daughter of Israel Feiwisch (Srul) Knobler, a merchant of Gura Humorului, and Sure Judith (Sara Judit) née Frenkel. Riwen kept a tavern and by 1900 is described as an appointed official. Their children were registered at Mănăstirea Humorului and Gura Humorului.

RIWEN MORDCHE BRECHER AND CHANA ITTE KNOBLER CONFIRMED

Husband	Riwen Mordche (Reuven Mordechai) Brecher, b. 1 Mar 1869, Volovăț; son of Eisig (Isak) Brecher and Lea née Bernstein; d. 1942
Wife	Chana Itte (Hava-Jetty, Jutte) née Knobler, b. c. 1871 (1873 in the memorial book), Buczacș; d. 1941
Marriage	17 Mar 1895, Gura Humorului
Wife's parents	Israel Feiwisch (Srul) Knobler, b. c. 1841, Buczacș, son of Moses and Chaje Knobler; and Sure Judith née Frenkel, b. c. 1845, Buczacș (her parents Leibisch and Lea Frenkel of Buczacș LIKELY)
Children	Rivka, b. c. Oct 1892, d. 9 Apr 1900, Gura Humorului · Jakob Leib, b. 15 Sep 1895 · Moische, b. c. Jul 1896, d. 27 Oct 1896 (Likely) · Rebeka, b. 26 Sep 1899 · Clara, b. 23 Dec 1900 — all at Mănăstirea Humorului or Gura Humorului
Later years	The memorial book of Gura Humorului lists “Reuven Mordechai Brecher son of Isak, 1870–1942” and “Hava-Jetty née Knobler, daughter of Israel, 1873–1941”
Sources	Bukovina civil registers of Gura Humorului, births, marriages and deaths, indexed in the JewishGen Romania Database; Gura Humorului memorial book, list of the dead



Gura Humorului about 1910: the market square, with Mănăstirea Humorului (Kloster Humora) beyond — the town where Riwen Mordche Brecher and Chana Itte Knobler married in 1895 and raised their children.

Source: Gura Humorului memorial book

RĂDĂUȚI AND SIRET



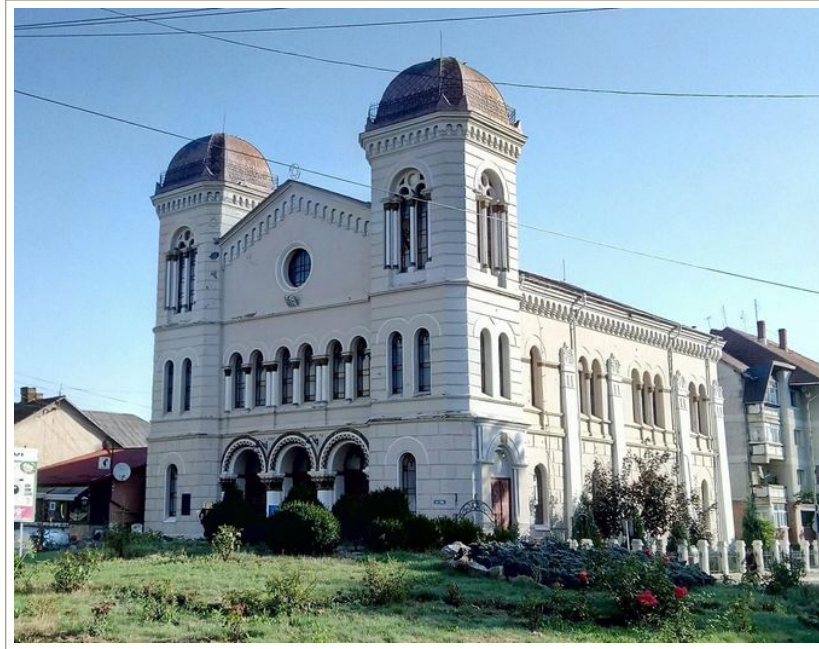
The town hall of Rădăuți (Radautz), photographed in September 1917.

Source: K.u.k. Kriegspressequartier, Lichtbildstelle Wien / Austrian National Library, Bildarchiv Austria (BildID 15666203), via Wikimedia Commons



The Jewish cemetery of Rădăuți in winter; the stones of Eisig and Lea Brecher stand here.

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The Great Synagogue of Rădăuți, opened in 1883 while Eisig Brecher lived in the town, as it stands today.

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The Great Synagogue of Siret (Sereth), built about 1840, as it stood in 2009.

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BRECHERS OF SIRET AND RĂDĂUȚI IN THE CZERNOWITZ PRESS

Hugo Gold's history of the Jews of Bukovina names Brecher among the established families in the list of Siret's citizens for 1840. The newspapers of Czernowitz, digitized by the Austrian National Library, show Brechers of Siret and Rădăuți through the following decades: Juda Brecher of Siret, a lessee of the state mills at Rădăuți in 1869; Chaim Joel Brecher, innkeeper at the Siret bridge in 1897 and later a merchant and liquor-licence lessee; Josef Brecher, a lawyer of Siret; Nora Brecher of Rădăuți, a translator; and Pepi Rudich née Brecher, who died in Rădăuți in 1906 aged 72. Their exact relationship to Eisig is not stated in any record found, and they are shown as possible kin.

Präsidium in Siret innerhalb des Konfuzer-
mines zu überreichen.
Siret, 27. Mai 1869. 297—3

Kundmachung.
Nr. 1010. Am 28. Juni 1869 wird bei der
k. k. Staatsgüter-Wirtschaftsdirektion zu
Rabag eine Offertverhandlung wegen Ver-
pachtung der durch den herbeigeführten Kon-
traktbruch der gegenwärtigen Pächter Eisig
Grabscheid aus Rabag und Juda Brecher aus
Siret eingezogenen nachbeschriebenen ober-
schlächtigen, aus weichen Materiale erbauten
ararischen Mahlmühlen auf die Zeit vom 1.
Juli bis Ende Dezember 1869 abgehalten
werden und zwar:

Bestandener jährlicher Pachtzins	Grund- und Banarea		Joch Dkstr.	fl.	kr.
wei Deutelsgängen	2	84	746	—	—
in Deutelsgange	1	1572	657	54	—
Deutelsgängen	1	681	800	—	—

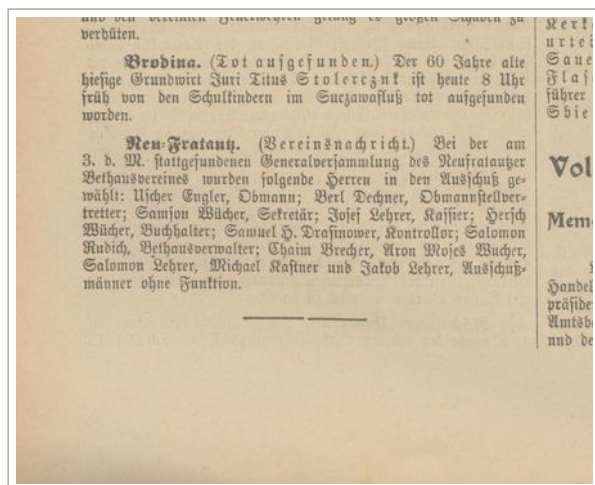
Notice of the state stud-farm administration at Rădăuți, June 1869: the mills formerly leased by Eisig Grabscheid of Rădăuți and Juda Brecher of Siret are offered for a new lease.

POSSIBLE · Source: Czernowitzer Zeitung, 13 June 1869, p. 1 — Austrian National Library, ANNO

Lehrer in zuvorkommendster Weise an die Hand
und so wäre diese Exkursion und Bahnfahrt
„soweit“ glänzend verlaufen.
Allein, nichts hat seine Lichtseiten allein!
„Gleich bei Ankunft an der Siretbrücke wurden
unsere Schulkinder mit einem Steinhagel von
Siretser Gassenjungen, unter welchen einige
aus besseren Häusern stammen, empfangen; mit
Gejohle und Gepsel wurde dann der Zug
durch die Stadt begleitet, und hörte daselbe
nur inmitten der Stadt auf kurze Zeit auf, um
beim Rückweg umgehender Loszubrechen. Unter
ununterbrochenem Steinhagel, Gepsel und
Gejohle langte endlich die kleine Schar mit
heiler Haut bei dem auf dem Tereblești
Territorium vor der Brücke gelegenen Gasthause
an, allwo sie von dem freundlichen Wirt
Chaim Joel Brecher und dessen Gattin auf das
liebendste zu urtheilen die Güte hatte. In der
Petersburger Zeitschrift „Kraj“ und daraus wieder
abgedruckt in der „Gazeta Polska“, Nr. 88 und
89 unter dem Titel „Sprawa polskana Buko-
winie“, ein Artikel über die Stellung der Polen
in der Bukowina, der auf irrigen Voraussetzungen
beruht. Unrichtig ist es, daß die Städte polnischen
Charakter zeigen, die deutsche Culturarbeit wird
ganz übersehen. Sehr interessante „Beiträge zur
Geschichte der ehemaligen Fürstentum Siret“ ver-
danken wir dem Lehrer J. W e s l o w s k i. Der-
selbe hat nämlich in der „Bukowiner Post“, Nr.
367, 370 u. 379 aus einem alten Grundbuche
des k. k. Bezirksgerichtes Siret die Verhandlungs-
acten mitgetheilt, welche 1782—1784 der An-
zusammenstellen
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Mittheilungen i
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June 1897: Chaim Joel Brecher and his wife, keepers of the inn at the Siret bridge on the Tereblești side, welcome a school excursion from Czernowitz.

POSSIBLE · Source: Bukowinaer Rundschau, 2 June 1897, p. 2 — Austrian National Library, ANNO



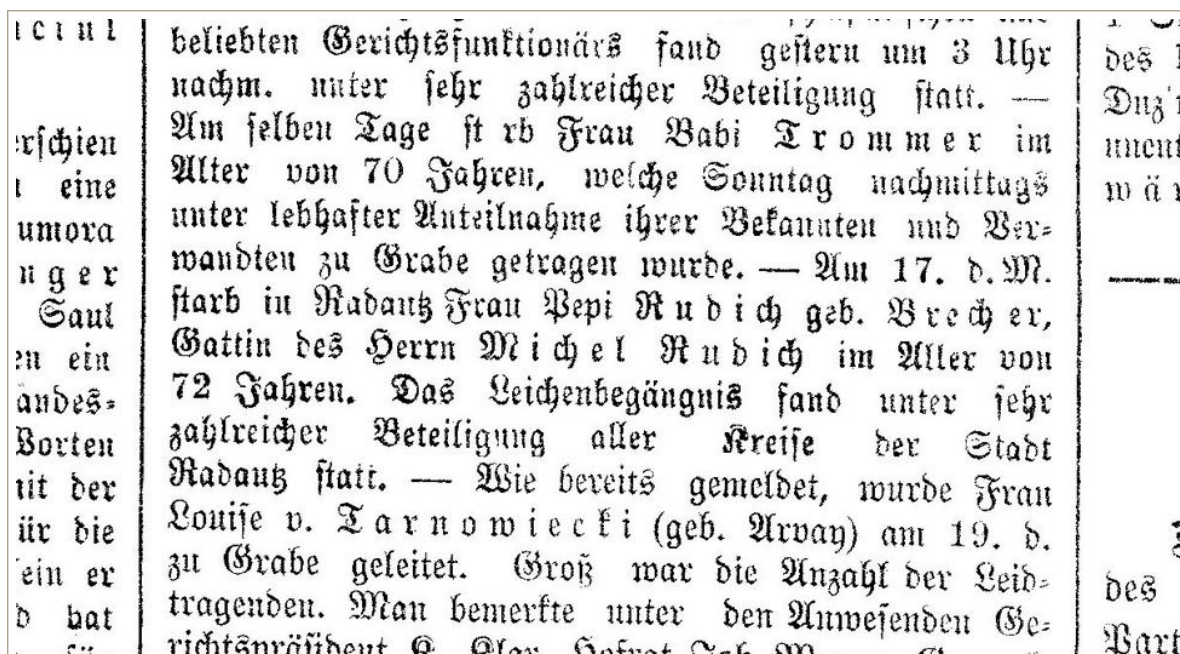
The committee of the Jewish prayer-house society of Neu-Fratautz, near Rădăuți, in 1904, with Chaim Brecher among its members; he served on it again in 1905, 1908 and 1913.

POSSIBLE · Source: Czernowitzer Tagblatt, 7 September 1904, p. 4 — Austrian National Library, ANNO



Court notice of July 1905: an auction held at the suit of Chaim Joel Brecher, merchant in Siret (Sereth).

POSSIBLE · Source: Czernowitzer Zeitung, 28 July 1905, p. 5 — Austrian National Library, ANNO



Notice of the death of Pepi Rudich, born Brecher, wife of Michel Rudich, at Rădăuți on 17 April 1906, aged 72 — a Brecher woman of Eisig's generation in the same town, perhaps his sister.

POSSIBLE · Source: Bukowinaer Post (Czernowitz), 24 April 1906, p. 3 — Austrian National Library, ANNO

One of these Brechers can be placed. A double stone in the Jewish cemetery of Rădăuți (plot 2, row 9) stands for **Chaim Yoel Brecher HaKohen, son of Avraham Yehuda HaKohen**, who died in Cheshvan 5702 (October–November 1941), and his wife **Chana, daughter of Yitzchak**, who died in Elul 5701 (August–September 1941). The rare name Avraham Yehuda HaKohen points to Reuven Mordechai’s son of that name, who died in Siret in 1894; this makes Chaim Yoel very probably a grandson of Reuven Mordechai and a first cousin of Meir. The Chaim Joel Brecher of the press notices above — the innkeeper at the Siret bridge in 1897, the Siret merchant of 1905 and the Kamenka firm of 1907 — is very probably the same man.



The double stone of Chaim Yoel Brecher HaKohen, son of Avraham Yehuda HaKohen (d. Cheshvan 5702, 1941), and his wife Chana, daughter of Yitzchak (d. Elul 5701, 1941). Jewish cemetery of Rădăuți, plot 2, row 9.

LIKELY · Source: JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR), Rădăuți Jewish cemetery

THE BANILA BRANCH: RABBI YAAKOV ZEEV WOLF BRECHER

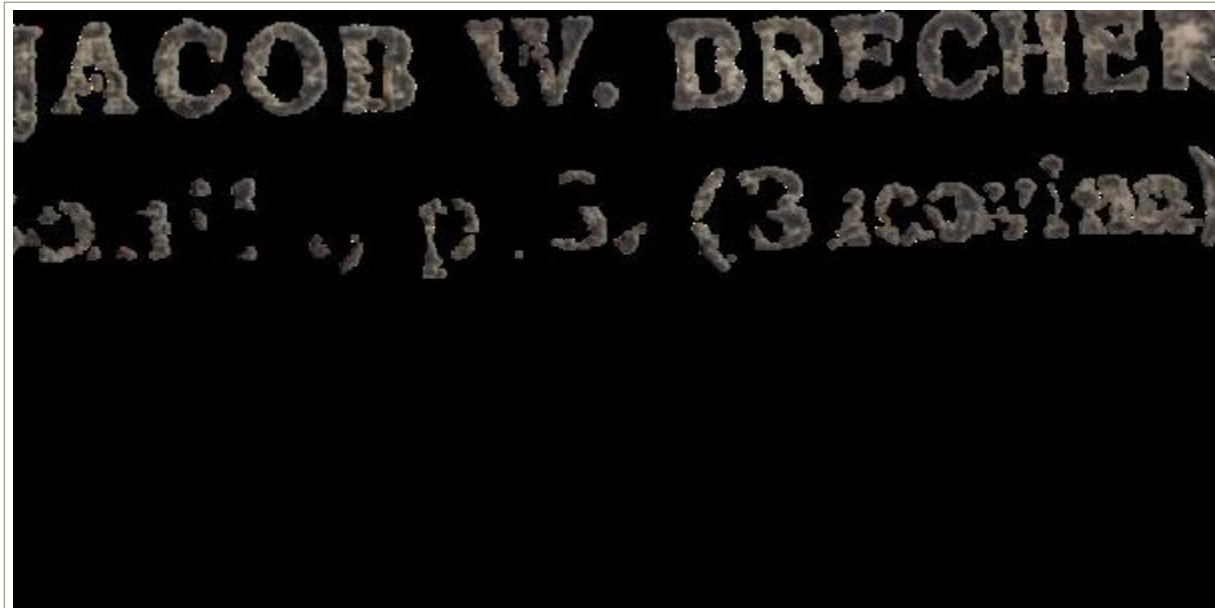
The Siret family of Reuven Mordechai HaKohen continued in print through his grandson Rabbi Yaakov Zeev Wolf (Jacob Wolf) Brecher HaKohen of Banila on the Siret, son of Zvi and Chana Ruchama, born in Banila in 1866. He was a student of Rabbi Pinchas Moshe Burstein, Av Beit Din of Sereth from 1881 until his death in November 1905, whose installation sermon he later printed. His books include Refuot HaTugah (Lemberg, 1902); Shiloh, two sermons in honour of Theodor Herzl and Nahum Sokolow (first printed in Lemberg in 1903, reprinted in Czernowitz in 1924); Sefer HaAdam, a book of moral verse that also prints the epitaph he wrote for his father; Katuv Yosher (Czernowitz, 1925); Parperaot LaMikraot (Marghita, about 1930); Chedvat Yaakov with Kav HaChen HaMeruach (Marghita, 1938), the teachings of his ancestor the rabbi of Sereth; and Kiyor Me’even Dar, issued after his death by one of his children. He died in Banila in 1941. **CONFIRMED**

One more book of his survives: Pshuto shel Mikra, printed in Marghita in 5703 (1942–43), a copy of which carries his own stamp, “Jacob W. Brecher, Banila”. In 1936 the Czernowitz Yiddish paper Dos Yidishe Vort twice names R’ Yaakov Brecher of Banila among the town’s supporters of the paper.



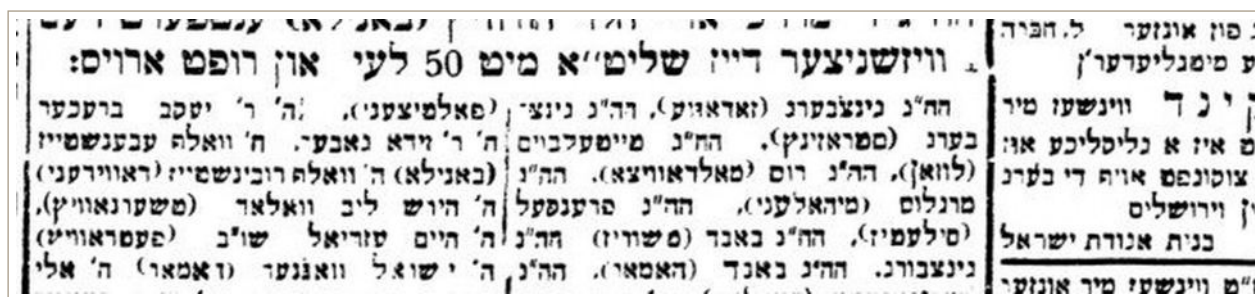
Title page of Pshuto shel Mikra, on the Torah, Prophets and Writings, by Rabbi Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher of Banila, printed by Moskovits Hermann in Marghita, dated 5703 (1942–43). The title page lists his earlier books: Refuot HaTe'ala u-Tzori HaDe'aga, Katuv Yosher, Shiloh, Ohalim, HaAdam and others. A book not found in the library catalogues.

CONFIRMED · Source: Tzolman's auction house, sale 63, 16 Jul 2023, lot 18



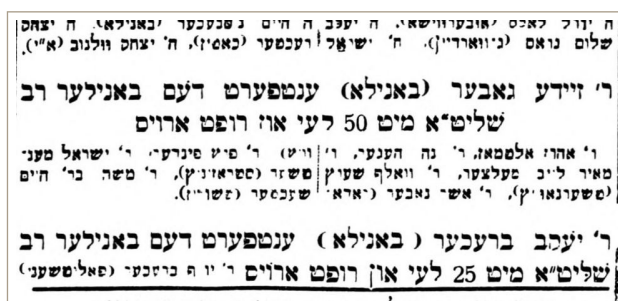
The author's own rubber stamp in the margin of the same copy: "JACOB W. BRECHER, Banila p/S. (Bucovina)".

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Dos Yidishe Vort (Czernowitz), 7 Feb 1936, p. 4: in the paper's "Press Ring", the rabbi of Banila, R' Mordechai Aryeh HaLevi Horowitz, names R' Yaakov Brecher first among the men of Banila.

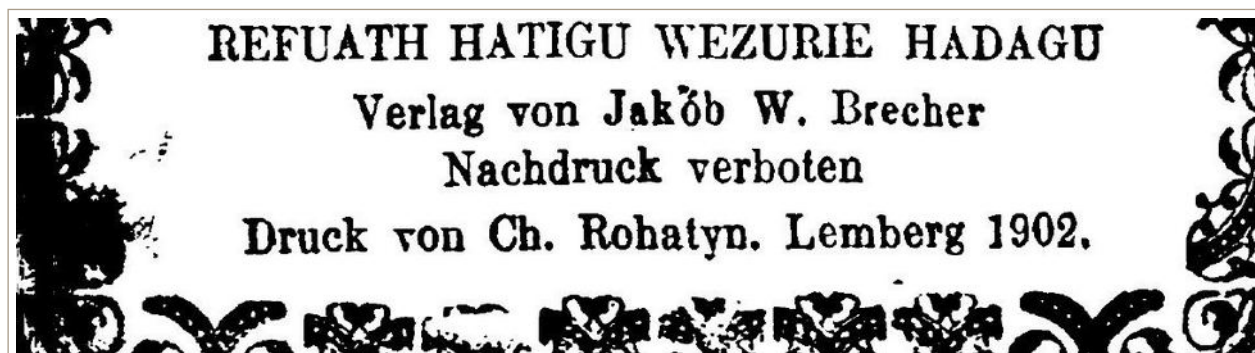
LIKELY · Source: Dos Yidishe Vort, Czernowitz, 1936



Dos Yidishe Vort (Czernowitz), 20 Mar 1936, p. 4: "R' Yaakov Brecher (Banila)" answers the rabbi of Banila with a gift of 25 lei for the paper and calls on R' Y. H. Brecher of Falticeni to follow.

LIKELY · Source: Dos Yidishe Vort, Czernowitz, 1936

Katuv Yosher opens with his own account of the war years. On 17 Sivan 5676 (18 June 1916), as the front drew near, he left Banila with eleven wagons, one of them for his son-in-law Aharon and his household, and spent the following years in Transylvania; by 1929 he was preaching in Banila again. In the same book he names his children: his son Reuven Mordechai, a gymnasium teacher and officer, who died on 28 Elul 5677 (15 September 1917) and carried the name of the Siret ancestor; a son, Mordechai; and a married daughter, the wife of Aharon, whose names beyond these are not given. **CONFIRMED**



Title page of Refuot HaTugah u-Tzori HaDe'agah, published by Jakob W. (Yaakov Zeev) Brecher, Lemberg (Lviv), 1902.

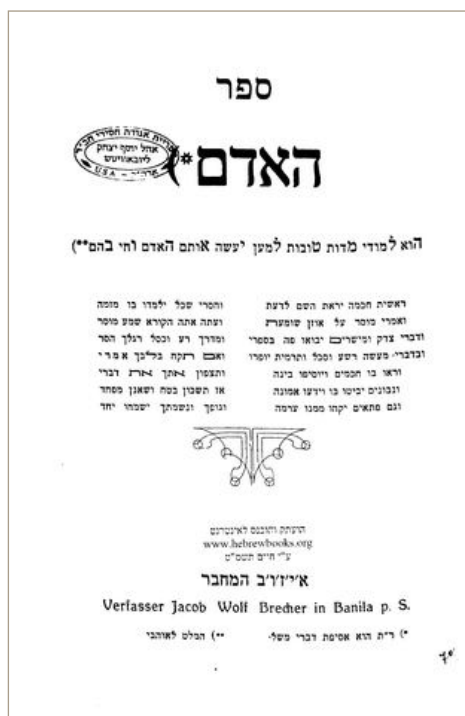
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קראתי שם הספר שיל"ה ר"ת שתי ידות לקרש (לקשר) האחד
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 ועיין רש"י גם יבא שילה מנין משיח.

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From Shiloh (first printed in Lemberg, 1903; reprinted in Czernowitz, 1924), sermons preached in Mihăileni and signed "Yaakov Zeev Brecher", author of Refuot Ha Tugah and other works; the title is the numerical value of "Yaakov Zeev ben Zvi".

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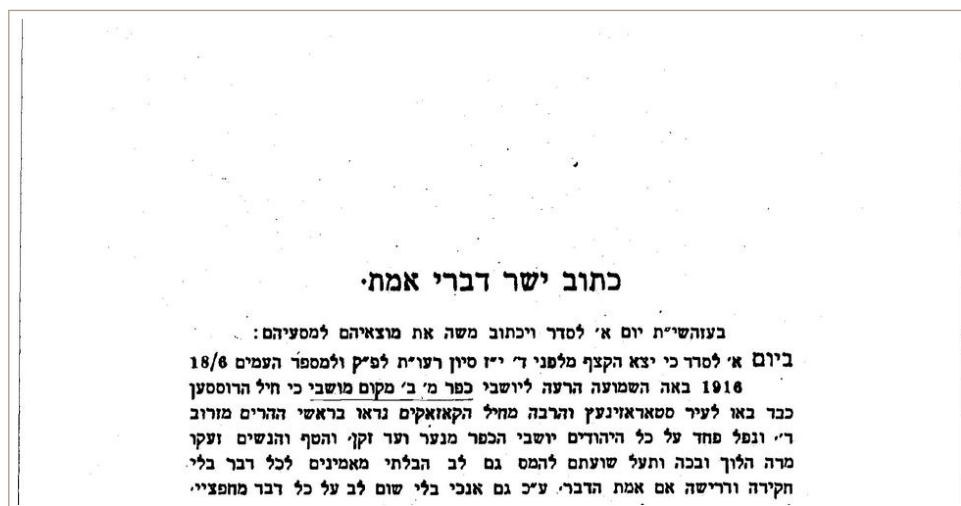
Inner title page and imprint of Katuv Yosher Divrei Emet by Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher, printed in Czernowitz in 5685 (1925).

CONFIRMED · Source: Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher, Katuv Yosher Divrei Emet (Czernowitz, 5685 [1925]) — HebrewBooks.org no. 7511, scan p. 4



Title page of Sefer HaAdam, a book of moral verse by Jacob Wolf (Yaakov Zeev) Brecher of Banila on the Siret, with the German line "Verfasser Jacob Wolf Brecher in Banila". The book also prints the epitaph he composed for his father Zvi (1908).

CONFIRMED · Source: Sefer HaAdam (n.d., after 1908), title page — HebrewBooks.org no. 26795



Opening of the memoir in Katuv Yosher: on 17 Sivan 5676 (18 June 1916) the author left Banila with eleven wagons, one of them for his son-in-law Aharon and his family.

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הכרים והכסתות גם הארגו עם כל המלבושים היקרים שהשארתי אצל הערלת
נגנבו - (היא אמרה כי הרוססען לקחום) וההיזק רב, והכל חרב - אבל מה זאת
לעומת ההיזק הרב הגדול והנורא אשר עונותי גרמו וגמול ידי שלם לי כי ביום
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ונשים בבית היולדות ונוכרתי שעלי לשלם נדר שנדרתי אשר באם אמצא

From *Katuv Yosher*: the passage in which the author records the death of his son Reuven Mordechai, officer and gymnasium teacher, on 28 Elul 5677 (15 September 1917), and names his son Mordechai.

CONFIRMED · Source: Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher, *Katuv Yosher Divrei Emet* (Czernowitz, 5685 [1925]) — HebrewBooks.org no. 7511, p. 12 (scan p. 15)



Title page of *Parperaot LaMikraot* by the same author, listing his earlier books; printed by Moskovits Hermann, Marghita, Romania, about 1930.

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ספד

כּיּוֹר מֵאֵבֶן דָּר, וְנֵר מֵאִיר בְּכַד

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אוֹתִיּוֹת שְׁמוֹ בְּחֵרוּזִים.

Title page of Kiyor Me'even Dar, written by Rabbi Yaakov Zeev Brecher in memory of his son Reuven Mordechai, who died on 28 Elul 5677 (15 September 1917). The son carried the name of the family's Siret ancestor, Reuven Mordechai HaKohen.

LIKELY · Source: Yaakov Zeev Brecher, Kiyor Me'even Dar — HebrewBooks.org no. 32768

PART V

Wahrsager and Unger



*Anne's family — Chyrów and Dobromil in Galicia, Germany, New
York and Florida*

Elias Wahrsager and Malka Unger

Chyrów, Dobromil, Berlin and the Bronx

Elias (Elisha) Wahrsager was born on 23 May 1880 in Chyrów, in Austrian Galicia — his draft card of 1942 and his Social Security claim give 23 May 1879 — a son of HaRav Gavriel HaKohen Gottesdiener of Chyrów, whose name is on Elias’s gravestone (Confirmed). His wife Malka (Mollie) Unger was born on 2 March 1880 in Dobromil, a few miles away; her father was Aryeh Leib — in full, Yehuda Aryeh — Unger. Their eldest child, Sabina (Sara), was probably born on 1 September 1906 in Dobromil: her Social Security record, which carries both her names, gives that date, and the ship’s list of 1927 makes her twenty and born in Dobromil (Likely). Her husband’s declaration of 1934 gives 1 May 1908 in Berlin, but no Berlin birth of hers is indexed, and her sister Röschen was born in Berlin on 29 April 1908. Kallmann (Charles) was born in Berlin on 30 September 1909 and Anne on 1 November 1914.

Elias’s name appears in the Berlin address books every year from 1909 to 1919, except 1911, at Saarbrücker Straße 33 in the north of the city — in the second rear building, second floor — as a leather worker, in 1916–17 as a cardboard-box worker and in 1918 as a trader.

ELIAS AND MALKA WAHRSAGER AND THEIR CHILDREN

Elias (Elisha) Wahrsager HaKohen, b. 23 May 1880, Chyrów; son of Gavriel HaKohen; d. 11 Dec 1954, Bronx = **Malka (Mollie) Unger**, b. 2 Mar 1880, Dobromil; daughter of Yehuda Aryeh (Leib) Unger; d. 3 Tammuz 5723 = 25 Jun 1963

Sabina (Sara), b. 1 Sep 1906, probably Dobromil (1 May 1908, Berlin, in her husband’s 1934 declaration); d. Apr 1988, the Bronx = (14 Dec 1929) Paul Schiff, b. 10 May 1899/1900, Galicia; d. 18/19 Sep 1989, Bronx. Daughters: Rita, Arlene **LIKELY**

Kallmann (Charles), b. 30 Sep 1909, Berlin; furrier, Bronx; d. 20 Mar 1996, Riverdale, Bronx = Ruth née Seltzer (d. 16 Mar 2012 **LIKELY**). Children: Stewart, Frances Marsha

Anne (Chana Pessel), b. 1 Nov 1914, Berlin (1913, Germany, in her father’s petition); d. 23 Jan 1997 = Alex (Shimshon) Brecher

EARLIER WAHRSAGERS AND OHERS OF CHYRÓW

An earlier Elias Wahrsager of Chyrów — Jacob Lische (Yaakov Elisha), a merchant — and his wife Chana Pessel née Oher (c. 1812–1898) were very probably the grandparents of Elias Wahrsager born in 1880, through his mother, a Wahrsager: he bore his grandfather’s name, and Anne’s Hebrew name, Chana Pessel, is her great-grandmother’s **LIKELY**. Their daughter Hinde Glasberg née Wahrsager, born about 1842, died at Drohobycz on 20 March 1905; when her son Jacob Elische was born there in 1882, his birth entry named her father as “the

late merchant Jacob Lische Wahrsager” and her mother Chane as living in Chyrów. So Lische had died before January 1882 **CONFIRMED**. Hinde’s children were Chaja Lea (c. 1867–1934), Machle (b. 1877), Keile Sara (1879–80) and Jacob Elische (1882–90). Between about 1880 and 1882 several boys in Wahrsager-descended families were named Elisha or Jacob Elisha, among them Elias (born in May 1880) and Hinde’s son Jacob Elische (1882). As a child was named after a relative who had died, this suggests that Jacob Lische Wahrsager died about 1878–80, and that Elias was probably his grandson through his mother (Likely, from family naming).

Chana Pessel was the daughter of Hersch (Tzvi) Oher, timber merchant of Chyrów, and his wife Chaja, as her death entry of 1898 records; in the 1853 property survey of Chyrów, Hersch Oher held house no. 29, a dwelling with a workshop that he had inherited, and an earlier Elias (Lische) Wahrsager held house no. 207. The same 1853 survey lists a Jankel Gottesdiener holding houses 36 and 37, a dwelling and a workshop, as an established resident of Chyrów; whether he was related to R’ Gavriel Gottesdiener is not known. Source: All Galicia Database (Gesher Galicia), Chyrów Property Owners 1853 (Central State Historical Archives, Lviv, fond 186, opis 2, sprava 587) and Chyrów Tabula Register 1803–1855. **LIKELY**



Chyrów on the Austrian cadastral survey of 1853. House no. 207 in the town centre belonged to an earlier Elias (Lische) Wahrsager, not Anne’s father, a generation or two before the Elias Wahrsager born in Chyrów in 1880.

POSSIBLE - Source: Cadastral map of Chyrów, 1853, Central State Historical Archive of Ukraine in Lviv, fond 186 (Gesher Galicia Maps Project)

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The death of Chane Pessel Wahrsager, née Ober, widow of Elisha (Lisch) Wahrsager, a merchant of Chyrow, recorded at Drohobycz on 7 January 1898 at the age of 86. The names Elisha and Chana Pesel return in the next generations as Elias Wahrsager and his daughter Anne (Chana Pesel).

POSSIBLE · Source: Jewish civil registers of Drohobycz, deaths 1898, Archiwum Główne Akt Dawnych, Warsaw, fond 300 (JRI-Poland)

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The death of Hinde Glasberg, née Wahrsager, recorded at Drohobycz on 20 March 1905 at the age of 63. The register names her parents as Lische (Elisha) and Chana Wahrsager of Chyrów — the same couple as Chane Pessel Wahrsager. Her place in the family of Elias Wahrsager is possible but not established.

CONFIRMED · Source: Jewish civil registers of Drohobycz, deaths 1905, p. 16 no. 80, Archiwum Główne Akt Dawnych, Warsaw, fond 300, album 2400 (JRI-Poland)

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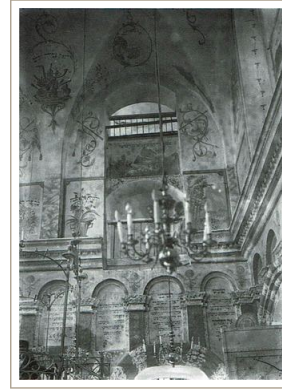
Birth of Jacob Elische Glasberg, Drohobycz, 1882: his mother Hinde is entered as the daughter of "the late merchant Jacob Lische Wahrsager" and of Chane, living in Chyrów.

CONFIRMED · Source: Jewish civil registers of Drohobycz, births 1882 (JRI-Poland)



The wooden synagogue of Chyrów, the town of Elias Wahrsager's birth.

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The synagogue of Dobromil, the town of Malka Unger's birth, on a postcard of about 1910.

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The market square of Dobromil around 1910, with the printing house of Abraham Turk.

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Jewish shops on the main street of Dobromil in the 1920s.

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Dobromil, Malka Unger's birthplace, in Adar I 5689 (February 1929): the leaders of the Agudath Yisrael youth, photographed for the wedding of their chairman.

Source: Holocaust memorial records, Photo Archive, Jerusalem, 3393/4



Gavriel Gottesdiener (Katz) of Chyrów, named in the same family tree as Elias's father; Elias's gravestone names his father as Gavriel HaKohen.

POSSIBLE · Source: Family tree photograph (MyHeritage family tree, copied to Geni.com, 2015)



Elias (Elisha) Wahrsager as a young man, cut from a group photograph. Identification: family tree kept by descendants of Todres Gottesdiener.

LIKELY · Source: Family tree photograph (MyHeritage family tree, copied to Geni.com, 2015)



Sara Mindel Gottesdiener, identified in a descendants' family tree as the mother of Elias.

LIKELY · Source: Family tree photograph (MyHeritage family tree, copied to Geni.com, 2015)

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The Berlin address book for 1909: "Wahrsager, Elias", leather worker, Saarbrücker Straße 33, Berlin N 37. He is listed at the same address every year until 1919.

CONFIRMED · Source: Berliner Adreßbuch, Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin, 1909

76,	Robert, Tapez., O 112, Finowstr. 14 H. II.
	Währmann, Hugo, Schlosser, N 39, Wogenstr. 9.
101	Wahrsager, Elias, Lederarb., N 37, Saarbrücker Str 33 H. II.
102	Wahrn, Wilhelm, Kaufm., S 14, Dresdener Str. Nr. 26 Gh. III.

The Berlin address book for 1914, the year of Anne's birth in Berlin: Elias Wahrsager, leather worker, Saarbrücker Straße 33.

CONFIRMED · Source: Berliner Adreßbuch, Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin, 1914

— Robert, Tapez., O 112, Finowstr. 14 H. II.
Währmann, Hugo, Schlosser, N 39, Wogenstr. 9.
Wahrmuth, Hermann, Maurer, Neulönn, Seelower Straße 4.
Wahrsager, Elias, Kartonnagearb., N 37, Saarbrücker Str 33, 2. H. II.
Wahrn, Paul, Dreher, SO 23, Walbemarstr. 29 H.

The Berlin address book for 1917: "Wahrsager, Elias, Kartonnagearbeiter" (cardboard-box worker), Saarbrücker Straße 33.

CONFIRMED · Source: Berliner Adreßbuch, Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin, 1917, p. 3118

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— Wilhelm, Kaufm., S 14, Dresdener Str. 26 Gh. III.	—
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The Berlin address book for 1918: Elias Wahrsager, now "Handelsmann" (tradesman), still at Saarbrücker Straße 33.

CONFIRMED · Source: Berliner Adreßbuch, Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin, 1918, p. 3009

11	Robert, Tapez., O 112, Finowstr. 14 H. II.
12	Währmann, Hugo, Schlosser, N 39, Wogenstr. 9.
24	Wahrsager, Elias, Lederarb., N 37, Saarbrücker Str 33, 2. H. II.
18	Wahrn, Paul, Dreher, SO 23, Walbemarstr. 29 H.
38	— Wilhelm, Kaufm., S 14, Dresdener Str. 26 Gh. III.
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The Berlin address book for 1919, the last year in which Elias Wahrsager appears at Saarbrücker Straße 33.

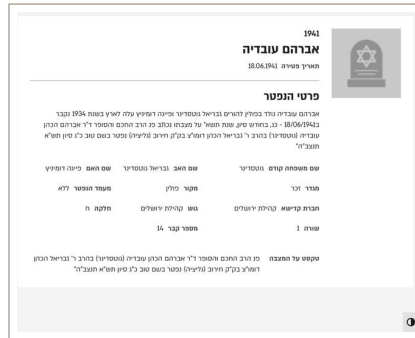
CONFIRMED · Source: Berliner Adreßbuch, Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin, 1919

THE GOTTESDIENER FAMILY OF CHYRÓW

A family tree kept by descendants of the Gottesdiener family of Chyrów records Elias as "Elisha, Elias Gottesdiener (Wahrsager)", with his wife Malka and the children Ann (wife of Alex Brecher), Kalman and Sabina (wife of Paul Schiff), and names his parents as Gavriel Gottesdiener (Katz) and Mindel; "Katz" is the Kohen name that Elias's stone confirms. POSSIBLE

The Jewish birth, marriage and death registers of Chyrów itself are not known to survive, so Elias's own birth entry, which would name his mother, has not been found.

Elias's father, Gavriel HaKohen, is named in print as **HaRav Gavriel HaKohen Gottesdiener, the Rav of Chyrów**. The words come from the Tel Aviv paper HaBoker of 19 Jun 1941 (and the same report in HaSha'ah of 18 Jun 1941), announcing the early death in Jerusalem of Gavriel's son **Dr Avraham Ovadia (Gottesdiener)**, who was buried on the Mount of Olives. A Polish Jewish weekly of 1932, Tygodnik Żydowski of Tarnów, had already described Dr Gottesdiener as born in Chyrów, the son of the town's rabbi, ordained himself, and later a doctor of the Lwów university and a teacher at the Tachkemoni schools in Białystok and Warsaw.



The Mount of Olives burial card of Dr Avraham HaKohen Ovadia (Gottesdiener), son of HaRav Gavriel HaKohen, dayan of Chyrów: died 23 Sivan 5701 (18 June 1941); Kehillat Yerushalayim block, plot ט, row 1, grave 14, with the words of his stone.

CONFIRMED · Source: Mount of Olives grave register (City of David), card 33138

הלוית ד"ר אברהם עובדיה

מאות אנשים — ביניהם רבנים, סופרים ועסקנים חרדים, פקידי המוסדות הלאומיים, ב"כ ארגון הסוחרים ונוער דתי לרוב — באו לחלוק את הכבוד האחרון לד"ר אברהם עובדיה (גוטסדינר) ז"ל.

ההלוי יצא מבית המנוח ברחביה אתמול בשעה 12 וליד הבית הספיד הרב חרל"ס, הרב עמיאל והרב יוסף ורטהיים.

מנהל המחלקה לבעלי מלאכה ולמסחר זעיר בסוכנות היהודית.

ד"ר עובדיה המנוח, היה בן 44, בנו של הרב גבריאל הכהן גוטסדינר, הרב של חירוב, והיה ממיסדי תנועת ה"מזרחי" העולמית וכיום אחד ממנהיגי "המזרחי" בארץ. היה חבר ההנהלה של תנועת תורה ועבודה העולמית, חבר הועד הראשי של "המזרחי", חבר ועד

The death of Dr Avraham Ovadia (Gottesdiener), "son of HaRav Gavriel HaKohen Gottesdiener, the Rav of Chyrów", reported in HaBoker, Tel Aviv, 19 Jun 1941.

CONFIRMED · Source: HaBoker, 19 Jun 1941 (National Library of Israel, Historical Jewish Press)

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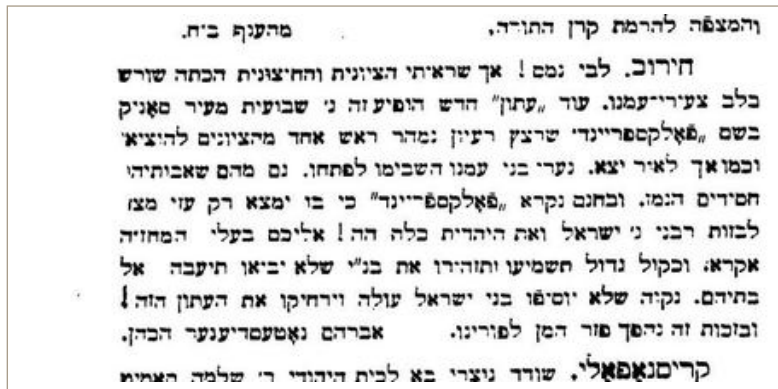
ד"ר אברהם עובדיה (גוטסדינר) הכהן ז"ל

עם חתימת הגליון נתקבלה הידיעה המדהימה על מות החבר ד"ר עובדיה, והוא עדיין בעצם ימיו ובעצם פריחתה של פעולתו הציונית והספרותית.

ד"ר עובדיה גולד לאביו הדיין בעיר חירוב אשר בגליציה המזרחית, ובבית אביו זה קיבל את חינוכו בתורה ובעבודה. עוד מילדותו הצטיין ד"ר עובדיה בכשרונותיו הגדולים ובשכלו הישר, ובעודנו צעיר הצטיין בידיעתו בתורה וגם קיבל סמיכה להוראה. אבל הוא שאף גם לדעת עולם, הלך לוינה ונתקבל שם באוניברסיטה, וגמר את הפקולטה לפילוסופיה ונכתר בתואר ד"ר.

Obituary of Dr Avraham Ovadia in HaOlam, 1941, naming his father Gavriel, rabbinic judge of Chyrów.

CONFIRMED · Source: HaOlam, 1941 (National Library of Israel, Historical Jewish Press)



A letter from Chyrów signed "Avraham Gottesdiener HaKohen", printed in Machzikei HaDas in 1911.

LIKELY · Source: Machzikei HaDas, 1911 — National Library of Israel, Historical Jewish Press

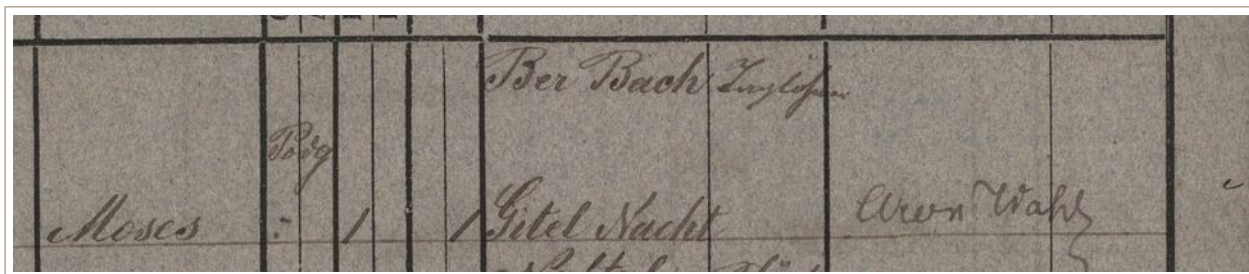
Todres made wallets and leather cases. He lived in Kraków from about 1900 and in Vienna from 1909. His wife was **Feige (Friga, Franja) née Kleinmann** of Radomyśl, daughter of Mendel and Chaja Kleinmann; their civil marriage was registered in Vienna on 6 Sep 1914. Their sons Emanuel and Meilech (Emil) were born in Kraków, and the Kraków birth entries name Todres as "of Suszyca, district of Stare Miasto", the villages beside Chyrów. Feige died in Vienna on 23 Apr 1931, aged 54, at Rembrandtstraße 24. Todres died in Vienna on 30 Oct 1941, aged 65, and was buried on 4 Nov 1941. An older family account gives his death as 1940; the cemetery register gives 30 Oct 1941.

TODRES (THEODOR) GOTTESDIENER

Born	c. 1876, Chyrów (from age 65 at death)
Father	HaRav Gavriel HaKohen Gottesdiener, Rav of Chyrów (Likely)
Trade	maker of wallets and cases, Kraków, then Vienna
Wife	Feige (Friga) née Kleinmann of Radomyśl, d. 23 Apr 1931, Vienna, aged 54
Her grave	Vienna Zentralfriedhof, Gate IV, group 16c, row 4, grave 19
Sons	Emanuel, b. 19 Jul 1900, Kraków; Meilech (Emil), b. 1902, Kraków
Died	30 Oct 1941, Vienna, aged 65; buried 4 Nov 1941
His grave	Vienna Zentralfriedhof, Gate IV, group 21, row 38, grave 55

A GOTTESDIENER FAMILY IN PRZEMYŚL

Another family of the name lived in Przemyśl. Pesche (Pesia) Gottesdiener and her husband Naftali Reich, a merchant, had a son, Jacob Hersch, born there in November 1861 in house no. 241 **CONFIRMED**, and a daughter, Freida, who married into the Dominitz family in Przemyśl in 1898 — the family of Gavriel’s second wife. How Pesche was related to Gavriel is not known. **POSSIBLE**

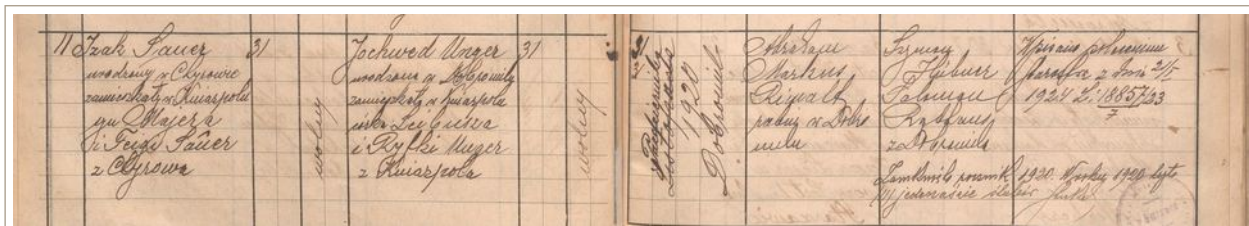


Birth of Jacob Hersch, son of Naftal Reich, merchant, and Pesche Gottesdiener, Przemyśl, November 1861 (entry 222, house no. 241).

CONFIRMED · Source: Przemyśl Jewish birth register, 1861

MALKA’S FAMILY

Malka’s sister was very likely **Jochwed Unger**, born in Dobromil about 1889, daughter of Leib (Leibusz) and Ryfka Unger of Kniażpol. She married Izak Sauer of Chyrów, son of Majer and Feiga Sauer, at Dobromil on 31 Oct 1920, before Rabbi Abraham Markus Rimalt (Likely).



Marriage of Izak Sauer and Jochwed Unger, daughter of Leib and Ryfka Unger of Kniażpol, Dobromil, 31 Oct 1920.

LIKELY · Source: Dobromil Jewish marriage register 1915–1940, entry 11 of 1920

IN AMERICA

Elias went ahead to America. He sailed from Antwerp to Canada on the S.S. Grampian in December 1920, giving his father, “Gawriel Warsager” of Chyrów, as his nearest relative at home, and crossed into the United States in January 1921, a leather worker leaving Malka in Europe; in 1922 he declared his intention to become a citizen, a pocket-book maker at 136 East Broadway, and he was naturalized on 14 March 1927, with Morris and Abraham Glasser of 1948 Prospect Avenue, the Bronx, as his witnesses. That September Malka sailed from Southampton on the SS Majestic with Sabina (listed as Sarah, aged 20), Kallmann and Anna, to join him at 48

The family settled in the Bronx, a few streets from the Brechers. Sabina married Paul Schiff, a decorator from Galicia, at 953 Fox Street on 14 December 1929. In 1930 Elias, Malka, Charles and Anne were counted together in the Bronx; in 1940 Elias, Malka and Charles lived at 1035 Tiffany Street, and in 1942 Elias, then past sixty, registered for the draft from 1702 Clay Avenue, where he and Malka still lived in 1950. Charles, a furrier, married Ruth née Seltzer; in 1950 they lived in the Bronx with their son Stewart, and their daughter was Frances Marsha (1951–1995).

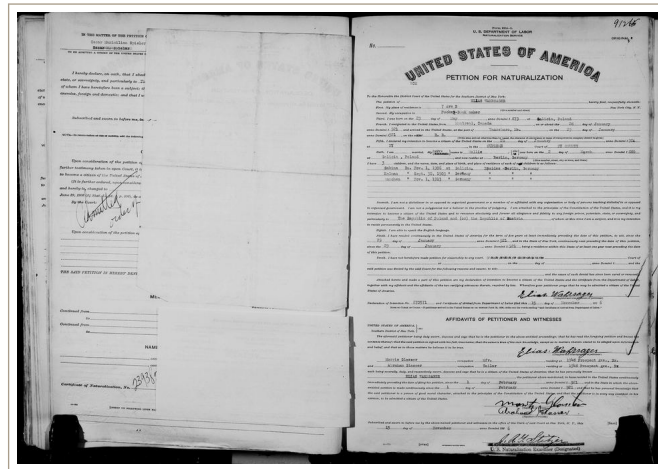
Charles died on 20 March 1996 in Riverdale, the Bronx, and is buried in Beth Moses Cemetery, in the plot of the Sinai Fraternal Order; Ruth (28 April 1920 – 16 March 2012) lies in the same society plot. In 1940 Paul and Sabina Schiff lived on East 172nd Street with their daughters Rita and Arlene; Sabina died in April 1988 and Paul on 18 September 1989 (19 September by his memorial), and both are buried in Mount Moriah Cemetery, Fairview, New Jersey (Likely). Elias died on 17 Kislev 5715 (11 December 1954, in the Bronx) and Malka on 3 Tammuz 5723 (25 June 1963) in the town of Ramapo, Rockland County, near Monsey, the date on her gravestone and in the New York State death index. Both are buried in Lakeside Memorial Park, Florida.

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CONFIRMED · Source: St. Albans District manifests (NARA M1464), U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch)

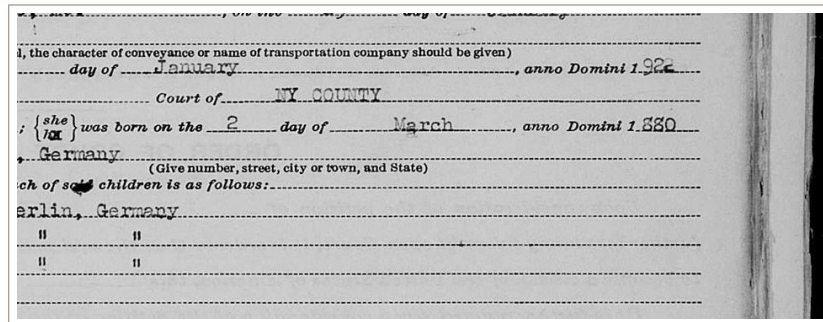
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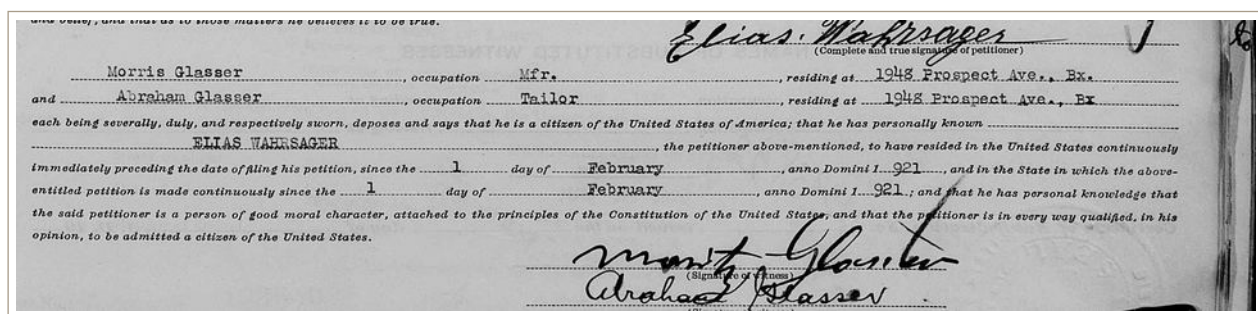
Elias Wahrsager's Petition for Naturalization, no. 91265, filed 15 November 1926: his wife Mollie, born 2 March 1880, and their children.

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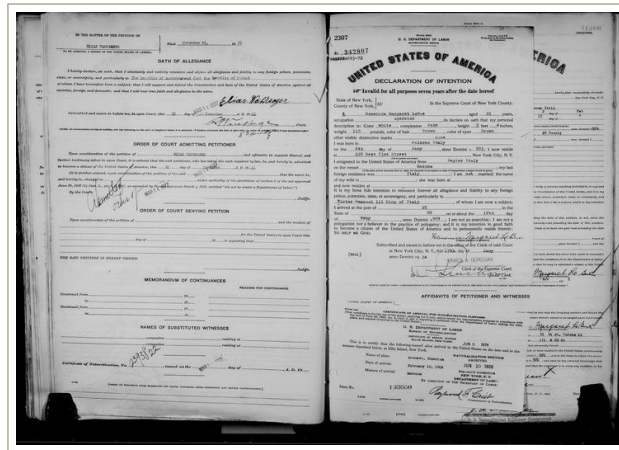
Detail of the 1926 petition: the children's names, dates and places of birth.

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The witnesses on Elias Wahrsager's 1926 petition for naturalization: Morris Glasser, a manufacturer, and Abraham Glasser, a tailor, both of 1948 Prospect Avenue in the Bronx, who swore they had known him since February 1921.

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Elias Wahrsager's oath of allegiance, admitted to citizenship 14 March 1927, certificate no. 2393822.

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The White Star liner Majestic leaving Southampton in 1925, two years before Malka Wahrsager and her children crossed on her to join Elias in New York.

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LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES														
ALL ALIENS arriving at a port of continental United States from a foreign port or a part of the insular possessions of the United States, and all aliens arriving at a port of said insular possessions from a foreign port, a part of continental United States (this white sheet is for the listing of)														
S.S. "MAJESTIC" Passengers sailing from SOUTHAMPTON, 1927														
No. on List	NAME IN FULL	Age	Sex	Color of hair	Color of eyes	Place of birth	Country	City or town	Immigration Fee Paid	Issued at	Date	Country	City or town	Last permanent residence
25	BRADMAN, FRANK	18	M	Brown	Blue	Poland	Poland	Warsaw	1.00	NO. 1	1927	Poland	Warsaw	Warsaw
26	BRADMAN, FRANK	18	M	Brown	Blue	Poland	Poland	Warsaw	1.00	NO. 2	1927	Poland	Warsaw	Warsaw
27	BRADMAN, FRANK	18	M	Brown	Blue	Poland	Poland	Warsaw	1.00	NO. 3	1927	Poland	Warsaw	Warsaw
28	BRADMAN, FRANK	18	M	Brown	Blue	Poland	Poland	Warsaw	1.00	NO. 4	1927	Poland	Warsaw	Warsaw
29	BRADMAN, FRANK	18	M	Brown	Blue	Poland	Poland	Warsaw	1.00	NO. 5	1927	Poland	Warsaw	Warsaw

Malka Wahrsager crossed from Southampton to New York on the Majestic in September 1927 with three of her children, Sarah (later Sabina), Kallmann (Charles) and Anna (Anne), aged 13. The list gives Dobromil as the birthplace of Malka and Sarah (Sabina), and Berlin for the two younger children.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York passenger lists (NARA T715), U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch)

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The second page of the 1927 list: Malka and the children were going to Elias Wahrsager at 48 Clinton Street on the Lower East Side.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York passenger lists (NARA T715), U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch)



48 Clinton Street, Lower East Side, about 1940: the address to which Malka Wahrsager and her children came in September 1927.

CONFIRMED · Source: NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives

THE CITY OF NEW YORK. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.		STATE OF NEW YORK.		No. of Certificate 232	
CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF MARRIAGE					
(Groom) Paul Schiff		(Bride) Sabina Wahrsager			
N.Y.C.		N.Y.C.			
Age 27		Age 28			
Color White		Color White			
Single		Single			
Occupation Decorator		Occupation Single			
Birthplace Austria		Birthplace Berlin Germany			
Father's Name Markus		Father's Name Elias			
Mother's Maiden Name Luita Branes		Mother's Maiden Name Maly Unger			
Number of Groom's Marriage First		Number of Bride's Marriage First			
I hereby certify that the above-named groom and bride were joined in Marriage by me, in accordance with the Laws of the State of New York, at 48 Clinton St., City of New York, this 14th day of December, 1929.					
Witnesses Louis Schiffman		Official Station, 253 2nd St. 3rd Fl.			

Certificate and Record of Marriage of Paul Schiff and Sabina Wahrsager, Bronx, 14 December 1929. The bride, born in Berlin, is the daughter of Elias Wahrsager and "Maly Unger".

CONFIRMED · Source: NYC Municipal Archives, historical vital records, Bronx marriages, no. 232 (1930)

State <u>New York</u>		Incorporated place <u>Bronx Borough 214 City</u>	DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930 POPULATION SCHEDULE		Enumeration District No. <u>214</u>	
County <u>New York</u>	West of city	Block no. <u>214 City</u>			Inspector's District No. <u>214</u>	
Township or other division of county <u>15th Assembly Dist.</u>		Disincorporated place	Enumerated by me on <u>April 7, 1930</u>		Enumerated by me on <u>April 7, 1930</u>	
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The Wahrsager household in the 1930 census of the Bronx: Elias, his wife Mollie (Malka), and their children Charley (Charles) and Annie.

CONFIRMED · Source: 1930 U.S. Census, Bronx, sheet 81A (FamilySearch)

New York State
County: Westchester

Incorporated place: Greenburgh
Block no. 400

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES
FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930
POPULATION SCHEDULE

Enumeration District No. 125
Inspector's District No. 635

PLACE OF BIRTH		RELATION		DATE OF BIRTH		SEX		EDUCATION		INDUSTRY		REMARKS	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	Male	Head	1874	M	8								
2	Female	Wife	1874	F	8								
3	Male	Son	1904	M	25								
4	Female	Daughter	1906	F	23								
5	Male	Son	1908	M	21								
6	Female	Daughter	1910	F	19								
7	Male	Son	1912	M	17								
8	Female	Daughter	1914	F	15								
9	Male	Son	1916	M	13								
10	Female	Daughter	1918	F	11								
11	Male	Son	1920	M	9								
12	Female	Daughter	1922	F	7								
13	Male	Son	1924	M	5								
14	Female	Daughter	1926	F	3								
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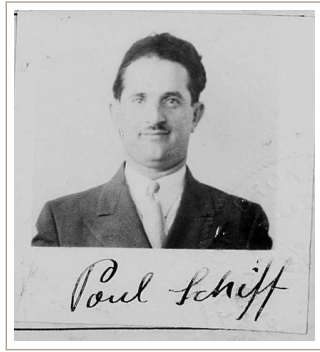
Paul Schiff, 27, and his wife Savina (Sabina), 21, born in Germany, in the 1930 census of the Bronx.

CONFIRMED · Source: 1930 U.S. Census, Bronx, sheet 2B (FamilySearch)

State of New York		Incorporated place		Department of Commerce - Bureau of the Census		Sixteenth Census of the United States: 1940		Population Schedule		Enumeration District No.		Inspector's District 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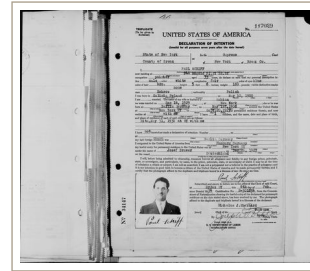
Paul Schiff, 39, house painter, born in Austria, and his wife Sabina, 31, in the Bronx in the 1940 census.

CONFIRMED · Source: United States Census, 1940, Bronx, ED 3-566, sheet 11A (FamilySearch), <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KQ5J-WN2>



Paul Schiff, from his 1934 declaration of intention, Supreme Court, Bronx County.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York, U.S. District and Circuit Court Naturalization Records, 1824–1991 (filed with his petition); FamilySearch



Paul Schiff's Declaration of Intention, Bronx, 6 February 1934; born 10 May 1900 in Galicia; married Sabina Wahrsager on 14 December 1929.

CONFIRMED · Source: U.S. National Archives, naturalization records, Southern District of New York (FamilySearch, host)

TRIPLICATE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
No. 2 301854

CERTIFICATE OF ARRIVAL

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Immigration records of the Department of Labor show that the alien named below arrived at the port, on the date, and in the manner shown, and was lawfully admitted to the United States of America for permanent residence.

Port of entry: New York, N. Y.
Name: Josef Brawer
Date: Dec. 26, 1927
Manner of arrival: SS Deutschland

I FURTHER CERTIFY that this certificate of arrival is issued under authority of, and in conformity with, the provisions of the Act of June 29, 1906, as amended, solely for the use of the alien herein named and for naturalization purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Certificate of Arrival is issued

Oct. 31, 1933 (Date)
GGO

D.W. Macormack
D. W. MACORMACK

Form 161-Imm. U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1921 16-2024

I have not heretofore made a declaration of intention: Number _____, on _____ (Date)
at _____

The certificate of arrival filed with Paul Schiff's declaration records his landing at New York on 26 December 1927 on the SS Deutschland, under the name Josef Brawer.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York, U.S. District and Circuit Court Naturalization Records, 1824–1991 (FamilySearch), <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9HN-9RY7>

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to The Republic of Poland

of whom (which) I have heretofore been a subject (or citizen); that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: SO HELP ME GOD. In acknowledgment whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature.

X Paul Schiff
(Signature of petitioner)

Sworn to in open court, this 24 day of Nov, A. D. 1936

_____, Clerk.

By William Strnad, Deputy Clerk.

NOTE.—In renunciation of title of nobility, add the following to the oath of allegiance before it is signed: "I further renounce the title of (give title or titles) an order of nobility, which I have heretofore held."

Petition granted: Line No. 762 of List No. 5149 and Certificate No. 4129872 issued.

On the reverse of his petition Paul Schiff signed the oath of allegiance, renouncing allegiance to the Republic of Poland; he became a citizen of the United States on 24 November 1936.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York, U.S. District and Circuit Court Naturalization Records, 1824–1991 (FamilySearch), <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9HN-9R44>



944 Rogers Place, Bronx, about 1940: the address of Paul and Sabina Schiff in 1934.

CONFIRMED · Source: NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives



994–998 East 172nd Street, Bronx, about 1940: the home of Paul and Sabina Schiff in the 1940 census.

CONFIRMED · Source: NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives

County Bronx Township or other division of county AVS Block No. 17 Institution _____ POPULATION SCHEDULE 8070 Bernard Bernstein

LOCATION	SCHEDULED DATA	NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	EDUCATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE, APRIL 1, 1940	PERIOD IN TRADE, OLD AND OPEN - EMPLOYMENT STATUS
16	178 R 24	Malka	Wife	M W 50 M 56 F	Pland	Pland		
17		Charles	Son	F W 50 M 56 F	Pland	Pland		
18		Charles	Son	M W 50 M 56 F	Pland	Pland		

Elias, Malka (here "Monia") and their son Charles at 1035 Tiffany Street in the Bronx, 1940 census; Charles was a cutter in the fur trade.

CONFIRMED · Source: 1940 U.S. Census, Bronx, ED 3-603, sheet 9A (FamilySearch)

SERIAL NUMBER 2156 1. NAME (First) Charles (Middle) Wahrsager (Last) 222

2. ADDRESS (First) 1702 Clay Ave. (Second) Bronx (City) N.Y.

3. TELEPHONE _____ 4. AGE IN YEARS 31 5. PLACE OF BIRTH Berlin (Town) _____ (State or country) Germany

6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.

7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mr. Elias Wahrsager (First) _____ (Last) _____

8. RELATIONSHIP OF 7 PERSON _____

9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 1702 Clay Ave (Town) Bronx (County) N.Y.

10. EMPLOYER'S NAME C. H. C. Fur Company

11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 224 W. 29 St. (Town) Bronx (County) N.Y.

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1 (encl) 16-17105 Charles Wahrsager (Registrar's signature)

Charles Wahrsager's draft registration card, 16 October 1940: 1702 Clay Avenue; born 30 September 1909 in Berlin; the person who will always know his address, his father Elias Wahrsager.

CONFIRMED · Source: U.S. World War II draft registration cards, 1940, U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch, host)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT			
RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION
White ☒	5' 4"	150	Sallow ☒
Negro ☐	Blue ☐	Blonde ☐	Light ☐
Oriental ☐	Gray ☐	Red ☐	Ruddy ☐
Indian ☐	Hazel ☐	Brown ☐	Dark ☐
Filipino ☐	Brown ☒	Black ☒	Freckled ☐
	Black ☐	Gray ☐	Light brown ☐
	Bald ☐	Black ☐	Dark brown ☐
			Black ☐

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.....

The reverse of Charles Wahrsager's card describes him as 5 ft 4 in and 150 lb, with brown eyes, black hair and a sallow complexion.

CONFIRMED · Source: United States, World War II Draft Registration Cards (FamilySearch), 1940–1947, <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C341-DSPY-N>

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1897 and on or before February 16, 1927)

SERIAL NUMBER 1. NAME (Print) ORDER NUMBER
 U. 893 ELIAS WAHRSAGER

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)
 1702 CLAY AVE Bx NY

(Number and street) (Town, city, village, or other place) (County) (State)

(THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL)

3. MAILING ADDRESS
 Same

(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same, leave blank)

4. TELEPHONE 5. AGE IN YEARS 6. PLACE OF BIRTH
 63 5-22-1879 POLAND

(Number) (Date) (Month) (Day) (Year) (State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS
 Mrs. Mollie Wahrsager

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS
 Unemployed

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS

(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42) 16-21520-1 Elias Wahrsager

Elias Wahrsager's draft registration card, April 1942: 1702 Clay Avenue, Bronx; born in Chyrów, Galicia; signed.

CONFIRMED · Source: U.S. World War II draft registration cards, 1942, U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch, host)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION	
White	5'1"	155	Sallow	✓
	EYES	HAIR	Light	
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Ruddy	
	Gray	Red	Dark	
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Freckled	
	Brown	Black	Light brown	
Indian	Black	Gray	Dark brown	
		Bald	Black	
Filipino				

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.

The reverse of Elias Wahrsager's 1942 card describes him as about 5 ft 1 in tall and 155 lb, with brown eyes and a sallow complexion.

CONFIRMED · Source: United States, World War II Draft Registration Cards (FamilySearch), 1942, <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33HY-67ZQ-8NG>

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)

SERIAL NUMBER 1. NAME (Print) ORDER NUMBER
 T. 319 PAUL SCHIFF T. 106

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)
 1232 MANOR AVE NEW YORK N.Y.

(Number and street) (Town, city, village, or other place) (County) (State)

(THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL)

3. MAILING ADDRESS
 Same

(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same, leave blank)

4. TELEPHONE 5. AGE IN YEARS 6. PLACE OF BIRTH
 42 MAY 10 1899 POLAND

(Number) (Date) (Month) (Day) (Year) (State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS
 SABINA SCHIFF 1232 MANOR AVE

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS
 NUBERN PAINTING CO INC 174 WEST 98

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS
 174 West 98 St. MAN. N.Y. N.Y.

(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 1-1-42) 16-21520-1 Paul Schiff

Paul Schiff's draft registration card, 15 February 1942: born 10 May 1899 in Poland; contact, his wife Sabina Schiff.

CONFIRMED · Source: U.S. World War II draft registration cards, 1942, U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch, host)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION	
White	5'9"	185	Sallow	
	EYES	HAIR	Light	✓
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Ruddy	
	Gray	Red	Dark	
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Freckled	
	Brown	Black	Light brown	
Indian	Black	Gray	Dark brown	
		Bald	Black	
Filipino				

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification. NONE

The reverse of Paul Schiff's card describes him as 5 ft 9 in and 185 lb, with gray eyes, gray hair and a light complexion.

CONFIRMED · Source: United States, World War II Draft Registration Cards (FamilySearch), 1940–1947, <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3WP-DSTC-1>



1702 Clay Avenue, Bronx, about 1940: the Wahrsager home on Elias's and Charles's draft registrations.

CONFIRMED · Source: NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives

Wahrsager, Charles (Last name) (Other names)		30 Sep 09. (Date of Birth)
1702 Clay Ave; N.Y.C. (Home address)		Germany. (Place of Birth)
(Change of address)		☐ Married ☒ Single
(Change of address)		NEW YORK GUARD
Co.G.22nd.Reg't. (Enlisted in)	2. (No. Yrs.)	23 Jul 45. (Date enlistment)
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(Reenlisted in)	(No. Yrs.)	(Date re-enl.)
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(How separated from active service)		(Date separation)
(United States Service) Form AGO TB-1 12-30-43-25M (31-40)		(Continue on back)

Charles (Kallmann) Wahrsager's service card in the New York Guard, 1945; he lived with his parents at 1702 Clay Avenue.

CONFIRMED · Source: New York State National Guard records, New York State Archives (FamilySearch)

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Elias and Malka Wahrsager at 1702 Clay Avenue in the Bronx, 1950 census; at seventy he was still working in the leather-goods trade.

CONFIRMED · Source: 1950 U.S. Census, Bronx, ED 3-131, sheet 74 (FamilySearch)

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Charles Wahrsager, 40, born in Germany, with his wife Ruth in the Bronx in the 1950 census.

CONFIRMED · Source: United States Census, 1950, Bronx (FamilySearch), <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:6XY3-LYBW>

(54) A. STATE <i>New York</i> B. COUNTY <i>Blaine</i> C. INCORPORATION OR TOWNSHIP <i>Blaine</i> D. R. D. NUMBER <i>3-648</i>		E. HOTEL, LARGE ROOMING HOUSE, INSTITUTION, MILITARY INSTALLATION, ETC. Name _____ F. TYPE _____ G. LINE NO. _____ H. _____ I. _____ J. _____		K. CONFIDENTIAL L. FORM P1 M. U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE N. BUREAU OF THE CENSUS O. 1950 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING		P. DATE <i>April 18, 1950</i> Q. NAME <i>Willie Burn</i> R. ADDRESS <i>411 W. 4th St. New York 14, N.Y.</i> S. PHONE NO. _____ T. SHEET NUMBER <i>12</i>	
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FOR HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD										FOR ALL PERSONS										FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER																			
NAME _____ What is the name of the head of this household? What are the names of all other persons who live here? List in this order: 1. Spouse 2. Children under 18 years of age 3. Other persons who live here 4. Other persons who live here 5. Other persons who live here 6. Other persons who live here 7. Other persons who live here 8. Other persons who live here 9. Other persons who live here 10. Other persons who live here										RELATIONSHIP _____ What is the relationship of each person to the head of the household? 1. Spouse 2. Children under 18 years of age 3. Other persons who live here 4. Other persons who live here 5. Other persons who live here 6. Other persons who live here 7. Other persons who live here 8. Other persons who live here 9. Other persons who live here 10. Other persons who live here										SEX _____ What is the sex of each person? 1. Male 2. Female 3. Other 4. Other 5. Other 6. Other 7. Other 8. Other 9. Other 10. Other										AGE _____ What is the age of each person? 1. Under 5 years 2. 5 to 9 years 3. 10 to 14 years 4. 15 to 19 years 5. 20 to 24 years 6. 25 to 29 years 7. 30 to 34 years 8. 35 to 39 years 9. 40 to 44 years 10. 45 to 49 years 11. 50 to 54 years 12. 55 to 59 years 13. 60 to 64 years 14. 65 to 69 years 15. 70 to 74 years 16. 75 to 79 years 17. 80 to 84 years 18. 85 to 89 years 19. 90 to 94 years 20. 95 years and over									

Paul Schiff, 48, a painting contractor, and his wife Sabina, 41, in the 1950 census, the Bronx.

CONFIRMED · Source: United States Census, 1950, Bronx, New York, ED 3-648, sheet 11 line 30 and sheet 12 line 1, dwelling 131 (FamilySearch records <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:6X5S-W62L> and <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:6X5S-W62P>; images <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QHN-GQHW-M94X-G> and <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QHK-SQHW-M9WJ-P>).

PART VI

Resting Places



The gravestones of the family in New York, Florida and Jerusalem

Resting Places

Beth Moses, Beth David, Lakeside Memorial Park and Har HaMenuchot

David Brecher and his sons Eugene and Alex rest side by side in Beth Moses Cemetery, West Babylon, Long Island, in the plot of Congregation Yetev Lev D'Satmar — Section 2, Block 18, Row 6: David in Grave 18, Eugene in Grave 17 and Alex in Grave 16, as the cemetery's own burial register records; Alex's son Meir rests in the same cemetery, in another section. Esther Brecher, her daughter Lucy and son-in-law Paul Friedman, and Anne's parents Elias and Malka Wahrsager rest in Lakeside Memorial Park, Florida. Samuel and Rose Eilender rest in Beth David Cemetery, Elmont, New York. Yehuda Aryeh Brecher is buried on Har HaMenuchot in Jerusalem, and Freidy's husband Chaim Shaul Schondorf in Wellwood Cemetery, West Babylon. The stones of Alex and Anne are reproduced in Part I.



R' Yosef ben R' Dovid HaKohen Brecher — Eugene — who died 15 Cheshvan 5722 (26 October 1961). Beth Moses Cemetery, West Babylon, New York, beside his father and his brother Alex.

CONFIRMED · Source: Family collection



Esther Sheindel bat Yaakov Tzvi, wife of R' Dovid HaKohen Brecher, who died on the Sabbath of Chayei Sarah, 22 Cheshvan 5741 (1 November 1980). Lakeside Memorial Park, Florida.

CONFIRMED · Source: Family collection



Esther Brecher's bronze marker, 1887–1980. Lakeside Memorial Park.

CONFIRMED · Source: Family collection



Shifra Chana bat R' Dovid HaKoben, wife of Pinchas Shalom Friedman — Lucy Friedman née Brecher — died 22 December 1984. Lakeside Memorial Park.

CONFIRMED · Source: Family collection



Pinchas Shalom ben Yosef Efraim Friedman — Paul Friedman, Lucy's husband — who died on the eve of the Sabbath, 24 Nisan 5743 (April 1983). Lakeside Memorial Park.

CONFIRMED · Source: Family collection



Yechiel Mechel ben R' Dovid HaKoben — Nicholas Brecher — 21 November 1915 to 18 October 2014. He served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1945.

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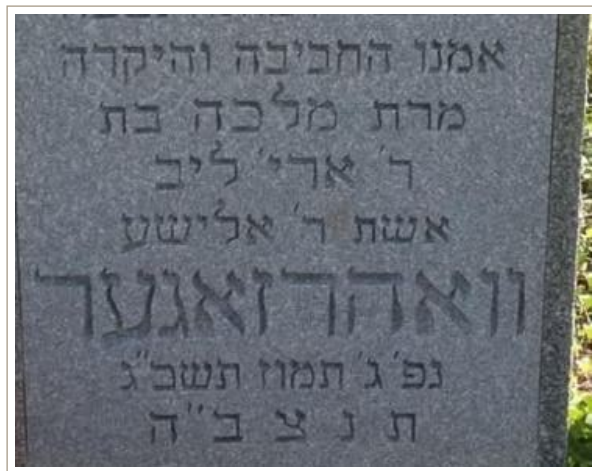
Elisha son of R' Gavriel HaKohen Wahrsager — Elias Wahrsager — died 17 Kislev 5715 (11 December 1954). Lakeside Memorial Park.

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Malka bat Aryeh Leib, wife of Elisha Wahrsager, died 3 Tammuz 5723 (25 June 1963). Lakeside Memorial Park.

CONFIRMED · Source: Family collection



Malka Wahrsager's gravestone (detail): 3 Tammuz 5723, that is 25 June 1963.

CONFIRMED · Source: Gravestone; New York State death index



Samuel Eilender, husband of Rosa Brecher, 1880–1937. Beth David Cemetery, Elmont, New York.

CONFIRMED · Source: Find a Grave, memorial 245798842



The family row at Lakeside Memorial Park, Florida: Malka Wahrsager, Paul and Lucy Friedman, and Elias Wahrsager.

CONFIRMED · Source: Family collection



R' Meir ben R' Shimshon HaKohen Brecher — Meir (Myron), son of Alex and Anne — who died 9 Tevet 5780 (5/6 January 2020). Beth Moses Cemetery, West Babylon, New York, Section 2, Block 21, Row 12, Grave 10 (Brotherhood of America plot).

CONFIRMED · Source: Family collection



R' Yehuda Aryeh ben R' Shimshon HaKohen Brecher, son of Alex and Anne, died 17 Kislev 5772 (13 December 2011). Har HaMenuchot, Jerusalem.

CONFIRMED · Source: Family collection



The gravestone of Chaim Shaul Schonendorf, son of Elazar HaLevi, husband of Freidy Brecher, who died on Simchat Torah, 23 Tishrei 5771 (1 October 2010). Wellwood Cemetery, West Babylon, New York.

CONFIRMED · Source: Find a Grave, memorial 245098163; Wellwood Cemetery records

**ר' יהודה אריה הכהן ברעכער נ"י,
לו"נ סבתו מרת אסתר שיינדל בת ר' צבי ע"ה, נפטרה כ"ב מרחשון תשמ"א**

A printed dedication by her grandson in Likutei Perushei HaRishonim (1981), in memory of his grandmother Esther Sheindel, daughter of R' Zvi, of the Brecher family, who died on 22 Cheshvan 5741 (1 November 1980).

CONFIRMED · Source: Likutei Perushei HaRishonim, 1981, dedication page

Emigrants from Banila and the neighbouring village of Ispas bought their own burial plot on Long Island, under the name of the First Banilla–Ispaser Bukowiner society. One Brecher lies there: Mae (Mina) Brecher, daughter of Yeshaya HaKohen, 1903–1989. Where she belongs in the family is not yet known.



The gate of the plot of the First Banilla-Ispaser Bukowiner society — the burial society of emigrants from Banila and its neighbour Ispas — at Wellwood Cemetery, Long Island.

CONFIRMED · Source: Wellwood Cemetery, West Babylon, New York (photograph via Find a Grave)



The stone of Mae (Mina) Brecher, daughter of Yeshaya HaKohen, 25 December 1903 – 8 October 1989, in the Banilla-Ispaser society plot at Wellwood Cemetery.

LIKELY · Source: Find a Grave memorial 253499656; Wellwood Cemetery register, interment W60999

Descendants of Alex and Anne Brecher

Living relatives are named only

ALEX AND ANNE AND THEIR CHILDREN

Alex (Shimshon) Brecher, 1910/1912–1983 = Anne (Chana Pessel) Wahrsager, 1914–1997

Yosef Osher Gavriel Brecher = Faiga Chana

Meir (Myron) Brecher, b. 20 Oct 1940, d. 5/6 Jan 2020

Yehuda Aryeh (Leiby) Brecher, d. 13 Dec 2011 = Chedva

Freidy (Frida Dvora) = Chaim Shaul Schondorf, d. 1 Oct 2010

ALEX AND HIS BROTHERS AND SISTER

David Brecher, 1881–1955 = Esther (Sheindel) Klein, 1886/87–1980

Jenő (Eugene, Yosef) Brecher, b. 1908, d. 1961 = (1938) Elizabeth Zelig

Shimshon (Alex) Brecher, 1910/1912–1983 = Anne Wahrsager

Ilona (Lucy, Shifra Chana) Brecher, 1912–1984 = (1934) Paul (Pinchas Shalom) Friedman, d. 1983

Miklós (Nicholas, Yechiel Mechel) Brecher, 1915–2014 = Margaret, 1920–2020 (Likely)

PART VII

The Family Trees



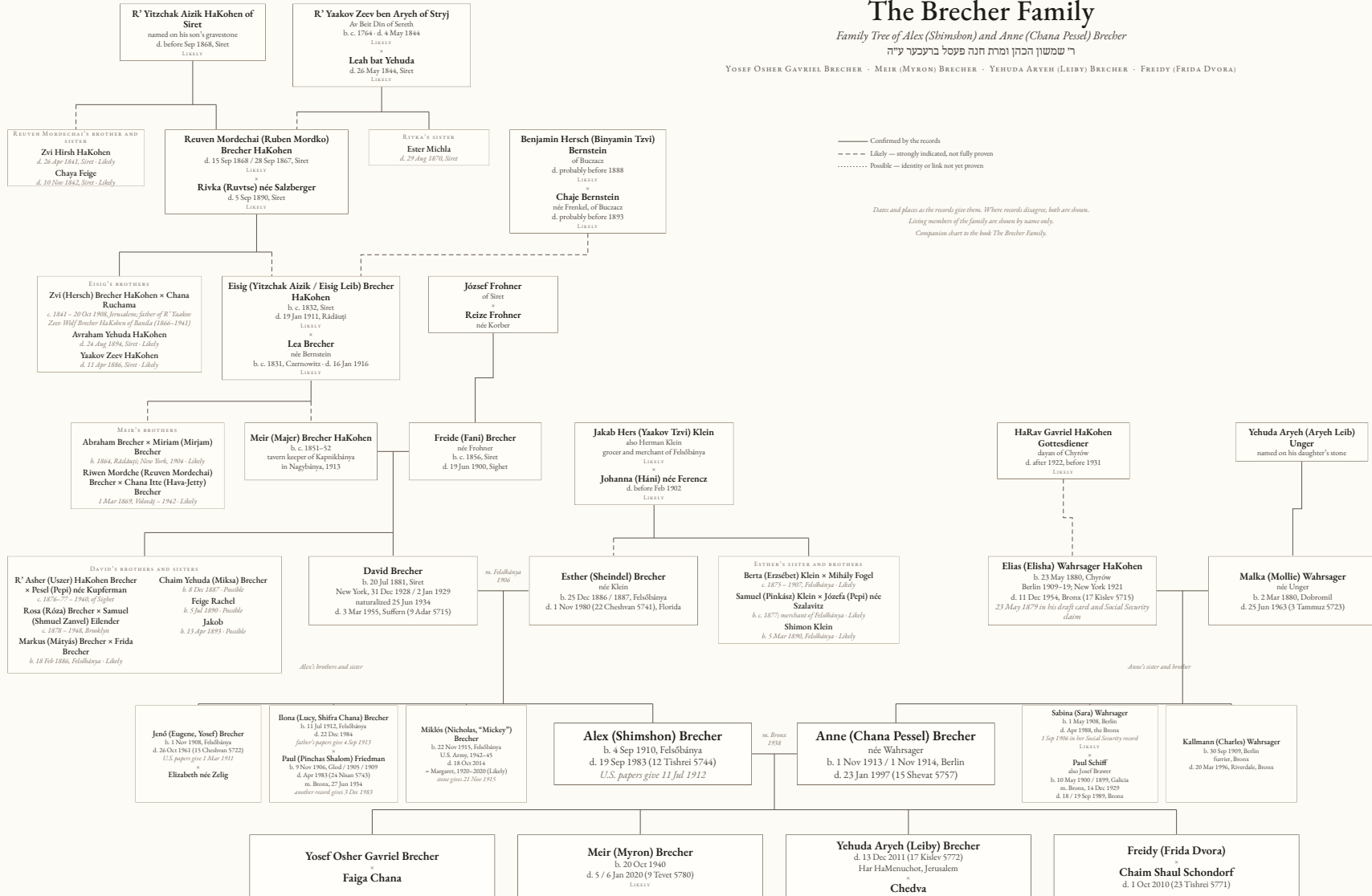
*The basic tree and the extended tree, as large charts. On a screen,
zoom in to read the smaller names.*

The Brecher Family

Family Tree of Alex (Shimshon) and Anne (Chana Pessel) Brecher

ר' שמשון הכהן ומרת חנה פססל ברעכער ע"ה

YOSEF OSHER GAVRIEL BRECHER · MEIR (MYRON) BRECHER · YEHUDA ARYEH (LEIBY) BRECHER · FREIDY (FRIDA DVORA)



The Brecher Family

Extended Family Tree

Ancestors and relatives of Alex (Shimshon) and Anne (Chana Pessel) Brecher

ר' שמשון הכהן ומרת חנה פעסל ברעכער ע"ה

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Meir (Myron) Brecher

Yehuda Aryeh (Leiby) Brecher

Freidy (Frida Dvora)

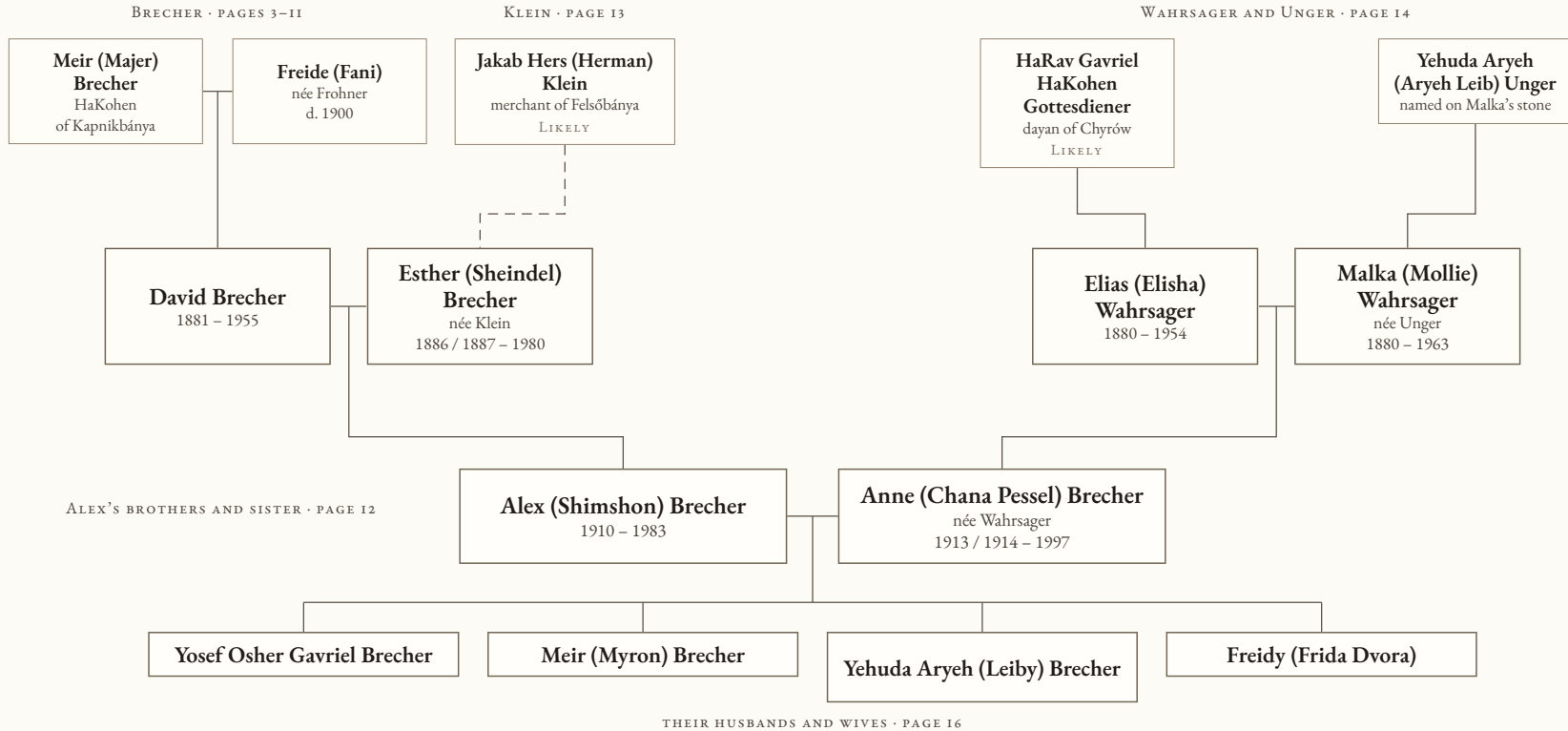
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OVERVIEW

The family at a glance

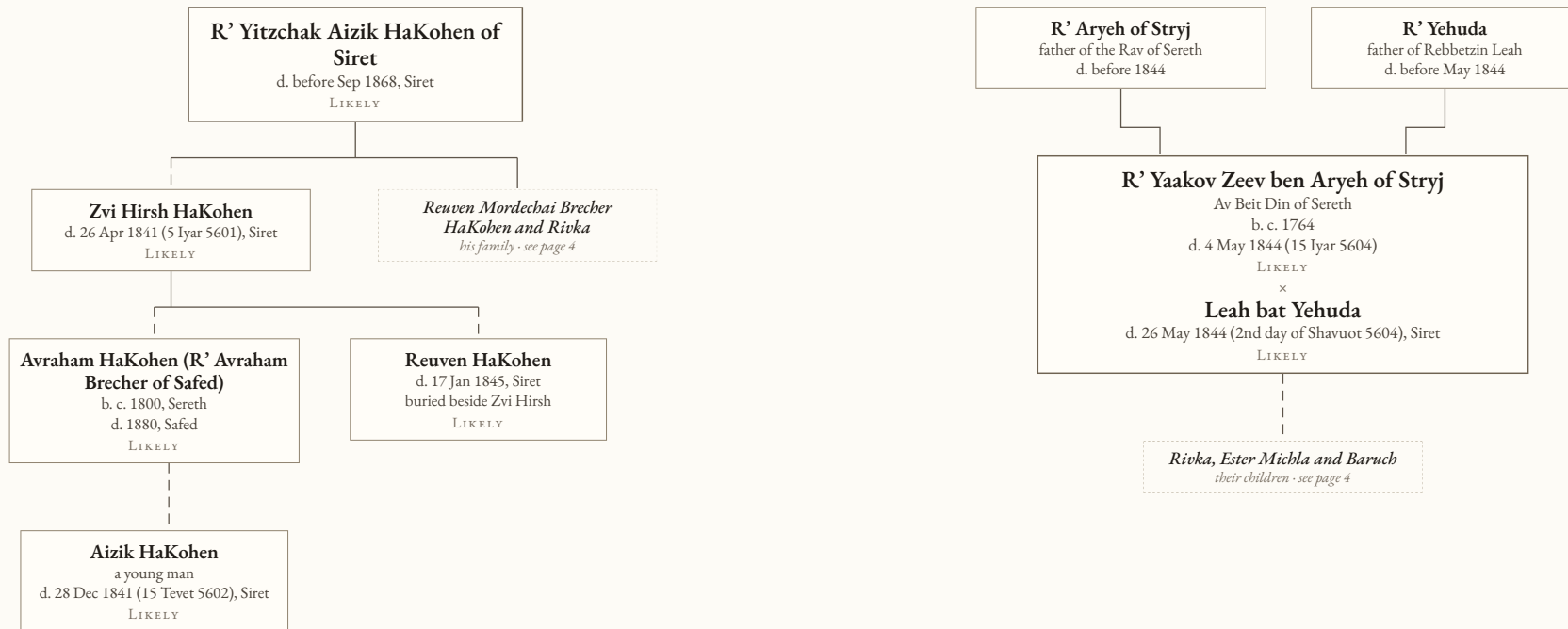
Alex (Shimshon) and Anne (Chana Pessel) Brecher, their parents and grandparents, with the page for each branch



Above Meir stand Eisig Brecher HaKohen and Lea née Bernstein (likely his parents; page 6); Eisig's parents Reuven Mordechai (Ruben Mordko) Brecher HaKohen and Rivka née Salzberger of Siret; Reuven Mordechai's father R' Yitzhak Aizik HaKohen and Rivka's father (likely) R' Yaakov Zeev ben Aryeh of Stryj, Rav of Sereth (page 4); the Banila branch (page 5); and Lea's parents Benjamin Hersch Bernstein and Chaje Frenkel.

The earliest generations

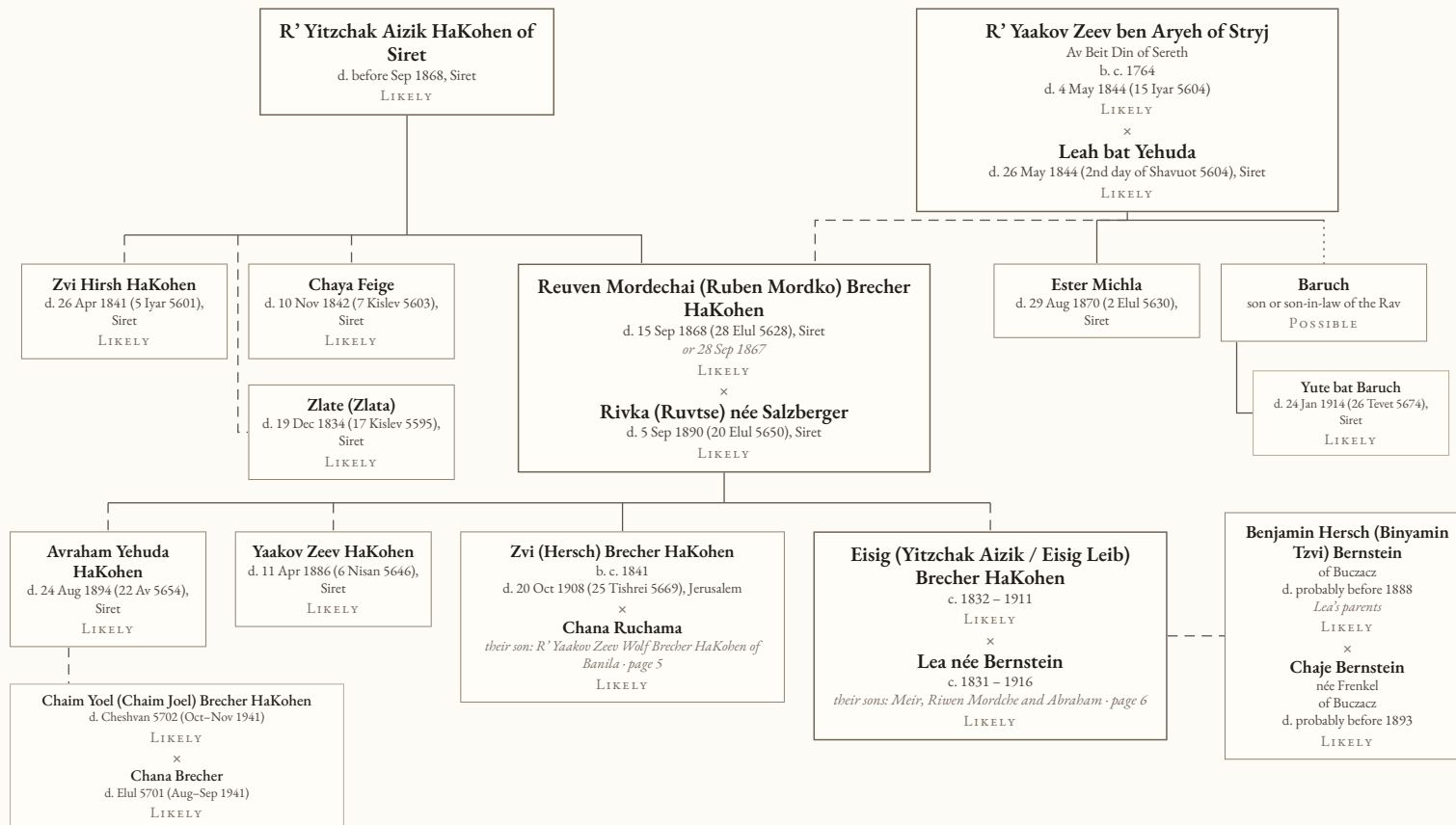
R' Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen and his son Zvi Hirsh HaKohen, with Zvi Hirsh's sons and grandson; and the parents of the Rav of Sereth and of his wife Leah, as the gravestones of Siret and the Chedvat Yaakov name them



Reuven HaKohen (d. 1845) is called "son of the late R' Zvi HaKohen" on his stone and lies beside Zvi Hirsh; Aizik HaKohen (d. 1841) is called "grandson of R' Zvi HaKohen". Avraham HaKohen is likely the R' Avraham Brecher of Safed of the 1875 Montefiore census. R' Aryeh of Stryj is named as the Rav's father in the Chedvat Yaakov (he is not the author of the Ketzer HaChoshen); R' Yehuda is named as Leah's father on her stone.

R' Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen and the Rav of Sereth

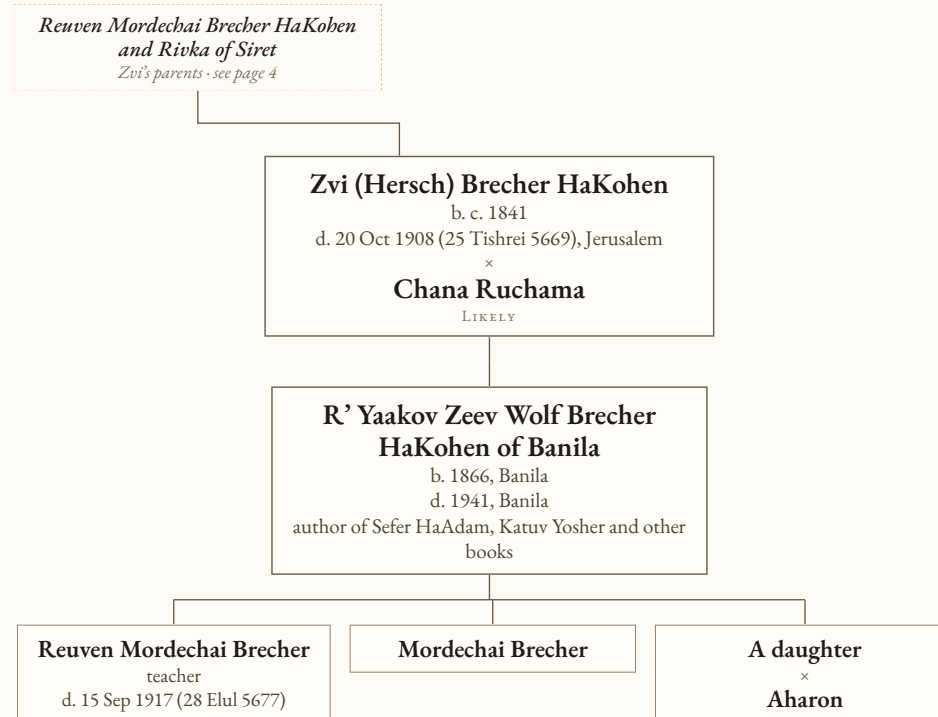
Reuven Mordechai (Ruben Mordko) Brecher HaKohen, son of R' Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen, and Rivka née Salzberger, daughter of R' Yaakov Zeev ben Aryeh of Stryj, Rav of Sereth, with their parents, brothers, sisters and children, as the gravestones of Siret name them



R' Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen is named as Reuven Mordechai's father on his gravestone; the surname Brecher is attested by the epitaph of Reuven Mordechai's son Zvi. Zvi Hirsh and Chaya Feige are likely his other children. Rivka is likely the daughter of the Rav of Sereth, whose daughter Ester Michla and granddaughter Yute are named on their stones. Avraham Yehuda and Yaakov Zeev are named "ben Reuven Mordechai" on theirs; Chaim Yoel is likely Avraham Yehuda's son. The parents of the Rav and of Leah, and Zvi Hirsh's sons, are on page 3.

The Brechers of Banila

Zvi (Hersch) Brecher HaKohen, a son of Reuven Mordechai and very probably Eisig's brother, and his son R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher HaKohen of Banila, author of Hebrew books printed in Lemberg and Czernowitz



R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf studied under R' Pinchas Moshe Burstein, Rav of Sereth. His books include Refuot HaTugah (Lemberg 1902), Shiloh (Lemberg 1903; reprinted Czernowitz 1924), Sefer HaAdam, Katuv Yosher (Czernowitz 1925) and Parperaot LaMikraot. Sefer HaAdam prints the epitaph of his father Zvi, who died in Jerusalem in 1908. His son Reuven Mordechai, a teacher, died on 28 Elul 5677 (15 September 1917).

Eisig and Lea Brecher of Siret and Rădăuți

Eisig (Yitzchak Aizik) Brecher HaKohen and Lea née Bernstein, as the registers of Rădăuți and Volovăț record them, with their sons. The links drawn dasbed are likely; those drawn dotted are possible and not yet proven.

**Reuven Mordechai Brecher HaKohen
and Rivka née Salzberger**
Eisig's parents - see page 4

Pepi Rudich née Brecher
d. 17 Apr 1906, Rădăuți, aged 72
POSSIBLE

*a Brecher of Eisig's generation in Rădăuți;
perhaps his sister*

**Eisig (Yitzchak Aizik / Eisig
Leib) Brecher HaKohen**

b. c. 1832, Siret
mill tenant at Volovăț, 1869
d. 19 Jan 1911, Rădăuți, aged 79

LIKELY

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Lea Brecher

née Bernstein
b. c. 1831, Czernowitz
d. 16 Jan 1916

LIKELY

**Benjamin Hersch (Binyamin Tzvi)
Bernstein**

of Buczacz
d. probably before 1888
Lea's parents

LIKELY

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Chaje Bernstein

née Frenkel
of Buczacz
d. probably before 1893

LIKELY

**Meir (Majer) Brecher
HaKohen**

b. c. 1851–52
tavern keeper of Kapnikbánya
in Nagybánya, 1913

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Freide (Fani) Brecher

née Frohner
b. c. 1856, Siret
d. 19 Jun 1900, Sighet

*David, Asher, Rosa and their
brothers and sisters*
see page 9

Abraham Brecher

b. 1864, Rădăuți
New York, 1904; naturalized 1911

LIKELY

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Miriam (Mirjam) Brecher

née Langsner
m. Rădăuți, 4 Jul 1892
d. 6 Feb 1944, New York

*Harry, Regina, Ida, Mordke and
Jakob Wolf*
their children - see page 8

**Riwen Mordche (Reuven
Mordechai) Brecher**

b. 1 Mar 1869, Volovăț
son of Eisig and Lea
d. 1942

LIKELY

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Chana Itte (Hava-Jetty) Brecher

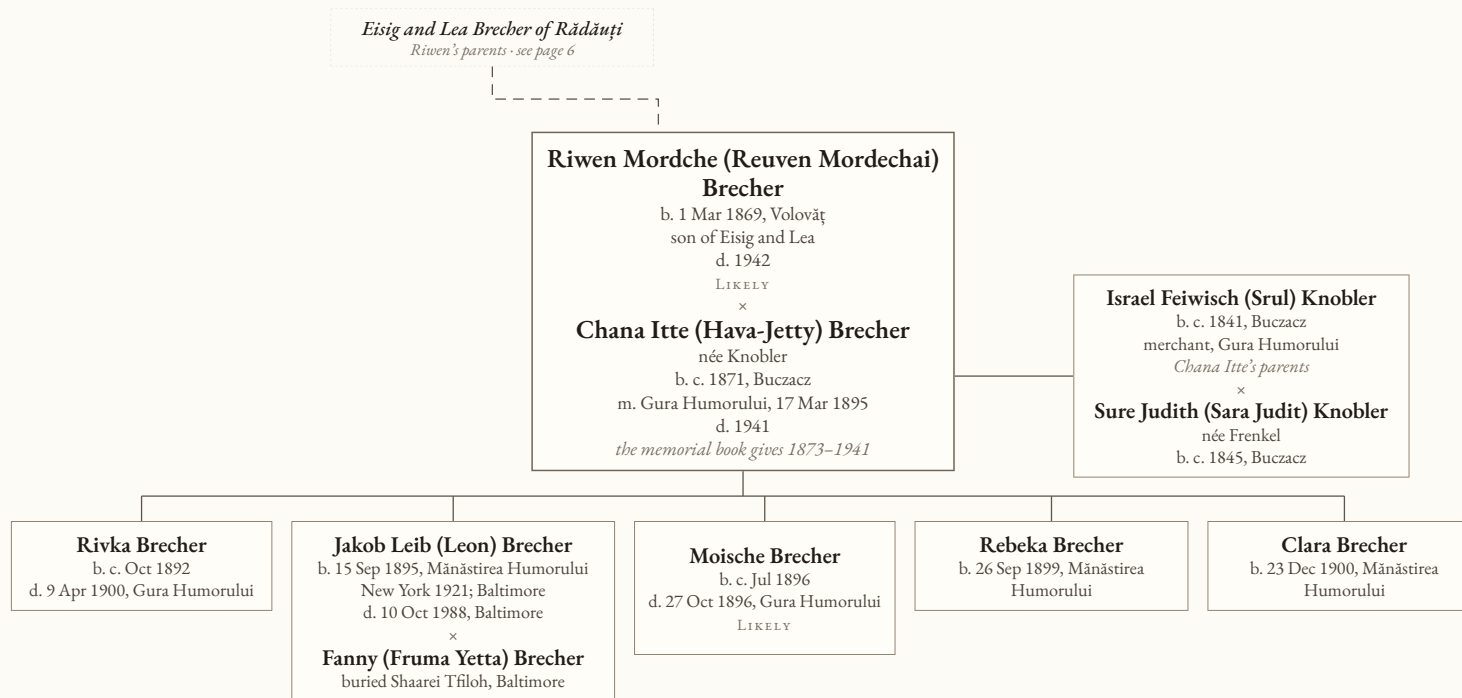
née Knobler
b. c. 1871, Buczacz
m. Gura Humorului, 17 Mar 1895
d. 1941

the memorial book gives 1873–1941

*Rivka, Jakob Leib, Moische, Rebeka
and Clara*
*their children, and Chana Itte's parents - see
page 7*

Riwen Mordche Brecher and Chana Itte Knobler

Riwen Mordche (Reuven Mordechai) Brecher, born at Volovăț in 1869 and likely a son of Eisig and Lea, and Chana Itte née Knobler of Buczacz, married at Gura Humorului in 1895, with her parents and their children

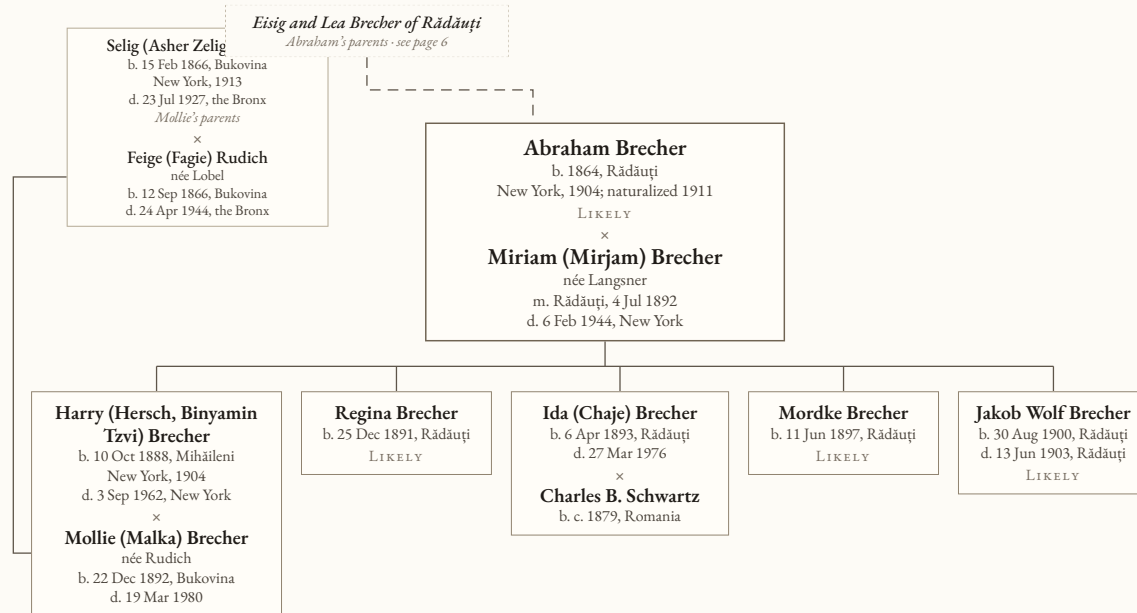


The children are entered in the registers of Gura Humorului and Mănăstirea Humorului. Rivka died in 1900 and Moische as a baby in 1896. Jakob Leib came to New York from Siret in January 1921 and settled in Baltimore, where he and Fanny are buried.

BRECHER

Abraham Brecher and Miriam Langsner

Abraham Brecher, born in Rădăuți in 1864 and likely a son of Eisig and Lea (and so a brother of Meir), and Miriam née Langsner; New York from 1904

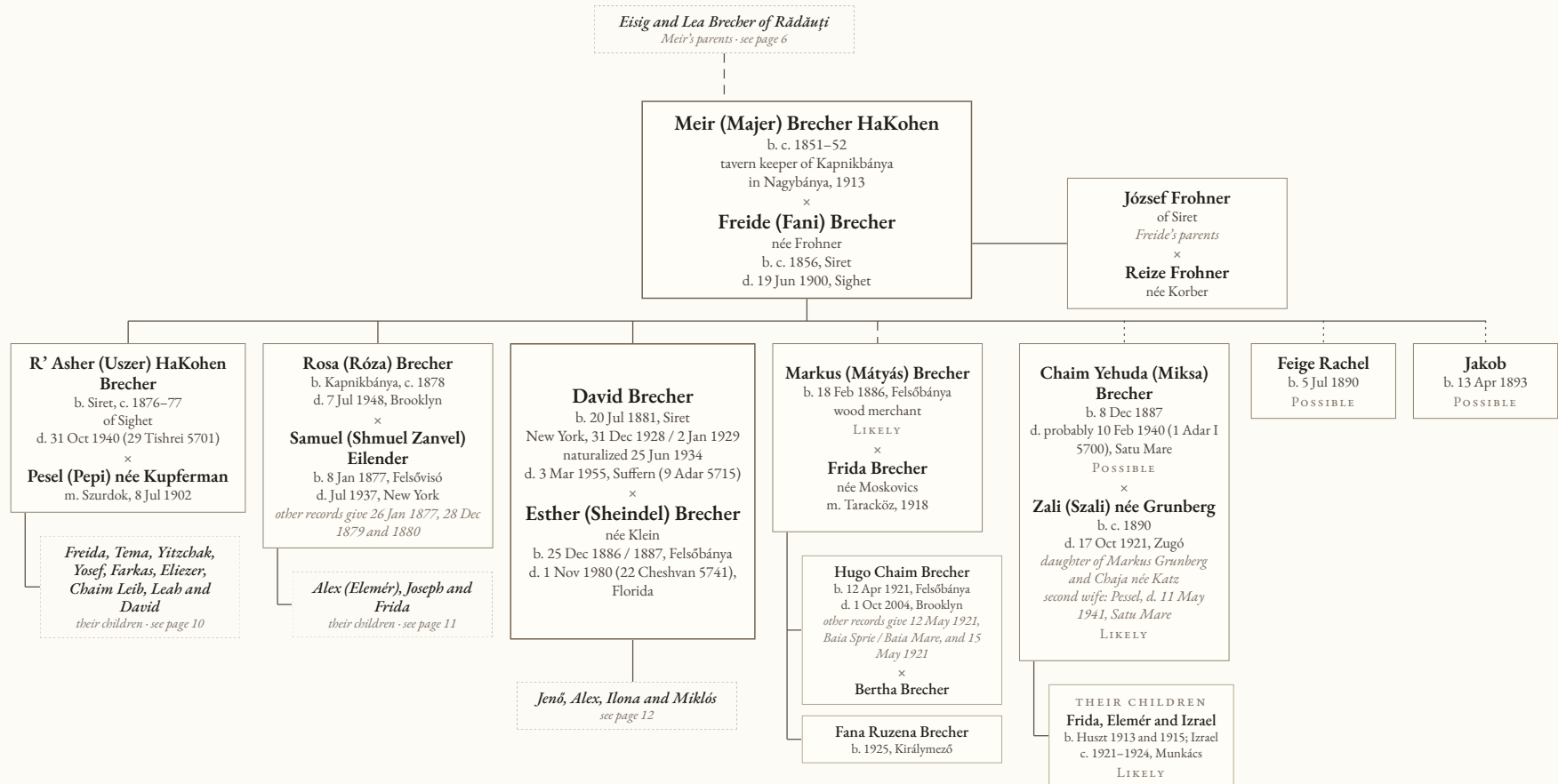


Regina, Ida (entered as Chaje), Mordke and Jakob Wolf are in the Rădăuți births index; Harry (Benjamin) came to New York with his father on the Moltke in February 1904; Ida appears with her parents in the New York censuses.

BRECHER

Meir Brecher and Freide Frohner

Meir (Majer) Brecher HaKohen of Kapnikbánya and Freide (Fani) née Frohner, and their children, as the civil records of Maramureş and New York name them

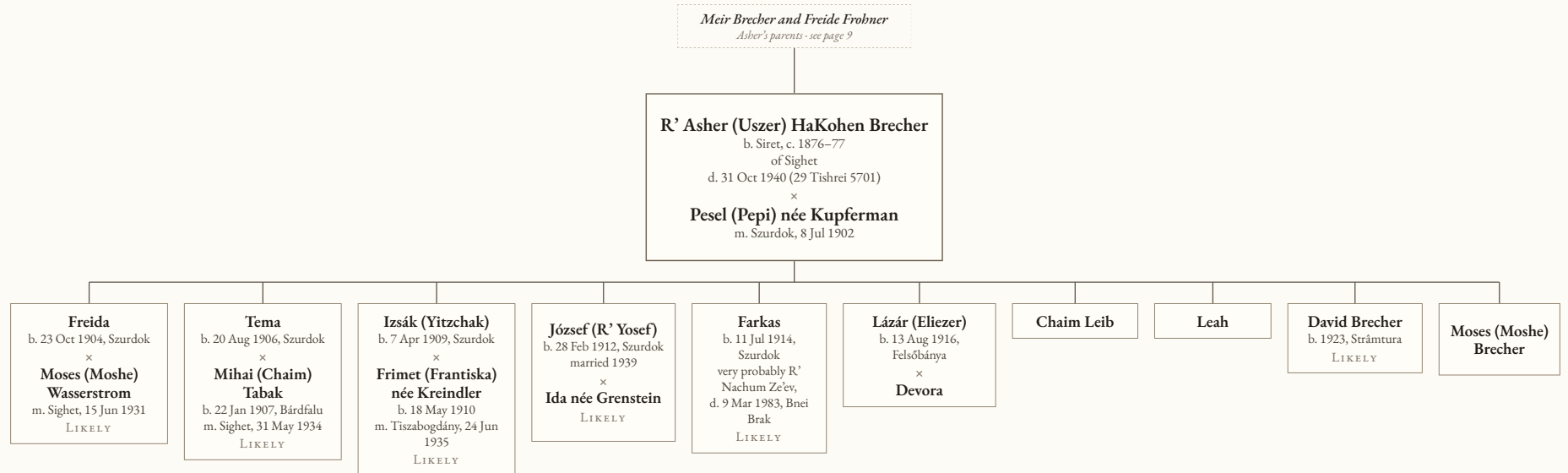


Chaim Yehuda, Feige Rachel and Jakob are Brecher children of the right years in the Nagybánya register whose parents are not yet confirmed. Meir was in Siret in 1877–81 and in Nagybánya by 1887; he was 54 at Kapnikbánya in January 1906.

BRECHER

R' Asher Brecher of Sighet

Asher (Uszer) HaKohen Brecher, Meir's son, and Pesel (Pepi) née Kupferman, with their children as the birth registers of Szurdok (Strâmtura) and Felsőbánya name them

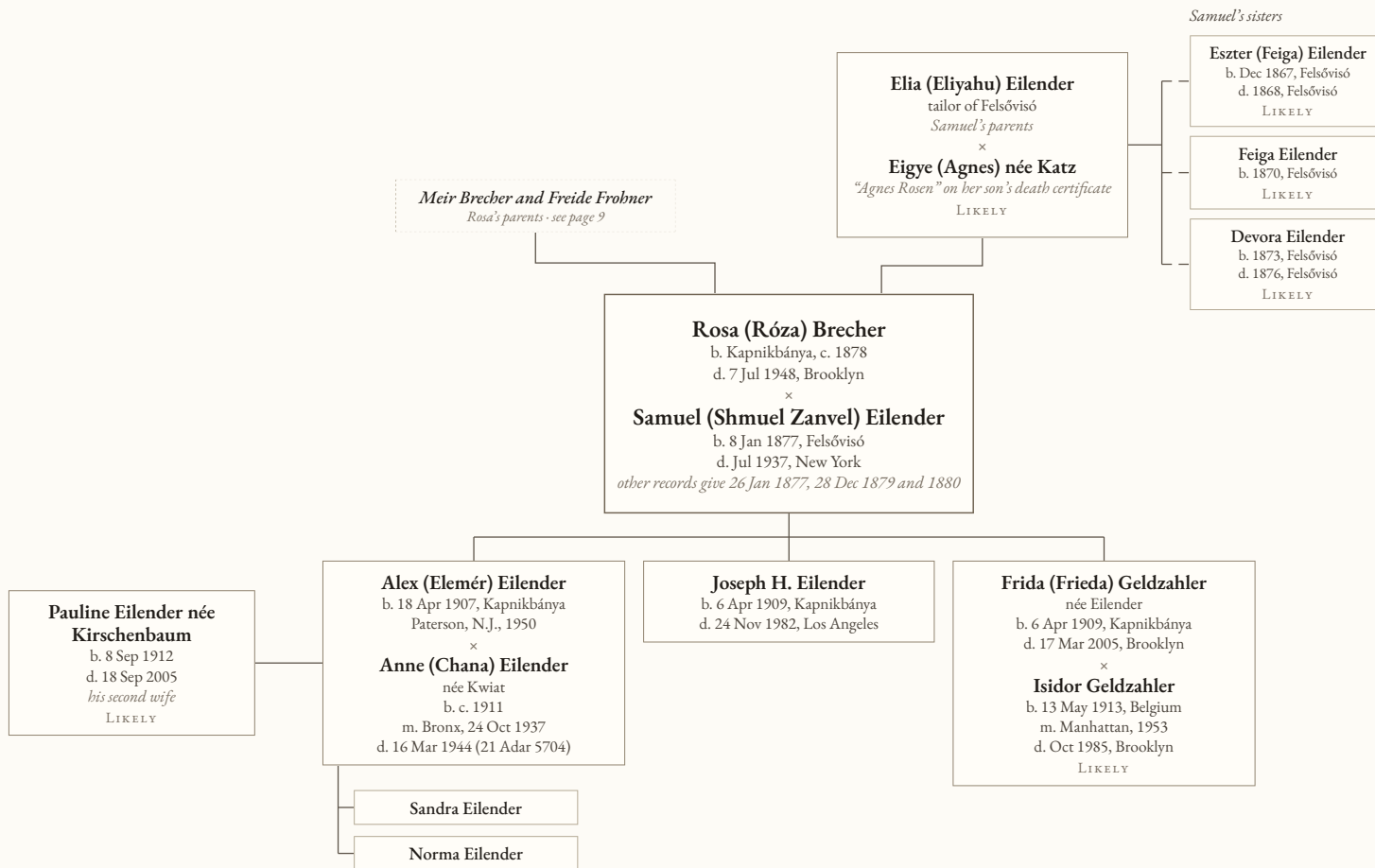


Notes in the margins of the birth acts record the marriages of Freida (1931), Tema (1934) and Yosef (1939); Yitzchak's marriage in 1935 is known from an index. Chaim Leib, Leah, David (born at Strâmtura in 1923) and Moses (Moshe) were the youngest.

EILENDER

Rosa Brecher and Samuel Eilender

Rosa (Róza) Brecher, a daughter of Meir and Freide, and Samuel (Shmuel Zanvel) Eilender of Kapnikbánya, and their children; Brooklyn from the 1920s

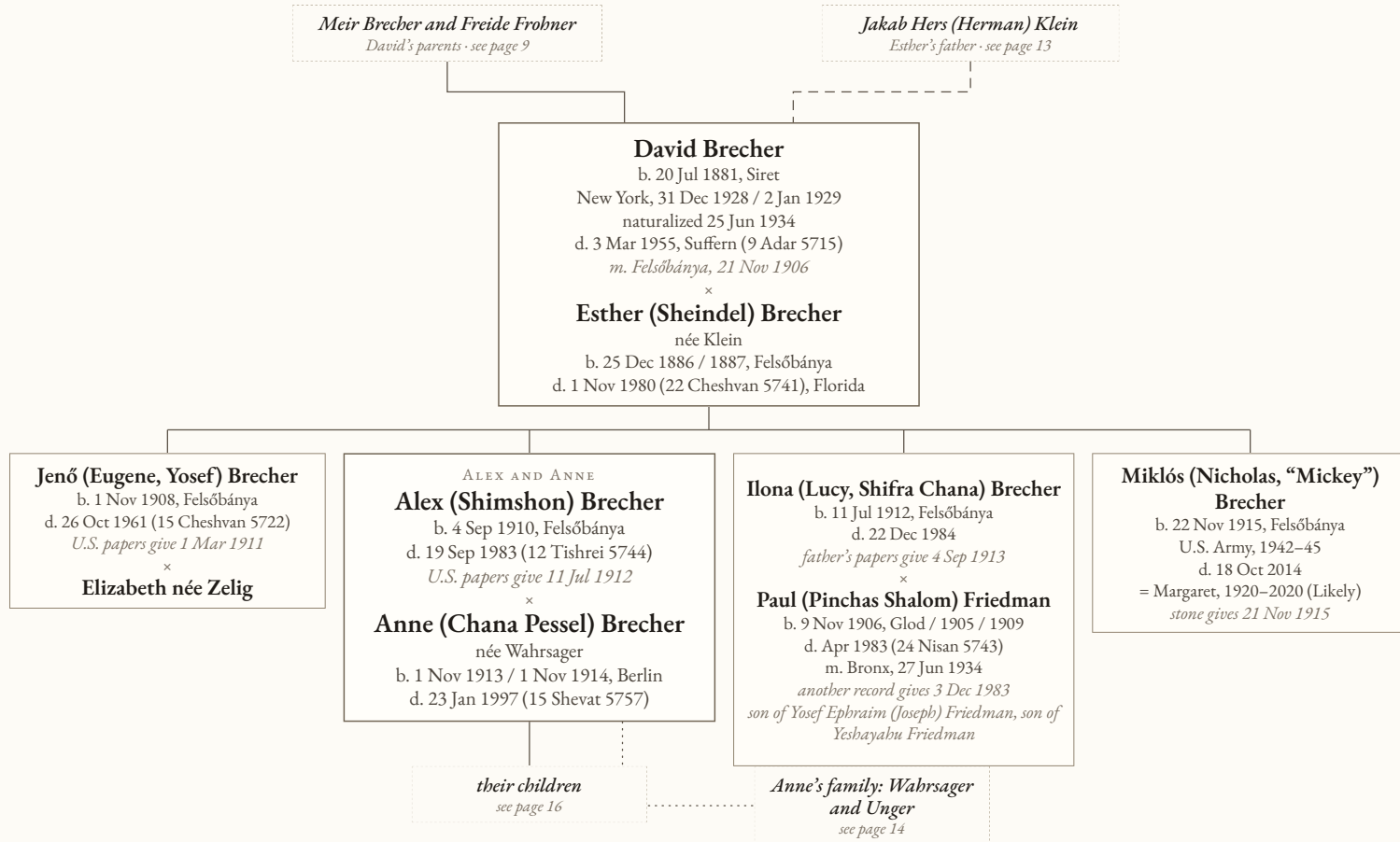


Samuel Eilender was born at Felsővisó on 8 January 1877, the son of Elia (Eliyahu) Eilender, a tailor, and Eigye (Agnes) née Katz. Joseph and Frida were twins. Hugo Chaim Brecher, Frida's first cousin, named her as a witness when he became a citizen in 1955.

BRECHER

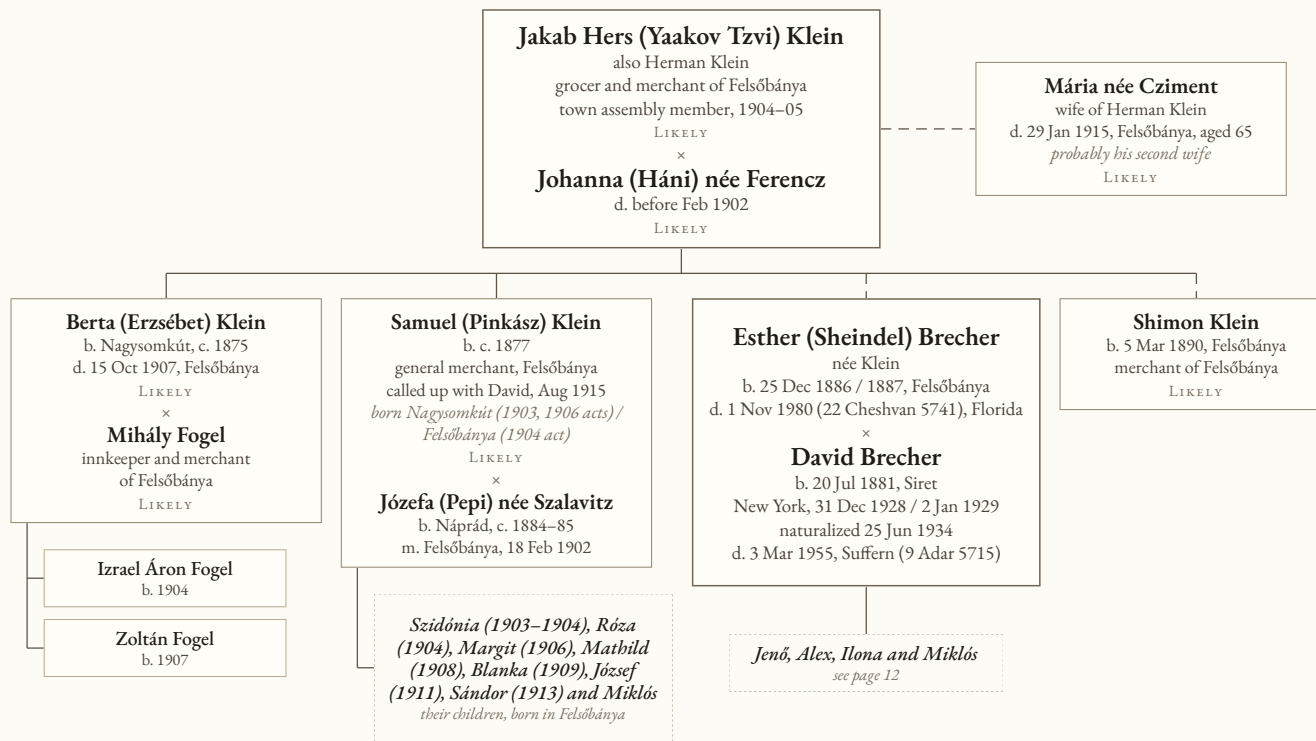
David and Esther Brecher of Felsőbánya

David Brecher and Esther (Sheindel) née Klein, married at Felsőbánya on 21 November 1906, and their four children, all born there; New York from 31 December 1928 / 2 January 1929



The Kleins of Felsőbánya

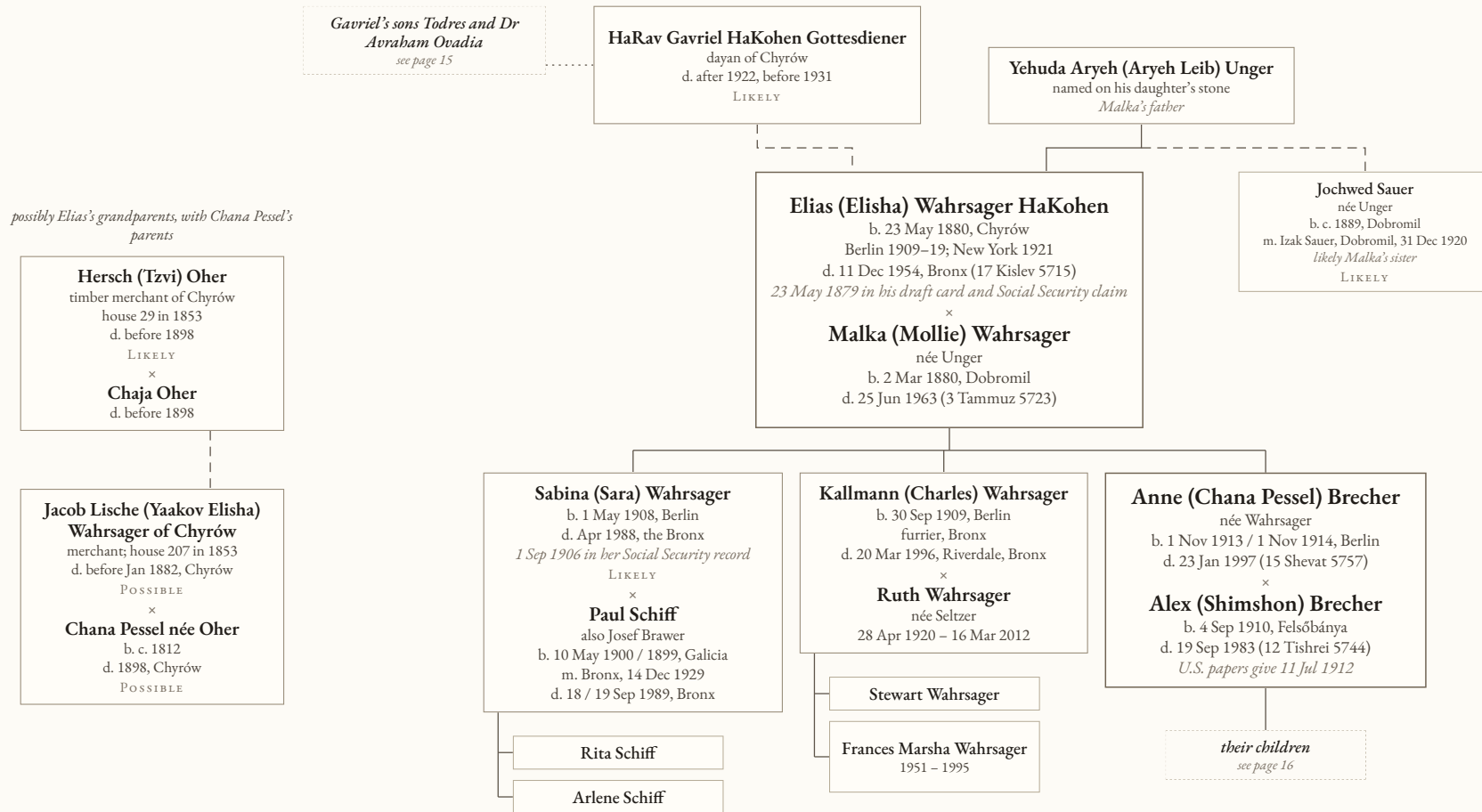
Esther's father is entered as Jakab Hers Klein in her 1906 marriage record; a 1907 margin note identifies him with Herman Klein, a merchant of the town



Berta and Samuel were children of Herman Klein and Johanna (Háni) Ferencz, and Esther's younger brother Shimon, born in 1890, was theirs too; Johanna was very probably Esther's mother as well. Mária Cziment, entered as the wife of Herman Klein at her death in 1915, was probably his second wife. David Brecher and Samuel Klein were called up together on the Felsőbánya list of 16 August 1915.

Wahrsager and Unger

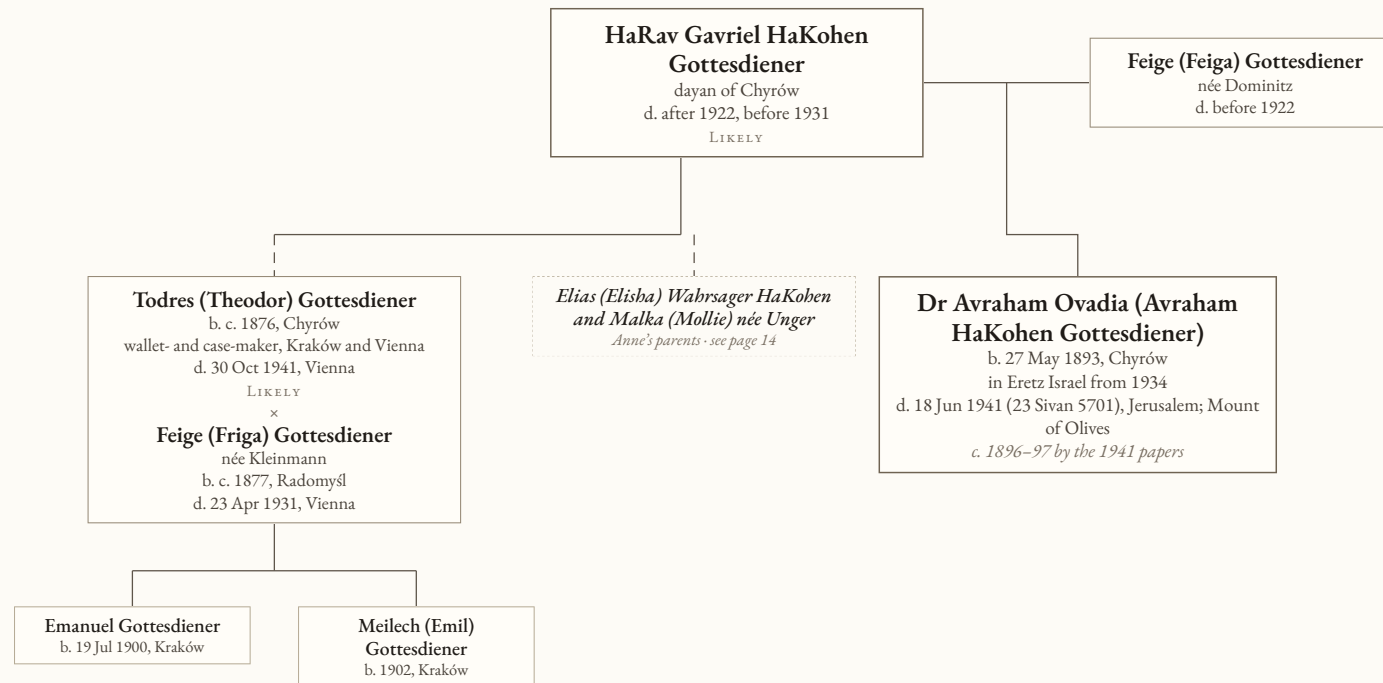
Elias (Elisba) Wahrsager HaKoben of Chyrów and Malka (Mollie) née Unger of Dobromil, in Galicia; Berlin 1909–1919; New York from 1921 and 1927



An Elias Wahrsager of Chyrów (owner of house 207 in 1853) and his wife Chana Pessel née Oher (c. 1812–1898), daughter of Hersch and Chaja Oher, were possibly the grandparents of Elias, who was named for him. Malka came to New York on the Majestic in September 1927 with Sabina (entered as Sarah), Kallmann and Anna.

Gottesdiener of Chyrów

HaRav Gavriel HaKohen Gottesdiener, dayan of Chyrów and likely the father of Elias Wahrsager, with his sons Todres, Elias and Dr Avraham Ovadia. The links drawn dashed are likely; those drawn solid are confirmed by the records.



Dr Avraham Ovadia's stone on the Mount of Olives calls him the son of HaRav R' Gavriel HaKohen, dayan of Chyrów; his grave card names his mother Feiga Dominitz. Elias's stone names his father Gavriel HaKohen; Todres is likely another son. Todres and Feige are buried in the Vienna Zentralfriedhof; Emanuel and Meilech were born in Kraków.

DESCENDANTS

The family of Alex and Anne Brecher

Alex (Shimshon) and Anne (Chana Pessel) Brecher and their four children, with their husbands and wives

Alex (Shimshon) Brecher

b. 4 Sep 1910, Felsőbánya
d. 19 Sep 1983 (12 Tishrei 5744)
U.S. papers give 11 Jul 1912
m. Bronx, 1938

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Anne (Chana Pessel) Brecher

née Wahrsager
b. 1 Nov 1913 / 1 Nov 1914, Berlin
d. 23 Jan 1997 (15 Shevat 5757)

Yosef Osher Gavriel Brecher

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Faiga Chana

Meir (Myron) Brecher

b. 20 Oct 1940
d. 5 / 6 Jan 2020 (9 Tevet 5780)

LIKELY

Yehuda Aryeh (Leiby) Brecher

d. 13 Dec 2011 (17 Kislev 5772)
Har HaMenuchot, Jerusalem

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Chedva

Freidy (Frida Dvora)

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Chaim Shaul Schondorf

d. 1 Oct 2010 (23 Tishrei 5771)

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