The Brecher Family

A family history in records, photographs and memory

Felsőbánya · Kapnik · Sighet · Rădăuți · Siret · Chyrów · Dobromil · Berlin · the Bronx · Monsey

For the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Alex (Shimshon) and Anne (Chana Pessel) Brecher — and in memory of those whose names are kept in these pages.

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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.

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The book is printed from the family website, https://brecher-family.sites.tab.bot, where every name, record and photograph can be opened full size. Grades follow the site: CONFIRMED means a record proves it, LIKELY means the records point to it but do not prove it. Living people are named with their relationship only.

Year by Year

The family's story in dates, oldest first: births, marriages, journeys and deaths, as the family book gives them.

c. 1764	R' Yaakov Zeev ben Aryeh, later Av Beit Din of Sereth, is born (he dies in 1844 "aged eighty").
4 Jun 1789	Samuel Kohen, son of family 117 (Isaac Kohan's family) of the Suczawa Jewish community, is born (DAChO f. 1, op. 1, spr. 183, p. 30) CONFIRMED (record); tie to our family Possible
Jul–Sep 1789	Isaac Kohan, family 117, pays the quarter's toleration tax in the Suczawa Jewish community, which then included the Jews of Sereth (DAChO f. 1, op. 1, spr. 183, p. 40) CONFIRMED (record); tie to our family Possible
11 Dec 1793	Meir son of Eliezer Katz, a Kohen (priestly hands carved on his stone), dies at Siret, 8 Tevet 5554 — 11 December 1793 by the Hebrew date (the cemetery survey files the stone under 1794); Siret Old Cemetery, Sanie no. 186. A Possible brother of Aizik son of Eliezer Katz (d. 1828) POSSIBLE
1797	Eva Fronerin of Sadagura is on the Bukovina Jewish tax list; the Frohner surname (kinship Possible) CONFIRMED
1797	Michael Korber, Jewish farmer at Muschenitza (Mușenița), near Siret, is on the Suczawa community's tax list, family 68 (DAChO f. 1, op. 1, spr. 925, p. 29) CONFIRMED (record); tie to Reize Korber Possible
c. 1799	Isaac Kahan of Sereth is on the list of foreign Jews found at the visitation (link to our family Possible) CONFIRMED
26 Feb 1799	"Isaac Kahan", lodging with Joseph Achenwal, is listed at Sereth among Jews found off the registers during the community inspections (DAChO f. 1, op. 1, spr. 925, p. 46) CONFIRMED (record); same man as Isaac Kohan of 1789 Likely; tie to our family Possible
1836	The earliest printed list naming Sereth Jews yet found: seven Sereth subscribers to Limudei HaTeva (Czernowitz 1836); none is a Kohen or a family member CONFIRMED (record)
4 Aug 1838	David, son of Hoschia Brecher and Malke Adelstein, is born at Sereth; he and his sister Roza are entered in the Bistrița register in 1889 (the Brechers of Sereth in Bistrița, a Kohen family not linked to the tree; kinship to Reuven Mordechai Possible) CONFIRMED
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
31 Oct 1845	Froim and Fischel Brecher of Suczawa give to flood relief (Lemberger Zeitung, p. 668) CONFIRMED (print); kinship Possible
Dec 1850	Jakob and Kolman Ungar listed at house no. 87, Dobromil, in an 1850 Dobromil town list in the official gazette POSSIBLE
8 Apr 1863	Hersch Glasberg, son of Samuel Glasberg and Hinde née Wahrsager (daughter of Jacob Lische Wahrsager), is born at Drohobycz CONFIRMED

1864	Abraham Brecher, son of Eisig and Lea, is born in Rădăuți.
18 Jan 1864	Czili Ferencz, daughter of Hersch Ferencz and Ilona Novi, is born at Kováskápolnok (registered 1897) CONFIRMED (kinship to Háni Possible)
1866	R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher HaKohen, son of Zvi, is born in Banila.
24 Oct 1866	The Rădăuți stud-farm estate offers its 14 flour mills, among them the newly built mill at Volovăț, for lease 1867–1869 CONFIRMED
1867	Chyrów voters' list: Schabs (Mordche Schabse) Oher at house 29, the Oher family house LIKELY
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.
27 Apr 1869	The firm "Rifka Brecher", a mixed-goods business in Czernowitz, is registered with Juda Brecher as manager (Czernowitzer Zeitung, p. 3) CONFIRMED (print); kinship Possible
16 Aug 1869	The Volovăț mill is offered for a new lease, taken back from the present lessee Juda Brecher of Siret (kinship to Eisig Possible) CONFIRMED
29 Aug 1870	Ester Michla, daughter of the rabbi of Sereth, dies in Siret.
19 May 1872	A great fire in Chyrów; Salamon Wahrsager is among those compensated CONFIRMED
20 Apr 1873	Hersch Gottesdiener, son of Nuta and Sura Gottesdiener, is born in Chyrów POSSIBLE
1875	R' Avraham Brecher, aged 75, in the Montefiore census of Safed
4 Oct 1875	Todres Gottesdiener, son of Gavriel and Sura, born in Chyrów (1914 Vienna marriage record) CONFIRMED
1877	Samuel (Sámuel) Klein born 22 Jul 1877 at Nagysomkút CONFIRMED
18 Jan 1877	Eigye Eilender née Katz, Samuel's mother, dies at Felsővisó aged 36, ten days after his birth CONFIRMED
4 Apr 1878	Freida Gottesdiener, daughter of Nuta and Sura, is born in Chyrów POSSIBLE
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.
10 Dec 1881	Pesel Kupferman, later R' Asher's wife, is born at Szurdok (Strâmtura) to Izsák Kupferman and Chaya Rivka (Háni) Lebovits CONFIRMED
1 Jul 1882	Leib Jojna Dominitz born at Chyrów to Feiga Dominitz, "married by Jewish rite to Gawriel Gottesdiener", daughter of Abraham and Ester Dominitz CONFIRMED
10 Apr 1885	Chana Marya, daughter of Gabryel Gottesdiener and Feigel née Dominitz, born in Kraków CONFIRMED
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).

24 Feb 1887	Chaje Szure Junger (Bak), likely Pessel Lebovits's sister, and Marku Tabak register their marriage at Bárdfalu LIKELY
26 Aug 1887	Bluma, daughter of Gabryel Gottesdiener and Feigel née Dominitz, born in Kraków CONFIRMED
8 Dec 1887	A Chajim Juda is born in Nagybánya to Majer and Freide Brecher (birth register) LIKELY
22 Jan 1888	Israel Feiwisch Knobler and Sure Judith Frenkel, both of Buczacz, the parents of Chana Itte Brecher née Knobler, marry civilly at Gura Humorului CONFIRMED
25 Jan 1888	Chaje Bruche Knobler, Chana Itte's elder sister, marries Dawid Zellermajer of Rădăuți at Gura Humorului CONFIRMED
c. 1889	Chaje Brecher, daughter of Jankel Wolf Brecher and Edel Fischler, is born (year from her age); she later marries Mechel Bernstein CONFIRMED
1889	Feige Oher née Gartenberg, wife of Schmil Elias Oher, dies at Schodnica CONFIRMED
22 Dec 1889	R' Shmuel Leib (Shmuel Aryeh) Bach, also written Bak and Junger, Pesel's great-grandfather, dies at Bárdfalu (Berbești), aged 78 LIKELY
15 Mar 1890	Eisig Leib Brecher and Lea Bernstein re-register their marriage in Rădăuți.
5 Jul 1890	Feige Rachel, daughter of Meir Brecher of Kapnikbánya and Freide née Frohner, is born in Nagybánya (birth register) CONFIRMED
1891	Samuel Wahrsager is listed as a wood dealer in Chyrów LIKELY
11 Mar 1891	R' Chaim Leib Lebovits's death at Szurdok is entered in the civil register, aged 49 CONFIRMED
14 Sep 1891	Chajem Leb Kupferman, Pesel's brother, is born at Szurdok and named for his late grandfather LIKELY
1892	Meir Brecher is listed among the tradesmen of Kapnikbánya.
1893	Ciwie Goldberg born at Gródek to Chaje Leie née Unger, "daughter of Leibisch and Rifke Unger, merchants in Dobromil" — Malka's parents CONFIRMED
13 Apr 1893	Jakob, son of Meir Brecher and Freide née Frohner, is born in Nagybánya (birth register) CONFIRMED
27 May 1893	Avraham Gottesdiener, later Dr Avraham Ovadia, is born in Chyrów, son of Gavriel and Feige.
27 May 1893	Abraham (later Dr Avraham Ovadia) is entered in the Chyrów birth register, vol. III, p. 80, no. 31 CONFIRMED
21 Nov 1893	Hersch Brecher of Naszód, son of the late Hoschia Brecher of Sereth, marries again at Kolozsvár (the Brechers of Sereth in Bistrița) CONFIRMED (index)
14 Sep 1894	Jakob Fogel, son of Mihály Fogel and Berta (Klein), is born at Nagybánya LIKELY
14 Jan 1895	Yitzchak (Isak) Brecher is born at Sinăuții de Jos, son of Yaakov HaKohen and Liba, very likely R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf's son LIKELY
17 Mar 1895	Riwen Mordche Brecher, son of Eisig, marries Chana Itte Knobler of Buczacz at Gura Humorului
6 May 1896	Szlova Kupferman, Pesel's sister, is born at Szurdok; her father Izsák is entered as born at Kolomea, Galicia CONFIRMED
24 Nov 1896	Sándor Fogel, son of Esther's sister Berta and Mihály Fogel, is born in Felsőbánya CONFIRMED

25 Apr 1897	Ch. Joel Brecher is listed among the donors to Siret's Passover-bread collection for the poor CONFIRMED
13 Dec 1897	Isak Zellermajer, Chana Itte's nephew, is born at Poiana Micului; the witness is Riwen Mordche Brecher CONFIRMED
7 Jan 1898	Chane Pessel Wahrsager née Oher, widow of Jacob Lische Wahrsager — very probably Elias's grandmother — dies at Drohobycz, aged 86 LIKELY
22 Feb 1898	Mordke, son of Abraham and Miriam, dies at Rădăuți, aged eight months (Rădăuți burial register) CONFIRMED
4 Jun 1898	József Jánkú Kupferman, Pesel's brother, is born at Szurdok CONFIRMED
Dec 1899	Abraham Bercie (Bernhard) Fränkel of Buczacz, son of Leibisch and Lea, a Possible brother of Sure Judith Knobler née Frenkel, marries Hinde Mineles at Zabłotów CONFIRMED (record)
1900	Nusen Glasberg, son of Hinde née Wahrsager, marries Beile Leichtmann of Gródek at Drohobycz (civil marriage) CONFIRMED
13 Jan 1900	Debora Limmer née Unger, daughter of the late Salamon and Marjema Unger of Chyrów, dies in Drohobycz aged 60 CONFIRMED
19 Jun 1900	Freide Brecher née Frohner dies in Sighet.
19 Jul 1900	Emanuel, son of Todres Gottesdiener, born in Kraków
5 Aug 1900	Amália Kupferman, Pesel's sister, is born at Szurdok CONFIRMED
30 Aug 1900	Jakob Wolf Brecher, son of Abraham, born in Rădăuți (d. 13 Jun 1903)
1901	Machle Glasberg, Hinde's daughter, marries Markus Josef Neger at Drohobycz CONFIRMED
20 Jul 1901	Samuel Wahrsager is a joint owner of the Rozłucz and Rypiany forest estates CONFIRMED
1902	R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf writes of "my wife Mrs. Liba" in Refuot HaTugah (Lemberg) CONFIRMED
8 Jul 1902	Asher Brecher marries Pesel Kupferman in Szurdok.
8 Jul 1902	R' Asher Brecher, innkeeper of Kapnikbánya, and Pesel (Pepi) Kupferman marry in a civil ceremony at Szurdok CONFIRMED
19 Nov 1902	"Eisig Brecher" signs as witness at a marriage in the Rădăuți register — perhaps our Eisig, then about 70 (leaning Likely) POSSIBLE
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.
1 Mar 1904	Samuel and Moritz Wahrsager open a timber-export firm in Chyrów CONFIRMED
18 May 1904	Izrael Áron Fogel, son of Mihály Fogel and Berta née Klein (Esther's sister), is born at Felsőbánya CONFIRMED
22 Jun 1904	Mihály Fogel, innkeeper, husband of Esther's sister Berta, is admitted to the Felsőbánya town community CONFIRMED
13 Apr 1905	Samuel Gottesdiener, son of David and Elka (Ryfka) née Spira, is born at Lesko POSSIBLE

1906	Israel Oher, son of the late Schmil Eliasz Oher and Feige née Gartenberg, marries Freida Bruck at Borysław CONFIRMED
15 Apr 1906	Malka Frenkel, daughter of R' Aryeh, dies at Buczacz on the 4th day of Chol HaMoed Pesach 5666; her gravestone survives (BB 29) CONFIRMED (kinship Possible)
24 May 1906	Abraham Peisach Nagel, grandson of Nuta Gottesdiener, is born at Mościska POSSIBLE
1 Sep 1906	Sabina (Sara) Wahrsager is born, probably in Dobromil (1 May 1908, Berlin, in her husband's papers) LIKELY
21 Nov 1906	David Brecher marries Esther Klein in Felsőbánya.
17 Jan 1907	Abraham Bercie (Bernhard) Fränkel dies at Zabłotów, aged 48 CONFIRMED (record); kinship Possible
21 Feb 1907	Zoltán Fogel, son of Mihály Fogel and Berta née Klein, is born at Felsőbánya; he dies in May 1907 CONFIRMED
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
Jan 1908	Chaim Jona Wahrsager of Chyrów, son of Feiga, marries Masza Mund recte Ringel at Przemyśl POSSIBLE
29 Apr 1908	Röschen, daughter of Elias and Malka, born in Berlin, registered "Gottesdiener recte Wahrsager" CONFIRMED
10 Jun 1908	Aaron Farkas of Gödényháza arrives in New York on the Slavonia with his wife Rosie and their sons (passenger manifest) CONFIRMED
9 Aug 1908	R' Zvi (Hersch) Brecher HaKohen leaves for the Land of Israel, 12 Av 5668 = 9 Aug 1908 (Shiloh p. 43) CONFIRMED
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.
1909	Röschen Gottesdiener (Wahrsager) dies as a baby in Berlin CONFIRMED
25 Jul 1909	Samuel Eilender arrives at Ellis Island.
26 Jul 1909	Samuel Eilender arrives at New York (Ellis Island) on the Cleveland from Hamburg, as recorded in his certificate of arrival no. 814011 CONFIRMED
18 Sep 1909	Chaim Joel Brecher's Kamenka firm is struck from the commercial register, the business wound up CONFIRMED
30 Sep 1909	Kallmann (Charles) Wahrsager is born in Berlin.
3 Nov 1909	Mátyás Brecher of Kapnikbánya — very probably Meir's son Markus (Mátyás) — is a witness at a Jewish civil marriage at Szurdok (Strâmtura), act 19 LIKELY
16 May 1910	Abraham Gottesdiener of Chyrów, son of Wello and Chana-Lea Gottesdiener (not of Gavriel), marries in Kraków CONFIRMED
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
27 Sep 1910	Dawid Oher, son of the late Samuel Eliasz and Feiga Oher, dies at Drohobycz, aged 77 CONFIRMED
21 Nov 1910	Harry Brecher, tailor of 106 Ludlow Street, files his first papers in New York County (no. 22368) CONFIRMED
9 Dec 1910	Samuel Eilender, of Kapnik, files his first papers in New York County (no. 24099) CONFIRMED
29 Dec 1910	Samuel Eilender's declaration of intention, New York County, no. 24099, is dated 29 December 1910 on the copy in his Bronx naturalization file and in his petition. The New York County copy reads 9 Dec CONFIRMED
19 Jan 1911	Eisig Brecher HaKohen dies in Rădăuți, aged 79.
Nov 1911	Leo Brecher and Ulrich Frohner found a Jewish social club in Gura Humorului; Leo Brecher is its chairman (kinship Possible) CONFIRMED
12 Nov 1911	Dora (Dara) Gensler, Fanny's sister, marries Joseph Dulberg in Brooklyn; her parents are Hyman Gensler and Hanna Herzog CONFIRMED
11 Jul 1912	Ilona (Lucy) Brecher is born in Felsőbánya.
17 Oct 1912	David Brecher is admitted to the municipal community of Felsőbánya.
23 Mar 1913	Selig Rudich, Mollie Brecher's father, and her sister Ella arrive at New York on the Niagara from Havre, going to his son-in-law on 2nd Street (passenger list, both pages) CONFIRMED
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.
1914	E. Wahrsager, leather worker, and H. Safern are tenants together at Saarbrücker Straße 33, Berlin CONFIRMED
24 Jan 1914	Yute bat Baruch, granddaughter of the rabbi of Sereth, dies in Siret.
18 Apr 1914	Ilona Klein, daughter of Esther's brother Jenő Klein, is born at Felsőbánya CONFIRMED
11 Jul 1914	Gabriella Farkas, sister of Margaret Brecher (Mickey's wife), is born in Hungary LIKELY
17 Aug 1914	Hersch Gottesdiener of Chyrów marries Chaja Lea Tink at Lesko POSSIBLE
6 Sep 1914	Todres Gottesdiener marries Feige Kleinmann at the Vienna Stadttempel; the register names his parents Gawriel Gottesdiener and Sura CONFIRMED
1 Nov 1914	Anne (Chana Pesel) Wahrsager is born in Berlin.
1915	David Brecher and his father-in-law Yaakov Tzvi Klein subscribe to the sefer Mevaser Tov in Felsőbánya LIKELY
1915	Samuel and Rose Eilender and their children Alex, Frieda and Joseph are counted in the Bronx in the New York State census LIKELY
25 May 1915	Mihály Fogel, widower of Esther's sister Berta, dies at Felsőbánya CONFIRMED

8 Jun 1915	Samuel Eilender, a rabbi of 169 Brook Avenue, the Bronx, files his petition for naturalization (no. 3671, Supreme Court, Bronx County). It names his wife Rosa (Brecher), born in Bukovina, and their children Elmer (Alex), Josef and Freida CONFIRMED
22 Nov 1915	Miklós (Nicholas) Brecher is born in Felsőbánya.
16 Aug 1915	David Brecher called up for military service, Felsőbánya
23 Aug 1915	Chaja Lea Unger of Chyrów, very probably Malka's older sister, marries Szulim Leiba Goldberg at Przemyśl LIKELY
27 Aug 1915	Harry Brecher marries Mollie Rudich, Manhattan
28 Dec 1915	Samuel Eilender is admitted a citizen of the United States by the Supreme Court, Bronx County, and receives certificate of naturalization no. 647339 CONFIRMED
1916	In the refugee years, Atilie (Etil) Brecher of Óradna, a native of Bukovina, opens her house to Bukovina refugees (kinship Possible) CONFIRMED
1916	R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf, a refugee, buys half-boots for his little daughter (Katuv Yosher p. 19) CONFIRMED
1916	Erna Wahrsager, daughter of Elias and Malka, dies as an infant in Berlin CONFIRMED
1916	Juda Hersch Frenkel, aged 85, dies at Buczacz (late registration of 1937); very probably the man of stone BH-28 LIKELY
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, fleeing the Cossacks (Katuv Yosher).
21 Jul 1916	Army officers vouch for R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf of Banila, a refugee, and he is allowed to stay at Óradna (Rodna) in Hungary (Katuv Yosher p. 13) CONFIRMED
4 Sep 1916	After Romania enters the war, R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf moves to Năsăud, where he lives for about a year (Katuv Yosher p. 14) CONFIRMED
Sep 1917	R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf comes home to Banila, about 15 months after he fled, and finds his house empty (Katuv Yosher pp. 14–15) CONFIRMED
15 Sep 1917	Reuven Mordechai Brecher, son of R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf of Banila, dies (28 Elul 5677).
1918	Elizabeth Zelig born 19 Jun 1918 in Romania, daughter of Israel Zelig CONFIRMED
1918	Aaron Farkas, tailor at 78 Stanton Street, registers for the First World War draft LIKELY
3 Jan 1918	Leib Unger, Malka's father, dies at Kniażpol, aged 66 LIKELY
27 Feb 1918	Markus Brecher marries Frida Moskovics at Taraczköz (Teresva) LIKELY
12 Sep 1918	Samuel Eilender registers for the First World War draft in the Bronx: 1034 Tiffany Street, insurance agent for New York Life, already a citizen CONFIRMED
1919	Frajem (Frojim) Samuel Kupferman, Pesel's brother, a merchant of Szurdok, marries Feiga Basch at Szurdok (civil act 61); his father is written as the late Izsák Kupferman; the first witness is Usher (Asher) Brecher of Szurdok (Likely) CONFIRMED
18 Apr 1919	Ethel (Ella) Shapiro née Rudich, Mollie Brecher's sister, dies in Manhattan, aged 30 (deaths index) LIKELY

1920	Harry and Mollie Brecher in Manhattan with Rachel and Sarah (U.S. census) CONFIRMED
1920	Harry, Mollie and baby Rachel Brecher in the census in Manhattan; Harry sells dress goods CONFIRMED
1920	Selig Rudich's naturalization petition, New York County, names his wife Bertha and six children: Bertha, Minnie, Yetta, Louis, Samuel and Isidore CONFIRMED
7 Apr 1920	Bluma Gottesdiener, Elias's half-sister, marries Hersch Karpel (Surkis) at the Vienna Stadttempel CONFIRMED
24 Jun 1920	Isidor Rudich, Mollie Brecher's youngest brother, dies at 91 Second Street, Manhattan, aged 13; buried at United Hebrew Cemetery, Staten Island CONFIRMED
26 Aug 1920	Rubin Markus Fischler, son of Jankel Wolf Brecher and Edel Fischler, marries Amalia Klotz CONFIRMED
31 Oct 1920	Jochwed Unger marries Izak Sauer at Dobromil LIKELY
30 Dec 1920	Elias Wahrsager lands in Canada from the S.S. Grampian, going to his brother-in-law in Montreal; nearest relative at home: "Gawriel Warsager, Chyrów" CONFIRMED
8 Jan 1921	Fanny Gensler sails from Rotterdam on the S.S. Rotterdam with Chaim and Heine Gensler of Draczinetz CONFIRMED
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
19 Jan 1921	Fanny Gensler and her parents Chaim and Heine (Confirmed) land at Ellis Island; Leon ("Jacob Brecher", born at Gura Humora) is on the same ship; all go to Josef Dulberg in Brooklyn CONFIRMED
27 Jan 1921	Elias Wahrsager's U.S. border card at Saint John West, New Brunswick: wife Malka at Chyrów, bound for his cousin Samuel Alexander in New York CONFIRMED
29 Jan 1921	Elias Wahrsager enters the United States at Vanceboro, Maine, by railroad from Montreal (his 1926 petition) CONFIRMED
17 Apr 1921	Yetta Rudich, Mollie's sister, marries Louis Steff in Manhattan; Harry Brecher signs as a witness CONFIRMED
29 Jun 1921	Max Isaac Brecher, son of Leon and Fanny, is born in Brooklyn (21 June in his father's 1927 petition) CONFIRMED
31 Aug 1921	Bertha Rudich, Mollie's sister, marries Chaim Szimon Lobel, butcher, at Bronx Borough Hall; her sister Minnie Feldman is the witness CONFIRMED
1922	HaRav Gavriel Gottesdiener dies, probably in Chyrów (between January and October) LIKELY
26 Jan 1922	Elias Wahrsager files his declaration of intention (no. 270571), New York County; living at 136 East Broadway CONFIRMED
3 Feb 1922	Avraham Gottesdiener (later Dr Avraham Ovadia), rabbinical candidate of Chyrów, marries Marjem Wachs at Sambor; Rabbi Aharon Lewin officiates CONFIRMED
13 Jun 1922	Leon declares his intention to become a citizen in Brooklyn as Leo Brecher, of 665 Sackman Street CONFIRMED

1924–25	R’ Asher Brecher keeps a tavern and a shop at Strâmtura LIKELY
4 Feb 1924	Izrael, son of Miksa (Chaim Yehuda) Brecher and Zali née Grunberg, dies at Munkács, aged two and a half CONFIRMED
1925	R’ Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher’s Katuv Yosher is printed in Czernowitz.
1925	The Wahrsager household is still listed at Saarbrücker Straße 33, four years after Elias left CONFIRMED
1925	Katuv Yosher opens on the yahrzeit, 28 Menachem Av, of R’ Yaakov Zeev Wolf’s first wife Liba CONFIRMED
1925	R’ Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher HaKohen’s book Ohalim is printed in Czernowitz LIKELY
16 Apr 1925	At Banila’s celebration of the Hebrew University, “Jacob Brecher, a notable Talmudist” speaks (Likely R’ Yaakov Zeev Wolf, back in Banila) LIKELY
1926	S. Safern of Saarbrücker Straße 33, the Wahrsagers’ house in Berlin, sits on the Zeirei Mizrachi youth committee CONFIRMED
15 Nov 1926	Elias Wahrsager petitions for naturalization in New York, naming his children Sabina, Kalman and Annchen (Anne) CONFIRMED
1927	Hirsch Safern, ship’s cook, still lives at Saarbrücker Straße 33 — the household of Malka’s “friend L. Saffern” LIKELY
2 Mar 1927	Leon files his naturalization petition in Baltimore as Jacob Brecher, asking to be named Leo Brecher CONFIRMED
7 Mar 1927	Hannah Brecher (later Rudman), daughter of Leon and Fanny, is born CONFIRMED
14 Mar 1927	Elias Wahrsager becomes a United States citizen.
13 Jun 1927	Leon is admitted as a U.S. citizen in Baltimore, as Leo Brecher CONFIRMED
Jul 1927	Selig Rudich, Mollie Brecher’s father, is buried in the First Independent Strozynetzer society plot, United Hebrew Cemetery, Staten Island (Find a Grave gives his death as 24 Jul 1927; this site 23 Jul) LIKELY
14 Sep 1927	Malka sails from Southampton on the S.S. Majestic with Sabina, Kallmann and Anne, to join Elias in New York CONFIRMED
20 Sep 1927	Malka Wahrsager arrives in New York with Sabina (Sara), Kallmann and Anne.
26 Dec 1927	Paul Schiff, Sabina’s future husband, arrives at New York on the S.S. Deutschland as “Josef Brawer” CONFIRMED
Av 1928	Etil, second wife of R’ Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher HaKohen of Banila, dies; a eulogy for her said to be in his book Ohalim is unverified (the book found is dated 1925) LIKELY
26 Feb 1928	Louis Rudich, Mollie’s brother, a butcher, marries Lillian Shapiro in Brooklyn CONFIRMED
28 Mar 1928	Arthur S. Brecher, son of Harry and Mollie, is born; he grows up in the Bronx LIKELY
20 Jul 1928	Ottilie (Ettel) Brecher née Weissbach, second wife of R’ Yaakov Zeev Wolf, dies at Banila (3 Av 5688); her husband gives the eulogy CONFIRMED (second wife: Likely)
22 Nov 1928	David Brecher, entered as a rabbi born at Sereth, receives non-quota US visa no. 344 at Budapest (Vulcania list, 1928) CONFIRMED

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).
1929	Paul Schiff's marriage certificate names his parents Markus Schiff and [Genta?] née Brawer CONFIRMED
6 Sep 1929	Gizela Farkas arrives in New York on the Aquitania with her children, Margit (Margaret, later Margaret Brecher) among them, to join her husband Morris Farkas in the Bronx CONFIRMED
14 Dec 1929	Sabina (Sara) Wahrsager marries Paul Schiff in the Bronx.
1930	Harry and Mollie in the Bronx with Rachael, Sarah, Ruth and Seymour (Arthur); Leon and Fanny in Baltimore with Max and Hanna CONFIRMED
Apr 1930	The Brechers are counted at 972 Fox Street, Bronx.
Apr 1930	The Wahrsagers at 1035 Tiffany Street, Bronx (1930 census); Paul and Sabina Schiff counted nearby CONFIRMED
1931/32	Maria Wahrsager is listed at Saarbrücker Straße 33, Berlin CONFIRMED
1931	Chaim Jakób Dominitz, son of the late HaRav Gavriel Gottesdiener and Feige Dominitz, marries at Medenice — very probably Elias's half-brother LIKELY
1931	Dr Avraham Ovadia (Gottesdiener) directs the movement's counselors' camp in the Carpathians (Dov Knohl's memoir, Bamishor 1941) LIKELY
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.
4 Jul 1932	Jakob Brecher chairs a community meeting at Banila p. S. (Likely R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf) LIKELY
1934	Chaja Lea Glasberg, Hinde's daughter, dies at Drohobycz aged 67 CONFIRMED
6 Feb 1934	Paul Schiff's declaration of intention (no. 117029), Bronx, with his photograph CONFIRMED
23 Mar 1934	David Brecher, a neckwear manufacturer of 972 Fox Street, the Bronx, swears his petition for citizenship (no. 229724, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York). It gives his last foreign residence as Budapest; his witnesses are Morris Chanales and Sam Kaufman CONFIRMED
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).
28 Nov 1936	Gabriella Farkas marries Leonard A. Creizman in the Bronx; the record names her parents Morris and Gizella Weiss LIKELY
4 May 1937	Alex Brecher files his declaration of intention in the Bronx.
14 May 1937	Amália Kupferman, Pesel's sister, marries Pinkas Zelig Fruchter at Strâmtura CONFIRMED
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.

1938	Eugene Brecher and Elizabeth Zelig take out their Brooklyn marriage licence, 1 Mar 1938 CONFIRMED
1938	Alex (Shimshon) Brecher and Anne Wahrsager married, 3 Apr 1938, Burnside Manor, Bronx CONFIRMED
1938	R' Yaakov Zeev's surviving Torah notes (to parashat Va'era), copied by his great-grandson, are printed as Chedvat Yaakov in Marghita CONFIRMED
6 Mar 1938	Samuel Gottesdiener of Chyrów marries Beile Süss at Stary Sambor POSSIBLE
1939	Yosef Brecher of Sighet, son of R' Asher, is engaged; the greeting is printed in Satu Mare LIKELY
28 Apr 1939	Paul Friedman petitions for naturalization in New York.
1940	Harry and Mollie at 1310 Morris Avenue, the Bronx, with Rachel, Sarah, Ruth and Arthur CONFIRMED
1940	Usher (Asher) Brecher is born in Grosswardein (Oradea) to Nachum Ze'ev and his first wife Minda, named for his grandfather R' Asher (a memorial record) CONFIRMED
10 Feb 1940	Chaim Yehuda (Miksa) Brecher dies in Satu Mare, aged 52; his stone names his father, R' Meir HaKohen Brecher LIKELY
Apr 1940	Elias, Malka and Charles still at 1035 Tiffany Street, Bronx (1940 census) CONFIRMED
Apr 1940	1940 census: Eugene and Elizabeth Brecher at 305 East Mount Eden Avenue, Bronx; Lucy and Paul Friedman on Monroe Avenue with Paul's parents CONFIRMED
Apr 1940	Alex and Anna Brecher in the census in the Bronx; Alex sells textiles on his own account CONFIRMED
Apr 1940	Leon and Fannie Brecher in Baltimore with their children; Leon keeps his own bar-restaurant at 1800 Orleans Street CONFIRMED
16 Oct 1940	Solomon Farkas registers for the draft in the Bronx, living with his mother Gizella at 888 Fox Street CONFIRMED
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.
1941	Chana Itte Brecher née Knobler dies in Moghilev, Transnistria LIKELY
1941	R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher HaKohen, Banila, 1941 — very probably among the Holocaust victims LIKELY
18 Jun 1941	Dr Avraham Ovadia (Gottesdiener), son of the dayan of Chyrów, dies in Jerusalem (23 Sivan 5701).
1 Aug 1941	Dr Avraham Ovadia's essay series "Darkhei HaMusar BeYisrael" runs in Bamishor after his death, installments to 5 Sep 1941 CONFIRMED
26 Aug 1941	Mickey (Nicholas) Brecher marries Margaret Farkas at the Borough Hall, Bronx (licence no. 8896) CONFIRMED
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

1942	Reuven Mordechai Brecher, Meir's brother, dies in Moghilev, Transnistria LIKELY
1942	Meilech (Emil) Gottesdiener, Holocaust victim, 16 Apr 1942 (French Ministry of Defence record) LIKELY
1942	Michael Goldberg, Holocaust victim, 1942, Bełżec LIKELY
1942	Elias Wahrsager registers for the draft at 1702 Clay Avenue, Bronx CONFIRMED
1942	Morris Farkas's registration card names David Brecher of 1640 Topping Avenue as the person who will always know his address CONFIRMED
1942	Dr Avraham Ovadia's selected writings, "Ketavim nivharim", are published in Jerusalem in two volumes, the year after his death CONFIRMED
1 Apr 1942	Mickey (Nicholas) Brecher and Margaret Farkas marry a second time, in a religious ceremony in the Bronx performed by Rabbi Solomon Teitelbaum of 961 Simpson Street, on the same licence no. 8896, seven months after their civil wedding CONFIRMED
26 Apr 1942	Leon Brecher registers for the draft in Baltimore, running a liquor store of his own CONFIRMED
8 Jun 1942	Nicholas Brecher enlists in the U.S. Army
30 Jul 1942	Brecher Brothers, Inc. incorporated in New York County, 1220 Broadway
5 Dec 1942	Aaron Farkas, very probably the brother of Margaret Brecher's father Morris, dies in Brooklyn; his death certificate names his parents Solomon Farkas and Goldie Fuchs LIKELY
1943	Chaja Lea (Unger) Goldberg, Holocaust victim, 5 Jan 1943, Lwów LIKELY
26 Nov 1943	Hersch Safern, the Wahrsagers' Berlin neighbour, dies in the Bronx; buried at Mount Zion, Queens CONFIRMED
1944	Pesel Brecher and many of Asher's children die.
1944	R' Asher's household — Pesel and the families of Freida, Yitzchak, Yosef, Simcha Eliezer and Tema, with Chaim Yehuda and Leah — perish at Auschwitz CONFIRMED
1944	R' Asher's family at Auschwitz: Pesel; Leah; Simcha Eliezer with his wife Devora née Josef (their baby of about six months perished in the ghetto); Yosef with his wife and their two children, both born in Grosswardein; Yitzchak and Frimet with their three children; Tema and Chaim Tabak with their four children, among them Motti; Freida and her family; Nachum Ze'ev's first wife Minda and their children, among them Usher (memorial records, archive file 25052022_9244) CONFIRMED
Feb 1944	Miriam (Langsner) Brecher is buried in the Bukaczowce society plot, Mount Zion, Queens LIKELY
6 Feb 1944	Miriam Brecher née Langsner dies a widow in Manhattan; her son Harry names her parents as Mordcha Langsner and Bela (death certificate) CONFIRMED
16 Mar 1944	Anne Eilender née Kwiat, first wife of Alex Eilender, dies.
Apr 1944	Feige (Fagie) Rudich is buried beside Selig at United Hebrew Cemetery, Staten Island LIKELY
22 May 1944	Eugene (Jenő) Brecher takes the oath of allegiance and becomes an American citizen (certificate 5955119) CONFIRMED
31 Jul 1944	Brecher Bros. begin using the TOMMY TRAVELER mark for luggage LIKELY

1945	Chaim Leib Brecher (b. Sighet 1921), son of R' Asher and Pesel, dies; his wife and their four children also perished (a memorial record, item 15040134) CONFIRMED
1946	Nachum Ze'ev Brecher sits on the Agudath Israel board in Oradea; his portrait is printed LIKELY
1946	David Brecher heads the list of the Sighet youth committee of Agudath Israel (Agudath Israel Romania report, 1946, p. 36) LIKELY
10 Mar 1946	Kallmann (Charles) Wahrsager marries Ruth Seltzer at 1440 Plimpton Avenue, Bronx; David Brecher signs as witness CONFIRMED
8 Sep 1946	Neve Ovadia at Kfar Etzion dedicated in memory of Dr Avraham Ovadia (Gottesdiener) CONFIRMED
Jul 1948	Rose Eilender née Brecher is buried at Beth David Cemetery; her death certificate names her parents as Meyer Brecher and Frieda Froner CONFIRMED
7 Jul 1948	Rose Eilender née Brecher dies in Brooklyn.
Aug 1948	Brecher Bros. launch their "four-in-one" nesting luggage set at the New York luggage show LIKELY
14 Feb 1949	Hugo Brecher sails from Hamburg on the SS Marine Tiger
30 Nov 1949	Brecher Bros. begin using the PICO mark for leather coats LIKELY
Apr 1950	1950 census: Leon and Fannie Brecher's household in Baltimore (Confirmed); Harry and Mollie Brecher's in the Bronx (Likely)
Apr 1950	Elias and Malka at 1702 Clay Avenue, Bronx (1950 census) CONFIRMED
7 May 1951	A memorial notice for Dr Avraham Ovadia Gottesdiener in Netiva recalls his work for the Bnei Akiva and HaShomer HaDati youth movements and Torah va-Avodah CONFIRMED
7 May 1951	Netiva prints a memorial notice for Dr Avraham Ovadia (Gottesdiener), with his portrait (p. 18) CONFIRMED
16 Aug 1951	Eugene and Elizabeth Brecher and Lucy and Paul Friedman are welcomed as newcomers on Lenore Avenue, Monsey CONFIRMED
1952	Nicholas (Mickey) Brecher becomes president of Plus Marketing LIKELY
Jan 1953	Brecher Bros., 708 Broadway, make the physician's case for the Steraject kit LIKELY
Oct 1953	Eugene Brecher is elected president of the Yeshiva of Spring Valley CONFIRMED
1954	R' David HaKohen Brecher supports the printing of Shem Eliezer in New York, beside the Sigheter Rav LIKELY
Feb 1954	David Brecher receives Beth Medrosh Elyon's outstanding-citizen award in Monsey.
Oct 1954	David and Eugene Brecher are on the board of directors of the Yeshiva of Spring Valley CONFIRMED
11 Dec 1954	Elias Wahrsager dies in the Bronx (17 Kislev 5715; an earlier reading of the stone gave December 1955) CONFIRMED
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).
3 Mar 1955	David Brecher buried at Beth Moses Cemetery, West Babylon: Section 2, Block 18, Row 6, Grave 18

19 Apr 1955	Solomon Farkas, Margaret Brecher's brother, dies at Albany, New York, aged 39 (state death index) LIKELY
1958	R' Shimshon (Alex) HaKohen Brecher appears on a Monsey subscribers' list — the family's earliest dated Monsey record LIKELY
23 Oct 1958	Anne Brecher is president of the Yeshiva of Spring Valley PTA CONFIRMED
26 Oct 1961	Eugene (Yosef) Brecher dies (15 Cheshvan 5722).
3 Sep 1962	Harry Brecher dies, New York
23 Sep 1962	About this day: the Bais Yaakov High School of Spring Valley honours Esther Brecher at its fifth annual dinner; Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik speaks CONFIRMED (date Likely)
25 Jun 1963	Malka Wahrsager (née Unger) dies (3 Tammuz 5723).
7 Mar 1967	Mickey Brecher of Lawrence, N.Y., is granted his first U.S. patent, for a packaging and merchandising device LIKELY
18 Jul 1967	Lea Yetta Safern, very likely Malka's "friend L. Saffern", is buried at Mount Zion, Queens CONFIRMED
1969	Mickey registers his Brevoni brand for wallets and pocketbooks LIKELY
30 Jul 1974	Mickey's second packaging patent is granted LIKELY
1975	Dr Avraham Ovadia's life of the Maharal of Prague (first printed in Jerusalem 1937–38, Likely) is reprinted in Jerusalem as "ha-Maharal mi-Prag" CONFIRMED
6 Feb 1976	Charles B. Schwartz, Ida Brecher's husband (born 16 Dec 1876), is buried — the date his memorial gives as the interment LIKELY
27 Mar 1976	Ida (Chaje) Schwartz née Brecher dies
9 Dec 1978	Yitzchak (Isak) Brecher dies "in his 84th year"; buried at Holon LIKELY
1 Nov 1980	Esther Brecher dies in Florida (22 Cheshvan 5741).
8 Apr 1983	Paul Friedman dies in Dade County, Florida CONFIRMED
19 Sep 1983	Alex (Shimshon) Brecher dies (12 Tishrei 5744).
Dec 1983	Mickey founds Marketing Systems of America in West Palm Beach LIKELY
31 May 1984	Fanny (Gensler) Brecher, Leon's wife, dies in Baltimore LIKELY
21 Dec 1984	Lucy (Ilona) Friedman née Brecher dies in Dade County, Florida CONFIRMED
22 Dec 1984	Lucy Friedman née Brecher dies.
25 Jul 1986	Hannah Brecher Rudman dies CONFIRMED
10 Oct 1988	Leon Brecher dies, Baltimore
22 Apr 1993	Devorah (Dora) Brecher née Haber, Isak's wife, dies; buried at Holon LIKELY
23 Jan 1997	Anne (Chana Pessel) Brecher dies (15 Shevat 5757).
2001	Mossad HaRav Kook, Jerusalem, publishes Dr Avraham Ovadia's life of the Maharal of Prague, "ha-Ari shebe-hakhme Prag" (269 pp.) CONFIRMED
26 Dec 2003	Albert Rudman, Hannah's husband, dies CONFIRMED

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
11 Nov 2010	CBS Miami reports on Mickey's war diary, his Purple Heart and Bronze Star CONFIRMED
13 Dec 2011	Yehuda Aryeh Brecher dies; he is buried on Har HaMenuchot, Jerusalem.
14 Feb 2012	Max Isaac Brecher dies in Baltimore CONFIRMED
31 May 2013	Laura Alma Brecher née Lyman, Arthur's wife, dies; buried at Toledo Hebrew Cemetery LIKELY
12 Aug 2013	Gabriella Rothenberg née Farkas dies at Monsey, New York, aged 99 LIKELY
18 Oct 2014	Nicholas Brecher dies.
5/6 Jan 2020	Meir Brecher dies (9 Tevet 5780).
14 Jan 2020	Margaret Brecher's graveside service at Lakeside Memorial Park, Miami CONFIRMED
11 Feb 2021	Arthur S. Brecher, chemistry professor at Bowling Green, dies; buried at Toledo Hebrew Cemetery beside his wife Laura CONFIRMED

CHAPTER ONE

The Family at the Centre

Alex and Anne Brecher and their four children

Felsőbánya · Berlin · the Bronx · Monsey · Borough Park

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.

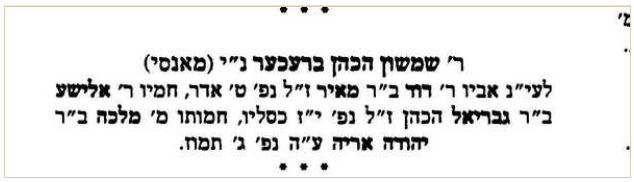
Alex filed his declaration of intention to become a citizen in the Bronx on 4 May 1937, under his registered given name, giving his address as 986 Fox Street, a few doors from his parents. Alex and Anne took out their marriage licence in the Bronx on 16 March 1938 (no. 1991). In April 1940 the census 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 Leḥem 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



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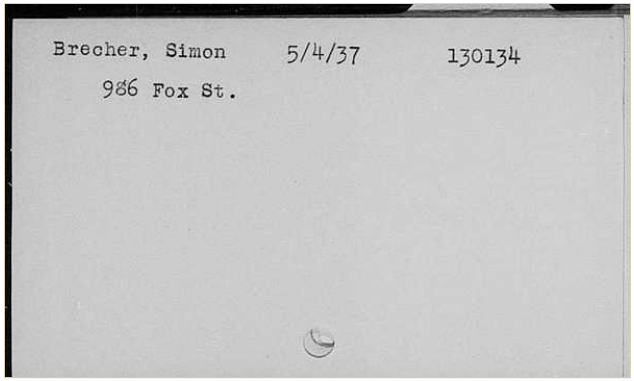
Memorial dedication by Shimshon HaKohen Brecher of Monsey in the New York reprint of the responsa Leḥem Shelomo (Yoreh De'ah) by Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Ehrenreich: in memory of his father R' David son of R' Meir (died 9 Adar), his father-in-law R' Elisha son of R' Gavriel HaKohen (died 17 Kislev) and his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

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



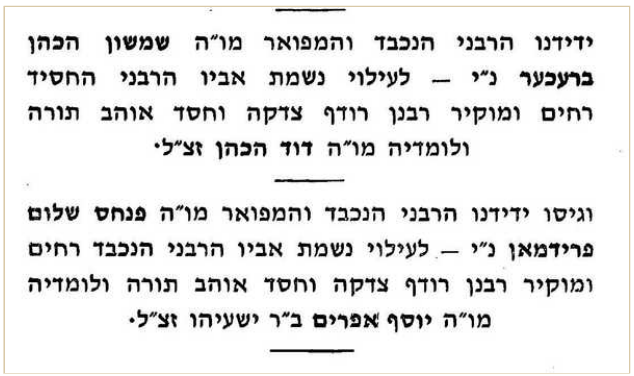
Birth of Shimshon (Alex) Brecher, Felsőbánya, 4 September 1910, act 128. Parents: David Brecher, merchant, aged 29, and Eszter Sára Klein, aged 24. CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, Felsőbánya births, unit MM-F-00743-2-00621, image 121



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

Bronx County naturalization records, declaration of intention index 1927–1952 (FamilySearch)

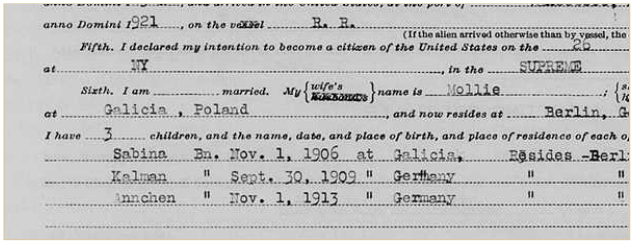


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Subscribers' page of a reprint of the Chatan Sofer. Shimshon HaKohen Brecher dedicated his share to the memory of his father, David HaKohen; beside him his brother-in-law Pinchas Shalom Friedman dedicated his to his father, Yosef Ephraim son of Yeshayahu.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

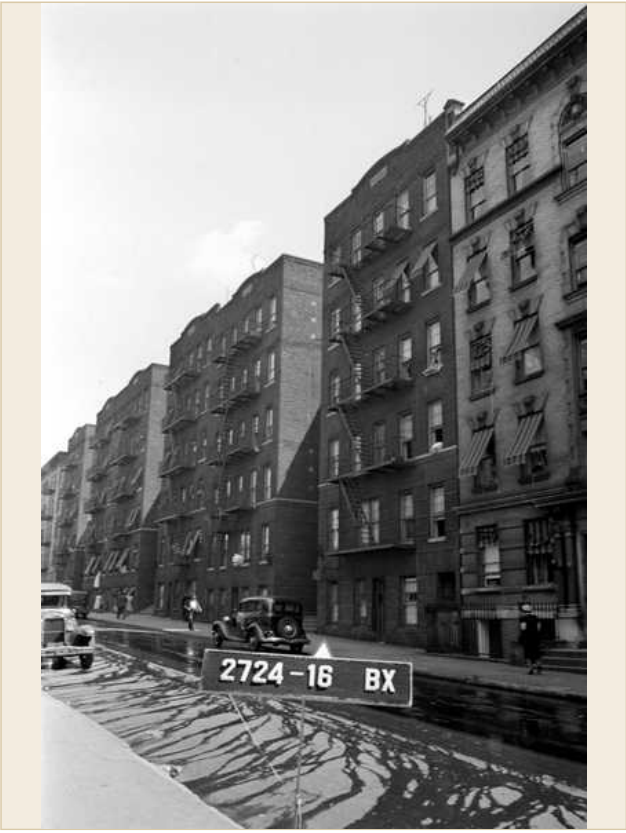
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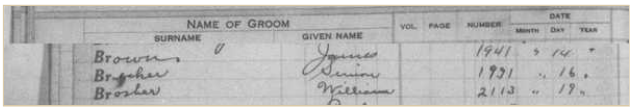
Detail of Elias Wahrsager's 1926 naturalization petition listing his wife Mollie (Malka) and their children, among them Annchen (Anne), born 1 November 1913 in Germany. CONFIRMED

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



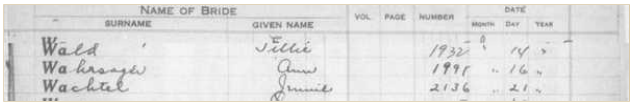
986 Fox Street, Bronx, about 1940: Alex Brecher's address in 1937, a few doors from his parents at no. 972. CONFIRMED

NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives



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

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



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

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



Alex and Anna Brecher in the 1940 census, 1640 Topping Avenue, the Bronx, two years after their marriage: Alex, 29, a textile salesman working on his own account; Anna, 25, born in Germany. CONFIRMED

1940 U.S. Census, Bronx, ED 3-113, sheet 5B (FamilySearch)



1640 Topping Avenue, Bronx, about 1940: the address of David and Esther Brecher on David's 1942 draft registration, and of Alex and Anne in the 1940 census. CONFIRMED

NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives



Alex and Anne Brecher with their sons Myron (Meir) and Leslie (Yehuda Aryeh) in the 1950 census, 1775 Clay Avenue, the Bronx. Alex, 39, was a proprietor in the wholesale trade. CONFIRMED

1950 U.S. Census, Bronx, ED 3-144, sheet 15 (FamilySearch)

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

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

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.

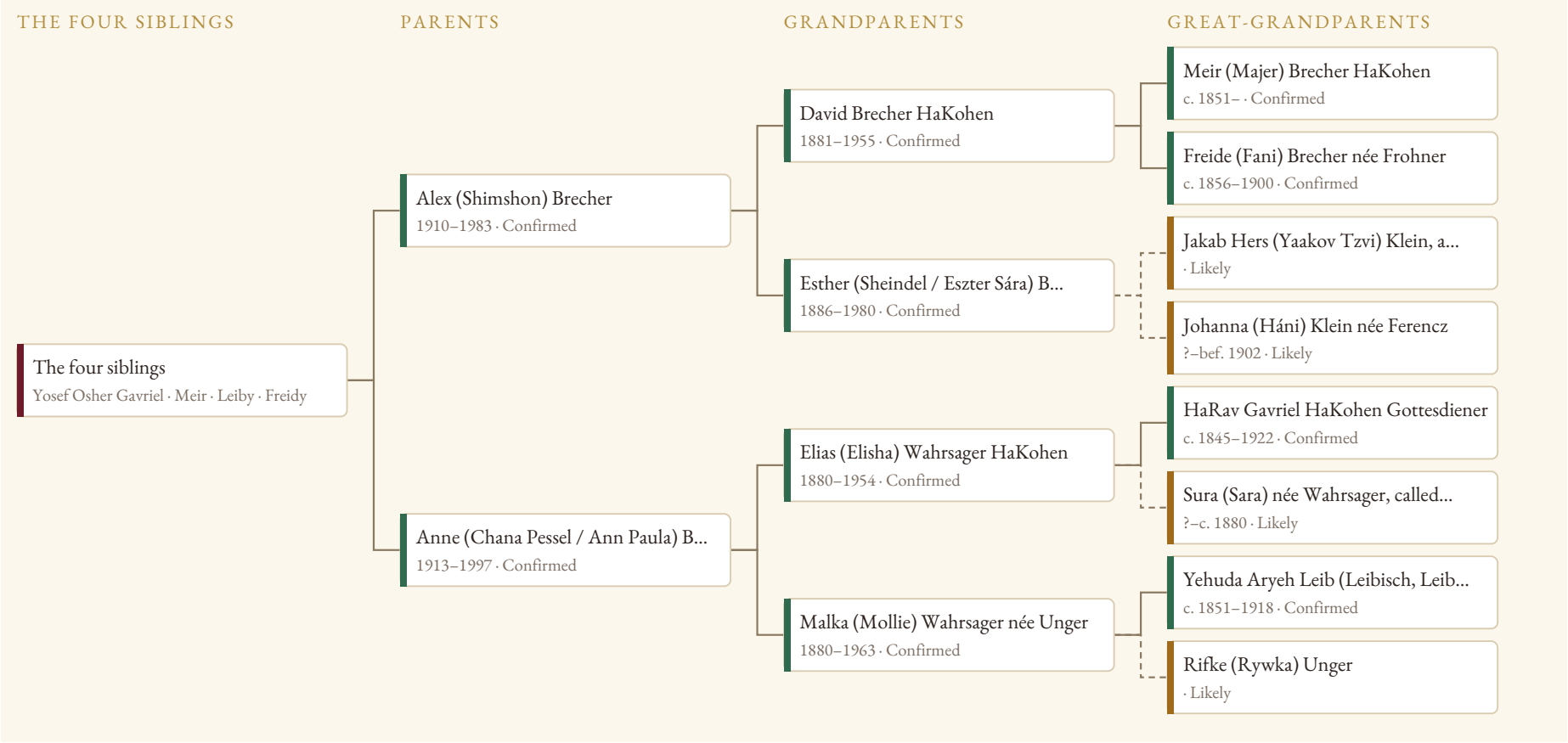


Family photograph, the Bronx, early 1940s. Seated: very likely David and Esther Brecher; standing in the centre: Alex and Anne. The two small children are not named. Identification by the family. LIKELY

Family collection (Yosef Osher Gavriel Brecher), shared 2017

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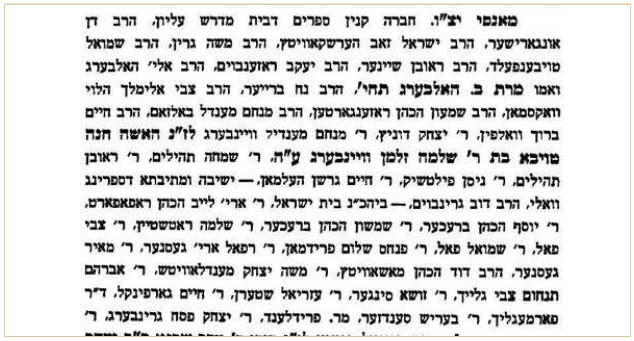
Ancestors as the records show them. Likely links are drawn dashed; people still only possible are left off.



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- 1940 census, the Bronx: Alex S. Brecher, 29, born in Hungary, first papers taken, a textile salesman on his own account, and Anna, 25, born in Germany, naturalized; the ages support his 4 Sep 1910 and her 1 Nov 1914 birth dates. CONFIRMED
  1940 U.S. Census, Bronx, E.D. 3-113, sheet 5B, lines 78–79 (NARA T627; FamilySearch image 3:1:3QS7-L9MY-DF7C)
- R' Shimshon HaKohen Brecher (Alex) and R' Yosef HaKohen Brecher are listed among the Monsey subscribers to Shuva Yisrael, part II, in 1958 — the earliest dated record of the family in Monsey. LIKELY
  Shuva Yisrael II (Monsey 1958) p. 157, HebrewBooks.org no. 2943
- August 1948: Brecher Bros. launch a "four-in-one" set of nesting canvas bags at the National Luggage and Leather Goods Show in New York, $100 the set (AP story). LIKELY
  The Washington Post, 24 Aug 1948, "New Luggage In Pastel Hues" (AP)
- Brecher Brothers, Inc., 27 W. 23rd St., held two U.S. trademarks: TOMMY TRAVELER for luggage and leather goods (in use since 31 Jul 1944; reg. no. 804,460, 1966) and PICO for leather coats and jackets (in use since 30 Nov 1949; reg. no. 834,921, 1967). LIKELY
  U.S. Patent and Trademark Office register data (serials 72158140 and 72193446)
- In January 1953 Brecher Bros., 708 Broadway, made the physician's case for the "Steraject" injection kit; in November 1948 they had a wallet advertisement on the front cover of Premium Practice. LIKELY
  Modern Packaging vol. 26 no. 5 (Jan 1953); references of U.S. design patent D166,261
- The full Hebrew name of Yosef Osher Gavriel Brecher, Yosef Asher Gavriel ben Shimshon HaKohen Brecher, is printed among the sponsors of three Ramchal volumes: Otzrot Ramchal (Bnei Brak 1986), Adir BaMarom vol. II (Jerusalem 1988) and Sha'arei Ramchal (Bnei Brak 1989). CONFIRMED
  HebrewBooks.org nos. 51264 p. 344, 51258 p. 174, 51288 p. 486
- Alex (Shimshon) Brecher and Anne Wahrsager were married on 3 April 1938, 10 p.m., at Burnside Manor, 71–85 Burnside Avenue, Bronx, by Rabbi P. S. Rottenberg. Both sets of parents are named: David Brecher and Esther Klein; Elias Wahrsager and Mollie Unger. CONFIRMED
  NYC Municipal Archives, Bronx 1938 marriage licence and certificate no. 1991
- Burnside Manor, the hall at 85 West Burnside Avenue in the Bronx where Alex and Anne married on 3 April 1938, now has pictures on the site: the city's tax photograph of about 1940 and a 1950s view. CONFIRMED
  NYC Municipal Archives 1940s tax photographs; Wikimedia Commons
- Anne Brecher in the Monsey papers: hostess and class mother at the Yeshiva of Spring Valley PTA in October 1953, co-chairman of its sale in 1955, PTA president in 1958, then president of the Women's League, handing over at its June 1959 installation (tickets "by calling Ann Brecher, EL 6-0422"). Alex was on the yeshiva's 1953 banquet committee and a building sponsor of Beth Medrosh Elyon in 1962. CONFIRMED
  Orangetown Telegram 22 Oct 1953, 27 Oct 1955, 23 Oct 1958, 15 Jan 1959, 4 Jun 1959; Rockland County Leader 30 Jul 1953; Ramapo Valley Independent 5 Jul 1962 (HRVH Historical Newspapers (news.hrvh.org))

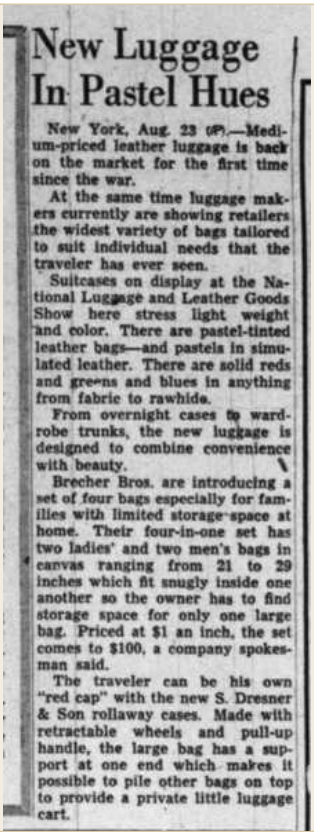
Pictures and records found since the book



מאנסי יצ"ו, חברה קנין ספרים דבית מדרש עליון, הרב דן
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ואמו מורת ב. האלבערג תחי', הרב נח ברייער, הרב צבי אלימלך הלוי
וואקסמאן, הרב שמעון הכהן ראזענגארטען, הרב מנחם מענדל באלזאם, הרב חיים
ברוך וואלפין, ר' יצחק דוניץ, ר' מנחם מענדיל וויינבערג לז"נ האשה חנה
טויבא בת ר' שלמה זלמן וויינבערג ע"ה, ר' שמחה תהילים, ר' ראובן
תהילים, ר' ניסן פילטשיק, ר' חיים גרשן העלמאן, — ישיבה ומתיבתא דספרינג
וואלי, הרב דוב גרינבוים, — ביהכ"נ בית ישראל, ר' ארי' לייב הכהן ראפאפארט,
ר' יוסף הכהן ברעכער, ר' שמשון הכהן ברעכער, ר' שלמה ראטשטיין, ר' צבי
פאל, ר' שמואל פאל, ר' מנחם שלום פרידמאן, ר' רפאל ארי' בעסנער, ר' מאיר
בעסנער, הרב דוד הכהן מאשאוויטש, ר' משה יצחק מענדלאוויטש, ר' אברהם
תנחום צבי גלייך, ר' זושא סינגער, ר' עזריאל שטערן, ר' חיים בארפינקל, ד"ר
מארמעגליך, ר' בעריש סענדזער, מר. פרידלענד, ר' יצחק פסח גרינבערג, ר'

Monsey subscribers to Shuva Yisrael, 1958: R' Yosef HaKohen Brecher and R' Shimshon HaKohen Brecher — the earliest dated record of the family in Monsey. LIKELY

Shuva Yisrael, part II (Monsey 1958), p. 157, via HebrewBooks.org (no. 2943)



New Luggage In Pastel Hues

New York, Aug. 23 (AP).—Medium-priced leather luggage is back on the market for the first time since the war.

At the same time luggage makers currently are showing retailers the widest variety of bags tailored to suit individual needs that the traveler has ever seen.

Suitcases on display at the National Luggage and Leather Goods Show here stress light weight and color. There are pastel-tinted leather bags—and pastels in simulated leather. There are solid reds and greens and blues in anything from fabric to rawhide.

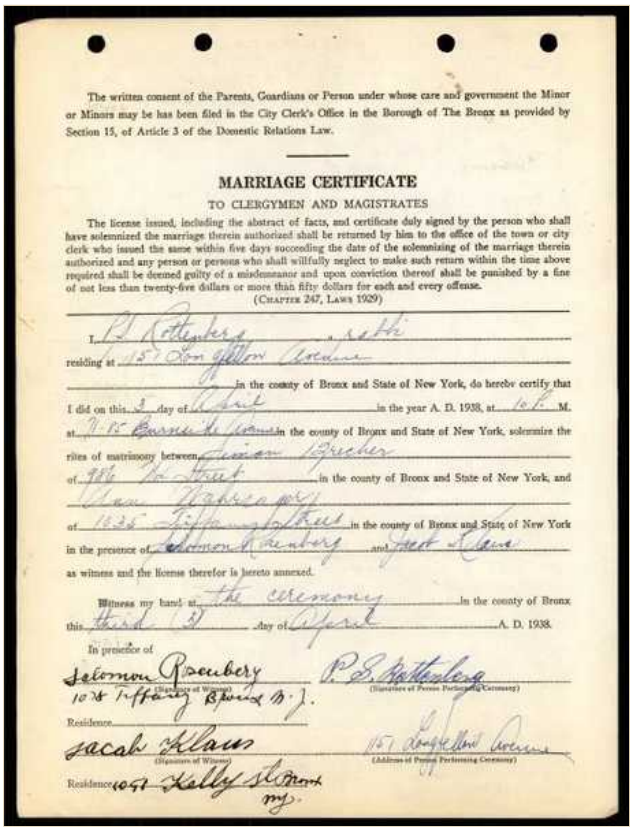
From overnight cases to wardrobe trunks, the new luggage is designed to combine convenience with beauty.

Brecher Bros. are introducing a set of four bags especially for families with limited storage space at home. Their four-in-one set has two ladies' and two men's bags in canvas ranging from 21 to 29 inches which fit snugly inside one another so the owner has to find storage space for only one large bag. Priced at $1 an inch, the set comes to $100, a company spokesman said.

The traveler can be his own "red cap" with the new S. Dresner & Son rollaway cases. Made with retractable wheels and pull-up handle, the large bag has a support at one end which makes it possible to pile other bags on top to provide a private little luggage cart.

August 1948: at the National Luggage and Leather Goods Show in New York, Brecher Bros. introduce a "four-in-one" set of canvas bags that nest inside one another, $100 the set. LIKELY

The Washington Post (AP), 24 Aug 1948, via Internet Archive



The written consent of the Parents, Guardians or Person under whose care and government the Minor or Minors may be has been filed in the City Clerk's Office in the Borough of The Bronx as provided by Section 15, of Article 3 of the Domestic Relations Law.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

TO CLERGYMEN AND MAGISTRATES

The license issued, including the abstract of facts, and certificate duly signed by the person who shall have solemnized the marriage therein authorized shall be returned by him to the office of the town or city clerk who issued the same within five days succeeding the date of the solemnizing of the marriage therein authorized and any person or persons who shall willfully neglect to make such return within the time above required shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars or more than fifty dollars for each and every offense.

(Chapter 247, Laws 1929)

I, P. S. Rothenberg, a rabbi

residing at 151 Longfellow Avenue

in the county of Bronx and State of New York, do hereby certify that I did on this 3 day of April in the year A. D. 1938, at 10 P. M. at 985 Bronx Park South in the county of Bronx and State of New York, solemnize the rites of matrimony between Simon Brecher of 986 Ha-Street in the county of Bronx and State of New York, and Anna Wahrsager of 1035 Tiffany Street in the county of Bronx and State of New York in the presence of Solomon Rosenberg and Jacob Klaus as witness and the license therefor is hereto annexed.

Witness my hand at the ceremony in the county of Bronx this third day of April A. D. 1938.

In presence of

Solomon Rosenberg (Signature of Witness) 1038 Tiffany Street Bronx N. Y.

P. S. Rothenberg (Signature of Person Performing Ceremony)

Residence

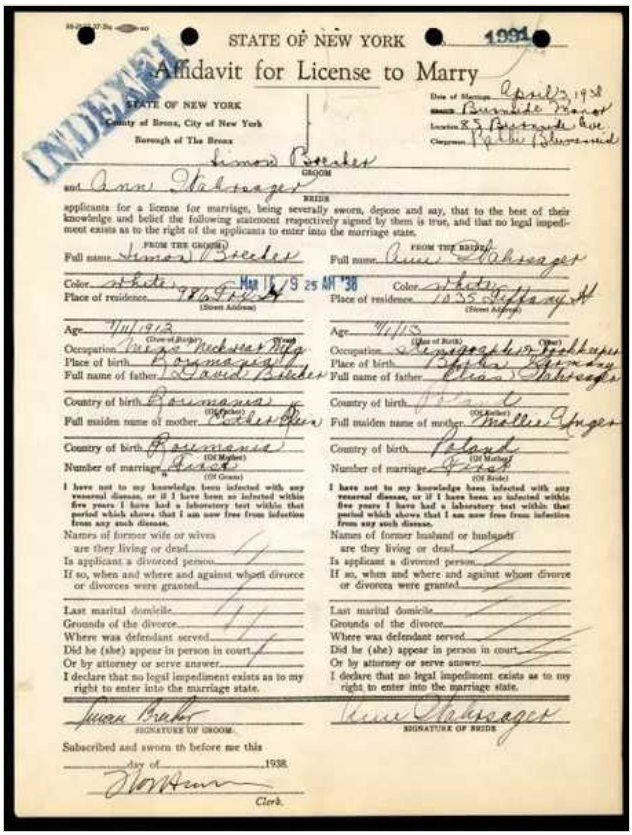
Jacob Klaus (Signature of Witness)

151 Longfellow Avenue (Address of Person Performing Ceremony)

Residence 1052 Kelly St Bronx N.Y.

Certificate of the marriage of Alex (Shimshon) Brecher and Anne Wahrsager, Bronx, 3 April 1938, no. 1991. CONFIRMED

NYC Municipal Archives



STATE OF NEW YORK 1991

Affidavit for License to Marry

STATE OF NEW YORK
County of Bronx, City of New York
Borough of The Bronx

Date of Marriage April 3 1938
Location 85 Bretton Ave
Clergyman P. S. Rothenberg

UNDER

Simon Brecher
GROOM
and Anna Wahrsager
BRIDE

applicants for a license for marriage, being severally sworn, depose and say, that to the best of their knowledge and belief the following statements respectively signed by them is true, and that no legal impediment exists as to the right of the applicants to enter into the marriage state.

FROM THE GROOM	FROM THE BRIDE
Full name Simon Brecher	Full name Anna Wahrsager
Color White	Color White
Place of residence 986 Ha-Street (Street Address)	Place of residence 1035 Tiffany St (Street Address)
Age 7/11/1912 (Date of Birth)	Age 7/1/13 (Date of Birth)
Occupation Cleaner Buckram Mfg (Trade)	Occupation Stenographer Bookkeeper (Other)
Place of birth Przemysl Austria	Place of birth Poland Germany
Full name of father David Brecher	Full name of father Elias Wahrsager
Country of birth Roumania (Of Father)	Country of birth Poland (Of Father)
Full maiden name of mother Esther Beer	Full maiden name of mother Malke Unger
Country of birth Roumania (Of Mother)	Country of birth Poland (Of Mother)
Number of marriage First (Of Groom)	Number of marriage First (Of Bride)
I have not to my knowledge been infected with any venereal disease, or if I have been so infected within five years I have had a laboratory test within that period which shows that I am now free from infection from any such disease.	I have not to my knowledge been infected with any venereal disease, or if I have been so infected within five years I have had a laboratory test within that period which shows that I am now free from infection from any such disease.
Names of former wife or wives are they living or dead	Names of former husband or husbands are they living or dead
Is applicant a divorced person	Is applicant a divorced person
If so, when and where and against whom divorce or divorces were granted	If so, when and where and against whom divorce or divorces were granted
Last marital domicile	Last marital domicile
Grounds of the divorce	Grounds of the divorce
Where was defendant served	Where was defendant served
Did he (she) appear in person in court	Did he (she) appear in person in court
Or by attorney or serve answer	Or by attorney or serve answer
I declare that no legal impediment exists as to my right to enter into the marriage state.	I declare that no legal impediment exists as to my right to enter into the marriage state.
Simon Brecher SIGNATURE OF GROOM	Anna Wahrsager SIGNATURE OF BRIDE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of 1938.

Clerk.

Affidavit for their marriage licence, 16 March 1938, with both signatures and both sets of parents. CONFIRMED

NYC Municipal Archives



The corner of West Burnside and Harrison Avenues, Bronx, in the city's tax photograph of about 1940. The 'Burnside Manor' sign is visible at the far left. Alex (Shimshon) Brecher and Anne Wahrsager married at Burnside Manor on 3 April 1938.

Courtesy NYC Municipal Archives (1940s Tax Department photographs). License: City of New York public record; credit line requested.



Burnside Manor, the catering hall at 85 West Burnside Avenue in the Bronx (the former Kelton Theatre), in the 1950s. Alex and Anne were married here in 1938.

Morris Heights Health Center (uploader MHHC123), via Wikimedia Commons. License: Public domain (as tagged on Commons).



FARM
R.) SPRING VALLEY
OFF RT. 45
he Weekends"

Upon his settlement in Rockland County, Samuel Knoll joined the ranks of many local organizations and institutions. As a member of Beth Medrosh Elyon's board of trustees, he has been very active with its expanded programs. He serves as treasurer of the Young Israel of Spring Valley and is an honorary member of the board of directors of the Hebrew Institute of Rockland County.

His wife, Mrs. Jennie Knoll, joins him in their social and communal work. She is an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Beth Medrosh Elyon and an ardent supporter to the Young Israel Women's League.

Honorary chairmen of the dinner are Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, Leon Spilky, Leo Rapaport, Meyer A. Shatz, Harry Harris and Manny Polak.

Co-chairman of the affair will be Arthur Sternfield, former chairman of the winter Melave Malkes.

Sponsors of the affair include: Benjamin Bluming, Alex Brecher, Isaac Dunitz, Jessie Eisen, Rafael Eisenberg, Dennis Gribetz, Harry Halberg, Robert Krane, David Paikin, Herman Sinnet, Louis J. Septimus, Henry Zeisel.

Music will be provided by the famous Yiddish star, Yisroel Langer.

Fortune Leaves Crash; Fortune Quits Fortune

Alexander Fortune's surname was no help to him after he left the scene of an accident Tuesday morn-

are now available to college students at Local Board, 145 Main St., Nyack, chairman Garry Onderdonk has announced. If it is inconvenient for a registrant to call at this office he may obtain his application or information concerning the test from any Selective Service local board. Applications for the test must be postmarked no later then midnight, Thursday, March 28.

The test will be given at the following examination centers in New York State: Alfred, Alfred University; Binghamton, Broome Technical Community College; Buffalo, Canisius College; Brooklyn, Brooklyn College; Buffalo, University of Buffalo; Clinton, Hamilton College; Flushing, Queens College of the City of New York; Fredonia, State University College; Geneva, Hobart College; Hamilton, Colgate University; Hempstead, Hofstra College; Houghton, Houghton College.

Ithaca, Cornell University; Middletown, Orange Community College; New York, Columbia University and Manhattan College; Niagara Falls, Niagara University; Oneonta, Hartwick College; Potsdam, Clarkson College of Technology; Rochester, Rochester Institute of Technology and University of Rochester; Schenectady, Union College and University; Syracuse, Syracuse University; Troy, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Students registered with Selective Service in the State of New York who are attending college outside of the state should contact the proper authorities at the col-

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Civil Service be held Mar. 23, nouncement by County Personn number of positi largely in the W are for promot grade, but there open.

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From the exa positions a list be used for appo priate vacancies all Rockland Co partments, and school districts, special districts.

Applications

Orangetown Telegram, 14 February 1963: Alex Brecher among the sponsors of a Beth Medrosh Elyon testimonial dinner. CONFIRMED

Orangetown Telegram, Pearl River, N.Y., 14 Feb 1963 (NYS Historic Newspapers)



Alex and Anna Brecher in the 1940 U.S. census, the Bronx: "Brecher, Alex S.", head, 29, born in Hungary, first papers taken, a salesman of textiles working on his own account; "Anna", wife, 25, born in Germany, naturalized. Both lived in the same place in 1935. Rent $39 a month. CONFIRMED

1940 U.S. Census, Bronx, New York, S.D. 49, E.D. 3-113, sheet 5B, lines 78–79, enumerated 4 April 1940 (NARA T627; image via FamilySearch, record 1:1:KQBN-RB8, image 3:1:3QS7-L9MY-DF7C)

People of this chapter

Meir (Myron) Brecher (1940–2020) · Yehuda Aryeh (Leiby) Brecher (?–2011) · Alex (Shimshon) Brecher (1910–1983) · Anne (Chana Pessel / Ann Paula) Brecher née Wahrsager (1913–1997) · Chedva (?–c. 2014) · Chaim Shaul Schondorf (?–2010) · Baruch · Yute bat Baruch (?–1914) · Jochwed Sauer née Unger (c. 1889–)

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CHAPTER TWO

David & Esther Brecher

Felsőbánya and the Bronx

Felsőbánya · Nagybánya · Trieste · the Bronx · Monsey · Spring Valley

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.

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



Birth of Ilona (Lucy) Brecher, Felsőbánya, 11 July 1912, act 97. Parents: David Brecher, merchant, 31, and Eszter Sára Klein, 26.

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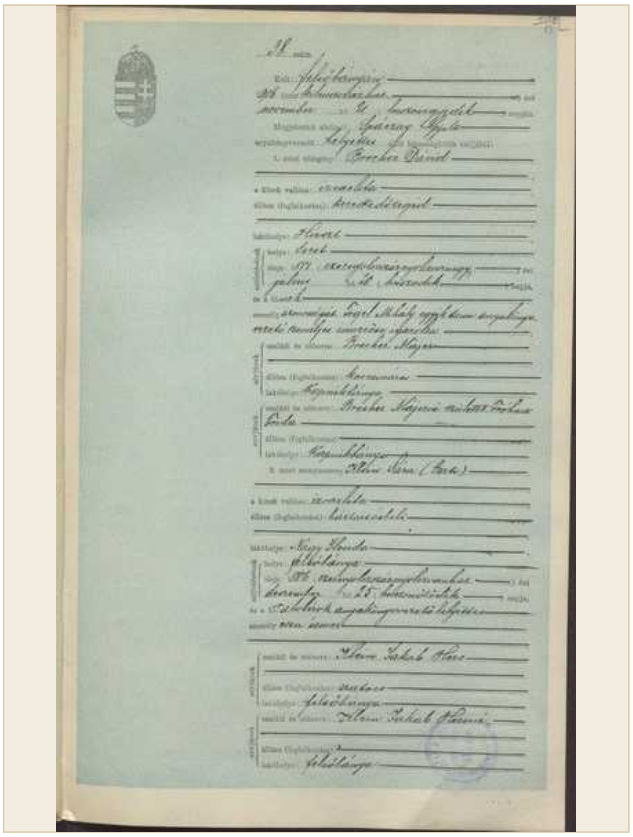
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Birth of Jenő (Eugene) Brecher, Felsőbánya, 1 November 1908, act 157. Parents: David Brecher, draper, 27, and Eszter Klein, 22.

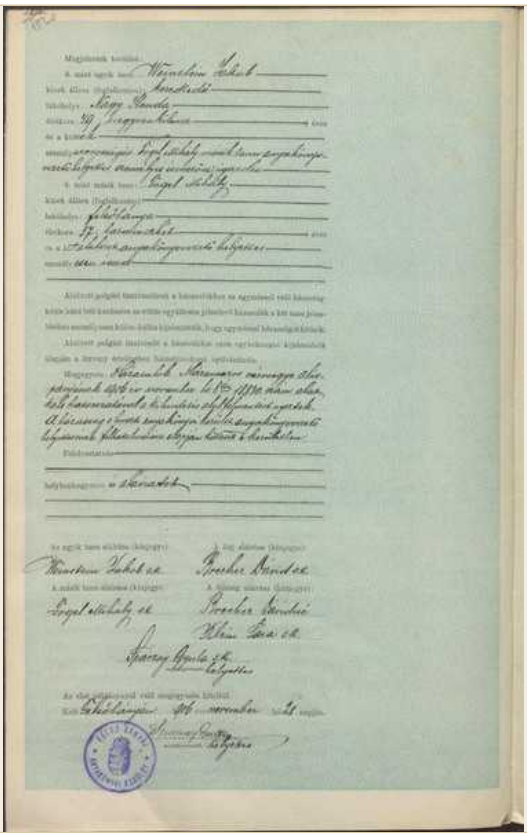
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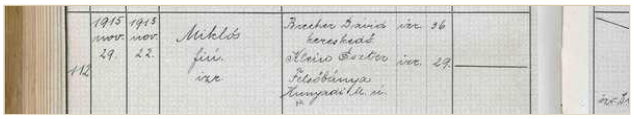
Civil marriage of David Brecher and Eszter Sára Klein, Felsőbánya, 21 November 1906, act 38. David is entered as born 20 July 1881 in Siret, son of Meir Brecher and Freide Frohner; the bride's father is Jakab Hersch Klein, merchant of Felsőbánya. CONFIRMED

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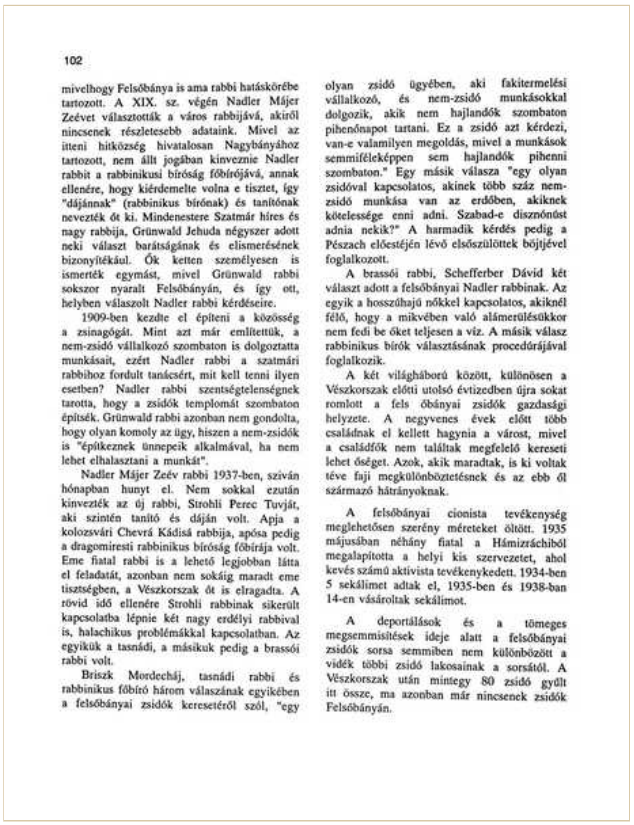
The same marriage act, reverse: the witnesses and the signatures of the bride and groom. CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, unit MM-F-00743-1-1-00044, p. 152v



Birth of Miklós (Nicholas) Brecher, Felsőbánya, 22 November 1915, act 112. Parents: David Brecher, merchant, 36, and Eszter Klein, 29. CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, Felsőbánya births, unit MM-F-00743-2-00621, image 262



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mivelhogy Felsőbánya is ama rabbi hatáskörébe tartozott. A XIX. sz. végén Nadler Májer Zeévet választották a város rabbijává, akiről nincsenek részletesebb adataink. Mivel az itteni hitközség hivatalosan Nagybányához tartozott, nem állt jogában kinveznie Nadler rabbit a rabbinikusi bíróság főbírójává, annak ellenére, hogy kiérdemelte volna e tisztet, így "dájánnak" (rabbinikus bírónak) és tanítónak nevezték őt ki. Mindenestere Szatmár híres és nagy rabbija, Grünwald Jehuda négyszer adott neki választ barátságának és elismerésének bizonyítékául. Ők ketten személyesen is ismerték egymást, mivel Grünwald rabbi sokszor nyaralt Felsőbányán, és így ott, helyben válaszolt Nadler rabbi kérdéseire.

1909-ben kezdte el építeni a közösség a zsinagógát. Mint azt már említettük, a nem-zsidó vállalkozó szombaton is dolgoztatta munkásait, ezért Nadler rabbi a szatmári rabbihoz fordult tanácsért, mit kell tenni ilyen esetben? Nadler rabbi szentségtelenségnek tarotta, hogy a zsidók templomát szombaton építsék. Grünwald rabbi azonban nem gondolta, hogy olyan komoly az ügy, hiszen a nem-zsidók is "építkeznek ünnepeik alkalmával, ha nem lehet elhalasztani a munkát".

Nadler Májer Zeév rabbi 1937-ben, szíván hónapban hunyt el. Nem sokkal ezután kinvezték az új rabbi, Strohli Perec Tuvját, aki szintén tanító és dáján volt. Apja a kolozsvári Chevrá Kádisá rabbija, apósa pedig a dragomiresti rabbinikus bíróság főbírája volt. Eme fiatal rabbi is a lehető legjobban látta el feladatát, azonban nem sokáig maradt eme tisztségében, a Vészkorszak őt is elragadta. A rövid idő ellenére Strohli rabbinak sikerült kapcsolatba lépnie két nagy erdélyi rabbival is, halachikus problémákkal kapcsolatban. Az egyikük a tasnádi, a másikuk pedig a brassói rabbi volt.

Briszk Mordecháj, tasnádi rabbi és rabbinikus főbíró három válaszának egyikében a felsőbányai zsidók keresetéről szól, "egy olyan zsidó ügyében, aki fakitermelési vállalkozó, és nem-zsidó munkásokkal dolgozik, akik nem hajlandók szombaton pihenőnapot tartani. Ez a zsidó azt kérdezi, van-e valamilyen megoldás, mivel a munkások semmiféleképpen sem hajlandók pihenni szombaton." Egy másik válasza "egy olyan zsidóval kapcsolatos, akinek több száz nem-zsidó munkása van az erdőben, akiknek kötelessége enni adni. Szabad-e disznónőst adnia nekik?" A harmadik kérdés pedig a Pészach előestéjén lévő elsőszülöttek böjtjével foglalkozott.

A brassói rabbi, Schefferber Dávid két választ adott a felsőbányai Nadler rabbinak. Az egyik a hosszúhajú nőkkel kapcsolatos, akiknél félő, hogy a mikvében való alámerülésükkor nem fedi be őket teljesen a víz. A másik válasz rabbinikus bírók választásának procedúrájával foglalkozik.

A két világháború között, különösen a Vészkorszak előtti utolsó évtizedben újra sokat romlott a fels őbányai zsidók gazdasági helyzete. A negyvenes évek előtt több családnak el kellett hagynia a várost, mivel a családfők nem találtak megfelelő kereseti lehet őséget. Azok, akik maradtak, is ki voltak téve faji megkülönböztetésnek és az ebb ől származó hátrányoknak.

A felsőbányai cionista tevékenység meglehetősen szerény méreteket öltött. 1935 májusában néhány fiatal a Hámizrachiból megalapította a helyi kis szervezetet, ahol kevés számú aktivista tevékenykedett. 1934-ben 5 sekálimet adtak el, 1935-ben és 1938-ban 14-en vásároltak sekálimot.

A deportálások és a tömeges megsemmisítések ideje alatt a felsőbányai zsidók sorsa semmiben nem különbözött a vidék többi zsidó lakosainak a sorsától. A Vészkorszak után mintegy 80 zsidó gyűlt itt össze, ma azonban már nincsenek zsidók Felsőbányán.

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.

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



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FELSŐBÁNYA HITKÖZSÉGE

Felsrbánya (románul Baia Sprie) régi bányaváros. Történelme nagy mértékben a mintegy 10 km-rel tőle nyugatra fekvő Nagybánya – szintén bányaváros – történelmével áll szoros összefüggésben. 1829-b ől származik az első, Felsőbányáról szóló írásos dokumentum, melyben a város megkapja a "szabad királyi város" címet. A lakosság nagy része a bányákban dolgozott, ahol aranyat, ezüstöt, rezet és ólmot bányásztak. Mivel a bányák voltak a város szinte egyetlen megélhetési forrása, a gazdasági élet nagyon ingadozó volt. A XVIII. sz. elején az itt élők száma több volt, mint Nagybánya lakosságáé (4274 szemben 3804-gyel.), ez azonban rövid ideig tartott. A város lassan fejlődött, sok járvány is megtizedelte az itt élők számát. 1710-ben 580-an, 1742-ben pedig mintegy 700-an haltak meg különböz ő járványokban. Felsőbánya a XX. században is ki volt téve az állandó gazdasági ingadozásoknak. Azokban az időszakokban, amikor a nemzetközi piacon alacsony volt a vasércek ára, itt csökkentették a termelést. Így a város lakói közül sokan tönkrementek és elhagyták Felsőbányát. Legtöbben Nagybányára költöztek, mivel az ottani helyzet kiegyensúlyozottabb volt. E nagyváros közelsége nagyban hozzájárult Felsőbánya fejlődéséhez is.

Egy 1693-as törvény kimondja, hogy zsidóknak tilos bányavárosokban (így Felsőbányán is) letelepedniük, valamint hét mérföldnél távolabbra látogatniuk lakóhelyüktől. Az els ő zsidók a XIX. század közepe felé érkeztek Felsőbányára. 1869-ben 31 zsidó élt a városban, és valószínű, hogy volt már egy állandó minján is. A XX. sz. elején, 1910-ig 268 zsidót számláltak össze, ami elég nagy és hirtelen növekedést jelentett. A gazdasági bizonytalanság miatt azonban a zsidók száma 1920-ra mintegy a felére, 193 főre csökkent. Ennek a visszaesésnek többek között természetesen az Els ő Világháború is az oka volt, amely teljesen felfordította a város gazdasági életét. A román uralom első évtizede alatt újra megnövekedett a zsidó lakosok száma, és 1930-ra 322-en lettek, ami a maximum volt a város zsidó lakosainak demográfiájában. A Vészkorszak előtti utolsó évtizedben csökkent valamennyit a zsidók száma, 1941-ben 309-et számláltak, ami kevesebb, mint az összlakosság 8%-a.

A zsidók eleinte kereskedelemb ől és iparból éltek, de később már dolgoztak a bányászat területén is, mint tisztviselők, mérnökök, közvetítők, és exportőrök. Dolgoztak valamennyien a faiparban és voltak kőművesek, akik a környék hegyeiből kifejtett kövekből készítettek malomköveket, sírköveket és építkezési alapanyagokat. Volt néhány zsidó vállalkozó, akik elvállaltak nagyszabású erdőirtásokat,- ritkításokat. Az így kitermelt fából talpfákat készítettek, illetve tüzelésre használták őket. A zsidó közösségi élet megteremtéséhez az első lépéseket a XIX. sz. hatvanas éveiben tették meg. Akkor jött létre egy er ős mag, az állandó minján kialakulásával. Nem sokkal ezután felépült a mikve, amelyet a század végén szélesítettek ki. Ekkora kell tennünk a Chevrá Kádisá megalapításának időpontját is. Építettek egy kis imaházat is, később pedig, 1910-ben felépült egy nagyobb zsinagóga, amely már be tudta fogadni az összes imádkozót. A zsinagóga építése halachikus problémákba ütközött, mivel az építést nem-zsidók végezték, és ragaszkodtak ahhoz, hogy szombaton is dolgozzanak. A hitközség vezetői közül csak Zakariás Ernő neve maradt fenn, aki hosszú időn keresztül volt a közösség vezetője.

Felsőbánya hitközségét mindig mint Nagybánya "alhitközségét" tartották számon, de, mint ahogy azt már említettük, voltak saját intézményei, és nem szorult rá Nagybánya hitközségének szolgáltatásaira. Volt egy tanító is, aki a nagybányai rabbinak volt alárendelve,

The same chapter, continued.

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

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



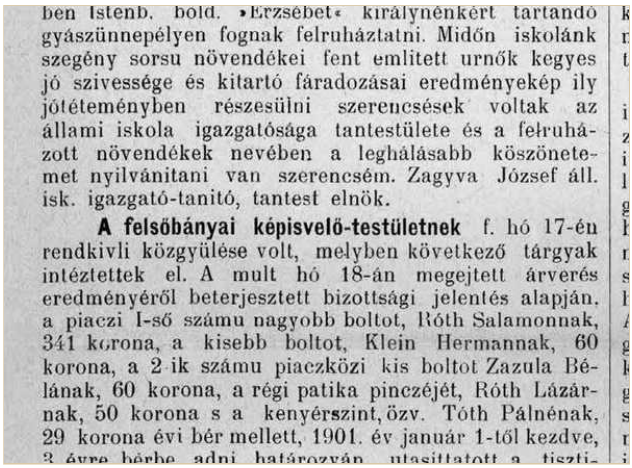
Death of Mária Cziment, wife of Herman Klein, Felsőbánya, 29 January 1915, act 14, aged 65; her father Salamon Cziment. She may have been a second wife of Esther's father. POSSIBLE

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

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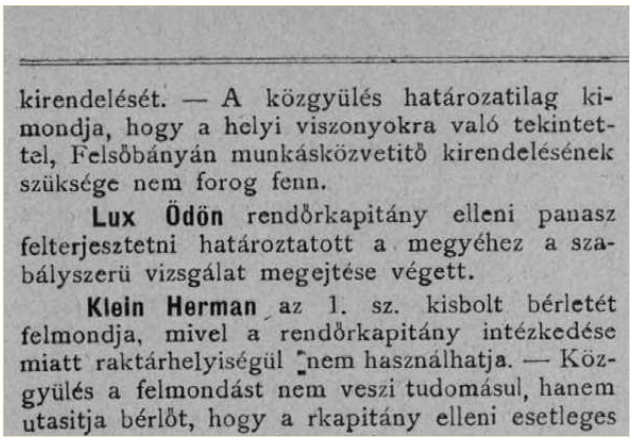


ben Istenb. bold. »Erzsébet« királynénkért tartandó gyászünnepélyen fognak felruháztatni. Midőn iskolánk szegény sorsu növendékei fent emlitett urnők kegyes jó szivessége és kitartó fáradozásai eredményekép ily jótéteményben részesülni szerencsések voltak az állami iskola igazgatósága tantestülete és a felruházott növendékek nevében a leghálásabb köszönetemet nyilvánitani van szerencsém. Zagyva József áll. isk. igazgató-tanitó, tantest elnök.

A felsőbányai képisvelő-testületnek f. hó 17-én rendkivli közgyülése volt, melyben következő tárgyak intéztettek el. A mult hó 18-án megejtett árverés eredményéről beterjesztett bizottsági jelentés alapján. a piaczi I-ső számu nagyobb boltot, Róth Salamonnak, 341 korona, a kisebb boltot, Klein Hermannak, 60 korona, a 2-ik számu piaczközi kis boltot Zazula Bélának, 60 korona, a régi patika pinczéjét, Róth Lázárnak, 50 korona s a kenyérszint, özv. Tóth Pálnénak, 29 korona évi bér mellett, 1901. év január 1-től kezdve, 3 évre bérbe adni határozván utasittatott a tiszti-

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

Nagybánya és Vidéke, 2 December 1900 (Hungaricana)



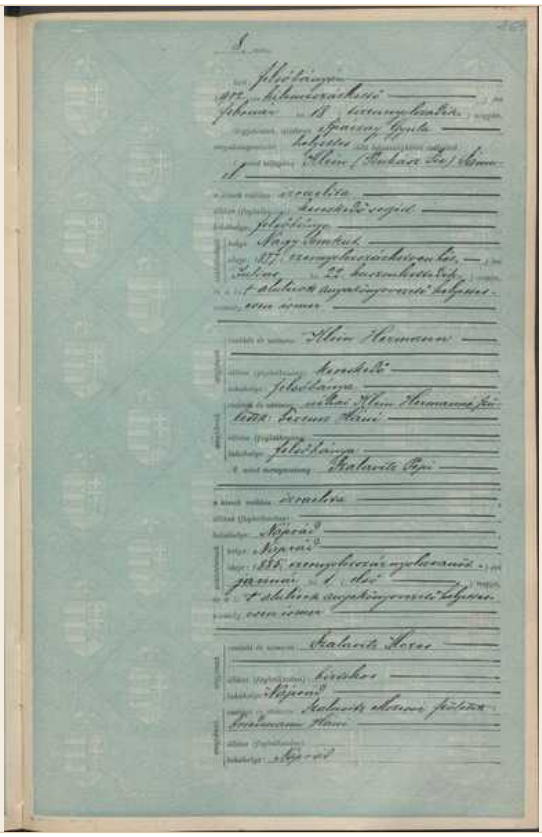
kirendelését. — A közgyülés határozatilag kimondja, hogy a helyi viszonyokra való tekintettel, Felsőbányán munkásközvetitő kirendelésének szüksége nem forog fenn.

Lux Ödön rendőrkapitány elleni panasz felterjesztetni határoztatott a megyéhez a szabályszerü vizsgálat megejtése végett.

Klein Herman az 1. sz. kisbolt bérletét felmondja, mivel a rendőrkapitány intézkedése miatt raktárhelyiségül nem használhatja. — Közgyülés a felmondást nem veszi tudomásul, hanem utasitja bérlőt, hogy a rkapitány elleni esetleges

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

Felsőbányai Hírlap, 15 December 1901 (Hungaricana)



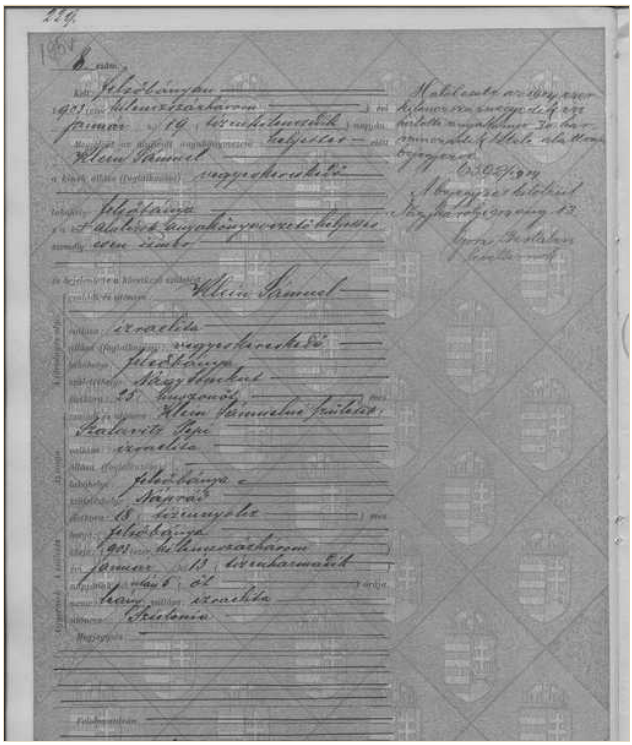
Marriage of Sámuel Pinkász Klein, Felsőbánya, 18 February 1902, act 8. His parents are Hermann Klein and Háni Ferencz, the same parents as Berta's. Samuel was Esther's brother. LIKELY

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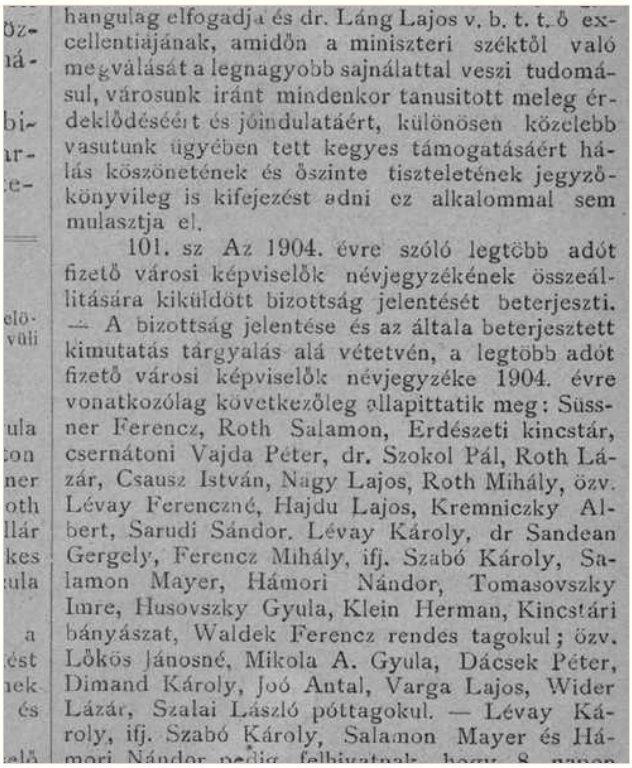
Shimon Klein of Felsőbánya, Esther's younger brother, born in 1890, in uniform during the First World War. LIKELY

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

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, Baia Sprie births 1901–1903

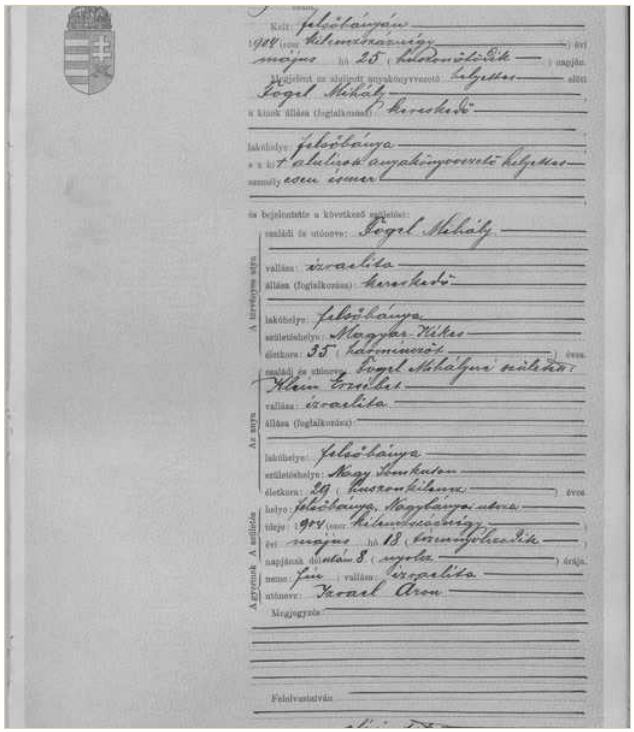


hangulag elfogadja és dr. Láng Lajos v. b. t. t. ő excellentiájának, amidőn a miniszteri széktől való megválását a legnagyobb sajnálattal veszi tudomásul, városunk iránt mindenkor tanusitott meleg érdeklődéséért és jóindulatáért, különösen közelebb vasutunk ügyében tett kegyes támogatásáért hálás köszönetének és őszinte tiszteletének jegyzőkönyvileg is kifejezést adni ez alkalommal sem mulasztja el.

101. sz Az 1904. évre szóló legtöbb adót fizető városi képviselők névjegyzékének összeállitására kiküldött bizottság jelentését beterjeszti. — A bizottság jelentése és az általa beterjesztett kimutatás tárgyalás alá vétetvén, a legtöbb adót fizető városi képviselők névjegyzéke 1904. évre vonatkozólag következőleg állapittatik meg: Süssner Ferencz, Roth Salamon, Erdészeti kincstár, csernátoni Vajda Péter, dr. Szokol Pál, Roth Lázár, Csausz István, Nagy Lajos, Roth Mihály, özv. Lévay Ferenczné, Hajdu Lajos, Kremniczky Albert, Sarudi Sándor. Lévay Károly, dr Sandean Gergely, Ferencz Mihály, ifj. Szabó Károly, Salamon Mayer, Hámori Nándor, Tomasovszky Imre, Husovszky Gyula, Klein Herman, Kincstári bányászat, Waldek Ferencz rendes tagokul; özv. Lőkös Jánosné, Mikola A. Gyula, Dácsek Péter, Dimand Károly, Joó Antal, Varga Lajos, Wider Lázár, Szalai László póttagokul. — Lévay Károly, ifj. Szabó Károly, Salamon Mayer és Hámori Nándor pedig felhivatnak, hogy 8 napon

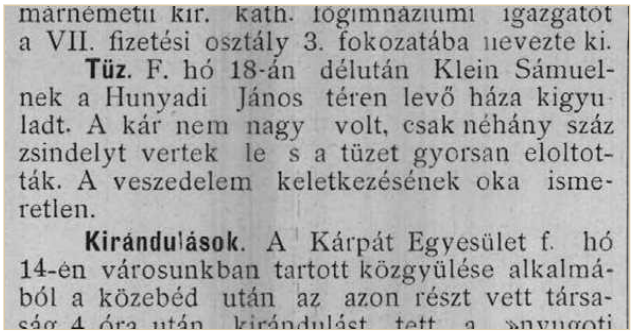
Herman Klein among the highest-taxpaying members of the Felsőbánya town assembly for 1904. LIKELY

Felsőbányai Hírlap, 9 December 1903 (Hungaricana)



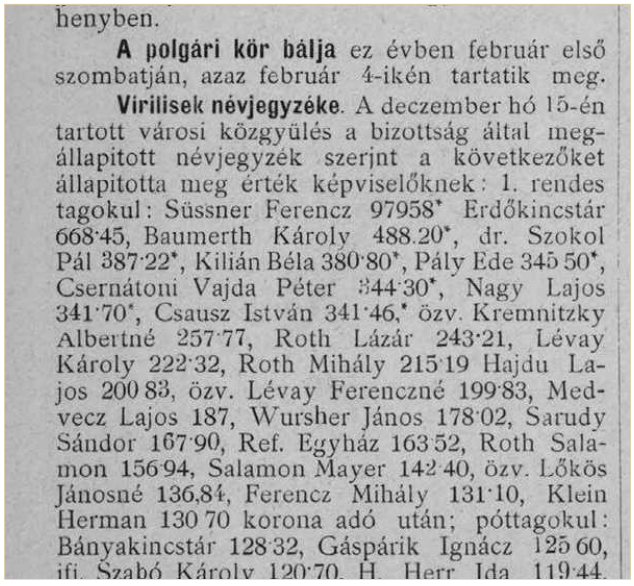
Birth of Izrael Áron Fogel, Felsőbánya, 18 May 1904, act 91 — son of Mihály Fogel, merchant, and Erzsébet (Berta) Klein, born in Nagysomkút, Esther's elder sister. LIKELY

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș 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

Felsőbányai Hírlap, 31 August 1904 (Hungaricana)



henyben.

A polgári kör bálja ez évben február első szombatján, azaz február 4-ikén tartatik meg.

Virilisek névjegyzéke. A deczember hó 15-én tartott városi közgyülés a bizottság által megállapitott névjegyzék szerint a következőket állapitotta meg érték képviselőknek: 1. rendes tagokul: Süssner Ferencz 97958* Erdőkincstár 668·45, Baumerth Károly 488.20*, dr. Szokol Pál 387·22*, Kilián Béla 380·80*, Pály Ede 345·50*, Csernátoni Vajda Péter 344·30*, Nagy Lajos 341·70*, Csausz István 341·46,* özv. Kremnitzky Albertné 257·77, Roth Lázár 243·21, Lévay Károly 222·32, Roth Mihály 215·19 Hajdu Lajos 200·83, özv. Lévay Ferenczné 199·83, Medvecz Lajos 187, Wurscher János 178·02, Sarudy Sándor 167·90, Ref. Egyház 163·52, Roth Salamon 156·94, Salamon Mayer 142·40, özv. Lőkös Jánosné 136,84, Ferencz Mihály 131·10, Klein Herman 130·70 korona adó után; póttagokul: Bányakincstár 128·32, Gáspárik Ignácz 125·60, ifj. Szabó Károly 120·70, H. Herr Ida 119·44.

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

Felsőbányai Hírlap, 4 January 1905 (Hungaricana)



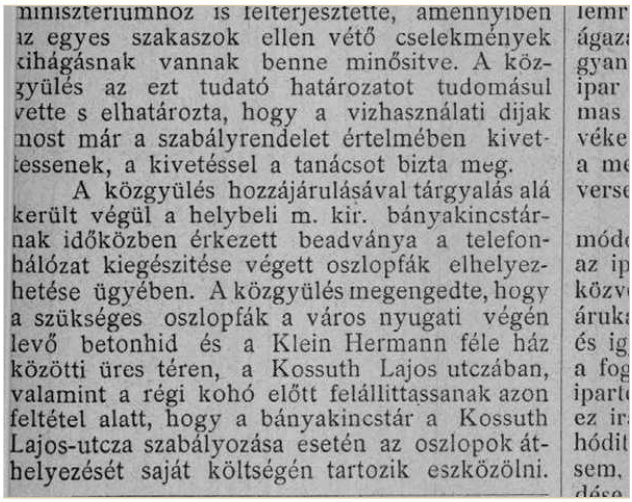
határozatilag értesíttetnek.

Ezután a legtöbb adót fizető városi képviselők 1906. évi névjegyzékének összeirására kiküldött bizottság terjesztette elő a maga jelentését a névjegyzékkel együtt, megemlitvén, hogy a bizottság előtt senki meg nem jelent.

A közgyülés a beterjesztett jelentés és névjegyzék alapján a legtöbb adót fizető városi képviselők névsorát az 1906 évre a következőleg állapitotta meg: Süssner Ferencz, Erdőkincstár, Baumerth Károly, dr Szokol Pál, Kilián Béla, Pály Ede, Csernátoni Vajda Péter, Nagy Lajos, Csausz István, özv. Kremnitzky Albertné, Róth Lázár, Lévay Károly, Róth Mihály, Hajdu Lajos, Medvecz Lajos, Wurscher János, Sarudi Sándor, Ref. egyház, Róth Salamon, dr Berks Aurél, Salamon Mayer, Konczvald András, özv. Lőkös Jánosné, Hámori Nándor; -- póttagok: Ferencz Mihály, Klein Herman, Bányakincstár, Gáspárik Ignácz, ifj. Szabó Károly, Husovszky Gyula, Dimand Károly. -- Baumerth Károly, Róth Salamon, dr Berks Aurél, Salamon Mayer, Konczvald András, Há-

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

Felsőbányai Hírlap, 8 November 1905 (Hungaricana)

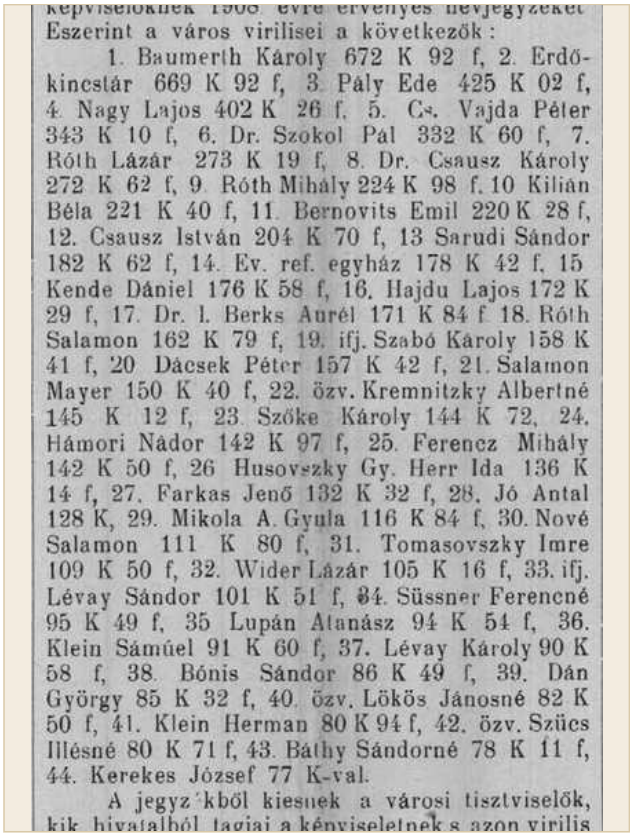


miniszteriumhoz is felterjesztette, amennyiben az egyes szakaszok ellen vétő cselekmények elbírágásnak vannak benne minősítve. A közgyülés az ezt tudató határozatot tudomásul vette s elhatározta, hogy a vizhasználati dijak most már a szabályrendelet értelmében kivettessenek, a kivetéssel a tanácsot bizta meg.

A közgyülés hozzájárulásával tárgyalás alá került végül a helybeli m. kir. bányakincstárnak időközben érkezett beadványa a telefonhálózat kiegészitése végett oszlopfák elhelyezhetése ügyében. A közgyülés megengedte, hogy a szükséges oszlopfák a város nyugati végén levő betonhid és a Klein Hermann féle ház közötti üres téren, a Kossuth Lajos utczában, valamint a régi kohó előtt felállittassanak azon feltétel alatt, hogy a bányakincstár a Kossuth Lajos-utcza szabályozása esetén az oszlopok áthelyezését saját költségén tartozik eszközölni.

"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

Felsőbányai Hírlap, 10 October 1906 (Hungaricana)



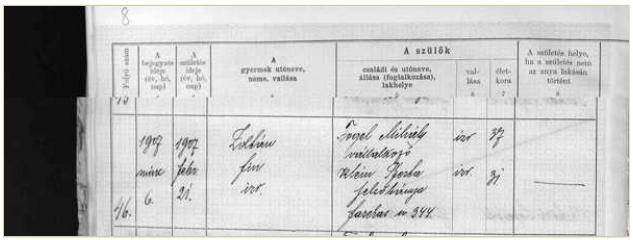
képviselőknek 1908. évre érvényes névjegyzéket Eszerint a város virilisei a következők:

1. Baumerth Károly 672 K 92 f, 2. Erdőkincstár 669 K 92 f, 3. Pály Ede 425 K 02 f, 4. Nagy Lajos 402 K 26 f, 5. Cs. Vajda Péter 343 K 10 f, 6. Dr. Szokol Pál 332 K 60 f, 7. Róth Lázár 273 K 19 f, 8. Dr. Csausz Károly 272 K 62 f, 9. Róth Mihály 224 K 98 f. 10 Kilián Béla 221 K 40 f, 11. Bernovits Emil 220 K 28 f, 12. Csausz 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. Szőke 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. Farkas 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. Dán György 85 K 32 f, 40. özv. Lökös Jánosné 82 K 50 f, 41. Klein Herman 80 K 94 f, 42. özv. Szücs Illésné 80 K 71 f, 43. Báthy Sándorné 78 K 11 f, 44. Kerekes József 77 K-val.

A jegyz kből kiesnek a városi tisztviselők, kik hivatalból tagjai a képviseletnek s azon virilis

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

Felsőbányai Hírlap, 4 December 1907 (Hungaricana)

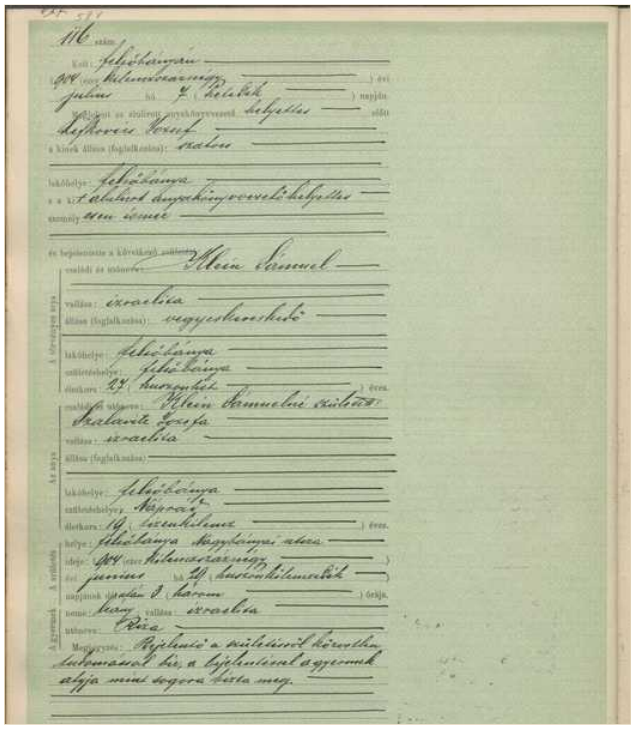


Birth of Zoltán Fogel, Felsőbánya, 21 February 1907, act 46 — son of Mihály Fogel, entrepreneur, and Berta Klein, of Fazekas utca 344. CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, Baia Sprie births 1907–1919

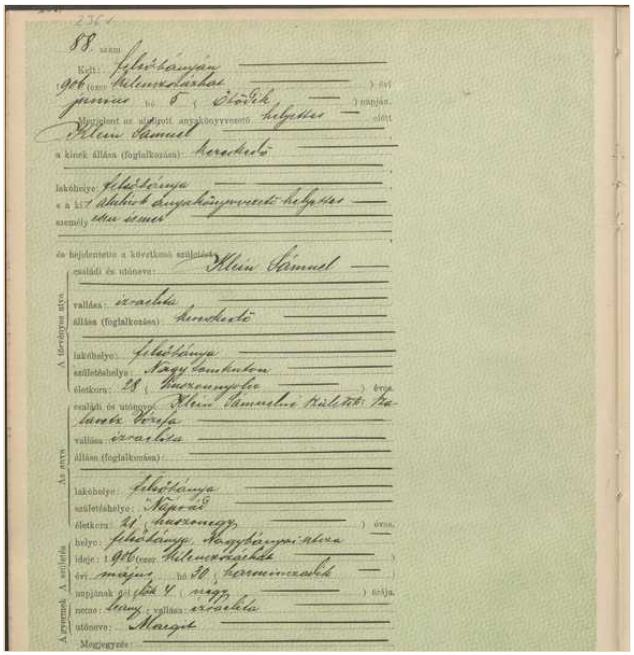
Samuel Klein's family

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

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș 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. CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, Baia Sprie (Felsőbánya) births 1904–1906, unit MM-F-00743-1-1-00042, act 88

Children of Samuel and Józefa Klein, all born in Felsőbánya

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 Felsőbánya 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.



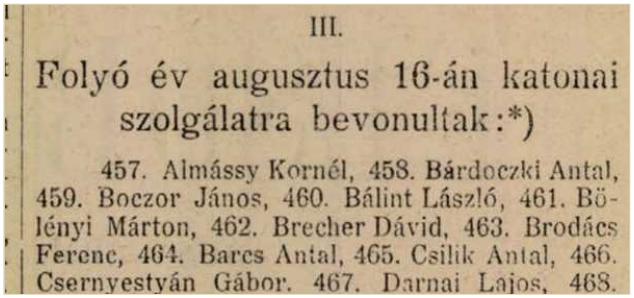
A képviselők és bizottságok jegyzékét alább közöljük:

Virilisek: Bányakincstár (képv. Bradofka

Választottak: 1907. év május 4-én választottak: Mikola A. Gyula, Kováts Gyula, Jó Antal, Kerekes Sándor, ifj. Lévay Sándor, Tanczer György, Jékly Károly, Róth Salamon, Salamon Majer. — 1910. évi julius 7-én választottak: Szigyártó József, dr. Tóth Gábor, Dorogi Sándor, Bónis Sándor, Szalai László, ifj. Szabó Károly, Labina Sándor, Majker József, Tury Ferenc, Lupán Athanász, Maksay Lajos, Hajdu István, Pap János. Póttagok: Maár József, Máriás György, Brecher Dávid.

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

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. Bölényi 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

Felsőbányai Hírlap, August 1915

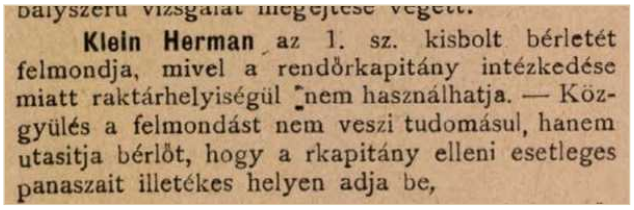


24. Ugyancsak jóváhagyták az 1911. évi gyámpénztári számadásokat.

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

Nagybánya és Vidéke, 1914

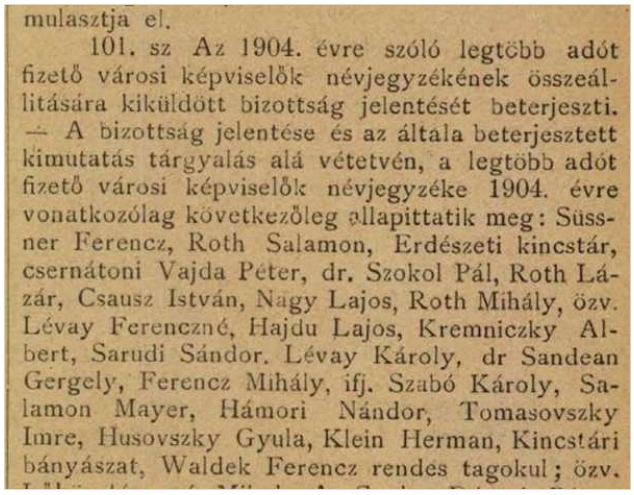


...bályszerű vizsgálat megejtése végett.

Klein Herman az 1. sz. kisbolt bérletét felmondja, mivel a rendőrkapitány intézkedése miatt raktárhelyiségül nem használhatja. — Közgyülés a felmondást nem veszi tudomásul, hanem utasitja 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

Felsőbányai Hírlap, 1901



mulasztja el.

101. sz Az 1904. évre szóló legtöbb adót fizető városi képviselők névjegyzékének összeállitására kiküldött bizottság jelentését beterjeszti. — A bizottság jelentése és az általa beterjesztett kimutatás tárgyalás alá vétetvén, a legtöbb adót fizető városi képviselők névjegyzéke 1904. évre vonatkozólag következőleg állapittatik meg: Süssner Ferencz, Roth Salamon, Erdészeti kincstár, csernátoni Vajda Péter, dr. Szokol Pál, Roth Lázár, Csausz István, Nagy Lajos, Roth Mihály, özv. Lévay Ferenczné, Hajdu Lajos, Kremniczky Albert, Sarudi Sándor. Lévay Károly, dr Sandean Gergely, Ferencz Mihály, ifj. Szabó Károly, Salamon Mayer, Hámori Nándor, Tomasovszky Imre, Husovszky Gyula, Klein Herman, Kincstári bányászat, Waldek Ferencz rendes tagokul; özv.

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

Felsőbányai Hírlap, 1903

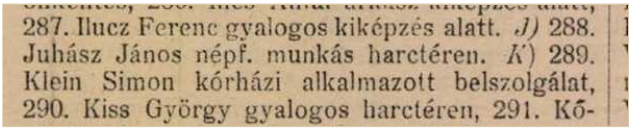


Felsőbánya in the 1910s, the town where David and Esther Brecher raised their children. CONFIRMED

Contemporary postcard view



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


287. Ilucz Ferenc gyalogos kiképzés alatt. J) 288.
Juhász János népf. munkás harctéren. K) 289.
Klein Simon kórházi alkalmazott belszolgálat,
290. Kiss György gyalogos harctéren, 291. Kő-

Shimon Klein of Felsőbánya in war service, 1915. LIKELY
Felsőbányai Hírlap, 1915



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

In the Local Newspapers

Felsőbánya and Nagybánya, 1910–1915

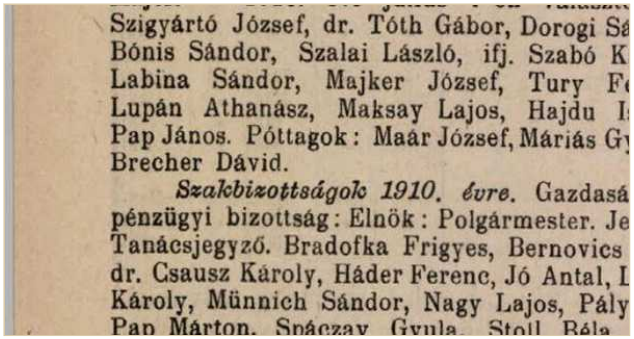
The weekly papers of Felsőbánya and the neighbouring towns, now digitized by Hungaricana, show David and Esther Brecher as settled members of the town. In July 1910 David was elected a substitute member of the town assembly; that December he gave to the Christmas celebration of the state kindergarten; 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.

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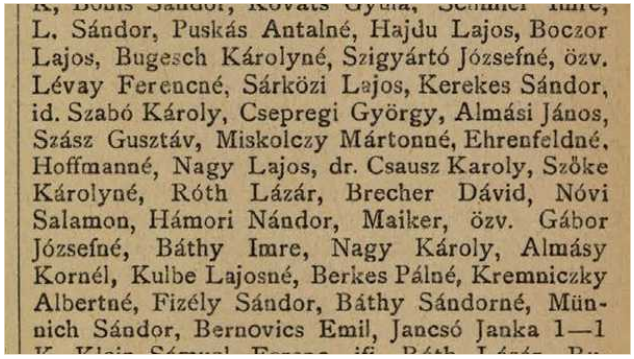


Szigyártó József, dr. Tóth Gábor, Dorogi Sá
Bónis Sándor, Szalai László, ifj. Szabó K
Labina Sándor, Majker József, Tury Fe
Lupán Athanász, Maksay Lajos, Hajdu I
Pap János. Póttagok: Maár József, Máriás Gy
Brecher Dávid.

Szakbizottságok 1910. évre. Gazdasá
pénzügyi bizottság: Elnök: Polgármester. Je
Tanácsjegyző. Bradofka Frigyes, Bernovics
dr. Csausz Károly, Háder Ferenc, Jó Antal, L
Károly, Münnich Sándor, Nagy Lajos, Pály
Pap Márton. Spáczay Gyula. Stoll Béla

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

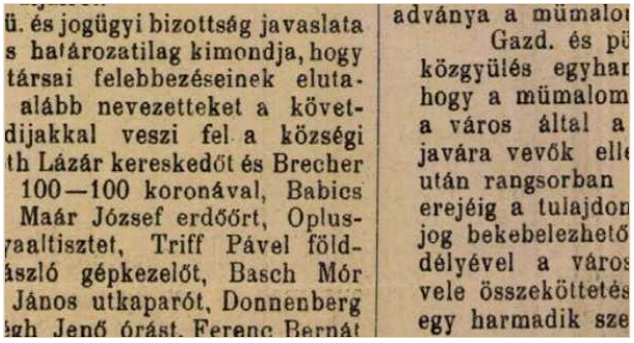
Felsőbányai Hírlap, 28 July 1910 (Hungaricana)



L. Sándor, Puskás Antalné, Hajdu Lajos, Boczor
Lajos, Bugesch Károlyné, Szigyártó Józsefné, özv.
Lévay Ferencné, Sárközi Lajos, Kerekes Sándor,
id. Szabó Károly, Csepregi György, Almási János,
Szász Gusztáv, Miskolczy Mártonné, Ehrenfeldné,
Hoffmanné, Nagy Lajos, dr. Csausz Karoly, Szőke
Károlyné, Róth Lázár, Brecher Dávid, Növi
Salamon, Hámori Nándor, Maiker, özv. Gábor
Józsefné, Báthy Imre, Nagy Károly, Almásy
Kornél, Kulbe Lajosné, Berkes Pálné, Kremniczky
Albertné, Fizély Sándor, Báthy Sándorné, Mün-
nich Sándor, Bernovics Emil, Jancsó Janka 1—1

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

Felsőbányai Hírlap, 15 December 1910 (Hungaricana)

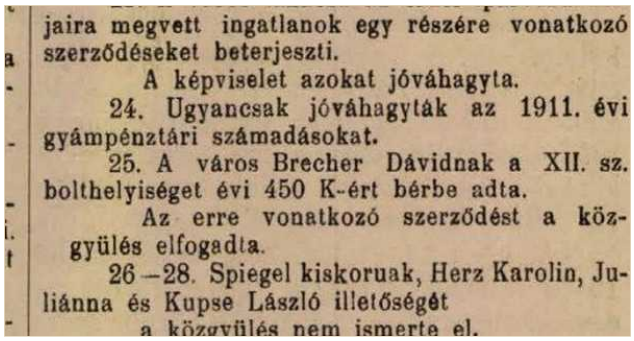


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ászló gépkezelőt, Basch Mór
János utkaparót, Donnenberg
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erejéig a tulajdo
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vele összeköttetés
egy harmadik sze

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

Felsőbányai Hírlap, 17 October 1912 (Hungaricana)



jaira megvett ingatlanok egy részére vonatkozó szerződéseket beterjeszti.

A képviselet azokat jóváhagyta.

24. Ugyancsak jóváhagyták az 1911. évi gyámpénztári számadásokat.

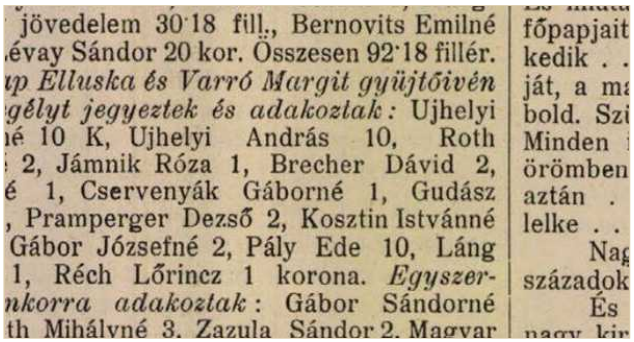
25. A város Brecher Dávidnak a XII. sz. bolthelyiséget évi 450 K-ért bérbe adta.

Az erre vonatkozó szerződést a közgyülés elfogadta.

26—28. Spiegel kiskoruak, Herz Karolin, Julianna és Kupse László illetőségét
a közgyülés nem ismerte el.

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

Nagybánya és Vidéke, 22 February 1914 (Hungaricana)

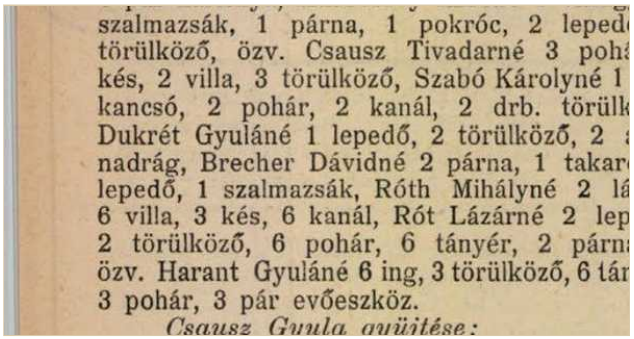


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é 1, Cservenyák Gáborné 1, Gudász
, Pramperger Dezső 2, Kosztin Istvánné
Gábor Józsefné 2, Pály Ede 10, Láng
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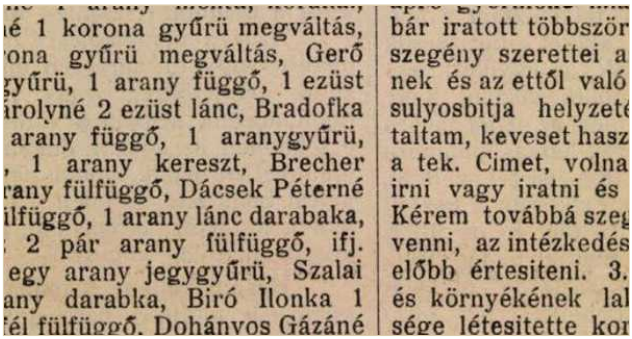
David Brecher pledges two crowns a month to the war relief fund, August 1914. CONFIRMED

Felsőbányai Hírlap, 20 August 1914 (Hungaricana)


szalmazsák, 1 párna, 1 pokróc, 2 lepedő
törülköző, özv. Csausz Tivadarné 3 poh
kés, 2 villa, 3 törülköző, Szabó Károlyné 1
kancsó, 2 pohár, 2 kanál, 2 drb. törülk
Dukrét Gyuláné 1 lepedő, 2 törülköző, 2
nadrág, Brecher Dávidné 2 párna, 1 takar
lepedő, 1 szalmazsák, Róth Mihályné 2 lá
6 villa, 3 kés, 6 kanál, Rót Lázárné 2 lep
2 törülköző, 6 pohár, 6 tányér, 2 párn
özv. Harant Gyuláné 6 ing, 3 törülköző, 6 tár
3 pohár, 3 pár evőeszköz.
Csausz Gyula gyüjtése:

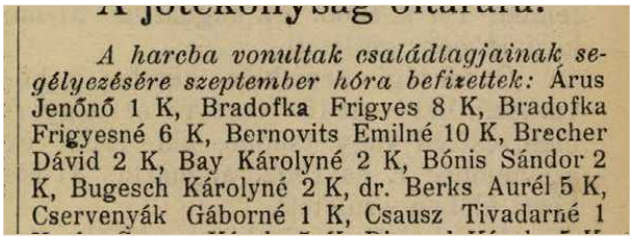
Gifts for the war hospital: "Brecher Dávidné" — two pillows, a blanket, a sheet and a straw mattress, September 1914. CONFIRMED

Felsőbányai Hírlap, 3 September 1914 (Hungaricana)


é 1 korona gyűrű megváltás,
ona gyűrü megváltás, Gerő
gyűrü, 1 arany függő, 1 ezüst
irolyné 2 ezüst lánc, Bradofka
arany függő, 1 aranygyűrü,
1 arany kereszt, Brecher
rany fülfüggő, Dácsek Péterné
ilfüggő, 1 arany lánc darabaka,
2 pár arany fülfüggő, ifj.
egy arany jegygyűrü, Szalai
any darabka, Biró Ilonka 1
él fülfüggő. Dohányos Gázáné
bár iratott többször
szegény szerettei a
nek és az ettől való
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és környékének lak
sége létesitette kor

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

Felsőbányai Hírlap, 17 September 1914 (Hungaricana)


A harcba vonultak családtagjainak segélyezésére szeptember hóra befizettek: Árus Jenőnő 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, Csausz Tivadarné 1

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

Felsőbányai Hírlap, 1 October 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-
id, Dr. Szokol Pál, Neubauer Leó, Bay Károly-
é, Bernovits Emilné, Jancsó Janka, dr. Csausz
árolyné, Nyisztor Irén, Illés Lukács, Májer
yörgy, Lévay Zsigmondné, özv. Vágner Ber-
átné, és Szabó Károly 2—2 K. Miskolczy Ka-

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

Felsőbányai Hírlap, 26 November 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,
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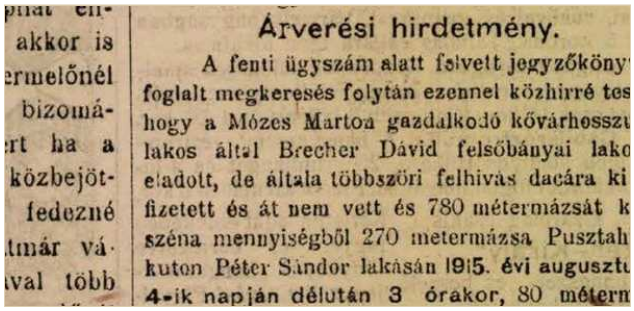
Gifts given in place of New Year greetings, January 1915: David Brecher, two crowns. CONFIRMED

Felsőbányai Hírlap, 21 January 1915 (Hungaricana)


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n Kovási és Nagynyires községben al-
állásra, Kisnamény és Krasznaterebes
en pedig körjegyzői állásra van pá-
irdetve.
öszönetnyilvánitás. Brecher Dávid
őbányáról 10 koronát adományozott a
izr. Nőegylet céljaira. A nemesszivü
yért hálás köszönetet mond az Elnök-
ében Rooz Samuné.
zerkesztő: **Dr. Stern Mór.**

"Brecher Dávid úr Felsőbányáról" — David Brecher of Felsőbánya — gives ten crowns to the Szatmár Jewish Women's Society, March 1915. CONFIRMED

Szamos (Szatmár), 23 March 1915 (Hungaricana)



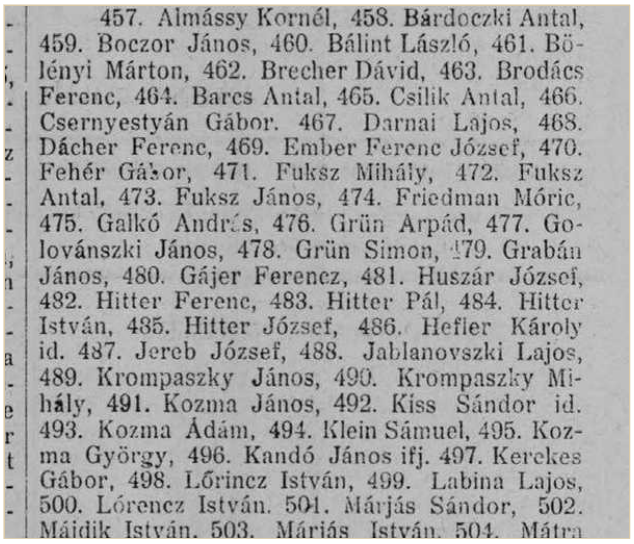
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Árverési hirdetmény.

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hogy a Mózes Marton gazdalkodó kővárhossz
lakos által Brecher Dávid felsőbányai lak
eladott, de általa többszöri felhivás dacára ki
fizetett és át nem vett és 780 métermázsát k
széna mennyiségből 270 metermázsa Pusztah
kuton Péter Sándor lakásán 1915. évi augusztu
4-ik napján délután 3 órakor, 80 métern

A public sale notice of August 1915: hay bought by "Brecher Dávid felsőbányai lakos" — David Brecher of Felsőbánya — from a farmer of Kővárhosszúfalu, to be resold. CONFIRMED

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. Barcs 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 Arpád, 477. Golovánszki János, 478. Grün Simon, 479. Grabán János, 480. Gájer Ferencz, 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. Lórencz István. 501. Márjás Sándor, 502. Máidik István. 503. Márjás 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

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.

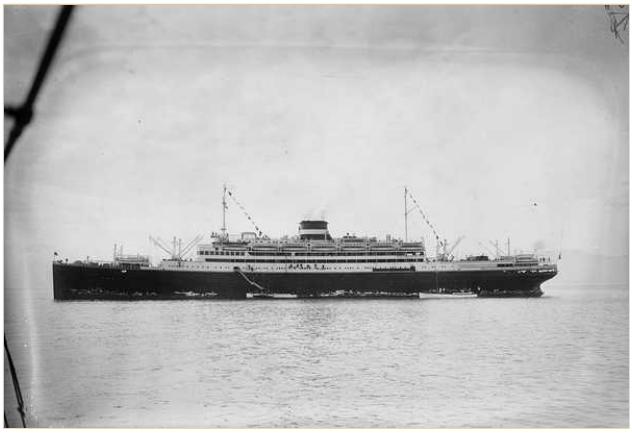
By April 1930 the family lived at 972 Fox Street in the Bronx, where David made neckties. He declared his intention to become a citizen in 1932 — the declaration carries his photograph — and petitioned for citizenship in March 1934; he was sworn in as a citizen on 25 June 1934. His papers repeat his 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.



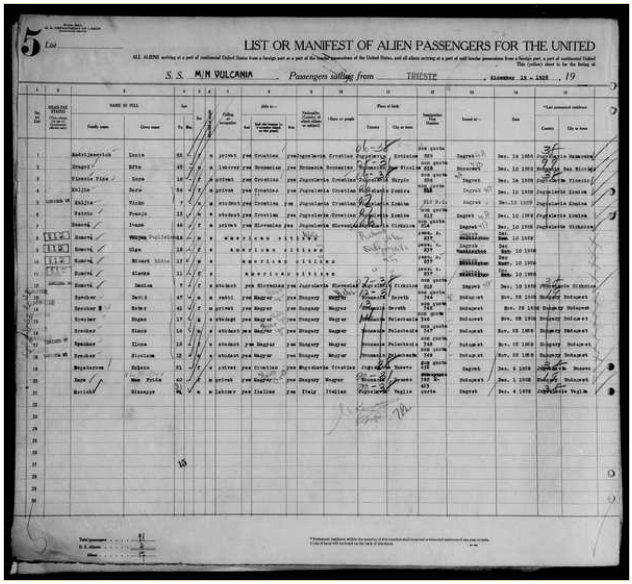
David Brecher, from his 1932 declaration of intention, Southern District of New York. CONFIRMED

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



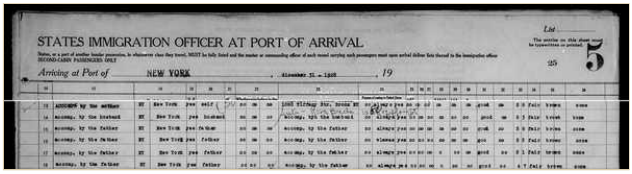
The Cosulich liner Vulcania, which brought the Brecher family to New York at the turn of 1929, photographed at Cannes on 19 January 1929 on her next voyage.

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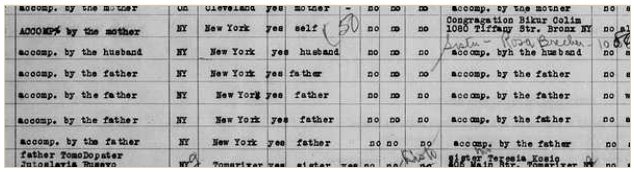
The SS Vulcania, sailing from Trieste on 19 December 1928: the Brecher family — David, Esther and their four children, among them Alex. CONFIRMED

New York passenger lists, U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch, host)



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

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



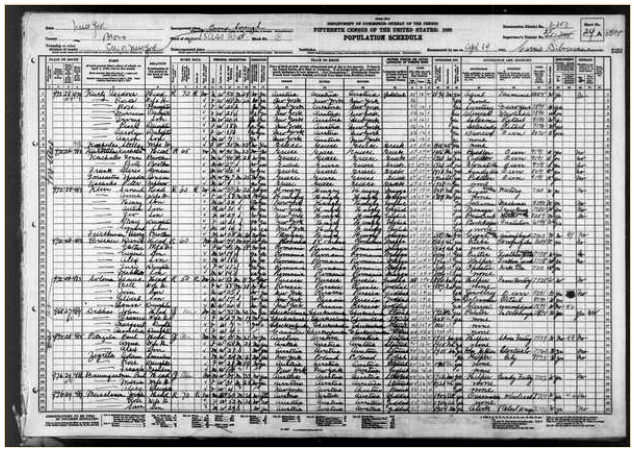
Detail of the same manifest: David Brecher bound for Congregation Bikur Cholim, 1080 Tiffany Street, Bronx; his sister Rosa named. CONFIRMED

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

NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives



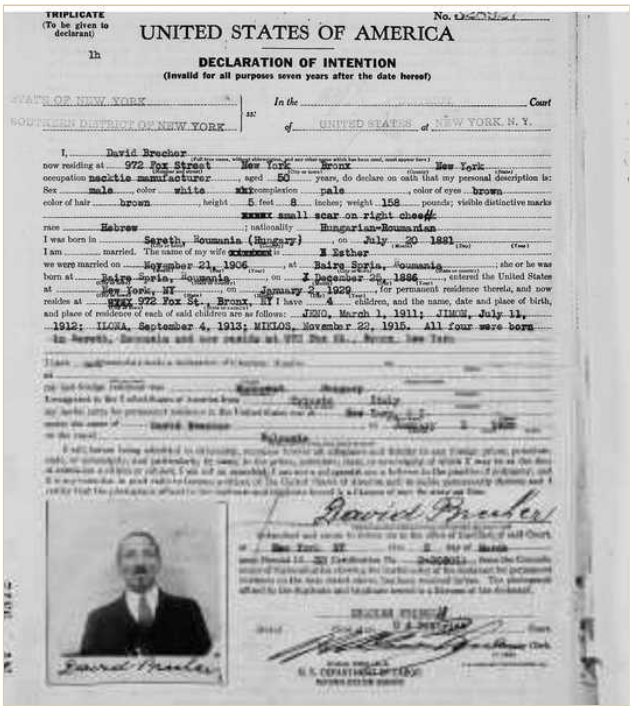
The Brecher household in the 1930 census, 972 Fox Street, Bronx: David, 49, Esther, 43, and their four children, Alex then 18. CONFIRMED

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



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

NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives



TRIPLICATE
(To be given to declarant)

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION
(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

STATE OF NEW YORK } ss:
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK }

In the ..... Court
of UNITED STATES at NEW YORK, N. Y.

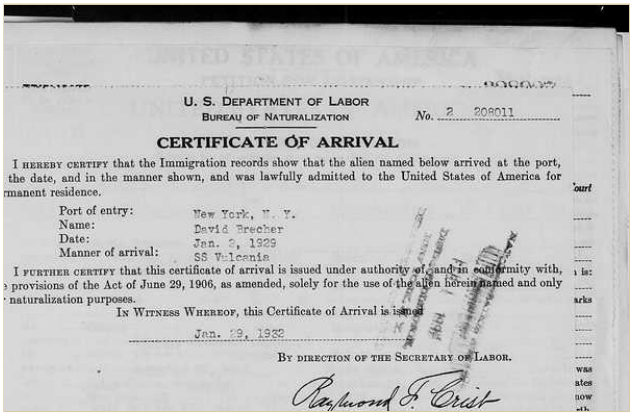
I, David Brecher
now residing at 972 Fox Street New York Bronx New York
occupation necktie manufacturer, aged 50 years, do declare on oath that my personal description is:
Sex male, color white, complexion pale, color of eyes brown
color of hair brown, height 5 feet 8 inches; weight 158 pounds; visible distinctive marks
small scar on right cheek
race Hebrew; nationality Hungarian-Roumanian
I was born in Sereth, Roumania (Hungary) on July 20 1881
I am married. The name of my wife is Esther
we were married on November 23, 1906, at Baire Syria, Roumania; she or he was
born at Baire Syria, Roumania, on December 25, 1886, entered the United States
at New York, NY on January 2, 1929, for permanent residence thereto, and now
resides at 972 Fox St., Bronx, NY I have 4 children, and the name, date and place of birth,
and place of residence of each of said children are as follows: JENO, March 1, 1911; JIMON, July 11,
1912; ILONA, September 4, 1913; MIKLOS, November 22, 1915. All four were born
in Sereth, Roumania and now reside at

David Brecher

David Brecher

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

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



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
BUREAU OF NATURALIZATION
No. 2 208011

CERTIFICATE OF ARRIVAL

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

Port of entry: New York, N. Y.
Name: David 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, provisions of the Act of June 29, 1906, as amended, solely for the use of the alien herein named and only naturalization purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Certificate of Arrival is issued

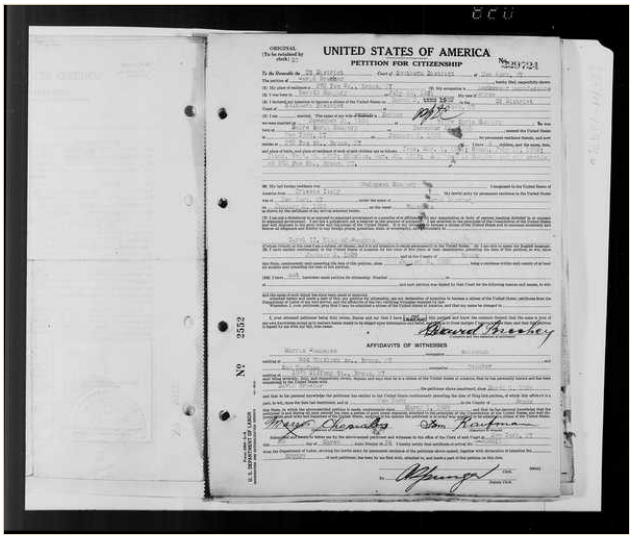
Jan. 29, 1932

BY DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF LABOR.

Raymond F. Crist

The certificate of arrival filed with David Brecher's declaration of intention: the immigration records confirm that he was lawfully admitted at New York on 2 January 1929, from the SS Vulcania (certificate issued 29 January 1932). CONFIRMED

New York, U.S. District and Circuit Court Naturalization Records, 1824–1991 (FamilySearch), https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-89HN-93GM



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
PETITION FOR CITIZENSHIP

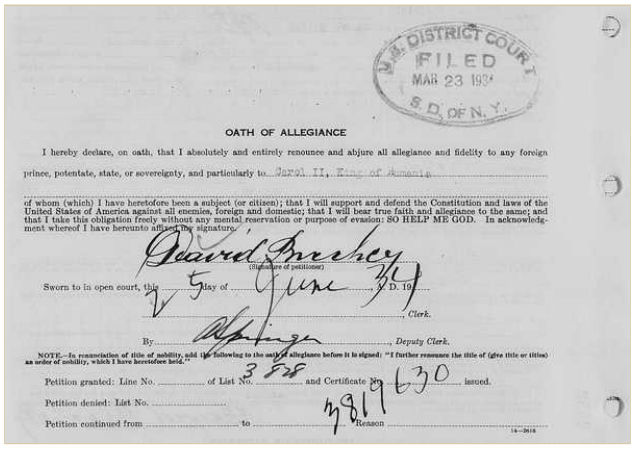
No. 229724

AFFIDAVITS OF WITNESSES

David Brecher

David Brecher's Petition for Citizenship, no. 229724, Southern District of New York, March 1934. CONFIRMED

U.S. National Archives, naturalization records, Southern District of New York (FamilySearch, host)


U.S. DISTRICT COURT FILED MAR 23 1934 S.D. OF N.Y.

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 Carol II, King of Romania

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.

David Brecher (Signature of petitioner)

Sworn to in open court, this 25 day of June A. D. 1934

Clerk.

By ..., 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) as an order of nobility, which I have heretofore held."

Petition granted: Line No. 358 of List No. ... and Certificate No. 3819630 issued.

Petition denied: List No. ...

Petition continued from ... to ... Reason ...

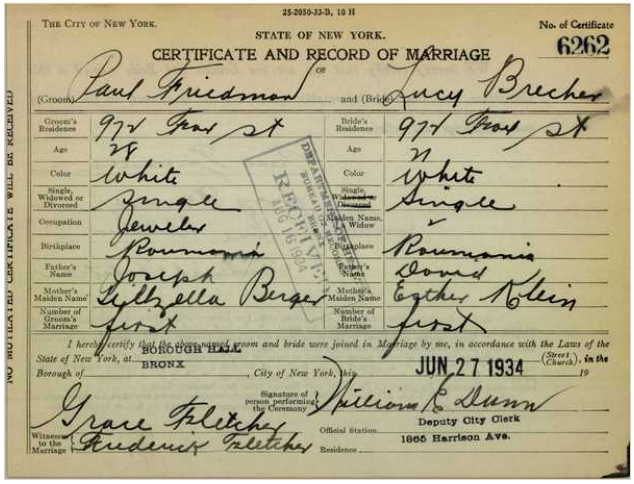
On the reverse of his petition David Brecher signed the oath of allegiance, renouncing allegiance to Carol II, King of Romania; he was sworn in as a citizen of the United States on 25 June 1934 (certificate no. 3819630). CONFIRMED

New York, U.S. District and Circuit Court Naturalization Records, 1824–1991 (FamilySearch), https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-89HN-93PK


Court of Southern District ... (3) I am ... married. The name of my wife or husband is Esther ... we were married on November 24, 1904 at New York City ... born at Bilke Sprie, Rumania on December 4, 1913 ... entered the United States at New York ... on ... for permanent residence therein, and now resides at 972 Fox St., Bronx, NY. I have 2 children, and the name, date, and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children are as follows: Joseph, March 14, 1928, Manhattan, New York, N.Y. Gizella, November 4, 1929, Manhattan, New York, N.Y. both at 972 Fox St., Bronx, NY.

Detail of the 1934 petition: the four children, with the dates the American papers give them. CONFIRMED

U.S. National Archives, naturalization records (FamilySearch, host)


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THE CITY OF NEW YORK. STATE OF NEW YORK. No. of Certificate 6262

CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF MARRIAGE

(Groom) Paul Friedman and (Bride) Lucy Brecher

	Groom's	Bride's
Residence	972 Fox St	972 Fox St
Age	28	21
Color	White	White
Single, Widowed or Divorced	Single	Single
Occupation	Jeweler	
Birthplace	Roumania	Roumania
Father's Name	Joseph	David
Mother's Maiden Name	Gizella Berger	Esther Klein
Number of Groom's Marriage	first	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 BOROUGH HALL (Street, Church), in the Borough of BRONX, City of New York, this JUN 27 1934 19

Signature of person performing the Ceremony: William E. Dunn

Official Station: Deputy City Clerk

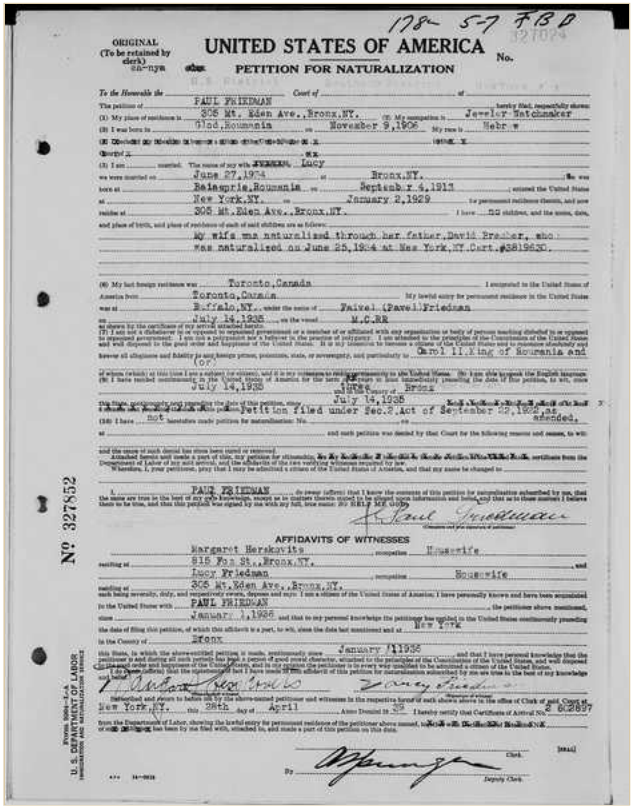
Residence: 1865 Harrison Ave.

Witnesses to the Marriage: Grace Fletcher, Frederick Fletcher

NO MUTILATED CERTIFICATE WILL BE RECEIVED

Certificate and Record of Marriage of Paul Friedman and Lucy Brecher, Bronx, 27 June 1934. Both lived at 972 Fox Street; the bride's parents are David Brecher and Esther Klein; the groom's are Joseph Friedman and Gizella Berger. CONFIRMED

NYC Municipal Archives, historical vital records, Bronx marriages 1934, no. 6262


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ORIGINAL (To be retained by clerk) 2a-nyn

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA No.

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

To the Honorable the ... Court of ... at ...

The petition of PAUL FRIEDMAN hereby filed, respectfully shows

(1) My place of residence is 305 Mt. Eden Ave., Bronx, NY. (2) My occupation is Jeweler Watchmaker

(3) I was born in Glod, Roumania on November 9, 1906 My race is Hebrew

(4) I am married. The name of my wife is Lucy

we were married on June 27, 1934 at Bronx, NY. She was

born at Balaspie, Roumania on September 4, 1913 ; entered the United States at New York, NY. on January 2, 1929 to permanent residence therein, and now resides at 305 Mt. Eden Ave., Bronx, NY. I have no children, and the name, date, and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children are as follows:

My wife was naturalized through her father, David Brecher, who was naturalized on June 25, 1934 at New York, NY. Cert. #3819630.

(6) My last foreign residence was Toronto, Canada I emigrated to the United States of America from Toronto, Canada My lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States was at Buffalo, NY. under the name of Faivel (Pavel) Friedman on July 14, 1926 on the vessel M.C.RR

as shown by the certificate of my arrival attached hereto. (7) I am not a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government or a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in or opposed to organized government or a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching or advocating the overthrow by force or violence or other unconstitutional means of the Government of the United States or of all forms of law; and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States. It is my intention to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to Carol II, King of Romania and (or)

of whom (which) at this time I am a subject (or citizen); and it is my intention to renounce nothing as to the English language. (8) I have resided continuously in the United States of America for the term of five years next preceding the date of the petition, to wit, since July 14, 1926 and in the County of Bronx in said State of New York for the term of one year next preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since July 14, 1933

(9) I have not filed petition for naturalization; Petition filed under Sec. 2 Act of September 22, 1922, as amended, and such petition was denied by that Court for the following reasons and causes, to wit: and the cause of such denial has since been cured or removed.

Attached hereto and made a part of this my petition for citizenship are my declaration of intention, certificate from the Department of Labor of my said arrival, and the affidavits of the two witnesses required by law.

Wherefore, I, your petitioner, pray that I may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America, and that my name be changed to

PAUL FRIEDMAN

I, ... do swear (affirm) that I know the contents of this petition for naturalization subscribed by me, that the same are true to the best of my own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters I believe them to be true, and that this petition was signed by me with my full, true name. SO HELP ME GOD.

Paul Friedman

AFFIDAVITS OF WITNESSES

Margaret Herskovits occupation Housewife residing at 315 Fox St., Bronx, NY. and Lucy Friedman occupation Housewife residing at 305 Mt. Eden Ave., Bronx, NY. each being severally, duly, and respectively sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the United States of America; I have personally known and have been acquainted for ... with PAUL FRIEDMAN the petitioner above mentioned, since January 1, 1926 and that to my personal knowledge the petitioner has resided in the United States continuously preceding the date of filing this petition, of which this affidavit is a part, to wit, since the date last mentioned and at New York in the County of Bronx

this State, to which the above-certified petition is made, continuously since January 1, 1933 and that 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. I do (upon affirm) that the statements of fact I have made in this affidavit of this petition for naturalization subscribed by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named petitioner and witnesses in the respective form of each above above in the office of Clerk of said Court at New York, NY. this 28th day of April 39 Alien Deposit is $2 I hereby certify that Certificate of Arrival No. 2 612697 from the Department of Labor, showing the lawful entry for permanent residence of the petitioner above named, is the only certificate issued by the Department of Labor to me, and has been filed with, attached to, and made a part of this petition on this date.

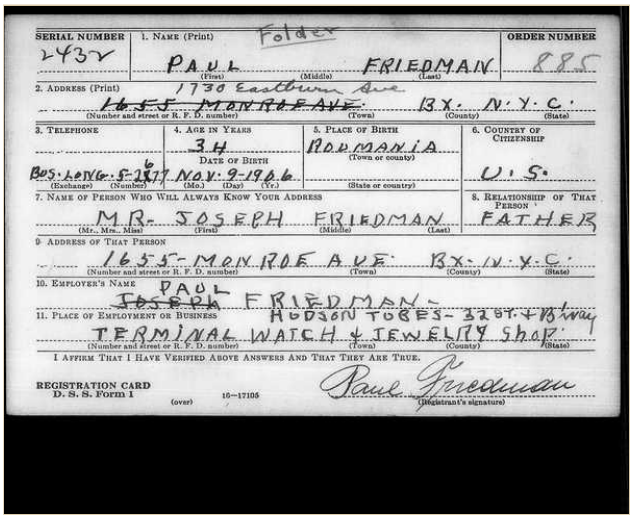
Clerk. [seal]

By ... Deputy Clerk.

No. 327852

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

New York, U.S. District and Circuit Court Naturalization Records, 1824–1991 (FamilySearch), Southern District, petition no. 327852, https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:WS76-SCPZ



SERIAL NUMBER 2437 | 1. NAME (Print) Folder PAUL (First) (Middle) FRIEDMAN (Last) | ORDER NUMBER 885

2. ADDRESS (Print) 1730 Eastburn Ave. 1655 MONROE AVE. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) BX. (Town) N.Y.C. (County) (State)

3. TELEPHONE BUS. LONG. 5-2177 (Exchange) (Number)

4. AGE IN YEARS 34 DATE OF BIRTH NOV. 9 1906 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)

5. PLACE OF BIRTH RUMANIA (Town or county) (State or country)

6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.

7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS MR. JOSEPH FRIEDMAN (Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)

8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON FATHER

9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 1655 MONROE AVE. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) BX. (Town) N.Y.C. (County) (State)

10. EMPLOYER'S NAME PAUL JOSEPH FRIEDMAN

11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS HUDSON TUBES - 33RD ST. & B'WAY (Number and street or R. F. D. number) TERMINAL WATCH & JEWELRY SHOP. (Town) (County) (State)

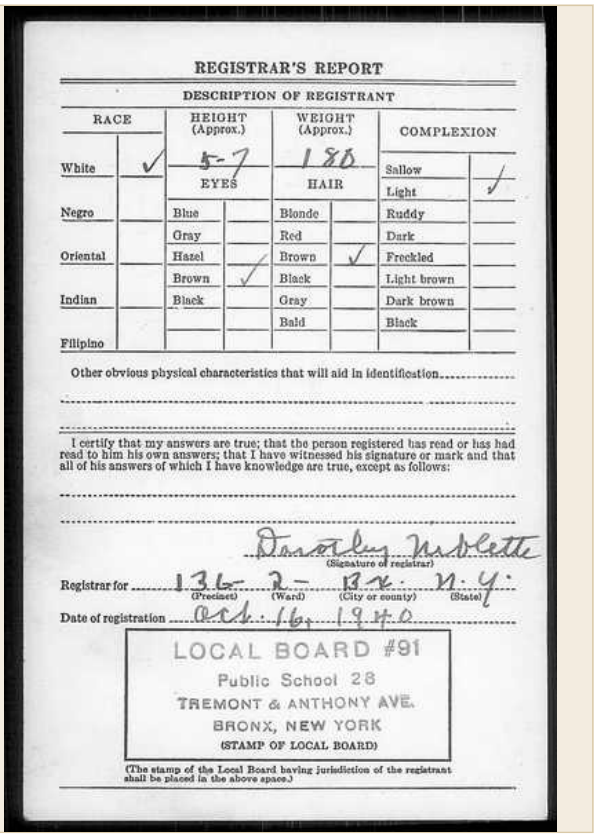
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

Paul Friedman (Registrant's signature)

REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1 (over) 16—17105

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

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



REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE		HEIGHT (Approx.)		WEIGHT (Approx.)		COMPLEXION	
White	✓	5-7		180		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

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Dorothy McDevitt (Signature of registrar)

Registrar for 136 (Precinct) 2 (Ward) BX. (City or county) N.Y. (State)

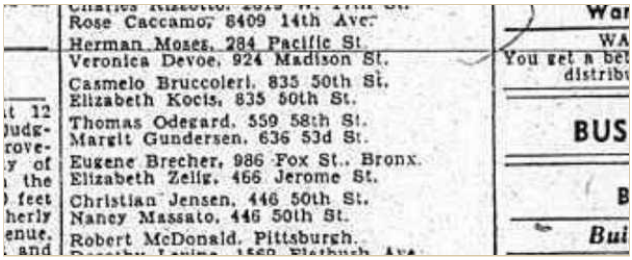
Date of registration Oct. 16, 1940

LOCAL BOARD #91
Public School 28
TREMONT & ANTHONY AVE.
BRONX, NEW YORK
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space.)

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

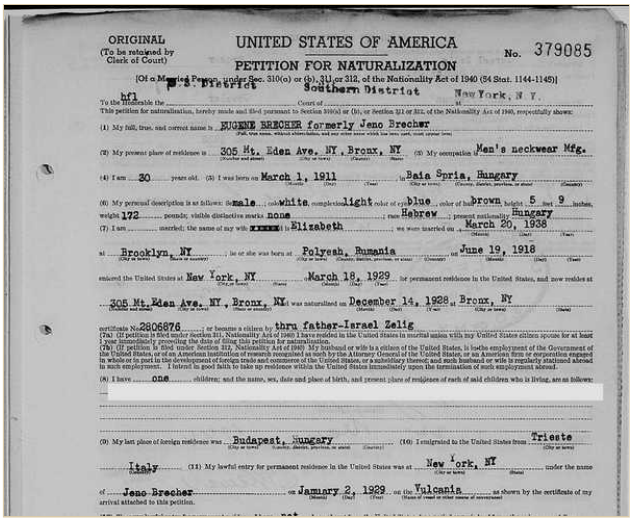
New York, New York City, World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1940–1947 (FamilySearch), https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3H7-FSQ1-L



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

Brooklyn Daily Eagle, 2 March 1938 (Fulton History)



ORIGINAL (To be retained by Clerk of Court)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 379085

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

[Or a Declaration of Intention, under Sec. 310(a) or (b), 311, or 312, of the Nationality Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 1144-1145)]

To the Honorable the Southern District Court of New York, N. Y.

This petition for naturalization, hereby made and filed pursuant to Section 310(a) or (b), or Section 311 or 312, of the Nationality Act of 1940, respectfully shows:

(1) My full, true, and correct name is EUGENE BRECHER formerly Jeno Brecher

(2) My present place of residence is 305 Mt. Eden Ave. NY, Bronx, NY (3) My occupation is Men's neckwear Mfg.

(4) I am 30 years old. (5) I was born on March 1, 1911 (Day) (Year) in Baia Sprie, Hungary (City or town) (County) (Province, or state) (Country)

(6) My personal description is as follows: Sex male, complexion light, color of eyes blue, color of hair brown, height 5 feet 9 inches, weight 172 pounds; visible distinctive marks none; race Hebrew; present nationality Hungary

(7) I am married; the name of my wife is Elizabeth we were married on March 20, 1938 (Month) (Day) (Year) at Brooklyn, NY (City or town) (State or country); he or she was born at Polyesh, Rumania on June 19, 1918 (Month) (Day) (Year) entered the United States at New York, NY (City or town) (State) March 18, 1929 (Month) (Day) (Year) for permanent residence in the United States, and now resides at 305 Mt. Eden Ave. NY, Bronx, NY. I was naturalized on December 14, 1928 at Bronx, NY (Month) (Day) (Year) (City or town) (State) certificate No. 2806876, or became a citizen by thru father-Israel Zelig

(7a) (If petition is filed under Section 311, Nationality Act of 1940) I have resided in the United States in marital union with my United States citizen spouse for at least 1 year immediately preceding the date of filing this petition for naturalization.

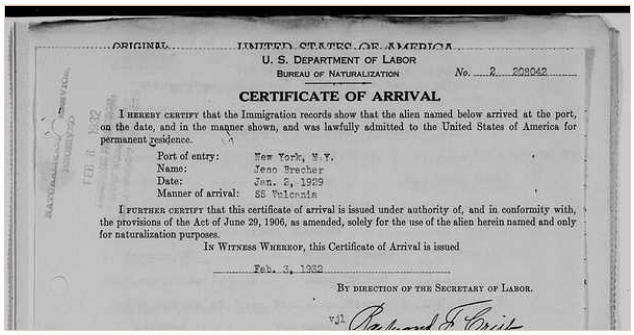
(7b) (If petition is filed under Section 312, Nationality Act of 1940) My husband or wife is a citizen of the United States, is (s)he employed (or employed by) the Government of the United States, or of an American institution of research recognized as such by the Attorney General of the United States, or an American firm or corporation engaged in whole or in part in the development of foreign trade and commerce of the United States, or a subsidiary thereof; and such husband or wife is regularly stationed abroad in such employment. I intend in good faith to take up residence within the United States immediately upon the termination of such employment abroad.

(8) I have one children; and the name, sex, date and place of birth, and present place of residence of each of said children who is living, are as follows:

(9) My last place of foreign residence was Budapest, Hungary (City or town) (Province or state) (Country) (10) I emigrated to the United States from Trieste (City or town) Italy (Country) (11) My lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States was at New York, NY (City or town) (State) under the name of Jeno Brecher on January 2, 1929 (Month) (Day) (Year) on the Vulcania (Name of vessel or other means of conveyance) as shown by the certificate of my arrival attached to this petition.

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

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



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: Jeno 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.

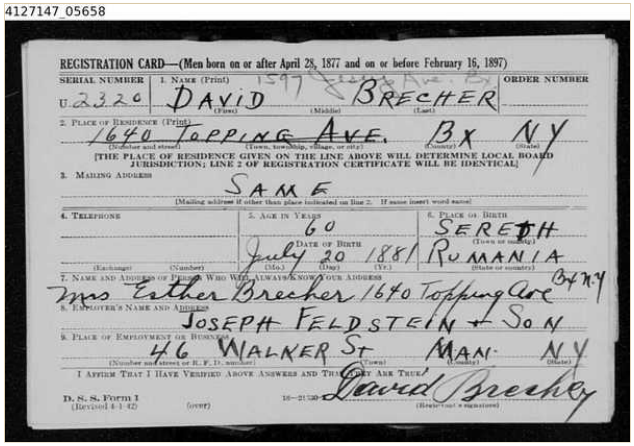
Certificate of arrival no. 2-208042 for Jenő (Eugene) Brecher, issued by the Bureau of Naturalization on 3 February 1932: arrived at New York on the SS Vulcania, 2 January 1929. CONFIRMED

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



David and Esther Brecher with their son Nicholas ("Mickey") in the 1940 census, Bronx. CONFIRMED

1940 U.S. Census, Bronx, ED 3-113, sheet 5A, lines 28–30, U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch, host)



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REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U 2320 — 1. NAME (Print) DAVID (First) (Middle) BRECHER (Last) — ORDER NUMBER

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 1640 (Number and street) TOPPING AVE. (Town, township, village, or city) BX (County) NY (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 insert word same]

4. TELEPHONE (Exchange) (Number)

5. AGE IN YEARS 60 — DATE OF BIRTH (Mo.) July (Day) 20 (Yr.) 1881

6. PLACE OF BIRTH SERETH (Town or county) RUMANIA (State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs Esther Brecher 1640 Topping Ave Bx N.Y.

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS JOSEPH FELDSTEIN + SON

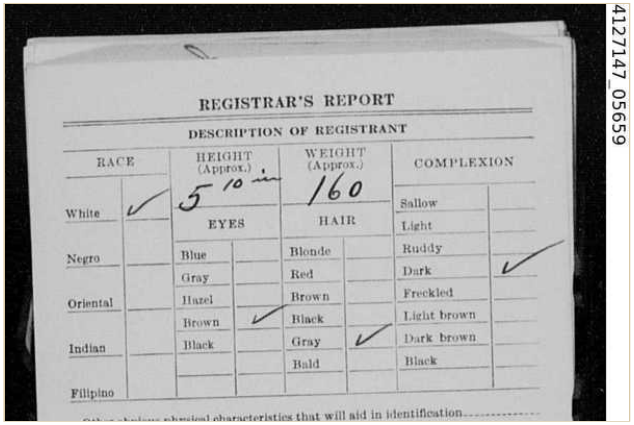
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 46 (Number and street or R.F.D. number) WALKER ST (Town) MAN. (County) N.Y. (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE. David Brecher (Registrant's signature)

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42) (over) 16—21530

David Brecher's draft registration card, April 1942: 1640 Topping Avenue, Bronx; born 20 July 1881, "Sereth, Rumania"; signed in his own hand. CONFIRMED

U.S. World War II draft registration cards, 1942, U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch, host)



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REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

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White	✓	5 10 in		160		Sallow	
		EYES		HAIR		Light	
Negro		Blue		Blonde		Ruddy	
		Gray		Red		Dark	✓
Oriental		Hazel		Brown		Freckled	
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Indian		Black		Gray	✓	Dark brown	
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Filipino							

...physical characteristics that will aid in identification.....

The reverse of the same card describes David Brecher as 5 ft 10 in tall and 160 lb, with brown eyes, gray hair and a dark complexion, wearing glasses. CONFIRMED

United States, World War II Draft Registration Cards (FamilySearch), 1942, https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-X474-QV



46 Walker Street, Manhattan, about 1940: the premises of Joseph Feldstein & Son, where David Brecher worked in 1942.
CONFIRMED
NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives

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.



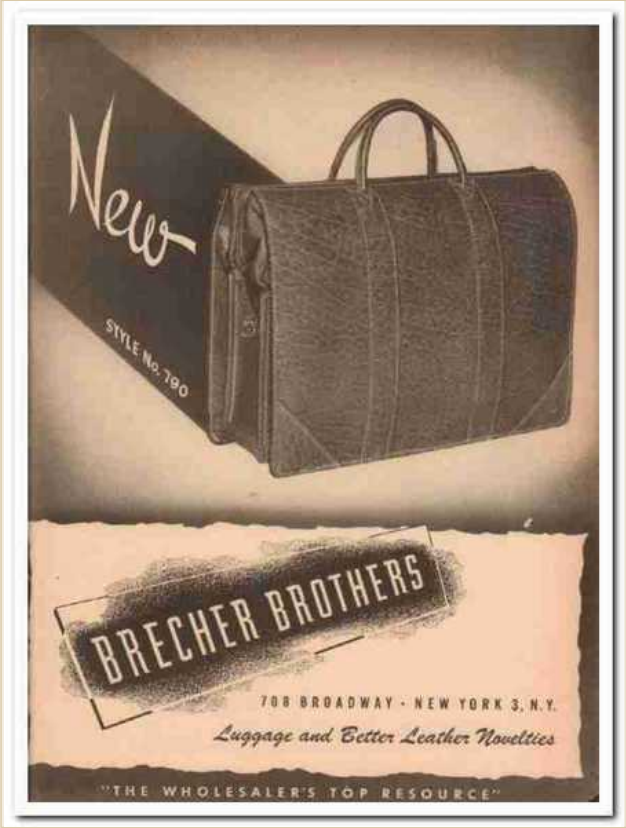
120 Allen Street, Manhattan, c. 1940, the address of Nicholas Brecher's necktie business. CONFIRMED

New York City 1940 tax photographs (NYC Municipal Archives)



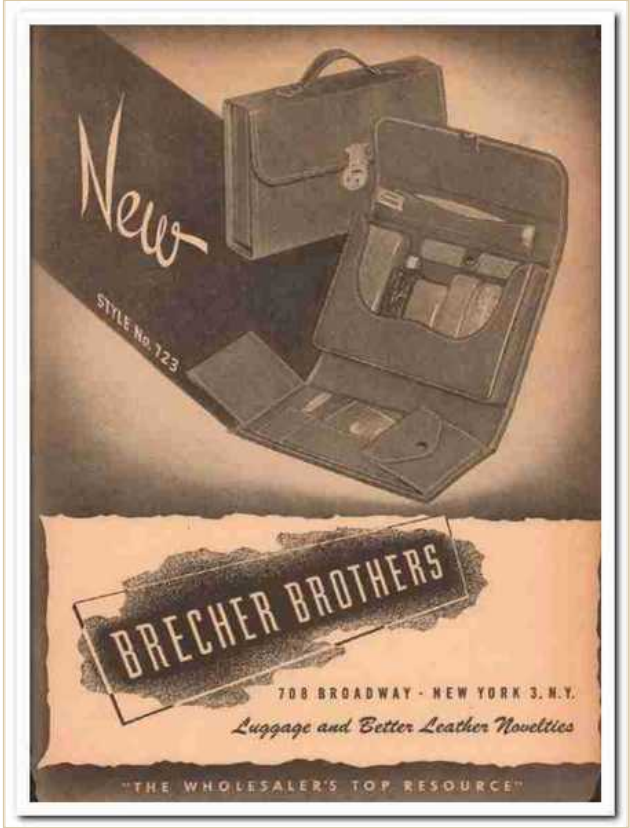
1220 Broadway, Manhattan, c. 1940 — the address given when Brecher Brothers, Inc. was incorporated in 1942. CONFIRMED

New York City 1940 tax photographs (NYC Municipal Archives)



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

Luggage trade magazine, 1946



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

Luggage trade magazine, 1946



Brecher Brothers in the Manhattan telephone directory, 1946. LIKELY

Manhattan telephone directory, 1946



The Brecher Brothers "Travel Crib", a suitcase that opened into a baby's bed, c. 1947. CONFIRMED

Surviving example



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



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

New York City 1940 tax photographs; The New York Times, 1961



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

New York City 1940 tax photographs; The New York Times, 1964



Brecher Brothers "Tommy Traveler" advertisement, 1953. LIKELY

Coffee and Tea Industries, 1953



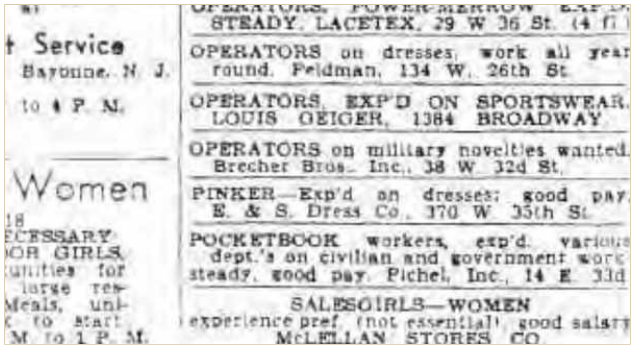
Chanukah Game Night Is Held At Monsey Home

A very successful Chanukah game night was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Friedman of Monsey Wednesday night, December 18. The guests enjoyed a variety of games and delicious homemade refreshments served by the hostesses, Mesdames A. Brecher, E. Brecher, D. Brecher, M. Brecher, G. Friedman, F. Gribetz, G. Levine and S. Schustal.

Mrs. S. Dunitz and Mrs. E. Shulman did an excellent job on advance sales of tickets. Mrs. S. Balsam and Mrs. C. Cohen were of great assistance with the preparations for the party. Mrs. E. Pfeffer won the free door prize, a lovely handbag and Mrs. A. Pal won a beautiful piece of airplane luggage. Both prizes were donated by Brecher Bros. Mrs. S. Schneider won a handknit wool stole donated by Mrs. Laura Paikin.

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

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).



t Service
Bayonne, N. J.
to 4 P. M.

Women

STEADY. LACETEX, 29 W 36 St. (4 fl.)

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.

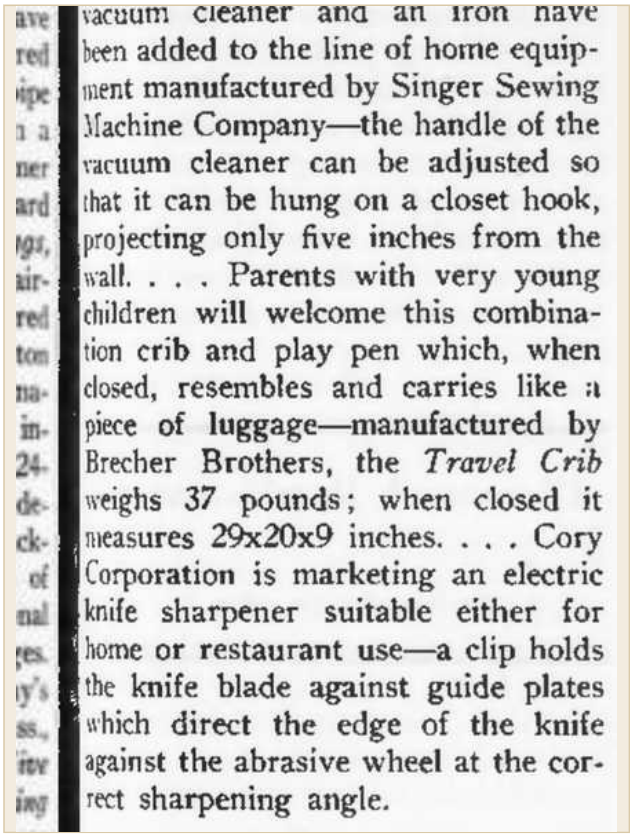
PINKER—Exp'd on dresses; good pay. E. & S. Dress Co., 370 W. 35th St.

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

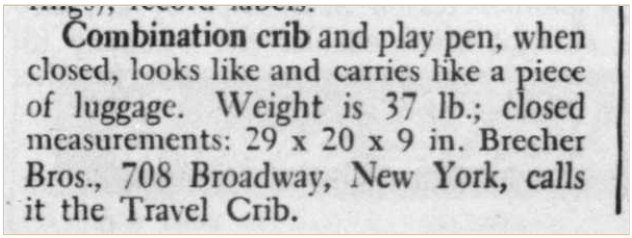
The New York Times, 25 August 1961, "More Space Taken by Brass Concern; Entire Floor at 72 5th Ave. Leased — Other Rentings" (nytimes.com archive abstract). Grade: (family firm, as above).



vacuum cleaner and an iron have been added to the line of home equipment manufactured by Singer Sewing Machine Company—the handle of the vacuum cleaner can be adjusted so that it can be hung on a closet hook, projecting only five inches from the wall. . . . Parents with very young children will welcome this combination crib and play pen which, when closed, resembles and carries like a piece of luggage—manufactured by Brecher Brothers, the *Travel Crib* weighs 37 pounds; when closed it measures 29x20x9 inches. . . . Cory Corporation is marketing an electric knife sharpener suitable either for home or restaurant use—a clip holds the knife blade against guide plates which direct the edge of the knife against the abrasive wheel at the correct sharpening angle.

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

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

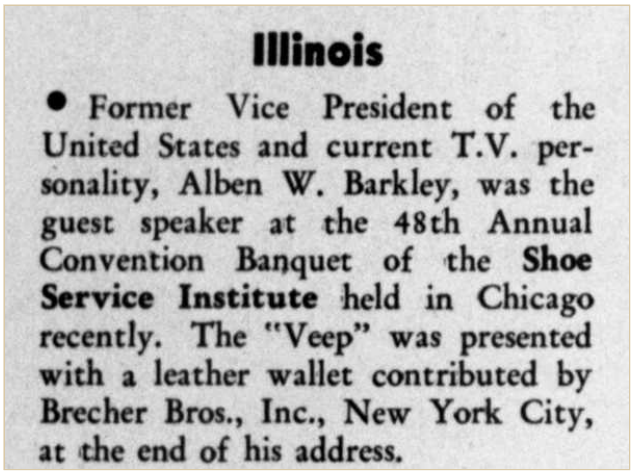
Business Week, no. 984 (10 July 1948), new-products column; Internet Archive item sim_business-week_1948-07-10_984, leaf 43 — https://archive.org/details/sim_business-week_1948-07-10_984. (The same product is described in Commerce magazine, Aug 1948, item commerce-magazine_1948-08_45_7, leaf 44 — text 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

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



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

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, 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.



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

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



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

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: the soldier on the left, beside the film comedian Joe E. Brown, who signed the photo "Joe E. Brown" (Brown entertained the troops overseas during the war). CONFIRMED

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. LIKELY

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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, on about 23 September 1962 the Bais Yaakov High School of Spring Valley honoured her at its fifth annual dinner, held as a testimonial to her. 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)


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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

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).


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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

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).



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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".

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Der Tog (New York), 13 May 1955, p. 14



At the Yeshivah

The students, faculty, parents and friends of the Yeshivah of Spring Valley participated in the annual Chanukah celebration Sunday. Irving Levy, chairman of the board of education, presided.

Greetings were uttered by Rev. Joseph Rubenfeld, president of the Yeshivah. Mrs. Rose Nebel, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary and Mrs. Martha Goldstein, president of the PTA, distributed Chanukah gifts to the children. Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, of the Congregation Sons of Israel, and Rabbi Jacob Cohen, of the Jewish Community Center, conveyed their blessings.

The children of the kindergarten classes, beautifully costumed, presented in song and dance "The Spirit of Chanukah." Those taking part were Donnie Aber, Phane Adler, Candy Cohen, Susan Cohen, Sukanth Eisenberg, Jeffrey Ellish, Robert Friedman, Joel Goldstein, Joel Lazarus, Helen Levine, Anita Mager, Wendy Pratt, Howard Rabinowitz, Achiva Schreier, Israel Waxman, Zypora Ungarleider, Chana Kulefsky and Dinah Sirlo.

"Victory Dance," in glamorous costume, was presented by the first grade. Participating were Joseph Deutsch, Judy Greenbaum, Ellen Goldstein, Jane Greenberg, Albert Hoffnung, Anna Lazarus, Lubie Lazarus, Abbe Levy, Anna Nissel, Mrs. Dvora Dear, Miss Miriam Schechter, Hershel Schechter, Howard Goldberg, Judah Deutsch, Larry Sherman, Byron Lenoff.

The concluding number, presented with lighted candles and effective costumes, was an Israeli dance. Those taking part were Barbara Nissel, Sukanth Noble, Golda Shatz, Chava Steinberg, Leah Steinberg, Hinde Tillim, Rachel Kasten.

The Yeshivah Choir sang the beautiful Chanukah songs. Those taking part were Harvey Brecher, Leibish Brecher, Judah Deutsch, Zalman Deutsch, Stephen Goldberg, Schlesna Greenbaum, Henry Lazarus, Sidney Soffer, Byron Lenoff, Herschel Schechter, Miriam Schechter, Larry Sherman, Sruchi Soloveitchik, Naftoli Kasten, Osher Steinberg, Raim Brecher, Gedalia Cohen, Walter Pilot, Henry Schechter, Mordecai Tillim and Yitzok Tillim. Also Howard Immanuel and Zypora Halberg.

Rabbi Bernard Greenbaum expressed thanks to the community for its support of the Yeshivah. Members of the faculty participating in the celebration were Mrs. Anna Nissel, Mrs. Dvora Dear, Miss

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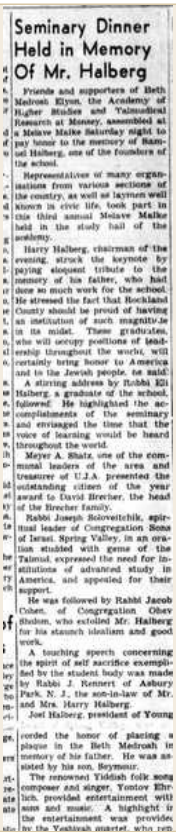
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Leibish (Yehuda Aryeh) Brecher among the pupils taking part in the Yeshiva of Spring Valley's Chanukah programme, December 1952. CONFIRMED

Orangetown Telegram, Pearl River, N.Y., December 1952 (Fulton History)



Seminary Dinner Held in Memory Of Mr. Halberg

Friends and supporters of Beth Medrosh Elyon, the Academy of Higher Studies and Talmudical Research at Monsey, assembled at a Melave Malke Saturday night to pay honor to the memory of Samuel Halberg, one of the founders of the school.

Representatives of many organizations from various sections of the country, as well as laymen well known in civic life, took part in this third annual Melave Malke held in the study hall of the academy.

Harry Halberg, chairman of the evening, struck the keynote by paying eloquent tribute to the memory of his father, who had done so much work for the school. He stressed the fact that Rockland County should be proud of having an institution of such magnitude in its midst. These graduates, who will occupy positions of leadership throughout the world, will certainly bring honor to America and to the Jewish people, he said.

A stirring address by Rabbi Eli Halberg, a graduate of the school, followed. He highlighted the accomplishments of the seminary and envisaged the time that the voice of learning would be heard throughout the world.

Meyer A. Shatz, one of the communal leaders of the area and treasurer of U.J.A. presented the outstanding citizen of the year award to David Brecher, the head of the Brecher family.

Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, spiritual leader of Congregation Sons of Israel, Spring Valley, in an oration studded with gems of the Talmud, expressed the need for institutions of advanced study in America, and appealed for their support.

He was followed by Rabbi Jacob Cohen, of Congregation Ohev Shalom, who extolled Mr. Halberg for his staunch idealism and good work.

A touching speech concerning the spirit of self sacrifice exemplified by the student body was made by Rabbi J. Rennert of Asbury Park, N. J., the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Halberg.

Joel Halberg, president of Young

corded the honor of placing a plaque in the Beth Medrosh in memory of his father. He was assisted by his son, Reymour.

The renowned Yiddish folk song composer and singer, Yontov Ehrlich, provided entertainment with song and music. A highlight in the entertainment was provided by the Yeshivah quartet, who ren

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

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



Seminary Dinner Held in Memory Of Mr. Halberg

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Dance Sponsored By Young Group

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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

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



Yeshiva Will Install Officers Next Saturday

The officers of the Yeshiva of Spring Valley and the Parents-Teachers Association will be formerly installed Saturday evening, November 6, at the Yeshiva auditorium.

Preparations are being made by the arrangement committee to make this a memorable event. A full Melave Malke meal with all its traditional trimmings will be served. The evening will be highlighted by enjoyable entertainment, cantorials, and group singing.

Special recognition will be given to the officers who headed the organizations last year for their devoted work in behalf of Torah education in Rockland County.

Outgoing officers are: Eugene Brecher, president; Adelbert Pal, Rafael Eisenberg, vice presidents. P. T. A. officers: Mrs. Elizabeth Brecher, president; Mrs. Sylvia Tillim, Mrs. Mollie Lazarus, Mrs. Debuta Deutsch, vice presidents.

Newly elected officers to be installed are: Philip Gasner, president; Myer Deutsch, Arnold Jacobs, vice presidents; Isaac Dunitz, treasurer; Rabbi Mendel Balsam, secretary; Herman Adler, chairman board of directors; Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, chairman, board of education. P. T. A. officers: Mrs. Anna Nissel, president; Mrs. Betty Makowsky, Mrs. Frieda Wallish, Mrs. Flora Wallach, vice presidents; Mrs. Lillian Rosenberg, recording secretary; Mrs. Florence Gribetz, Mrs. Malke Mashinsky, corresponding secretaries; Mrs. Claire Dinkels, treasurer; Mrs. Rose Soloveitchik, Mrs. Nachama Steinberg, Mrs. Malke Mashinsky, cultural committee; Mrs. Evelyn Harrison, Mrs. Elizabeth Brecher, bazaar chairmen; Mrs. Hannah Adler, sunshine chairman; Mrs. Betty Makowsky, Mrs. Sylvia Tillim, publications chairman; Mrs. L. Lazar, class mothers chairman.

A suitable gift for any occasion —give a U. S. Savings Bond.

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

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



have already completed their high school and college courses and are now holding important positions in society and contributing to the welfare of their respective communities," he noted.

The officers elected for the coming year are as follows: president, Raphael Gasner; vice presidents, Rabbi Henry Cohen and Arthur Hoffnung; Treasurer, Isaac Dunitz; secretary, Nathan Dinkels, chairman of directors, Herbert Garfinkel; chairman board of education, Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik; assistant chairman board of education, Rabbi Arnold Jacobs; directors: Herman Adler, Alex Brecher, Eugene Brecher, Meyer Deutsch, Paul Friedman, William Frommer, Herbert Garfinkel, Meyer Gasner, Isidor Greenberg, Dennis Gribetz, Eli Halberg, Harry Halberg, Norbert Hoffner, Arnold Jacobs, Ruby Lazarus, Moshe I. Mendlowitz, David Palkin, Adelbert Pal, Herbert Rosenberg, Martin Saffer, David Srulowitz, Hy Stocknoff, Lester Tillim, Paul Wallish, Hyman Weinreb; board of education: Herman Adler, Isaac Dunitz, Raphael Eisenberg, Eli Halberg, Arnold Jacobs, Eli Schustal, Lester Tillim, Don Ungarisher.

Nyack JV cheerleaders Cookie Gallo, Judy ley, Jane Kelly, and Maggie Vice.

Bonjour!

In case you haven't noticed, we're trying to keep our column on an international basis, so that is the reason for this week's opening.

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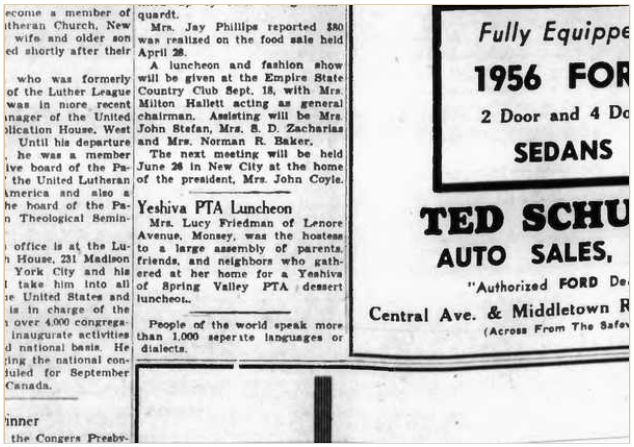
Net Champs

Nyack's crack tennis team, under Coach Ray Wray, won its 19th championship in the last 21 seasons with a 14-1 record after edging Suffern by a 2-to-1 margin. The team includes: Mickey Smith, in the first single spot, who has gone undefeated in the last three fall seasons; Frank Galves in the second single spot; and a combination of three doubles teams, consisting of Mike Rokoff and Jack Lavalle; Al Galves and John Colgan; and Bob Writer and John Perry.

Both Nyack and Suffern entered the final match with identical undefeated records but Nyack's squad pulled out on top and by a one-point margin copped the Rockland County championship.

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

The Journal-News, Nyack, N.Y., 1956 (Fulton History)



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Mrs. Jay Phillips reported $80 was realized on the food sale held April 28.

A luncheon and fashion show will be given at the Empire State Country Club Sept. 18, with Mrs. Milton Hallett acting as general chairman. Assisting will be Mrs. 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 of the president, Mrs. John Coyle.

Yeshiva PTA Luncheon

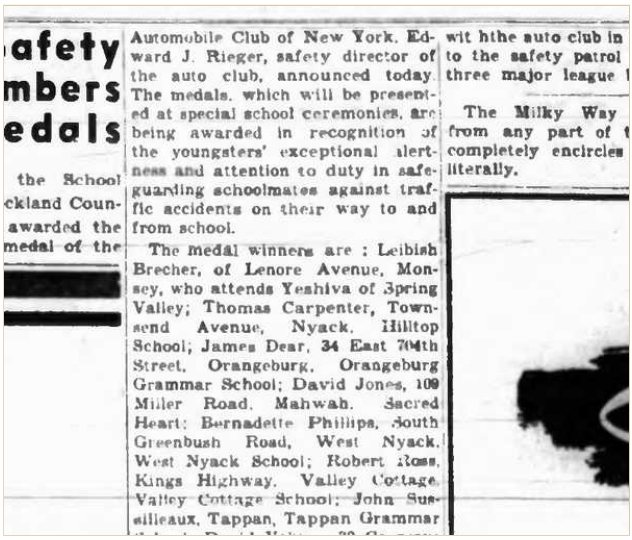
Mrs. Lucy Friedman of Lenore Avenue, Monsey, was the hostess to a large assembly of parents, friends, and neighbors who gathered at her home for a Yeshiva of Spring Valley PTA dessert luncheon.

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Automobile Club of New York. Edward J. Rieger, safety director of the auto club, announced today. The medals, which will be presented at special school ceremonies, are being awarded in recognition of the youngsters' exceptional alertness and attention to duty in safeguarding schoolmates against traffic accidents on their way to and from school.

The medal winners are : Leibish Brecher, of Lenore Avenue, Monsey, who attends Yeshiva of Spring Valley; Thomas Carpenter, Townsend Avenue, Nyack, Hilltop School; James Dear, 34 East 704th Street, Orangeburg, Orangeburg Grammar School; David Jones, 109 Miller Road, Mahwah, Sacred Heart; Bernadette Phillips, South Greenbush Road, West Nyack, West Nyack School; Robert Ross, Kings Highway, Valley Cottage, Valley Cottage School; John Susilleaux, Tappan, Tappan Grammar

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

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Michael H. Prendergast of Haverstraw, director, Division of Safety, has been a patient for several days in Albany Hospital, receiving treatment for an infected paranoidal cyst.

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

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Saffer of 19 Fanley Avenue, Spring Valley, are the parents of a son, born

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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

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functions of the club. Youth groups, sports, committee work, programing, were some of the topics covered. Rabbi Routtenberg spoke of the various Jewish activities available at the Center to both parents and children.

Introduced to the club as new members were Marcus Meiler, Jerome Trupp, Louis Grutin, and Sidney Stolzenberg.

The breakfashion committee consisted of Martin Roen, Dr. Kriesberg, Ibby Gidman, Jules Sturtz, Les Marks, Bill Picholtz, and Hy Letin.

Valley Yeshiva Elects Officers

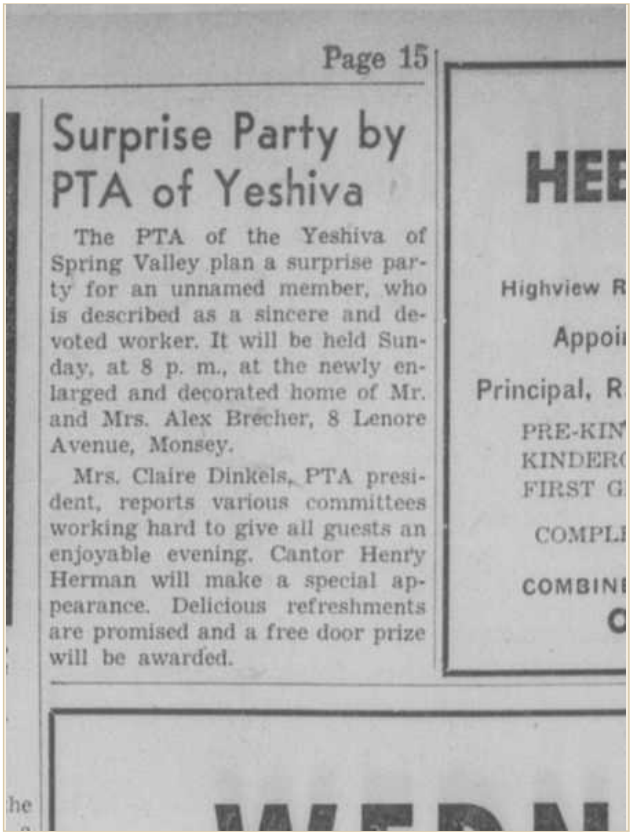
Sam Rothstein was elected president of Spring Valley Yeshiva at the annual meeting. Other officers are: Vice presidents, Eugene Brecher and Leo Rappaport; secretary, Nat Dinkels; treasurer, Isaac Dunitz. Ezra Austern was chosen as chairman of the board of directors.

Irving and Sam Rothstein were named as journal committee chairmen and the finance committee consists of Herman Adler, Herbert 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

Orangetown Telegram, Pearl River, N.Y., October 1958 (Fulton History)



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Surprise Party by PTA of Yeshiva

The PTA of the Yeshiva of Spring Valley plan a surprise party for an unnamed member, who is described as a sincere and devoted worker. It will be held Sunday, at 8 p. m., at the newly enlarged and decorated home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Brecher, 8 Lenore Avenue, Monsey.

Mrs. Claire Dinkels, PTA president, reports various committees working hard to give all guests an enjoyable evening. Cantor Henry Herman will make a special appearance. Delicious refreshments are promised and a free door prize will be awarded.

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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

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



Yeshiva Party

The Women's League of the Yeshiva of Spring Valley is concentrating all efforts, after a highly successful cake sale, thanks to the diligent work of the chairladies, Mrs. Ethel Shulman and Mrs. Lillian Rosenberg, on making this year's Chanukah party an even more enjoyable one than last year's. Amusing games and delicious refreshments are planned.

The party, again given by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Friedman, is Dec. 9 at 8:30 p. m., at 4 Lenore Avenue, Monsey. Mrs. Friedman, who will be assisted by Mrs. Sarah Balsam, Mrs. Ann Brecher, Mrs. Elizabeth Brecher, Mrs. Dinah Mendlowitz, Mrs. Malki Mashinsky, Mrs. Susan Rapaport and Mrs. Frieda Wallish, hope the women have baby sitters lined up in time, so their husbands can accompany them.

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Church News

Methodist Fellowship

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

The Journal-News, Nyack, N.Y., December 1958 (Fulton History)



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REDUCTIONS
10%-50%
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Ceramics, Steel, Wood, Pewter, Silver, Jewelry
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"Co-chairmen are Alex Brecher and Louis Septimus": a yeshiva campaign dinner at Spring Valley, 1959–60. CONFIRMED

Orangetown Telegram, Pearl River, N.Y., 1959–60 (Fulton History)



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 arrived 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 quality".

Upon moving to Monsey, Mr. Polak became active in many religious 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 Spitky, Leo Rapaport, Meyer A. Shatz. Honorary chairmen are Rabbi E. Silver, Rabbi J. Soloveitchik, Rabbi A. B. Zilberberg, Harry Harris.

Dinner sponsors include Alex Brecher, Jesse Eisen, Rafael Eisenberg, Raphael Gasner, Hershel Halberg, Robert Krane, David Paikin, Emil Ramat, Ben Rothman, Herman Sinnet, Arthur Sternfield and Louis J. Septimus.

Bond
(Continued)

Obituary

Harold Kristoffersen

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

Orangetown Telegram, Pearl River, N.Y., 30 August 1962 (Fulton History)



פריימאן, 2מער אקטאבער, 1964

אנפאנג פון מאנסי, נ. י.
אלס צענטער פון תורה

"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

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



אויפבלי פון מאנסי, ניו־יארק
אלם צענטער פון תורה

התורה און זענען אויך די ערך־
טשערליים פון האיריגען דינער.

בראש פון דער איבערגעגעבענער
גרופע עסקנים, ביי וועמען דער
בית מדרש עליון איז דעם העכס־
טער אויסדרוק פון לימוד התורה,
געפינען זיך אויך יעקב לאנדא;
הרב הגאון ר' יוסף דוב סאלאוויי־
טשיק, דער רב פון ספרינג חאלי;
מאיר שאץ, בנימין בלומינג, מעני
פאלאק, הירש הערים, ארטור
סטוירנפעלד, ישי' אייזען, אייזיק
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מדרש עליון קומענדען זונטאג

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

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



BAIS YAAKOV

High School Will Fete Mrs. Brecher

A testimonial dinner will be given by the Bais Yaakov High School in honor of Mrs. Esther Brecher Sunday evening at 6:30 at the new Yeshiva building, Maple Ave., Monsey.

Mrs. Brecher, a resident of Monsey for the past eleven years, is a prominent member of the community. Together with her husband, the late David Brecher, she has been instrumental in building and supporting all its Torah and welfare institutions. The guest of honor is an active member of Beth Medrosh Elyon of Monsey, the Yeshiva of Spring Valley, Congregation Beth Israel, the Chevra Kadisha of Spring Valley, and numerous other important organizations here and in New York City.

An elaborate program has been arranged for the event. The guest speaker of the evening will be Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Deutch Brothers.

For reservations call Mrs. Nathan Dinkels, chairman, EL 6-9294; or Mrs. Henry E. Wechsler, president, EL 6-5777.

"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 fifth annual dinner, a testimonial in her honour, about Sunday 23 September 1962. CONFIRMED

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



Bais Yaakov Holds First Commencement

The Bais Yaakov High School Spring Valley held its first mmencement Tuesday eve- ng, June 25 at Congregation ni Jeshurun, Monsey with abbi Joseph Soloveitchik as aster of ceremonies.

Rabbi Jacob Weinberg, dean of shiva Ner Israel, of Baltimore, d., was guest speaker.

The graduates' achievements in ligious and secular education rt reflected in twin valedicto- y addresses by Ziporah Dinkels r the English department and Shifra Greenbaum for the He- ew department.

Mrs Dinkels spoke of the role the Jewish woman as guardian the home and its foundations, d the creator of the circums- nces that allow her husband children to devote them- ves to the study of Torah. She d of the founding of the first a Yaakov school forty years in Poland by Sarah Schnier- to offset the prevailing intel- tual movement—the Haskalah imed at "modernizing" Jew- teachings to accomodate the es. Girls' education was thus is no home. Hers is the spirit which guides her husband and family in their life of service to God. Only the woman's proper Torah education can provide this. The present moment of joy should be used by the graduates and the community as a moment of dedication to service to Torah."

The program included a greeting by Rabbi Uri Auerbach, newly-elected president of the school.

Gifts were awarded to the graduates by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sepkimus, Rabbi and Mrs. Shmuel Mendlowitz, Mrs. Eugene Brecher, in memory of her late husband, and Mr. Yale Gibber.

A gift from the graduates to the school was presented by Rochel Huss. Ziporah Halberg presented a gift to the school in behalf of a group of parents.

Joseph Deutsch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Deutsch of Spring Valley, provided music during the graduation program and the reception which followed.

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

The Journal-News, Nyack, N.Y., June 1963 (Fulton History)

In the local press: two photographs



MOVING IN . . . MOVING OUT—At the left, Mrs. Ann Brecher, outgoing president of the Women's League, Yeshiva of Spring Valley, is pictured with Mrs. Sunny Kornbluth, newly elected president. Officers of the Women's League will be installed at the Spring Valley Gardens Wednesday evening, June 17. An original play will be presented by members of the organization.

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

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



CORNERSTONE LAYING for the new synagogue of Beth Israel at the corner of Maple Avenue and Main Street, Monsey, took place Sunday afternoon. Shown, from the left, are E. Brecher; Steve, one of the builders; L. Rapoport; Isidor Stern, president, and Rabbi B. Greenbaum. He, with the smiling countenance at the right, was not identified. —Photo by Arthur's Studio.

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

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

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


נחום אבלים

ישיבה ומתיבתה ד'ספרינג וואלי

דריקט אויס טיפען צער און טרויער אויף דער פטירה פון באַרימטען
און ערמיד'ליכען עסקן פאר תורה און יהדות אחד משרידי דור הישן, חסיד
ועניו, פון די ערשטע דירעקטאָרען פון אונזער ישיבה

ר' דוד ברעכער ז"ל

און מיר דריקן אויס אונזער טיפסטן מיטגעפיל צו דער פרַאמינענטער ברעכער
פאַמיליע, צו דער חשובער סרוי מרת שיינדעל תחי', צו די זין ר' יוסף
ברעכער, עקס פרעזידענט פון אונזער ישיבה, ר' שמשון ברעכער און ר'
מיכל ברעכער, צו דער מאַכטער כרס. שפרה חנה פרידמאַן און צום
איידם ר' פנחס שלום פרידמאַן. זאָלען זיי געפינען טרייסט און ליכטיגען
אַנדענק פון זייער ייבען מאַן און פאַטער און אין דער מאַרוצעזונג פון זיינע
גרויסע און נאַבעלע מעשים. המקום ינחם אותם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון
וירושלים.

הערמאַן אַרלַער, טשערמאַן פון בארד.
הרב יוסף דב הלוי סאלאוויטשיק, יו"ר ועד התנוך.
הרב דב גרינבוים, מנהל.

"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), Shimshon and Michel, and his daughter Shifra Chana Friedman and her husband Pinchas Shalom. CONFIRMED

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


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נחום אבלים

חברה מחזיקי תורה וחברה משניות פון
טשענסקאָוויצער רבי'ן שליט"א

דריקען אויס זייער צער און מיטגעפיל צו די חשוב'ע משפחות
ברעכער און פרידמאַן אויף דעם אונערוצעליכען דאַבעלטען
פאַרלוסט וואָס די פאַמיליע און דאָס היהדות החרדית בכלל און
אונזער חברה בפרט האָבען געליטטען דורך דער פטירה פון אונזער
געוועזענעם פיליאַריגען גבאי און מיטגרינדער פון אונזער בית
המדרש, ירא וחרד לדבר ד', חסיד ועני והצנע לכת, נמסר בלב
ונפש לכל דבר שבקדושה, אהב תורה ותמך תלמידי, דדך צדקה
וגמילות חסדים, רחם ומוקיר רבנן

ר' דוד בר' מאיר הכהן ברעכער ע"ה

און אויף דער פטירה פון זיין מחותן, ירא וחרד לדבר ה', והצנע
לכת, אהב תורה ונדיב לב, רחם ומוקיר רבנן

ר' יוסף אפרים בר' ישעי' פרידמאן ע"ה

גבאי דחברה משניות שהיו משרידי דור הישן,
מי יתן לנו תמורתם.

המקום ינחם אותם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים.
ולא אסיפו לדאבל עוד.

אחי' לייבוש לייזער, פרעז. יצחק אפעלבוים, גבאי

"A double loss": the Chevra Machzikei 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

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


ישיבת תורה ודעת והמתיבתא

דריקט אויס גרויס צער אן באדויער אויף דעם פארלוסט פון זיהרדיגען
ישיבה פרייגד, באוואוסט מיט זיינע מעשים טובים לצדקה ולהחזקת התורה
ולומדי התורני החסיד ירא ושלם, בשרירי דור הישן

ר' דוד הכהן ברעכער ע"ה

תנחומים לרעיתו החשובה, לבניו היקרים והנעלים אוהבי תורה וחסד, ולכל
המשפחה הנכבדה שאבדה עטרת ראשה.

המקום ינחם אותם ולא יוסיפו לראבה עוד.

יחזקאל זארעצקי, פרעזידענט ישראל יהודא סעפטימוס, משערמאן

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

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



דריקט אויס טיפען צער און מיטגעפיל צו דער פראמינענטער ברעכער פאַמיליע, צו דער חשוב'ער פרוי

מרת שיינדעל תחי', צו די זין ר' יוסף ברעכער, ר' שמשון ברעכער, ר' מיכל ברעכער, און צו דער טאכטער מרם. שפרה חנה פרידמאַן און מאַן ר' פנחס שלום פרידמאַן

אויס'ן פאַרלוסט פון זייער ליבען מאַן און פאַטער, היקר באנשים, רודף צדקה וחסד, משרידי דור הישן, פון די ערשטע דירעקטאָרען און שטיצער פון אונזער גרויסען טוסד התורה,

ר' דוד ברעכער ז"ל

זיין ליכטיגער אַנדענק אָון דער דור ישרים וואָס ער האָט איבערגעלאָזט זאָלען דינען אלס א סרייסט פאַר דער גאַנצער נאָבעלער משפחה בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים.

נחום (ענדריו נ.) מילער, פרעז. לייב (לעאָן) ספילקי, וויס־פרעז.
הרב צבי אלימלך וואַקסמאַן, עקז. דירעקטאָר

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

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נחום אבלים

מיר באַרויערען אָון דריקען אויס גרויס צער אויף דעם פאַרלוסט פון אונזער טייערען אָון באליבטען אָנקעל

ר' דוד ב"ר מאיר הכהן ברעכער ע"ה

אונזער טרייסט צו אונזער טאַנטע, קאָוזינס אָון די גאַנצע משפחה.

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים.

דוד און משה ברעכער
אוו פאמיליעס

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

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



נחום אבלים

הנהלת הישיבה ומתיבתא התן סופר

דריקט אויס איר טיפען צער צו דער זעהר חשוב'ער אָון פראמינענטער ברעכער פאַמיליע, צו דער חשוב'ער פרוי מרת שיינדעל תחי', אָון צו די זעהר חשוב'ע זין ר' יוסף ברעכער, ר' שמשון ברעכער יחי' על האבדה הגדואה פון זייער טייערען מאַן אָון פאַטער הרבני התורני ותיק וחסיד י"א אוהב תורה ופומדי,

ר' דוד בר' מאיר הכהן ברעכער ז"ל

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים, אמן.

הנהלת ישיבת ומתיבתא התן סופר

שבתי פרענקעל, פרעז. מרדכי לעווינגער, וויס־פרעז.

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

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



ב"ה

ברכת ניחום אבלים!

הישיבה והמתיבתא ערוגת הבשם

משתתפת בצערה ובאבילה של המשפחה הנכבדה ברעכער בהסתלקות עטרת ראשם, הרבני הנעלה חשיש, עסקן החרדי,

אחד מתומכי ישבה"ק

מו"ה דוד ברעכער ז"ל

המקום ינחם אותם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים ולא יוסיפו לדאבה עוד אכי"ר.

ה ה נ ח ל ה

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

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נחום אבלים

חיברו אינסטיטוט אָף ראקלענד קאָונטי

דריקט אויס טיפען צער אָון מיטגעפיל צו דער פראמינענטער

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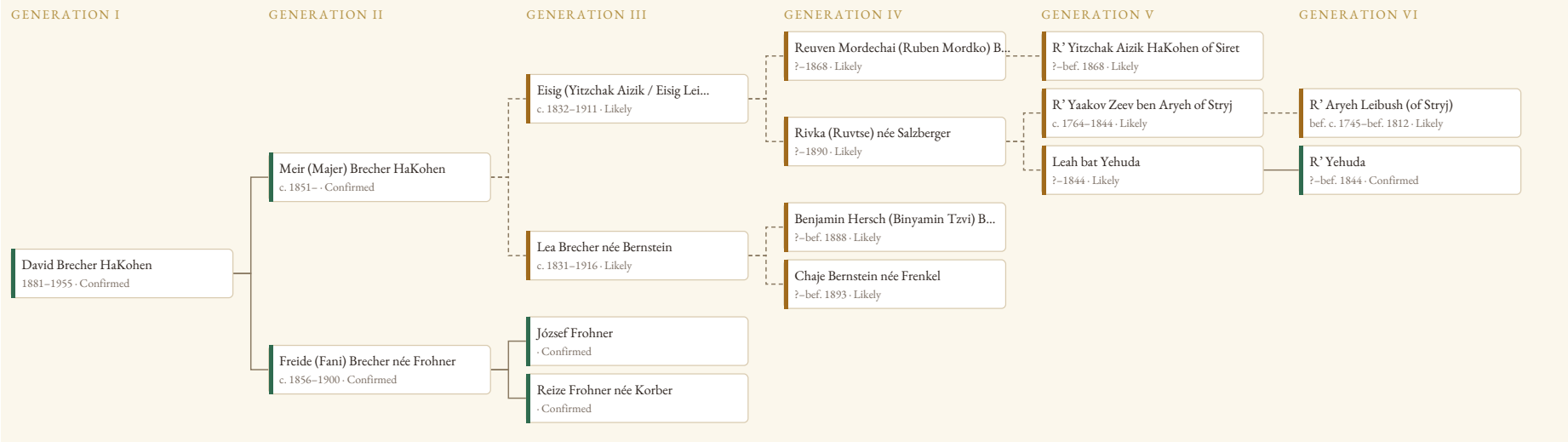
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The Hebrew Institute of Rockland County mourns "the famous philanthropist R' Dovid Brecher". CONFIRMED

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

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Ancestors as the records show them. Likely links are drawn dashed; people still only possible are left off.



Records found since the book

- Morris Farkas's 1942 registration card: born 20 Nov 1887 at Gödényháza, of 274 East 175th Street — naming David Brecher, 1640 Topping Avenue, as the person who would always know his address. CONFIRMED
  WWII draft cards (4th Registration), Bronx (FamilySearch 1:1:F3NG-J2Z)
- Solomon Farkas's 1940 draft card: born 22 Sep 1915 at Szőlős, Hungary, living with his mother Gizella at 888 Fox Street, the Bronx (Confirmed; on the strength of this card he is now Confirmed as Margaret's brother). CONFIRMED
  NYC draft registration cards 1940–1947 (FamilySearch 1:1:WW4J-263Z)
- Aaron Farkas's First World War draft card, 1918: a tailor at 78 Stanton Street working for Popper Bros., born 18 May 1876 (a variant of 25 May). LIKELY
  WWI draft registration cards, NARA M1509 (FamilySearch 1:1:WZNL-8DPZ)
- Jakob Fogel, born at Nagybánya on 14 Sep 1894 to Mihály Fogel and Bella (Berta) Klein — the eldest Fogel child found so far. The same Nagybánya register has "Sara", daughter of Jakob Klein, born 25 Dec 1886 — very probably Esther herself. LIKELY
  JewishGen Máramaros Vital Records index, Nagybánya Register Book 39, p. 58 row 46 and p. 20 row 44
- The birth acts of Samuel Klein's four children at Felsőbánya — Mathild (18 Apr 1908), Blanka (15 Dec 1909), József (15 Nov 1911) and Sándor (6 Sep 1913) — read from the register: every date on the site agrees; Samuel is a grocer, then merchant; their mother's name is written Szalavecz. CONFIRMED
  Felsőbánya birth acts 60/1908, 178/1909, 146/1911, 119/1913, Romanian National Archives, Maramureș, MM-F-00743-2-00621
- Morris Farkas, Margaret's father, lies at Beth Moses Cemetery, Section 2, Block 26, Grave 2, in the Sinai Fraternal Order plot — the same society plot as Anne's brother Kallmann (Charles) Wahrsager; Aaron Farkas lies at Mount Hebron, Flushing, Block 2, Section J. LIKELY
  Find a Grave memorials 253407970 and 77532700
- Three more children of Esther's sister Berta and Mihály Fogel, read from the Felsőbánya civil birth acts: Izrael Áron, born 18 May 1904 (act 91); a son born on 20 January 1906 who died the same day (act 11); and Zoltán, born 21 February 1907 (act 46), who died in May 1907 (death act 76/1907, Likely). Berta's known children are now Sándor, Móricz, Ferencz, Sámuel, Menyhért, Izrael Áron, the infant of 1906, and Zoltán. CONFIRMED
  Felsőbánya births 1904–1906, acts 91 and 11 (unit MM-FD-00743-1-1-042, images 92 and 395); births 1907–1919, act 46 (unit MM-F-00743-2-00621, image 9); Romanian National Archives, Maramureș
- Mária Klein née Cziment was the wife of Herman Klein: her death act at Felsőbánya (she died there on 29 January 1915, aged 65, at Nagybányai utca) names her husband as Herman Klein and her father as Salamon Cziment. That she was his second wife, and so Esther's stepmother, stays Likely, resting on the dates. Herman Klein's own death is not in the Felsőbánya deaths 1903–19, the Nagybánya deaths to 1906 or the Kapnik deaths to 1920. CONFIRMED
  Felsőbánya deaths 1915 act 14, registered 30 January 1915 (Romanian National Archives, Maramureș, unit 13914903, image 180)
- Two more sons of Esther's sister Berta and Mihály Fogel, born in Felsőbánya before Izrael Áron and Zoltán: Sándor, 24 November 1896, and Móricz, 18 November 1897, who died in 1898. Mihály was born in Magyarkékes about 1868; Berta is entered as born in Nagysomkút, aged 21 in 1896. CONFIRMED
  JewishGen Máramaros Vital Records, Births: Felsőbánya, Romanian National Archives, Baia Mare branch, Inventory 1371, Book 12, 1896 p. 50 and 1897 p. 211 (JewishGen index)
- Margaret Brecher's graveside service was held on Tuesday 14 January 2020 at 2:30 pm at Lakeside Memorial Park, Miami; the funeral-home pages give her dates as 23 Aug 1920 – 12 Jan 2020 (one listing says 13 Jan). CONFIRMED
  Lakeside Memorial Park / Dignity Memorial obituary 9426010; Tribute Archive 10523943

- Margaret Brecher, Mickey's wife, was born Margit Farkas at Nagyszőllős (Sevlus) in 1920, daughter of Morris and Gizella Farkas; she came to New York with her mother and siblings on the Aquitania in 1929, and in 1940 the Farkases lived at 988 Fox Street, next door to the Brechers. Her brother Solomon died at Albany in 1955; her father's brother was very probably Aaron Farkas of the Lower East Side, whose 1942 death certificate names his parents Solomon Farkas and Goldie Fuchs. LIKELY

  Aquitania manifest, 6 Sep 1929; 1930 and 1940 census; New York State death indexes 1955 and 1970; NYC death certificate D-K-1942-0022839; New York County naturalization petition, vol. 130 (1913)

- Margaret Brecher's Hebrew name was Mindel bat Moshe (her daughter's synagogue notice, 2026); her yahrzeit falls on 16 Tevet, which fits her death on 12 January 2020. Her daughter Susan is married to Jack Gluck. CONFIRMED

  Young Israel Congregation (Surfside/Bal Harbour), Shmooze News, Parshas Vayechi, 3 Jan 2026, and 5 Jun 2021 issue

- Jenő (Eugene) and Elizabeth Brecher's four sons in the 1950 census, the Bronx: Gerald, Harvey, Melvin and Benjamin. CONFIRMED

  1950 U.S. census, Bronx, New York, ED 3-144, sheet 10, lines 19–24 (National Archives)

- David Brecher and his father-in-law Yaakov Tzvi Klein are both listed among the Felsőbánya subscribers to the sefer Mevaser Tov in 1915. LIKELY

  Mevaser Tov (Kolozsvár 1915) p. 105, HebrewBooks.org no. 33126

- R' David HaKohen Brecher is named among the supporters of Shem Eliezer, the writings of the Biksader Rav, New York 1954, listed beside the Sigheter Rav — a year before his death. LIKELY

  Shem Eliezer (New York 1954) p. 4, HebrewBooks.org no. 41557

- Nicholas (Mickey) Brecher: president of Plus Marketing from 1952; founded Marketing Systems of America, West Palm Beach, in December 1983 and was its chairman and chief executive (annual report for 1990, "Nicholas M. Brecher, 75"). LIKELY

  Marketing Systems of America, Inc., Form 10-K for 1990 (SEC file 0-13385)

- Mickey held two U.S. patents for retail packaging (filed 1966 and 1972, granted 1967 and 1974) from 2 Manor Lane, Lawrence, N.Y., and in 1969 registered his "Brevoni" brand for wallets and pocketbooks; later brands from Miami Beach included Preventology and BreathAid (1998–2012). LIKELY

  U.S. Patents 3,307,686 and 3,826,359; Official Gazette, BREVONI reg. 882,347; Companies and Their Brands (1998–2012)

- A CBS Miami report of 11 Nov 2010: Mickey, 94, still kept the daily diary he wrote through the war; he served in five campaigns from French Morocco to Italy, carried a wounded soldier to safety in Sicily, and received the Purple Heart and, decades later, the Bronze Star. CONFIRMED

  CBS Miami (CBS4 I-Team), 11 Nov 2010

- Eugene (Jenő) Brecher and Elizabeth Zelig: Brooklyn marriage licence no. 3272, 1 March 1938. Eugene born March 1911 in "Baia Sprie" (= Felsőbánya); Elizabeth born 19 June 1918 in Romania, daughter of Israel Zelig. CONFIRMED

  NYC Municipal Archives, Brooklyn 1938 marriage licence no. 3272

- Samuel (Sámuel) Klein was born 22 July 1877 at Nagysomkút, son of Hermann Klein and the late Háni Ferencz (1902 act). Esther Klein was born at Felsőbánya and lived at Nagy Ilonda before her 1906 marriage; David Brecher was then at Huszt, and Meir Brecher an innkeeper at Kapnikbánya. Johanna (Háni) Ferencz stays Likely as Esther's mother. CONFIRMED

  Felsőbánya civil marriages, acts 8 (1902) and 38 (1906), Romanian National Archives, Maramureș

- Nicholas (Mickey) and Margaret Brecher's children in the Bronx in April 1950: Susan, Marylin and Kenneth. CONFIRMED

  1950 U.S. census, the Bronx (FamilySearch 1:1:6XYS-VKS2, 1:1:6XYS-VKSV, 1:1:6XYS-VKSK)

- Shuva Yisrael II (Monsey 1958), p. 157, re-read on the page: the Monsey list, under the synagogue Beit Yisrael, reads "ר' יוסף הכהן ברעכער, ר' שמשון הכהן ברעכער, ... ר' פנחס שלום פרידמאן" — R' Yosef HaKohen Brecher, R' Shimshon HaKohen Brecher, ... R' Pinchas Shalom Friedman. Pinchas Shalom was the Hebrew name of Paul Friedman, husband of Shimshon's sister Lucy; that this subscriber is Paul is Likely. LIKELY

  Shuva Yisrael II (Monsey 1958) p. 157, HebrewBooks.org no. 2943

- Esther had another brother: Jenő (Yehuda Yekutiel) Klein, a painter born at Felsőbánya in 1882 (c. 1884 by his ages in the civil acts), married to Szeréna Róth and later of Szatmár; 1944 (date only). His son David called Samuel and Shimon Klein his uncles. Their daughter Ilona was born at Felsőbánya on 18 April 1914 (birth act, Confirmed). Pages in the gallery. LIKELY

  Holocaust memorial records, items 8124167, 8124170, 8124171; Baia Sprie births 1914 act 42 and 1918 act 55 (Romanian National Archives, Maramureș)

- Samuel Klein's son Miklós (Nicolas) survived; in a recorded interview (USC Shoah Foundation) he named his parents Samuel and Józefa, his grandfather Moses Szalavitz, and his sisters and brothers. From it: Róza (b. 1904) was married as Herschowitz, and Róza, Margit, József and Sándor, as well as Samuel and Józefa, are named among those who died in 1944. The earlier memorial-record listing of Miklós among the dead was wrong. LIKELY

  USC Shoah Foundation interview index via JewishGen, record USCINTERV_0034291; Baia Sprie births 1919

- Three more children of Esther's sister Berta and Mihály Fogel, from their Felsőbánya birth acts: Ferencz (18 June 1899), Sámuel (1 May 1901) and Menyhért (13 February 1903; he survived the war and lived in Budapest, Likely). Mihály was admitted to the Felsőbánya town community in 1904; after Berta's death he married Paula Davidovics and he died at Felsőbánya on 25 May 1915. Pages in the gallery. CONFIRMED

  Felsőbánya births 1899 act 101, 1901 act 62, 1903 act 31; deaths 1915 act 51 (Romanian National Archives, Maramureș); Felsőbányai Hírlap, 22 Jun 1904, p. 49 (Hungaricana)

- Mickey (Nicholas) Brecher married Margaret Farkas on 26 August 1941 in a civil ceremony at the Borough Hall, Bronx, licence no. 8896 (taken out 20 August). The licence confirms her maiden name Farkas and names her parents Morris Farkas and Gizella Weiss; she was 20, born 23 August 1920 in Czechoslovakia, a bookkeeper. Licence, certificate and the City Clerk's index pages in the gallery. CONFIRMED

  NYC Municipal Archives, Historical Vital Records, Marriage Licenses, Bronx 1941, no. 8896 (L-B-1941-0008896); City Clerk's Index to Marriage Licenses, Bronx 1941 (Reclaim The Records / Internet Archive)

- Eugene (Jenő) Brecher became an American citizen on 22 May 1944 (petition 379085, sworn 14 May 1941). His witnesses were his father-in-law Israel Zelig, a grocer, and his brother-in-law Paul Friedman, a jeweler. Page 2 of the petition is in the gallery. CONFIRMED

  SDNY naturalization petition 379085, p. 2 (NARA M1972, roll 1321), via FamilySearch

- The 1940 census: Eugene and Elizabeth Brecher at 305 East Mount Eden Avenue, Bronx, Eugene a wage-earning necktie operator; and Lucy and Paul Friedman on Monroe Avenue with Paul's parents Joseph and Giza (Gizella née Berger) Friedman, Paul a watchmaker with his own jewelry store. Both pages in the gallery. CONFIRMED

  1940 U.S. Census, Bronx, ED 3-114 sheet 4A and ED 3-115 sheet 7B (NARA T627, via FamilySearch)

- Esther Brecher's 1962 dinner was the Bais Yaakov High School of Spring Valley's fifth annual dinner, held as a testimonial to her, on about Sunday 23 September 1962 (the date Likely; the notice says "Sunday evening"), not its first, and not in October. Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik was the guest speaker; the report calls her a Monsey resident of eleven years who, with her late husband David, helped build its Torah and welfare institutions. CONFIRMED

  Orangetown Telegram, 9 Aug 1962, p. 10 and 20 Sep 1962, p. 14 (HRVH Historical Newspapers (news.hrvh.org))

- The move to Monsey can now be dated: on 16 August 1951 the Rockland County Leader welcomed Eugene and Elizabeth Brecher and Lucy and Paul Friedman as newcomers settled in new homes on Lenore Avenue, after "several summers" in Monsey. David and Esther in 1951 too: Likely (Esther was "a resident of Monsey for the past eleven years" in 1962). CONFIRMED

  Rockland County Leader, 16 Aug 1951, p. 8; Orangetown Telegram, 20 Sep 1962, p. 14 (HRVH Historical Newspapers (news.hrvh.org))

- The Yeshiva of Spring Valley in the Rockland papers: Eugene elected its president in October 1953 and reporting in October 1954 a larger enrolment than at any time in its ten years; David Brecher and Eugene on its board of directors in 1954; Eugene vice-president again in 1957; Alex, Eugene and Paul Friedman on the 1953 banquet committee; Alex a dinner sponsor every year 1962–1967, with Paul Friedman from 1965; Esther (Mrs. D. Brecher) on an arrangements committee in 1956 (Likely). CONFIRMED

  Rockland County Leader 28 May 1953, 30 Jul 1953, 22 Oct 1953, 14 Oct 1954, 7 Nov 1957; Orangetown Telegram 2 Feb 1956; Ramapo Valley / Rockland Independent 1962–1967 (HRVH Historical Newspapers (news.hrvh.org))

- Eugene Brecher donated a piece of luggage from the family business as the door prize at a Temple Beth El Sisterhood dinner in Suffern, October 1952; the luggage prizes at the December 1957 Chanukah game night were "donated [by] Brecher Bros." (the printing: Orangetown Telegram, 2 Jan 1958, p. 8). CONFIRMED

  Rockland County Leader, 23 Oct 1952, p. 12; Orangetown Telegram, 2 Jan 1958, p. 8 (HRVH Historical Newspapers (news.hrvh.org))

- The last years in Florida: Esther (d. 1 November 1980), Lucy (d. 21 December 1984) and Paul Friedman (d. 8 April 1983) all died in Dade County, all with a last residence in Miami Beach, which explains their burials at Lakeside Memorial Park. CONFIRMED

  Florida Death Index 1877–1998, certs. 89719, 108803, 34349; Social Security Death Index (via FamilySearch)

- Mickey (Nicholas) Brecher and Margaret Farkas married twice on one licence (no. 8896): the civil ceremony at the Borough Hall on 26 August 1941, and a religious ceremony on 1 April 1942 in the Bronx, performed by Rabbi Solomon Teitelbaum of 961 Simpson Street. The licence file also carries the affidavit of 20 August 1941 with both their signatures. Margaret's grandmother Mary Weiss (Weisz) of Sevljuš is now on the tree, and her father Morris Farkas was already a U.S. citizen by 1929. CONFIRMED

  NYC Municipal Archives, Bronx 1941 marriage licence no. 8896, pp. 3 and 6; S.S. Aquitania manifest, New York, 6 Sep 1929

- The left-hand page of the Vulcania's 1928 list, read for the first time: David's calling "rabbi", birthplace "Roumania, Sereth", non-quota visa no. 344 issued at Budapest on 22 Nov 1928. The visa was possibly granted to him as a minister of religion (Possible; the list gives no reason). The same list gives Esther's birthplace as Sereth too, against Felsőbánya in her marriage act and David's petition (kept under "Dates the records disagree on"). CONFIRMED

  S.S. Vulcania, arriving New York 31 Dec 1928, left-hand page, lines 13–14 (FamilySearch, "New York, New York Passenger and Crew Lists, 1909, 1925–1958")

- Margaret's sister Gabriella (Gabriela) Farkas, b. 11 Jul 1914, married Leonard A. Creizman in the Bronx on 28 Nov 1936; the marriage record names her parents as Morris and Gizella Weiss. She later married Rabbi Emanuel D. Rothenberg (Queens, 1987) and died at Monsey, New York, on 12 Aug 2013. LIKELY

  New York City marriage records 1829–1938, Bronx 1936, cert. no. 10234 (FamilySearch 1:1:Q2CV-3HWR); NYC marriage licence index, Queens 1987; Death Master File

- Hersch Ferencz's family of Kováskápolnok, read on the original civil register images: his wife Ilona Novi, born about 1837 at Avasfelsőfalu, and their daughter Czili, born 18 January 1864 (late registration, 15 May 1897, act 47); his brother Gedálics Ferencz, died 16 February 1903 aged 68, son of the late Bernát Ferencz, smallholder and innkeeper, and Róza. These people are possible kin of Háni (Johanna) Ferencz; no record names her parents, so that link stays Possible. Pages in the gallery. CONFIRMED

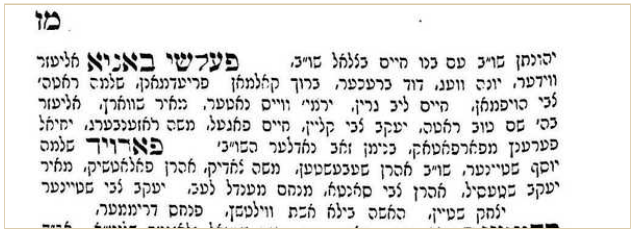
  Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers: MM-F-00743-1-1-00187, image 163 (https://descopera.arhivelenationale.ro/cota/?cid=13914467); MM-F-00743-1-1-00201, image 91 (https://descopera.arhivelenationale.ro/cota/?cid=13914481)

Open leads

Not yet proven; kept here so the search can go on.

- Háni (Johanna) Ferencz's family may be the Ferenczes of Avasfelsőfalu: in Nagybánya, Herman Klein was sandak at the bris of Samuel Mózes Ferencz (15 November 1892), son of Mihály Ferencz and Leni Rosenfeld, and Mihály Fogel — Berta Klein's husband — was sandak at the bris of Elek Grozinger (20 May 1894), son of Rezi née Ferencz of Avasfelsőfalu. Both names are common, so this is Possible (JewishGen Máramaros births, Nagybánya, Register Book 39, p. 47 row 41 and p. 56 row 26). The Rezi is Terézia (Rézi) Ferencz, wife of Izsák Grozinger, grocer and innkeeper of Giródtótfalu near Nagybánya: she is entered as "Grozinger Izsákné született Ferencz Terézia" on a 1901 Giródtótfalu death act of their infant son Sámuel. Record Confirmed; that she was a sister or niece of Háni is Possible only (Nagybánya-district deaths 1901, folio 19v, Romanian National Archives, Maramureș, unit 13914317).
- Mevaser Tov (1915), p. 105 (printed page 47), re-read on the page: besides "דוד ברעכער" in the Felsőbánya list (with Yaakov Tzvi Klein), a second "דוד ברעכער" stands in the Kolozsvár list on the same page. Whether he is the same David Brecher is not known (Possible). The next name there, "ב"ג ירוחם במו"ה יהושע הירש" (Yerucham son of R' Yehoshua Hirsch), is a separate subscriber with no Brecher surname. Source: Mevaser Tov (Kolozsvár 1915) p. 105 [printed page 47], HebrewBooks.org no. 33126.
- In the same interview the sisters "Blima Szomgye" (b. 1904, d. Haifa 1992) and "Tuby" are possibly Blanka (b. 1909) and Mathild (b. 1908); Possible only.
- Sándor Fogel (b. 1896), son of Mihály and Berta, is possibly the Sándor Fogel, clerk of Budapest, born 1898 at Felsőbánya, of a memorial record (item 959053); the year differs. Possible.
- A Jewish Ferencz family at Illésfalva near Nagysomkút, where Háni (Johanna) Ferencz's children Berta and Samuel were born: Izrael Dávid Ferencz, shoemaker, son of Noé Ferencz, grocer, and Eszter Markovics, married in 1904, and a Hani Ferencz was born there in 1898. Possibly Háni's relatives; a lead only (Bicaz marriages 1904 act 23; Băseşti births 1898, Romanian National Archives, Maramureș).
- Possibly Háni (Johanna) Ferencz's parents: Hersch Ferencz of Kováskápolnok, who died there on 23 April 1898 aged 76 (born there about 1822), son of the late Bernát Ferencz, smallholder, and Róza Weisz; his wife is entered as Lája. Noé Ferencz of Illésfalva (born about 1856) was born at Kováskápolnok, about 20 km from Nagysomkút, where Háni's children Berta and Samuel were born, and named a daughter Háni in December 1898. The death record is Confirmed; that Hersch and Lája were Háni's parents is Possible only — no record names her parents yet. Page in the gallery (Kováskápolnok deaths 1898 act 24, Romanian National Archives, Maramureș, unit 13914480, image 191). New (27 October 2026): Hersch's wife was Ilona Novi (Lája), born about 1837 at Avasfelsőfalu, and they had a daughter Czili, born at Kováskápolnok on 18 January 1864 (late registration of 1897, act 47); Hersch's brother Gedálics (c. 1835–1903) gives the same parents, Bernát Ferencz and Róza. A butcher Mihály Ferencz, born about 1863 at Avasfelsőfalu, was living at Felsőbánya in 1904 — possibly Hersch's son. The records are Confirmed; the family's tie to Háni stays Possible. Other Ferencz couples of Kováskápolnok (Náthán Ferencz and Lája née Lázár; Márk Ferencz and Bluma Róth) are of the same age and are not her parents by any record.

Pictures and records found since the book

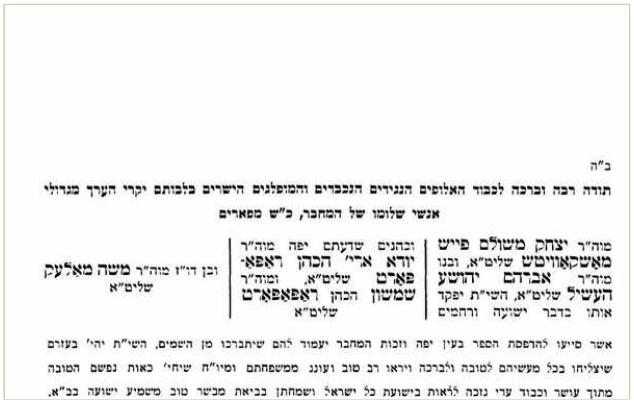


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Felsőbánya subscribers to the sefer Mevaser Tov, 1915: David Brecher and his father-in-law Yaakov Tzvi Klein. LIKELY

Mevaser Tov (Kolozsvár 1915), p. 105, via HebrewBooks.org (no. 33126)



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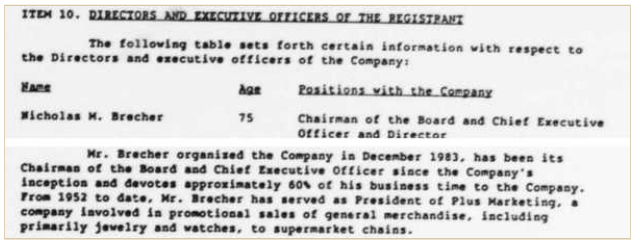
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אשר סייעו להרפסת הספר בעין יפה וזכות המחבר יעמוד להם שיתברכו מן השמים, השי"ת יהי' בעזרם שיצליחו בכל מעשיהם לטובה ולברכה ויראו רב טוב ועונג ממשפחתם ופיו"ח שיחי' כאות נפשם הטובה מתוך עושר וכבוד עדי נזכה לראות בישועת כל ישראל ושמחתן בביאת מבשר טוב משמיע ישועה בב"א.

R' David HaKohen Brecher among the supporters of Shem Eliezer, New York 1954, listed beside the Sigheter Rav. LIKELY

Shem Eliezer (New York 1954), p. 4, via HebrewBooks.org (no. 41557)



ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

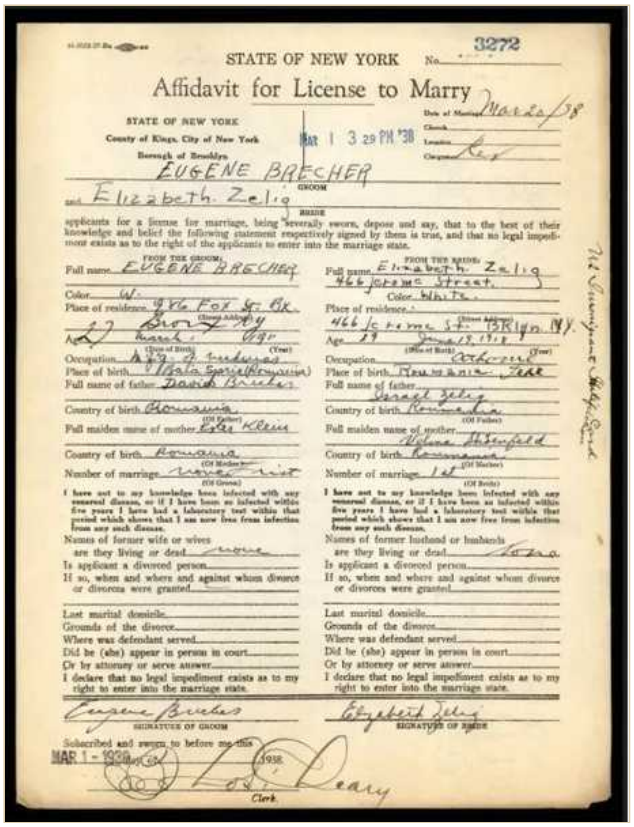
The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the Directors and executive officers of the Company:

Name	Age	Positions with the Company
Nicholas M. Brecher	75	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer and Director

Mr. Brecher organized the Company in December 1983, has been its Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer since the Company's inception and devotes approximately 60% of his business time to the Company. From 1952 to date, Mr. Brecher has served as President of Plus Marketing, a company involved in promotional sales of general merchandise, including primarily jewelry and watches, to supermarket chains.

"Nicholas M. Brecher, 75, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer" — Marketing Systems of America, annual report for 1990. LIKELY

Marketing Systems of America, Inc., Form 10-K 1990 (SEC file 0-13385)



STATE OF NEW YORK No. 3272

Affidavit for License to Marry

STATE OF NEW YORK
County of Kings, City of New York
Borough of Brooklyn

Date of Marriage Mar 2d/38
Clerk
Location
Clergyman Rev

EUGENE BRECHER
GROOM
and Elizabeth Zelig
BRIDE

applicants for a license for marriage, being severally sworn, depose and say, that to the best of their knowledge and belief the following statement respectively signed by them is true, and that no legal impediment exists as to the right of the applicants to enter into the marriage state.

FROM THE GROOM	FROM THE BRIDE
Full name EUGENE BRECHER	Full name Elizabeth Zelig
Color W.	Color White
Place of residence 1179 E. 7th St. Brooklyn	Place of residence 466 Jerome Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Age 23 (Date of Birth) March 1915 (Year)	Age 19 (Date of Birth) 18 1919 (Year)
Occupation Mfg. & Jewelry	Occupation Student
Place of birth Baia Sprie (Rumania)	Place of birth New York City
Full name of father David Brecher	Full name of father Israel Zelig
Country of birth Rumania (Of Father)	Country of birth Rumania (Of Father)
Full maiden name of mother Esther Klein	Full maiden name of mother Rosa Hirschfeld
Country of birth Rumania (Of Mother)	Country of birth Rumania (Of Mother)
Number of marriage never (Of Groom)	Number of marriage 1st (Of Bride)

I have not to my knowledge been infected with any venereal disease, or if I have been so infected within five years I have had a laboratory test within that period which shows that I am now free from infection from any such disease.

Names of former wife or wives are they living or dead	none
Is applicant a divorced person	
If so, when and where and against whom divorce or divorces were granted	
Last marital domicile	
Grounds of the divorce	
Where was defendant served	
Did he (she) appear in person in court	
Or by attorney or serve answer	

I declare that no legal impediment exists as to my right to enter into the marriage state.

Eugene Brecher
SIGNATURE OF GROOM

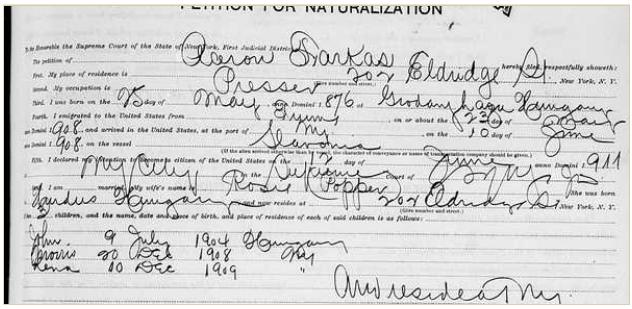
Elizabeth Zelig
SIGNATURE OF BRIDE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this MAR 1 - 1938 day of 1938

Clerk

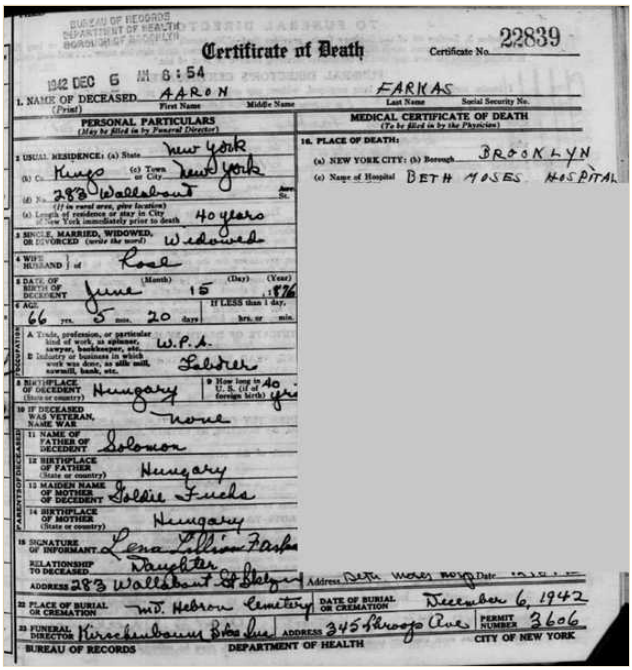
Affidavit for the marriage licence of Eugene Brecher and Elizabeth Zelig, Brooklyn, 1 March 1938, no. 3272. CONFIRMED

NYC Municipal Archives



Naturalization petition of Aaron Farkas, a presser of 202 Eldridge Street, New York, 1913: born 25 May 1876 at Gödényháza, Hungary (the village where Morris Farkas, Margaret Brecher's father, was born); arrived New York 10 June 1908 on the Slavonia; wife Rosie née Pepper (Popper). Aaron as Morris's brother: Likely. CONFIRMED

New York Supreme Court, New York County, Petitions for naturalization, vol. 130 (1913), via FamilySearch, image 3:1:3QS7-89M8-W3QX



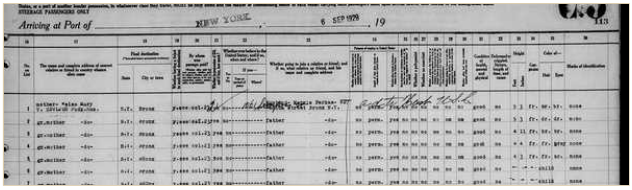
Death certificate of Aaron Farkas, Brooklyn, 5 December 1942: born 15 June 1876 in Hungary, widower of Rose; father Solomon Farkas, mother Goldie née Fuchs; the informant was his daughter Lena. If Aaron and Morris Farkas were full brothers, these are Margaret Brecher's Farkas grandparents (Likely). (The medical section is greyed out.) CONFIRMED

NYC Municipal Archives, Historical Vital Records, death certificate D-K-1942-0022839 (Brooklyn)



New York State death index, 1955: Solomon Farkas, aged 39, died at Albany on 19 April 1955 (certificate 21243). He was the son of Morris and Gizella Farkas, born in 1915 at Nagyszőllős, and Margaret Brecher's brother. CONFIRMED

New York State Department of Health, death index 1955, entry 21243, via FamilySearch, image 3:1:3Q9M-CSGD-WGKB



The Aquitania manifest, New York, 6 September 1929 (second page): Gizela Farkas and her children, including Margit (Margaret, later Margaret Brecher), from Sevlus (Nagyszőllős); nearest relative left behind, her mother Mary Weiss (Weisz); going to join her husband Morris Farkas in the Bronx. That this Margit is Margaret Brecher: Confirmed (her 1941 marriage licence names her parents). CONFIRMED

New York passenger lists, S.S. Aquitania, arrived 6 Sep 1929, via FamilySearch, image 3:1:33SQ-G5WR-N9N



Greetings from Nagyszőllős (Sevlus, today Vynohradiv), a postcard of about 1905 with the synagogue ("Izr. Templom") among its views: the hometown of Margaret Brecher's Farkas family. CONFIRMED

Wikimedia Commons, "Nagyszöllös, views, Synagogue.jpg" (public domain, private collection)



The railway station at Nagyszőllős (Sevlus), 1939, its sign in Hungarian and Cyrillic: the hometown of Margaret Brecher's Farkas family. CONFIRMED

Fortepan / Mezey Ferenc, image 139649 (CC BY-SA 3.0): https://fortepan.hu/hu/photos/?id=139649



Postcard "Üdvözlet Felsőbányáról — Hunyady János tér": the main square of Felsőbánya (Baia Sprie) with the church, early 1900s (published by Sándor Bonis, Felsőbánya) — the town where David and Esther Brecher's children Eugene, Alex and Lucy were born. CONFIRMED

Zempléni Múzeum, Szerencs — postcard collection, inv. no. 0121508, via Hungaricana (gallery.hungaricana.hu/hu/SzerencsKepeslap/1186992/)



From Nicholas (Mickey) Brecher's wartime photo album (1942–45): the sign of the Quartermaster Section, Station Complement, New York Port of Embarkation (N.Y.P.E.). The album is his; the photo is not captioned. CONFIRMED

Library of Congress, Veterans History Project, Nicholas Brecher Collection (AFC/2001/001/77021), album photo 72



From Nicholas (Mickey) Brecher's wartime photo album (1942–45): a soldier outside an office of "The Stars and Stripes", the army newspaper, with notices in Italian on the wall. The album is his; the soldier is not named. CONFIRMED

Library of Congress, Veterans History Project, Nicholas Brecher Collection (AFC/2001/001/77021), album photo 92



From Nicholas (Mickey) Brecher's wartime photo album (1942–45): a soldier looks up at a monument carrying the Third Infantry Division's badge (his division) and the sign "American Red Cross Servicemen Club". The soldier is not named. CONFIRMED

Library of Congress, Veterans History Project, Nicholas Brecher Collection (AFC/2001/001/77021), album photo 65



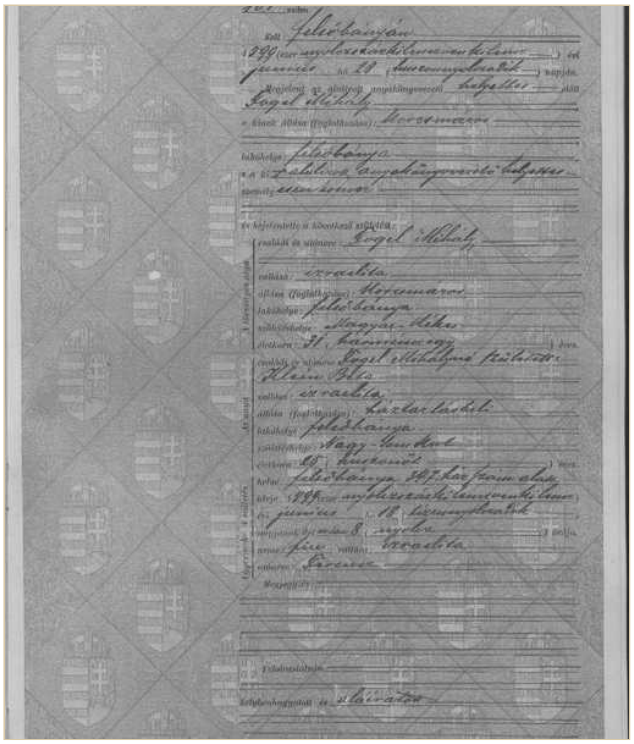
Felsőbánya birth act 42, 18 April 1914: Ilona Klein, daughter of Jenő Klein, painter, 30, and Szerina Róth, 26; Jenő reported the birth. CONFIRMED

Arhivele Naționale ale României, SJAN Maramureș, Baia Sprie births 1907–1919, unit MM-F-00743-2-00621, image 226



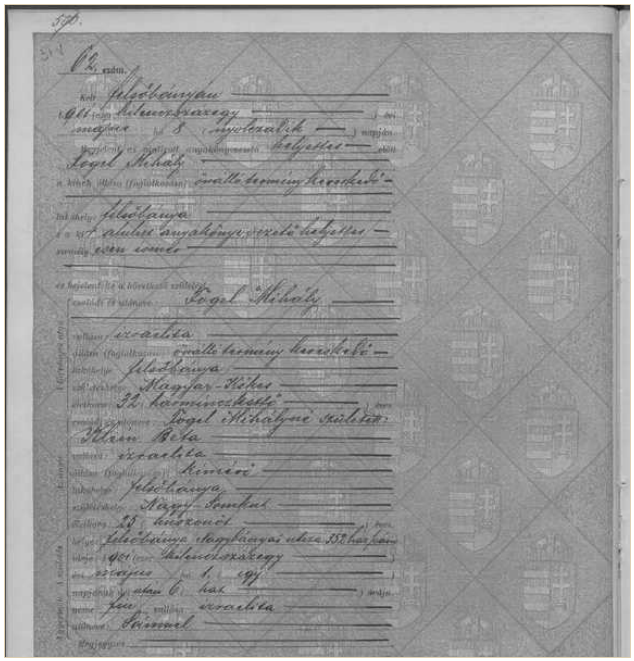
Felsőbánya birth act 55, 31 July 1918: an infant son of Jenő Klein, house-painter, 34, and Szerina Róth, 30. CONFIRMED

Arhivele Naționale ale României, SJAN Maramureș, Baia Sprie births 1907–1919, unit MM-F-00743-2-00621, image 304



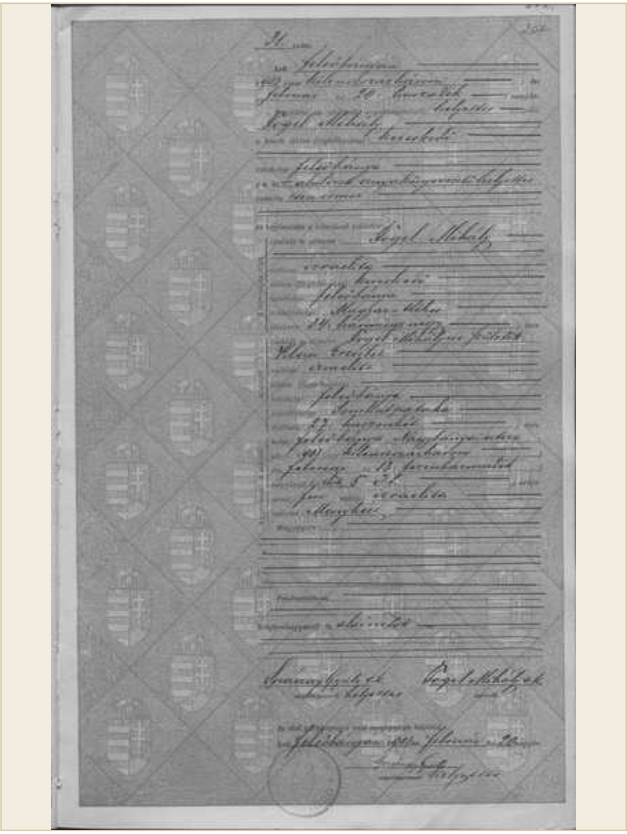
Felsőbánya birth act 101, 18 June 1899: Ferencz Fogel, son of Mihály Fogel, innkeeper, born in Magyarkékes, and Berta Klein, born in Nagysomkút (Esther's sister). CONFIRMED

Arhivele Naționale ale României, SJAN Maramureș, Felsőbánya (Baia Sprie) civil registers



Felsőbánya birth act 62, 1 May 1901: Sámuel Fogel, son of Mihály Fogel, produce merchant, and Berta Klein; Mihály signed the act. CONFIRMED

Arhivele Naționale ale României, SJAN Maramureș, Felsőbánya (Baia Sprie) civil registers



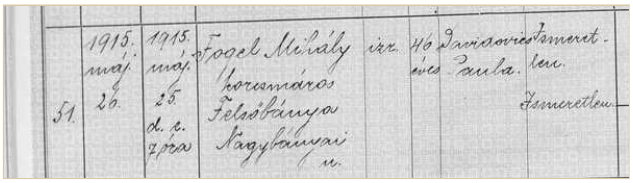
Felsőbánya birth act 31, 13 February 1903: Menyhért Fogel, son of Mihály Fogel, merchant, and "Klein Erzsébet" — Esther's sister Berta.
CONFIRMED

Arhivele Naționale ale României, SJAN Maramureș, Felsőbánya (Baia Sprie) civil registers



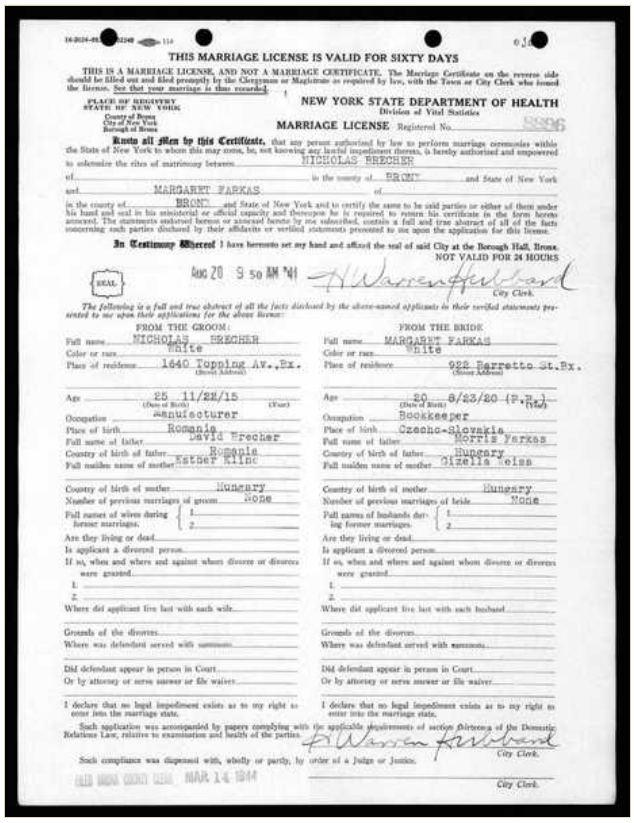
Huszt (Khust), the market square with Jewish shops, 1910–1926. David Brecher was a merchant's assistant at Huszt when he married in 1906.

Wikimedia Commons, "Khust - Huszt. Market square, jewish stores", public domain



Felsőbánya death act 51, 25 May 1915: Mihály Fogel, innkeeper, aged 46, husband of Paula Davidovics; widower of Esther's sister Berta.
CONFIRMED

Arhivele Naționale ale României, SJAN Maramureș, Felsőbánya (Baia Sprie) civil registers



THIS MARRIAGE LICENSE IS VALID FOR SIXTY DAYS

THIS IS A MARRIAGE LICENSE, AND NOT A MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE. The Marriage Certificate on the reverse side should be filled out and filed promptly by the Clergyman or Magistrate as required by law, with the Town or City Clerk who issued the license. See that your marriage is thus recorded.

PLACE OF REGISTRY
STATE OF NEW YORK
County of Bronx
City of New York
Borough of Bronx

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Division of Vital Statistics

MARRIAGE LICENSE Registered No. 8896

Know all Men by this Certificate, that any person authorized by law to perform marriage ceremonies within the State of New York to whom this may come, he, not knowing any lawful impediment thereto, is hereby authorized and empowered to solemnize the rites of matrimony between NICHOLAS BRECHER of ... in the county of BRONX ... and State of New York and MARGARET FARKAS of ... in the county of BRONX ... and State of New York and to certify the same to be said parties or either of them under his hand and seal in his ministerial or official capacity and thereupon he is required to return his certificate in the form hereto annexed. The statements endorsed hereon or annexed hereto by me subscribed, contain a full and true abstract of all of the facts concerning such parties disclosed by their affidavits or verified statements presented to me upon the application for this license.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said City at the Borough Hall, Bronx.

NOT VALID FOR 24 HOURS

SEAL

AUG 20 9 50 AM '41 H Warren Kirkland
City Clerk.

The following is a full and true abstract of all the facts disclosed by the above-named applicants in their verified statements presented to me upon their applications for the above license:

FROM THE GROOM:		FROM THE BRIDE	
Full name	NICHOLAS BRECHER	Full name	MARGARET FARKAS
Color or race	White	Color or race	White
Place of residence	1640 Topping Av., Bx. (Street Address)	Place of residence	922 Barretto St. Bx. (Street Address)
Age	25 11/22/15 (Date of Birth) (Year)	Age	20 8/23/20 (P.R.) (Year)
Occupation	Manufacturer	Occupation	Bookkeeper
Place of birth	Romania	Place of birth	Czecho-Slovakia
Full name of father	David Brecher	Full name of father	Morris Farkas
Country of birth of father	Romania	Country of birth of father	Hungary
Full maiden name of mother	Esther Kline	Full maiden name of mother	Gizella Weiss
Country of birth of mother	Hungary	Country of birth of mother	Hungary
Number of previous marriages of groom	None	Number of previous marriages of bride	None
Full names of wives during former marriages	1. 2.	Full names of husbands during former marriages	1. 2.
Are they living or dead		Are they living or dead	
Is applicant a divorced person		Is applicant a divorced person	
If so, when and where and against whom divorce or divorces were granted	1. 2.	If so, when and where and against whom divorce or divorces were granted	1. 2.
Where did applicant live last with such wife		Where did applicant live last with such husband	
Grounds of the divorces		Grounds of the divorces	
Where was defendant served with summons		Where was defendant served with summons	
Did defendant appear in person in Court		Did defendant appear in person in Court	
Or by attorney or serve answer or file waiver		Or by attorney or serve answer or file waiver	

I declare that no legal impediment exists as to my right to enter into the marriage state. — I declare that no legal impediment exists as to my right to enter into the marriage state.

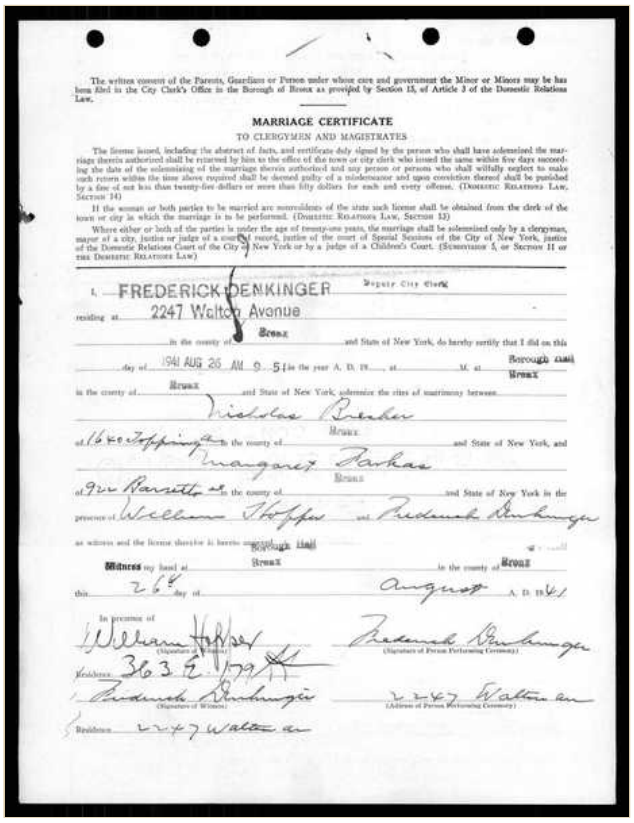
Such application was accompanied by papers complying with the applicable requirements of section thirteen of the Domestic Relations Law, relative to examination and health of the parties. H Warren Kirkland City Clerk.

Such compliance was dispensed with, wholly or partly, by order of a Judge or Justice. City Clerk.

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Marriage licence no. 8896, Bronx, 20 August 1941: Nicholas Brecher, 25, manufacturer, son of David Brecher and Esther Kline, and Margaret Farkas, 20, bookkeeper, daughter of Morris Farkas and Gizella Weiss. CONFIRMED

NYC Municipal Archives, Historical Vital Records (L-B-1941-0008896)



The written consent of the Parents, Guardians or Person under whose care and government the Minor or Minors may be has been filed in the City Clerk's Office in the Borough of Bronx as provided by Section 15, of Article 3 of the Domestic Relations Law.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE
TO CLERGYMEN AND MAGISTRATES

The license issued, including the abstract of facts, and certificate duly signed by the person who shall have solemnized the marriage therein authorized shall be returned by him to the office of the town or city clerk who issued the same within five days succeeding the date of the solemnizing of the marriage therein authorized and any person or persons who shall wilfully neglect to make such return within the time above required shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars or more than fifty dollars for each and every offense. (DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW, SECTION 14)

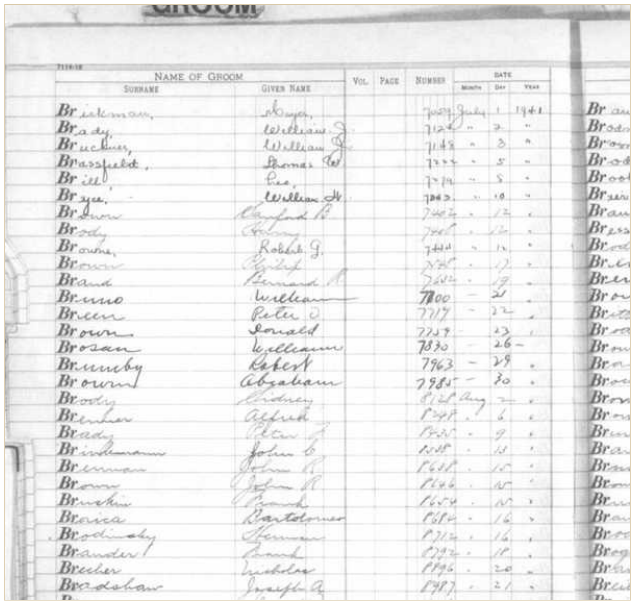
If the woman or both parties to be married are nonresidents of the state such license shall be obtained from the clerk of the town or city in which the marriage is to be performed. (DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW, SECTION 13)

Where either or both of the parties is under the age of twenty-one years, the marriage shall be solemnized only by a clergyman, mayor of a city, justice or judge of a court of record, justice of the court of Special Sessions of the City of New York, justice of the Domestic Relations Court of the City of New York or by a judge of a Children's Court. (SUBDIVISION 5, OF SECTION 11 OF THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW)

I, FREDERICK DENKINGER Deputy City Clerk
residing at 2247 Walton Avenue
in the county of Bronx and State of New York, do hereby certify that I did on this
day of 1941 AUG 26 AM 9 51 in the year A. D. 19... at ... M. at Borough Hall Bronx
in the county of Bronx and State of New York, solemnize the rites of matrimony between
Nicholas Brecher
of 1640 Topping Av the county of Bronx and State of New York, and
Margaret Farkas
of 922 Barretto St the county of Bronx and State of New York in the
presence of William Hoffer and Frederick Denkinger
as witness and the license therefor is hereto annexed. Borough Hall
Witness my hand at Bronx in the county of Bronx
this 26th day of August A. D. 19 41
In presence of
William Hoffer (Signature of Witness) Residence 363 E. 179th St
Frederick Denkinger (Signature of Person Performing Ceremony) Residence 2247 Walton Av
Frederick Denkinger (Signature of Witness) Residence 2247 Walton Av
Frederick Denkinger (Address of Person Performing Ceremony)

Certificate of marriage, Bronx, 26 August 1941: Nicholas Brecher and Margaret Farkas married at the Borough Hall by the Deputy City Clerk. CONFIRMED

NYC Municipal Archives, Historical Vital Records (L-B-1941-0008896)

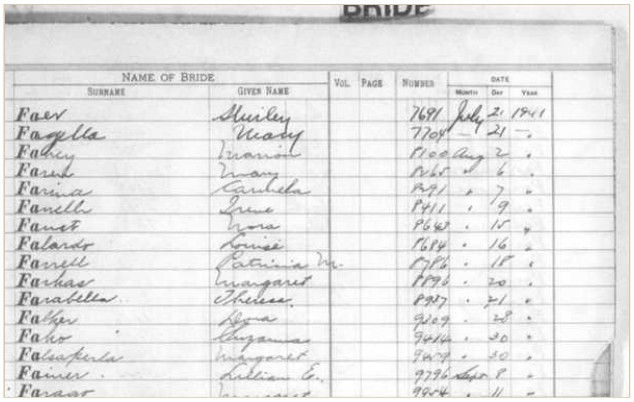


GROOM

NAME OF GROOM Surname	Given Name	Vol.	Page	Number	Date Month	Day	Year
Brakeman	Roger			7693	July	1	1941
Brady	William J.			7724	"	2	"
Bruckner	William H.			7743	"	3	"
Brassfield	Thomas W.			7754	"	5	"
Brill	Leo			7774	"	5	"
Bryan	William H.			7803	"	10	"
Brown	Clifford B.			7824	"	12	"
Brody	Harry			7841	"	12	"
Browne	Robert G.			7844	"	14	"
Brown	Sidney			7845	"	17	"
Brand	Bernard A.			7864	"	19	"
Brimo	William			7900	"	21	"
Breen	Peter J.			7917	"	22	"
Brown	Donald			7929	"	23	"
Brosan	Williams			7930	"	26	"
Brumby	Robert			7963	"	29	"
Brown	Abraham			7985	"	30	"
Brody	Andrew			8184	Aug	2	"
Brenner	Alfred			8291	"	6	"
Brady	Alan J.			8321	"	9	"
Brinkmann	John B.			8385	"	11	"
Brennan	John C.			8468	"	15	"
Brown	John R.			8486	"	17	"
Brushin	Frank			8654	"	17	"
Brosca	Bartolomeo			8674	"	16	"
Brodsky	Herman			8774	"	16	"
Brander	Frank			8792	"	18	"
Brecher	Nicholas			8896	"	20	"
Broadshaw	Joseph A.			8997	"	21	"

City Clerk's index of marriage licences, Bronx 1941, grooms: "Brecher, Nicholas", licence 8896, 20 August 1941. CONFIRMED

NYC City Clerk marriage licence index, Bronx 1941 (Reclaim The Records / Internet Archive), scan 0190

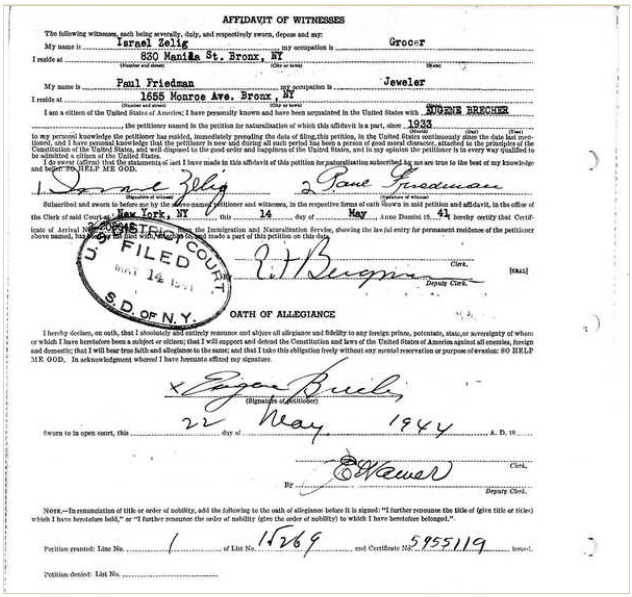


BRIDE

NAME OF BRIDE Surname	Given Name	Vol.	Page	Number	Date Month	Day	Year
Faer	Shirley			7691	July	21	1941
Faglia	Mary			7704	"	21	"
Fahey	Marion			8100	Aug	2	"
Faust	Mary			8165	"	6	"
Farina	Carmela			8291	"	7	"
Farelli	Irene			8311	"	9	"
Faust	Nora			8368	"	15	"
Falardo	Louise			8384	"	16	"
Farrell	Katrinia M.			8386	"	18	"
Farkas	Margaret			8896	"	20	"
Farabella	Theresa			8937	"	21	"
Falker	Nora			9029	"	28	"
Fako	Elizabeth			9044	"	30	"
Falsapeda	Margaret			9079	"	30	"
Fainer	Lillian E.			9096	Sept	8	"
Farasa				9104	"	11	"

City Clerk's index of marriage licences, Bronx 1941, brides: "Farkas, Margaret", licence 8896, 20 August 1941. CONFIRMED

NYC City Clerk marriage licence index, Bronx 1941 (Reclaim The Records / Internet Archive), scan 0392



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

My name is Israel Zelig my occupation is Grocer
I reside at 830 Manida St. Bronx, NY
(Number and street) (City or town)

My name is Paul Friedman my occupation is Jeweler
I reside at 1655 Monroe Ave. Bronx, NY
(Number and street) (City or town)

I am a citizen of the United States of America; I have personally known and have been acquainted in the United States with EUGENE BRECHER
the petitioner named in the petition for naturalization of which this affidavit is a part, since 1933
(Month) (Year)

to my personal knowledge the petitioner has resided, immediately preceding the date of filing this petition, in the United States continuously since the date last mentioned, and I have personal knowledge that the petitioner is now and during all such period 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.

I do swear (affirm) that the statements of fact I have made in this affidavit of this petition for naturalization subscribed by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief: SO, HELP ME GOD.

1. Israel Zelig 2. Paul Friedman
(Signature of witness) (Signature of witness)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named petitioner and witnesses, in the respective forms of oath shown in said petition and affidavit, in the office of the Clerk of said Court at New York, NY this 14 day of May Anno Domini 19 41 hereby certify that Certificate of Arrival No. [illegible] issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, showing the lawful entry for permanent residence of the petitioner above named, has been surrendered and made a part of this petition on this date.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT FILED MAY 14 S.D. OF N.Y.

Clerk. [SEAL]
Deputy Clerk.

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 of whom or 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.

× Eugen Brecher
(Signature of petitioner)

Sworn to in open court, this 22 day of May A. D. 1944

Clerk.
By Deputy Clerk.

NOTE.—In renunciation of title or order of nobility, add the following to the oath of allegiance before it is signed: "I further renounce the title of (give title or titles) which I have heretofore held," or "I further renounce the order of nobility (give the order of nobility) to which I have heretofore belonged."

Petition granted: Line No. 1 of List No. 1576 9 and Certificate No. 5955119 issued.

Petition denied: List No. .....

Eugene (Jenő) Brecher's petition for naturalization no. 379085, page 2: his witnesses Israel Zelig, grocer, and Paul Friedman, jeweler; sworn 14 May 1941; oath of allegiance taken 22 May 1944, certificate 5955119. CONFIRMED

National Archives at New York, SDNY naturalization records (NARA M1972, roll 1321), via FamilySearch



1940 census, Bronx, Monroe Avenue: Paul Friedman, 34, watchmaker with his own jewelry store, his wife Lucy (née Brecher), and his parents Joseph and Giza Friedman. CONFIRMED

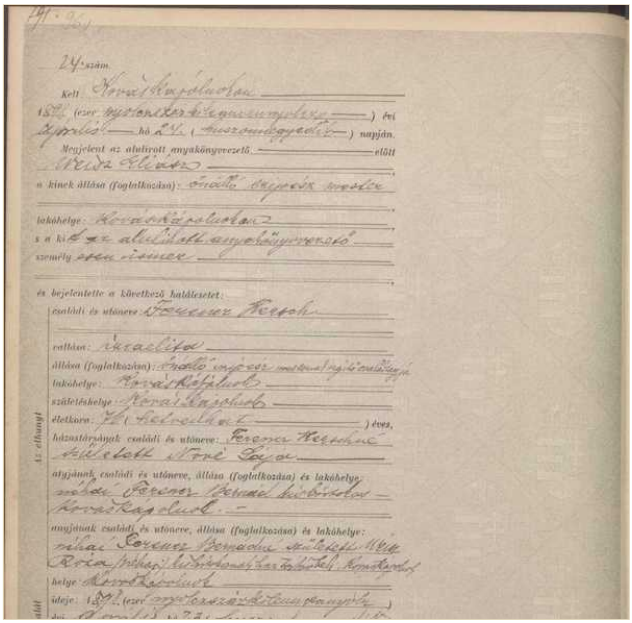
1940 U.S. Census, National Archives (FamilySearch, host), Bronx ED 3-115, sheet 7B, lines 66–69



1940 census, Bronx, 305 East Mount Eden Avenue: Eugene Brecher, 29, an operator in a necktie factory, and his wife Elizabeth.

CONFIRMED

1940 U.S. Census, National Archives (FamilySearch, host), Bronx ED 3-114, sheet 4A, lines 33–34



24. szám.

Kelt Kovászkápolnokon

1898 (ezer nyolcszáz kilencvennyolc) évi április hó 24. (huszonnegyedik) napján.

Megjelent az alulírott anyakönyvvezető előtt

Weisz Elemér

a kinek állása (foglalkozása): önálló ügyvéd

lakóhelye: Kovászkápolnokon

s a ki az alulírott anyakönyvvezető személyét ismeri.

és bejelentette a következő halálesetet:

családi és utónevére: Hersch Ferencz

rokonsága: házastárs

állása (foglalkozása): önálló ügyvéd mezőgazdasági szakértő

lakóhelye: Kovászkápolnok

születésének helye: Kovászkápolnok

életkora: 76 (hetvenhat) éves,

házastársának családi és utóneve: Ferencz Hersch Lidi született Stern Sarolta

atyjának családi és utóneve, állása (foglalkozása) és lakóhelye: néhai Ferencz Bernát kisbirtokos Kovászkápolnok

anyjának családi és utóneve, állása (foglalkozása) és lakóhelye: néhai Ferencz Bernátné született Weisz Róza háztartásbeli Kovászkápolnok

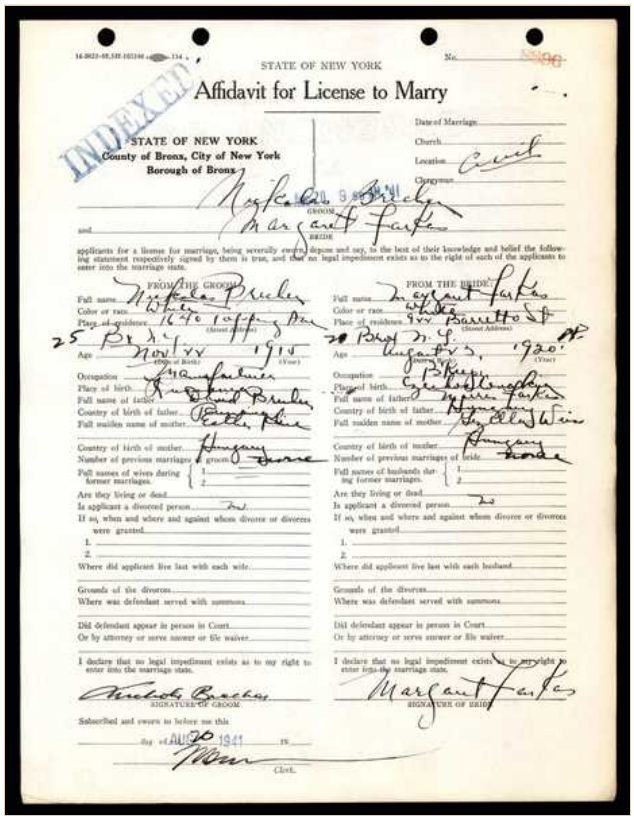
helye: Kovászkápolnok

ideje: 1898. (ezer nyolcszázkilencvennyolc) április hó 23. (huszonharmadik) napján

Kovászkápolnok death act 24, 23 April 1898: Hersch Ferencz, aged 76, born at Kovászkápolnok; wife Lája; parents the late Bernát Ferencz, smallholder, and Róza Weisz. Record Confirmed; possibly the father of Háni (Johanna) Ferencz, Esther's mother (Possible only).

POSSIBLE

Arhivele Naționale ale României, SJAN Maramureș, Copalnic Mănăștur civil deaths 1895–1901 (unit 13914480, image 191)



STATE OF NEW YORK

No. 8896

Affidavit for License to Marry

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STATE OF NEW YORK
County of Bronx, City of New York
Borough of Bronx

Dated Marriage: 20 Aug 1941
Church:
Location: Civil
Clergyman:

GROOM: Nicholas Brecher
BRIDE: Margaret Farkas

and

applicants for a license for marriage, being severally sworn, depose and say, to the best of their knowledge and belief the following statement respectively signed by them is true, and that no legal impediment exists as to the right of each of the applicants to enter into the marriage state.

FROM THE GROOM	FROM THE BRIDE
Full name: Nicholas Brecher	Full name: Margaret Farkas
Color or race: White	Color or race: White
Place of residence: 1640 Topping Ave (Street Address)	Place of residence: 922 Barretto St (Street Address)
Age: 25 (Years) Born: Nov 1915 (Month) (Year)	Age: 20 (Years) Born: August 5, 1920 (Month) (Year)
Occupation: Manufacturer	Occupation: Bakery
Place of birth: Hungary	Place of birth: Czechoslovakia
Full name of father: Edward Brecher	Full name of father: Myron Farkas
Country of birth of father: Hungary	Country of birth of father: Hungary
Full maiden name of mother: Ethel Klein	Full maiden name of mother: Ella Weiss
Country of birth of mother: Hungary	Country of birth of mother: Hungary
Number of previous marriages of groom: None	Number of previous marriages of bride: None
Full names of wives during former marriages: 1. 2.	Full names of husbands during former marriages: 1. 2.
Are they living or dead:	Are they living or dead:
Is applicant a divorced person: No	Is applicant a divorced person: No
If so, when and where and against whom divorce or divorces were granted: 1. 2.	If so, when and where and against whom divorce or divorces were granted: 1. 2.
Where did applicant live last with each wife:	Where did applicant live last with each husband:
Grounds of the divorces:	Grounds of the divorces:
Where was defendant served with summons:	Where was defendant served with summons:
Did defendant appear in person in Court: Or by attorney or serve answer or file waiver:	Did defendant appear in person in Court: Or by attorney or serve answer or file waiver:

I declare that no legal impediment exists as to my right to enter into the marriage state.

Nicholas Brecher
SIGNATURE OF GROOM

I declare that no legal impediment exists as to my right to enter into the marriage state.

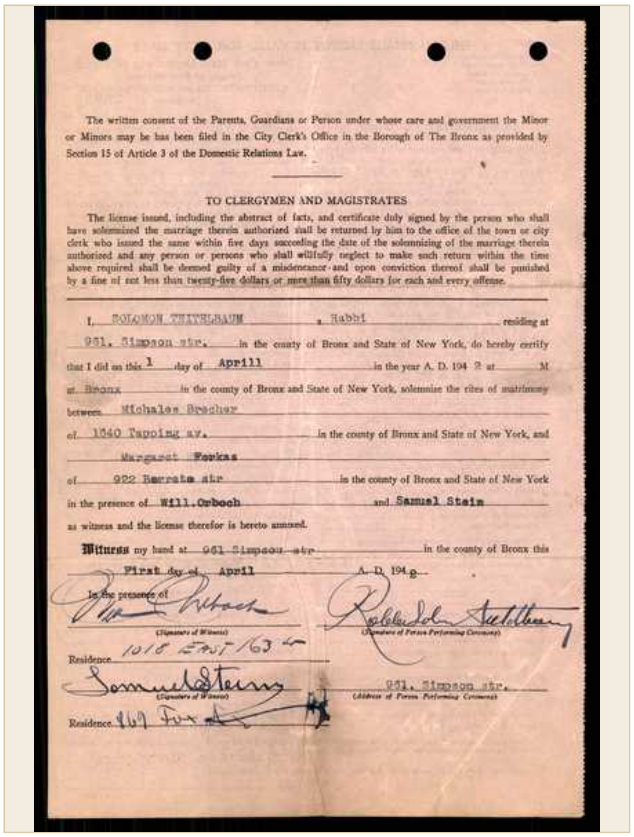
Margaret Farkas
SIGNATURE OF BRIDE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
20 day of AUG 1941

Clerk.

Affidavit for a licence to marry, no. 8896, Bronx, 20 August 1941: Nicholas Brecher, 25, and Margaret Farkas, 20, with both their signatures. CONFIRMED

NYC Municipal Archives, Historical Vital Records (L-B-1941-0008896), p. 3



The written consent of the Parents, Guardians or Person under whose care and government the Minor or Minors may be has been filed in the City Clerk's Office in the Borough of The Bronx as provided by Section 15 of Article 3 of the Domestic Relations Law.

TO CLERGYMEN AND MAGISTRATES

The license issued, including the abstract of facts, and certificate duly signed by the person who shall have solemnized the marriage therein authorized shall be returned by him to the office of the town or city clerk who issued the same within five days succeeding the date of the solemnizing of the marriage therein authorized and any person or persons who shall wilfully neglect to make such return within the time above required shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars or more than fifty dollars for each and every offense.

I, SOLOMON TEITELBAUM, Rabbi residing at 961 Simpson str. in the county of Bronx and State of New York, do hereby certify that I did on this 1 day of April in the year A. D. 194 2 at M at Bronx in the county of Bronx and State of New York, solemnize the rites of matrimony between Nicholas Brecher of 1640 Topping av. in the county of Bronx and State of New York, and Margaret Farkas of 922 Barretto str in the county of Bronx and State of New York in the presence of Will.Orbach and Samuel Stein as witness and the license therefor is hereto annexed.

Witness my hand at 961 Simpson str in the county of Bronx this First day of April A. D. 194 2

In the presence of

Wm Orbach
(Signature of Witness)

Rabbi Solomon Teitelbaum
(Signature of Person Performing Ceremony)

Residence 1010 East 163 st

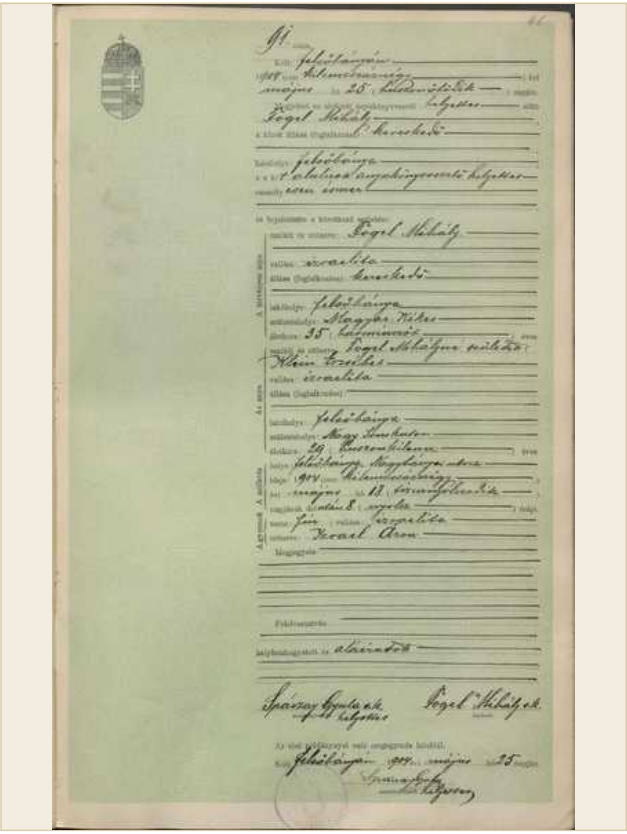
Samuel Stein
(Signature of Witness)

961 Simpson str.
(Address of Person Performing Ceremony)

Residence 167 Fox st

Marriage licence no. 8896 (duplicate), Bronx: the certificate of the religious ceremony. Rabbi Solomon Teitelbaum of 961 Simpson Street married Nicholas Brecher and Margaret Farkas in the Bronx on 1 April 1942, seven months after their civil wedding at Borough Hall. CONFIRMED

NYC Municipal Archives, Historical Vital Records (L-B-1941-0008896), p. 6



Birth of Izrael Áron Fogel, Felsőbánya, 18 May 1904, act 91: father Mihály Fogel, merchant, born in Magyarkékes, 35; mother Erzsébet (Berta) née Klein, born in Nagysomkút, 29 — Esther's sister. CONFIRMED

Arhivele Naționale ale României, SJAN Maramureș: Felsőbánya births 1904–1906, unit MM-FD-00743-1-1-042, image 92



Birth of Zoltán Fogel, Felsőbánya, 21 February 1907, act 46: father Mihály Fogel, entrepreneur, 37; mother Berta Klein, 31. The margin points to death act 76/1907. CONFIRMED

Arhivele Naționale ale României, SJAN Maramureș: Baia Sprie births 1907–1919, unit MM-F-00743-2-00621, image 9



Nagysomkút (Șomcuta Mare): an old picture postcard of the Törökfalvi road. Berta (Erzsébet) Klein, born about 1875, and Samuel Klein, born 1877, very probably Esther Brecher's sister and brother, were born in Nagysomkút. LIKELY

Old postcard 'Nagysomkút, Törökfalvi-út', uploaded by Kossuthzs (Hungarian Wikipedia), via Wikimedia Commons — https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Nagysomk%C3%BAt.JPG (CC BY-SA 3.0)



Birth of Mathild Klein, Felsőbánya, 18 April 1908 (registered 23 April): daughter of Sámuel Klein, Jewish, grocer, 29, and Józefa Szalavecz, Jewish, 23, of Felsőbánya, Nagybányai street. Reported by the midwife; signed by the registrar Gyula Spáczay. CONFIRMED

Arhivele Naționale ale României, SJAN Maramureș, civil registers, Baia Sprie (Felsőbánya) births 1907–1919, unit MM-F-00743-2-00621, act 60/1908, image 44 (descopera.arhivelenationale.ro, cid 13914901)



Birth of Blanka Klein, Felsőbánya, 15 December 1909 (registered 19 December): daughter of Sámuel Klein, Jewish, merchant, 31, and Józefa Szalavecz, Jewish, 24, of Felsőbánya, Nagybányai street; her father reported the birth and signed. CONFIRMED

Arhivele Naționale ale României, SJAN Maramureș, civil registers, Baia Sprie (Felsőbánya) births 1907–1919, unit MM-F-00743-2-00621, act 178/1909, image 98 (descopera.arhivelenationale.ro, cid 13914901)



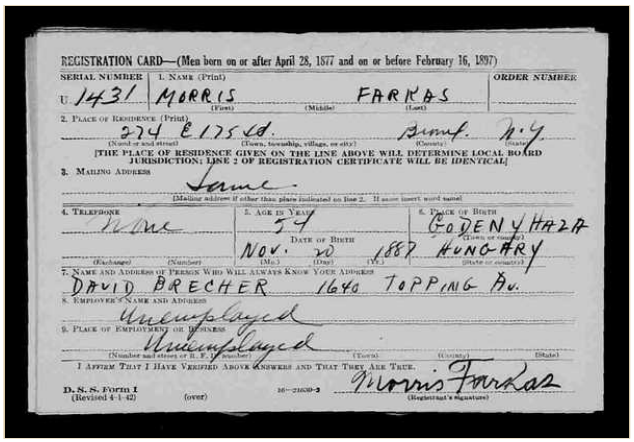
Birth of József Klein, Felsőbánya, 15 November 1911 (registered 20 November): son of Sámuel Klein, Jewish, merchant, 34, and Józefa Szalavecz, Jewish, 26, of Felsőbánya, Nagybányai street. Reported by the midwife; signed by the registrar Gyula Spáczay. CONFIRMED

Arhivele Naționale ale României, SJAN Maramureș, civil registers, Baia Sprie (Felsőbánya) births 1907–1919, unit MM-F-00743-2-00621, act 146/1911, image 158 (descopera.arhivelenationale.ro, cid 13914901)



Birth of Sándor Klein, Felsőbánya, 6 September 1913 (registered 9 September): son of Sámuel Klein, Jewish, general merchant, 36, and Józefa Szalavecz, Jewish, 28, of Felsőbánya, Nagybányai street; his father reported the birth and signed. CONFIRMED

Arhivele Naționale ale României, SJAN Maramureș, civil registers, Baia Sprie (Felsőbánya) births 1907–1919, unit MM-F-00743-2-00621, act 119/1913, image 211 (descopera.arhivelenationale.ro, cid 13914901)


REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER: U 1431 — 1. NAME (Print): MORRIS (First) (Middle) FARKAS (Last) — ORDER NUMBER:

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print): 274 E 175 St. (Number and street) Bronx (Town, township, village, or city) N.Y. (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 none, insert word 'none')

4. TELEPHONE: None — 5. AGE IN YEARS: 54 — DATE OF BIRTH: Nov. 20 (Mo.) 1887 (Day) (Yr.) — 6. PLACE OF BIRTH: GODENY HAZA (Town or county) HUNGARY (State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS: DAVID BRECHER 1640 TOPPING Av. (Relative) (Number) (Street)

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Unemployed

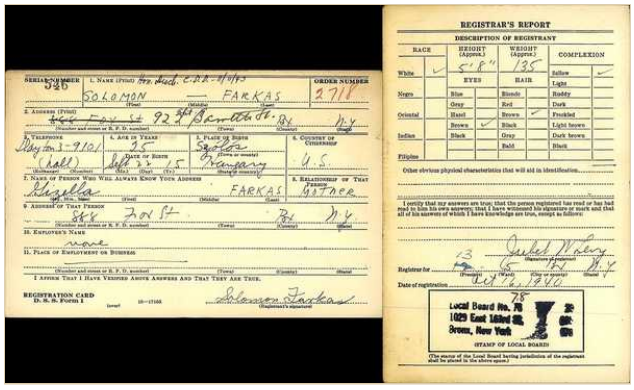
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: Unemployed (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE. Morris Farkas (Registrant's signature)

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42) 16—21630-3 (over)

Morris Farkas's 1942 registration card, the Bronx: born 20 November 1887 in Gödényháza, Hungary, living at 274 East 175th Street — and naming as his contact David Brecher of 1640 Topping Avenue, father of his son-in-law Nicholas. CONFIRMED

World War II Draft Cards (4th Registration), State of New York, Borough of Bronx (NARA), via FamilySearch, record 1:1:F3NG-J2Z. Public domain.


SERIAL NUMBER 525 — 1. NAME (Print) Reg. Card. C.R.A. 9/16/42: SOLOMON (First) — (Middle) FARKAS (Last) — ORDER NUMBER 2718

2. ADDRESS (Print): 888 Fox St (Number and street or R. F. D. number) Bronx (Town) N.Y. (County) (State)

3. TELEPHONE: None (Exchange) (Number) — 4. AGE IN YEARS: 25 — DATE OF BIRTH: Sept 22 (Mo.) 15 (Day) (Yr.) — 5. PLACE OF BIRTH: Szolos (Town or county) Hungary (State or country) — 6. CITIZEN OF: U.S.

7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS: Gizella (Mrs. Miss) (First) — (Middle) FARKAS (Last) — 8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON: Mother

9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON: 888 (Number and street or R. F. D. number) Fox St (Town) Bx (County) N.Y. (State)

10. EMPLOYER'S NAME: none

11. 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. Solomon Farkas (Registrant's signature)

REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. FORM 1 (Local) 16—17165

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION
White ✓	5' 8"	135	Sallow ✓
Negro	EYES	HAIR	Light
Oriental	Blue	Blonde	Ruddy
Indian	Gray	Red	Dark
Filipino	Hazel	Brown ✓	Freckled
	Brown ✓	Black	Light brown
	Black	Gray	Dark brown
		Bald	Black

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification:

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Registrar for 13 (Precinct) (Ward) (City or town) (County) (State)

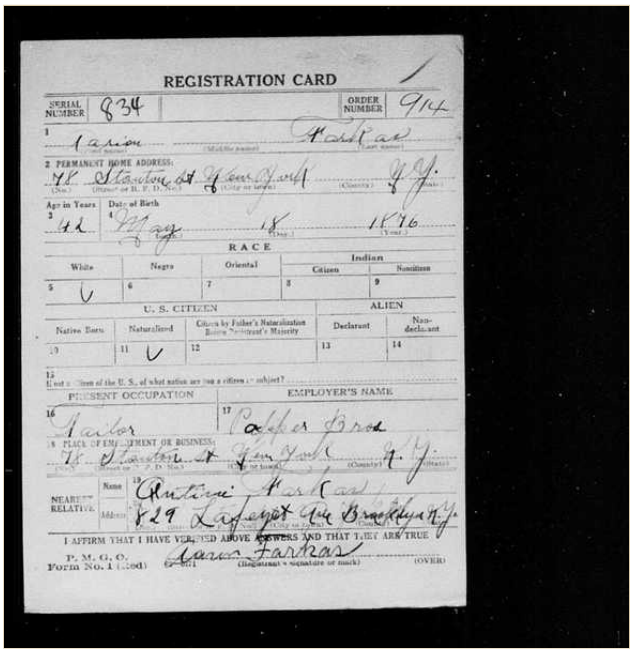
Date of registration Oct 16, 1940

Local Board No. 19 1029 East 163rd St. Bronx, New York — STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD

(The name of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space.)

Solomon Farkas's draft card, the Bronx, 16 October 1940: born 22 September 1915 in Szőlős, Hungary, living with his mother Gizella Farkas at 888 Fox Street. CONFIRMED

Draft Registration Cards for New York City, 1940–1947 (NARA), via FamilySearch, record 1:1:WW4J-263Z. Public domain.



REGISTRATION CARD

SERIAL NUMBER 834 — ORDER NUMBER 914

1 Aaron Farkas

2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: 78 Stanton St. New York N.Y.

Age in Years: 42 — Date of Birth: 18 May 1876

RACE

White	Negro	Oriental	Indian: Citizen	Indian: Nontribal
✓				

U. S. CITIZEN

Native Born	Naturalized	Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before Petitioner's Majority	ALIEN: Declarant	ALIEN: Non-declarant
	✓			

PRESENT OCCUPATION: Tailor — EMPLOYER'S NAME: Popper Bros.

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: 78 Stanton St New York N.Y.

NEAREST RELATIVE: Name: Antina Farkas — Address: 829 Lafayette Ave Brooklyn N.Y.

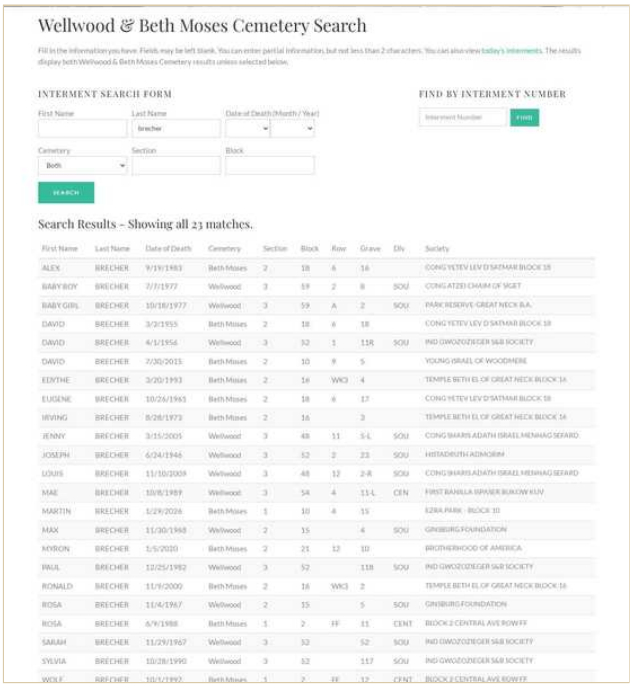
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE

(Signature or mark) Aaron Farkas

P. M. G. O. Form No. 1 (Revised) (OVER)

Aaron Farkas's First World War draft card, New York, 1918: a tailor at 78 Stanton Street working for Popper Bros., born 18 May 1876. LIKELY

United States, World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918 (NARA M1509), via FamilySearch, record 1:1:WZNL-8DPZ. Public domain.



Wellwood & Beth Moses Cemetery Search

Fill in the information you have. Fields may be left blank. You can enter partial information, but not less than 2 characters. You can also view today's interments. The results display both Wellwood & Beth Moses Cemetery results unless selected below.

INTERMENT SEARCH FORM

First Name | Last Name: brecher | Date of Death (Month / Year) | FIND BY INTERMENT NUMBER: Interment Number, FIND

Cemetery: Both | Section | Block

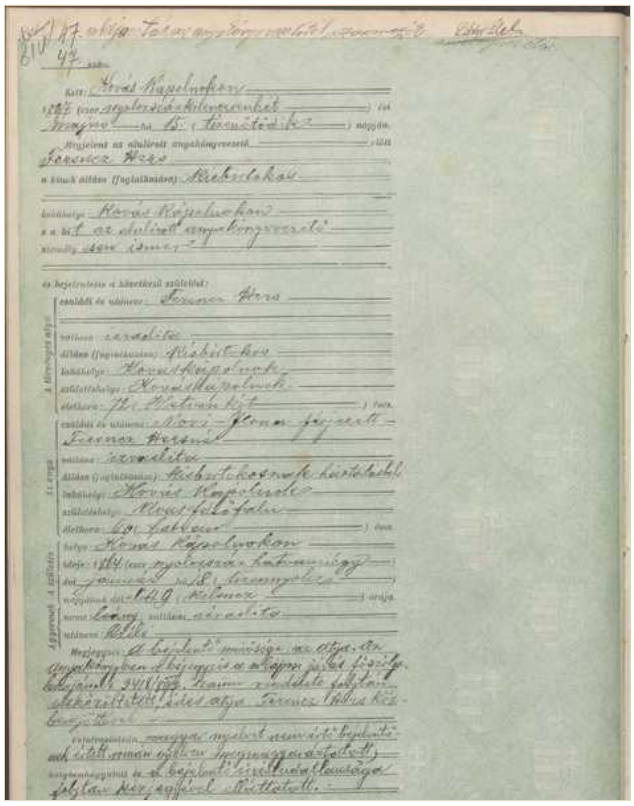
SEARCH

Search Results - Showing all 23 matches.

First Name	Last Name	Date of Death	Cemetery	Section	Block	Row	Grave	Div	Society
ALEX	BRECHER	9/19/1983	Beth Moses	2	18	6	16		CONG YETEV LEV D'SATMAR BLOCK 18
BABY BOY	BRECHER	7/7/1977	Wellwood	3	59	2	8	SOU	CONG ATZEI CHAIM OF SIGET
BABY GIRL	BRECHER	10/18/1977	Wellwood	3	59	A	2	SOU	PARK RESERVE GREAT NECK B.A.
DAVID	BRECHER	3/2/1955	Beth Moses	2	18	6	18		CONG YETEV LEV D'SATMAR BLOCK 18
DAVID	BRECHER	4/1/1956	Wellwood	3	52	1	11R	SOU	IND GWOZDZIEGER S&B SOCIETY
DAVID	BRECHER	7/30/2015	Beth Moses	2	10	9	5		YOUNG ISRAEL OF WOODMERE
EDYTHE	BRECHER	3/20/1993	Beth Moses	2	16	WK3	4		TEMPLE BETH EL OF GREAT NECK BLOCK 16
EUGENE	BRECHER	10/26/1965	Beth Moses	2	18	6	17		CONG YETEV LEV D'SATMAR BLOCK 18
IRVING	BRECHER	8/28/1973	Beth Moses	2	16		3		TEMPLE BETH EL OF GREAT NECK BLOCK 16
JENNY	BRECHER	3/15/2005	Wellwood	3	48	11	1-L	SOU	CONG SHAARIS ADATH ISRAEL MENHAG SEFARD
JOSEPH	BRECHER	6/24/1946	Wellwood	3	52	2	23	SOU	HISTADRUTH ADMORIM
LOUIS	BRECHER	11/10/2009	Wellwood	3	48	12	2-R	SOU	CONG SHAARIS ADATH ISRAEL MENHAG SEFARD
MAE	BRECHER	10/8/1989	Wellwood	3	54	4	11-L	CEN	FIRST BANILLA SPIKER BUKOW KUV
MARTIN	BRECHER	1/29/2026	Beth Moses	1	10	4	15		EZRA PARK - BLOCK 10
MAX	BRECHER	11/30/1968	Wellwood	2	15		4	SOU	GINSBURG FOUNDATION
MYRON	BRECHER	1/5/2020	Beth Moses	2	21	12	10		BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA
PAUL	BRECHER	12/25/1982	Wellwood	3	52		11B	SOU	IND GWOZDZIEGER S&B SOCIETY
RONALD	BRECHER	11/9/2000	Beth Moses	2	16	WK3	2		TEMPLE BETH EL OF GREAT NECK BLOCK 16
ROSA	BRECHER	11/4/1967	Wellwood	2	15		5	SOU	GINSBURG FOUNDATION
ROSA	BRECHER	6/9/1988	Beth Moses	1	2	FF	11	CENT	BLOCK 2 CENTRAL AVE ROW FF
SARAH	BRECHER	11/29/1967	Wellwood	3	52		52	SOU	IND GWOZDZIEGER S&B SOCIETY
SYLVIA	BRECHER	10/28/1990	Wellwood	3	52		11T	SOU	IND GWOZDZIEGER S&B SOCIETY
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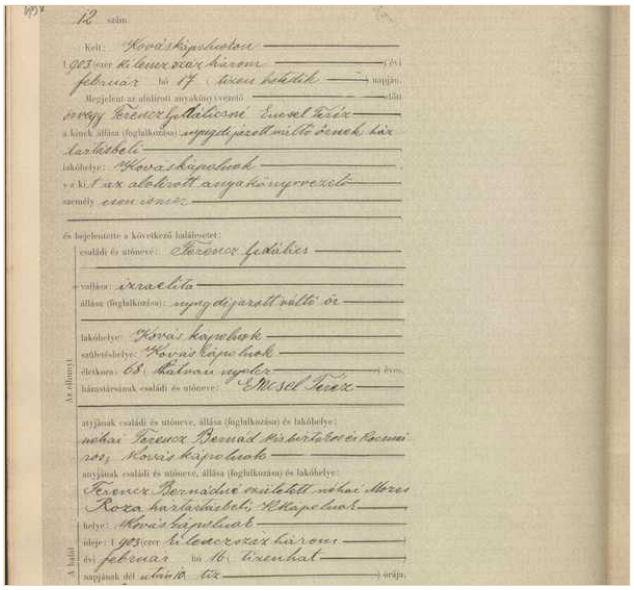
Beth Moses Cemetery interment register, search for Brecher: David (Grave 18), Eugene (Grave 17) and Alex (Grave 16) side by side in Section 2, Block 18, Row 6, the Yetev Lev D'Satmar plot. The other Brechers listed are not connected to the tree. CONFIRMED

Beth Moses Cemetery (Wellwood) burial register search (read 26 Oct 2026)



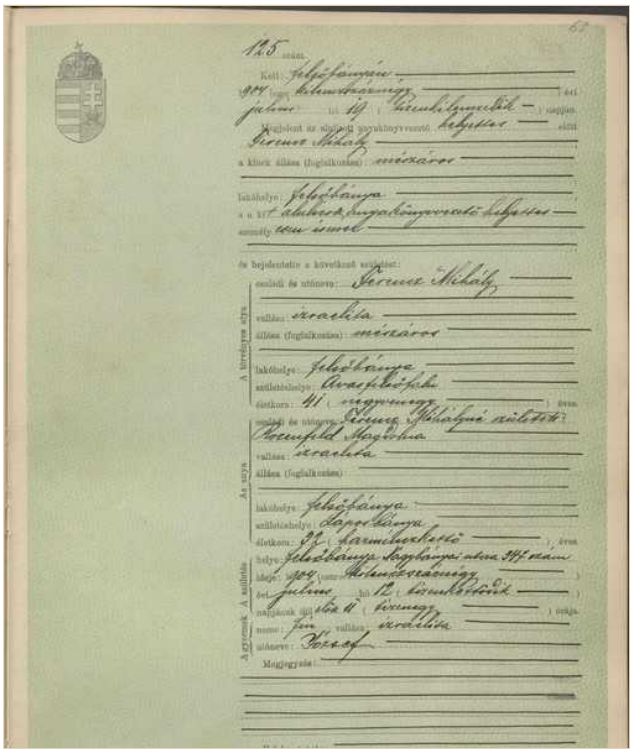
Late registration (1897) of the birth of Czili Ferencz, born Kovászkápolnok 18 January 1864, daughter of Hers Ferencz and Ilona Novi. Possibly kin of Háni (Johanna) Ferencz (Possible).
CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, Copalnic Mănăștur births registered at Făurești 1895–99, MM-F-00743-1-1-00187, image 163 (https://descopera.arhivelenationale.ro/cota/?cid=13914467)



Death of Gedálics Ferencz, Kovászkápolnok, 16 February 1903, son of the late Bernát Ferencz and Róza. A brother of Hersch Ferencz; possibly kin of Háni (Johanna) Ferencz (Possible). CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, deaths registered at Făurești 1902–07, MM-F-00743-1-1-00201, image 91 (https://descopera.arhivelenationale.ro/cota/?cid=13914481)



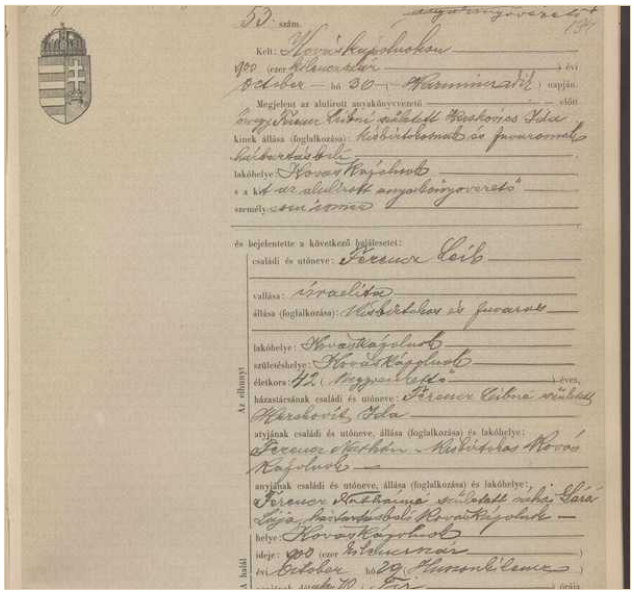
Birth of József Ferencz, Felsőbánya, 12 July 1904, son of Mihály Ferencz, butcher, born Avasfelsőfalu, and Magdolna Rozenfeld. Mihály as a son of Hersch Ferencz is Possible (birthplace only).
CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, Baia Sprie births 1904–06, MM-F-00743-1-1-00042, image 126 (https://descopera.arhivelenationale.ro/cota/?cid=13914322)



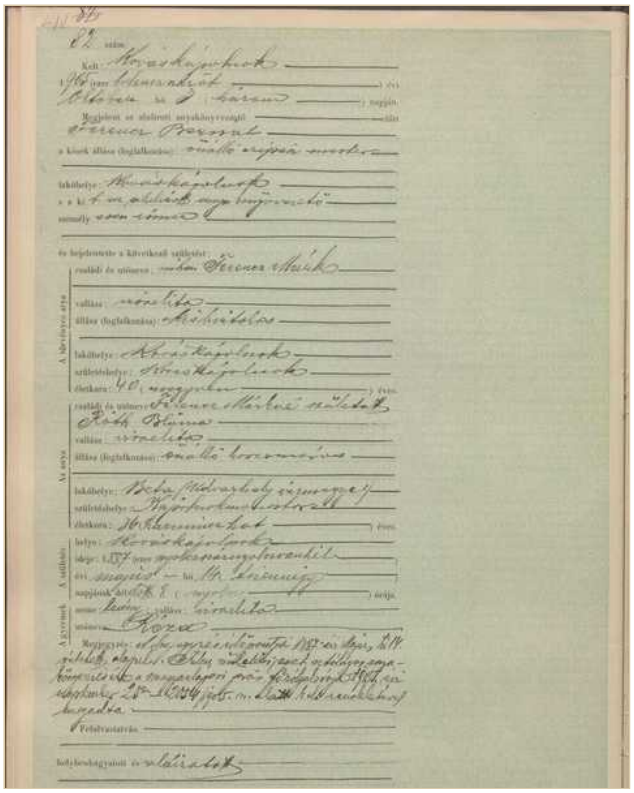
Death of Lája Ferencz née Lázár, wife of Náthán Ferencz, Kováskápolnok, 11 November 1899. Another Ferencz couple of Kováskápolnok; no record ties them to Háni (Johanna) Ferencz.
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Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, deaths registered at Făurești 1895–1901, MM-F-00743-1-1-00200, image 323 (https://descopera.arhivelenationale.ro/cota/?cid=13914480)



Death of Leib Ferencz, Kováskápolnok, 29 October 1900, son of Náthán Ferencz and the late Lája Lázár. Another Ferencz family of Kováskápolnok; no record ties it to Háni (Johanna) Ferencz. CONFIRMED

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Late registration (1905) of the birth of Róza Ferencz, born Kováskápolnok 14 May 1887, daughter of the late Márk Ferencz and Bluma Róth. Another Ferencz family of Kováskápolnok; no record ties it to Háni (Johanna) Ferencz. CONFIRMED

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David Brecher HaKohen (1881–1955) · Esther (Sheindel / Eszter Sára) Brecher née Klein (1886–1980) · Jakab Hers (Yaakov Tzvi) Klein, also Herman Klein · Johanna (Háni) Klein née Ferencz (?–bef. 1902) · Mária Klein née Cziment (c. 1849–1915) · Berta (Erzsébet) Fogel née Klein (c. 1875–1907) · Mihály Fogel (c. 1868–1915) · Samuel (Sámuel Pinkász) Klein (1877–1944) · Jenő (Eugene) Brecher (1908–1961) · Ilona (Lucy) Friedman née Brecher (1912–1984) · Paul Friedman (1905–1983) · Miklós (Nicholas, "Mickey") Brecher (1915–2014) · Józefa (Pepi) Klein née Szalavitz (c. 1884–) · Szidónia Klein (1903–1904) · Róza Klein (1904–) · Margit Klein (1906–) · Mathild Klein (1908–) · Blanka Klein (1909–) · József Klein (1911–) · Sándor Klein (1913–) · Yosef Ephraim (Joseph) Friedman · Yeshayahu Friedman · Shimon Klein (1890–1944) · Margaret (Margit) Brecher née Farkas (1920–2020) · Israel Zelig · Morris Farkas (1887–1970) · Gizella Farkas née Weiss (Weisz) (c. 1890–1966) · Solomon (Salamon) Farkas (1915–1955) · Aaron Farkas (1876–1942) · Sándor Fogel (1896–) · Móricz Fogel (1897–1898) · Jenő (Yehuda Yekutiel) Klein (1882–1944) · Szeréna (Serena) Klein née Róth (c. 1888–) · Ilona (Ilonka) Klein (1914–) · Infant son of Jenő Klein (1918–1918) · Moses Szalavitz · Ferencz Fogel (1899–) · Sámuel Fogel (1901–) · Menyhért Fogel (1903–) · Paula (Pesia) Fogel née Davidovics (1884–1944) · Elemér Fogel (1911–) · Salamon Cziment · Mary Weiss (Weisz) · Izrael Áron Fogel (1904–) · Zoltán Fogel (1907–1907) · Infant son of Mihály and Berta Fogel (1906–1906) · Jakob Fogel (1894–) · Gabriella (Gabriela) Rothenberg née Farkas (1914–2013) · Leonard Albert Creizman (1908–1983) · Rabbi Emanuel D. Rothenberg

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184. Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, Copalnic Mănăștur births registered at Făurești 1895–99, MM-F-00743-1-1-00187, image 163 (https://descopera.arhivelenationale.ro/cota/?cid=13914467)
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CHAPTER THREE

Meir Brecher & Freide Frohner

Kapnikbánya, Nagybánya and Sighet

Kapnikbánya · Nagybánya · Sighet · Szurdok · Radautz · the Lower East Side

Meir Brecher and Freide Frohner

Kapnikbánya, Nagybánya and Sighet

Meir (Majer) Brecher HaKohen kept a tavern in Kapnikbánya (today Cavnic), 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 named "Brecher Mayer" among several people of Kapnikbánya. 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.



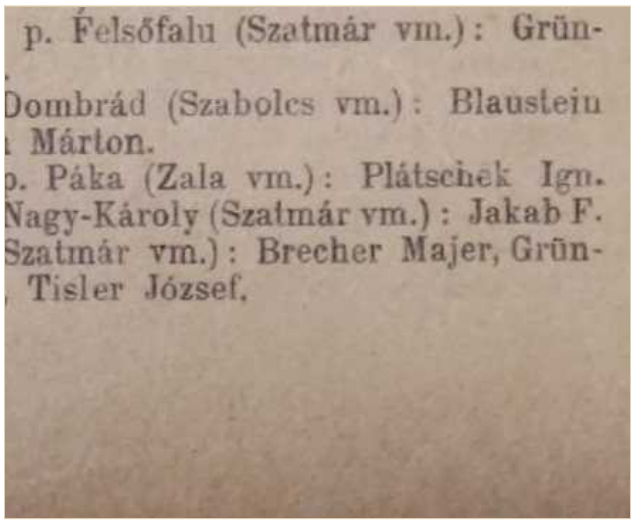
Kapnikbánya (Cavnic), the mining town where Meir Brecher kept his tavern, photographed 1914–1918.
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Meir Brecher HaKohen and his children

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

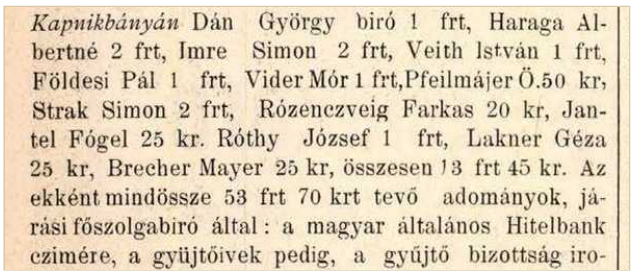
- **Asher (Uszer) HaKohen Brecher**, b. Siret, c. 1876–77; of Sighet; d. 29 Tishrei 5701 (31 Oct 1940) = Pesel (Pepi) Kupferman
  - Freida 1904, Tema 1906, Izsák (Yitzchak) 1909, József (Yosef) 1912, Farkas 1914, Lázár (Eliezer) 1916, Chaim Leib, Leah, David 1923
- **Rosa (Róza) Brecher**, b. Kapnikbánya; 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


p. Felsőfalu (Szatmár vm.): Grün-
Dombrád (Szabolcs vm.): Blausteiu
Márton.
p. Páka (Zala vm.): Plátschek Ign.
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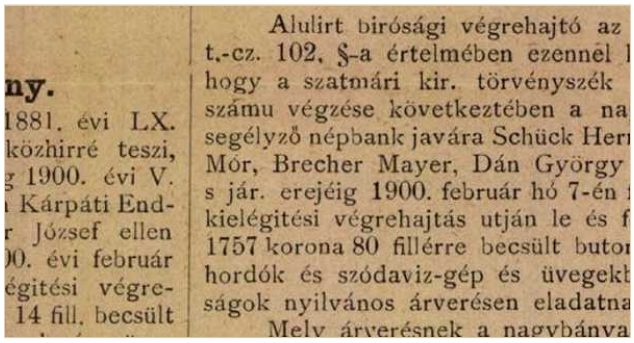
"Brecher Majer" among the tradesmen and merchants of Kapnikbánya, Szatmár county, 1892. CONFIRMED

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


Kapnikbányán Dán György biró 1 frt, Haraga Albertné 2 frt, Imre Simon 2 frt, Veith István 1 frt, Földesi Pál 1 frt, Vider Mór 1 frt, Pfeilmájer Ö.50 kr, Strak Simon 2 frt, Rózenczveig Farkas 20 kr, Jantel Fógel 25 kr. Róthy József 1 frt, Lakner Géza 25 kr, Brecher Mayer 25 kr, összesen 53 frt 45 kr. Az ekként mindössze 53 frt 70 krt tevő adományok, járási főszolgabiró által: a magyar általános Hitelbank czimére, a gyüjtőivek pedig, a gyűjtő bizottság iro-

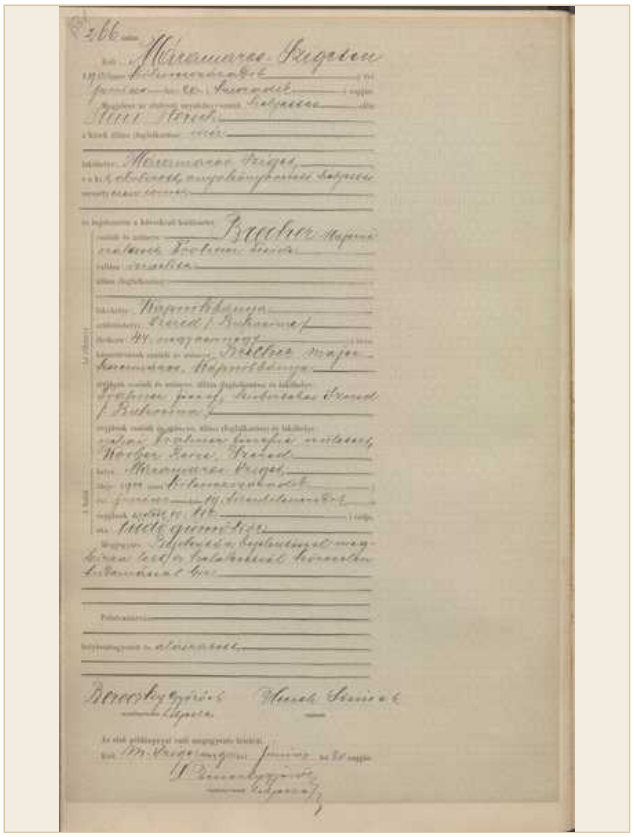
Mayer (Meir) Brecher gives 25 kreuzer to the Queen Elisabeth memorial collection, 1899, listed with the donors of Kapnikbánya. LIKELY

Szatmármegyei Közlöny, 12 March 1899 (Hungaricana)


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Mely árverésnek a nagybánya

A court notice of March 1900 in the Felsőbánya paper naming several people of Kapnikbánya, among them "Brecher Mayer". CONFIRMED

Felsőbányai Hírlap, 25 March 1900 (Hungaricana)



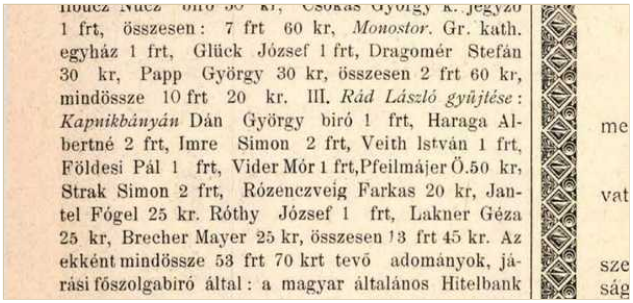
Death of Freide Brecher née Frohner, Máramarossziget (Sighet), 19 June 1900, act 266: wife of Meir Brecher, tavern keeper of Kapnik; her parents József Frohner, house-owner of Siret, and Reize Korber. CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, Sighet deaths, unit MM-F-00743-1-1-00450



Kapnikbánya: the mine and stamp mill, 1907. CONFIRMED

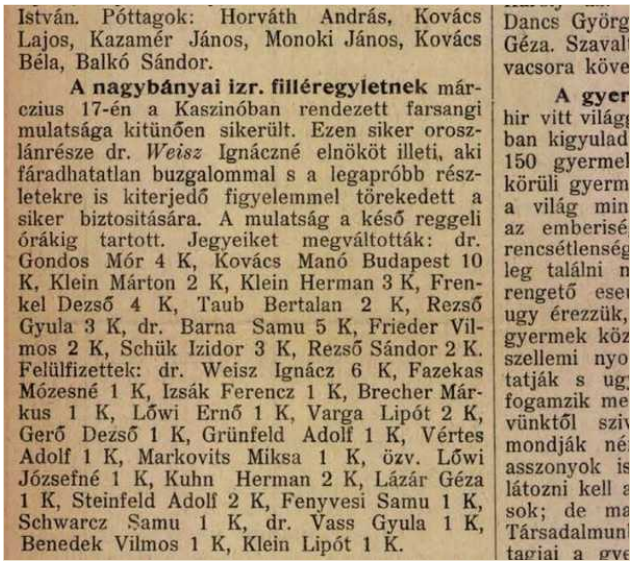
Contemporary postcard view



1 frt, összesen: 7 frt 60 kr, *Monostor*. Gr. kath. egyház 1 frt, Glück József 1 frt, Dragomér Stefán 30 kr, Papp György 30 kr, összesen 2 frt 60 kr, mindössze 10 frt 20 kr. III. *Rád László gyűjtése*: *Kapnikbányán* Dán György biró 1 frt, Haraga Albertné 2 frt, Imre Simon 2 frt, Veith István 1 frt, Földesi Pál 1 frt, Vider Mór 1 frt, Pfeilmájer Ö.50 kr, Strak Simon 2 frt, Rózenczveig Farkas 20 kr, Jantel Fógel 25 kr. Róthy József 1 frt, Lakner Géza 25 kr, Brecher Mayer 25 kr, összesen 53 frt 45 kr. Az ekként mindössze 53 frt 70 krt tevő adományok, járási főszolgabiró által: a magyar általános Hitelbank

"Brecher Mayer" of Kapnikbánya in a list of donors, 1899. LIKELY

Szatmármegyei Közlöny, 1899



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

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"Brecher Márkus" of Nagybánya among the ticket buyers for a town ball, 1908. LIKELY

Nagybányai Hírlap, 1908



Felsőbányán:
(1928. január hóban)

Házasságot kötöttek: 1. jan. 12. Májercsák 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

Nagybánya press, 1928



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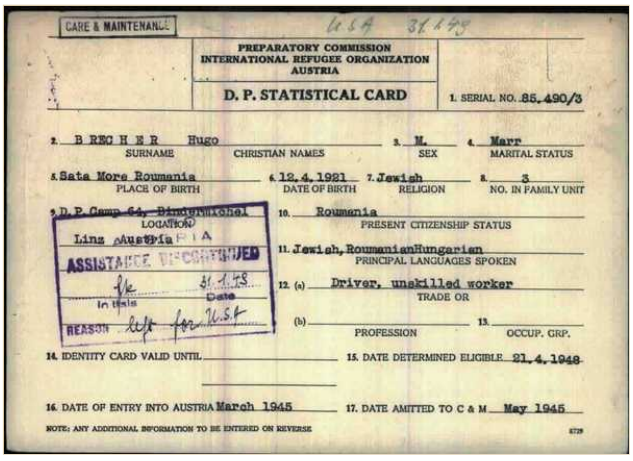
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Nagybánya, 1914. márc. 20. Inancsy, főszolgabiró.

Jakab Brecher on a conscription list, 1914. LIKELY

Contemporary press, 1914



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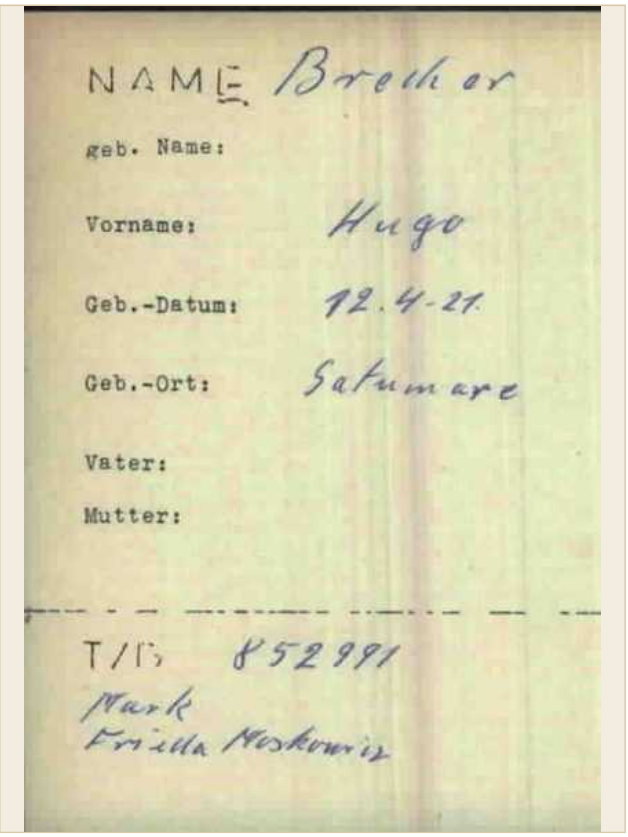
D. P. STATISTICAL CARD

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17. DATE AMITTED TO C & M May 1945
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Hugo Chaim Brecher's refugee registration card, Linz, Austria, 1948. CONFIRMED

International Tracing Service archive (Arolsen Archives), IRO records


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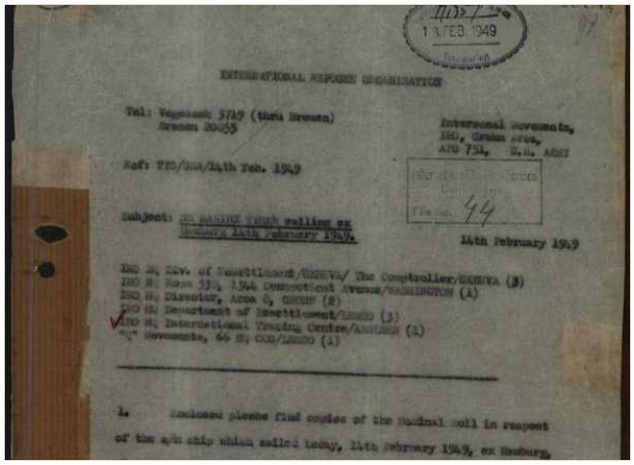
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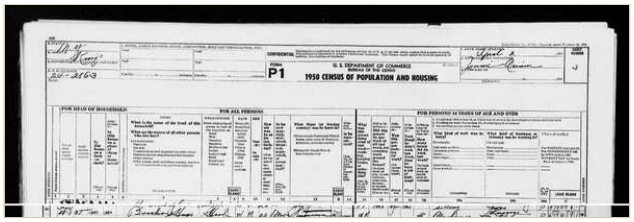
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Frieda Moskowitz

Hugo Chaim Brecher's refugee index card naming his parents, 1949.
CONFIRMED
Arolsen Archives, IRO records


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
Arolsen Archives, IRO emigration lists


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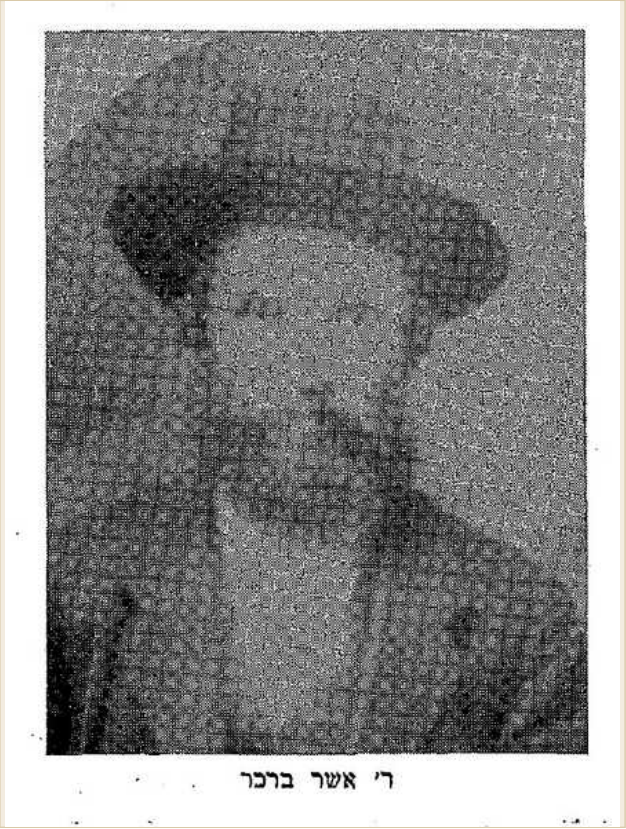

Hugo Brecher in the 1950 United States census, Brooklyn, a year after his arrival: 28, born in Romania, a machinist in a luggage factory, living at 5001 Fourteenth Avenue — the building where his cousins Frieda and Joseph Eilender lived. CONFIRMED
United States Census, 1950, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, ED 24-2863, sheet 3, line 29 — FamilySearch https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:6XTB-MJHZ (image https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QHN-PQHW-99NS).

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.



ר׳ אשר ברכר

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

Sefer Marmarosh (Tel Aviv, 1983), p. 23 (HebrewBooks)



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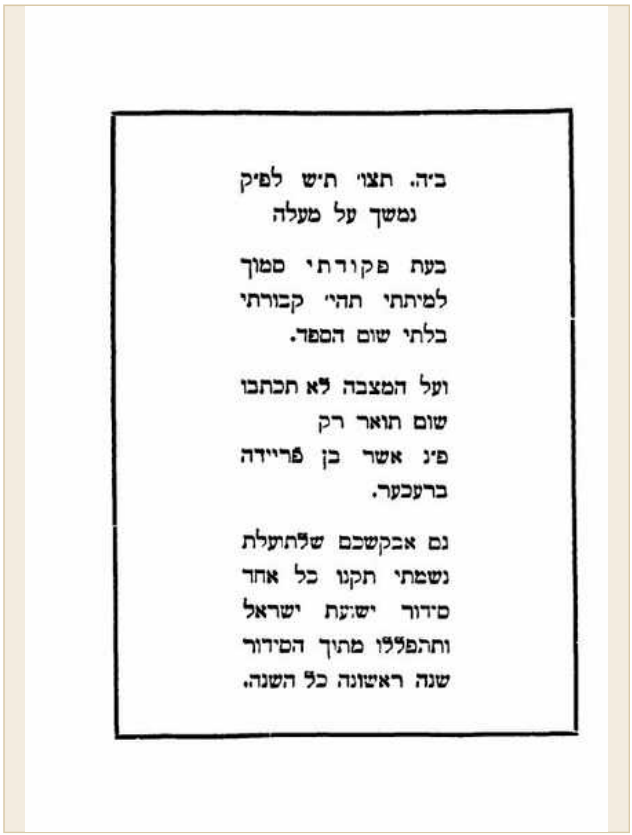
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Title page of R' Asher Brecher's printed spiritual will: "son of Meir Brecher HaKohen", who died 29 Tishrei 5701. CONFIRMED

Printed spiritual will of R' Asher HaKohen Brecher (HebrewBooks)



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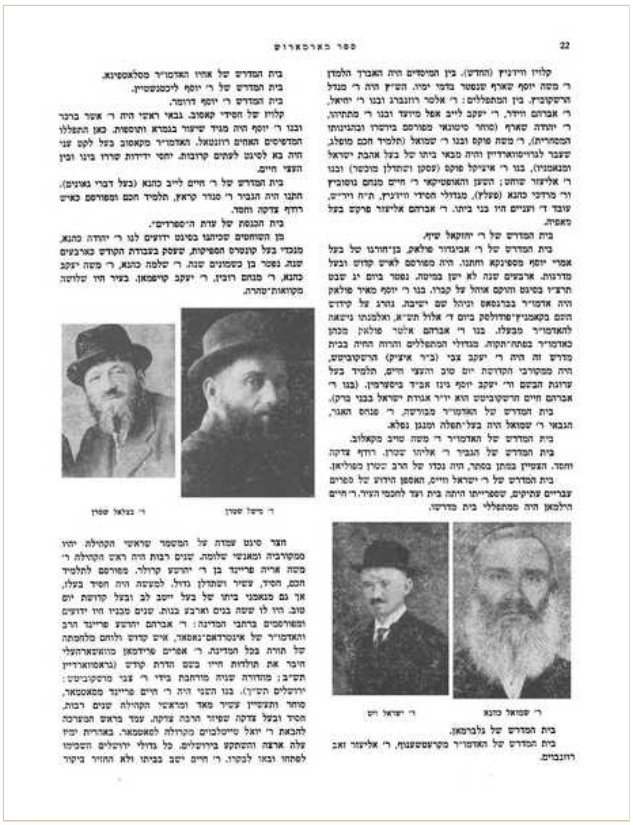
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שום תואר רק
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גם אבקשכם שלתועלת
נשמתי תקנו כל אחד
סידור ישועת ישראל
ותהפלפו מתוך הסידור
שנה ראשונה כל השנה.

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

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



ספר מארמארוש 22

קלויז וידיניץ (החדש). בין המיסדים היה האברך הלמדן ר' משה יוסף שארף שנשמר בדמי ימיו. השני היה ר' מנדל הרשקוביץ. בין המתפללים: ר' אלטר רוזנברג ובנו ר' יחיאל, ר' אברהם ווידר, ר' יעקב לייב אפל מידעד ובנו ר' מתתיהו, ר' יחזקאל שארף (מחבר סיטונאי מסרסם בירושלים ובהצלחתו המסחרית), ר' משה סוקס ובנו ר' שמואל (תלמיד חכם מופלג, שעבר לגרמיסוארדיין והיה מבאי ביתו של בעל אהבת ישראל מאמונוי), בנו ר' אריאיל סוקס (עסקן וסוחרלן מוכשר) ובנו ר' אליעזר שוחט; השמש והאופטיקאי ר' חיים סנדם טוטוביץ ור' מרדכי כהנא (שפלין), מגדולי מסדרי הידיעין, ת"ת וירי"ש, עובד ד' וענים הוי בני ביתו. ר' אברהם אליעזר פרקס בעל מאפיה.

בית המדרש של ר' יחזקאל שיף.

בית המדרש של ר' אבינעזר שלאפ, בן־חותנו של בעל אמרי יוסף מסטינקא וחתנו. היה מסורסם לאיש קדוש ובעל מדרגות. ארבעים שנה לא ישן במיטה, נשמר ביום יג שבט תרצ"ו בסיגט והוקם אהל על קברו. בנו ר' יוסף מאיר פולאק היה אדמו"ר בברנפאס ונילהל שם ישיבה. נזרע על קדוש הזקן בקאמנץ־פודולסק ביום ד' אלול תש"ג, ואלמנתו ניקמה לאדמו"ר מבעלז. בנו ר' אברהם אליטר פולאק מכהן כאדמו"ר בסתה־תקוה. מגדולי המתפללים והרוח החיה בבית מדרש זה היה ר' יעקב צבי (בי"ר איצק) הרשקוביטש, היה ממקורבי הקדושת יום טוב והעצי חיים, תלמיד בעל שרגת הבשם ור' יעקב יוסף בינו אביד בישערטין. (בנו ר' אברהם חיים הרשקוביטש הוא יורד אגודת ישראל בבני ברק).

בית המדרש של האדמו"ר מבורסק, ר' פנחס האגר, תגבאי ר' שמואל היה בעל־תשלה ומנגן נפלא.

בית המדרש של האדמו"ר ר' משה טויב מקאלוב.

בית המדרש של הגביר ר' אליהו שטרן. רודף צדקה וחסד. הצעיין במתן בסתר, היה נכדו של הרב ר' שרן מטוליאן.

בית המדרש של ר' ישראל וויים, האספן הידוע של ספרים עבריים עתיקים, שספרייתו הוהה בית ועד לחכמי הציר. ר' חיים הילמאן היה ממתפללי בית מדרשו.

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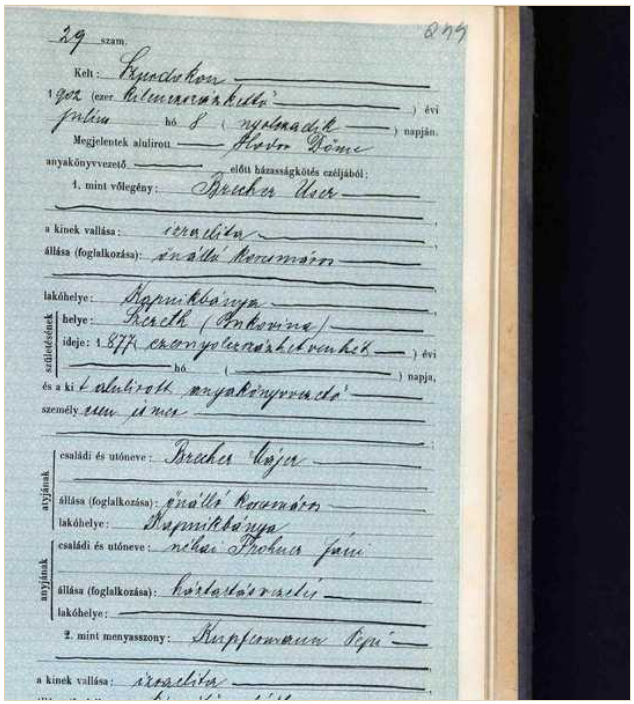
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בית המדרש של האדמו"ר מקרעסטעטש, ר' אליעזר זאב רוזנבוים.

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

Sefer Marmarosh (Tel Aviv, 1983), Yiddish Book Center collection (Internet Archive)



29 szám. 875

Kelt: Szurdokon

1902 (ezer kilencszázkettő) évi július hó 8 (nyolcadik) napján.

Megjelentek alulírott — Hivatal Előtt

anyakönyvvezető előtt házasságkötés czéljából:

1. mint vőlegény: Brecher Uszer

a kinek vallása: izraelita

állása (foglalkozása): önálló kereskedő

lakóhelye: Kapnikbánya

születésének helye: Szurdok (Strâmtura)

ideje: 1877 (ezeregyszáznyolcvanhét) évi hó ( ) napja,

és a ki † alulírott anyakönyvvezető

személy szerint ismert

atyjának családi és utóneve: Brecher Major

állása (foglalkozása): önálló kereskedő

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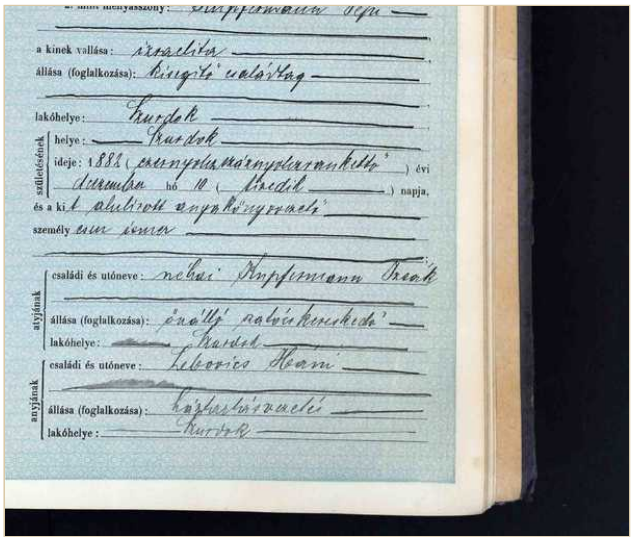
lakóhelye:

2. mint menyasszony: Kupfermann Pepi

a kinek vallása: izraelita

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

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, Szurdok marriages, unit MM-F-00743-2-00463, image 245



a kinek vallása: izraelita

állása (foglalkozása): kiegitő családtag

lakóhelye: Szurdok

születésének helye: Szurdok

ideje: 1882 (ezeregyszáznyolcvankettő) évi december hó 10 (tizedik) napja,

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atyjának családi és utóneve: néhai Kupferman Izsak

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lakóhelye: Szurdok

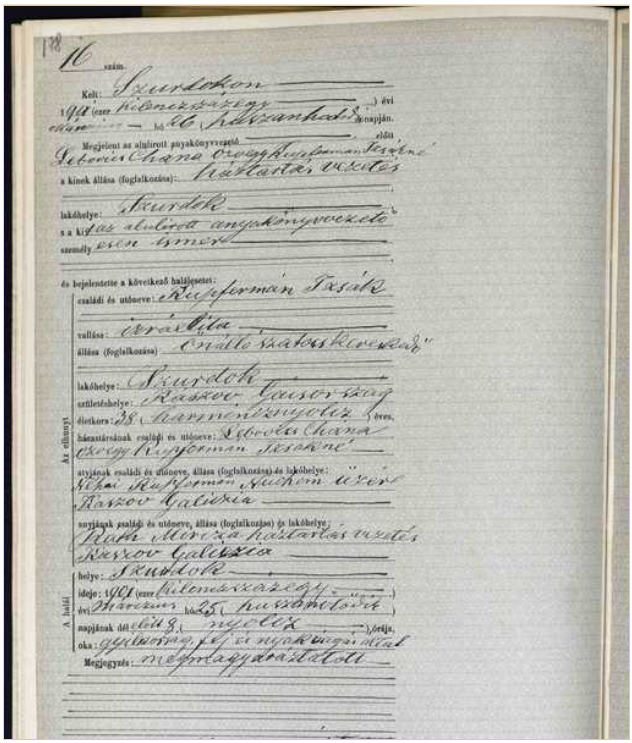
anyjának családi és utóneve: Leberics Hani

állása (foglalkozása): háztartásbeli

lakóhelye: Szurdok

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

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

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, Szurdok deaths, unit MM-F-00743-2-00465, image 183



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

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, Felsőbánya births, unit MM-F-00743-1-1-00621



Máramarossziget (Sighet): the synagogue courtyard, 1907.
Fortepan / Magyar Földrajzi Múzeum / Erdélyi Mór cége (no. 86872)



The Great Synagogue of Sighet before the war.
Holocaust memorial records, Photo Archive, Jerusalem, 7959/3



The main square of Sighet, 1941.
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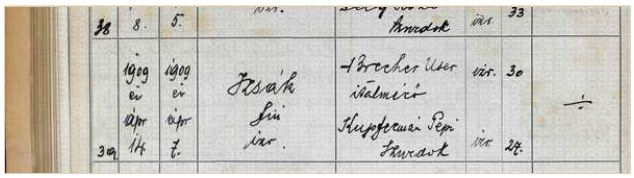
The children of Asher and Pesel

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, Bárdfalu (Berbeşti), 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



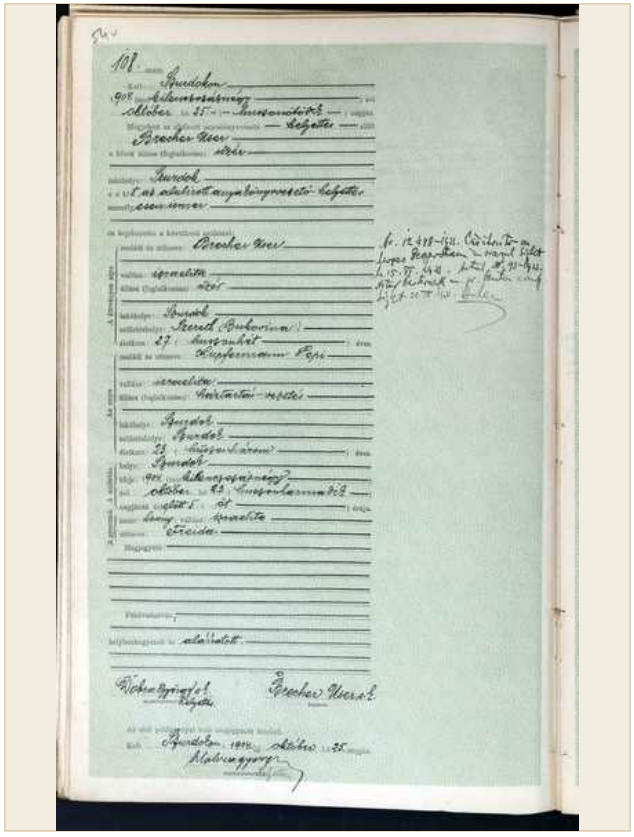
Birth of Izsák (Yitzchak) Brecher, 7 April 1909, at Szurdok (Strâmtura), son of Uszer (Asher) Brecher and Pepi Kupferman. CONFIRMED

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



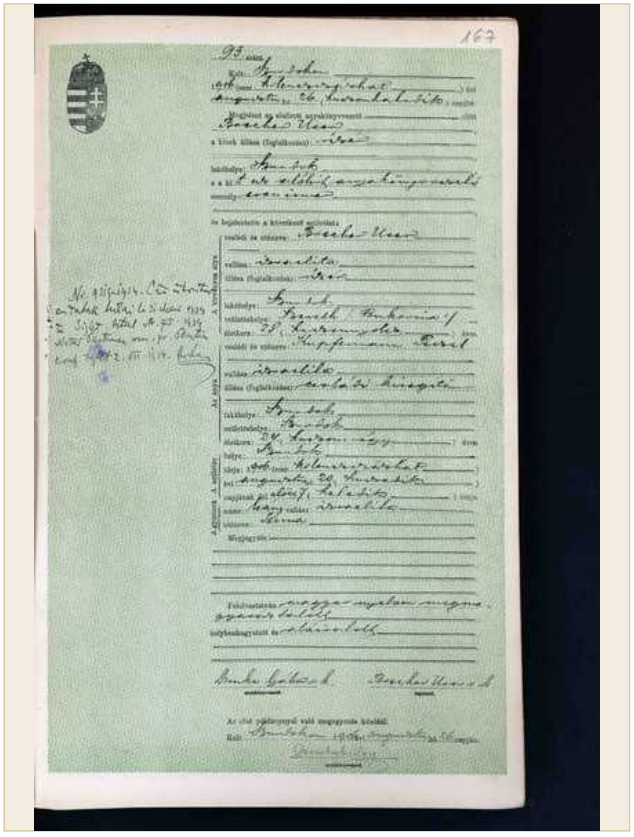
Birth of József (Yosef) Brecher, 28 February 1912, at Szurdok (Strâmtura), son of Uszer (Asher) Brecher and Pepi Kupferman. A note in the margin records his marriage in 1939. CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș 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 Uszer (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

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș 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 Uszer (Asher) Brecher and Peszel Kupfermann. The margin records her marriage to Mihai (Chaim) Tabak at Sighet on 31 May 1934. CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș 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

Holocaust memorial records, Photo Archive, item 15279703



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

Holocaust memorial records, Photo Archive, item 15279659



Frimet Brecher née Kreindler, wife of Yitzchak. CONFIRMED

Holocaust memorial records, Photo Archive, item 15264873



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

Holocaust memorial records, Photo Archive, item 15279728



Chaim Leib Brecher, son of Asher and Pesel. CONFIRMED

Holocaust memorial records, Photo Archive, item 15264683



Leah Brecher, daughter of Asher and Pesel. CONFIRMED
Holocaust memorial records, Photo Archive, item 15244127



Devora Brecher, wife of Asher's son Eliezer. CONFIRMED
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

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș 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

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, Cavnic births, unit MM-F-00743-1-1-00141



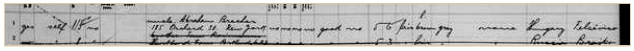
The Hamburg-America liner Cleveland arriving in New York harbour, about 1909–14 — the ship on which Samuel Eilender came in July 1909.

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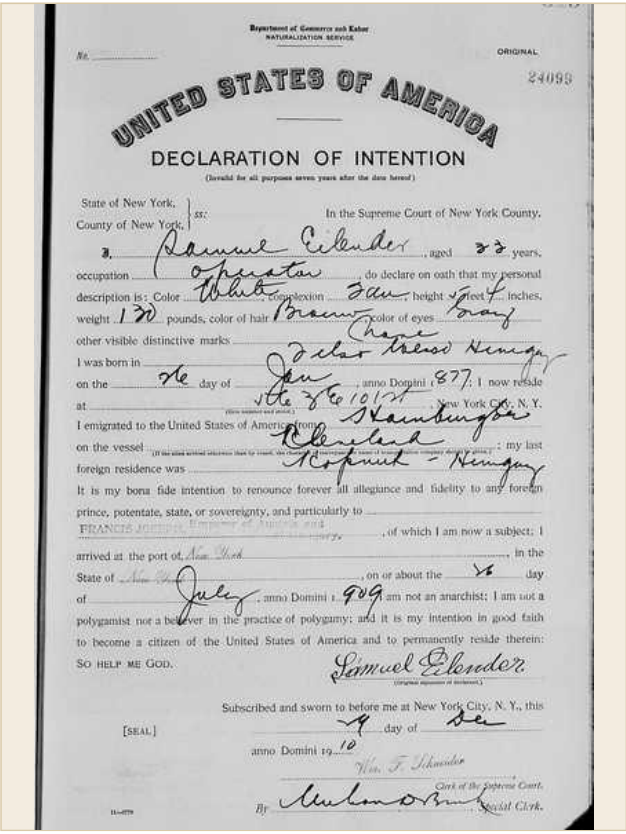
Samuel Eilender, 32, of Kapnikbánya, on the SS Cleveland from Hamburg, arriving at Ellis Island 25 July 1909 (line 1). CONFIRMED

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

New York passenger lists, U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch, host)

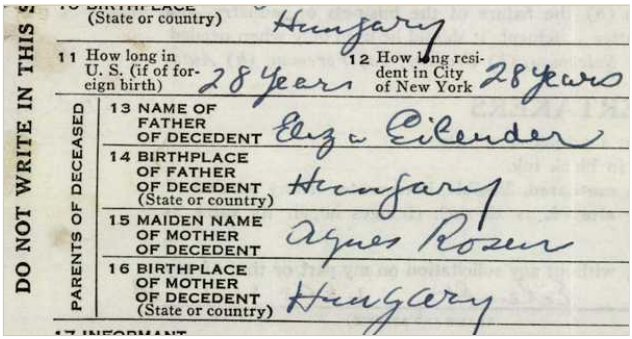


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

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

New York County naturalization records (FamilySearch)



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PARENTS OF DECEASED

(State or country) Hungary

11 How long in U. S. (if of foreign birth) 28 years

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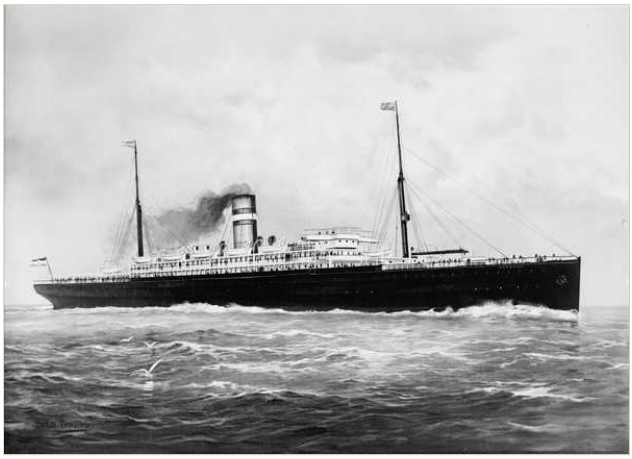
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Samuel Eilender's death certificate, New York, 1937: his father is named as Eliza (Elias) Eilender and his mother as Agnes, both born in Hungary. CONFIRMED

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.

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



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

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



The same manifest: going to her husband, Samuel Eilander, 178 Brook Avenue, Bronx. CONFIRMED

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

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

NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives



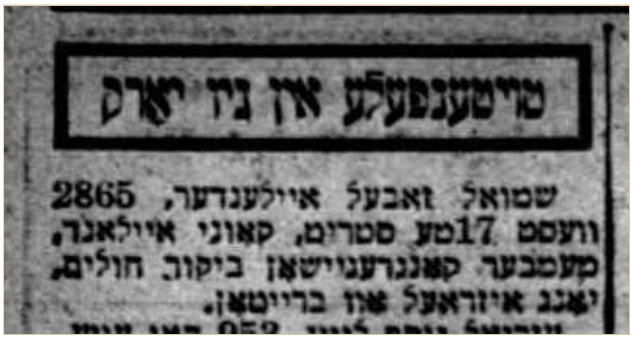
The Eilender family in the 1930 census, Bronx, with their years of immigration: Samuel 1909, Rose and the children 1913. CONFIRMED

1930 U.S. Census, Bronx, U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch, host)



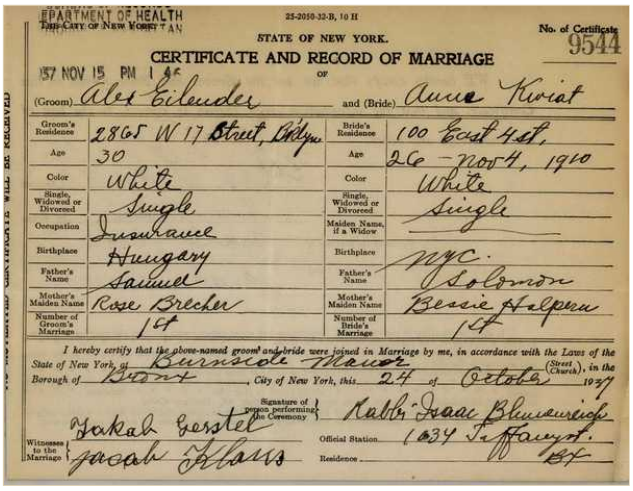
Rose Eilender with Elmer (entered as "Elsmere"), Frieda and Joseph in the 1920 census, Bronx. CONFIRMED

1920 U.S. Census, Bronx, ED 279, sheet 8B, 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

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



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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STATE OF NEW YORK.
No. of Certificate 9544

CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF MARRIAGE
OF

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(Groom) Alex Eilender and (Bride) Anna Kviat

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

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 Bernard Mem. (Street Church), in the Borough of Bronx, City of New York, this 24 of October 1937

Signature of person performing the Ceremony: Rabbi Isaac Bluwenstein
Official Station: 1034 Tiffany St.
Witnesses to the Marriage: Jakob Gerstel, Jacob Sklars
Residence: Bx

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

NYC Municipal Archives, historical vital records, Bronx marriages 1937, no. 9544



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

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

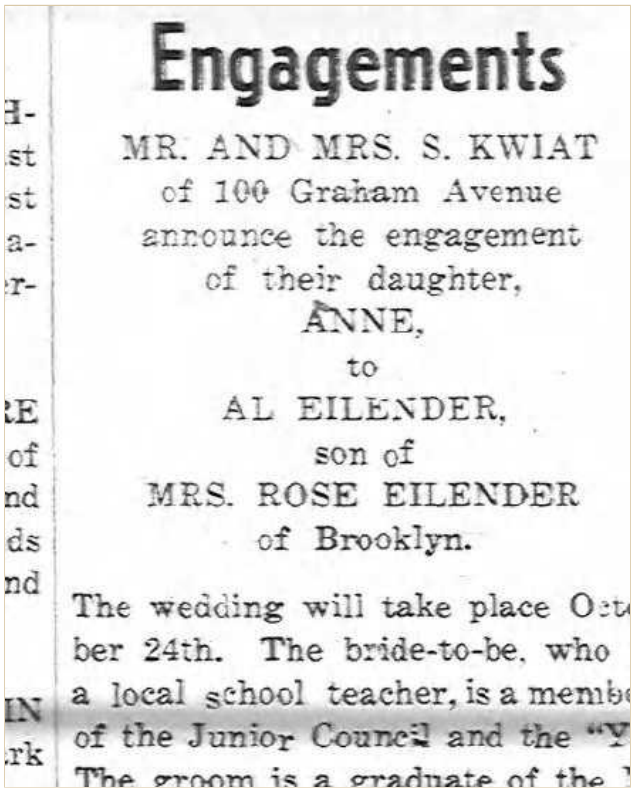


Mrs. Alex Eilander

Mrs. Anne Kwiat Eilander, wife of Alex Eilander, died yesterday

Notice of the death of Mrs. Alex Eilander — Anne, née Kwiat — Paterson, New Jersey, March 1944. CONFIRMED

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 Oct
ber 24th. The bride-to-be, who
a local school teacher, is a membe
of the Junior Council and the "Y
The groom is a graduate of the

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

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



ANNE KWIAT GIVEN SHOWER AND LUNCHEON

A shower and luncheon was tendered Miss Anne Kwiat on Sunday, October 10, by her mother, Mrs. S. Kwiat, at Kein's, 265 Graham avenue, in honor of her forthcoming marriage.

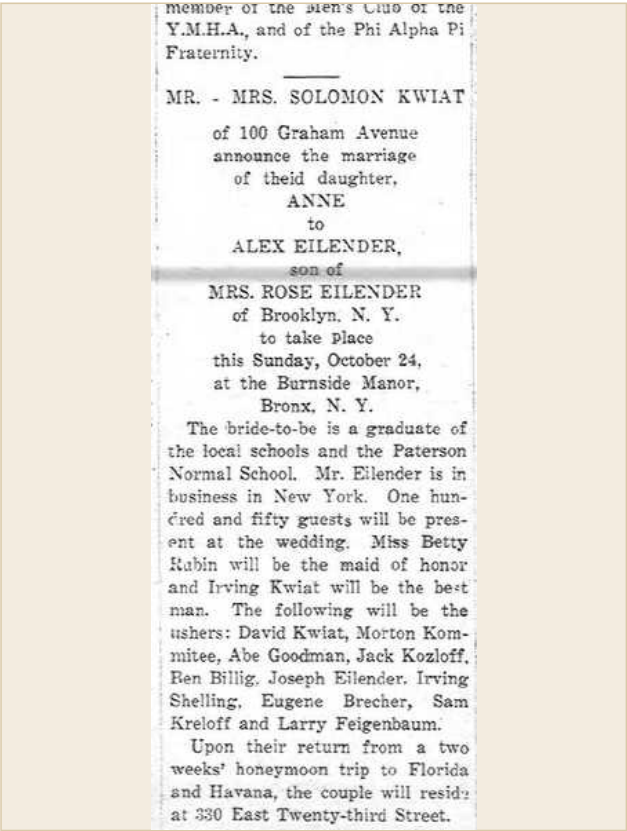
Among those present were: Mr. S. Kwiat, Mrs. L. Kwiat, Esther Kwiat, Anne Kwiat, Jennie Goodman, Lillian Levy, Frances Levy, Mrs. Rose Sprechman, Evelyn Rosenfelt, Esther Chazen, Helen Blumenthal, Mary Bressler, Theresa Wolff, Mrs. Rose Kozlo Anne Taub, Ida Judlow, M tha Shurkin, Mrs. J. Vio W. Krachman, Mrs. L. Vic S. Viorst, Mrs. Ann Levy Yetta Kuchinsky and Minn son of Paterson.

Mrs. Nita Komitee, Mrs ender, Frieda Eilender, F bin, Muriel Selke, Mrs. Be ler of New York, and Mrs of Bayonne. Irving Kw Goodman, Morton Komite Eilender.

Miss Anne Kwiat will be bride of Al. Eilender of N on October 24th, in New Y

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

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



member of the Men's Club of the Y.M.H.A., and of the Phi Alpha Pi Fraternity.

MR. - MRS. SOLOMON KWIAT

of 100 Graham Avenue announce the marriage of theid daughter,

ANNE

to

ALEX EILENDER,

son of

MRS. ROSE EILENDER

of Brooklyn, N. Y.

to take place this Sunday, October 24, at the Burnside Manor, Bronx, N. Y.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the local schools and the Paterson Normal School. Mr. Eilender is in business in New York. One hundred and fifty guests will be present at the wedding. Miss Betty Rubin will be the maid of honor and Irving Kwiat will be the best man. The following will be the ushers: David Kwiat, Morton Kommitee, Abe Goodman, Jack Kozloff, Ben Billig, Joseph Eilender, Irving Shelling, Eugene Brecher, Sam Kreloff and Larry Feigenbaum.

Upon their return from a two weeks' honeymoon trip to Florida and Havana, the couple will reside at 330 East Twenty-third Street.

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

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



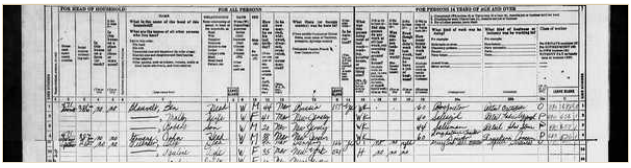
Rose Eilender, widowed, with her son Joseph and daughter Frieda in the 1940 census, Brooklyn. CONFIRMED

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



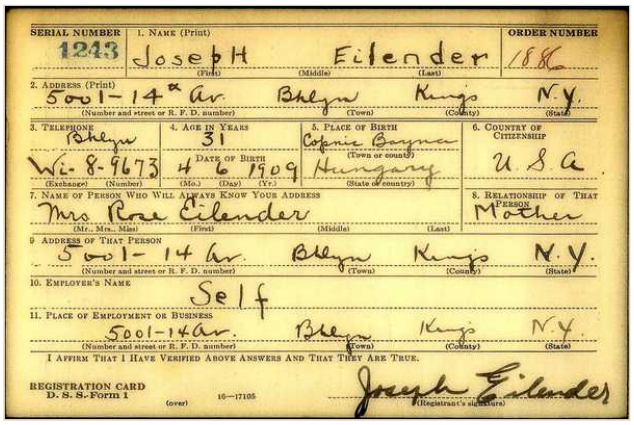
2853 West 28th Street, Coney Island, Brooklyn, about 1940: the address of Rose Eilender, widowed, with Joseph and Frieda in the 1940 census. LIKELY

NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives



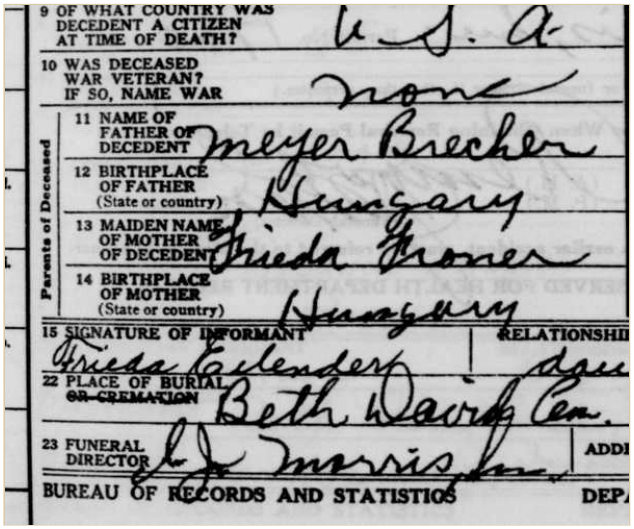
Alex (Elemér) Eilender, 42, born in Hungary, with his wife Pauline in Paterson, New Jersey, in the 1950 census. LIKELY

United States Census, 1950, Paterson, Passaic County, New Jersey (FamilySearch), https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:6F9T-Z75R



Joseph Eilender, Rosa's son, born in Kapnikbánya on 6 April 1909, registers for the draft in Brooklyn, 16 October 1940, naming his mother Rose as his contact. CONFIRMED

U.S. World War II draft registration cards (FamilySearch)



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

NYC Municipal Archives, historical vital records, Brooklyn deaths 1948, no. 14036

Joseph H. Eilender's death is recorded in the California death index, which gives his mother's maiden name as Brecher; Alex Eilender's death is recorded in the New Jersey death index for 1963.



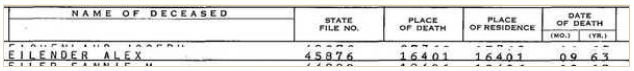
Frieda and Joseph Eilender, Rosa's twins, in the 1950 census, Brooklyn. CONFIRMED

1950 U.S. census, Brooklyn, ED 24-2863 (National Archives)



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

Family records



NAME OF DECEASED	STATE FILE NO.	PLACE OF DEATH	PLACE OF RESIDENCE	DATE OF DEATH (MO.)	DATE OF DEATH (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

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 Brașov. 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.



kel 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 Ignácz 6 K, Fazekas Mózesné 1 K, Izsák Ferencz 1 K, Brecher Márkus 1 K, Lőwi Ernő 1 K, Varga Lipót 2 K, Gerő Dezső 1 K, Grünfeld Adolf 1 K, Vértes Adolf 1 K, Markovits Miksa 1 K, özv. Lőwi

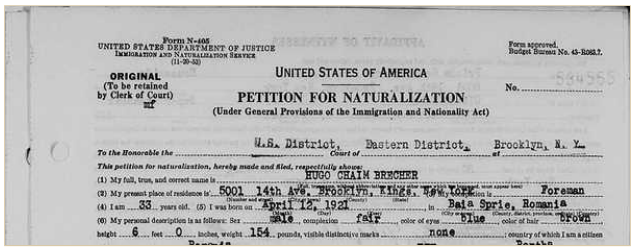
Guests who paid extra at a charity ball in Nagybánya, March 1908: Márkus Brecher, one crown. LIKELY

Nagybányai Hírlap, 22 March 1908 (Hungaricana)



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

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, Felsőbánya births, unit MM-F-00743-1-1-00621



Form N-405
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
Form approved.
Budget Bureau No. 43-R063.7.

ORIGINAL
(To be retained by Clerk of Court)

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

No. 549555

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

This petition for naturalization, hereby made and filed, respectfully shows:

(1) My full, true, and correct name is HUGO CHAIM BRECHER

(2) My present place of residence is 5001 14th Ave. Brooklyn, Kings, New York

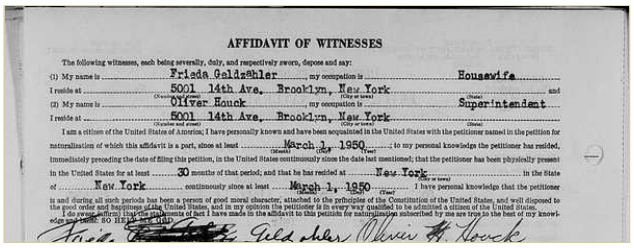
(3) I am 33 years old. (5) I was born on April 12, 1921 in Baia Sprie, Romania

(6) 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 distinctive marks none; country of which I am a citizen

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

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:/61903/1:1:6GGS-YWSP



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

(1) My name is Frieda Geldzahler, my occupation is Housewife

I reside at 5001 14th Ave, Brooklyn, New York

(2) My name is Oliver Houck, 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, to my personal knowledge the petitioner has resided, immediately preceding the date of filing this petition, in the United States continuously since the date last mentioned; that the petitioner has been physically present in the United States for at least 30 months of that 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.

I do (we do affirm) that the statements of fact I have made in this affidavit to this petition for naturalization subscribed by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. SO HELP ME GOD.

Frieda Geldzahler Oliver H. Houck

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

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:/61903/1:1:6GGS-YWSP



621—914. sz. **Névjegyzék**

a nbányai járásban az 1893. évben született teljesen ismeretlen állításköteleseiről.

Brecher Jakab, Doczil Mihály, Csillik Dezső, Slevenszki Sándor, Vimán György, Klein Eliás, Márk Tódor Kapnikbánya.

Nagybánya, 1914. márc. 20. Inancsy, főszólgabiró.

1626—914. sz. **Körözés.**

Vetés községi illetőségű 1906-657. tszkvi. Szántó Miklós a m. kir. 12 sz. hadkiegészitő parancsnoksag 765—1914 kieg. sz. szerint, mint szökevény 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: Jakab Brecher. Meir's son Jakob was born in 1893. POSSIBLE

Szatmárvármegye Hivatalos Lapja, 2 April 1914 (Hungaricana)



éves, szivgyuladás; – 11. jan. 20. özv. Palkovics Mártonné r. k. 68 éves, májbaj; – 12. jan. 4. Nagy Mihály bányamunkás, 50 éves, háborus holttányilvánitás.

Házasságot kötöttek: 1. jan. 12. Májercsák 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; – 4. jan. 21. Mergescu Dumitru hadnagy és Husovszky Gizela.

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

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.



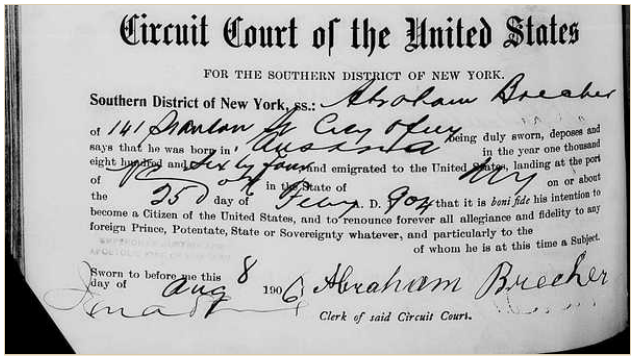
The Hamburg-America liner Moltke leaving Hoboken, September 1902; Abraham Brecher and his son Benjamin arrived on her from Rădăuți in February 1904.

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

NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives



Circuit Court of the United States

FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

Southern District of New York, ss.: Abraham Brecher

of 141 Stanton St City of New York being duly sworn, deposes and says that he was born in Austria in the year one thousand eight hundred and 64 and emigrated to the United States, landing at the port of New York on or about the 25th day of Feby A. D. 1904 that it is *boni fide* his intention to become a Citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the of whom he is at this time a Subject.

Sworn to before me this 8 day of Aug 1906 Abraham Brecher

Clerk of said Circuit Court.

Abraham Brecher of 141 Stanton Street declares his intention to become an American citizen, U.S. Circuit Court, New York, 8 August 1906: born in Austria in 1864, he had landed on 25 February 1904. He signs his own name. CONFIRMED

U.S. Circuit Court, Southern District of New York, declarations of intention (FamilySearch)



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

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



Abraham and Miriam Brecher with their daughter Ida in the 1920 census, Lower East Side, Manhattan: all born in Bukovina. CONFIRMED

1920 U.S. Census, Manhattan, ED 370, sheet 5A (FamilySearch)



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

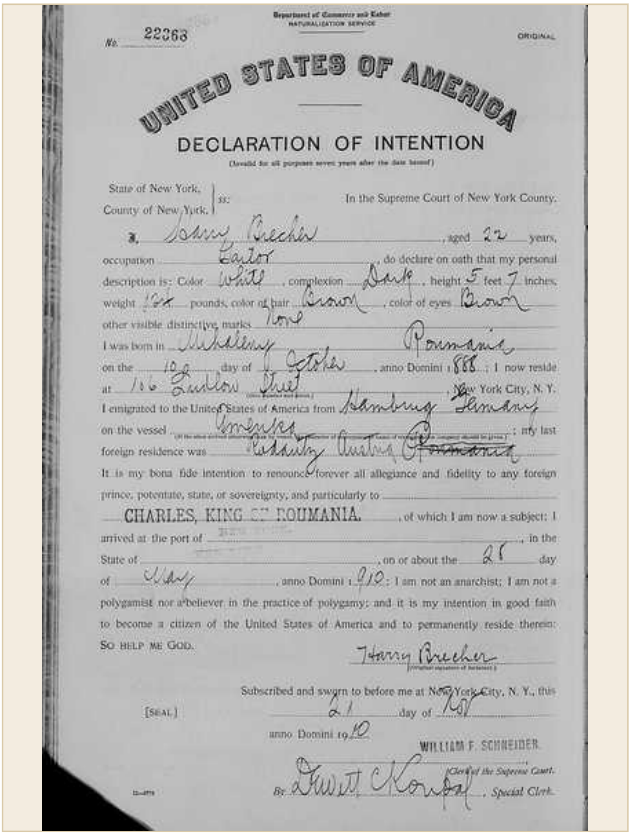
Harry (Hersch, Binyamin Tzvi) Brecher	b. 10 Oct 1888, Mihăileni, on the Siret at the Bukovina–Romania border; arr. New York 28 May 1910; d. 3 Sep 1962; buried Montefiore Cemetery, Queens
Parents	Abraham (Avraham HaKohen) Brecher and Miriam Langsner
Grandfather	Eisig Brecher of Rădăuți, living in May 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



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

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



Department of Commerce and Labor
NATURALIZATION SERVICE

No. 22363 ORIGINAL

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

State of New York, County of New York, } ss: 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 124 pounds, color of hair Brown, color of eyes Brown, other visible distinctive marks None. I was born in Mihaileny Roumania, on the 10 day of October, anno Domini 1888; I now reside at 106 Ludlow Street, New York City, N. Y. I emigrated to the United States of America from Hamburg Germany on the vessel Amerika; my last foreign residence was Radautz Austria Roumania. It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to CHARLES, KING OF ROUMANIA, of which I am now a subject; I arrived at the port of [illegible], in the State of [illegible], on or about the 25 day of May, anno Domini 1910; I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer 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.

Harry Brecher
(Petitioner's signature of full name)

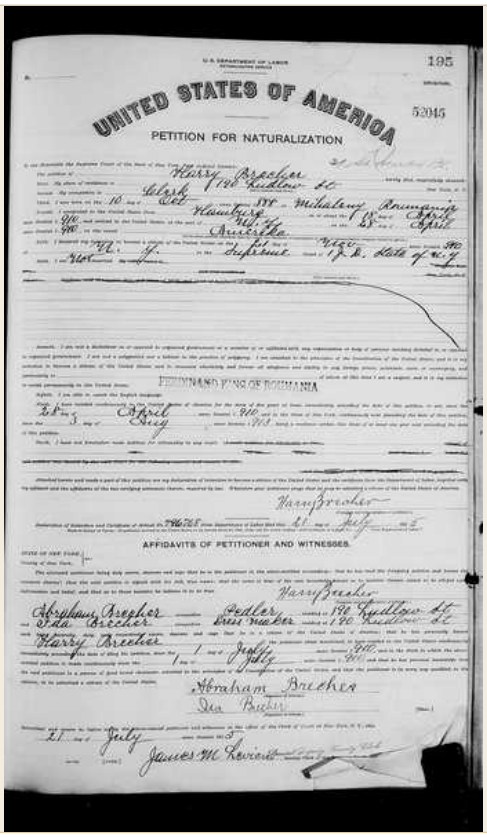
Subscribed and sworn to before me at New York City, N. Y., this 21 day of May anno Domini 1910

[SEAL.]

WILLIAM F. SCHNEIDER,
Clerk of the Supreme Court.
By Ernest C. Korbel, Special Clerk.

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

New York County Supreme Court, declarations of intention, 21 Nov 1910 (FamilySearch)



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

52045

AFFIDAVITS OF PETITIONER AND WITNESSES.

Harry Brecher

Abraham Brecher — Pedler — 190 Ludlow St

Ida Brecher — Dress maker — 190 Ludlow St

Harry Brecher

Abraham Brecher

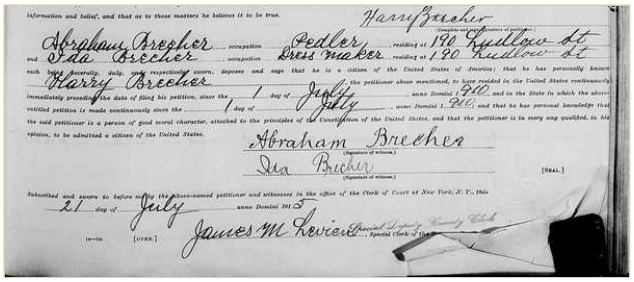
Ida Bucher

21 July

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

New York County Supreme Court, Petition for Naturalization no. 52045 (FamilySearch)



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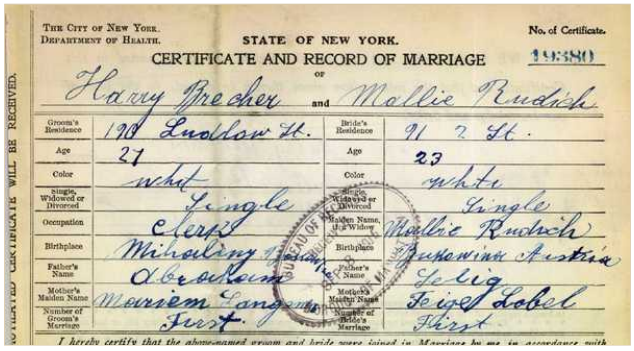
Abraham Brecher

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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

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.

No. of Certificate. 19380

CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF MARRIAGE

OF

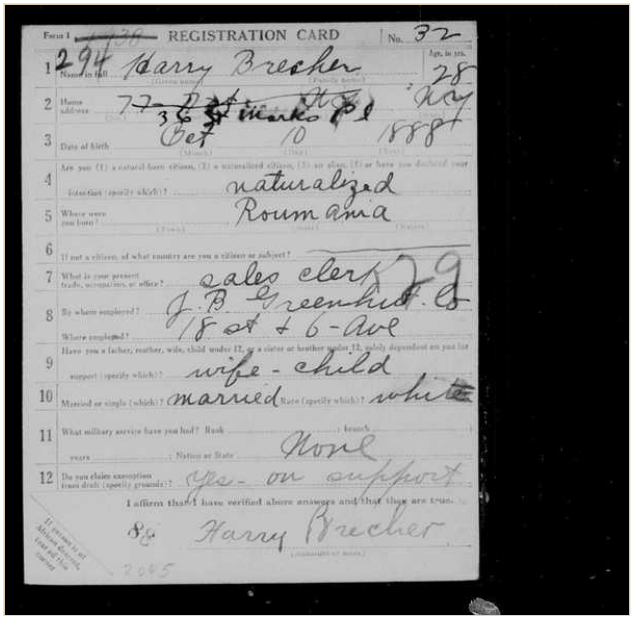
Harry Brecher and Mollie Rudich

	Groom		Bride
Residence	190 Ludlow St.	Residence	91 2 St.
Age	27	Age	23
Color	wht	Color	wht
Single, Widowed or Divorced	single	Single, Widowed or Divorced	single
Occupation	clerk	Maiden Name, if Widow	Mollie Rudich
Birthplace	Mihaileny	Birthplace	Bukowina Austria
Father's Name	Abraham	Father's Name	Selig
Mother's Maiden Name	Moriem Langsner	Mother's Maiden Name	Feige Lobel
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

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

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



REGISTRATION CARD No. 72

1 294 Harry Brecher — 28

2 77 [illegible] St — New York

3 Date of birth: Oct 10 1888

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

5 Where were you born? 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.

Where employed? 18 st & 6-Ave

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely 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; Branch: ; years: ; Nation or State:

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

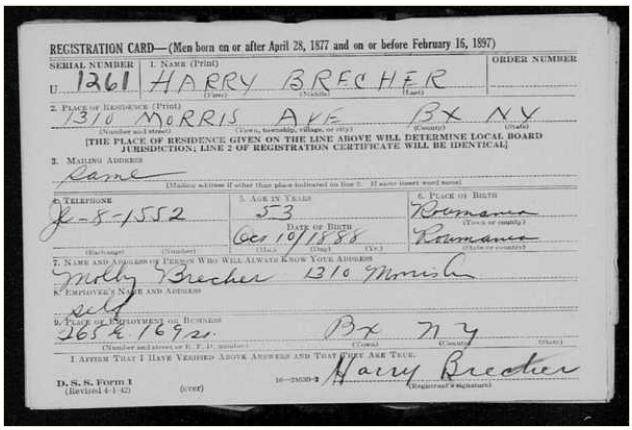
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

Harry Brecher

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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

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



REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U 1261 | 1. NAME (Print) HARRY BRECHER | ORDER NUMBER

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 1310 MORRIS AVE BX NY

[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

4. TELEPHONE K-8-1552 | 5. AGE IN YEARS 53 | DATE OF BIRTH Oct 10 1888 | 6. PLACE OF BIRTH Romania Romania

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Molly Brecher 1310 Morris

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS self

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 265 E 169th BX NY

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE. Harry Brecher (Registrant's signature)

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42) 16—28630-2

Harry Brecher's Second World War registration card, the Bronx, April 1942: aged 53, living at 1310 Morris Avenue with his wife Molly and running his own business at 265 East 169th Street. CONFIRMED

U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 (NARA; FamilySearch)



Harry and Mollie Brecher in the 1950 census, the Bronx: Harry, 60, a textile clerk born in Romania; Mollie, 55, born in Austria.

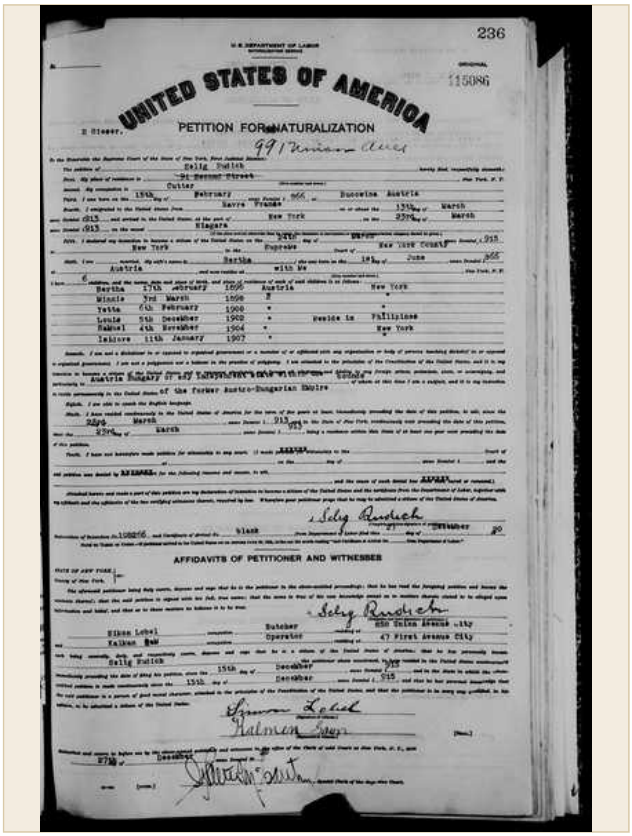
CONFIRMED

1950 U.S. Census, Bronx, ED 3-2020, sheet 8, lines 14–15 (NARA; FamilySearch)



The gravestone of Harry (Binyamin Tzvi) Brecher, son of Avraham HaKohen Brecher, 10 October 1888 – 3 September 1962, and his wife Mollie (Malka), daughter of Asher Zelig, 22 December 1892 – 19 March 1980, Montefiore Cemetery, Queens. CONFIRMED

Find a Grave memorials 158155543 and 158155549, Montefiore Cemetery, Springfield Gardens, Queens



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PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

99 Manhattan Ave

Selig Rudich

91 Second Street

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Supreme Court New York County

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Minnie 3rd March 1898 F

Yetta 6th February 1900

Louis 5th December 1902 Manila P.I. Philippines

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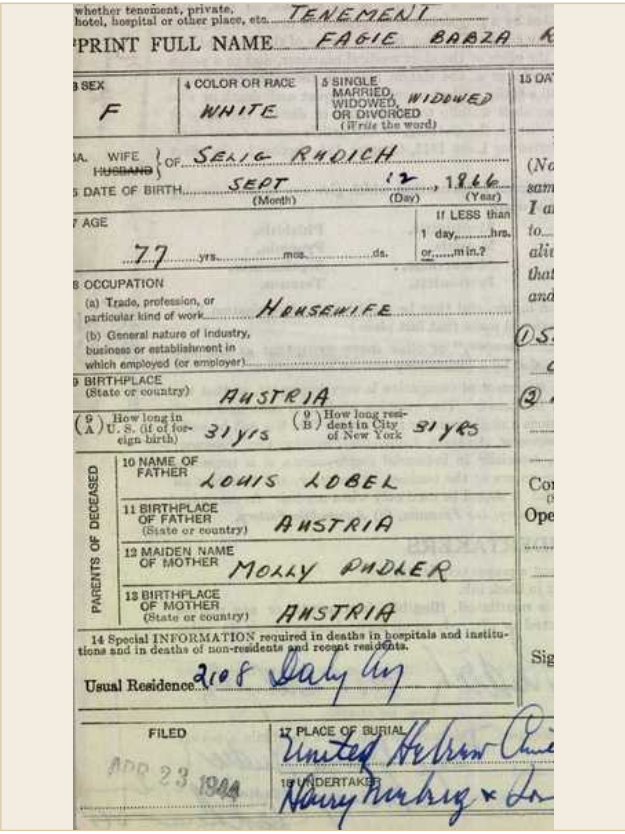
December 15th December

Simon Lobel

Nathan Rae

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

New York naturalization petition, 1920 (FamilySearch)



whether tenement, private, hotel, hospital or other place, etc. TENEMENT
PRINT FULL NAME FAGIE BABZA
SEX F | COLOR OR RACE WHITE | SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (If Yes the word) WIDOWED
WIFE / HUSBAND of SELIG RUDICH
DATE OF BIRTH SEPT (Month) 12 (Day) 1866 (Year)
AGE 77 yrs. mos. ds. | If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?
OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work HOUSEWIFE (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)
BIRTHPLACE (State or country) AUSTRIA
(9A) How long in U. S. (if of foreign birth) 31 yrs | (9B) How long resident in City of New York 51 yrs
PARENTS OF DECEASED
10 NAME OF FATHER LOUIS LOBEL
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) AUSTRIA
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER MOLLY RADLER
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) AUSTRIA
14 Special INFORMATION required in deaths in hospitals and institutions and in deaths of non-residents and recent residents.
Usual Residence 210 Bay ...
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17 PLACE OF BURIAL United Hebrew ...
18 UNDERTAKER Harry Herbig & Son

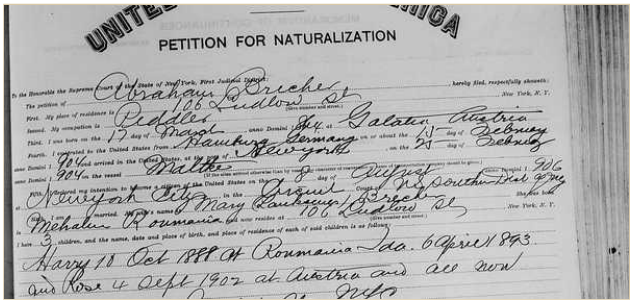
Death certificate of Mollie's mother, Fagie (Feige) Rudich née Lobel, the Bronx, 24 April 1944: born 12 September 1866 in Bukovina, daughter of Louis Lobel and Molly Rudler, widow of Selig Rudich. CONFIRMED

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

Ida

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ham'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


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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

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


LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE U. S. IMMIGRATION OFFICER AT PORT OF ARRIVAL

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

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

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

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.)

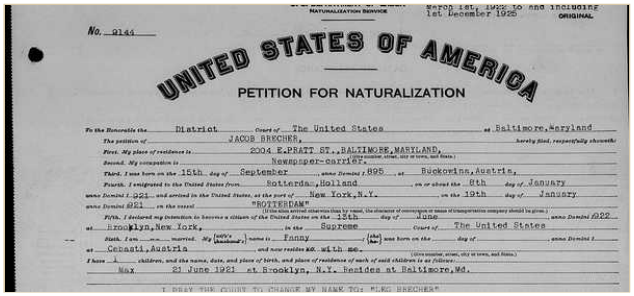
Leon Brecher of Baltimore

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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LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
S.S. ROTTERDAM Passengers sailing from ROTTERDAM 8 JANUARY 19 21

Jacob Brecher, 26, a student from Siret, arrives at Ellis Island on the Rotterdam, 19 January 1921; his nearest relative at home is Marcus Brecher of Siret. CONFIRMED

New York passenger arrival lists (Ellis Island), SS Rotterdam, arr. 19 Jan 1921, p. 111, line 10 (NARA T715, roll 2912; FamilySearch)


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 showeth:
First. My place of residence is 2004 E. PRATT ST., BALTIMORE, MARYLAND,
Second. My occupation is Newspaper-carrier.
Third. I was born on the 15th day of September anno Domini 1895 at Bukowina, Austria,
Fourth. I emigrated to the United States from Rotterdam, Holland on or about the 8th day of January anno Domini 1921, and arrived in the United States, at the port of New York, N.Y. on the 19th day of January anno Domini 1921, on the vessel "ROTTERDAM"
Fifth. I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on the 15th day of June anno Domini 1922 at Brooklyn, New York, in the Supreme Court of The United States
State, I am married. My wife's name is Fanny (also known as Fani) was born on the day of anno Domini and now resides at Czenati, Austria with me.
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"

Jacob Brecher's petition for American citizenship, Baltimore, 1927: born 15 September 1895 in Bukovina, he asked the court to change his name to Leo Brecher. CONFIRMED

U.S. District Court, District of Maryland, petition no. 9144, 2 Mar 1927 (NARA M1640; FamilySearch)



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

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

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.

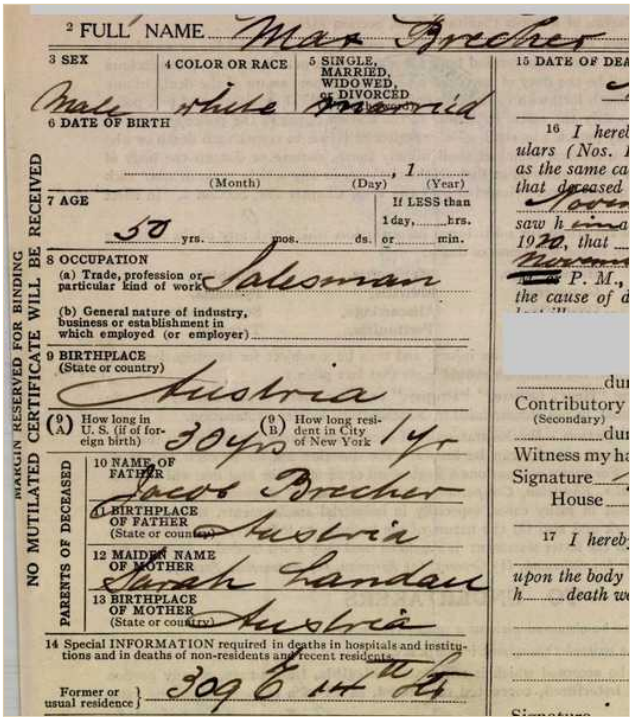
Related Siret Kohen Brechers in New York

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



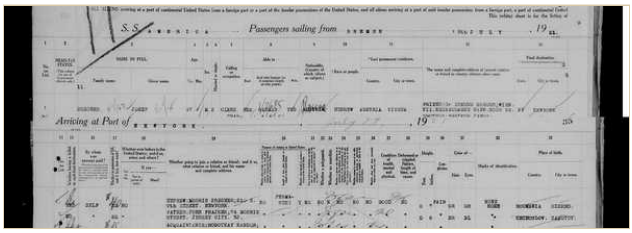
The stone of Joseph Ira Brecher (Yosef ben Yaakov HaKohen, 1883–1973), born in Siret, and his wife Anna Rita (Chaya Rachel bat Shmuel, 1889–1981), Mount Hebron Cemetery, Queens. The carved hands mark him as a Kohen. CONFIRMED

Find a Grave memorials 77397759 and 77397744, Mount Hebron Cemetery, Flushing, Queens



Max Brecher's death certificate, the Bronx, November 1920: a salesman of 50, born in Austria, son of Jacob Brecher and Sarah Landau. CONFIRMED

NYC Department of Health, death certificate no. 7469 (Bronx, 1920), NYC Municipal Archives

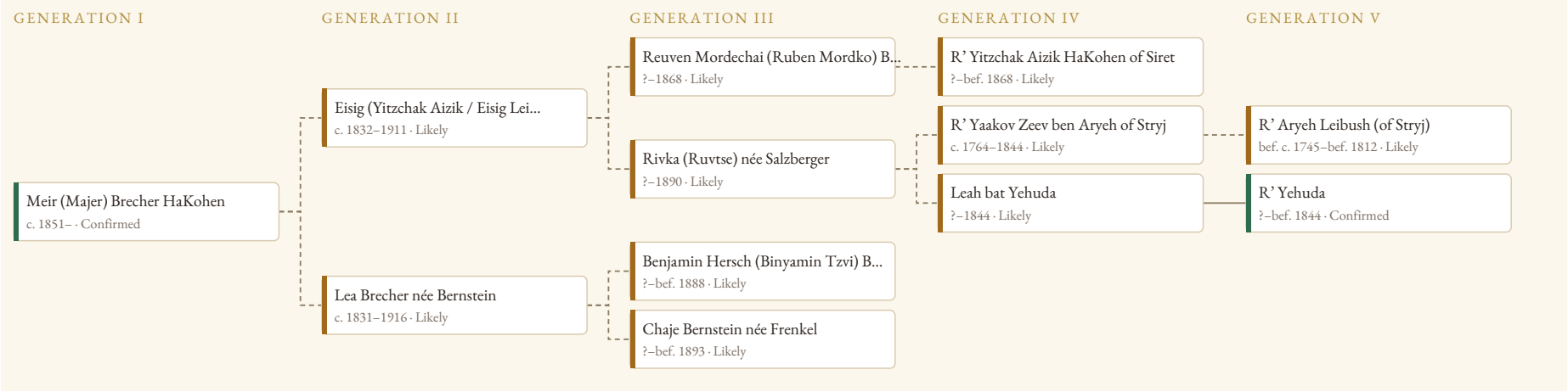


Josef Brecher, 47, a clerk born in Sereth and living in Vienna, arrives in New York on the America in July 1921 to join his nephew Morris Brecher on East 9th Street. LIKELY

New York passenger arrival lists (Ellis Island), SS America, July 1921 (FamilySearch)

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Ancestors as the records show them. Likely links are drawn dashed; people still only possible are left off.



Records found since the book

- Samuel Eilender's First World War draft card, the Bronx, 12 Sep 1918: 1034 Tiffany Street, born 28 Dec 1878, a naturalized citizen, agent for the New York Life Insurance Co.; nearest relative his wife Rose. CONFIRMED
  WWI draft registration cards, NARA M1509 (FamilySearch 1:1:W74X-FMW2)
- The Eilenders in the 1915 New York State census, the Bronx: Samuel 37, Rose, and Alex ("Alemer") 8, Frieda 6 and Joseph 6. LIKELY
  NYS census 1915, Bronx, A.D. 30, E.D. 38, p. 98 (FamilySearch index 1:1:K9XG-Y3K)
- R' Asher and Pesel's civil marriage at Szurdok, 8 Jul 1902 (act 29), read in full: Asher an innkeeper of Kapnikbánya, born at Sereth in 1877, son of Májer Brecher, innkeeper of Kapnikbánya, and the late Fáni Frohner; Pepi Kupfermann born at Szurdok on 10 December (1882 on the act; 10 Dec 1881 in her birth register), daughter of the late Izsák Kupfermann and Háni Lebovics. Pesel's birth is now Confirmed. CONFIRMED
  Strâmtura civil marriages 1902, act 29 (Romanian National Archives, Maramureș); JewishGen Máramaros births Book 564, p. 88 row 13
- A new sister of Pesel: Szlova Kupferman, born at Szurdok on 6 May 1896. Her birth act gives their father Izsák as a grocer-merchant born at Kolomea, Galicia, about 1861 (his death act says Kosów, kept as a variant), and their mother Háni as born at Szurdok about 1864. Three more siblings from the Szurdok register — Perel (1887), Chajem Leb (1891) and Frajem Samuel (1894) — are Likely; József Jánkú (1898) and Amália (1900) are Confirmed from their own birth acts. CONFIRMED
  Strâmtura civil marriages 1902 act 29 and births 1896 act 47 (Romanian National Archives, Maramureș); JewishGen Máramaros Vital Records index
- Six more children of R' Chaim Leib Lebovits, Chaya Rivka's brothers and half-sisters, all born at Szurdok: Iczik (1873) and Salamon (1875) with his first wife Pessel; Szura (1881), Roza (1883), Joszef Jakob (1887) and Neche (1889) with his second wife Szilke Dub. His civil death entry (11 Mar 1891, aged 49, "spouse of Szilke Dub") agrees with his stone (Confirmed). LIKELY
  JewishGen Máramaros Vital Records index (births Books 564, 1100, 1101; marriages Books 31 and 235; deaths Book 1107)
- Samuel Eilender's mother Eigye Katz died at Felsővisó on 18 Jan 1877, aged 36, ten days after his birth. Two older children of the family, Alter (6) and Devojra (4), died there in December 1867, and a daughter Reize was born in Oct 1874 (these three Likely). CONFIRMED
  JewishGen Máramaros Vital Records index, Felsővisó deaths Book 569 and births Book 565
- Pessel (Perl) Brecher's stone in the Orthodox cemetery of Satu Mare, plot 16-01-20, in the same row as her husband Chaim Yehuda: daughter of Eliezer, died 11 May 1941. CONFIRMED
  szatmar.us Satu Mare Orthodox cemetery register, row 'Brecher Perl'
- Samuel Eilender's declaration of intention, New York County, 9 Dec 1910: born at Felső Visó 26 Jan 1877, last residence Kapnik, arrived 26 Jul 1909 on the Cleveland. CONFIRMED
  New York County declaration of intention no. 24099 (FamilySearch)
- Benjámin Brecher, an agent, was 34 when his daughter Izabella was born in Nagybánya on 21 November 1918; her mother was Berta Sarfstein, also 34. A son, Jenő, was born there on 24 August 1917. Benjámin was born about 1884, which would fit Meir's family, but the register gives neither his birthplace nor his parents. POSSIBLE
  Nagybánya civil birth registers 1917 and 1918 (Maramureș county branch of the Romanian National Archives, online name index and register images)
- The online name indexes of the civil registers of Kapnikbánya (births and marriages 1895–1909), Felsőbánya (from 1895) and Nagybánya (1895–1920) were read for Brecher, Frohner and Eilender. Every Brecher entry in Kapnik and Felsőbánya is already on the site; Nagybánya adds only Benjámin Brecher's two children. Meir's death was not found. SEARCHED
  Romanian National Archives, Maramureș county branch, online register indexes

- Mayer (Meir) Brecher was a witness at three civil weddings of Kapnikbánya families registered in the Nagybánya district: 20 March 1904, 6 August 1905 and 28 January 1906 — he was still living in Kapnikbánya then. LIKELY

  JewishGen Máramaros Vital Records, Marriages, Nagybánya district, 1904–1906 (Romanian National Archives, Baia Mare branch)

- A portrait of R' Asher Brecher exists: the Sighet memorial book prints his photograph in its Sighet chapter, p. 23, captioned "ר' אשר ברכר" (R' Asher Brecher). It is the only known photograph of him. The book's reuse terms are not stated, so the portrait is not copied here; it can be seen on the scanned page: https://archive.org/details/nybc314151/page/n182/mode/1up CONFIRMED

  Sefer Marmarosh (Tel Aviv: Bet Marmarosh, 1983), Sighet chapter p. 23, Yiddish Book Center collection on the Internet Archive (nybc314151, leaf n182)

- The facing page, p. 22, in the memorial book's own words: "קלויז של חסידי קאסוב. גבאי ראשי היה ר' אשר ברכר ובנו ר' יוסף היה מגיד שיעור בגמרא ותוספות." — "The kloiz of the Kosov chassidim. Its head gabbai was R' Asher Brecher, and his son R' Yosef gave the shiur in Gemara and Tosafot." The page goes on: the printers, the Rosenthal brothers, prayed there, and the Kosov Rebbe (author of Leket Ani) came to Sighet often. Scanned page: https://archive.org/details/nybc314151/page/n181/mode/1up CONFIRMED

  Sefer Marmarosh (Tel Aviv, 1983), Sighet chapter p. 22, Internet Archive nybc314151, leaf n181

- Devora née Josef, wife of Simcha Eliezer: daughter of Shlomo Elazar Josef and Sima née Zoldan; her brothers were Hersh Dovid and Elya (Eli) Josef, born in Salish (memorial records). CONFIRMED

  Holocaust victims' central names database, a memorial record, archive file 25052022_9244, pages 55–56

- Izrael died at Munkács on 4 February 1924, aged two and a half; his parents are named as Miksa Brecher and Zali née Grunberg, of Szatmár (Munkács death register) — raised from Likely. CONFIRMED

  JewishGen "Subcarpathia and Vicinity Deaths", State Archives of Zakarpattia, Fund 1606, Opus 15, Delo 121, entry 1924-44

- Rosa died in Brooklyn on 7 July 1948 and was buried at Beth David Cemetery; her death certificate names her parents as Meyer Brecher and Frieda Froner. CONFIRMED

  New York City death certificate, Kings County, 1948, no. 14036 (NYC Municipal Archives)

- Feige Rachel (b. Nagybánya, 5 Jul 1890) and Jakob (b. Nagybánya, 13 Apr 1893) were children of Meir Brecher of Kapnikbánya and Freide née Frohner (Nagybánya birth register, Romanian National Archives, Baia Mare) — raised from Possible. A Chajim Juda born there on 8 Dec 1887 to Majer and Freide Brecher is Likely their son; that he is the later Chaim Yehuda (Miksa) stays Possible. CONFIRMED

  JewishGen Máramaros Vital Records, Births (Romanian National Archives, Baia Mare branch), Nagybánya register book 39, entries 34-20, 50-17, 22-35

- R' Asher's grandchildren, from every Brecher page of the memorial-record file: Nachum Ze'ev and Minda had at least two children, among them Usher (Asher), born in Grosswardein in 1940; Tema and Chaim Tabak had four children, among them Motti; Chaim Leib's wife and their four children perished with him; Yosef (Yossel), his wife and their two children, both born in Grosswardein, perished; Yitzchak and Frimet's three children perished at Auschwitz with their parents; Simcha Eliezer and Devora's only child, a baby of about six months, perished in the ghetto. None of the children's first names is recorded; each now has a place on the tree. CONFIRMED

  Holocaust victims' central names database, a memorial record, archive file 25052022_9244, pages 11–38 and 46–47

- R' Asher's family, from memorial records read page by page (every page names the parents "Usha" and "Pessel"; Pessel's own page gives her father as Yitzchok): Chaim Leib Brecher, born in Sighet in 1921, married, with children, died 1945 (a memorial record, item 15040134); Leah, born in Sighet, unmarried, perished at Auschwitz; Simcha Eliezer (Lázár), born in Sighet, perished with his wife Devora née Josef (daughter of Shlomo Elazar Josef and Sima née Zoldan) and their baby; Yosef, living in Grosswardein (Oradea), perished with his wife and two children; Yitzchak and Frimet perished with at least three children (Frimet: a memorial record, item 15040135); Tema (Temtcha) and her husband Chaim Tabak perished with their children, among them son Motti; Freida, married, with children. CONFIRMED

  Holocaust victims' central names database, archive file 25052022_9244 (filled in 2020 by a family member), pages read one by one

- Nachum Ze'ev's first wife, Minda, and their children perished at Auschwitz — among them Usher (Asher), born in Grosswardein (Oradea) in 1940 and named for his grandfather R' Asher (memorial records). CONFIRMED
  Holocaust victims' central names database, archive file 25052022_9244 (filled in 2020 by a family member), pages read one by one, pages 13 and 11
- Correction: in 1946 Nachum Brecher was a board member of Agudath Israel in Oradea; the report names Gershon Ulmann as chairman of the kibbutz committee there. CONFIRMED
  Agudath Israel Romania report (1946) p. 25, HebrewBooks.org 37049
- In 1946 David Brecher headed the list of the Sighet youth committee of Agudath Israel (the listing is certain; that he is David b. 1923, R' Asher's surviving son, is Likely). LIKELY
  Agudath Israel Romania report (1946) p. 36, HebrewBooks.org 37049
- R' Asher's son David HaKohen Brecher placed two printed dedications naming his parents, "R' Asher ben R' Meir HaKohen of Sighet and Pessel bat R' Yitzchak". His wife was Bracha Sima, daughter of Shraga Rafael ben Avraham David and Rachel Schwartz. CONFIRMED
  Likutei Chaver ben Chaim vol. 11 (reprint) p. 256, HebrewBooks.org no. 20787; Divrei Yoel II (New York 1982) p. 415, HebrewBooks.org no. 20339
- The same memorial lists R' Asher's household who perished at Auschwitz: Pessel; Freida and her family, Yitzchak and his family, Yosef and his family, Simcha Eliezer and his family, the young Chaim Yehuda and the unmarried Leah, and Tema with her husband R' Chaim — and Bracha Sima's parents and their children Miriam, Tzvi, Yosef Mordechai, Leah and Mindel. CONFIRMED
  Likutei Chaver ben Chaim vol. 11 (reprint) p. 256, HebrewBooks.org no. 20787
- Chaim Yehuda (Miksa) Brecher's gravestone in Satu Mare (1940), with the priestly hands of a Kohen, reads "son of R' Meir HaKohen Brecher", aged 52 — so he is now Likely Meir's son (was Possible). A survivors' index names his children Jenő (Eugen), Zwi Hugo, Lázár Szimha László and Béla Adalbert, and his second wife's maiden name, Kesztenbaum. LIKELY
  szatmar.us Satu Mare Jewish database: Orthodox cemetery index (plot 16-01-01a) and survivors' index
- R' Asher Brecher is listed as a tavern keeper and a shopkeeper (mixed goods) at Strâmtura in the 1924–25 national directory. LIKELY
  Anuarul Socec al României Mari 1924–25, Maramureș county, Strâmtura
- Pesel Kupferman's mother was Chaya Rivka Lebovits (b. 1864), daughter of R' Chaim Leib Lebovits of Strâmtura (d. 11 Mar 1891) and granddaughter of R' Yosef Yaakov Lebovits (b. 1815), a chassid of the Kosov rebbe who moved to Safed in 1868. LIKELY
  Shmuel Yosef HaKohen Brecher, Alei Zikaron no. 39 (2017), pp. 67–71
- Nachum Ze'ev Brecher (Farkas, son of R' Asher) sat on the Oradea board of Agudath Israel in 1946, with a printed portrait — the first known photograph of him; in Bnei Brak about 1964 he was among the Kosov chassidim. LIKELY
  Agudath Israel Romania report (Oradea 1946) p. 25, HebrewBooks.org no. 37049; Maayan HaChasidut vol. 1 p. 25, HebrewBooks.org no. 28214
- Yosef Brecher of Sighet, son of R' Asher, had his engagement greeting printed in Leket Sheshana, Satu Mare, 1939. LIKELY
  Leket Sheshana (Satu Mare 1939) p. 34, HebrewBooks.org no. 12962
- Markus Brecher's wife Frida was born 16 May 1896 at Taraczköz (Teresva), daughter of Mózes Moskovics and Chaja née Dikker; they married there on 27 Feb 1918. LIKELY
  JewishGen Hungary Database, Máramaros marriages, Teresva 1907–1925, Fund 1606, Opus 11, Delo 478, p. 77
- R' Asher Brecher's grave, Sighet: register entry 1971, "Asher Brecher, [parents] Meir and Frida, 5701, HaKohen", grave 57, row 2, block 2. CONFIRMED
  Sighet burial register (rebuilt 1972), sighet.org PAGE11
- Freide Brecher née Frohner's grave, Sighet: register entry 1036, "Freida, [husband] Meir, Kohen, [father] Yosef, 5660", grave 55, row 18, block 1. CONFIRMED
  Sighet burial register, sighet.org PAGE34

- R' Asher's will tells his sons to say daily the words "of my uncle the Rav R' Avraham David of Buczacz" (author of Daat Kedoshim). That he makes the claim is Confirmed; the actual kinship is Possible (the rabbi died in 1840). The will (p. 3, 1933) also shows a daughter still unmarried in 1933. CONFIRMED

  R' Asher Brecher's printed will (Sighet, 1930s) pp. 3, 15, HebrewBooks.org no. 34687

- Pessel (Perl) Brecher, d. 11 May 1941, Satu Mare: her father was Eliezer (parcel/row/place 16-01-20, in the row of Chaim Yehuda Brecher). CONFIRMED

  Satu Mare Orthodox cemetery catalogue, szatmar.us

- Two sons of Markus (Mátyás) Brecher and Frida née Moskovics appear in the 1945–46 lists: Emanuel (born at Brașov) and Jenő, both of Marosvásárhely (Târgu Mureș), both survived the war. The lists give the mother as Frida and as née Moskovits; no record names the father. (Not the same man as Jenő/Eugene Brecher, David's son.) LIKELY

  Holocaust memorial records, items 12759366, 7619416 and 7619518 (1945 list of Jews from Romania; card file of survivors returning to Hungary, 1945–46)

- Meir Brecher's death is not in the Kapnikbánya deaths 1907–20 either, so the Kapnik deaths are now read from 1895 to 1920. Nagybánya town deaths after 1906 are not online, so a death there (he was in Nagybánya in 1913) cannot be checked this way. The Dobromil Unger rows in the Jewish records indexes add nothing beyond what the site already has. SEARCHED

  Romanian National Archives, Maramureș, Kapnikbánya deaths 1907–20 index (unit 13914907); JRI-Poland, Dobromil

- Pesel's brother József Jánkú (b. 4 Jun 1898) and sister Amália (b. 5 Aug 1900): their original civil birth acts at Szurdok name their father Izsák Kupferman, merchant, born at Kolomea, Galicia, and their mother Hánna Lebovits, born at Szurdok — the same parents as Pesel. A margin note on Amália's act records her marriage to Pinkas Zelig Fruchter at Strâmtura on 14 May 1937 (act 23/1937). Both acts are in the gallery. CONFIRMED

  Strâmtura civil births 1898 act 49 and 1900 act 75 (Romanian National Archives, Maramureș, MM-F-00743, units 00458 image 144 and 00459 image 39)

- Pesel's great-grandfather: R' Shmuel Leib (Shmuel Aryeh) Bach, also written Bak and Junger, died at Bárdfalu (Berbești) on 22 Dec 1889, aged 78 (the death entry is Confirmed). He used both surnames, which explains why his daughter Pessel Lebovits is "née Bach" in one source and "née Junger" in another. He was sandak at his great-grandson Volf Kupferman's bris at Szurdok in May 1889. His wife Szluve died a widow at Bárdfalu on 22 May 1894, aged 75 — possibly Pessel's mother. LIKELY

  JewishGen Hungary Database, Máramaros Vital Records (index of the original registers, Romanian National Archives, Baia Mare branch), Bárdfalu deaths 1889 Book 1107 p. 4 row 15, 1894 Book 1107 p. 10 row 2; Szurdok births 1889 Book 1101

- Pessel's sister Chaje Szure Junger (also Bak) married Marku Tabak at Bárdfalu on 24 Feb 1887 (her parents Smiel Leb and Szluve); she died there in 1894. Marku Tabak was very likely the later father of Mihai Tabak, Tema Brecher's husband (a note on Mihai's page). LIKELY

  JewishGen Hungary Database, Máramaros Vital Records (index of the original registers, Romanian National Archives, Baia Mare branch), Bárdfalu marriages 1887, Book 1104 p. 2 row 2

- Samuel Eilender's naturalization file, Bronx County, petition no. 3671 (1915): Rosa (Brecher) Eilender born in Bukovina, Austria; the children Elmer (Alex), 18 Apr 1907, and the twins Josef and Freida, 6 Apr 1909, born in Hungary; the family at 169 Brook Avenue; Samuel a rabbi, a citizen from 28 Dec 1915 (certificate no. 647339). CONFIRMED

  Petition for Naturalization no. 3671 (vol. 15), Supreme Court, Bronx County, filed 8 Jun 1915, with certificate of arrival no. 814011 and declaration of intention no. 24099 (Bronx County Clerk – NY State Unified Court System naturalization records, viewed online 26 Oct 2026)

- Searched, nothing found: the civil birth indexes of Kapnikbánya (Oct 1895–1909), Felsőbánya and Nagybánya (Oct 1895–1920) and Máramarossziget (Oct 1895–1912) were read whole, and no child of Meir Brecher and Freide Frohner was registered after civil registration began in October 1895. The only Brecher births there are ones already on the site. Any missing child of theirs would have been born before 1895. No Brecher death or second marriage of Meir was found in the same towns' registers to about 1910–1920, so his death is still not found. CONFIRMED

  Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers, fond MM-F-00743, unit name indexes read on descopera.arhivelenationale.ro (27 Oct 2026)

- Searched, nothing found (October 2026): no record yet names Meir's parents, siblings or death. Checked: every Brecher row in the JewishGen Hungarian births, marriages and deaths (204 rows), the Bukovina births, deaths and marriages (271 rows) and the Romania vital records; the burial registry for Bukovina, Transylvania, Maramureș and Hungary; FamilySearch (Brecher with Sereth/Siret, Osias Brecher, Majer Brecher with Baia Mare); all 510 Brecher entries in the GeneaSearch Bukovina indexes (which include no Siret registers), all 1,475 Siret epitaphs, the Chernivtsi archive lists on Wikimedia Commons (none covers Siret or Storozhynets births) and the Storozynetz gymnasium roster 1911–14. The Czernowitz Meier Brecher whose sons were born 1878–1898 was a different man (his wife was Ruchel). His descent from Eisig stays Likely; the Kohen Brechers of Sereth in Bistrița (see Reuven Mordechai's card) are a Possible collateral branch only.

CONFIRMED

JewishGen databases and burial registry, read 27 Oct 2026; FamilySearch historical records; GeneaSearch Czernowitz/Bukovina indexes; Siret epitaph documentation; Chernivtsi archive (DAChO) fond 1 lists on Wikimedia Commons

Open leads

Not yet proven; kept here so the search can go on.

- Pessel Lebovits's mother was possibly Szluve Junger (d. Bárdfalu 1894, aged 75), the wife of her father R' Shmuel Leib Bak/Junger; no record names Pessel's mother (Possible; JewishGen Máramaros deaths, Bárdfalu, Book 1107).
- Hers and Szimon Lebovits of Szurdok each named a son Chajem Leb soon after R' Chaim Leib died in 1891, so they were possibly his brothers or other close kin (Possible; JewishGen Máramaros deaths Book 1107).
- Zanvel Katz, merchant of Felsővisó (d. 30 May 1890, aged 45), Samuel Eilender's sandak, was possibly Eigye Katz's younger brother (Possible; JewishGen Máramaros deaths Book 557, births Book 565).
- Freide's Frohner and Korber kin in Siret: Salomon Leib Frohner, a businessman of Sereth, and Chaje Sure née Gutmann had a son Uscher (born in Sereth about 1878) and a daughter Hudie, married in Sereth in 1901; a Moses Hersch Korber and Taube née Fischler, and a Mendel and Beile Korber, were also of Sereth. Freide's parents were József Frohner and Reize née Korber of Siret, so these are very probably relatives, but no record links them yet (Possible; JewishGen Bukovina births, Putna 1903 and others).
- Benjamin (Benő) Brecher, born about 1885, and Berta née Scharfstein had daughters Frida (5 May 1911) and Aranka (3 May 1912, died five days later) in Nagybánya, where Meir's family lived. His parents are not given (Possible kin; JewishGen Máramaros births, Nagybánya, Inventory 1480, Book 20).
- The 18th-century host R' Yitzchak (Itzik) of Strâmtura (b. 1763) may stand above the Lebovits line through his son-in-law R' Binyamin Abba (d. 1852) — the author's own suggestion, disputed (Possible).
- A pre-war photograph of "the Brecher family of Sighet" is held, not digitized, in the Brecher family collection of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (accession 2008.379), donated in Brooklyn in 2006 by David and Bernice Brecher. The record does not name the people in it; whether they are R' Asher's family is Possible (right surname and town).
- Traditional kinship, unproven: R' Asher's "my uncle the Rav R' Avraham David of Buczacz" is R' Avraham David Wahrman (1771–1840). His published biographies name his parents, R' Asher Anshel son of R' David Wahrman of Nadwórna and Rachel daughter of R' Avraham Rachlis, and his father-in-law, R' Zvi Hirsh Kara, rav of Buczacz. If the kinship runs through the Buczacz side of the family (Lea Bernstein's parents, Benjamin Hersch Bernstein and Chaje Frenkel), it would join the family to those 18th-century rabbis, but no record shows how they were related (Possible at most; Encyclopaedia Judaica, "Wahrmann, Abraham David ben Asher Anschel"; R' Asher's will, p. 15).

- Traditional lineage, unproven (1600s): Y. Kamelhar's Dor De'ah, reprinted in Sefer Buczacz (Tel Aviv, 1956), p. 74, opens its life of R' Avraham David Wahrman with "ויצא חוטר מגזע המהרש"א" ("a shoot came forth from the stock of the Maharsha"). The Maharsha is R' Shmuel Eliezer Eidels (1555–1631), rabbi of Lublin, Tykocin and Ostroh. The same page names the rabbi's parents as R' Asher Anshel and Rechil of Nadwórna. This is the only 1600s name found above anyone tied to this family, and it is not on the tree. Two links are missing: how R' Asher Brecher's family was related to the rabbi (his will says only "my uncle"), and every generation between the Maharsha and the Wahrmans, which the book does not name or say whether it runs through the father or the mother. Many families claim descent from the Maharsha. Possible at most (Sefer Buczacz p. 74, English translation on JewishGen; daat.ac.il, "R' Avraham David of Buczacz").
- Jenő Brecher, born at Nagybánya on 24 Aug 1917, son of Benjámin Brecher (already a Possible lead for this line): a list of persecuted persons gives the same birth date and 18 Jul 1944, Mauthausen (date and place only). Possible.
- Two infant children of a Feige Eilender, wool carder, of Felsővisó, Samuel Eilender's home village: Rifke, died 21 Nov 1904 aged about two months (death act 162), and Elias, died 20 Oct 1908 aged 2 (death act 180); no father entered. Feige is the only one of the name in the county index, and the name Elias recalls Samuel's father Elia, so she is possibly Samuel's sister Feiga (b. 1870): records Confirmed, kinship Possible. Pages in the gallery.
- Izrael (b. 23 Mar 1900, act 102) and Regina (b. 7 Mar 1901, act 73) Eilender, born at Nagybánya to Eszter Eilender, a cook; both births reported by Mrs Jakab Klein née Borcsa Eilender. Izrael died in April 1900, a few weeks old (margin note on his birth act, death register no. 101). Records Confirmed; kinship to Samuel Eilender Possible only. This Jakab Klein of Nagybánya is not Esther's father Jakab Hers Klein of Felsőbánya. On Izrael's act Eszter's birthplace is not Felsővisó (it reads "Kolozser…", most likely Kolozsvár), so she is not Samuel's sister Eszter, born at Felsővisó in December 1867, though the ages match; that sister's death in 1868 stands. Page in the gallery.
- Leib Zalman Frohner died at Czernowitz aged 76, living at 26 Strada Sf. Treimi (Czernowitz civil death records, vol. 4, no. 770, Romanian-era register, 1919–1940; the record itself is Confirmed in the index). He may be the "Leib Frohner" who kept the Bierpalast hotel in Sereth, and his age would fit a brother of Freide Frohner — Possible only.
- PENDING — Lea Brecher, born 21 December 1918 at Felsőbánya (Kereszt utca), birth act 93: father Mátyás Brecher, wood merchant, 32; mother Frida Herskovics, 21. Re-read on the register page on 26 October 2026: the mother's surname is clearly Herskovics, and there is no margin note. The father fits Markus (Mátyás) Brecher, and the mother's age fits his wife Frida née Moskovics (born May 1896), but no second record ties Lea to them yet, so she stays Possible and off the tree (Baia Sprie births 1907–1919, act 93, unit MM-F-00743-2-00621, image 310, Romanian National Archives, Maramureş).
- Michael Korber of Mușeniţa, near Siret, on an 1807 list of Jewish peasants of Bukovina (Reifer 1938, p. 109, not yet seen): a possible forebear of Reize Korber and the Siret Korbers (Possible).

Pictures and records found since the book



Gravestone of Chaim Yehuda HaKohen Brecher, son of Meir HaKohen Brecher, Satu Mare, 1940 — priestly hands at the top; died aged 52, 1 Adar I 5700. The stone naming his father is Confirmed; that he is our Meir's son is Likely. LIKELY

szatmar.us (Satu Mare Jewish cemetery database)

ר' חיים לייב לעבאוויטש מסטרימטערא ומשפחתו

ברצוני להעלות איזה פרטים בענין ראשי משפחתנו, ואקוה שהקוראים יוכלו להרחיב הידיעות.



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היו לו שני זיווגים. זיווגו הראשון היתה: מרת פעסיל

Tombstone of R' Chaim Yehuda (Chaim Leib) Lebovits, Strâmtura, d. 1891 — grandfather of Pesel Brecher née Kupferman. LIKELY

Alei Zikaron no. 39 (2017), p. 67

לעילוי נשמות הורינו
אבי מו"ה אשר ב"ר מאיר הכהן ז"ל מסיגעט
אמי מרת פעסיל ב"ר יצחק ע"ה
בניהם פריידא ומשפחתה, יצחק ומשפחתו, יוסף ומשפחתו
שמחה אליעזר ומשפחתו, הב' חיים יודא והבתולה לאה
וגיסם מוה"ר חיים וז' טעמא הי"ד
חמי מוה"ר שרגא רפאל ב"ר אברהם דוד ז"ל
חמותי מ' רחל בהר"ר מנחם מענדל שווארץ ע"ה
בניהם מרים ומשפחתה, צבי, יוסף מרדכי, לאה, מינדל הי"ד
שנעקידה"ש באוישוויץ ת.נ.צ.ב.ה
הונצח ע"י בנם וחתנם
דוד הכהן ברעכער וזו' ברכה סימא

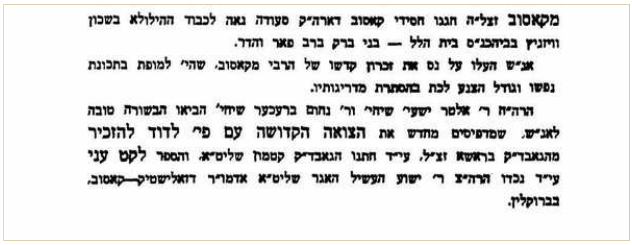
Memorial placed by David HaKohen Brecher and his wife Bracha Sima for his parents R' Asher and Pessel Brecher of Sighet, his brothers and sisters, and her family. CONFIRMED

Likutei Chaver ben Chaim, vol. 11 (reprint), p. 256, via HebrewBooks.org (no. 20787)



Nachum Ze'ev Brecher, board member of Agudath Israel, Oradea, 1946 — very probably Farkas (Nachum Ze'ev), son of R' Asher; the first known photograph of him. LIKELY

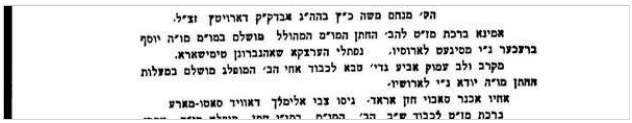
Agudath Israel Romania report (Oradea 1946), p. 25, via HebrewBooks.org (no. 37049)



מקאסוב זצל"ה חגגו חסידי קאסוב דארה"ק סעודה גאה לכבוד ההילולא בשכון
וויזניץ בביהכנ"ס בית הלל — בני ברק ברב פאר והדר.
אנ"ש העלו על נס את זכרון קדשו של הרבי מקאסוב, שהי' למופת בתכונת
נפשו וגדל הצנע לכת בהסתרת מדריגותיו.
הרה"ח ר' אלטר ישעי' שיחי' ור' נחום ברעכער שיחי' הביאו הבשורה טובה
לאנ"ש, שמדפיסים מחדש את הצוואה הקדושה עם פי' לדוד להוכיר
מהגאב"ד בראשא זצ"ל, ע"י"ד חתנו הגאב"ד קסמוח שליט"א. והספר לקט עני
ע"י"ד נכדו הרה"צ ר' ישוע העשיל האגר שליט"א אדמו"ר דזאלישטיק—קאסוב,
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R' Nachum Brecher among the Kosov chassidim at the hilula in Bnei Brak, c. 1964. LIKELY

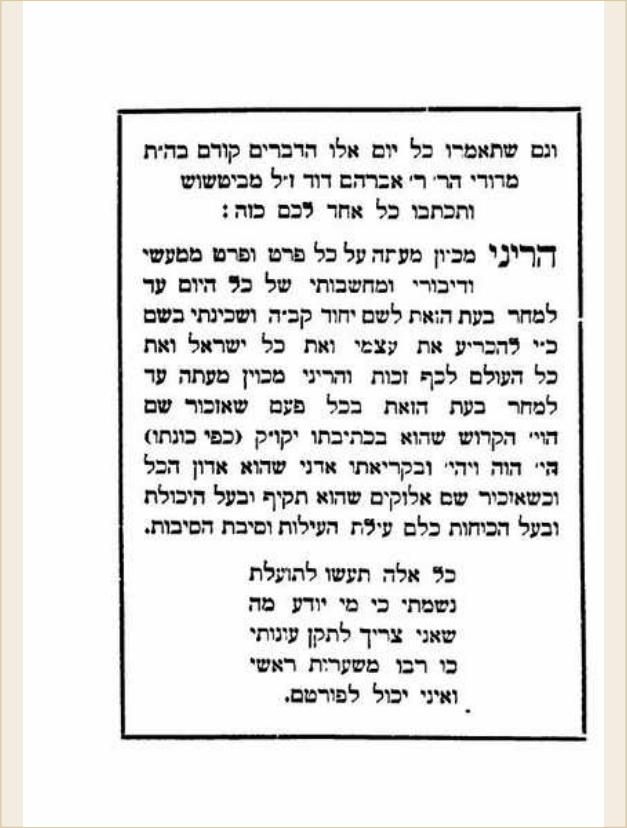
Maayan HaChasidut, vol. 1, p. 25, via HebrewBooks.org (no. 28214)



הק' מנחם משה כ"ץ בהה"ג אבדק"ק דארוימק זצ"ל.
אמינא ברכת מז"ט להב' החתן המרים המהולל מושלם במרם מו"ה יוסף
ברעכער נ"י מסינעם לארושיו. נחתלי הערצקא שאהנבדונן מימישאראא.
מקרב ולב עמוק אביע גדי' מבא לכבוד אחי הב' המושלג מושלם במעלות
אחתן מו"ה יודא נ"י לארושיו.
אחיו אכבר מאבוי חן אראד- גיסו צבי אלימלך דאווידר מאסו-מארא

Engagement greeting to the groom Yosef Brecher of Sighet, son of R' Asher, 1939. LIKELY

Leket Sheshana (Satu Mare 1939), p. 34, via HebrewBooks.org (no. 12962)



וגם שתאמרו כל יום אלו הדברים קודם בהי"ת
מרודי הר' ר' אברהם דוד ז"ל מבוטשוש
ותכתבו כל אחד לכם כוה:

הריני מכין מעתה על כל פרט ופרט ממעשי ודיבורי ומחשבותי של כל היום עד למחר בעת הזאת לשם יחוד קב"ה ושכינתי בשם כי' להבריע את עצמי ואת כל ישראל ואת כל העולם לכף זכות והריני מבוין מעתה עד למחר בעת הזאת בכל פעם שאזכור שם הוי' הקדוש שהוא בכתיבתו יקו"ק (כפי כוונתו) ה' הוה ויהי' ובקריאתו אדני שהוא אדון הכל וכשאזכור שם אלוקים שהוא תקף ובעל היכולת ובעל הכוחות כלם ע"ת העילות וסיבת הסיבות.

כל אלה תעשו להועלת
נשמתי כי מי יודע מה
שאני צריך לתקן עוונותי
כי רבו משערות ראשי
ואיני יכול לפורטם.

R' Asher Brecher's will, p. 15: 'these words from my uncle the Rav R' Avraham David of Buczacz'. CONFIRMED

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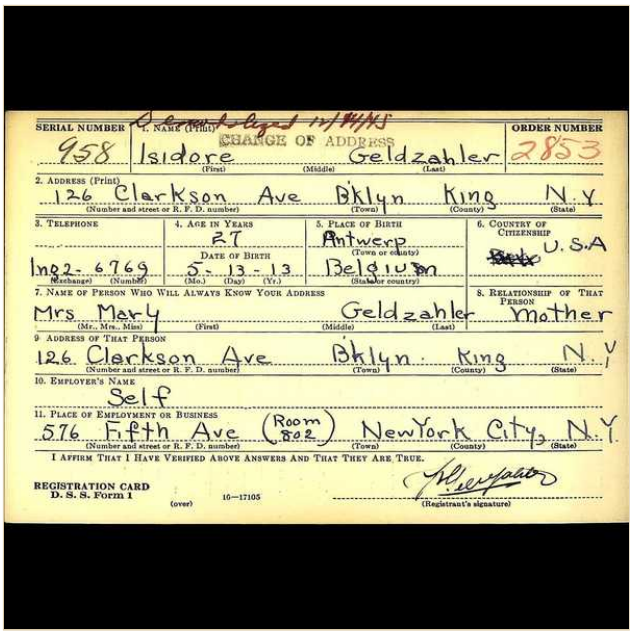
Usher (Asher) Brecher, born 1940 in Grosswardein (Oradea), son of Nachum Ze'ev and Minda, named for his grandfather R' Asher. CONFIRMED

Holocaust memorial records, Photo Archive, item 15244117



Minda Brecher of Grosswardein (Oradea), first wife of Nachum Ze'ev (Farkas) Brecher. CONFIRMED

Holocaust memorial records, Photo Archive, item 15264677



SERIAL NUMBER 958 — 1. NAME (Print) CHANGE OF ADDRESS — Isidore (First) Geldzahler (Last) — ORDER NUMBER 2853

2. ADDRESS (Print): 126 Clarkson Ave (Number and street or R. F. D. number) Bklyn (Town) King (County) N.Y. (State)

3. TELEPHONE: Ing 2- 6769 (Exchange) (Number)

4. AGE IN YEARS: 27 — DATE OF BIRTH: 5- 13 - 13 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)

5. PLACE OF BIRTH: Antwerp (Town or county) Belgium (State or country)

6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: ~~Belg~~ U.S.A

7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS: Mrs Mary (Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) Geldzahler (Middle) (Last)

8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON: Mother

9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON: 126 Clarkson Ave (Number and street or R. F. D. number) Bklyn (Town) King (County) N.Y. (State)

10. EMPLOYER'S NAME: Self

11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: 576 Fifth Ave (Room 802) (Number and street or R. F. D. number) New York City (Town) (County) N.Y. (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1 (over) 16—17105

(Registrant's signature)

Draft registration card of Isidore Geldzahler, husband of Frieda Geldzahler née Eilender, Brooklyn, 16 October 1940: born in Antwerp on 13 May 1913, he was then in business for himself on Fifth Avenue. CONFIRMED

New York City World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1940–1947 (NARA), via FamilySearch, image 3:1:3Q9M-C341-678H-M



סניפי אגודת ישראל בטרנסילבניה:

אודיא:

סניף חזק. בן כמה מאות חברים. המתדרות אגודת ישראל. צעירי אגודת ישראל. בנות אגודת ישראל. לסניף שני קיבוצים מסואדים לנערים ולנערות. חברי הסניף גם כן מנהלי הקהלה. ראש הקהלה מר צבי גרוסמאן מראשי אגודת ישראל. בית ספר בית יעקב. שעורי תורה בכל יום. הרצאות ואסיפות סוסביות בשבת.

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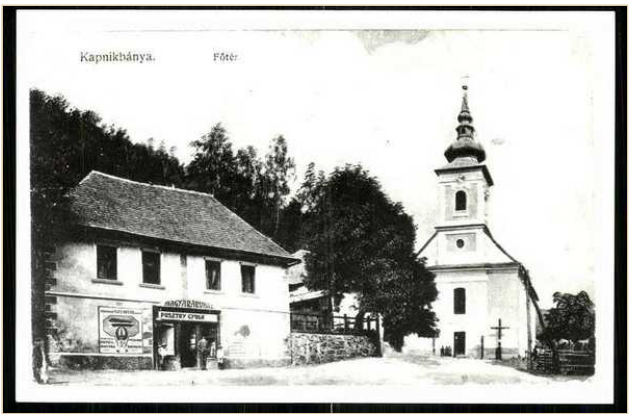
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הנהלת אגודת ישראל אורדיא

The 1946 report of Agudath Israel in Romania (Arad), p. 25: the board of Agudath Israel of Oradea, whose printed list names Nachum Brecher, with the board members' portraits below — very probably Farkas (Nachum Ze'ev) Brecher of Grosswardein (Oradea). LIKELY

Agudath Israel Romania report (Arad 1946), p. 25, via HebrewBooks.org (no. 37049)



Postcard "Kapnikbánya — Főtér": the main square of Kapnikbánya (Cavnic) with the church, early 1900s — the birthplace of Rosa Brecher's children Alex, Joseph and Frida Eilender. CONFIRMED

Hungarian Museum of Trade and Tourism (MKVM), postcard collection, via Hungaricana (gallery.hungaricana.hu/hu/VendeglatoKepeslap/1482193/)



Postcard "Üdvözlet Kapnikbányáról!", early 1900s: three views of Kapnikbánya — the mining office and director's house, the main square, and the Rótai mining settlement (published by the widow of Albert Haraga, Kapnikbánya). CONFIRMED

National Széchényi Library (OSZK), postcard collection, via Hungaricana (gallery.hungaricana.hu/hu/OSZKKepeslap/1416426/)



The synagogue on Eötvös utca, Szatmárnémeti (Satu Mare), 1914 (the building has since been demolished) — the town where Chaim Yehuda (Miksa) Brecher died in 1940 and Pessel Brecher in 1941. CONFIRMED

Fortepan / Magyar Földrajzi Múzeum / Erdélyi Mór cége, Fortepan no. 86588 (CC BY-SA 3.0)



The Great Synagogue of Satu Mare (Szatmárnémeti), as it stood in 2010 — the town where Chaim Yehuda (Miksa) Brecher died in 1940 and Pessel Brecher in 1941. CONFIRMED

Photograph by Andrei Stroe, 2010, CC BY-SA 3.0, via Wikimedia Commons (File:RO_SM_Satu_Mare_synagogue.jpg)



The synagogue of Sighet (Máramarossziget), as it stood in 2007 — the Sighet of Meir Brecher HaKohen and Freide Frohner's family.

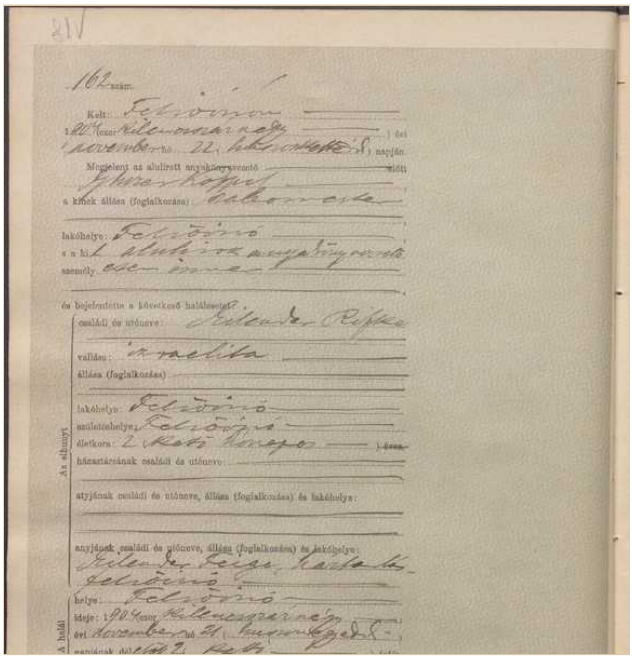
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Photograph by Vberger, 2007, public domain, via Wikimedia Commons (File:Sighet_synagogue.JPG)



Felsővisó (Vișeu de Sus), the synagogue: postcard "Üdvözlet Felsővisóról", 1910–1918. Samuel Eilender's birthplace.

Wikimedia Commons, "Felsővisó (Vișeu de Sus). Synagogue", public domain



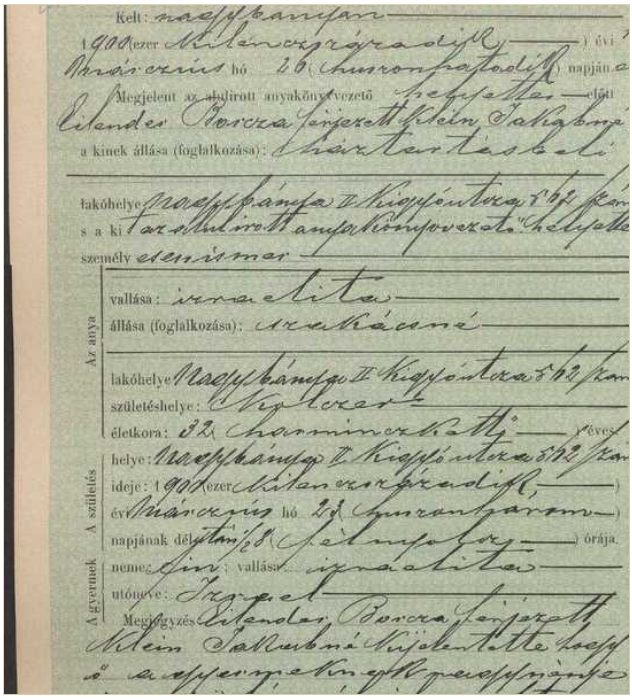
Felsővisó death act 162, 21 November 1904: Rifke Eilender, about two months old, child of Feige Eilender, wool carder (kinship to Samuel Eilender's family Possible). POSSIBLE

Arhivele Naționale ale României, SJAN Maramureș, civil registers (Vișeu de Sus / Baia Mare)



Felsővisó death act 180, 20 October 1908: Elias Eilender, aged 2, child of Feige Eilender (kinship to Samuel Eilender's family Possible). POSSIBLE

Arhivele Naționale ale României, SJAN Maramureș, civil registers (Vișeu de Sus / Baia Mare)



Nagybánya birth act 102, 23 March 1900: Izrael Eilender, son of Eszter Eilender, cook, 32; reported by Mrs Jakab Klein née Borcsa Eilender (kinship to Samuel Eilender Possible). POSSIBLE

Arhivele Naționale ale României, SJAN Maramureș, civil registers (Vișeu de Sus / Baia Mare)



Gravestone of Pessel (Perl) Brecher, daughter of Eliezer, second wife of Chaim Yehuda (Miksa) HaKohen Brecher, who died on 11 May 1941 (14 Iyar 5701). Orthodox Jewish cemetery, Satu Mare, plot 16, row 1, grave 20, in the same row as her husband. CONFIRMED

szatmar.us (Satu Mare Jewish cemetery database), Orthodox cemetery register, row 'Brecher Perl', plot 16-01-20 — https://szatmar.us/db/images/tomb/BrecherPerl.jpg



The synagogue of Nagybánya (Baia Mare), photographed in 2011. Meir Brecher HaKohen was living in Nagybánya by 1887 and again in 1913, and his children Feige Rachel (1890) and Jakob (1893) were born there.

Danielaiulia, 'Sinagoga din Baia Mare', 27 Sep 2011, via Wikimedia Commons — https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Sinagoga_din_Baia_Mare.jpg (CC BY-SA 3.0 ro)



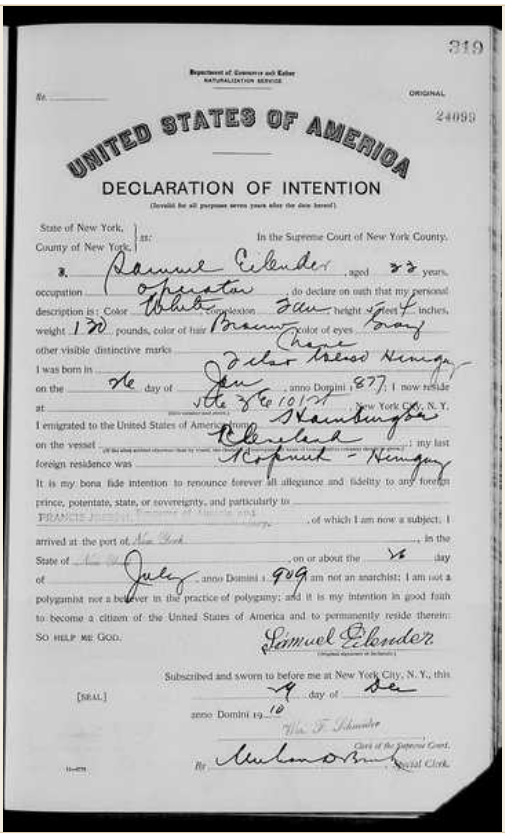
A Jewish cemetery of Satu Mare (Szatmárnémeti), photographed in June 2025. Chaim Yehuda (Miksa) Brecher (d. 1940) and his wife Pessel (d. 1941) are buried in the city's Orthodox Jewish cemetery.

Julian Nyča, 'Satu Mare – Jewish cemetery 01', 15 Jun 2025, via Wikimedia Commons — https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Satu_Mare_%E2%80%93_Jewish_cemetery_01.jpg (CC BY-SA 4.0)



Strâmtura (Hungarian Szurdok) in the Iza valley, Maramureş, in 2017. R' Asher HaKohen Brecher married there in 1902, his son Farkas (Nachum Ze'ev) was born there in 1914, and Pesel Brecher's grandfather R' Chaim Leib Lebovits died there in 1891.

Mihai Lucițț, 'Stramtura Village', 21 May 2017, via Wikimedia Commons — https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Stramtura_Village.jpg (CC BY 2.0)



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24099

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

State of New York, County of New York, } ss: In the Supreme Court of New York County.

I, Samuel Eilender, aged 33 years, occupation Operator, do declare on oath that my personal description is: Color White, complexion Fair, height 5 feet 4 inches, weight 130 pounds, color of hair Brown, color of eyes Grey, other visible distinctive marks None, I was born in Felso Viso Hungary on the 26 day of Jan anno Domini 1877, I now reside at 326 10th St New York City, N.Y. I emigrated to the United States of America from Hamburg on the vessel Cleveland; my last foreign residence was Kapnik Hungary. It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to FRANCIS JOSEPH, Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary, of which I am now a subject. I arrived at the port of New York, in the State of New York on or about the 26 day of July anno Domini 1909. I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer 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.

Samuel Eilender

Subscribed and sworn to before me at New York City, N. Y., this 9 day of Dec anno Domini 19 10

[SEAL]

Wm. F. Schmidt
Clerk of the Supreme Court.
By Michael O'Brien Special Clerk.

Samuel Eilender's declaration of intention to become an American citizen, New York County, 9 December 1910: aged 33, an operator; white, fair complexion, 5 ft 4 in, 130 lb, brown hair, grey eyes; born at Felső Visó, Hungary, 26 January 1877; came from Hamburg on the Cleveland, last foreign residence Kapnik, Hungary; arrived at New York 26 July 1909. Signed "Samuel Eilender". CONFIRMED

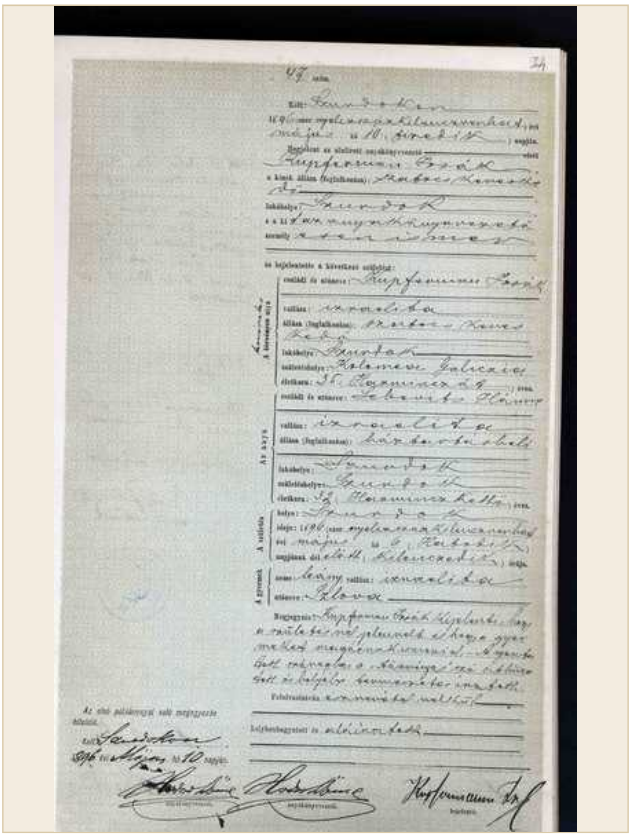
New York County Supreme Court, Declarations of Intention, 1910, vol. 53, no. 24099 (New York County Clerk; image via FamilySearch, "New York, County Naturalization Records, 1791–1980", record 1:1:QPTX-HSHM, image 3:1:3QS7-89M8-GV9W)



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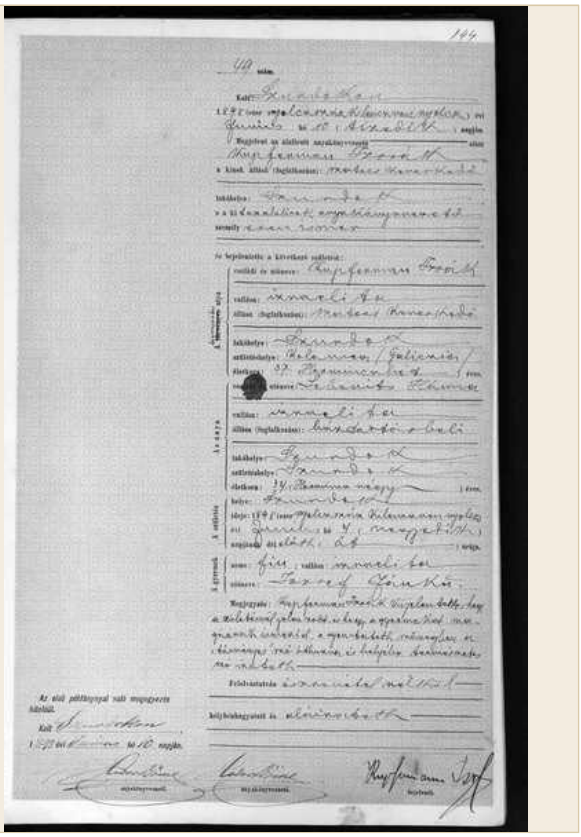
Civil marriage of R' Asher ("Brecher User") and Pesel ("Kupfermann Pepi"), Szurdok (Strâmtura), 8 July 1902, act 29: the groom a self-employed innkeeper of Kapnikbánya, born at Sereth, Bukovina, 1877, son of Májer Brecher, innkeeper of Kapnikbánya, and the late Fáni Frohner; the bride of Szurdok, born there 10 December 1882 (1881 in her birth register), daughter of the late Izsák Kupfermann, merchant, and Háni Lebovics. CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Service, civil registers, Strâmtura marriages 1902, act 29 (unit MM-F-00743-1-1-00463, image 245) — public civil register



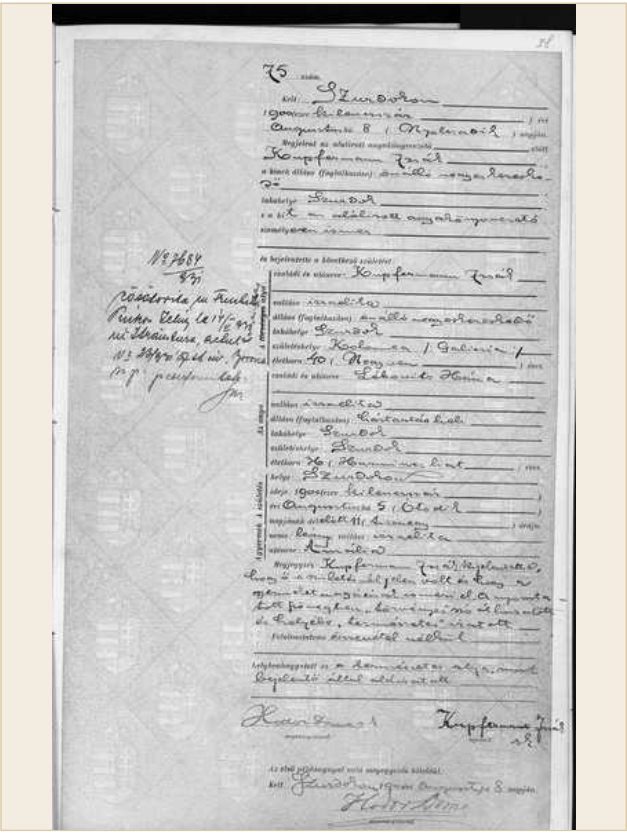
Civil birth act of Szlova Kupferman, Szurdok (Strâmtura), 6 May 1896, act 47: father Izsák Kupferman, grocer-merchant of Szurdok, born at Kolomea, Galicia, aged 35; mother Háni Lebovits, housekeeper, born at Szurdok, aged 32 — Pesel Brecher's parents. CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Service, civil registers, Strâmtura births 1896, act 47 (unit MM-F-00743-1-1-00458, image 35) — public civil register



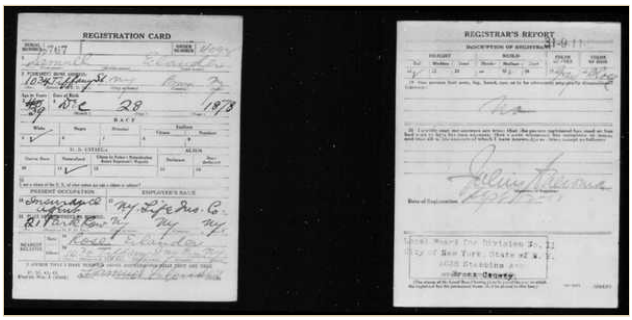
Birth of József Jankú Kupferman, Szurdok (Strâmtura), 4 June 1898 — civil birth act no. 49. Father Izsák Kupferman, merchant, born in Kolomea, Galicia; mother Hánna Lebovits, born in Szurdok. A brother of Pesel Brecher née Kupferman. CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers of Strâmtura, births 1898 (fond MM-F-00743, unit 00458, image 144), via descopera.arhivelenationale.ro — CC BY-NC-ND 4.0



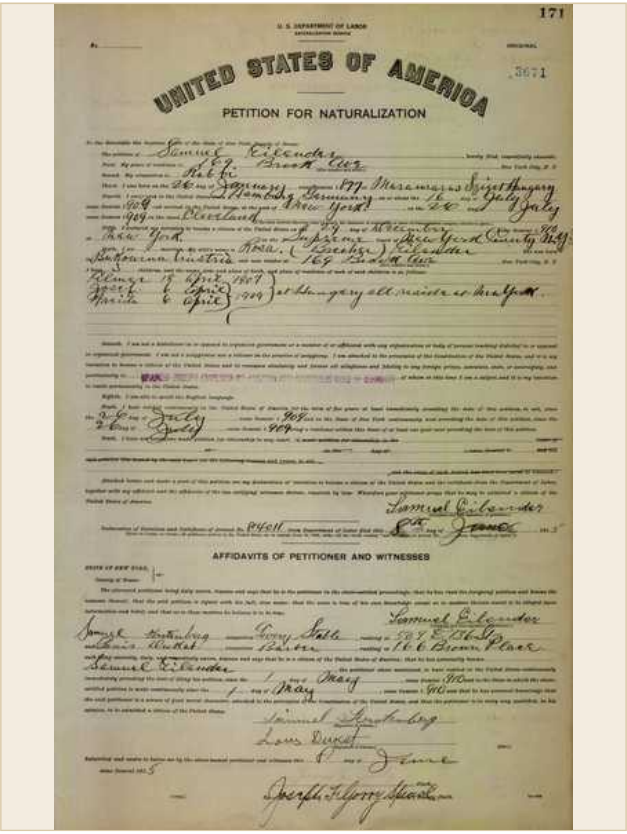
Birth of Amália Kupferman, Szurdok (Strâmtura), 5 August 1900 — civil birth act no. 75, a sister of Pesel Brecher née Kupferman. The note in the margin, added in 1937, records her marriage to Pinkas Zelig Fruchter at Strâmtura on 14 May 1937. CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Maramureș County Branch, civil registers of Strâmtura, births 1900 (fond MM-F-00743, unit 00459, image 39), via descopera.arhivelenationale.ro — CC BY-NC-ND 4.0



Samuel Eilender's First World War draft registration card, the Bronx, 12 September 1918: born 28 December 1878, a naturalized citizen, agent for the New York Life Insurance Co., living at 1034 Tiffany Street with his wife Rose. CONFIRMED

United States, World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918 (NARA M1509), via FamilySearch, record 1:1:W74X-FMW2. Public domain.



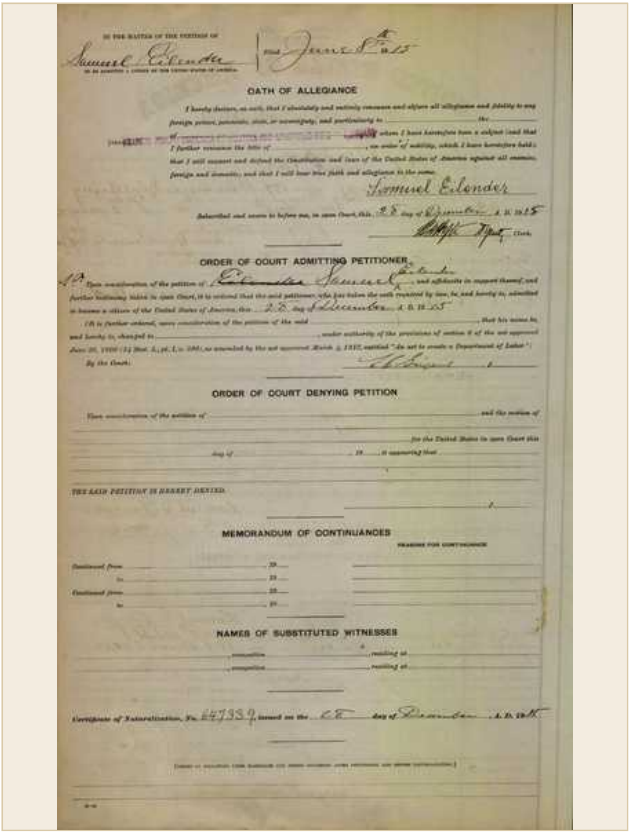
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

AFFIDAVITS OF PETITIONER AND WITNESSES

Samuel Eilender's Petition for Naturalization no. 3671, Supreme Court Bronx County, filed 8 June 1915 (page 1): 169 Brook Avenue, the Bronx; a rabbi; born 26 January 1877 at Máramarossziget; came from Hamburg on the Cleveland, arriving at New York 26 July 1909; his wife Rosa (Brecher) Eilender, born in Bukovina, Austria; their children Elmer (Alex), 18 April 1907, and the twins Josef and Freida, 6 April 1909, all born in Hungary; witnesses Samuel Krotenberg and Louis Dukat. CONFIRMED

Bronx County Clerk – NY State Unified Court System naturalization records (viewed online 26 Oct 2026), Supreme Court, Bronx County, petition no. 3671



OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

ORDER OF COURT ADMITTING PETITIONER

ORDER OF COURT DENYING PETITION

MEMORANDUM OF CONTINUANCES

NAMES OF SUBSTITUTED WITNESSES

Samuel Eilender's Petition for Naturalization no. 3671, Supreme Court Bronx County, filed 8 June 1915 (page 2): his oath of allegiance and the order of 28 December 1915 admitting him a citizen of the United States, certificate no. 647339. CONFIRMED

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Form 526 CERTIFICATE OF ARRIVAL—FOR NATURALIZATION PURPOSES

(For use of aliens arriving in United States after June 29, 1906. To be issued immediately prior to petitioning for naturalization.)

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

Serial No. 814011

Office of Commissioner

At Ellis Island, N. Y., May 21, 1915

This is to certify that the following-named alien arrived at the port indicated, on the date and in the manner described below, viz:

Name of alien: Eilender, Samuel

Port of entry: New York, N. Y.

Date of arrival: July 26, 1909

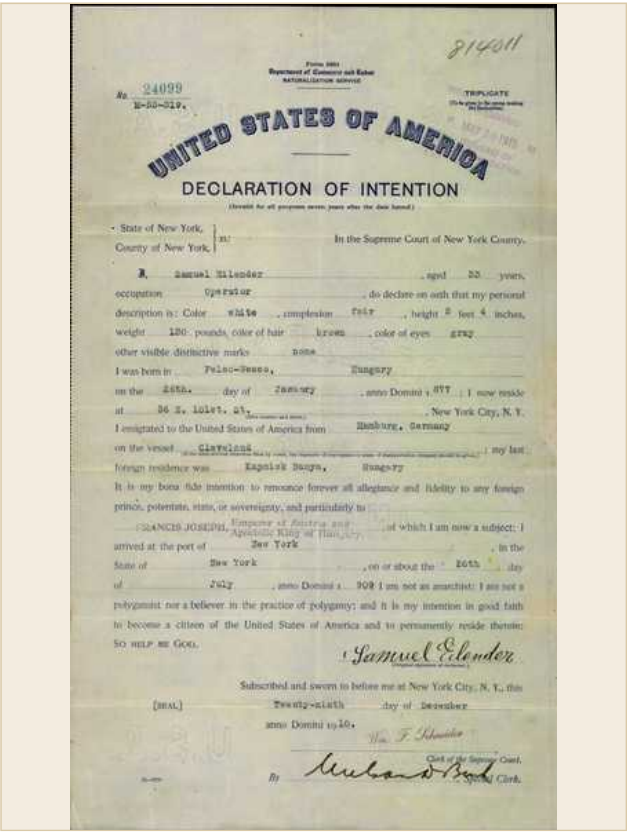
Name of vessel:* Cleveland Line. Ham Amer

(Title) Assistant Commissioner.

*Or railroad company, or any other conveyance.

Certificate of Arrival filed with Samuel Eilender's 1915 petition (no. 814011): he arrived at the port of New York (Ellis Island) on 26 July 1909 on the Cleveland. CONFIRMED

Bronx County Clerk – NY State Unified Court System naturalization records (viewed online 26 Oct 2026), Supreme Court, Bronx County, petition no. 3671



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No. 24099
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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State of New York, County of New York, } ss:

In the Supreme Court of New York County.

I, Samuel Eilender, aged 33 years, occupation Operator, do declare on oath that my personal description is: Color white, complexion fair, height 5 feet 4 inches, weight 130 pounds, color of hair brown, color of eyes gray, other visible distinctive marks none.

I was born in Felso-Wesso, Hungary, on the 26th day of January, anno Domini 1877; I now reside at 36 E. 101st. St., New York City, N. Y.

I emigrated to the United States of America from Hamburg, Germany, on the vessel Cleveland; my last foreign residence was Kapnik Banya, Hungary.

It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to FRANCIS JOSEPH, Emperor of Austria and Apostolic King of Hungary, of which I am now a subject; I arrived at the port of New York, in the State of New York, on or about the 26th day of July, anno Domini 1908; I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer 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.

Samuel Eilender

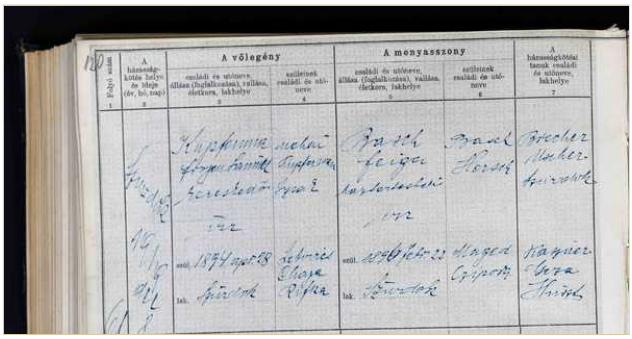
Subscribed and sworn to before me at New York City, N. Y., this twenty-ninth day of December, anno Domini 1910.

[SEAL]

Wm. F. Schneider
Clerk of the Supreme Court,
By [illegible] Deputy Clerk.

Samuel Eilender's declaration of intention no. 24099, the copy filed with his 1915 Bronx petition: an operator, born at Felső Visó, Hungary, 26 January 1877; last residence Kapnik Bánya; typed as sworn on the twenty-ninth day of December 1910 (the New York County copy reads 9 Dec 1910). CONFIRMED

Bronx County Clerk – NY State Unified Court System naturalization records (viewed online 26 Oct 2026), Supreme Court, Bronx County, petition no. 3671



A vőlegény — A menyasszony

Marriage of Frojim Sámuel Kupferman, brother of Pesel Brecher, and Feiga Basch, Szurdok (Strâmtura), 1919, civil act 61. His parents are written as the late Izsák Kupferman and Chaja Rifka Lebovics; the first witness is Usher (Asher) Brecher of Szurdok. CONFIRMED

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People of this chapter

Meir (Majer) Brecher HaKohen (c. 1851–) · Freide (Fani) Brecher née Frohner (c. 1856–1900) · Asher (Uszer) HaKohen Brecher (c. 1876–1940) · Pesel (Pepi) Brecher née Kupferman (1881–1944) · Rosa (Róza) Eilender née Brecher (c. 1878–1948) · Samuel (Shmuel Zanvel) Eilender (1877–1937) · Joseph H. Eilender (1909–1982) · Markus (Mátyás) Brecher (1886–) · Chaim Yehuda (Miksa) Brecher (1887–1940) · Feige Rachel Brecher (1890–) · Jakob Brecher (1893–) · József Frohner · Reize Frohner née Korber · Alex (Elemér) Eilender (1907–) · Anne (Chana) Eilender née Kwiat (c. 1911–1944) · Pauline (Pnina Perl) Eilender née Kirschenbaum (1912–2005) · Frida (Frieda) Geldzahler née Eilender (1909–2005) · Isidor Geldzahler (1913–1985) · Frida Brecher née Moskovics (1896–) · Hugo Chaim Brecher (1921–2004) · Freida Brecher (1904–1944) · Moses (Moshe) Wasserstrom · Tema (Temtcha) Brecher (1906–1944) · Mihai (Mihály, Chaim) Tabak (1907–1944) · Izsák (Yitzchak) Brecher (1909–1944) · Frimet (Frantiska) Brecher née Kreindler (1910–1944) · József (Yosef) Brecher (1912–1944) · Farkas (Nachum Ze'ev) HaKohen Brecher (1914–1983) · Lázár (Eliezer) Brecher (1916–1944) · Devora Brecher née Josef (?–1944) · Chaim Leib Brecher (1921–1945) · Leah Brecher (?–1944) · Elia (Eliyahu) Eilender · Eigye (Agnes) Eilender née Katz (c. 1840–1877) · Eszter (Feiga) Eilender (1867–1868) · Feiga Eilender (1870–) · Devora Eilender (1873–1876) · Zali (Szali) Brecher née Grunberg (c. 1890–1921) · Markus Grunberg · Chaja Grunberg née Katz · Izrael Brecher (c. 1921–1924) · Pessel Brecher (?–1941) · Mózes Moskovics · Chaja Moskovics née Dikker · Izsák (Yitzchak) Kupferman (c. 1860–) · Chaya Rivka (Háni) Kupferman née Lebovits (c. 1863–) · R' Chaim Leib (Chaim Yehuda) Lebovits (c. 1842–1891) · Pessel Lebovits née Bach (?–1877) · R' Yosef Yaakov Lebovits (1815–c. 1886) · Minda Brecher (?–1944) ·

Usher (Asher) Brecher (1940–1944) · Motti Tabak (?–1944) · Child of Nachum Ze'ev and Minda Brecher (name not recorded) (?–1944) · Child of Tema and Chaim Tabak (name not recorded, 1) (?–1944) · Child of Tema and Chaim Tabak (name not recorded, 2) (?–1944) · Child of Tema and Chaim Tabak (name not recorded, 3) (?–1944) · Wife of Chaim Leib Brecher (name not recorded) · Child of Chaim Leib Brecher (name not recorded, 1) · Child of Chaim Leib Brecher (name not recorded, 2) · Child of Chaim Leib Brecher (name not recorded, 3) · Child of Chaim Leib Brecher (name not recorded, 4) · Child of Yosef (Yossel) Brecher (name not recorded, 1) · Child of Yosef (Yossel) Brecher (name not recorded, 2) · Child of Yitzchak and Frimet Brecher (name not recorded, 1) (?–1944) · Child of Yitzchak and Frimet Brecher (name not recorded, 2) (?–1944) · Child of Yitzchak and Frimet Brecher (name not recorded, 3) (?–1944) · Baby of Simcha Eliezer and Devora Brecher (name not recorded) · Szlova Kupferman (1896–) · Perel Kupferman (1887–) · Chajem Leb Kupferman (1891–) · Frajem Samuel Kupferman (1894–) · József Jánkú Kupferman (1898–) · Amália Kupferman (1900–) · Iczik Lebovits (1873–) · Salamon (Slojm) Lebovits (1875–) · Szura Lebovits (1881–) · Roza (Reize) Lebovits (1883–) · Joszef Jakob Lebovits (1887–) · Neche Lebovits (1889–) · Alter Eilender (c. 1861–1867) · Devojra (Devora) Eilender (c. 1863–1867) · Reize Eilender (1874–) · R' Shmuel Aryeh (Shmuel Leib) Bach, also written Bak and Junger (c. 1811–1889) · Szluve (Slova) Junger (c. 1819–1894) · Chaje Szure Tabak née Junger (also Bak) (c. 1857–1894) · Feiga Basch

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CHAPTER FOUR

The Older Brechers in Bukovina

Eisig Brecher of Rădăuți and the Kohanim of Siret

Siret · Rădăuți · Volovăț · Gura Humorului · Banila · Stryj

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 very probably died on 20 Elul 5650 (5 September 1890): a Siret stone (BC-17) of an aged "Rivka called Ruvtse, daughter of HaRav R' Yaakov Zeev" is very probably hers (it gives no surname or husband). 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

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.

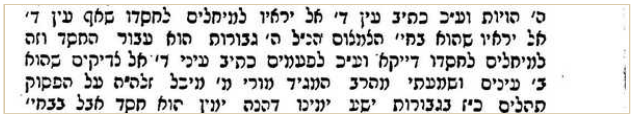
A year before the book came out, an advertisement in the Czernowitz Yiddish paper **Dos Yudishe Vort** (8 October 1937) offered Chedvat Yaakov "by the Rav R' Yaakov Zeev of blessed memory, Av Beit Din of Sereth", bound together with novellae on the Talmud "by the author's grandson, the Rav R' Yaakov 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).



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

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



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

Chedvat Yaakov, Marghita 1938, p. 27

Four generations in Siret and Rădăuți

R' Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen of Siret; d. before 1868, probably before c. 1832 LIKELY

Zvi Hirsh HaKohen, d. 26 Apr 1841 · Chaya Feige, d. 10 Nov 1842 LIKELY

Reuven Mordechai (Ruben Mordko) Brecher HaKohen, d. 28 Elul 5628 (15 Sep 1868) / 28 Sep 1867, Siret = **Rivka (Ruvtse)** née Salzberger, d. 20 Elul 5650 (5 Sep 1890), daughter of R' Yaakov Zeev ben Aryeh of Stryj, Av Beit Din of Sereth (d. 4 May 1844), and Leah bat Yehuda (d. 26 May 1844) LIKELY

Eisig (Yitzchak Aizik) Brecher HaKohen, b. Siret, c. 1832; mill tenant at Volovăț 1869; d. 19 Jan 1911, Rădăuți, aged 79 = **Lea née Bernstein** (bat Binyamin Tzvi), b. Czernowitz, c. 1831; daughter of Benjamin Hersch Bernstein and Chaje née Frenkel of Buczacz; d. 16 Jan 1916 LIKELY

Meir (Majer) Brecher HaKohen of Kapnikbánya, b. c. 1851–52 = Freide Frohner LIKELY

Riwen Mordche (Reuven Mordechai) Brecher, b. 1 Mar 1869, Volovăț, near Rădăuți LIKELY

Abraham Brecher, b. 1864, Rădăuți; of New York = Miriam (Mirjam) Langsner LIKELY

Zvi (Hersch) Brecher HaKohen, c. 1841 – 20 Oct 1908, Jerusalem = Chana Ruchama CONFIRMED

R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher HaKohen of Banila, b. 1866, d. 1941, Banila; author CONFIRMED

Reuven Mordechai, d. 15 Sep 1917 · Mordechai · a daughter, wife of Aharon CONFIRMED

Yaakov Zeev HaKohen, d. 1886 · Avraham Yehuda HaKohen, d. 1894 LIKELY

Further kin of the rabbi of Sereth on the Siret stones

Ester Michla	Daughter of the rabbi R' Yaakov Zeev; probably Rivka's sister (Likely); 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, probably 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

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

Jewish Galicia and Bukovina Organization, Siret Jewish cemetery survey, grave I-29-1



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

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

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

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 probably Rivka's sister, 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

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

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

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

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



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

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



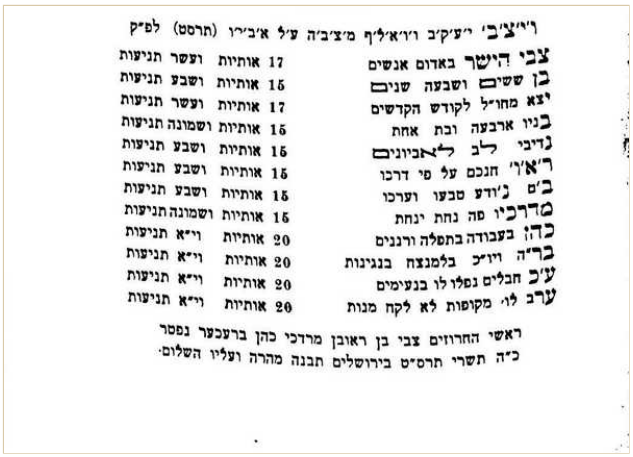
The rabbi R' Yaakov Zeev ben Aryeh of Stryj, Av Beit Din of Sereth, died 15 Iyar 5604 (4 May 1844). Siret, stone I-33. LIKELY

Siret Jewish cemetery survey (Jewish Galicia and Bukovina); family collection



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

Siret Jewish cemetery survey (Jewish Galicia and Bukovina); family collection



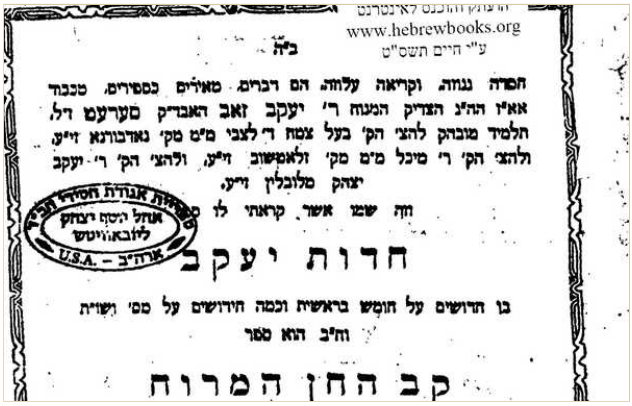
ר'צ'ב' ר'ע'ק'ב ר'ו'א'ל'ף מ'צ'ב'ה ע'ל א'ב'ו (תרסט) לפ"ק

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בן ששים ושבעה שנים	15 אותיות	ושבע תניעות
יצא מחו"ל לקודש הקדשים	17 אותיות	ועשר תניעות
בניו ארבעה ובת אחת	15 אותיות	ושמונה תניעות
נדיבי לב לאביונים	15 אותיות	ושבע תניעות
ר'א'ך' חנכם על פי דרכו	15 אותיות	ושבע תניעות
ב"ם נ'ודע טבעו וערכו	15 אותיות	ושבע תניעות
מדרכיו סה נחת ינחת	15 אותיות	ושמונה תניעות
כהן בעבודה בתפלה ורננים	20 אותיות	וי"א תניעות
ברי"ה ויו"כ בלמנצח בנגינות	20 אותיות	וי"א תניעות
ע"כ חבלים נפלו לו בנעימים	20 אותיות	וי"א תניעות
ערב לו מקופות לא לקח מנות	20 אותיות	וי"א תניעות

ראשי החרוזים צבי בן ראובן מרדכי כהן ברעכער נפטר
כ"ה תשרי תרס"ט בירושלים תבנה מהרה ועליו השלום.

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

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



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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

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



הקדמה כוללת

עיון והסקדם ערובה על הכתב כי כמחת ערוב עתים ויעיש (כי נפער
עוד בעכת תרי"ד טיו חייל והי' בן שמוכים שכה) וגם העלמה עקומות
בעש והדפין לא ניין כלל ואחי אזכתי כגבור חלבי ולא אחתי ולא
שקטתי עד אחר זכיתי להעתיק קלח דבריו ולתקן תעוותם בעת
ההעתקה, לבלי הכנס הקורא בעלוקה, אחר עיב הרציתי לעלמי לאחר
גם דברי חי' לאחדוקיו והיו לאחדים ועוה גם כי כבר אמרו זיל בכל
אדם עתקנא חון עצמו ואחי בכדו (בן בתו של בנו ובן בנו של בתו)
אחוב כבנו, ודברי חי' אין קראתי בשם אחוב יעקב שעולה כמנין
יעקב זאב בן אריה זלה"ה וגם עם אי אותיותיו וב' תבותיו עולה
תרי"ב כמנין יעקב זאב (הוא שמי) לבי (שם אבי זיל) אכה רחמנא
(שם אמי זיל) ודברי חי' קראתי בשם קב הח"ן המרוח על שם אבי
ואחי היקרים (קב מנין לבי הח"ן אמרוח אותיות אכה רחמנא) כי הנה
ברוב טרחם ויגיעם הצילוני לכל זה ואחי תפלה לאל ית"ש לגלגוד
ולגלגד למעון ולבשות ויקויס בי ובזרעי עקרא שבתוב דברי אבר
שמעתי בפיך לא ימושו מפיך ומפי זרעך ומפי זרע זרעך אמרן :

מלואי הכב

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

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

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

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), Buczacz; d. 1941
Marriage	17 Mar 1895, Gura Humorului
Wife's parents	Israel Feiwisch (Srul) Knobler, b. c. 1841, Buczacz, son of Moses and Chaje Knobler; and Sure Judith née Frenkel, b. c. 1845, Buczacz (her parents Leibisch and Lea Frenkel of Buczacz (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.

Gura Humorului memorial book

Rădăuți and Siret



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

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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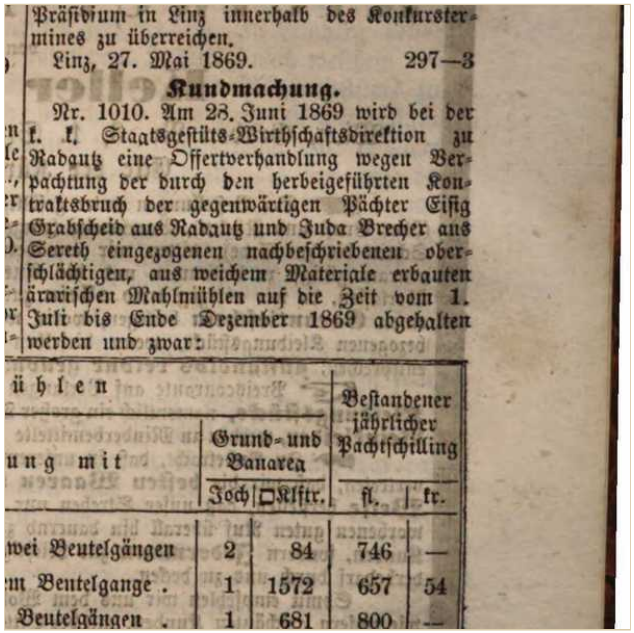


The Great Synagogue of Siret (Sereth), built about 1840, as it stood in 2009.

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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.



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Linz, 27. Mai 1869. 297—3

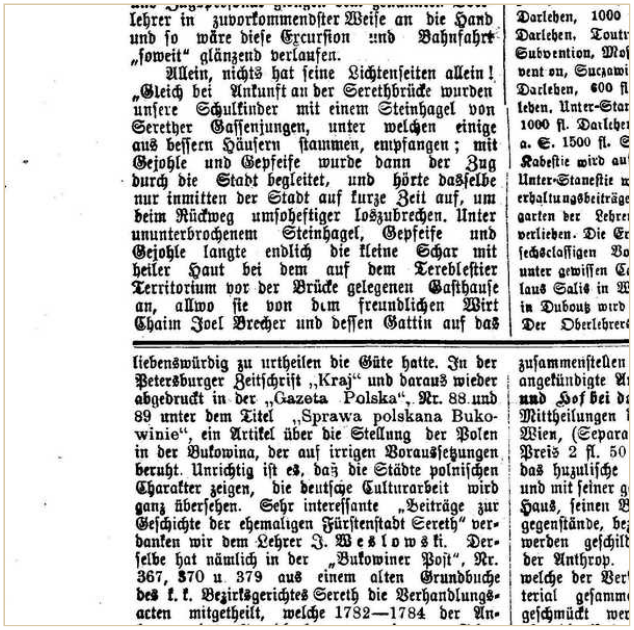
Kundmachung.

Nr. 1010. Am 28. Juni 1869 wird bei der k. k. Staatsgestüts-Wirthschaftsdirektion zu Radautz eine Offertverhandlung wegen Verpachtung der durch den herbeigeführten Kontraktsbruch der gegenwärtigen Pächter Eisig Grabscheid aus Radautz und Juda Brecher aus Sereth eingezogenen nachbeschriebenen oberschlächtigen, aus weichem Materiale erbauten ärarischen Mahlmühlen auf die Zeit vom 1. Juli bis Ende Dezember 1869 abgehalten werden und zwar:

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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

Czernowitzer Zeitung, 13 June 1869, p. 1 — Austrian National Library, ANNO



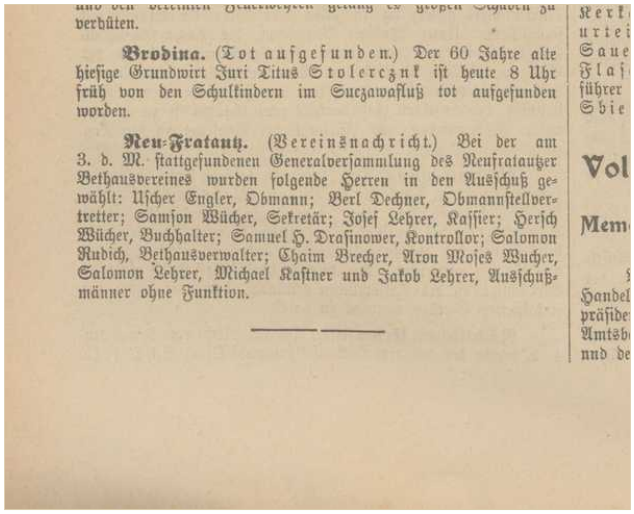
lehrer in zuvorkommendster Weise an die Hand und so wäre diese Excursion und Bahnfahrt „soweit" glänzend verlaufen.

Allein, nichts hat seine Lichtenseiten allein! „Gleich bei Ankunft an der Serethbrücke wurden unsere Schulkinder mit einem Steinhagel von Serether Gassenjungen, unter welchen einige aus bessern Häusern stammen, empfangen; mit Gejohle und Gepfeife wurde dann der Zug durch die Stadt begleitet, und hörte dasselbe nur inmitten der Stadt auf kurze Zeit auf, um beim Rückweg umsoheftiger loszubrechen. Unter ununterbrochenem Steinhagel, Gepfeife und Gejohle langte endlich die kleine Schar mit heiler Haut bei dem auf dem Terebleştier Territorium vor der Brücke gelegenen Gasthause an, allwo sie von dem freundlichen Wirt Chaim Joel Brecher und dessen Gattin auf das

liebenswürdig 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 Bukowinie", 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 Fürstenstadt Sereth" verdanken wir dem Lehrer J. Weslowski. Derselbe hat nämlich in der „Bukowiner Post", Nr. 367, 370 u. 379 aus einem alten Grundbuche des k. k. Bezirksgerichtes Sereth die Verhandlungsacten mitgetheilt, welche 1782—1784 der An-

June 1897: Chaim Joel Brecher and his wife, keepers of the inn at the Siret bridge on the Terebleşti side, welcome a school excursion from Czernowitz. POSSIBLE

Bukowinaer Rundschau, 2 June 1897, p. 2 — Austrian National Library, ANNO



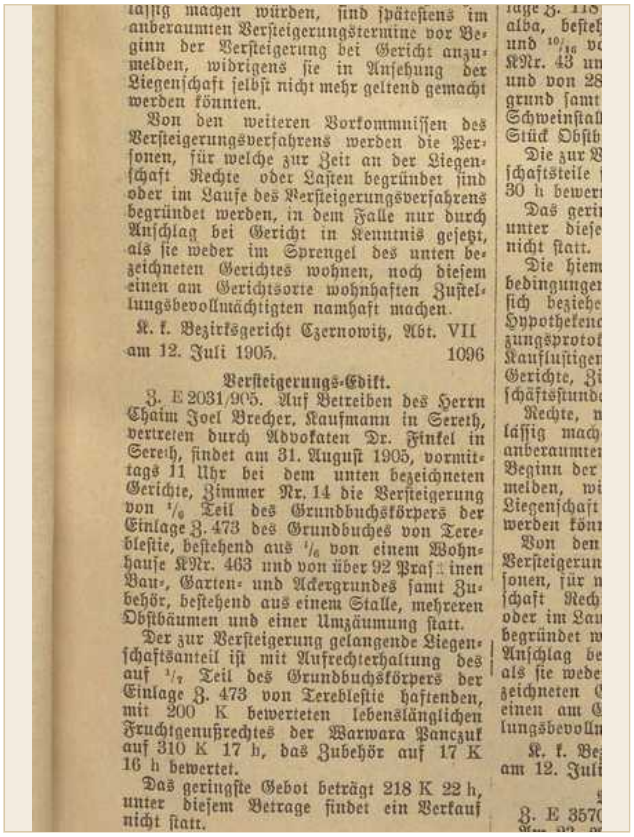
verbüten.

Brodina. (Tot aufgefunden.) Der 60 Jahre alte hiesige Grundwirt Juri Titus Stolerczuk ist heute 8 Uhr früh von den Schulkindern im Suczawafluß tot aufgefunden worden.

Neu-Fratautz. (Vereinsnachricht.) Bei der am 3. d. M. stattgefundenen Generalversammlung des Neufratautzer Bethausvereines wurden folgende Herren in den Ausschuß gewählt: Ischer Engler, Obmann; Berl Dechner, Obmannstellvertretter; Samson Wücher, Sekretär; Josef Lehrer, Kassier; Hersch Wücher, Buchhalter; Samuel H. Drasinower, Kontrollor; Salomon Rudich, Bethausverwalter; Chaim Brecher, Aron Moses Wucher, Salomon Lehrer, Michael Kastner und Jakob Lehrer, Ausschußmänner ohne Funktion.

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

Czernowitzer Tagblatt, 7 September 1904, p. 4 — Austrian National Library, ANNO



lässig machen würden, sind spätestens im anberaumten Versteigerungstermine vor Beginn der Versteigerung bei Gericht anzumelden, widrigens sie in Ansehung der Liegenschaft selbst nicht mehr geltend gemacht werden könnten.

Von den weiteren Vorkommnissen des Versteigerungsverfahrens werden die Personen, für welche zur Zeit an der Liegenschaft Rechte oder Lasten begründet sind oder im Laufe des Versteigerungsverfahrens begründet werden, in dem Falle nur durch Anschlag bei Gericht in Kenntnis gesetzt, als sie weder im Sprengel des unten bezeichneten Gerichtes wohnen, noch diesem einen am Gerichtsorte wohnhaften Zustellungsbevollmächtigten namhaft machen.

K. k. Bezirksgericht Czernowitz, Abt. VII
am 12. Juli 1905. 1096

Versteigerungs-Edikt.

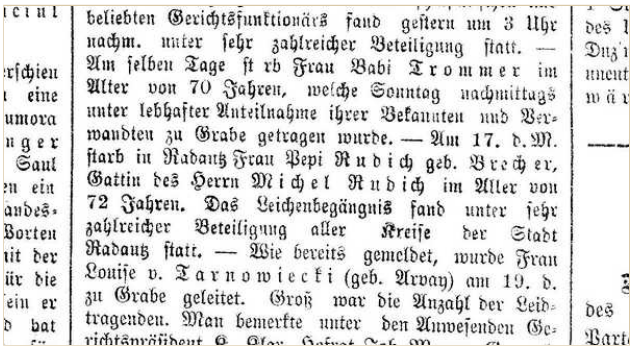
Z. E 2031/905. Auf Betreiben des Herrn Chaim Joel Brecher, Kaufmann in Sereth, vertreten durch Advokaten Dr. Finkel in Sereth, findet am 31. August 1905, vormittags 11 Uhr bei dem unten bezeichneten Gerichte, Zimmer Nr. 14 die Versteigerung von 1/6 Teil des Grundbuchskörpers der Einlage Z. 473 des Grundbuches von Terebleştie, bestehend aus 1/6 von einem Wohnhause KNr. 463 und von über 92 Prafinen Bau-, Garten- und Ackergrundes samt Zubehör, bestehend aus einem Stalle, mehreren Obstbäumen und einer Umzäumung statt.

Der zur Versteigerung gelangende Liegenschaftsanteil ist mit Aufrechterhaltung des auf 1/7 Teil des Grundbuchskörpers der Einlage Z. 473 von Terebleştie haftenden, mit 200 K bewerteten lebenslänglichen Fruchtgenußrechtes der Warwara Panczuk auf 310 K 17 h, das Zubehör auf 17 K 16 h bewertet.

Das geringste Gebot beträgt 218 K 22 h, unter diesem Betrage findet ein Verkauf nicht statt.

A court notice of July 1905 naming Chaim Joel Brecher, merchant in Siret (Sereth). POSSIBLE

Czernowitzer Zeitung, 28 July 1905, p. 5 — Austrian National Library, ANNO



beliebten Gerichtsfunktionärs fand gestern um 3 Uhr nachm. unter sehr zahlreicher Beteiligung statt. — Am selben Tage ſt rb Frau Babi Trommer im Alter von 70 Jahren, welche Sonntag nachmittags unter lebhafter Anteilnahme ihrer Bekannten und Verwandten zu Grabe getragen wurde. — Am 17. d. M. ſtarb in Radautz Frau Pepi Rudich geb. Brecher, Gattin des Herrn Michel Rudich im Alter von 72 Jahren. Das Leichenbegängnis fand unter sehr zahlreicher Beteiligung aller Kreiſe der Stadt Radautz ſtatt. — Wie bereits gemeldet, wurde Frau Louiſe v. Tarnowiecki (geb. Arvay) am 19. d. zu Grabe geleitet. Groß war die Anzahl der Leidtragenden. Man bemerkte unter den Anweſenden Ge-

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. The Rădăuți civil death register (16 April 1906, aged 72) calls her the daughter of Feige Brecher of Siret; Eisig's mother was Rifka, so she was not his full sister.

POSSIBLE

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



Entry in the commercial register, August 1907: the firm of Chaim Joel Brecher of Kamenka, near Siret, holder of a liquor-licence lease (propination). The firm was closed in September 1909. POSSIBLE

Czernowitzer Zeitung, 20 August 1907, p. 5 — Austrian National Library, ANNO



Bahnkommissär J. Kormann, Bahnadjunkt A. Kulka, Bankier J. Münzer, Finanzsekretär L. Weinreb. — In Sadagora: L. Preiser, S. Sandmann; in den Ersatz: Dr. S. Granierer, F. Horowitz. — In Bojan: S. Baltuch; Ersatz: L. Klinger. — In Kotzman: L. Rosenblatt; Ersatz: J. Holder. — In Zastawna: J. Wiznitzer, Bernhard Kohn; Ersatz: A. Engel, W. Roller. — In Wiznitz: Dr. M. Hulles, N. Schärf, Dr. J. Zellermayer; Ersatz: J. Hirsch, S. Hirsch, J. Süßmann. In Waszkoutz: J. Sch. Launer; Ersatz: H. L. Walzer. — In St. Putilla: S. Rauchwerger; Ersatz: E. Eltis. — In Radautz: kais. Rat B. Terner, A. Harth; Ersatz: E. Margulies, k. k. Richter F. Rachmuth. — In Solka: Dr. M. Seckler; Ersatz: Ch. Salpeter. — In Sereth: Dr. J. Benkendorf, kais. Rat Akiba Schreiber; Ersatz: Dr. J. Brecher, Dr. J. Rosenzweig. — In Storozynetz: B. H. Laszower, S. Menczer; Ersatz: M. Schächter, J. Widmann. — In Czudyn: Dr. J. Ruhdörfer; Ersatz: J. Eifermann.—In Suczawa: M. Hellmann, k. k. Bezirksrichter Kupferberg; Ersatz: M. Dische, Dr. A. Gabor. — In Gurahumora: Saul Schieber; Ersatz: S. Scharfstein. — In Dornawatra: M. Retter; Ersatz: Ch. Braunstein.

Todesfälle. Am 8. d. M. ist in Paschkani auf der Reise nach Jassy zur Behandlung in der dortigen Klinik Herr Jacob Gallin, Professor am Obergymnasium in

Josef Brecher of Siret — a law student in 1903–06 and a lawyer's clerk in 1910 — listed in March 1911 as "Dr. J. Brecher", alternate delegate for Siret. POSSIBLE

Czernowitzer Allgemeine Zeitung, 11 March 1911, p. 3 — Austrian National Library, ANNO



am 20. April 1912. 714

Edikt.

Z. C II 159/12. Wider Fischel Brecher, Aron Leib Brecher vel Uren Leib Brecher und Eisig Brecher, deren Aufenthalt unbekannt ist, wurde bei dem k. k. Bezirksgerichte in Sereth vom 12. April 1912 wegen Löschungseinverleibung eine Klage angebracht. Auf Grund der Klage wurde die erste Tagsatzung für den 30. April 1912, vormittags 10 Uhr bei diesem Gerichte, Zimmer Nr. 5 anberaumt.

Zur Wahrung der Rechte der Beklagten wird Herr Advokat Dr. Kapise in Sereth zum Kurator bestellt.

Dieser Kurator wird die Beklagten in der bezeichneten Rechtssache auf deren Gefahr und Kosten so lange vertreten, bis diese entweder sich bei Gericht melden oder einen Bevollmächtigten namhaft machen.

K. k. Bezirksgericht Sereth, Abt. II am 14. April 1912 718

akteur: Dr. Anton Norst.
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Notice of the district court of Siret (Sereth), April 1912, naming Fischel Brecher, Aron Leib Brecher and Eisig Brecher as parties to an old entry in the Siret land register. POSSIBLE

Czernowitzer Zeitung, 26 April 1912, p. 6 — Austrian National Library, ANNO



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Was Sadoveanu's Zukunft bringen wird, läßt sich nicht voraussagen; doch läßt sich hoffen, daß er es auf dem Gebiete des Romans zur Vollkommenheit bringen wird. Im Allgemeinen ist die rumänische Literatur arm an guten Romanen und sie bedarf gerade im gegenwärtigen Entwicklungsstadium ganz besonders eines führenden Genies. Wenn wir aber nach dem Manne Umschau halten, der berufen ist, der rumänischen Romanliteratur die Wege zu ebnen, so können wir hoffen, diesen Führer in Sadoveanu gefunden zu haben.

Fräulein Margarete.*)

Von Mihail Sadoveanu.

Autorisierte Uebersetzung aus dem Rumänischen von Nora Brecher (Radautz).

(Nachdruck verboten.)

In diesem Brief, lieber Freund, werde ich Dir über ganz eigenartige Volksfeste berichten, die man hier zu Weihnachten und Neujahr feiert. Sie haben mir sehr viel Spaß gemacht.

Vor allem solltest Du nur sehen, was für Vorbereitungen in der Wirtschaft des Herrn Tuborake gemacht werden! Frau Irene hat sich eine große weiße Schürze umgebunden, die Aermel heraufgeschoben und ist in die Küche getreten, — eine riesige Küche und rein wie die Handfläche. Gavril, der schwarze Koch, fuchtelt lächelnd mit den Händen und scheint sich zum Kneten anzuschicken. Nach der Hausfrau ist Margarete eingetreten, hierauf auch ich; es ist wie eine Prozession. Ich sehe wie Ilie, der Kutscher, vier geschlachtete Kapauner bringt; er geht hinaus und kommt mit einem Truthahn wieder, dann bringt er zwei

A story by Mihail Sadoveanu, "authorised translation from the Romanian by Nora Brecher (Radautz)", February 1913. POSSIBLE

Czernowitzer Allgemeine Zeitung, 2 February 1913, p. 12 — 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

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.



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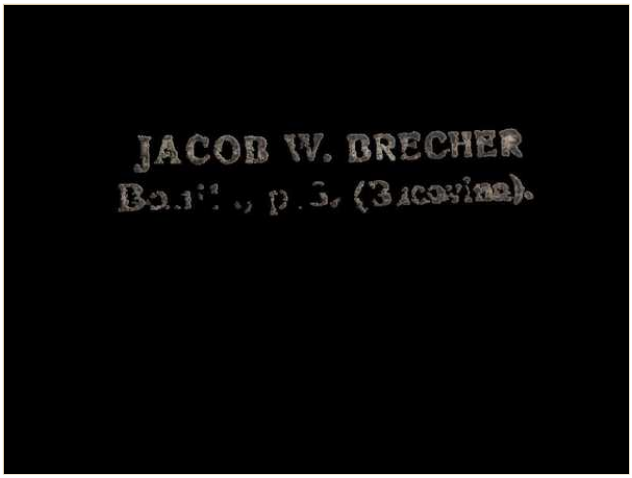
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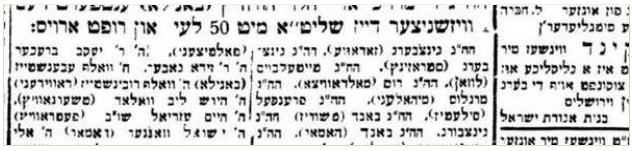
Title page of Pshuto shel Mikra, on the Torah, Prophets and Writings, by Rabbi Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher of Banila, printed by Moskovits Hermann in Marghita, dated 5703 (1942–43). The title page lists his earlier books: Refuot HaTe'ala u-Tzori HaDe'aga, Katuv Yosher, Shiloh, Ohalim, HaAdam and others.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

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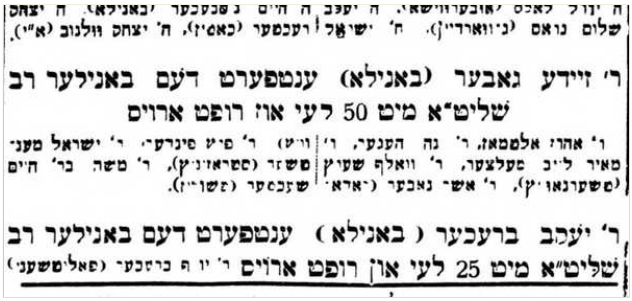
The author's own rubber stamp in the margin of the same copy: "JACOB W. BRECHER, Banila p/S. (Bucovina)". CONFIRMED

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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

Dos Yidishe Vort, Czernowitz, 1936



ר' זיידע גאבער (באנילא) ענטפערט דעם באנילער רב

שליט"א מיט 50 לעי אוז רופט ארויס

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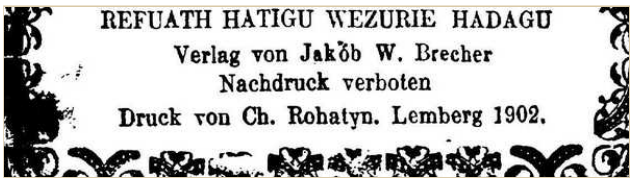
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Dos Yidishe Vort (Czernowitz), 20 Mar 1936, p. 4: "R' Yaakov Brecher (Banila)" answers the rabbi of Banila with a gift of 25 lei for the paper and calls on R' Y. H. Brecher of Fălticeni to follow. LIKELY

Dos Yidishe Vort, Czernowitz, 1936

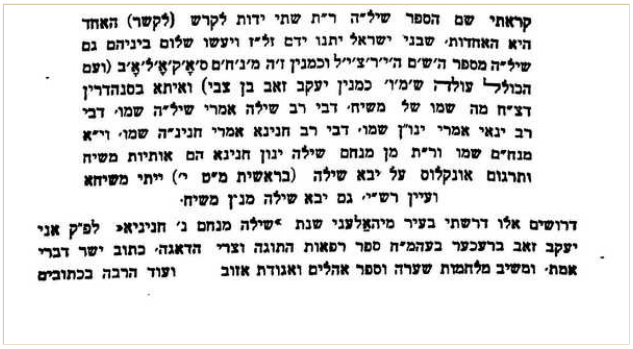
Katuv Yosher opens with his own account of the war years. On 17 Sivan 5676 (18 June 1916), as the front drew near, he left Banila with eleven wagons, one of them for his son-in-law Aharon and his household, and spent about fifteen months as a refugee in Transylvania, at Óradna (Rodna) and then Năsăud, coming home to Banila

in September 1917 to an empty house (his own account in Katuv Yosher); 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


REFUATH HATIGU WEZURIE HADAGU
Verlag von Jakób W. Brecher
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Druck von Ch. Rohatyn. Lemberg 1902.

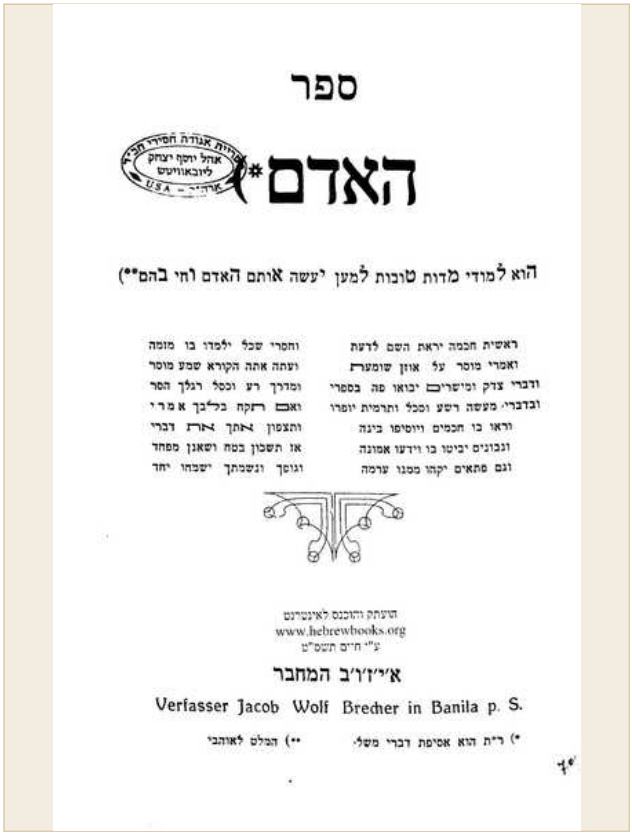
Title page of Refuot HaTugah u-Tzori HaDe'agah, published by Jakob W. (Yaakov Zeev) Brecher, Lemberg (Lviv), 1902. LIKELY

Yaakov Zeev Brecher, Refuot HaTugah (Lemberg, 1902) — HebrewBooks.org no. 35017


קראתי שם הספר שילה ר"ת שתי ידות לקרש (לקשר) האוחד
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ועיין רש"י, גם יבא שילה מנין משיח.
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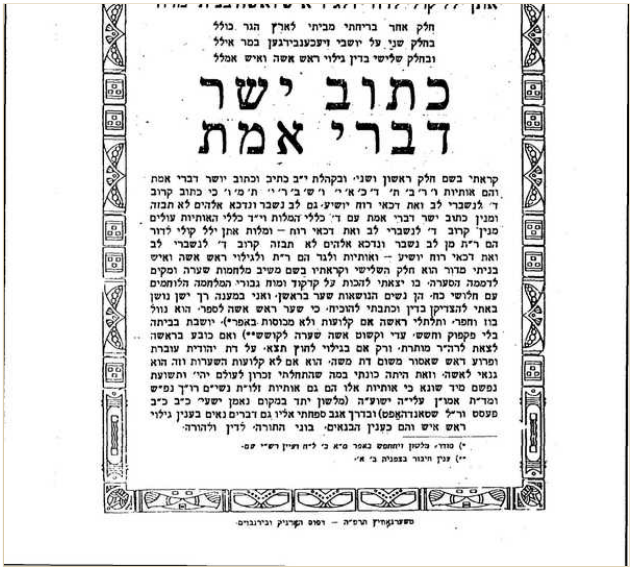
From Shiloh (first printed in Lemberg, 1903; reprinted in Czernowitz, 1924), sermons preached in Mihăileni and signed "Yaakov Zeev Brecher", author of Refuot HaTugah and other works; the title is the numerical value of "Yaakov Zeev ben Zvi". LIKELY

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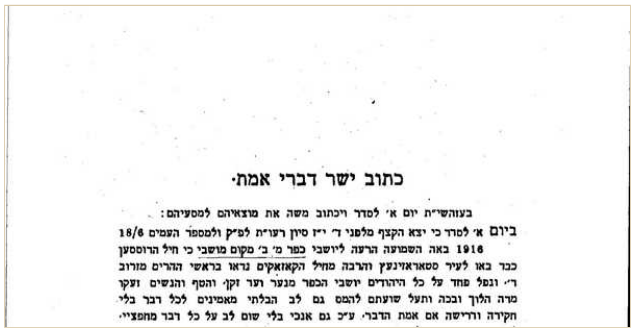
Title page of Sefer HaAdam, a book of moral verse by Jacob Wolf (Yaakov Zeev) Brecher of Banila on the Siret, with the German line "Verfasser Jacob Wolf Brecher in Banila". The book also prints the epitaph he composed for his father Zvi (1908). CONFIRMED

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


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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

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



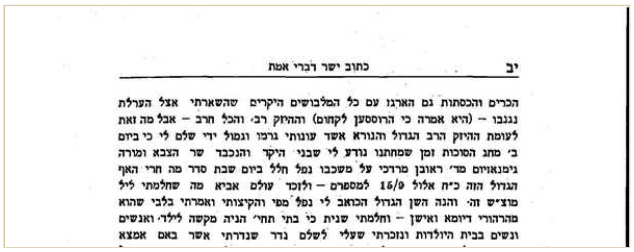
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ביום א' לסדר כי יצא הקצף מלפני ד' יית טיון רעוית לפ"ק ולמספר השמים 18/6 1916 באה השמועה הרעה ליישבי כפר מ' ב' מקום מושבי כי חיל הרוסטען כבר באו לעיר סטאראזינעץ והרבה מחיל הקאזאקים נראו בראשי ההרים מזרוב ד', ונפל פחד על כל היהודים יושבי הכפר מנער ועד זקן, והסף והנשים זעקו מרה הלוך ובכה ותעל שועתם להמס גם לב הבלתי מאפינים לכל דבר בלי חקירה ודרישה אם אמת הדבר, ע"כ גם אנכי בלי שום לב על כל דבר מחפציי,

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. CONFIRMED

Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher, Katuv Yosher Divrei Emet (Czernowitz, 5685 [1925]) — HebrewBooks.org no. 7511, scan p. 9

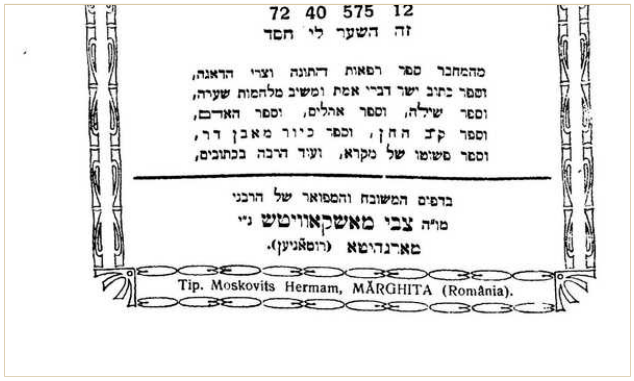


יב כתוב ישר דברי אמת

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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

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



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Tip. Moskovits Hermam, MĂRGHITA (România).

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

Yaakov Zeev Brecher, Parperaot LaMikraot (Marghita, c. 1930) — HebrewBooks.org no. 34644



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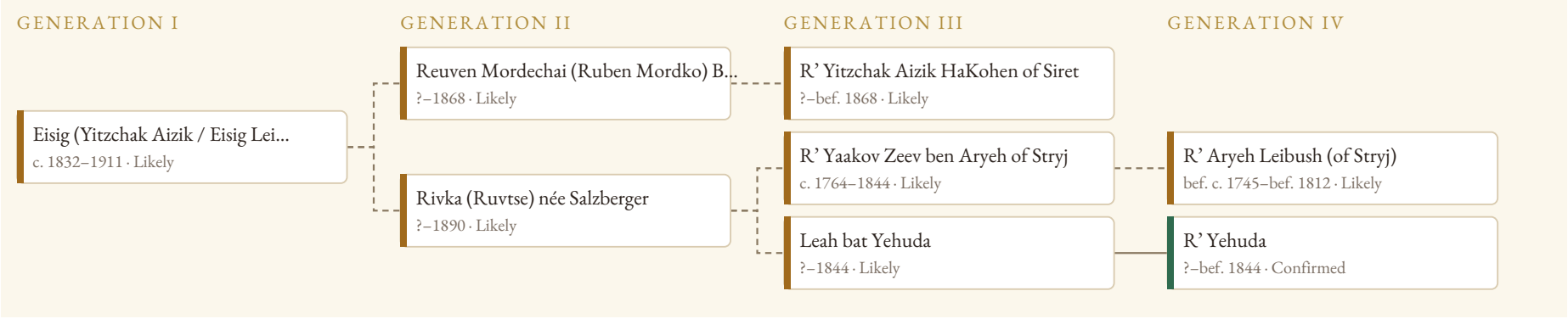
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אותיות שמו בחרוזים.

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

Yaakov Zeev Brecher, Kiyor Me'even Dar — HebrewBooks.org no. 32768

The line in a chart

Ancestors as the records show them. Likely links are drawn dashed; people still only possible are left off.



Records found since the book

- Mollie Brecher's brothers and sisters, named in her father Selig Rudich's 1920 naturalization petition: Bertha (b. 1896), Minnie (1898), Yetta (1900), Louis (1902), Samuel (1904) and Isidore (1907); Selig a cutter born in Bukovina 15 Feb 1866, wife Bertha. CONFIRMED

  Selig Rudich's naturalization petition no. 115086, New York County, 1920 (FamilySearch)

- Harry Brecher, of 36 St Marks Place, signed as a witness when Mollie's sister Yetta Rudich married Louis Steff in Manhattan on 17 Apr 1921. CONFIRMED

  NYC marriage certificate, Manhattan 1921, no. 10682 (NYC Municipal Archives)

- Bertha Rudich married Chaim Szimon Lobel, butcher, at Bronx Borough Hall, 31 Aug 1921 (witness her sister Minnie Feldman); Louis Rudich, butcher, married Lillian Shapiro in Brooklyn, 26 Feb 1928; Isidor Rudich died in Manhattan on 24 Jun 1920, aged 13. CONFIRMED

  NYC marriage certificates Bronx 1921 no. 3829 and Brooklyn 1928 no. 3115; NYC death certificate, Manhattan 1920, no. 19779 (NYC Municipal Archives)

- Selig Rudich, 48, butcher of Storozynetz, arrived at New York on the Niagara from Havre on 23 Mar 1913 with his daughter Ella, 24, going to his son-in-law on 2nd Street. CONFIRMED

  New York passenger lists, NARA T715 roll 2035 p. 131 (FamilySearch)

- Ethel (Ella) Shapiro née Rudich, Mollie's elder sister, died in Manhattan on 18 Apr 1919, aged 30; Minnie Rudich very probably married Benjamin Feldman in the Bronx in 1921. LIKELY

  NYC deaths index 1919, certificate 14242; NYC marriage list, Bronx 1921 (index)

- Feige Rudich née Lobel is written Babza, Babtze, Babics, Balza or Bertha in eight records — very probably a Yiddish pet name for the same woman; the 1920 petition gives her birth as 1 Jun 1866 (a variant of 12 Sep 1866). LIKELY

  1913 manifest; 1920 petition; NYC death and marriage certificates 1920, 1921, 1928

- Yute bat Baruch's stone, K-51 in the Siret New Jewish Cemetery, is now in the gallery: "granddaughter of the Rav R' Yaakov Zeev of Sereth", died 26 Tevet 5674 (24 Jan 1914). CONFIRMED

  Jewish Galicia and Bukovina Organization, Siret cemetery documentation, stone K-51

- Harry Brecher's first papers, New York County, 21 Nov 1910: tailor, of 106 Ludlow Street, last residence Radautz, born at Mihăileni 10 Oct 1888; and the family in the 1920 (Manhattan) and 1930 (the Bronx) censuses. CONFIRMED

  NY County declaration no. 22368; 1920 and 1930 U.S. censuses (FamilySearch)

- Arthur S. Brecher died on 11 Feb 2021 and lies beside his wife Laura Alma née Lyman (26 Oct 1932 – 31 May 2013) under one Brecher stone at Toledo Hebrew Cemetery, Rossford, Ohio, Section 10. (That Laura is Arthur's wife stays Likely.) CONFIRMED

  Find a Grave memorials 223028823 and 111894255, with stone photo

- Leon Brecher's 1942 draft card (born 15 Sep 1895, a liquor store of his own at 1800 Orleans Street, Baltimore) and the family in the 1930 and 1940 Baltimore censuses. CONFIRMED

  1942 draft registration; 1930 and 1940 U.S. censuses (FamilySearch)

- 1940 census, Brooklyn: Charles Schwartz, 62, lamp salesman, and Ida, 46, with their daughter Lucille (Likely); the household index adds a son, Marvin (Possible). LIKELY

  1940 U.S. Census, Brooklyn, E.D. 24-763, sheet 9A

- Isak (Yitzchak) Brecher of Banila and Dora née Haber had a daughter, Ciarne, and a son, Israel, both born in Banila: the August 1941 register of the Storojineț ghetto lists the four of them together at Malcinschi 13B (sheet picture 490). Israel is also named, as Isak's son, in the public catalog entry of Isak's restitution file at the National Library of Israel (URO Tel Aviv, URO-TA-Pers-2247; the file itself is closed and was not read). Both are on the tree, name and relation only. LIKELY

  Storojineț ghetto register, August 1941 (Chernivtsi State Archive), sheet picture 490, transcribed by Naftali Zloczower, pp. 5–6: https://www.eylonconsulting.com/bukovina/blog/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Document-Inhabitants-of-the-Storojinets-Ghetto-in-August-1941-3.pdf; National Library of Israel, Archives of the Jewish People, URO-TA-Pers-2247, public catalog entry only

- What survived of R' Yaakov Zeev's own writing. His great-grandson, R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher HaKohen of Banila, writes that he came upon "the hidden writings of my great-grandfather ... R' Yaakov Zeev ben Aryeh, Av Beit Din of Sereth": a commentary on the Torah by way of allusion (remez) that reached only as far as parashat Va'era — "the rest was lost, a pity" — with a few novellae on the Talmud and responsa. The Rav had not written them as a book, only as notes for his own memory, so his words were few and brief, without source references, and the ink had faded "for he passed away already in 5604, on 15 Iyar, aged eighty". The great-grandson "did not rest" until he had copied some of them; they were printed as Chedvat Yaakov (Marghita, 1938), about ninety years after the Rav's death. CONFIRMED

  Chedvat Yaakov / Kav HaChen HaMeruach (Marghita, 1938), general introduction, pp. 5–6 (HebrewBooks.org no. 32333), read on the page

- The Volovăț flour mill in 1866. The imperial stud-farm estate at Rădăuți offered its 14 overshot flour mills for a three-year lease, 1 January 1867 to the end of December 1869, by sealed offers in November 1866. The row for Wołowetz (Volovăț) reads: newly built of soft material, one milling run and one bolting run, 2 Joch 649 square fathoms of land, starting rent 715 florins a year. This is the mill where Eisig Brecher was "mill tenant at Volovăț" in March 1869 (his son Riwen Mordche's birth entry), so it was new around 1866. Who won the 1867 lease is not printed. Page in the gallery. CONFIRMED

  Bukowina (Czernowitz), 24 Oct 1866, p. 4, notice no. 1532 of the Rădăuți stud-farm economic directorate (ANNO, Austrian National Library: https://anno.onb.ac.at/cgi-content/anno?aid=buk&datum=18661024&seite=4)

- The same Volovăț mill in August 1869: the stud-farm directorate at Rădăuți (16 August 1869) offered the overshot flour mill at Wołowetz, "built of soft material", for a new lease from 1 October 1869 to the end of 1872, after taking it back from "the present lessee Juda Brecher of Sereth". So the mill Eisig was working in 1869 was leased from the state stud by a Juda Brecher of Siret. The notice does not say how Juda was related to Eisig. Kinship: Possible. (This notice calls him "of Sereth"; the Juda Brecher who died in Czernowitz in 1907 appears to be a different man.) CONFIRMED

  Czernowitzer Zeitung, 31 Aug 1869, p. 4, notice no. 1434 of the Rădăuți state stud-farm directorate, dated 16 Aug 1869; reprinted 8 Sep 1869, p. 4 (ANNO, Austrian National Library), read on the page

- Chaim Joel Brecher's liquor-licence firm at Kamenka (entered in the commercial register on 14 August 1907) was struck from the register on 18 September 1909, "because the business was wound up". CONFIRMED

  Czernowitzer Zeitung, 8 Oct 1909, p. 4, commercial register Firm. 1356/9; entry: Czernowitzer Zeitung, 20 Aug 1907, p. 5, Firm. 620/7 (ANNO, Austrian National Library)

- Eisig's civil marriage, Rădăuți, 15 March 1890: Eisig Leib Brecher, born in Siret, businessman in Rădăuți, son of Mordko Brecher and Rifka Salzberger of Siret, married Lea Bernstein, born in Czernowitz, daughter of Benjamin Hersch Bernstein and Chaje née Frenkel of Buczacz; both were 58. Three days later Eisig signed a declaration in the register naming five children born to him and Lea before the civil marriage: Mania (?) 34, Jankel 31, Abraham 26, Ruchel 23 and Riwen Mordche 21. Jankel, Ruchel and the eldest daughter are new on the tree; Abraham and Riwen Mordche are proven again. CONFIRMED

  Rădăuți Jewish civil marriage register, 15 March 1890, entry 4, with the father's declaration of 18 March 1890 in the remarks column (Suceava county branch of the Romanian National Archives; photograph from the Radautz Vital Records Index project, Bruce Reisch and Edgar Hauster)

- Eisig and Lea's deaths, read on the register pages themselves: Eisig Brecher, grain dealer, of Frataut zergasse 45, died 19 January 1911 aged 79 and was buried on 21 January; Lea Brecher, house owner, "widow of Eisig Brecher", of the same house, died 16 January 1916 aged 85 and was buried on 18 January. CONFIRMED

  Rădăuți Jewish civil death registers 1911 (entry 8) and 1916 (entry 4), Suceava county branch of the Romanian National Archives; photographs from the Radautz Vital Records Index project

- Conflict noted: Meir (born about 1851–52) is not among the five children Eisig declared in 1890. The register does not say why. He may have been left out because he was born in Siret and had long been settled in Hungary, or because Eisig was not his father. Meir's descent from Eisig stays Likely, resting on the other records: his Siret origin and kohen line, and the 1909 passenger list on which Meir's son-in-law Samuel Eilender travelled to his "uncle Abraham Brecher", Eisig's son. This record neither proves nor disproves it. LIKELY

  Rădăuți Jewish civil marriage register, 15 March 1890, entry 4, with the father's declaration of 18 March 1890 in the remarks column (Suceava county branch of the Romanian National Archives; photograph from the Radautz Vital Records Index project, Bruce Reisch and Edgar Hauster)

- Pepi Brecher, who died in Rădăuți on 16 April 1906 aged 72, is called in the civil death register the daughter of Feige Brecher of Siret. Eisig's mother was Rifka, so Pepi was not his full sister; the gallery caption has been corrected. CONFIRMED

  Rădăuți Jewish civil death register 1906, entry 49 (same archive and project)

- Charles B. Schwartz, Ida Brecher's husband: born 16 Dec 1876, buried 6 Feb 1976 (his memorial notes that this is the interment date). One outside source, so Likely. LIKELY

  Find a Grave memorial 97459913

- Harry and Mollie Brecher's exact graves: Montefiore Cemetery, Gate 189/NE, Block 76, Row 8L, Graves 1 (Harry) and 2 (Mollie), in the Independent Bukovinaer Young Men's and Young Ladies' society plot. CONFIRMED

  Find a Grave memorials 158155543 and 158155549 (stone photos and cemetery plot index)

- Selig (Asher Zelig) and Feige (Fagie) Rudich, Mollie Brecher's parents, rest in United Hebrew Cemetery, Staten Island, in the plot of the First Independent Strozynetzer society (Storojineț, Bukovina), Section 4, Row 3, Graves 3 and 4. Find a Grave gives Selig's death as 24 Jul 1927 (this site: 23 Jul); Fagie's, 24 Apr 1944, matches. No stone photo is online. LIKELY

  Find a Grave memorials 279681403 and 279681399 (from the cemetery's burial index)

- Hannah Brecher Rudman's gravestone at Shaarei Tfiloh, Baltimore, names her "bat R' Yaakov Aryeh HaKohen" — exactly her father Leon's Hebrew name on his stone. Albert Rudman's Hebrew name was Avraham ben R' Dov Ber. Graves K-478 (Hannah), K-477 (Albert), near Leon at K-449; their joint BRECHER / RUDMAN family stone is in Section K. Photos in the gallery. CONFIRMED

  Find a Grave memorials 126944465, 126944464, 113946164 (stone photos by "Gypsy Joyce")

- Chedvat Yaakov, introduction p. 6, in the editor's words: "כי נפטר עוד בשנת תר"ד ט"ו אייר והי' בן שמונים שנה" — "for he died in 5604, on 15 Iyar, aged eighty"; and "ואני נכדו (בן בתו של בנו ובן בנו של בתו) חשוב כבנו" — "and I, his grandson (the son of his son's daughter, and the son of his daughter's son), count as his son". He signs the names "יעקב זאב (הוא שמי), חנה רחמה (שם אמי ז"ל), צבי (שם אבי ז"ל)" — Yaakov Zeev (my name), Zvi (my late father), Chana Ruchama (my late mother). Introduction p. 5 calls the author "R' Yaakov Zeev ben Aryeh, Av Beit Din of Sereth", a disciple of R' Michel of Złoczów, R' Zvi of Nadwórna and the Seer of Lublin; the place Stryj is not in the introduction (it comes from his stone). This fits the tree: Zvi Brecher HaKohen is the son of the rabbi's daughter Rivka, and Chana Ruchama a daughter of one of his sons (re-read on the page 24 Oct 2026: "the son of his son's daughter" — that link is now Confirmed by these words; which son is not named). CONFIRMED

  Chedvat Yaakov (Marghita, 1938), introduction pp. 5–6, HebrewBooks.org no. 32333

- The 1962 history of the Jews of the Bukovina also names "Candidate-Lawyer Joseph Brecher" among the Jewish lawyers of Siret before the Second World War — a second source for Josef Brecher, a lawyer of Siret. Whether he is the same Josef is Possible. POSSIBLE

  Hugo Gold, ed., Geschichte der Juden in der Bukowina, vol. II, p. 105, chapter "Sereth"; English translation at https://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/Bukowinabook/buk2_105.html

- Mordke died at Rădăuți on 22 February 1898, aged eight months (Rădăuți burial register). CONFIRMED

  JewishGen burial registry (JOWBR), Bukovina, record J_BUCOVINA_0020210

- Miriam's parents were Marcus (Mortko, Mordechai) Langsner and Beile, of Mihăileni (her children's Rădăuți birth entries, 1891–1900). Miriam, born 1 January 1874 (death certificate; Likely), died a widow in Manhattan on 6 February 1944; her son Harry gave her parents as Mordcha Langsner and Bela. CONFIRMED

  Rădăuți civil birth register, JewishGen "Bukovina – Births" index (entries of Regina 1891, Chaje 1893, Mordke 1897, Jakob Wolf 1900); New York City death certificate, Manhattan, 1944, no. 3398 (NYC Municipal Archives)

- Abraham, born in Rădăuți in 1864, was a son of Eisig Brecher and Lea née Bernstein; his children's Rădăuți birth entries (1891–1900) say so, and describe him as a businessman, later a barkeeper — raised from Likely. He died before February 1944 (his wife's death certificate calls her his widow). CONFIRMED

  Rădăuți civil birth register, JewishGen "Bukovina – Births" index (entries of Regina 1891, Chaje 1893, Mordke 1897, Jakob Wolf 1900); New York City death certificate, Manhattan, 1944, no. 3398

- Fanny Gensler's birthplace, written "Cebasti" (1927) and "Kobesty" (1921), is very likely Kabestie (Căbeşti, today Kabivtsi, Chernivtsi oblast), a village in the same small Bukovina court district (Stanestie) as Draczinetz. LIKELY

  JewishGen Communities Database (Kabeshti / Kabestie, Storojineț district, 48°16'N 25°39'E); Gerichtsbezirk Stanestie, 1869 communes

- Siret New Cemetery, stone AE-66: Ester Base bat Baruch, died 26 Cheshvan 5643 (8 November 1882). Whether she was a sister of Yute bat Baruch (K-51) is only Possible, since Baruch is a common name. CONFIRMED

  Jewish Galicia & Bukovina cemetery database, Siret, AE-66 (text; link only): https://jgaliciabukovina.net/printpdf/231159

- Leon (Jakob Leib) Brecher's household in Baltimore, April 1950: Leon and Fannie running a retail liquor store, with their son Max (28), daughter Hanna (23) and her husband Albert Rudman. Census page in the gallery. CONFIRMED

  1950 U.S. census, Baltimore City, Maryland, ED 4-777, sheet 25, lines 13–17 (National Archives)

- Leon and Fanny's children: Max Isaac Brecher (1921–2012), who married Beatrice "Bessie" Canter (1926–2001, Likely); Hannah Brecher Rudman (1927–1986), wife of Albert Rudman (1920–2003); and Herman Brecher, MD. Grandchildren: Philip, Allan and Mark E. Brecher (Max's sons); Barbara Goldfarb and Caryn Tapper (Hannah's daughters). CONFIRMED

  Max Isaac Brecher obituary, Baltimore Sun, 15 Feb 2012; Albert Rudman obituary, Baltimore Sun, 28 Dec 2003; 1950 U.S. census, Baltimore City, Maryland, ED 4-777, sheet 25, lines 13–17 (National Archives)

- Leon's wife Fanny was born Gensler, 13 Nov 1895; she died 31 May 1984 and is buried beside Leon at Shaarei Tfiloh, Baltimore County. LIKELY

  Find a Grave memorial 113946163 (volunteer site, link only): https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/113946163/fanny-brecher; Baltimore Sun, 2 June 1984 (index)

- Harry (Hersch) Brecher's household in the Bronx, April 1950: Harry, Mollie, their daughter Sarah (30) and son Arthur (22). Census page in the gallery. LIKELY

  1950 U.S. census, Bronx, New York, ED 3-2020, sheet 9, lines 15–18 (National Archives)

- Arthur S. Brecher (28 Mar 1928 – 2021), son of Harry and Mollie, grew up in the Bronx and became a professor of chemistry at Bowling Green State University, Ohio. He married Laura Lyman (d. 2013); their children are Sharon Spencer and Benjamin Brecher. LIKELY

  Arthur Brecher obituary, Toledo Blade, 19 Feb 2021

- Harry and Mollie lie side by side in the Independent Bukovinaer Young Men's and Young Ladies' society plot at Montefiore Cemetery, Queens. LIKELY

  Find a Grave memorial 158155543 (volunteer site, link only): https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/158155543/harry-brecher; Find a Grave memorial 158155549 (volunteer site, link only): https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/158155549/mollie-brecher

- Harry's mother Miriam (Langsner) Brecher was buried in February 1944 in the Bukaczowce society plot at Mount Zion Cemetery, Queens. LIKELY

  Mount Zion Cemetery interment record 7894902

- Charles B. Schwartz, Ida (Chaje) Brecher's husband: born 16 Dec 1876; buried 6 Feb 1976 (the interment date on his memorial; his date of death is not verified). LIKELY

  Find a Grave memorial 97459913 (volunteer site, link only): https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/97459913/charles-b-schwartz

- R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher HaKohen's book Ohalim (a Hebrew word and grammar book, with Agudot Ezov) was printed in Czernowitz in 1925 by Hornik & Birnbaum. LIKELY

  wikisforim.org catalogue item 000114680; Moreshet sale listing, 23 Sep 2019

- R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher HaKohen of Banila's first wife was Liba: "my wife Mrs. Liba, may she live" (1902) and "the yahrzeit of my first wife Mrs. Liba", 28 Menachem Av (1925). Pictures in the gallery. CONFIRMED

  Refuot HaTugah (Lemberg 1902) p. 5, HebrewBooks.org no. 35017; Katuv Yosher (Czernowitz 1925) intro, PDF p. 41, HebrewBooks.org no. 7511

- Yitzchak (Isak) Brecher of Banila (b. 14 Jan 1895, Sinăuții de Jos; d. 9 Dec 1978, Holon), whose parents were Yaakov HaKohen and Liba, is very likely R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf's son, and is now on the family tree. His wife was Devorah (Dora), daughter of Israel Haber (d. 22 Apr 1993). His stone says "in his 84th year" (Likely reading); a plaque remembers "my sister Madi and my brother Reuven". Stone record: https://billiongraves.com/grave/%D7%99%D7%A6%D7%97%D7%A7-%D7%91%D7%A8%D7%9B%D7%A8/14333290 LIKELY

  Holon Cemetery, BillionGraves records 14333290 and 14333291; Israel immigration lists (index); R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf's books

- Zvi son of Reuven Mordechai Brecher (d. Jerusalem 1908) left "four sons and one daughter", says the epitaph his son wrote. Only R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf is known by name. CONFIRMED

  Sefer HaAdam p. 59, HebrewBooks.org no. 26795

- R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf wrote a wedding poem for "my kinsman Shmerl Salzberg, son of Zalman Yehuda", and his bride Malka, daughter of Yosef Rudich (the word "kinsman" Confirmed). That this Salzberg family is Rivka Salzberger's: Likely. LIKELY

  Sefer HaAdam p. 60, HebrewBooks.org no. 26795

- Coverage note: the whole 1797–99 Bukovina Jewish tax file (55 pages, Czernowitz and Suczawa districts, poverty lists and the list of foreign Jews) was read; there is no Brecher anywhere in it. The surname seems to have come or been taken later. CONFIRMED

  State Archives of Chernivtsi Oblast, fond 1, op. 1, file 925, via Wikimedia Commons

- A signature "Eisig Brecher" stands as witness in the Rădăuți Jewish marriage register on 19 November 1902 (Jurgrau–Hass). That it is our Eisig, then about 70 and living in Rădăuți, is Possible, leaning Likely: no age or address is written beside it. CONFIRMED

  Yossi Yagur, "Genealogical Data in the Archives of South Bukovina", Israel Genealogical Society journal, PDF p. 4, fig. 3

- Meir's brother Reuven Mordechai (Riwen Mordche) Brecher died in 1942 in Moghilev, Transnistria, and his wife Chana Itte née Knobler in 1941 in Moghilev, Transnistria (memorial necrology naming both fathers and her maiden name). LIKELY

  Gura Humorului memorial book, necrology (JewishGen Yizkor translation, gur203)

- R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher HaKohen of Banila had a second wife, Etil, daughter of R' Yechiel (d. 1928). A 1932 index of eulogies places a eulogy for her (Av 5688, summer 1928) in his book Ohalim — but the copy of Ohalim found is dated Czernowitz 1925, three years before her death, so that eulogy is unverified. LIKELY

  Mafteach HaHespedim part 4 (Vienna 1932) p. 25, HebrewBooks.org no. 36842; Ohalim (Czernowitz 1925), HebrewBooks.org

- Harry (Hersch) and Mollie Brecher had four children: Rachel (b. c. 1917), Sarah (b. c. 1919), Ruth (b. c. 1923) and Arthur (b. 1928), all born in New York. The 1930 census lists Rachael 13, Sarah 11, Ruth 6 and Seymour 2; the 1940 census at 1310 Morris Avenue lists Rachel 23, Sarah 21, Ruth 17 and "Otto" 12 — the son Arthur S. Brecher. Rachel and Ruth were Possible before; Arthur's link to Harry and Mollie is now Confirmed. CONFIRMED

  1930 U.S. census, Bronx, sheet 121A (FamilySearch 1:1:X7DN-BM5); 1940 U.S. census, Bronx, ED 3-201, sheet 1A (FamilySearch 1:1:K3TV-QNS, page image read)

- Harry Brecher (27, born Mihăileni; parents Abraham and Miriam Langsner) married Mollie Rudich (23, born Bukovina; parents Selig Rudich and Feige Lobel) in Manhattan on 27 August 1915, certificate 19380. Harry's Social Security record also names his parents Abraham Brecher and Miriam Langsner. CONFIRMED

  New York City Marriage Records, Manhattan, 1915, cert. 19380 (FamilySearch 1:1:24QC-M3C); U.S. Social Security NUMIDENT (FamilySearch 1:1:6K9M-79WY)

- Fanny Gensler, 24, of Draczinetz, Bukovina, arrived at Ellis Island on 19 January 1921 on the S.S. Rotterdam (sailed from Rotterdam 8 January) with Chaim Gensler, 56, and Heine Gensler, 53, bound for a brother-in-law, J. Dulberg, in Brooklyn. Her maiden name Gensler is Confirmed by her daughter Hannah's Social Security record (parents Fanny Gensler and Leon Brecher). CONFIRMED

  New York passenger lists, Ellis Island, 19 Jan 1921, S.S. Rotterdam, list 12, lines 6–8, NARA T715 roll 2912 (FamilySearch 1:1:J6VN-LW5, page image read); NUMIDENT (FamilySearch 1:1:6K3D-P4CV)

- Chaim (Hyman) Gensler and Heine (Hannah) Gensler née Herzig (Herzog) were Fanny's parents. On the ship lists of 19 January 1921 Chaim goes to his son-in-law J. Dulberg and Fanny to her brother-in-law; Dulberg's wife Dora Gensler, Fanny's sister, named her parents as Hyman Gensler and Hanna Herzog at her Brooklyn marriage of 12 November 1911. Fanny's daughter Hannah (b. 1927) was named for her grandmother Hannah (Heine) (family tradition, Likely). Ship pages in the gallery. CONFIRMED

  S.S. Rotterdam, 19 Jan 1921, List 12, lines 6–8, both pages, NARA T715 roll 2912 (FamilySearch 3:1:3Q9M-C955-RQ6S-3 and 3:1:3Q9M-C955-RQHM-5); New York City marriage records, Kings, 12 Nov 1911, certificate 11743 (FamilySearch 1:1:Q2CK-8531, index); family knowledge

- The "Jacob Brecher", 26, married, of Siret, on the same S.S. Rotterdam arrival of 19 January 1921 (List 21, line 10) is Leon (Jakob Leib) Brecher: the certificate of arrival in his naturalization file names "Brecher, Jacob, arrived January 19, 1921, on the Rotterdam". The right-hand page gives his birthplace as Gura Humora (Gura Humorului) and his destination as his brother-in-law Josef Dulberg, 1614 East 5th Street, Brooklyn. CONFIRMED

  Certificate of arrival no. 249990, filed with Maryland petition no. 9144 (FamilySearch 3:1:3Q9M-CS9Z-RSTS); S.S. Rotterdam List 21, line 10, NARA T715 roll 2912 (FamilySearch 1:1:J6KM-GPL; right-hand page 3:1:3Q9M-C955-RQHX-P)

- Leon and Fanny in Baltimore in 1930 (Max 9, Hanna 3) and 1940 (Max 18, Hannah 13, and Herman); Max's World War II draft card gives his birth as 29 June 1921 in Brooklyn; Leon's Social Security record gives 15 Sep 1895 – 10 Oct 1988. CONFIRMED

  1930 U.S. census, Baltimore (FamilySearch 1:1:X3WH-JC1); 1940 U.S. census, Baltimore, ED 4-103, sheet 13B (1:1:K76B-Y7Q); Maryland WWII draft cards (1:1:Q29H-F1LS); NUMIDENT (1:1:6K3V-FYDV)

- Rivka (Ruvtse) née Salzberger was the daughter of HaRav R' Yaakov Zeev, Rav of Sereth — Likely: a Siret stone (BC-17) of an aged Rivka called Ruvtse, "daughter of HaRav R' Yaakov Zeev", d. 20 Elul 5650, is very probably hers (it gives no surname or husband), and her husband R' Reuven Mordechai's stone calls him "son-in-law of the Rav of this place", but neither her husband's nor her son's stone names which Rav, and no register names her father. LIKELY

  Jewish Galicia and Bukovina, Siret Jewish cemetery documentation (2022), stones BC-17 and G-35

- R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher HaKohen of Banila (1866–1941) was very probably among the Holocaust victims: Banila, 1941. LIKELY

  H. Gold (ed.), Geschichte der Juden in der Bukowina, vol. II (1962), "Sereth", p. 105 (JewishGen translation)

- R' Zvi (Hersch) Brecher HaKohen left for the Land of Israel on Sunday, 12 Menachem Av 5668 = 9 August 1908, as his son records; he died in Jerusalem about ten weeks later (25 Tishrei 5669). CONFIRMED

  Shiloh (Czernowitz 1924 reprint) p. 43, HebrewBooks.org no. 35162

- In 1916, as a refugee, R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf paid for "half-boots for my little daughter, bat sheva'": a young daughter (her name, Bat-Sheva, or "aged seven" — the name is Possible). CONFIRMED

  Katuv Yosher (Czernowitz 1925) scan p. 19, HebrewBooks.org no. 7511

- Holon gravestones of Yitzchak (Isak) Brecher HaKohen (d. 9 Kislev 5739 = 9 Dec 1978, "in his 84th year") and Devorah (Dora) née Haber (d. 1 Iyar 5753 = 1993): Block 17, Area 1, Row 27, plots 1 and 2. Isak's link to R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf stays Likely. CONFIRMED

  Chevra Kadisha Tel Aviv-Yafo burial register (gravez.me)

- Leon's naturalization: declaration of intention in Brooklyn, 13 June 1922, as Leo Brecher, 27, clerk, of 665 Sackman Street, with his wife Fanny; petition in Baltimore, filed 2 March 1927 as Jacob Brecher of 2004 East Pratt Street, newspaper carrier, born 15 September 1895 in Bukovina, wife Fanny, son Max (born 21 June 1921 by the petition; 29 June by his own draft card). He asked to be named Leo Brecher and was admitted on 13 June 1927. Both papers in the gallery. CONFIRMED

  Maryland naturalization petition no. 9144 (NARA M1640, roll 32; FamilySearch 3:1:3Q9M-CS9Z-RS1K, 3:1:3Q9M-CS9Z-RC7S); Declaration of Intention no. 141057, Supreme Court, Kings County (3:1:3Q9M-CS9Z-RSTS)

- Leon and Fanny were already married when they sailed in January 1921: Jacob is listed married, and both call Josef Dulberg their brother-in-law. No marriage record was found in New York or Baltimore; the wedding was most likely in Bukovina or Romania. CONFIRMED

  S.S. Rotterdam lists 12 and 21, 19 Jan 1921; Declaration of Intention no. 141057 (1922)

- Fanny's sister Dora (Dara) Gensler, 21, married Joseph Dulberg, 24, son of Jacob Dulberg and Sprinze Katcher, in Brooklyn on 12 November 1911. Their daughter Rosaline Anna Dulberg married in Brooklyn in 1937. CONFIRMED

  New York City marriage records, Kings, 12 Nov 1911, certificate 11743 (FamilySearch 1:1:Q2CK-8531, index); FamilySearch 1:1:Q2CF-KGG7 (1937)

- Fanny's birthplace: "Cebasti" in Leon's 1927 petition and "Kobesty" on her father's line of the 1921 ship list are the same village, written by two clerks; it is not yet identified. Draczinetz was the family's last home. LIKELY

  Maryland petition no. 9144 (3:1:3Q9M-CS9Z-RS1K); S.S. Rotterdam List 12, right-hand page (3:1:3Q9M-C955-RQHM-5)

- Harry and Mollie Brecher in Manhattan in January 1920 (indexed "Braesher"): Harry, 31, and Mollie, 27, both born in Romania, with Rachel (3½) and Sarah (10 months), both born in New York. In the 1925 New York State census Rachel (9), Sarah (6) and Ruth (2) appear in a Bronx household (Likely). CONFIRMED

  1920 U.S. census, Manhattan, AD 8, ED 640, sheet 8B, lines 98–101 (FamilySearch 1:1:MJYY-42M, 1:1:MJYY-429); 1925 New York State census, Bronx, p. 50, family 991 (1:1:KSMP-XXN, -XXV, -XX2)

- Harry and Mollie's daughter Sarah is likely the "Sarah N Brecher" born 17 February 1919 who died 24 July 1992, last residence Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania (the file names no parents). LIKELY

  Social Security NUMIDENT (FamilySearch 1:1:6K99-KBM7); Social Security Death Index (1:1:VSNF-ZZN)

- Froim Brecher and Fischel Brecher, Jewish donors of Suczawa (Suceava), gave 20 kreuzer each to flood relief, printed in the Lemberger Zeitung of 31 October 1845 — the earliest Brechers seen so far in the Suczawa district. Kinship to our line: Possible. Page in the gallery. CONFIRMED

  Lemberger Zeitung, 31 Oct 1845, p. 668 (ANNO: https://anno.onb.ac.at/cgi-content/anno?aid=lez&datum=18451031&seite=2)

- Not our family: the firm "Rifka Brecher", a mixed-goods business in Czernowitz entered in the commercial register in April 1869 with Juda Brecher as its authorised manager, belonged to Rifka, wife of the Czernowitz merchant Juda Brecher and mother of the Vienna advocate Dr Ignatz Brecher. Juda died in Czernowitz in April 1907 as Dr Ignatz Brecher's father, and Rifka died there in June 1909, aged 88, as a merchant's widow. Our Rivka died at Siret in 1890. Page in the gallery. UNRELATED

  Czernowitzer Zeitung, 27 Apr 1869, p. 3, notice no. 7620; Wiener Zeitung, 1 May 1869, p. 18 and 27 Feb 1874, p. 24; Czernowitzer Tagblatt, 21 Apr 1907, p. 5 and 29 Jun 1909, p. 4; Bukowinaer Post, 29 Jun 1909, p. 3 (ANNO, Austrian National Library)

- Rifka (Rivka) née Salzberger was Eisig's mother: the Rădăuți marriage register of 15 March 1890 calls him the son of "Mordko Brecher u. der Rifka Salzberger" of Siret, read again on the image. CONFIRMED

  Rădăuți civil marriages, 15 Mar 1890, vol. II p. 92 no. 4 (Radautz Vital Records Index, register image P1120818)

- Rivka as the daughter of HaRav R' Yaakov Zeev ben Aryeh, Rav of Sereth, stays Likely (strong). A Siret stone (BC-17) of an aged "Rivka called Ruvtse, daughter of HaRav R' Yaakov Zeev" is very probably hers (it gives no surname or husband), and Chedvat Yaakov p. 6 says the editor's father Zvi, son of Reuven Mordechai Brecher, was the son of the Rav's daughter. The Chedvat Yaakov introduction never prints her name, and no register names her father. LIKELY

  Chedvat Yaakov (Marghita 1938), introduction p. 6, HebrewBooks.org no. 32333; Sefer HaAdam p. 59, HebrewBooks.org no. 26795; Siret stones BC-17, G-35, N-27

- Chaim Joel Brecher gave to Siret's Passover-bread collection for the town's poor in April 1897: "Ch. Joel Brecher" is among the donors of 1 florin each. S. L. Frohner of Siret is on the same list. Page in the gallery. CONFIRMED

  Bukowinaer Post (Czernowitz), 25 Apr 1897, p. 3 (ANNO, Austrian National Library)

- R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf's "Banila" was Banila on the Siret: the German line of his Sefer HaAdam title page reads "Verfasser Jacob Wolf Brecher in Banila p. S.", the postal form of Bănila pe Siret, not the Banila on the Cheremosh. Today it is Banyliv-Pidhirnyi, Chernivtsi oblast, Ukraine; now on the map. LIKELY

  Sefer HaAdam, title page, HebrewBooks.org no. 26795; OpenStreetMap relation 5940703

- Sinăuții de Jos, where Isak of Banila was born in 1895, is today part of Mihăileni (Botoșani County, Romania), on the Siret about 6 km east of Siret town. Sinăuții de Jos lay in Bukovina; Mihăileni proper was a market and customs town on the Romanian side of the old border, the town where R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf preached his Shiloh sermons. Both are now on the map. CONFIRMED

  Romanian Wikipedia, "Comuna Mihăileni, Botoșani"; English Wikipedia, "Mihăileni, Botoșani"; OpenStreetMap relation 12594182

- Map points for Chaim Joel Brecher: the Kamenka of his 1907 firm is Kam'yanka, Chernivtsi raion, Ukraine (about 14 km north-west of Siret), and the Terebleşti side of the Siret bridge, where his inn stood in 1897, is Terebleche, about 8 km north of Siret. LIKELY

  OpenStreetMap nodes 337662002 and 337662490

- R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf's second wife, Etil bat R' Yechiel, was Ottilie (Ettel) Brecher née Weissbach. The death itself is Confirmed: she died at Banila on Friday 20 July 1928 (3 Av 5688), aged 60; "her husband Jakob Brecher" gave the eulogy at her open grave; she was known for her charity and had 10 trees planted in the Herzl Forest. That she is his second wife Etil: Likely (strong), matching the eulogy index entry of Av 5688. Page in the gallery. LIKELY

  Ostjüdische Zeitung (Czernowitz), no. 1089, 29 Jul 1928, p. 6 (difmoe.eu); Mafteach HaHespedim part 4 (Vienna 1932) p. 25, HebrewBooks.org no. 36842

- R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf was back in Banila by April 1925, earlier than the "by 1929" given before: at Banila's celebration of the opening of the Hebrew University (16 April 1925), "Herr Jacob Brecher, a notable Talmudist" spoke with quotations from Talmud and Midrash. In July 1932 Jakob Brecher chaired a community meeting at Banila p. S., and in 1936 Jakob and Isak Brecher were named among "the oldest residents" of the community (records Confirmed; that this is the Rav and his son: Likely). Page in the gallery. LIKELY

  Ostjüdische Zeitung, 28 Apr 1925, p. 3; 19 Jul 1932, p. 3; 1 Mar 1936, p. 3 (difmoe.eu)

- R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf: Banila, July 1941 (date and place only). The account of Banila in Gold's history, as told by Isaak Brecher of Givatayim, names Jakob Brecher, a Talmud scholar with a library of almost 5,000 volumes; the account itself Confirmed as printed, that he is the Rav: Likely (strong). LIKELY

  Gold, Geschichte der Juden in der Bukowina II (Tel Aviv 1962), "Mold. Banila" (JewishGen translation buk2_092a)

- The Brechers of Sereth in Bistrița: the Bistrița Jewish registers (read on the scans, Confirmed) show a second Kohen family named Brecher from Sereth — Hoschia Brecher and Malke Adelstein of Buczacz, their children Roza and David (1838), David the distiller's and Ruben's families, and Hersch of Naszód. A link to Reuven Mordechai is only Possible; none of them is on the tree. The full note is on Reuven Mordechai's card. POSSIBLE

  Romanian National Archives, Bistrița-Năsăud County Service, collection BN-F-00055 (Jewish civil registers), inventory 166, units 118, 121 and 123 (descopera.arhivelenationale.ro, cota cid 9342297, 9342303, 9342305), read on the scans 27 Oct 2026; JewishGen Hungarian Births and Marriages index rows for Bistrița, Kolozsvár and Oradna (Romanian National Archives registers 122, 787, 789, 1024, 1477, 1478 and Cluj 71)

- Josef Brecher (Yosef bar Yaakov HaKohen, b. 4 Aug 1874, Siret) finished the Eudoxiu Hurmuzachi gymnasium at Rădăuți in 1898/99: the graduates' index entry is Confirmed; that it is this Josef is Likely. LIKELY

  Graduates of the Eudoxiu Hurmuzachi gymnasium 1884–1997, record Eudoxiu0305, GeneaSearch Czernowitz index (czernowitz.geneasearch.net; index by Edgar Hauster, courtesy Dr. Marian Olaru)

- Two more children of Jankel (Jakob) Brecher and Edel née Fischler of Rădăuți, from the civil birth index: Chaje (b. 1889), named as "daughter of Jakob Brecher, merchant, and Edel Brecher" in the births of her daughters Rebeka Adele (17 May 1919) and Rachel Lea Bernstein (22 Oct 1922) by Mechel (Mendel) Bernstein; and Rubin Marcus (b. 29 Sep 1884), who used his mother's surname as Rubin Markus Fischler and married Amalia (Malke) Klotz civilly on 26 Aug 1920 (marriage vol. V no. 55). Edel's parents were Chaim and Resi (Jeti) Gitel Fischler of Rădăuți. The records are Confirmed (index); Jankel himself stays a Possible son of Eisig, since no record names his parents. CONFIRMED

  JewishGen, Bukovina Births (index of the Rădăuți civil birth register, Suceava branch of the Romanian National Archives, Hauster/Reisch transcription); Reisch "Seven Seals" Rădăuți indexes; https://www.jewishgen.org/databases/

- The two candidate graves of R' Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen were read in full: Aizik son of Eliezer Katz (Siret Old Cemetery C-80, died 8 Nisan 5588 = 23 March 1828) and Aizik son of Dov Katz (Sanie no. 251, died 23 Tammuz 5591 = 4 July 1831). Both stones carry priestly hands, so both men were Kohanim; neither names a wife, child, surname, Brecher or Aryeh Leibush. Whichever is his would name his father, Eliezer or Dov. Both stay Possible; the titles give only a slight lean to the 1831 stone. Photos in the gallery. Re-checked on the photographs (27 October 2026): the priestly hands are carved on both stones, and also on the 1793 stone of Meir son of Eliezer Katz (Sanie no. 186). POSSIBLE

  Jewish Galicia & Bukovina tombstone records 226396 (https://jgaliciabukovina.net/226396/tombstone/tombstone-aizik-son-eliezer-katz) and 226564 (https://jgaliciabukovina.net/226564/tombstone/tombstone-aizik-son-dov-katz); Silviu Sanie, Dăinuire prin piatră (Bucharest 2000), no. 251

- Chaim Yoel Brecher HaKohen appears as "Chayim Yoel Brecher, son of Yehuda" on the list of Siret's Holocaust victims (no dates given). That this is our Chaim Yoel, son of Avraham Yehuda, is Likely: one more source for his death in 1941. His link to Avraham Yehuda keeps its own grade. LIKELY

  Jews of Siret (Sereth): Victims of the Holocaust, page 2, Radauti KehilaLinks, https://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/radauti/siretlist2.html

- Mendel and Beile Korber, the parents of Chewed Faust née Korber, died at Rădăuți in 1885 (aged 58) and 1887 (aged 56) — Likely the same couple. They were Reize Korber's generation, so they were not her parents; Mendel was possibly her brother or cousin (Possible). LIKELY

  JewishGen, Bukovina birth, marriage and death indexes (Romanian National Archives, Suceava branch; Edgar Hauster index): Rădăuți deaths M2 no. 76; Solka births 1889–1898; Rădăuți marriages 1888 no. 3

- Chana Itte Knobler's family, the in-laws of Riwen Mordche Brecher: her parents Israel Feiwisch Knobler and Sure Judith Frenkel, both of Buczacz, married civilly at Gura Humorului on 22 January 1888. Her brothers and sisters: Chaje Bruche (m. Dawid Zellermajer 1888, eight children 1890–1909), an infant son (1878), Schmiel Jacob (1880, m. Libe Balin 1907), Abraham (1883–1954), Berel (1885) and Feige (wife of Hersch Berenstein); and, Likely, Moshe (1875–1942, Moghilev). Riwen Mordche Brecher was the witness at his nephew Isak Zellermajer's birth on 13 December 1897. The list is on Israel Feiwisch Knobler's card. CONFIRMED

  JewishGen Romania–Bukovina births, marriages and deaths indexes (Gura Humorului, Poiana Micului, Solca); Gura Humorului memorial book, necrology (JewishGen translation gur206)

- Abraham Bercie (Bernhard) Fränkel of Zabłotów (c. 1855–1907), son of Leibisch and Lea Fränkel of Buczacz — the same parents' names and town as Sure Judith Knobler née Frenkel — is a Possible brother of hers. His 1899 marriage and 1907 death were read on the original scans (records Confirmed), which are in the documents archive. POSSIBLE

  AGAD Warsaw, fond 300, sygn. 3062, act 9, and sygn. 4015, act 5; via JRI-Poland / AGAD metrykalia album

Open leads

Not yet proven; kept here so the search can go on.

- Jankel (Jakob, Jankel Wolf) Brecher and Edel née Fischler, a couple married only religiously, had at least four children at Rădăuți: Schloime (b. 7 Oct 1881), Rubin Marcus (b. 29 Sep 1884; later known as Rubin Markus Fischler, a merchant and later a carter in Rădăuți, who married Amalia (Malke) Klotz, daughter of Nute Klotz and Rifke née Fischler, on 26 Aug 1920), Chaje (b. 1889; later the wife of Mechel (Mendel) Bernstein, with daughters born at Rădăuți in 1919 and 1922) and Chaim Hersch (1889–1890). Edel was the daughter of Chaim and Resi (Jeti) Gitel Fischler of Rădăuți. Because the couple never married civilly, the children were registered under the mother, and no Rădăuți record names Jankel's own parents. Jankel Wolf may be Eisig's son Jankel (aged 31 in March 1890): his full name is that of the Rav of Sereth, Eisig's mother's father, and he named sons Rubin Marcus (Reuven Mordechai, Eisig's father's name) and Chaim Hersch. Possible only; not on the tree. Open question: whether he is the Jankel Brecher, aged 34, who died at Rădăuți on 25 Feb 1890 — the index gives that man no spouse or parents (Radautz Jewish birth register index, Hauster & Reisch: vol. 3 p. 182 no. 126; vol. 4 p. 24 no. 141; vol. 4 p. 198 no. 114; death register vol. III p. 84 no. 107).
- Leo Brecher of Gura Humorului, 1906–1911: with Ulrich Frohner he founded a Jewish social club in the town and was elected its chairman, with Moses Knobler among the members elected; he also sat on the town's new merchants' committee with Moses Knobler (Czernowitzer Allgemeine Zeitung, 10 Nov 1911, pp. 4–5); a Gura Humorului charity event of March 1911 thanked "teacher Brecher" and Leo Brecher (Czernowitzer Tagblatt, 29 Mar 1911, p. 4), and he arranged another event in 1906 (Czernowitzer Allgemeine, 10 Mar 1906, p. 4). Riwen Mordche and Chana Itte (née Knobler) lived there then, and Meir's wife Freide was a Frohner of Siret. Who Leo was is not known; he is not their son Jakob Leib, who was 16 in 1911. Kinship Possible; no link proposed. Page in the gallery.
- Salzberger in Siret, 1807–1833: Gold's History of the Jews in Bukowina (vol. I, pp. 26–44) lists "Noah Salzberger" at Sereth as the community's salaried religious adviser (dayan), at 160 florins a year; vol. II, p. 105 gives the same man as "Nathan" Salzberger, religion teacher of Sereth in 1807–1833. These are the years R' Yaakov Zeev was Av Beit Din of Sereth, and Rivka was registered née Salzberger, so this official was possibly close kin. Possible; the German original (Gold, Geschichte der Juden in der Bukowina, Tel Aviv 1958) would show the exact first name.
- Chewed Faust née Korber, died at Solka on 15 Mar 1915 aged 58 (born about 1857 at Rădăuți), "daughter of Mendel and Beile Korber in Sereth", was of Freide's generation, not Reize's. A Mendel Korber died at Rădăuți on 7 Aug 1885 aged 58 and a Beile Korber there on 29 Nov 1887 aged 56 — Likely Chewed's parents — so they were Reize Korber's own age and cannot have been her parents. Mendel was possibly Reize's brother or cousin, which would make Chewed a cousin of Freide (Possible). Other Korbers of Sereth of Reize's generation — Moses Hersch Korber × Taube Fischler, Chaje Jite Korber × Simche Beer, Fulie Korber × Mortko Bernthal, Jossel Korber (d. 1910 aged 80) — are possible siblings of Reize, none linked (Possible; JewishGen Bukovina birth, marriage and death indexes).
- Benjamin Hersch Bernstein, born 1876 at Milișăuți, son of Chaim Jide (Juda) and Ruchel Ziwje Bernstein of Rădăuți, carries the exact name of Lea Bernstein's father Benjamin Hersch, and his family lived in Rădăuți as Lea did. Chaim Jide is possibly Lea's brother. Possible; collateral only (JewishGen Bukovina births 1901–1908). Newly checked in the Rădăuți indexes: Ruchel Ziwie Bernstein died at Rădăuți on 10 Feb 1900, aged 58 (Radautz death index, vol. 3, p. 332, no. 12; Confirmed, index); Benjamin Hersch Bernstein married Rifke Pikholz at Rădăuți in 1902 (Radautz marriage index; Confirmed, index); and Abraham Bernstein (Appelgasse 1653) and Jakob Bernstein (Woitinellergasse 2049), fruit dealers at Rădăuți in the 1909 census, were very probably Benjamin Hersch's brothers, since each named a son Chaim Juda in 1897–1901 (census entries Confirmed, index; brotherhood Likely). That this family belongs to Lea Bernstein's stays Possible.
- Ruchel Brecher who died in Rădăuți on 23 May 1915 aged 48 (buried 25 May; death register vol. 6, no. 118) may be Eisig's daughter Ruchel, who was 23 in March 1890. The indexed entry names no parents, so this is Possible until the register page is read.

- Rădăuți cemetery, other Brecher graves checked against the cemetery index (JOWBR): Meite bat Yosef-Mordechai (d. 28 Jun 1931) lies in plot 23, row 4, the plot where Eisig (row 7) and Lea (row 9) are buried; Chana-Lea bat Pinchas HaKohen (about 1893–1978), plot 5, row 7; Leizer-Mordche (Moti, Markus) Brecher (1895–1948); Lea bat Yitshak (d. 1920, aged 80; the civil death index has "Brecher, Lea, died 5 Apr 1920, aged 80", vol. 7, p. 497, no. 39 — Likely the same woman; she is not David Brecher of Siret's wife, who was Chaje Breier); Moshe ben David (1869–1920). No record yet ties any of them to Eisig's family. Possible.
- Searched: Pinkas Brecher. The Czernowitz post office listed an undelivered registered letter for "Pinkas Brecher, Czernowitz" in January 1906 (Czernowitzer Tagblatt, 19 Jan 1906, p. 4). A Pinkas Brecher of Rădăuți, born about 1861 in Zaleszczyki, son of Hersch and Ester, married Matel Kaswan at Dorna Watra in 1900; their daughters were born in Sniatyn. That is a Galician Brecher family; nothing ties either Pinkas to Eisig's.
- Searched: Mordko Hersch Brecher, named in a Czernowitz court notice of July 1906, was of Sergie (Sergii) in the Putila district, not of Siret: in August 1916 a refugee from Vyzhnytsia, then in Upper Austria, searched for "Mordko Hersch Brecher aus Sergie Putilla" (Neue Freie Presse, 1 Aug 1916, p. 23). No tie to the tree.
- Searched: Israel Brecher of the February 1868 Czernowitz court notices was a Czernowitz man; in October 1869 Israel Brecher and Juda Brecher gave to the Czernowitz collection for the famine-stricken Jews of western Russia (Czernowitzer Zeitung, 27 Oct 1869, p. 2). A different Israel Brecher died in Czernowitz on 13 June 1910 in his 52nd year. No tie to the tree.
- Searched: Reine-Gitl (Gusta) Bartfeld née Gensler (1904–1975), daughter of Shimon HaLevi, buried in Rădăuți. No record found ties her to Chaim (Hyman) Gensler's family.
- Searched: the mothers of Reuven Mordechai and of Rivka Salzberger. No record found names either. The Siret stones of Yitzchak Aizik's children name only their father, and Eisig's 1890 marriage entry names his parents but not his grandparents. Rivka's mother is shown as Leah bat Yehuda, the Rav's wife, which rests on the stones of the Rav and his wife, not on a record naming Rivka (Likely).
- A Juda Brecher died in Czernowitz on 20 Apr 1907, aged 83 (JOWBR J_BUCOVINA_0045808); his son was the Vienna advocate Dr Ignatz Brecher, and his wife Rifka owned the 1869 Czernowitz firm "Rifka Brecher", which is therefore unrelated to our family (Czernowitzer Tagblatt, 21 Apr 1907 and 29 Jun 1909; Wiener Zeitung, 1 May 1869). Whether he is the "Juda Brecher of Sereth" who leased the Volovăț mill in 1869 is unproven; the Czernowitz shopkeeper and the Siret lessee are more likely two men. How any Juda Brecher was related to Eisig: Possible at most.
- Two Riwen Mordche Brechers: a second Riwen Mordche Brecher, a grocer of Gura Humorului, married Beila Spasser of Bojan on 30 Jul 1896 and had a daughter Rifka (b. 13 Dec 1899). He is a different man from our Riwen Mordche (b. 1869 Volovăț), the tavern keeper at Mănăstirea Humorului who married Chana Itte Knobler on 17 Mar 1895; any undated "Riwen Mordche Brecher, Gura Humorului" record has to be checked against the wife's name (JewishGen "Bukovina – Births" index).
- A Toni Brecher, daughter of a Mordche Brecher, was born at Mănăstirea Humorului on 18 April 1906 and died there on 17 February 1907; she may be a daughter of Riwen Mordche and Chana Itte (Possible). The index names the father only as Mordche (JewishGen Bukovina Death Records, Gura Humorului district).
- A Rifka Brecher, daughter of an Abraham Brecher, died at Rădăuți on 18 May 1892, aged 14 months; she may be a daughter of Abraham and Miriam (Possible). Her birth would fall only about nine months before Regina's, and several Abraham Brechers may have lived in Rădăuți then (JewishGen burial registry, JOWBR record J_BUCOVINA_0020775).
- Clara Brecher of Cernăuți appears in the Moghilev ghetto in a 1940s money-transfer index; she may be Clara b. 1900, daughter of Reuven Mordechai and Chana Itte (Possible).

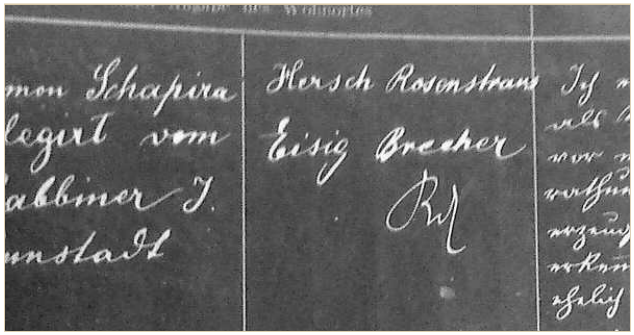
- Isaac Kahan of Sereth, on the c. 1799 list of Galician and foreign Jews found at the visitation (record Confirmed; a link to our Kohanim of Sereth is Possible, on the name alone).
- Eva Fronerin of Sadagura, Bukovina Jewish tax list 1797, no. 227: the Frohner surname of Meir's wife Freide (record Confirmed; kinship Possible).
- A 1956 Bronx marriage licence of Conrad Ayers and Sarah Brecher may be Harry's daughter Sarah (Possible; a common name).
- A Max Brecher was photographic supervisor of a 1955 Monumental Films production in Baltimore (Possible that this is Max Isaac Brecher).
- "Marcus Brecher, Siret", named as nearest relative by the "Jacob Brecher" (Leon) on the S.S. Rotterdam list of 19 Jan 1921, may be Leon's father Riwen Mordche (Mordche ~ Marcus) (Possible; the list does not state the relation).
- Nathan Salzberger, religion teacher of Sereth 1807–1833 (record Confirmed: Gold, Geschichte der Juden in der Bukowina II, p. 105) — the only early Salzberger found in Sereth; kinship to Rivka née Salzberger Possible.
- Sosye bat Yaakov Zeev, a young woman, d. 9 Adar 5656 = 23 Feb 1896, buried beside Rivka in the Siret New Cemetery (stone BC-18) — possibly a daughter of Yaakov Zeev HaKohen ben Reuven Mordechai (d. 1886) (Possible).
- Yehuda Zvi Hirsh Frenkel son of Aryeh Zeev, d. 4 Av 5676 = 3 Aug 1916, Buczacz (stone BH-28) — possibly a son of Leibisch Frenkel of Buczacz, father of Sure Judith Knobler née Frenkel (Possible).
- A late civil registration of 1937 records Juda Hersch Frenkel, aged 85, who died at Buczacz in 1916 and was buried in the Jewish cemetery there (Confirmed; AGAD Warsaw, fond 300, sygn. 4192, entry 13, scan 6); very probably the man of stone BH-28 (Likely: same name, town and year); kinship to the family Possible.
- Malka Frenkel daughter of R' Aryeh, d. 20 Nisan 5666 (the 4th day of Chol HaMoed Pesach) = 15 April 1906, Buczacz (stone BB-29; the date is Confirmed: the epitaph reads "died on the 4th day of Chol HaMoed Pesach 5666", and the earlier reading "4 Iyar = 29 Apr 1906" was a misreading of the 4th day as the 4th of Iyar, not an Old Style date) — possibly kin of Sure Judith Knobler née Frenkel, whose father was Leibisch (Aryeh Leib) Frenkel of Buczacz (Possible: Aryeh is a common name). Stone photo in the gallery (Jewish Galicia & Bukovina, stone 186775).
- Rachel Leah Brecher, 4 July 1916 – 3 December 1983, per a family-tree profile only (no record seen yet) — perhaps Harry and Mollie's Rachel (Possible).
- Hana daughter of Yitzchak Aizik, d. 20 Tevet 5555 = 11 Jan 1795, Siret Old Cemetery, stone A3-18 ("daughter of R' Yitzchak Aizik of blessed memory") — the earliest stone with the family's patriarch's name; whether her father is R' Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen or an earlier namesake is not known (Possible; the stone carries no HaKohen).
- Sachne Hinde, a young unmarried woman, daughter of Yaakov Zeev, d. 22 Iyar (year not legible), Siret New Cemetery, stone AE-19 — the stone does not call her father the rabbi, so she may or may not be a daughter of R' Yaakov Zeev of Sereth (Possible).
- Who was R' Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen's father? Two Kohanim named Aizik lie in the Siret Old Cemetery in the right years to be R' Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen himself, father of Reuven Mordechai (he had died by about 1832, when his grandson Eisig was named for him): Aizik son of Eliezer Katz, d. 8 Nisan 5588 = 23 Mar 1828 (stone C-80), and Aizik son of Dov Katz, d. 23 Tammuz 5591 = 4 Jul 1831 (no. 251 in Silviu Sanie's survey). Both stones carry the priestly hands. Neither names a child, and no known grandchild was named Eliezer or Dov, so neither can be chosen (Possible, two competing candidates; a Meir son of Eliezer Katz, d. about 1794 (stone dated 5554/1794), may be the first man's brother). If either is right, the line reaches a Kohen born in the mid-1700s. (Jewish Galicia and Bukovina, Siret Old Jewish Cemetery documentation, 2021–22)

- Searched for the 1600s, not reached (23 Oct 2026). The earliest documented ancestor on this tree is R' Aryeh of Stryj, father of R' Yaakov Zeev, Rav of Sereth (born about 1764, died 1844), so Aryeh was born before about 1745. Both sources that name him give no father: the rabbi's stone I-33 reads "Yaakov Zeev bar Ari' of blessed memory, of Stryj", and the introduction to Chedvat Yaakov (Marghita 1938) says only "ben Aryeh". The six books of R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher of Banila name him only as "Yaakov Zeev ben Zvi" (Shiloh, title page) and print no family lineage; no printed lineage for the Rav of Sereth was found. The Siret Old Cemetery has 288 documented stones from 1750 on, the generation born in the late 1600s, but no stone there can be tied to the family. The Rădăuți and Volovăț registers (JewishGen Bukovina vital records, Suceava County archives) take the line no further than Ruben Mordko Brecher and Rifka née Salzberger of Sereth.
- Searched again for the 1600s (23 Oct 2026, evening): nothing found that names R' Aryeh of Stryj's father. Sefer Stryj (Tel Aviv, 1962), pp. 17–33 (JewishGen translation), names a Leib, silk merchant, in the 1743 Stryj fire-damage list, and a Rabbi Zeev Wolf, head of the Stryj court ("from 1632" as printed, in a list of 18th-century rabbis). Those names echo "Aryeh of Stryj" and his son "Yaakov Zeev", but nothing ties either man to the family, so neither is a candidate (not even Possible). The fathers of the two Aizik Katz candidates, Eliezer Katz and Dov Katz, have no stones among the 1,475 documented Siret epitaphs, so neither line goes further back.
- Josef Brecher of Siret as a guardian, 1910. A court notice of July 1910 names "the minor Safta Topala, through her guardian Josef Brecher, Advokaturskandidat (candidate lawyer) in Sereth". It confirms that Josef Brecher of Siret was a candidate lawyer in 1910, between his law studies (1903–06) and "Dr. J. Brecher" (1911). Safta Topala is not a family member, and the notice says nothing about Josef's own parents. (Czernowitzer Zeitung, 22 Jul 1910, p. 4; ANNO: https://anno.onb.ac.at/cgi-content/anno?aid=cez&datum=19100722&seite=4) Record Confirmed; kinship to our line still Possible.
- Feiwel, Simche and Jossel Brecher, 1905–1914. Feiwel (Feibel) Brecher of Theodorestie (Todirești, near Suceava) appears in an engagement notice "Anna Malek – Feiwel Brecher, engaged" (Czernowitzer Tagblatt, 13 Oct 1905, p. 8) and in court notices of the Suczawa district court in 1912, 1913 and 1914. The June 1912 notice was brought by Feiwel against Simche Brecher and Jossel Brecher, "whose whereabouts are unknown". No notice says how the three were related, and none names a parent. (Czernowitzer Zeitung, 11 Jun 1912, p. 7; 22 Feb 1913, p. 4; 14 Feb 1914, p. 5.) Possible kin only, not on the tree.
- Isser Brecher, born 1890, of Wolczynetz (Volcineț), Sereth district, an infantryman, is listed as a prisoner of war in Russia in the Austrian casualty list of 28 Jan 1916, p. 9 (ANNO: https://anno.onb.ac.at/cgi-content/anno?aid=vll&datum=19160128&seite=9). Possible kin only; no parents named. The same man is very probably Isser Brecher, born 10 Jul 1890 at Volcineț, merchant of Siret, who married Rosa Surkes at Vicovu de Sus in 1921; he carried his mother Malke Brecher's surname (father David Meth of Sereth). See "Brechers not yet connected" on the Latest page. Kinship to our family Possible.
- Other Brechers in the Bukovina press, 1863–1911, none tied to our line: Adolf Brecher, "Privater aus Sereth", a visitor at Franzensbad spa (2 Aug 1908); "Chalin" (probably Chaim) Brecher, in a list of donors to the 1911 flood relief (Czernowitzer Zeitung, 9 Nov 1911, p. 4); Mordko Hersch Brecher in a court notice of 11 Jul 1906 (his town is not legible); Israel Brecher in Czernowitz court notices of 1865 and 1868; and Berl Leib and Malka Brecher of Sadagura (court notice from Sadagura, Bukowina, 1 Sep 1865). Listed so they are not searched again. Possible kin at most.
- Searched for the parents of Reuven Mordechai Brecher HaKohen and of Rivka Salzberger (23 Oct 2026, evening). The full text of the Czernowitz German-language papers 1862–1919 has no Salzberger of Siret at all and no Ruben, Riwen or Mordko Brecher of Siret. Nothing names Reuven Mordechai's mother or Rivka's mother. Their fathers stay as they are on the tree: R' Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen (stone G-35) and R' Yaakov Zeev, Rav of Sereth (Likely).
- The 1928 notices name five sons of Ettel Brecher née Weissbach: Josef, Moritz, Alter, Friedrich and Ludwig Brecher, living at Pojorâta (Câmpulung district). Isak of Banila, son of the first wife Liba, is not among them, so they may be her sons from an earlier marriage. Whose sons they are is open (Possible); they are not shown on the tree as R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf's sons (Ostjüdische Zeitung, 29 Jul 1928, p. 6 and 24 Aug 1928, p. 4).

- A Jankel Brecher died at Rădăuți on 25 Feb 1890 aged 34 (Rădăuți deaths vol. 3 p. 68 no. 24). The index gives him no spouse, parents or house, so it is not known whether he was Jankel Wolf, Edel Fischler's husband. If he was, Jankel Wolf cannot be Eisig's son Jankel, who was alive on 18 Mar 1890; if not, the link to Eisig stays open. Possible only (Reisch "Seven Seals" Rădăuți indexes).
- Mayer Brecher, born at Rădăuți on 14 Dec 1874, son of Hersch Brecher and Henzie née Kurman (Rădăuți births vol. 1 p. 81 no. 134). The record is Confirmed; a link to our line is Possible only.
- Other Brecher families of Siret in the Rădăuți registers, probably not of our priestly line: David Brecher of Siret (b. c. 1825, d. 31 Mar 1920 aged 95) and Chaje Breier, married (civil) 26 Jan 1881; their son Moses Breier alias Brecher married Scheindel Halpern in 1902, and his stone reads "Moshe ben David" without HaKohen. Also Mendel Brecher × Beile Sommer (1901) and Leib Brecher × Czarne Löbel (1920). Records Confirmed; kinship Possible that they are unrelated (Reisch "Seven Seals" Rădăuți marriage and death indexes).
- Mancie Brecher married Jakob Jossel Hörer at Rădăuți on 19 Jun 1890 (vol. II p. 94 no. 10), the entry right after Eisig's 1890 marriage; the record is Confirmed, her parents are not in the index (an unchecked reading makes her a daughter of Fischel Brecher of Siret). Fischel Brecher was a co-owner of a Siret property with Eisig and Aron Leib Brecher (Czernowitzer Zeitung, 26 Apr 1912, p. 6). Fischel as Eisig's brother, and Mancie as his niece: Possible.
- Dr Josef Brecher, a Siret-born lawyer: a student of Siret in 1903, a trainee advocate in Siret by 1910, and by 1923–24 "our countryman Dr Josef Brecher in New York", who sent money to the Jewish home for the aged in Siret and passed on gifts from the Young Sereth Society of New York (Ostjüdische Zeitung 17 Aug 1923 and 29 Nov 1924; Czernowitzer Tagblatt 3 Jul 1903; Czernowitzer Zeitung 22 Jul 1910). Records Confirmed; one man Likely; kinship to Eisig unknown.
- Leiser Brecher of Siret: treasurer of the Siret "Erez Israel" society in 1922 and a member of Siret's appointed town council from November 1928 (Ostjüdische Zeitung, 23 May 1922; Czernowitzer Morgenblatt, 30 Nov 1928). Records Confirmed; kinship unknown.
- The name "Rifka Brecher" alone proves nothing: at least three women of that name lived in Bukovina in the same years (our Rivka of Siret, d. 1890; Rifka, mother of Dr Ignatz Brecher, d. Czernowitz 1909; and others in the indexes). Our Rivka rests on the 1890 register and the 1869 birth entry; the Siret stone BC-17 is very probably hers (it gives no surname or husband).
- Dr I. (Isiu) Salzberger was Banila's physician in the 1920s–30s and served on the same committees as Jakob and Isak Brecher; same surname as Rivka's family; kinship Possible only (Ostjüdische Zeitung, 19 Jul 1932, p. 3).
- Earliest records (possible links): Isaac Kohan (also written Kohen), a taxpayer of the Suczawa Jewish community, family 117, 3rd quarter 1789, and his son Samuel Kohen, born 4 June 1789 — the earliest dated record yet of a Kohen named Isaac in the community that then included the Jews of Sereth. The records are Confirmed. The 1789 pages give no place of residence and no father's name, so whether he was of Sereth or Suczawa, and whether he is R' Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen or either Aizik Katz of the Siret stones, cannot be shown: Possible only (DAChO f. 1, op. 1, spr. 183, pp. 13, 30, 38, 40; scans in the documents archive).
- Earliest records (possible links): "Isaac Kahan" at Sereth, 26 February 1799, lodging with Joseph Achenwal, on a list of Jews found off the registers during the community inspections; the list notes that he and Michael Kentzinger had been sent away from the community some years before. The record is Confirmed; that he is Isaac Kohan of 1789 is Likely (same community, his host Joseph Achenwal was a community elder in 1789, and Kentzinger was family 62 on the 1789 list); any tie to our family is Possible (DAChO f. 1, op. 1, spr. 925, pp. 46–47).
- Earliest records (possible links): Michael Korber, Jewish farmer at Muschenitza (Mușenița, about 12 km from Siret), on the Suczawa community's 1797 tax list, family 68, first tax class. The record is Confirmed — the original, ten years earlier, behind the 1807 lead on Reize Korber's card. Kinship to Reize Korber, Mendel Korber or the Siret Korbers is Possible only (DAChO f. 1, op. 1, spr. 925, p. 29).

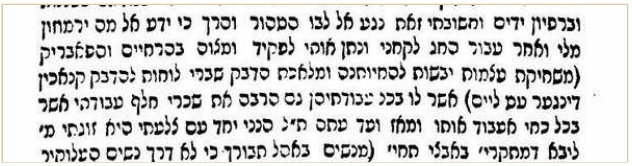
- Earliest records (possible links): Meir son of Eliezer Katz, Siret Old Cemetery, Sanie no. 186: "פ"נ איש הר"ר מאיר בהר"ר אליעזר כ"ץ", died 8 Tevet 5554 — 11 December 1793 by the Hebrew date (the cemetery survey files the stone under 1794). Priestly hands are carved on the stone, so he was a Kohen. Same father's name as Aizik son of Eliezer Katz (d. 1828): a Possible brother; nothing on paper links him to the Brechers (Jewish Galicia & Bukovina tombstone record 226544, https://jgaliciabukovina.net/226544/tombstone/tombstone-meir-son-eliezer-katz).
- Searched (27 October 2026, the earliest lists): the 1792 Bukovina Jewish tax book covers only the Czernowitz district and does not reach Sereth or Suczawa; the 1797 and 1798 Sereth and Suczawa taxpayer lists name no Katz, Kohen, Brecher, Breher, Salzberger or Frohner, and no Korber except Michael at Muschenitza (the families then carried imposed German surnames); the 1774 Moldavian census gives head-counts only for Siret and Suceava, with no names. Hebrew books: no Kohen of Sereth or Suczawa appears in the approbation and subscriber indexes for 1750–1830; Sereth subscribers first appear in 1836 (Limudei HaTeva, Czernowitz), seven names, none ours.

Pictures and records found since the book



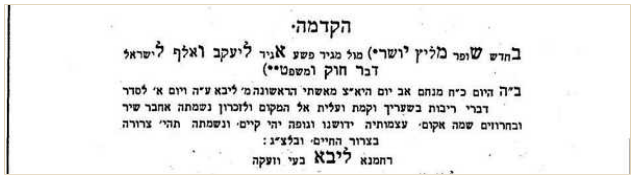
Witness signatures “Hersch Rosenstrauch” and “Eisig Brecher” in the Rădăuți Jewish marriage register, 19 November 1902 (Jurgrau–Hass marriage). The record is Confirmed; that the witness is our Eisig Brecher HaKohen, then about 70 and living in Rădăuți, is Possible, leaning Likely — perhaps the only known handwriting of Eisig. The Rădăuți birth, marriage and death indexes (1857–1929) show only one Eisig Brecher, who died in 1911 aged 79. POSSIBLE–LIKELY

Yossi Yagur, “Genealogical Data in the Archives of South Bukovina”, Israel Genealogical Society journal (Sharsheret Hadorot), PDF p. 4, fig. 3 — photograph by Dorin Fraenkel



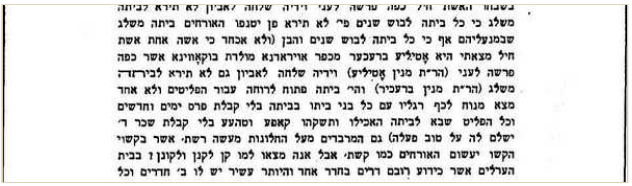
"...together with my wife Mrs. Liba, may she live": R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher, Refuot HaTugah (Lemberg 1902), p. 5. CONFIRMED

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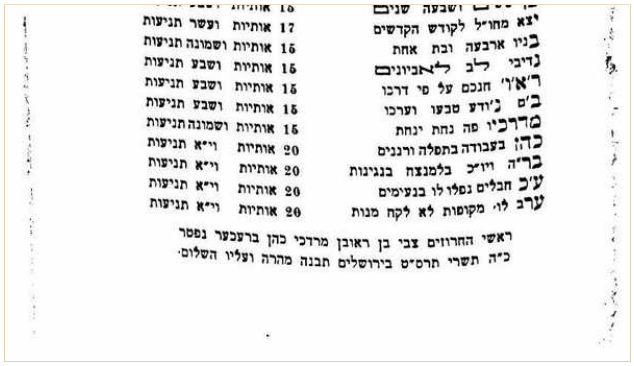
"Today, 28 Menachem Av, the yahrzeit of my first wife Mrs. Liba": Katuv Yosher (Czernowitz 1925), introduction. CONFIRMED

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Atilie Brecher of Óradna, native of Bukovina, who opened her house to refugees in World War I. Katuv Yosher (Czernowitz 1925) (record Confirmed; kinship: Possible). CONFIRMED

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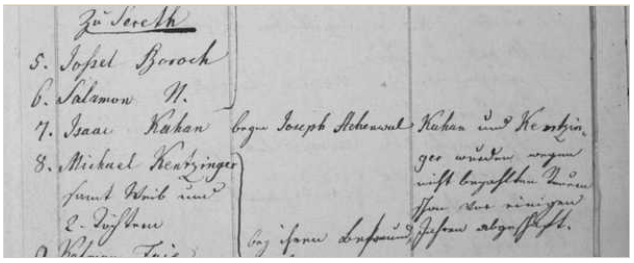
Epitaph for Zvi son of Reuven Mordechai Kohen Brecher (d. Jerusalem 1908), "his sons four and one daughter". CONFIRMED

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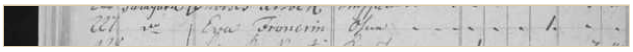
Wedding poem for "my kinsman Shmerl Salzberg son of Zalman Yehuda" and Malka Rudich (that this Salzberg family is Rivka Salzberger's: Likely). CONFIRMED

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Sereth entries in the list of Galician and foreign Jews found at the visitation, c. 1799, incl. no. 7 Isaac Kahan (record Confirmed; link to our Kohanim of Sereth: Possible). CONFIRMED

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No. 227 "Eva Fronerin", Sadagura, Bukovina Jewish tax list 1797 (record Confirmed; link to Freide Frohner's family: Possible). CONFIRMED

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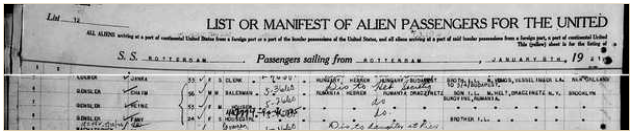
Baltimore, April 1950: Leon Brecher (54, born Austria) and his wife Fannie, both running a retail liquor store, with their son Max, their daughter Hanna and her husband Albert Rudman. CONFIRMED

1950 US Census, Baltimore City, Maryland, ED 4-777, sheet 25, lines 13–17; National Archives and Records Administration (public domain).



The Bronx, April 1950: Harry Brecher (born Romania) and his wife Mollie (born Austria) with their daughter Sarah and son Arthur. LIKELY

1950 US Census, Bronx County, New York, ED 3-2020, sheet 9, lines 15–18; National Archives and Records Administration (public domain).



S.S. Rotterdam, sailed 8 January 1921: Chaim Gensler (56, salesman), Heine Gensler (53) and Fany Gensler (24) of Draczinetz, Bukovina, bound for Brooklyn. CONFIRMED

Passenger and Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, 1897–1957, NARA T715, roll 2912, List 12, lines 6–8; image via FamilySearch (ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C955-RQ6S-3).



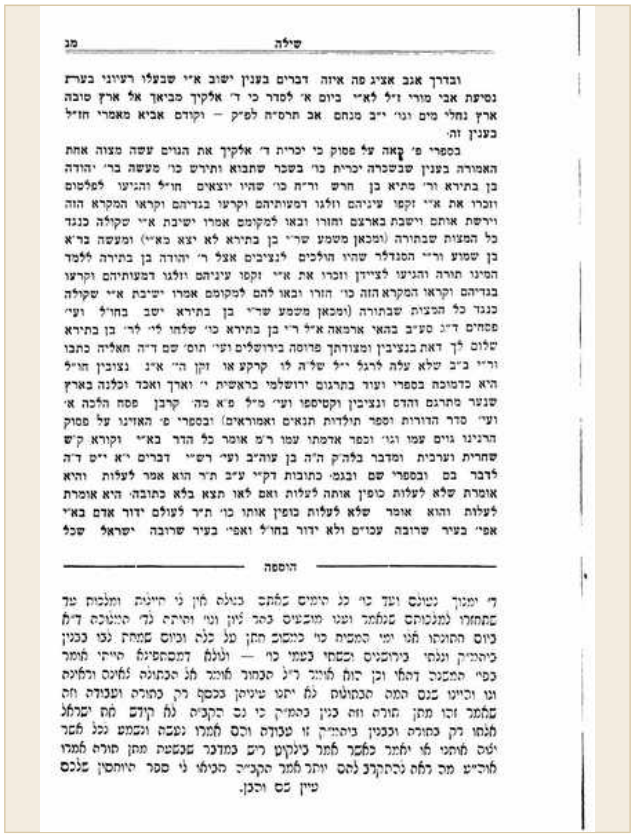
S.S. Rotterdam, sailed 8 January 1921: Jacob [Leon] Brecher, 26, student, of Siret, bound for Brooklyn; nearest relative Marcus Brecher, Siret. LIKELY

Passenger and Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, 1897–1957, NARA T715, roll 2912, List 21, line 10; image via FamilySearch (ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C955-RQHC-H).



The Bronx, 1940: Harry Brecher (born Romania) and his wife Mollie (born Austria) at 1310 Morris Avenue with their children Rachel (23), Sarah (21), Ruth (17) and Otto [Arthur] (12). CONFIRMED

"United States Census, 1940", Bronx, New York, ED 3-201, sheet 1A; NARA T627; image via FamilySearch (ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-89MY-6SXB).



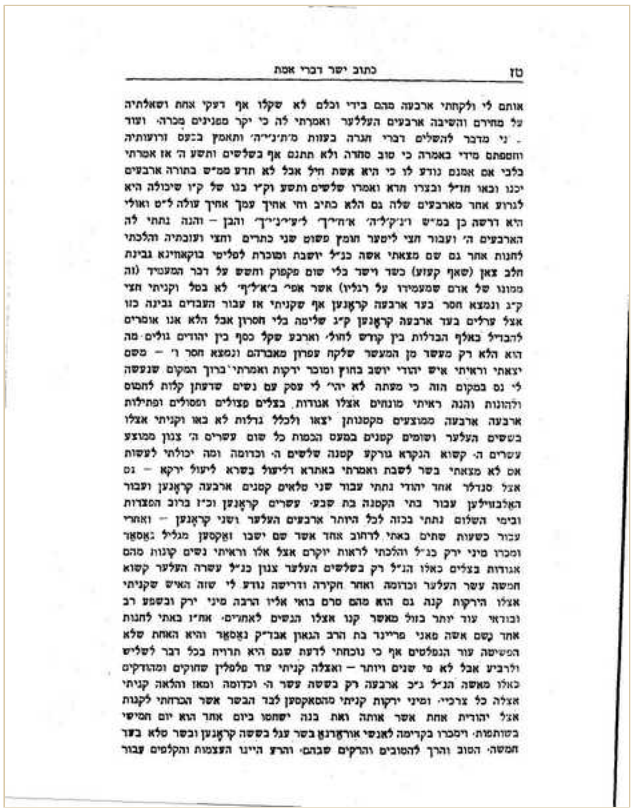
שילה מג

ובדרך אגב אציג פה איזה דברים בענין ישוב א"י שבעלו רעיוני בערז נסיעת אבי מורי ז"ל לא"י ביום א' לסדר כי ד' אלקיך מביאך אל ארץ טובה ארץ נחלי מים וגו' י"ב מנחם אב תרס"ח לפ"ק – וקודם אביא מאמרי חז"ל בענין זה:

בספרי פ' קאה על פסוק כי יכרית ד' אלקיך את הגוים עשה מצוה אחת האמורה בענין שבשכרה יכרית ה' בשכר שתבוא ותירש כו' מעשה בר' יהודה בן בתירא ור' מתיא בן חרש ור"ח כו' שהיו יוצאים חוץ"ל והגיעו לפלטום וזכרו את א"י וקפו עיניהם וזלגו דמעותיהם וקרעו בגדיהם וקראו המקרא הזה וירשת אותם וישבת בארצם ותורו ובאו למקומם אמרו ישיבת א"י שקולה כנגד כל המצות שבתורה (ומכאן משמע שר' בן בתירא לא יצא בא"י) ומעשה בר"א בן שמוע ור"י הסנדלר שהיו הולכים ליציבים אצל ר' יהודה בן בתירה ללמד המינו תורה והגיעו לציידין וזכרו את א"י זקפו עיניהם וזלגו דמעותיהם וקרעו בגדיהם וקראו המקרא הזה כו' הורו ובאו להם למקומם אמרו ישיבת א"י שקולה כנגד כל המצות שבתורה (ומכאן משמע שר' בן בתירא יש בחו"ל ועי' סמהים ד"ס סע"ב בהאי ארמאה א"ל ר' בן בתירא כו' שלחו לי' לר' בן בתירא שלום לך דאת בנציבין ומצודתך פרוסה בירושלים וע' תוס' שם ד"ה תאליה כתבו ור"י ב"ב שלא עלה לרגל י"ל של"ה לו קרקע או זקן ה"א נ"נ נצובין הו"ל היא כדמוכח בספרי ועוד בתרגום ירושלמי בראשית י' וארך ואכד וכלנה בארך שנער מתרגם והדס ונציבין וקטיספו ועי' פ"ל פ"א פה' קרבן פסח הלכה א' ועי' סדר הדורות וספר תולדות תנאים ואמוראים) ובספרי פ' האזינו על פסוק הרבינו גוים עמו וגו' וכפר אדמתו עמו ר"מ אומר כל הדר בא"י וקורא ק"ש שחרית וערבית ומדבר בלה"ק ה"ה בן עוה"ב ועי' רש"י דברים י"א י"ט ד"ה לדבר בם ובספרי שם ובגמ' כתובות דק"י ע"ב ת"ר הוא אמר לעלות והוא אומרת שלא לעלות כופין אותה לעלות ואם לאו תצא בלא כתובה היא אומרת לעלות והוא אומר שלא לעלות כופין אותו לעלות ואם לאו תצא בלא כתובה היא אומרת אפי' בעיר שרובה עכו"ם ולא ידור בחו"ל ואפי' בעיר שרובה ישראל שכל

הוספה

ד' ימנך נשוכם ועד כי כל הומים שתתב בעלה חין לי חיינה ומלכות כך שתחלו למלכותם שלחתי ושנו מובשים כהר ליון ונו' והיתה לד' המלוכה ד"ת ביום התוכחו תנו יתי התמות כי כתוב התן על בלה וכוש שתתך נגו כבנין ביהמ"ק ונלחי ביהושפט וכשחי בעתי כי — ולעלם דמסתפינא חייתי תומר כפי המכוב דהתו וכן הוח לחוב ר"ל שמחוב לחוב תלב הכתובה לחוכה ולחוכה ונו וכיוצ בנם המה שבתוכם לח יחתו ביוחנן בכסף לך כתובה ועבודה חם שתחב זבו מתן תובה וחה כיון בהמ"ק כי נם הקביה לח קודם חת יבחלל תלחו לך כתובה וכבנין ביהמ"ק זו עטרה וכם חמלו נעבה ונשמע בלו תבחר ישם לוחתי לו יחתב בתבח תחב ביולקוק רים בחדבר שבשבת מתן תובה תחבו לוחיב"ש מה לחה לביהקבל להם יוהב תחב הקב"ה הביחו לי ספר היוחסין שלנם עין נם וכבן.



כתוב ישר דברי אמת נז

אותם לי ולקחתי ארבעה מהם בידי וכלם לא שקלו אף דעקי אחת ושאלתיה על מחירם והשיבה ארבעים העלליר ואמרתי לה כי יקר מפנינים מכרה. ועור ני מדבר להשלים דברי הגרה בעוות ס"ת"י"ה' ותאמץ בעם ורעותיה וחשפתם מידי באמרה כי טוב סחרה ולא תתנם אף בשלשים ותשע ה' אז אמרתי בלבי אם אמנם נודע לו כי היא אשת חיל אבל לא תדע ממ"ם בתורה ארבעים יכנו וכאו תד"ל ובצרו תרא ואמרו שלשים ותשע וק"י כנו של ק"י שיכולה היא לגרוע אחר מארבעים שלה גם הלא כתיב וחי אחיך עמך אחיך עולה ל"ם ואולי היא דרשה כן בס"ם ר"ק"ה' א"ח"ר' ל"ע"נ"ר' והבן – והנה נתתי לה הארבעים ה' ועבור תצי ליסער תופך פשוט שני כתרים וחצי ועובתיה והלכתי לחנות אחר גם שם מצאתי אשה כנ"ל יושבת ומוכרת לסליטי בוקאחינא גבינת חלב צאן (שאף קצוצ) כשר וישר בלי שום מקפוק וחשש על רבר המעניד (זה ממונו של אדם שמעמידו על רגליו) אשר אסר ב"א"ל"ף' לא בטל וקניתי חצי ק"נ ונמצא חסר בער ארבעה קראנען אף שקניתי אז עבור העבדים גבינה כזו אצל ערלים בער ארבעה קראנען ק"נ שליסה בלי חסרון אבל הלא אנו אומרים להבריל באלף הבדלות בין קדש לחול וארבע שקל כסף בין יהודים גוים מה הוא הלא רק משער מן המעשר שלקח ספרון מאברהם ונמצא חסר ו' – משם יצאתי וראיתי איש יהודי יושב בחוץ ומוכר ירקות ואמרתי ברוך המקום שנעשה לי נס במקום הזה כי משתה לא יהי' לי עסק עם נשים שדעתן קלות לחמוס ולהונות והנה ראיתי מונחים אצלו אגודות בצלים ופטרוליא ופטילות ארבעה ארבעה ממוצעים מקסנותן יצאו ולכלל גדלות לא באו וקניתי אצלו בשלשים העלער ושומים קסנים במעם הכמות כל שום עשרים ה' צנון ממוצע עשרים ה' קשוא הנקרא גורקע קסנה שלשים ה' וכרומה ומה יכולתי לעשות אם לא מצאתי בשר לשבת ואמרתי באתרא דליתעל בשרא ליעול ירקא – גם אצל סנדלר אחר יהודי נתתי עבור שני שלאים קסנים ארבעה קראנען ועבור האלבוויליען עבור בתי הקסנה בת שבע עשרים קראנען וכ"ו ברוב המצרות ובימי השלום נתתי בכנה לכל היותר ארבעים העלער ושני קראנען – ואחרי עבור כשעות שתים באתי לרחוב אחר אשר שם ישבו ואקסטן מגליל נאסאר ומכרו מיני ירק כנ"ל והלכתי לראות יוקרם אצל אלו וראיתי נשים קטנות מהם אגודות בצלים כאלו הנ"ל רק בשלשים העלער צנון כנ"ל עשרה העלער קשוא חמשה עשר העלער וכרומה ואחר חקירה ודרישה נודע לי שזה האיש שקניתי אצלו הירקות קנה גם הוא מהם סרם בואי אליו הרבה מיני ירק ובשפע רב ובזוזי עור יותר בזול מאשר קנו אצלו הנשים לאחריהם. אח"כ באתי לחנות אחר קשם אשה מאני פריינר בת הרב הגאון אבר"ק נאסאר והיא האחת שלא השיאה עור הגמלטת אף כי נוכחתי לדעת שגם היא תדויה בכל דבר לשליש ולרביע אבל לא מי שנים ויותר – ואצלה קניתי עוד מלפלין שחוקים ומהודקים כאלו מאשה הנ"ל ניב ארבעה רק בששה עשר ה' וכרומה ומאז והלאה קניתי אצלה כל צרכיי. ומיני ירקות קניתי מהמאקסטן לבד הבשר אשר הברחתי לקנות אצל יהודית אחת אשר אותה ואת בנה ישחטו ביום אחר הוא יום חמישי בשוקמות. וימכרו בקרימה לאנשי אורקרנע בשר עגל בששה קראנען ובשר שלא בשר חמשה. הסוב והרך להטובים והרקים שבהם. והרע היינו הצעמות והקלפים עבור

Shiloh, p. 43: R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher notes his father's journey to the Land of Israel, 12 Av 5668 (9 August 1908). CONFIRMED

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Katuv Yosher, p. 19: R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf buys half-boots for 'my little daughter', a refugee winter, 1916. CONFIRMED

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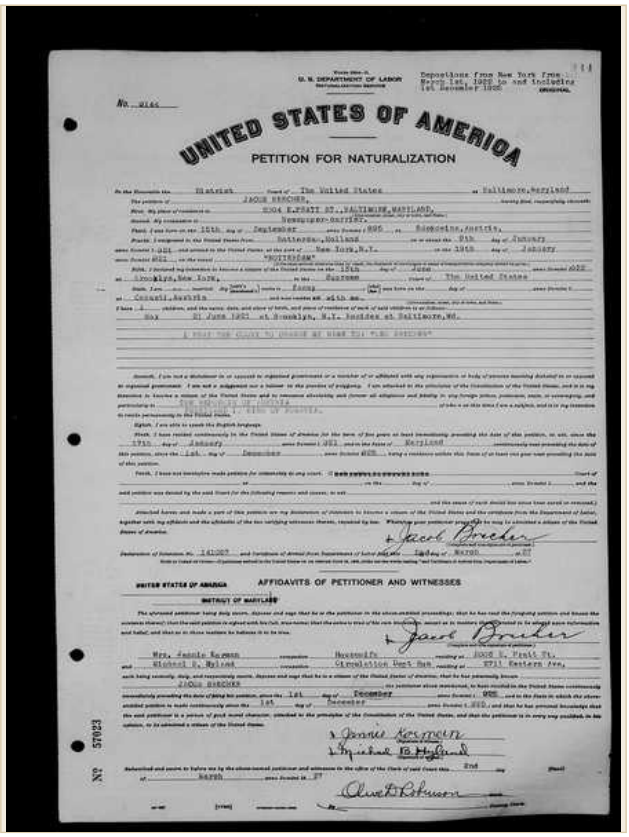
Gravestone of Yitzchak (Isak) Brecher HaKohen, son of R' Yaakov HaKohen, d. 9 Kislev 5739 (1978), Holon CONFIRMED

Chevra Kadisha Tel Aviv-Yafo burial register (gravez.me)



Gravestone of Devorah (Dora) Brecher, daughter of R' Israel Haber, d. 1 Iyar 5753 (1993), Holon CONFIRMED

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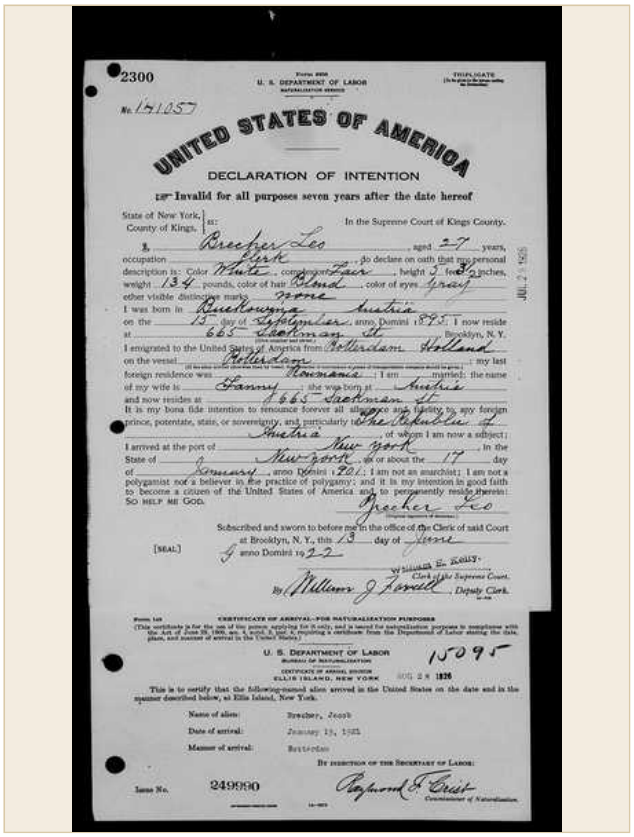
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PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

AFFIDAVITS OF PETITIONER AND WITNESSES

Petition for naturalization of Jacob (Leo) Brecher, Baltimore, filed 2 March 1927: born 15 September 1895 in Bukovina, arrived on the S.S. Rotterdam 19 January 1921, wife Fanny, son Max; asks that his name be changed to Leo Brecher. CONFIRMED

Naturalization Petitions of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, 1906–1930 (NARA M1640, roll 32), petition no. 9144; image via FamilySearch (ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS9Z-RS1K).



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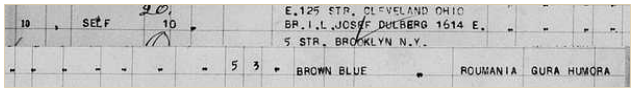
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DECLARATION OF INTENTION

Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof

Declaration of intention of Leo Brecher, Brooklyn, 13 June 1922: clerk, 27, born in Bukovina 15 September 1895, living at 665 Sackman Street with his wife Fanny. CONFIRMED

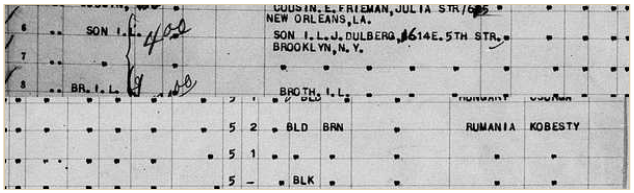
Supreme Court of the State of New York, Kings County, Declaration of Intention no. 141057; filed with Maryland petition no. 9144 (NARA M1640, roll 32); image via FamilySearch (ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS9Z-RSTS).



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S.S. Rotterdam, arrived 19 January 1921, List 21 line 10 (right-hand page): Jacob [Leon] Brecher, born at Gura Humora, going to his brother-in-law Josef Dulberg, 1614 East 5th Street, Brooklyn. CONFIRMED

Passenger and Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, 1897–1957, NARA T715, roll 2912, List 21, line 10; image via FamilySearch (ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C955-RQHX-P).



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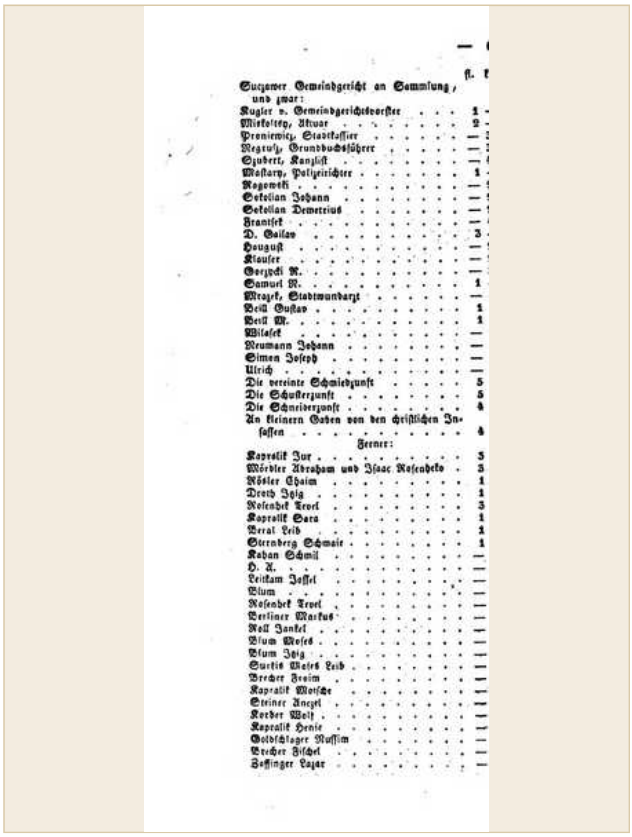
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S.S. Rotterdam, arrived 19 January 1921, List 12 lines 6–8 (right-hand page): Chaim, Heine and Fany Gensler, going to Chaim's son-in-law J. Dulberg, 1614 East 5th Street, Brooklyn. CONFIRMED

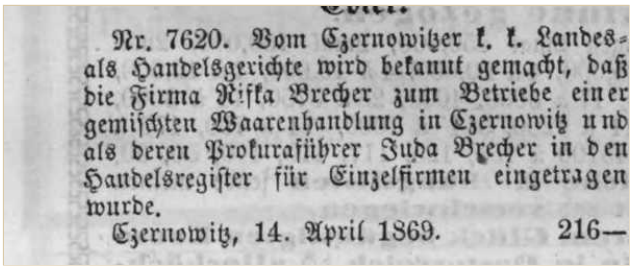
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Blum . . . — 3
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Berliner Markus . . . — 3
Rall Jankel . . . — 3
Blum Mofes . . . — 3
Blum Zelig . . . — 3
Swirtis Mofes Leib . . . — 3
Brecher Froim . . . — 3
Kapralik Motſche . . . — 3
Steiner Angel . . . — 3
Korber Welt . . . — 3
Kapralik Henie . . . — 3
Waldſchlager Muſſim . . . — 3
Brecher Fiſchel . . . — 3
Zeffinger Lazar . . . — 3

Lemberger Zeitung, 31 October 1845, p. 668: the Suczawa donors to flood relief, among them Froim Brecher and Fischel Brecher. CONFIRMED

Lemberger Zeitung, 31 Oct 1845, p. 668; ANNO – Austrian Newspapers Online, Österreichische Nationalbibliothek.



Nr. 7620. Vom Czernowitzer k. k. Landes- als Handelsgerichte wird bekannt gemacht, daß die Firma Rifka Brecher zum Betriebe einer gemischten Waarenhandlung in Czernowitz und als deren Prokuraführer Juda Brecher in den Handelsregister für Einzelfirmen eingetragen wurde.
Czernowitz, 14. April 1869. 216—

Czernowitzer Zeitung, 27 April 1869: the firm Rifka Brecher, mixed goods, Czernowitz, with Juda Brecher as authorised manager, entered in the commercial register. Not our family: the firm belonged to Rifka, wife of the Czernowitz merchant Juda Brecher and mother of Dr Ignatz Brecher (Wiener Zeitung, 1 May 1869; Czernowitzer Tagblatt, 21 Apr 1907 and 29 Jun 1909). CONFIRMED

Czernowitzer Zeitung, 27 Apr 1869, p. 3; ANNO – Austrian Newspapers Online, Österreichische Nationalbibliothek.



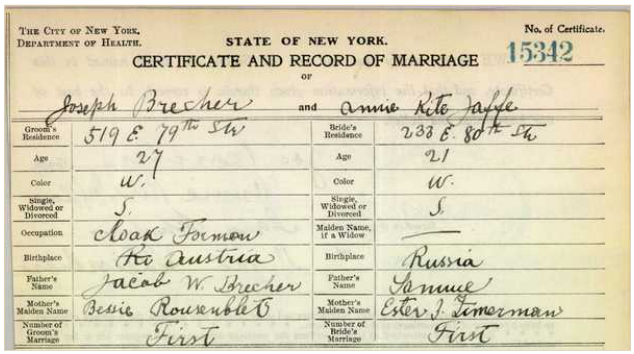
The shared stone of Yitzchak (Isak) Brecher HaKohen of Banila, son of R' Yaakov HaKohen, who died 9 Kislev 5739 (9 December 1978), and his wife Devorah (Dora) Brecher née Haber, who died 1 Iyar 5753 (22 April 1993). Holon Cemetery. CONFIRMED

Photo: BillionGraves (volunteer upload by "LaKe", 2015), records 14333290 and 14333291: https://billiongraves.com/grave/%D7%99%D7%A6%D7%97%D7%A7-%D7%91%D7%A8%D7%9B%D7%A8/14333290



The gravestone of Fanny (Fruma Yetta) Brecher née Gensler, wife of Leon Brecher, 13 November 1895 – 31 May 1984. Shaarei Tfiloh Cemetery, Baltimore County, Maryland. CONFIRMED

Photo: Find a Grave (volunteer upload, 2018), memorial 113946163: https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/113946163/fanny-brecher



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CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF MARRIAGE

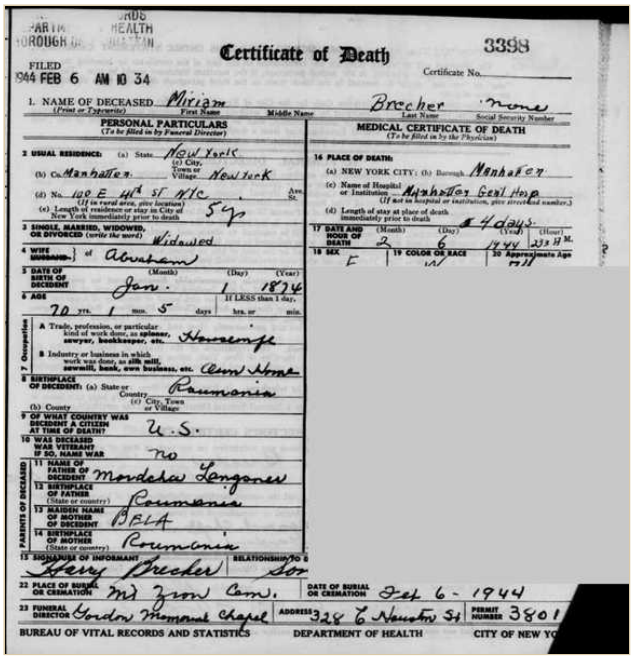
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Joseph Brecher		and	Annie Rita Jaffe
Groom's Residence	519 E. 79th St.	Bride's Residence	238 E. 80th St.
Age	27	Age	21
Color	W.	Color	W.
Single, Widowed or Divorced	S.	Single, Widowed or Divorced	S.
Occupation	Cloak Foreman	Maiden Name, if a Widow	—
Birthplace	Ko Austria	Birthplace	Russia
Father's Name	Jacob W. Brecher	Father's Name	Samuel
Mother's Maiden Name	Bessie Rosenblatt	Mother's Maiden Name	Ester J. Zimerman
Number of Groom's Marriage	First	Number of Bride's Marriage	First

Marriage certificate of Joseph (Joseph Ira) Brecher, a cloak foreman of 519 East 79th Street, and Annie Rita Jaffe, Manhattan, 2 July 1911: the groom's parents are Jacob W. Brecher and Bessie Rosenblatt.

CONFIRMED

NYC Municipal Archives, Historical Vital Records, marriage certificate M-M-1911-0015342 (Manhattan): https://a860-historicalvitalrecords.nyc.gov/view/8590158



Certificate of Death 3398

FILED 1944 FEB 6 AM 10 34

Certificate No.

1. NAME OF DECEASED: Miriam Brecher none

PERSONAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

2 USUAL RESIDENCE: (a) State New York (b) Co. Manhattan (c) City, Town or Village New York (d) No. 140 E. 4th St. N.Y.C. (e) Length of residence or stay in City of New York immediately prior to death 54y

3 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED: Widowed

4 WIFE (HUSBAND) of Abraham

5 DATE OF BIRTH OF DECEDENT: Jan. 1 1874

6 AGE: 70 yrs. 1 mo. 5 days

7 Occupation: A Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sewer, bookkeeper, etc. Housewife; B Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, sawmill, bank, own business, etc. Own Home

8 BIRTHPLACE OF DECEDENT: (a) State or Country Roumania (b) County (c) City, Town or Village

9 OF WHAT COUNTRY WAS DECEDENT A CITIZEN AT TIME OF DEATH? U.S.

10 WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? IF SO, NAME WAR No

PARENTS OF DECEASED

11 NAME OF FATHER OF DECEDENT: Mordcha Langsner

12 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country): Roumania

13 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER OF DECEDENT: BELA

14 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country): Roumania

15 SIGNATURE OF INFORMANT: Harry Brecher RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED: Son

16 PLACE OF DEATH: (a) NEW YORK CITY; (b) Borough Manhattan (c) Name of Hospital or Institution Manhattan Genl Hosp (If not in hospital or institution, give street and number.) (d) Length of stay at place of death immediately prior to death 84 days

17 DATE AND HOUR OF DEATH: (Month) 2 (Day) 6 (Year) 1944 (Hour) 23 H M.

18 SEX F 19 COLOR OR RACE W 20 Approximate Age M

22 PLACE OF BURIAL OR CREMATION: Mt Zion Cem. DATE OF BURIAL OR CREMATION: Feb 6 - 1944

23 FUNERAL DIRECTOR: Gordon Memorial Chapel ADDRESS: 328 E. Houston St PERMIT NUMBER: 3801

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Death certificate of Miriam Brecher née Langsner, widow of Abraham Brecher, Manhattan, 6 February 1944: born 1 January 1874 in Romania, daughter of Mordcha Langsner and Bela; the informant was her son Harry Brecher. (The medical section is greyed out.)

CONFIRMED

NYC Municipal Archives, Historical Vital Records, death certificate D-M-1944-0003398 (Manhattan): https://a860-historicalvitalrecords.nyc.gov/view/7251936



The grave marker of Eva L. (Eva Leah) Brecher née Tuttman, 1868–1944, widow of Max Brecher of Siret: "Mother". Mount Hebron Cemetery, Queens. LIKELY

Photo: Find a Grave (volunteer upload), memorial 77397751: https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/77397751



The Max Brecher family row at Mount Hebron Cemetery, Queens: the marker of Morris Brecher (1896–1974), son of Max and Eva, "Brother – Uncle", with the edge of his uncle Josef (Joseph) Brecher's marker (1951). LIKELY

Photo: Find a Grave (volunteer upload), memorial 77397762: https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/77397762



The grave plaque (gravestone) of Hannah Rudman, 7 Mar 1927 – 25 Jul 1986, Shaarei Tfiloh Cemetery, Baltimore, plot K-478. Its Hebrew line names her "bat R' Yaakov Aryeh HaKohen" — her father's Hebrew name exactly as on Leon Brecher's stone, so Hannah is Leon's daughter. CONFIRMED

Photo: Find a Grave (volunteer upload by "Gypsy Joyce"), memorial 126944465, https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/126944465/hannah-rudman



The joint family gravestone inscribed BRECHER / RUDMAN, Shaarei Tfiloh Cemetery, Baltimore, Section K: the stone of Hannah (Brecher) and Albert Rudman (a different stone from Leon and Fanny's BRECHER stone with the Kohanim hands). CONFIRMED

Photo: Find a Grave (volunteer upload by "Gypsy Joyce"), memorial 126944465, https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/126944465/hannah-rudman (the same photo is on memorial 126944464)



The grave plaque (gravestone) of Albert Rudman, Hannah's husband — in Hebrew Avraham ben R' Dov Ber — 2 Jun 1920 – 26 Dec 2003, Shaarei Tfiloh Cemetery, Baltimore, plot K-477. CONFIRMED

Photo: Find a Grave (volunteer upload by "Gypsy Joyce"), memorial 126944464, https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/126944464/albert-rudman



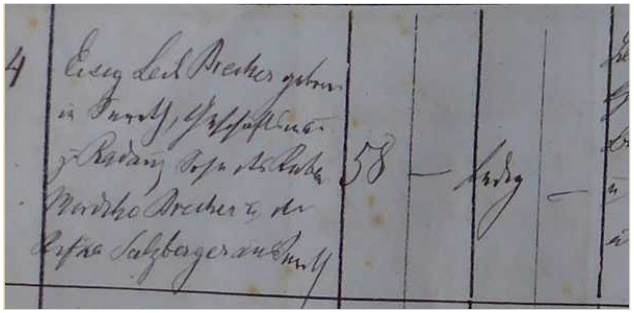
The Great Synagogue of Gura Humorului, as it stood in 2010 — the town Leon (Jakob Leib) Brecher gave as his birthplace in 1921. CONFIRMED

Photograph by Cezar Suceveanu, 2010, CC BY 3.0, via Wikimedia Commons (File:Sinagoga_Mare_din_Gura_Humorului.jpg)



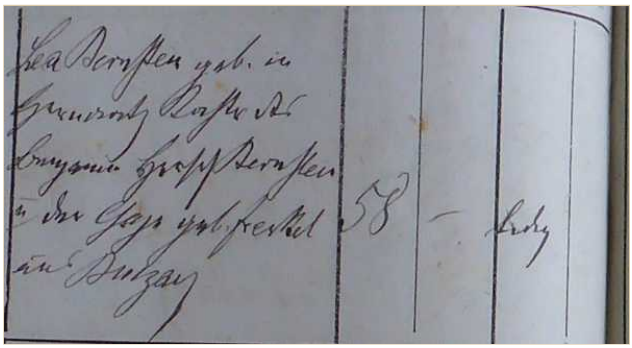
The Jewish Temple (Great Synagogue) of Rădăuți in 2009, a second view — the town of Eisig and Lea Brecher, their son Abraham and granddaughter Ida. CONFIRMED

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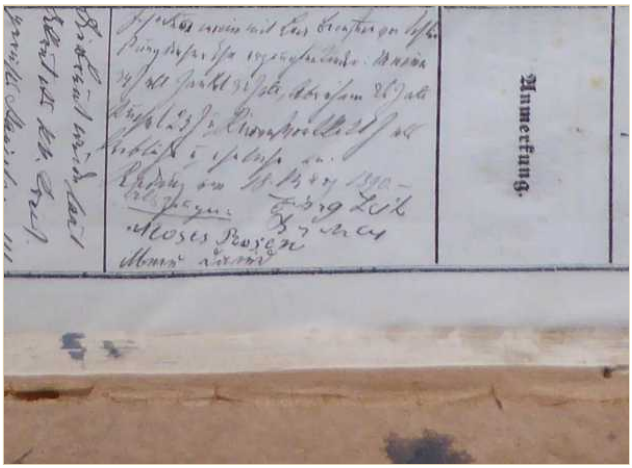
Rădăuți civil marriage register, 15 March 1890: "Eisig Leib Brecher, geboren in Sereth, Geschäftsmann zu Radautz, Sohn der Eheleute Mordko Brecher u. der Rifka Salzberger aus Sereth" — Eisig Leib Brecher, born in Siret, businessman in Rădăuți, son of Mordko Brecher and Rifka Salzberger of Siret; aged 58. CONFIRMED

Rădăuți Jewish civil registers, Suceava county branch of the Romanian National Archives; photograph from the Radautz Vital Records Index project (Bruce Reisch and Edgar Hauster), received 19 October 2026



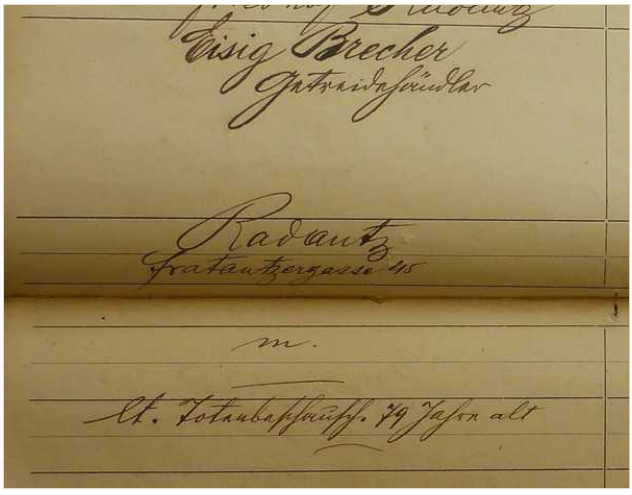
The bride in the same entry: "Lea Bernstein, geb. in Czernowitz, Tochter des Benjamin Hersch Bernstein u. der Chaje geb. Frenkel aus Buczacz" — Lea Bernstein, born in Czernowitz, daughter of Benjamin Hersch Bernstein and Chaje née Frenkel of Buczacz; aged 58. CONFIRMED

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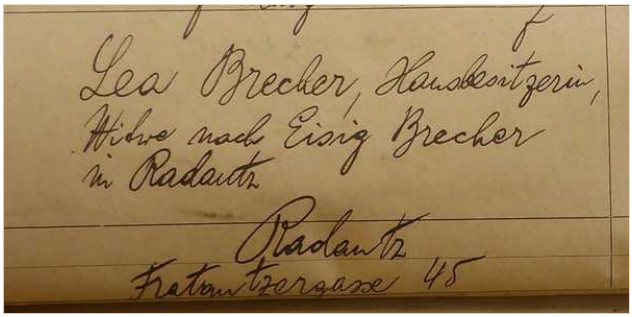
The remark Eisig signed on 18 March 1890, three days after the civil marriage, declaring as his and Lea's the children born before it: "M[ania?] 34 J. alt, Jankel 31 J. alt, Abraham 26 J. alt, Ruchel 23 J. u. Riwen Mordche 21 J. alt". The first name is hard to read. Meir is not among the five. CONFIRMED

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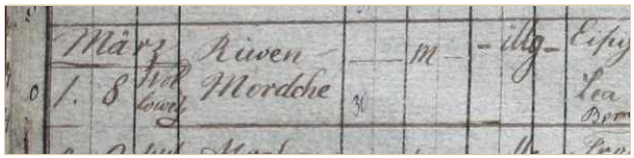
Rădăuți civil death register, January 1911: Eisig Brecher, Getreidehändler (grain dealer), of Fratautzergasse 45, aged 79; died 19 January, buried 21 January 1911. CONFIRMED

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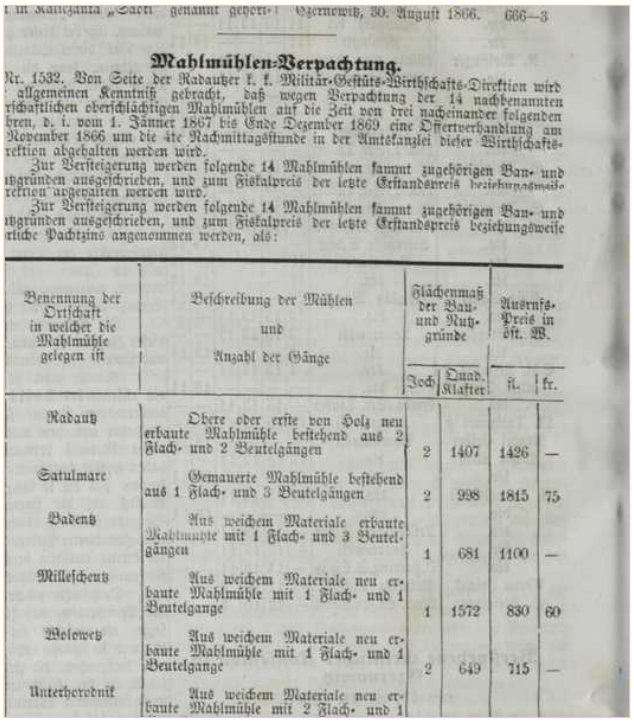
Rădăuți civil death register, January 1916: "Lea Brecher, Hausbesitzerin, Witwe nach Eisig Brecher" — house owner, widow of Eisig Brecher, of Fratautzergasse 45, aged 85; died 16 January, buried 18 January 1916. CONFIRMED

Rădăuți Jewish civil registers, Suceava county branch of the Romanian National Archives; photograph from the Radautz Vital Records Index project (Bruce Reisch and Edgar Hauster), received 19 October 2026



Rădăuți birth register, 1 March 1869: Riwen Mordche, son of Eisig Brecher, mill tenant at Volovăț, and Lea Bernstein; the entry names Eisig's parents as Ruben Mordko Brecher and Rifka née Salzberger of Siret. CONFIRMED

Rădăuți Jewish civil registers, Suceava county branch of the Romanian National Archives; photograph from the Radautz Vital Records Index project (Bruce Reisch and Edgar Hauster), received 19 October 2026



Mahlmühlen-Verpachtung.

Nr. 1532. Von Seite der Radautzer k. k. Militär-Gestüts-Wirthschafts-Direktion wird allgemeinen Kenntniß gebracht, daß wegen Verpachtung der 14 nachbenannten rschaftlichen oberschlächtigen Mahlmühlen auf die Zeit von drei nacheinander folgenden hren, d. i. vom 1. Jänner 1867 bis Ende Dezember 1869 eine Offertverhandlung am November 1866 um die 4te Nachmittagsstunde in der Amtskanzlei dieser Wirthschafts- reftion abgehalten werden wird.

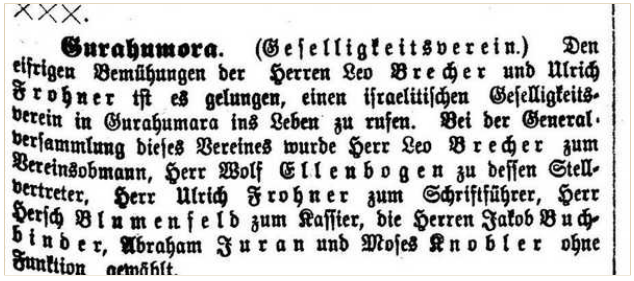
Zur Versteigerung werden folgende 14 Mahlmühlen sammt zugehörigen Bau- und ugründen ausgeschrieben, und zum Fiskalpreis der letzte Erstandspreis beziehungsweise reftion vorgehalten werden wird.

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Benennung der Ortschaft in welcher die Mahlmühle gelegen ist	Beschreibung der Mühlen und Anzahl der Gänge	Flächenmaß der Bau- und Nutzgründe		Ausrufs-Preis in öst. W.	
		Joch	Quad. Klafter	fl.	kr.
Radautz	Obere oder erste von Holz neu erbaute Mahlmühle bestehend aus 2 Flach- und 2 Beutelgängen	2	1407	1426	—
Satulmare	Gemauerte Mahlmühle bestehend aus 1 Flach- und 3 Beutelgängen	2	998	1815	75
Badeuz	Aus weichem Materiale erbaute Mahlmühle mit 1 Flach- und 3 Beutelgängen	1	681	1100	—
Milleschoutz	Aus weichem Materiale neu erbaute Mahlmühle mit 1 Flach- und 1 Beutelgange	1	1572	830	60
Welowetz	Aus weichem Materiale neu erbaute Mahlmühle mit 1 Flach- und 1 Beutelgange	2	649	715	—
Unterhorodnik	Aus weichem Materiale neu erbaute Mahlmühle mit 2 Flach- und 1				

Notice of the Rădăuți stud-farm directorate, October 1866: its 14 flour mills offered for lease from 1 January 1867 to the end of 1869. The row for Wolowetz (Volovăț) — newly built of soft material, one milling and one bolting run, 2 Joch 649 square fathoms, 715 florins a year — is the mill where Eisig Brecher was mill tenant in 1869. CONFIRMED

Bukowina (Czernowitz), 24 Oct 1866, p. 4, notice no. 1532 — ANNO / Austrian National Library



XXX.

Gurahumora. (Geſelligkeitsverein.) Den eifrigen Bemühungen der Herren Leo Brecher und Ulrich Frohner iſt es gelungen, einen iſraelitiſchen Geſelligkeitsverein in Gurahumara ins Leben zu rufen. Bei der Generalverſammlung dieſes Vereines wurde Herr Leo Brecher zum Vereinsobmann, Herr Wolf Ellenbogen zu deſſen Stellvertreter, Herr Ulrich Frohner zum Schriftführer, Herr Herſch Blumenfeld zum Kaſſier, die Herren Jakob Buchbinder, Abraham Juran und Moſes Knobler ohne Funktion gewählt.

Gura Humorului, November 1911: through the efforts of Leo Brecher and Ulrich Frohner a Jewish social club is founded; Leo Brecher is elected chairman, Wolf Ellenbogen deputy, Ulrich Frohner secretary, and Moses Knobler among the members elected. The record is Confirmed; whether Leo Brecher was kin to our line is Possible. POSSIBLE

Czernowitzer Allgemeine Zeitung, 10 Nov 1911, p. 5 — ANNO / Austrian National Library



Eingeſendet.

Danksagung.

Bei der heuer vorgenommenen Sammlung für Oſterbrot zur Vertheilung an hieſige iſraelitiſche Arme ſind uns folgende Spenden zugekommen, wofür wir im Namen der hieſigen Armen danken.

Sereth, im April 1897.

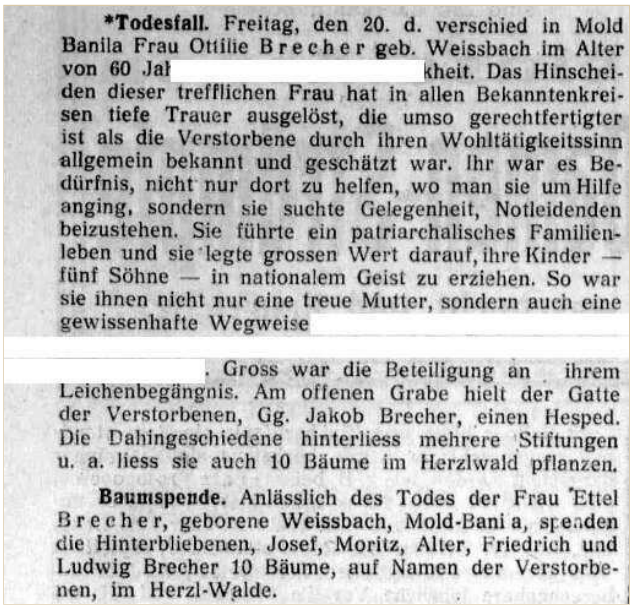
Salaman Schreiber

N. Gläſel, S. L. Frohner, S. L. Lauer, Sal. Goldſchläger, Itzig Rum, David Axelrad, Iſak Tutnauer, Ch. Joel Brecher, Moſes Fleminger, Clem. Friedmann,

Sam. Schaffer, Pinkas Zitter, Moſes Seidmann, N. Wagner, M. Ritterſporn, Herſch Berger, Moſes Mayer, M. Fabian je1 fl.; S. D. Greller, L. Peritz, Eber Gelber, Abr. Katz, Ire Gutmann, Rechbuch, M. Klein, Drucker,

Bukowinaer Post, 25 April 1897: the Siret Passover-bread collection for the poor; "Ch. Joel Brecher" among those giving 1 florin each. CONFIRMED

Bukowinaer Post, 25 Apr 1897, p. 3 — ANNO / Austrian National Library



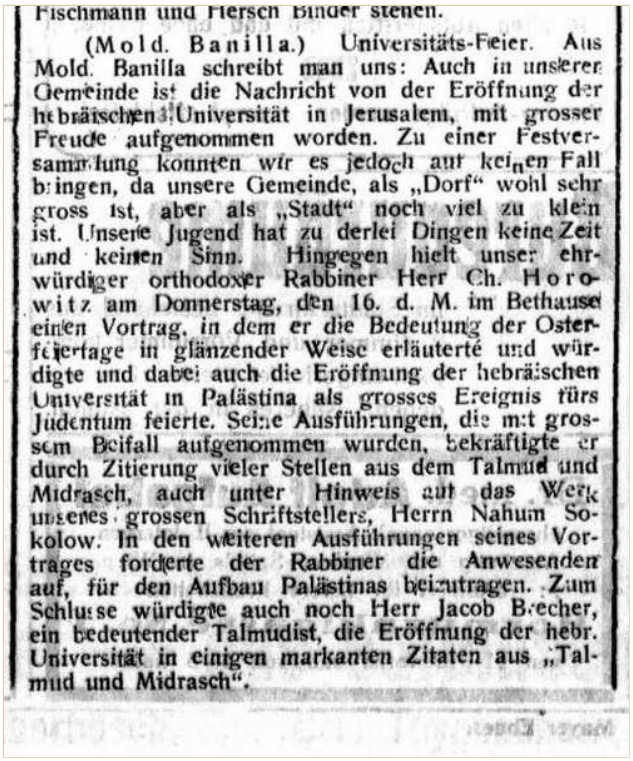
***Todesfall.** Freitag, den 20. d. verschied in Mold Banila Frau Ottilie Brecher geb. Weissbach im Alter von 60 Jah kheit. Das Hinscheiden dieser trefflichen Frau hat in allen Bekanntenkreisen tiefe Trauer ausgelöst, die umso gerechtfertigter ist als die Verstorbene durch ihren Wohltätigkeitssinn allgemein bekannt und geschätzt war. Ihr war es Bedürfnis, nicht nur dort zu helfen, wo man sie um Hilfe anging, sondern sie suchte Gelegenheit, Notleidenden beizustehen. Sie führte ein patriarchalisches Familienleben und sie legte grossen Wert darauf, ihre Kinder — fünf Söhne — in nationalem Geist zu erziehen. So war sie ihnen nicht nur eine treue Mutter, sondern auch eine gewissenhafte Wegweise

. Gross war die Beteiligung an ihrem Leichenbegängnis. Am offenen Grabe hielt der Gatte der Verstorbenen, Gg. Jakob Brecher, einen Hesped. Die Dahingeschiedene hinterliess mehrere Stiftungen u. a. liess sie auch 10 Bäume im Herzlwald pflanzen.

Baumspende. Anlässlich des Todes der Frau Ettel Brecher, geborene Weissbach, Mold-Bani a, spenden die Hinterbliebenen, Josef, Moritz, Alter, Friedrich und Ludwig Brecher 10 Bäume, auf Namen der Verstorbenen, im Herzl-Walde.

Ostjüdische Zeitung, 29 July 1928: Frau Ottilie Brecher née Weissbach died at Banila on Friday 20 July, aged 60; her husband Jakob Brecher gave the eulogy at her grave. CONFIRMED

Ostjüdische Zeitung, Czernowitz, 29 July 1928, p. 6 — difmoe.eu (Digitales Forum Mittel- und Osteuropa)

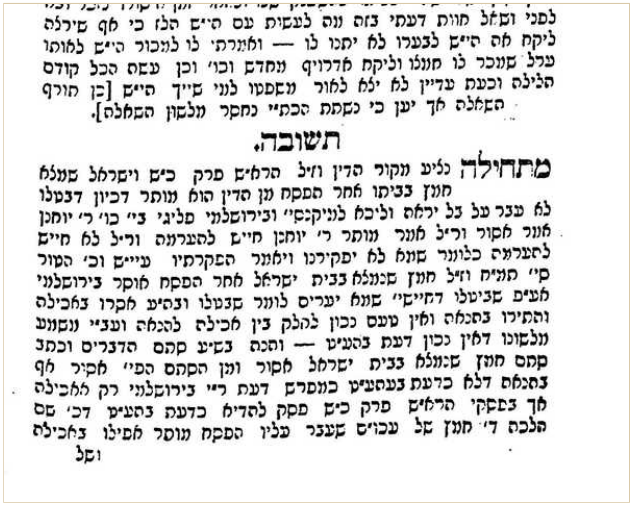


Fischmann und Hersch Binder stehen.

(Mold. Banilla.) Universitäts-Feier. Aus Mold. Banilla schreibt man uns: Auch in unserer Gemeinde ist die Nachricht von der Eröffnung der hebräischen Universität in Jerusalem, mit grosser Freude aufgenommen worden. Zu einer Festversammlung konnten wir es jedoch auf keinen Fall bringen, da unsere Gemeinde, als „Dorf" wohl sehr gross ist, aber als „Stadt" noch viel zu klein ist. Unsere Jugend hat zu derlei Dingen keine Zeit und keinen Sinn. Hingegen hielt unser ehrwürdiger orthodoxer Rabbiner Herr Ch. Horowitz am Donnerstag, den 16. d. M. im Bethause einen Vortrag, in dem er die Bedeutung der Osterfeiertage in glänzender Weise erläuterte und würdigte und dabei auch die Eröffnung der hebräischen Universität in Palästina als grosses Ereignis fürs Judentum feierte. Seine Ausführungen, die mit grossem Beifall aufgenommen wurden, bekräftigte er durch Zitierung vieler Stellen aus dem Talmud und Midrasch, auch unter Hinweis auf das Werk unseres grossen Schriftstellers, Herrn Nahum Sokolow. In den weiteren Ausführungen seines Vortrages forderte der Rabbiner die Anwesenden auf, für den Aufbau Palästinas beizutragen. Zum Schlusse würdigte auch noch Herr Jacob Brecher, ein bedeutender Talmudist, die Eröffnung der hebr. Universität in einigen markanten Zitaten aus „Talmud und Midrasch".

Ostjüdische Zeitung, 28 April 1925: at Banila's celebration of the opening of the Hebrew University, "Herr Jacob Brecher, ein bedeutender Talmudist" spoke (Likely R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf). LIKELY

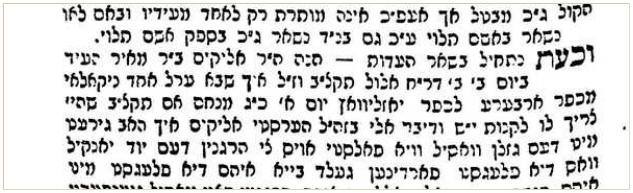
Ostjüdische Zeitung, Czernowitz, 28 April 1925, p. 3 — difmoe.eu



תשובה.

Chedvat Yaakov, end of responsum 2 (scan p. 184): the Rav of Sereth signs "the humble Yaakov Zeev Wolf, son of the late R' Aryeh Leibush, of blessed memory, residing here in the holy community of Sereth." This gives his father's full name: R' Aryeh Leibush of Stryj. CONFIRMED

Chedvat Yaakov (1938), via HebrewBooks.org no. 32333



Chedvat Yaakov, responsum 2 (scan p. 177): the statement the responsum deals with is dated "Monday, Rosh Chodesh Elul 5572" (Aug 1812), when R' Aryeh Leibush of Stryj was already "the late". Likely: the year rests on reading one letter (the other reading would give 1772). LIKELY

Chedvat Yaakov (1938), via HebrewBooks.org no. 32333



Gravestone of Yute, daughter of R' Baruch, granddaughter of the Rav R' Yaakov Zeev of Sereth, an aged woman, who died on 26 Tevet 5674 (24 January 1914). Siret New Jewish Cemetery, stone K-51. CONFIRMED

Jewish Galicia and Bukovina Organization, Siret Jewish cemetery documentation (2022), stone K-51 — https://jgaliciabukovina.net/229636/tombstone/tombstone-yute-daughter-baruch



The Brecher family stone of Arthur S. Brecher (born 30 March 1928, died 11 February 2021), son of Harry and Mollie Brecher, and his wife Laura Alma née Lyman (26 October 1932 – 31 May 2013). Toledo Hebrew Cemetery, Rossford, Ohio, Section 10. CONFIRMED

Photo: Find a Grave (volunteer upload by J W McCain, 9 Apr 2021), memorial 223028823 — https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/223028823



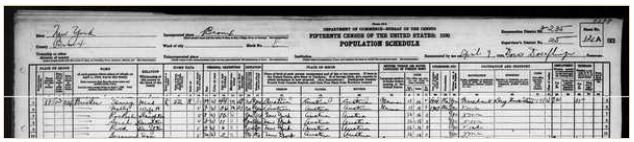
Storozynetz (Storojineț), Bukovina: a picture postcard of about 1915 with views of the town, among them the synagogue. Selig and Feige Rudich were buried in New York in the plot of the First Independent Strozynetzer society. POSSIBLE

Unknown photographer, 'Storozynetz, views, synagogue', postcard c. 1915, via Wikimedia Commons — https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Storozynetz,_views,_synagogue.jpg (public domain)



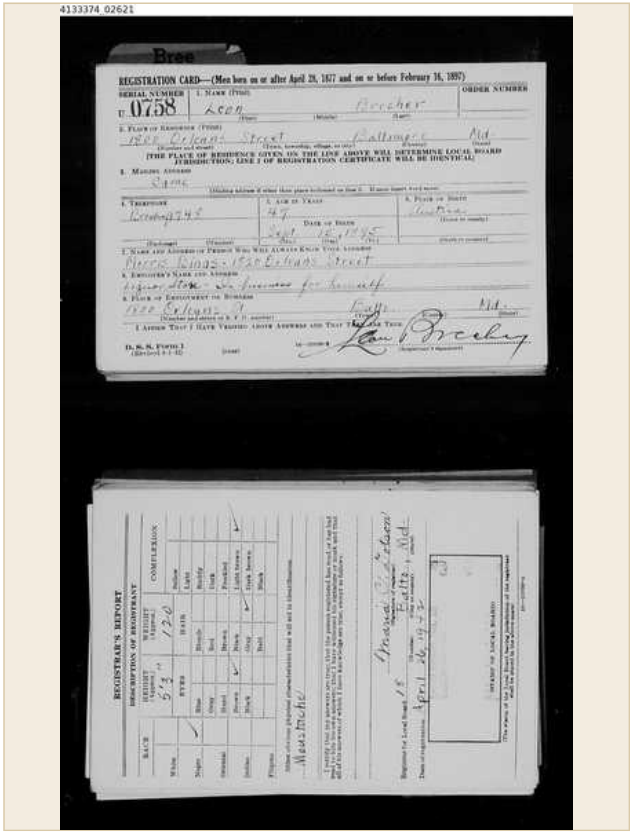
The synagogue on Poltavska Street in Mohyliv-Podilskyi (Moghilev), photographed in 2017. Riwen Mordche Brecher and his wife Chana Itte died in Moghilev, Transnistria, in 1941–42.

Haidamac, 22 Aug 2017, via Wikimedia Commons (monument of Ukraine 05-104-0046) — https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:05-104-0046_Mohyliv_Podilsky_SAM_4974.jpg (CC BY-SA 4.0)



Harry (Hersch) and Mollie Brecher with their children Rachel, Sarah, Ruth and Seymour (later Arthur) in the 1930 U.S. census, the Bronx, house no. 885: Harry, 44, a dry-goods merchant, and Molly, 36, both naturalized; the four children born in New York. CONFIRMED

1930 U.S. Census, Bronx, New York, S.D. 25, E.D. 3-235, sheet 12A, lines 5–10, enumerated 9 April 1930 by Dora Doerflinger (NARA T626; image via FamilySearch, record 1:1:X7DN-BM5, image 3:1:33SQ-GRCP-SJX)



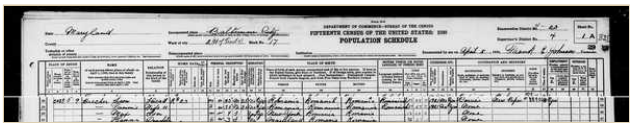
Leon Brecher's Second World War registration card (the "old man's draft"), Baltimore, 26 April 1942: Leon Brecher, 1800 Orleans Street, aged 47, born 15 September 1895 in Austria; running a liquor store in business for himself; contact Morris Binas, 1820 Orleans Street. Signed "Leon Brecher". Back: white, 5 ft 3 in, 120 lb, brown eyes, black hair, moustache. CONFIRMED

U.S. Selective Service, World War II Registration Cards (Fourth Registration, 1942), Maryland, Local Board 18, Baltimore, serial U-0758 (NARA, Record Group 147; image via FamilySearch, record 1:1:F3XL-NX3, image 3:1:S3HT-67D7-RJR)



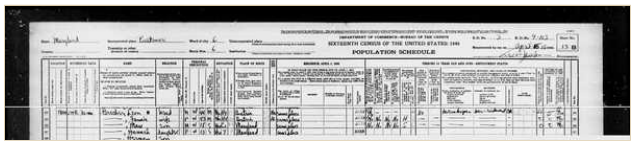
Harry and Mollie Brecher with their daughter Rachel (3½) in the 1920 U.S. census, Manhattan, enumerated 8 January 1920: Harry, 31, born in Romania, arrived 1910, naturalized 1915, a salesman in a dress-goods store; Mollie, 27, born in Romania, arrived 1910, naturalized 1915; both Yiddish-speaking. (Their baby Sarah is listed on the following sheet.) CONFIRMED

1920 U.S. Census, New York (Manhattan), New York, S.D. 1, E.D. 640, sheet 8B, lines 98–100, enumerated 8 January 1920 (NARA T625; image via FamilySearch, record 1:1:MJYY-42M, image 3:1:33SQ-GRF3-JP1)



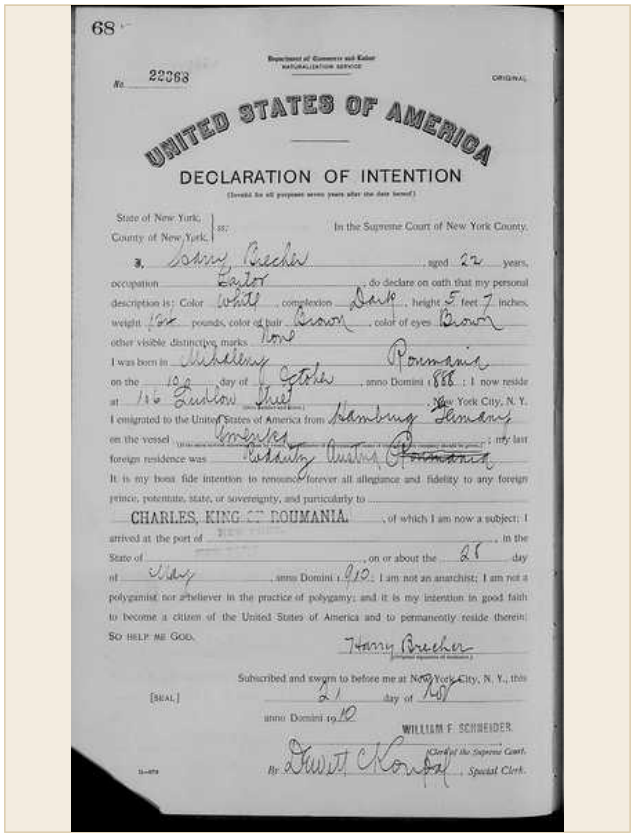
Leon and Fannie Brecher with Max (9) and Hanna (3) in the 1930 U.S. census, Baltimore, house no. 2029: Leon, head, born in Romania, Romanian-speaking, arrived 1921, naturalized, a newspaper carrier; Fannie, born in Romania, arrived 1921; Max born in New York, Hanna in Maryland. CONFIRMED

1930 U.S. Census, Baltimore City, Maryland, Ward 2, block 17, S.D. 4, E.D. 4-23, sheet 1A, lines 38–41, enumerated 5 April 1930 by Frank E. Johnson (NARA T626; image via FamilySearch, record 1:1:X3WH-JC1, image 3:1:33S7-9RHQ-RC3)



Leon and Fannie Brecher and their children Max, Hannah and Herman in the 1940 U.S. census, Baltimore, 1800 [Orleans St]: Leon, 44, born in Austria, naturalized, a tavern-keeper running his own bar-restaurant; Fannie, 43, born in Austria; Max, 18, and Hannah, 13, born in Maryland. (The details of the youngest son, who is living, are masked.) CONFIRMED

1940 U.S. Census, Baltimore City, Maryland, Ward 6, block 6, S.D. 3, E.D. 4-103, sheet 13B, lines 64–68, enumerated April 1940 (NARA T627; image via FamilySearch, record 1:1:K76B-Y7Q, image 3:1:3QS7-89M1-CCRB)



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No. 22368 ORIGINAL

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

State of New York, County of New York, } ss: 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 126 pounds, color of hair Brown, color of eyes Brown, other visible distinctive marks None. I was born in Mihaileny Romania on the 10 day of October, anno Domini 1888; I now reside at 116 Ludlow Street, New York City, N. Y. I emigrated to the United States of America from Hamburg Germany on the vessel Amerika; my last foreign residence was Radautz Austria. It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to CHARLES, KING OF ROUMANIA, of which I am now a subject; I arrived at the port of [illegible], in the State of [illegible], on or about the 28 day of May, anno Domini 1910. I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer 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.

Harry Brecher

(Original signature of declarant.)

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

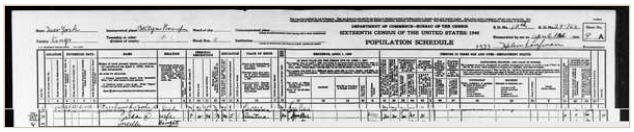
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WILLIAM F. SCHNEIDER, Clerk of the Supreme Court.

By Edward Kondal, Special Clerk.

Harry Brecher's declaration of intention to become an American citizen, New York County, 21 November 1910: aged 22, a tailor; white, dark complexion, 5 ft 7 in, brown hair and eyes; born at Mihăileni, Romania, 10 October 1888; living at 106 Ludlow Street; came from Hamburg on the Amerika; last foreign residence Radautz, Austria; arrived at New York 28 May 1910. Signed "Harry Brecher". CONFIRMED

New York County Supreme Court, Declarations of Intention, 1910, vol. 50, no. 22368 (New York County Clerk; image via FamilySearch, "New York, County Naturalization Records, 1791–1980", record 1:1:QPQC-49DY, image 3:1:3QSQ-G9M8-GGN2)



Charles and Ida Schwartz in the 1940 U.S. census, Brooklyn, house no. 450 [Willoughby Ave]: Charles, 62, born in Romania, a lamp salesman on his own account; Ida, 46, born in Austria, naturalized; with their daughter Lucille (details masked; a son, Marvin, follows on the next sheet). LIKELY

1940 U.S. Census, Kings County (Brooklyn), New York, A.D. 6, block E, S.D. 10, E.D. 24-763, sheet 9A, lines 38–40, enumerated April 1940 by Helen Kaufman (NARA T627; image via FamilySearch, record 1:1:KQ1G-MB3, image 3:1:3QS7-L9MY-5SJC)

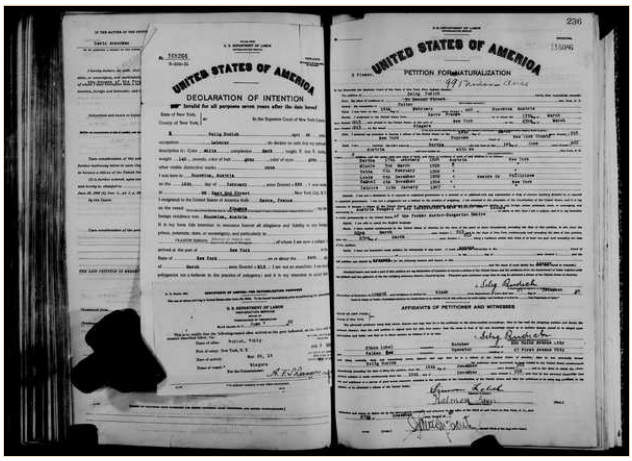


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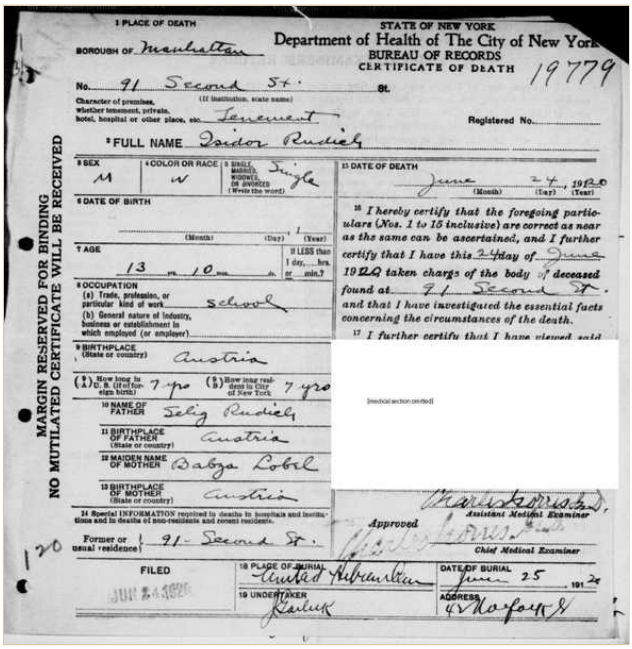
Selig Rudich, 48, and his daughter Ella, 24, from Storozynetz, arriving at New York on the Niagara from Havre, 23 March 1913 (both pages of the list: his wife stayed in Storozynetz; they were going to his son-in-law in New York). CONFIRMED

New York Passenger Lists (NARA T715, roll 2035, p. 131), via FamilySearch, record 1:1:JN16-Z53. Public domain.



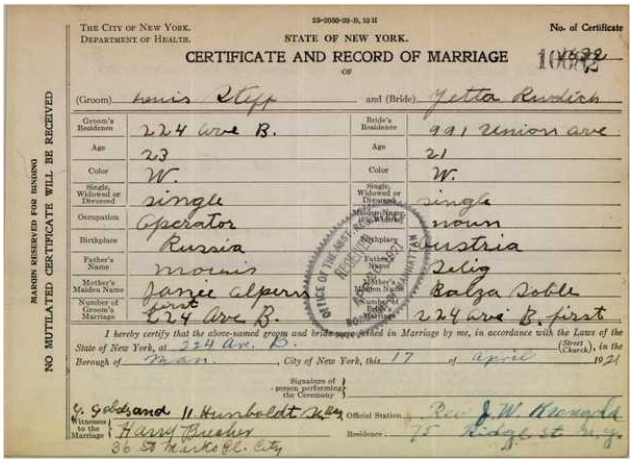
Selig Rudich's petition for naturalization, Supreme Court, New York County, 1920: a cutter, born in Bukovina on 15 February 1866, with his wife Bertha and their children Bertha, Minnie, Yetta, Louis, Samuel and Isidore. CONFIRMED

New York County naturalization records (NY Supreme Court), via FamilySearch, record 1:1:WDQY-L3ZM. Public domain.



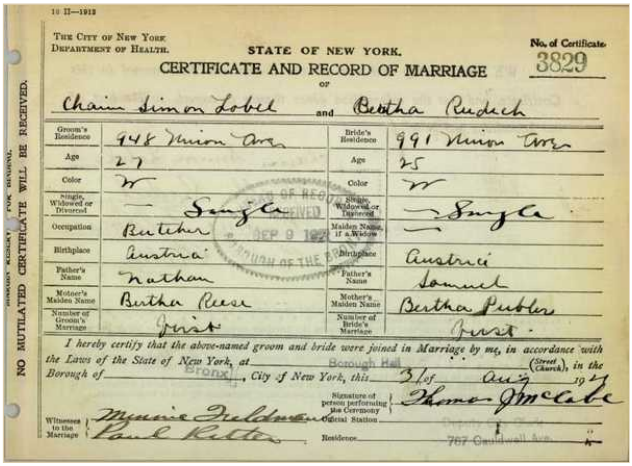
Death certificate of Isidor Rudich, 13, Mollie Brecher's younger brother, 91 Second Street, Manhattan, 24 June 1920; parents Selig Rudich and Babza Lobel; buried at United Hebrew Cemetery. (Medical section omitted.) CONFIRMED

NYC Municipal Archives, Historical Vital Records, Manhattan deaths 1920, certificate 19779 (a860-historicalvitalrecords.nyc.gov/view/5399229)



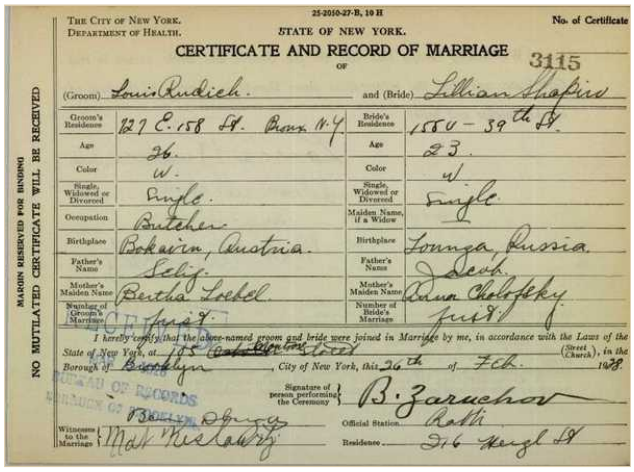
Marriage of Yetta Rudich, Mollie Brecher's sister, and Louis Steff, Manhattan, 17 April 1921; her parents Selig Rudich and Balza (Babtze) Lobel. Harry Brecher of 36 St Marks Place signed as a witness. CONFIRMED

NYC Municipal Archives, Historical Vital Records, Manhattan marriages 1921, certificate 10682 (a860-historicalvitalrecords.nyc.gov/view/9466073)



Marriage of Bertha Rudich, Mollie Brecher's sister, and Chaim Szimon Lobel, butcher, Bronx Borough Hall, 31 August 1921; witness her sister Minnie Feldman. CONFIRMED

NYC Municipal Archives, Historical Vital Records, Bronx marriages 1921, certificate 3829 (a860-historicalvitalrecords.nyc.gov/view/9528112)



THE CITY OF NEW YORK. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. 25-2010-27-B, 10 H

STATE OF NEW YORK. No. of Certificate 3115

CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF MARRIAGE

(Groom) Louis Rudich		and (Bride) Lillian Shapiro
Groom's Residence: 127 E. 158 St. Bronx N.Y.	Bride's Residence: 1580 – 39th St.	
Age: 26.	Age: 23.	
Color: W.	Color: W.	
Single, Widowed or Divorced: Single.	Single, Widowed or Divorced: Single	
Occupation: Butcher.	Maiden Name, if a Widow:	
Birthplace: Bukavin, Austria.	Birthplace: Lomza, Russia.	
Father's Name: Selig.	Father's Name: Dead.	
Mother's Maiden Name: Bertha Loebel.	Mother's Maiden Name: Dora Cholofsky	
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 105 (Central) Street (Street or Church), in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, this 26th of Feb. 1928

Signature of person performing the Ceremony: B. Zaruchar

Official Station: Rabbi

Residence: 316 Keap St

Witnesses to the Marriage: Max Rudich

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING — NO MUTILATED CERTIFICATE WILL BE RECEIVED

Marriage of Louis Rudich, Mollie Brecher's brother, a butcher born in Bukovina, and Lillian Shapiro, Brooklyn, 26 February 1928; his parents Selig Rudich and Bertha Loebel. CONFIRMED

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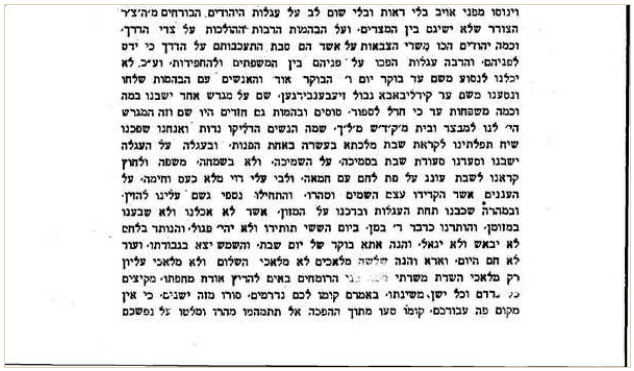
זכרון לעולם יהיה ותשועת נפשם מיד שונא

להיות זכרון לבנים לספר· הנה באתי במגלת ספר· כתוב עליו
ד·קורות מצאתני· בברחי מפני הקוזאקים האכזרים ואודע
כי כל זאת נאתנו על חטאיי דורנים ודמרים
חבורי זה לו שלשה חלקים
בדם
אתן ילל קולי לדור· ולג״ר איש ואשה בניתי מדור

חלק אחד בריחתי מביתי לארץ הגר כולל
בחלק שני על ישובי דיצבענבירגען בפר אילל
ובחלק שלישי בדין גילוי ראש אשה ואיש אפלל

From the preface of Katuv Yosher: the book records "what befell me when I fled from the cruel Cossacks", in three parts — the flight from home, the people of Transylvania, and a section of law. CONFIRMED

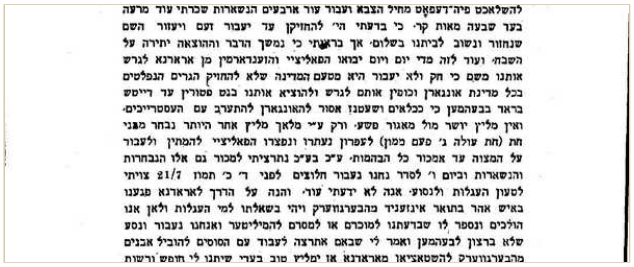
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וינוסו מפני אויב בלי דאות ובלי שום לב על עגלות ההדדים הבורחים מיה׳צ׳ר·
הצורר שלא ישיגם בין המצרים· ועל הבהמות הרבות ׳ההולכות על צדי הדרך·
וכמה יהודים הכו משרי הצבאות על אשר הם שבת התעכבותם על הדרך כי ידם
למגיהם· והרבה עגלות הפכו על פניהם בין המשפתים ולהחפידות· וע״כ לא
יכלנו לנסוע משם עד בוקר יום ר׳ הבוקר אור והאנשים עם הבהמות שלחו
ונסענו משם עד קירליבאבא נבול דיצבענבירגען· שם על מגרש אחר ישבנו במה
וכמה משפחות עד כי חדל לספר· טוסים ובהמות גם חזדים היו שם וזה המגרש
הי׳ לנו למבצר ובית מ׳ק׳ד׳ש מ׳ל׳ך· שמה הנשים הדליקו נרות ואנחנו שפכנו
שיח תפלתינו לקראת שבת מלכתא בעשרה באותת הפנות· ובעגלה על העגלה
ישבנו וסערנו סערת שבת בסמיכה· על השמיכה· ולא בשמחה· משפה ולמעך
קראנו לשבת עונג על פת לחם עם חמאה· ולבי עלי רוי מלא כעס וחימה· על
העגנים אשר הקרידו עצם השמים וסהרו· והתחילו נספי גשם עלינו להזין·
ובמהרה שכבנו תחת העגלות ובורכנו על המזון· אשר לא אכלנו ולא שבענו
במזוסן· והותרנו כרבר ר׳ במן· ביום הששי תותירו ולא יהי פגול· והנותר בלחם
לא יבאש ולא יגאל· והנה אתא בוקר של יום שבת· והשמש יצא בגבורתו· ועוד
לא חם היום· וארא והנה שלשה מלאכים לא מלאכי השלום ולא מלאכי עליון
רק מלאכי השרת משרתי [illegible] הרומחים באים להריץ אורח מחפתו· מקיצים
כל אדם וכל ישן· משינתו· באמרם קומו לכם נדרכים· סורו מזה ישנים· כי אין
מקום פה עבורכם· קומו סעו מתוך ההפכה· אל תתהמהו מהרו וסלטו על נפשכם

Katuv Yosher, June 1916: the refugee wagons pass Seletin and Șipot and reach Kirlibaba, "the border of Siebenbürgen". CONFIRMED

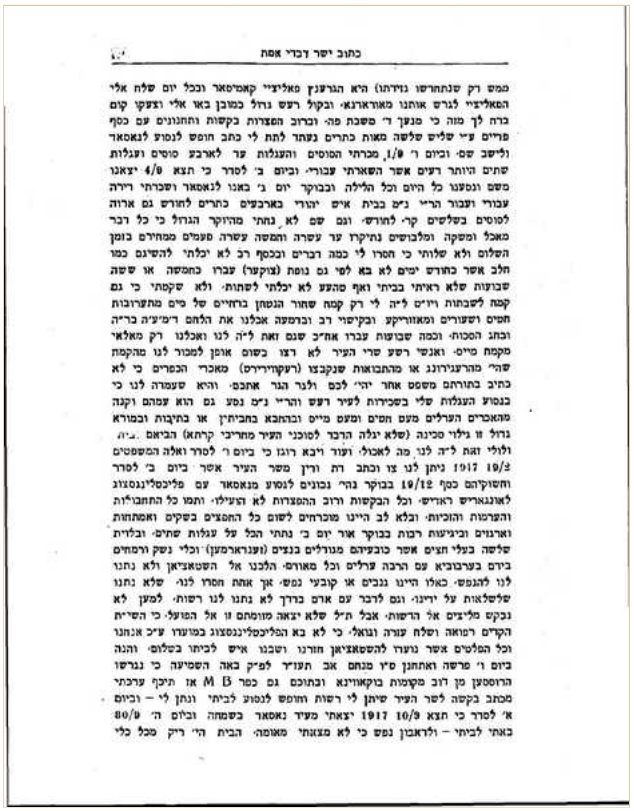
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להשלאכם פיה׳דעפאָם מחיל הצבא ועבור עור ארבעים הנשארות שכרתי עוד מרעה
בעד שבעה מאות קר· כי בדעתי הי׳ להחזיקן עד יעבור זעם ויעזור השם
שנחזור ונשוב לביתנו בשלום· אך בראותי כי נמשך הדבר וההוצאה יתירה על
השבת· ועור לזה מדי יום ויום יבואו המאליציי והזענדארמען מן ארארנא לגרש
אותנו משם כי חק ולא יעבור היא מטעם המדינה שלא להחזיק הגרים הנפלטים
בכל מדינת אונגארן וכוסיין אותם לגרש ולהוציא אותנו בגם שסורין עד דיימש
בראד בבעהמען כי כלאים ושעטנז אסור להאונגארן להתערב עם העסטרייכים·
ואין מליץ יושר טול מאנור שסע· ורק ע״י מלאך מליץ אחר היותר נבחר מאני
תת (תת עולה ג׳ פעם כמון) לצפרון נעתרו ונפצרו המאליציי להמתין ולעבור
על המצוה עד אמכור כל הבהמות· ע״כ בע״כ נתרציתי למכור גם אלו הנבחרות
והנשארות וביום ר׳ לסדר נתנו נעבור חלוצים למני ד׳ כי תמוז 21/7 צויתי
לסעון העגלות ולנסוע· אנה לא ידעתי עור· והנה על הדרך לארארנא פגענו
באיש אחד בתואר אינזענירי מהבערגוחערק ויהי בשאלתו למי העגלות ולאן אנו
הולכים ונספר לו שבדעתנו למוכרם או למסרם להמיליטער ואנחנו נעבור ונסע
שלא ברצון לבעהמען ואמר לי שבאם אחרצה לעבוד עם הסוסים להוביל אבנים
מהבערגוועריי להשטאציאו מארארנא או ימליץ טוב בעדי שיתנו לי חופש ורשות

Katuv Yosher, July 1916: Hungarian law would not let Austrian refugees stay; with officers' help he was allowed to remain at Óradna (Rodna). CONFIRMED

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ממם רק שנתחרשו נזירתו) היא הגרשנין מאליזיי קאמיסאר ובכל יום שלח אלי המאליזיי לגרש אותנו מאדארנא· ובקול רעש גדול כמובן באו אלי וצעקו קום ברח לך מזה כי מגזר ד׳ משכת פה· וברוב המצרות בקשות ותחנונים עם כסף פרוים ע״י שלים שלשה מאות כתרים נתתי לתת לי כתב חופש לנסוע לנאסאד ולישב שם· וביום ר׳ 1/8 מכרתי הסוסים והעגלות עד לארבע סוסים ועגלות שהיו היותר רעים אשר השארתי עבורי· וביום ב׳ לסדר כי תצא 4/8 יצאנו משם ונסעינו כל היום וכל הלילה ובבוקר יום ב׳ באנו לנאסאד ושכרתי דירה עבורי ועבור הריי נ״ש בבית איש יהודי בארבעים כתרים לחודש גם ארוזה לסוסים בשלשים קר׳ לחודש· וגם שם לא נחתי מהזקר הגדול כי כל דבר מאכל ומשקה ומלבושים נתיקרו עד עשרה והמשה עשרה פעמים מכתירם בזמן השלום ולא שלותי כי חסרו לי כמה דברים וכבסף רב לא יכלתי להשיגם כמו חלב אשר כחודש ימים לא בא לפי גם נוסח (צורקעי) עברו כחמשה או ששה שבועות שלא ראיתי בביתי ואף שהנעע לא יכלתי לשתות· ולא שקמתי כי גם קמח לשבתות ויו״ט לי רק קמח שחור וגסתן ברחיים של פים מתעורבות חמים ושעורים ומאווריקע ובקישוי רב ובדמעה אכלנו את הלחם ד׳מ״ע ב׳ר״ה ובחג הסכות· וכמה שבועות עברו אח״כ שגם זאת ל״ה לנו ואכלנו רק מאלאר מקמח פיים· ואנשי רשע שרי העיר לא רצו בשום אופן למכור לנו מהקמח שהי׳ מהרעגירונג או מהתבואות שנקבצו (רעקוויירים) מאכרי הכפרים כי לא כתיב בתורתם משפט אחר יהי׳ לכם ולגר הגר אתכם· והיא שעמדה לנו כי בנסוע העגלות שלי בשכירות לעיר דעש והרי׳ נ״ש נסע גם הוא עמהם וקנה מהאכרים הערלים מעם חמים ומעם פיים ובהחבא בחביתין או בחיבות ובמורא גדול זו גילוי סכינה (שלא יגלה הדבר לסוכני העיר מחריבי קרתא) הביאם ביתי ולולי זאת ל״ה לנו מה לאכול· ועוד ויבא ויגו כי ביום ר׳ לסדר ואלה המשפטים 19/12 1917 ניתן לנו צו וכתב דת ודין משר העיר אשר ביום ב׳ לסדר וחשוקהם כסף 19/12 בבוקר נהר נכונים לנסוע מנאסאד עם פליכסליננסצוג לאונגארין ראדיש· וכל הבקשות וריב ההמצרות לא הצילו· ותמו כל התחבולות והערמות והוכיות· ובלא לב היינו מוכרחים לשום כל החמצים בשקים ואמתחות וארגזים וביציעות רבות בבוקר אור יום ב׳ נתתי הכל על עגלות שתים· ובלילת שלשה בעלי חצים אשר כוכביהם מנגדים בנצים (וענראמענן)· וכלי נשק ורמחים בידם בערבובא עם הרבה ערלים וכל מאורם· הלבנו אל השטאציאן ולא נתנו לנו להנסע· כאלו היינו נגבים או קובעי נפש· אך אחת הפרו לנו· שלא נתנו שלשלאות על ידינו· וגם לדבר עם אדם בדרך לא נתנו לנו רשות· למען לא נקבץ מליצים אל הרשות· אבל ת״ל שלא יצאה מזמתם זו אל הפועל· כי השרית הקדים רפואה ושלח עזרה וגואלי· כי לא בא הפליכסליננסצוג במערו ע״כ אנחנו וכל הפלטים אשר נשארו להשטאציאן חזרנו· ושבנו איש לביתו בשלום· והנה ביום ו׳ פרשה ואתחנן שיו מנחם אב תעיר לפ״ק באה השמיעה כי נגרשו הרוסטן מן דוב מקומות בוקאווינא ובתוכם גם כפר M B או תיכף ערכתי מכתב בקשה לשר העיר שיתן לי רשות וחופש לנסוע לביתי ונתן לי – וביום א׳ לסדר כי תצא 10/9 1917 יצאתי מעיר נאסאד בשמחה וביום ה׳ 80/9 באתי לביתי – ולראבון נפש כי לא מצאתי מאומה· הבית הי׳ ריק מכל כלי

Katuv Yosher: the move to Năsăud in September 1916, and the journey home to Banila in September 1917. CONFIRMED

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Late registration (1937) of the death of Juda Hersch Frenkel, aged 85, at Buczacz in 1916; Jewish death register of Buczacz, entry 13. Very probably the man of stone BH-28 (Likely); kinship to the family Possible. CONFIRMED

Archiwum Główne Akt Dawnych, Warsaw, fond 300, sygn. 4192, scan 6 (szukajwarchiwach.gov.pl)



Bistrița Jewish birth register (unit 118), entries 39–40: Roza (b. 25 Dec 1838) and David (b. 4 Aug 1838), children of Hoschia Brecher, merchant of Sereth, and Malke Adelstein of Buczacz; both born at Sereth and entered in 1889 from a naturalization document. One of the Brechers of Sereth in Bistrița, not linked to the tree; a link to Reuven Mordechai is only Possible. CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Bistrița-Năsăud County Service, collection BN-F-00055 (Jewish civil registers), inventory 166, unit 118, old folio 4 (now 5), PDF page 6 (descopera.arhivelenationale.ro, cota cid 9342297)



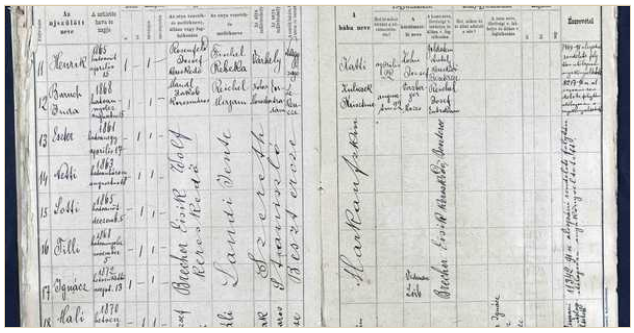
Bistrița Jewish birth register (unit 118), entries 41–45: Pepi née Amen (b. Sereth 1837) and her children with David the distiller, born at Sereth: Hermán 1859, Náthán 1861, József (Nachman Jossel) 1863 and Amália 1868; entered in 1889. The Brechers of Sereth in Bistrița, not linked to the tree. CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Bistrița-Năsăud County Service, collection BN-F-00055 (Jewish civil registers), inventory 166, unit 118, old folio 5 (now 6), PDF page 7 (descopera.arhivelenationale.ro, cota cid 9342297)



Bistrița Jewish birth register (unit 118), entry 24: Sarolta, b. Besztercze 15 Jan 1873, daughter of Ruben, merchant, born at Sereth, and Fani née Goldschläger of Botoșani; late registration of 1889. The Brechers of Sereth in Bistrița, not linked to the tree. CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Bistrița-Năsăud County Service, collection BN-F-00055 (Jewish civil registers), inventory 166, unit 118, old folio 3 (now 4), PDF page 5 (descopera.arhivelenationale.ro, cota cid 9342297)



Bistrița Jewish birth register (unit 118), entries 13–17: Eszter 1861, Netti 1863, Lotti 1865, Tilli 1868 and Ignácz 1872, children of Eisik Wolf, merchant, born at Sereth, and Jente Landi of Stanisławów; late registration of 1891. A Bistrița namesake, not the Eisig of this tree.

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Romanian National Archives, Bistrița-Năsăud County Service, collection BN-F-00055 (Jewish civil registers), inventory 166, unit 118, second section, PDF page 15 (descopera.arhivelenationale.ro, cota cid 9342297)



Bistrița Jewish birth register (unit 121): Fischel, son of Eisig and Sime (29 Feb 1872), and Markus (25 Aug 1878) and David (1 Mar 1880), sons of Ruben and Feige, for whom Hoschia Brecher stood sandak. The Brechers of Sereth in Bistrița, not linked to the tree.

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Romanian National Archives, Bistrița-Năsăud County Service, collection BN-F-00055 (Jewish civil registers), inventory 166, unit 121, folios 8, 16 and 18, entries 65, 149 and 167 (descopera.arhivelenationale.ro, cota cid 9342303)



Bistrița Jewish death register (unit 123), entry 16: Avner, son of Eisig, died 1 April 1873, aged 4 years 8 months, in the upper suburb of Bistrița. The Brechers of Sereth in Bistrița, not linked to the tree.

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Romanian National Archives, Bistrița-Năsăud County Service, collection BN-F-00055 (Jewish civil registers), inventory 166, unit 123, folio 3, PDF page 4 (descopera.arhivelenationale.ro, cota cid 9342305)



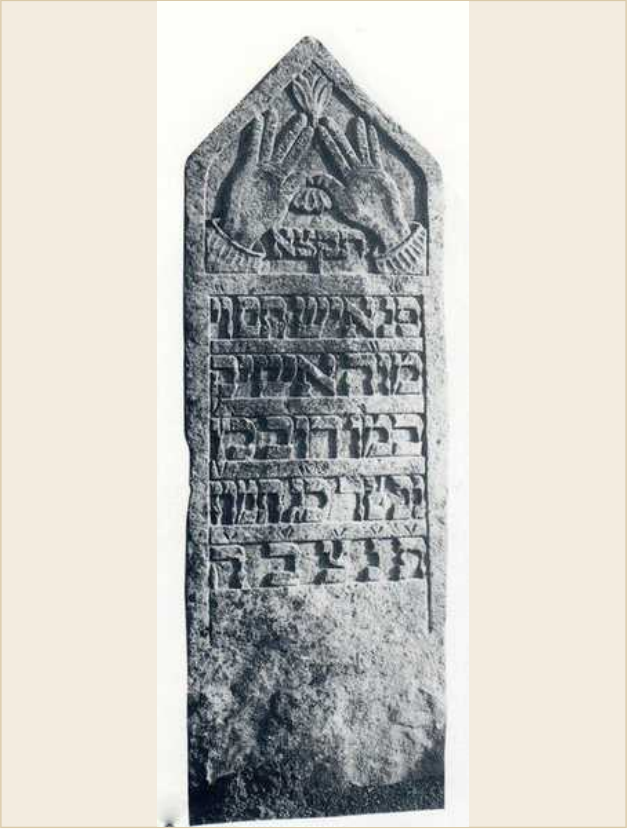
Gravestone of Malka Frenkel, daughter of R' Aryeh, who died on the 4th day of Chol HaMoed Pesach 5666 (15 April 1906); Buczacz Jewish cemetery, section BB, no. 29. Her kinship to the family is Possible. CONFIRMED

Photo: Jewish Galicia & Bukovina (jgaliciabukovina.net), Buczacz field documentation, August 2018 (Shlomi Golan, Meytal Sosnovik); https://www.jgaliciabukovina.net/186775/tombstone/tombstone-malka-frenkel



Gravestone of Aizik son of Eliezer Katz, a Kohen (priestly hands), died 8 Nisan 5588 (23 March 1828), Siret Old Jewish Cemetery, C-80. One of two possible graves of R' Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen (Possible). POSSIBLE

Jewish Galicia and Bukovina Organization, Siret Old Jewish Cemetery documentation (2021–22), stone C-80 (https://jgaliciabukovina.net/226396/tombstone/tombstone-aizik-son-eliezer-katz)



Gravestone of Aizik son of Dov Katz, a Kohen (priestly hands), died 23 Tammuz 5591 (4 July 1831), Siret Old Jewish Cemetery (no. 251 in Sanie's catalogue). One of two possible graves of R' Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen (Possible). POSSIBLE

Silviu Sanie, Dăinuire prin piatră (Bucharest 2000), no. 251, via Jewish Galicia and Bukovina (https://jgaliciabukovina.net/226564/tombstone/tombstone-aizik-son-dov-katz)



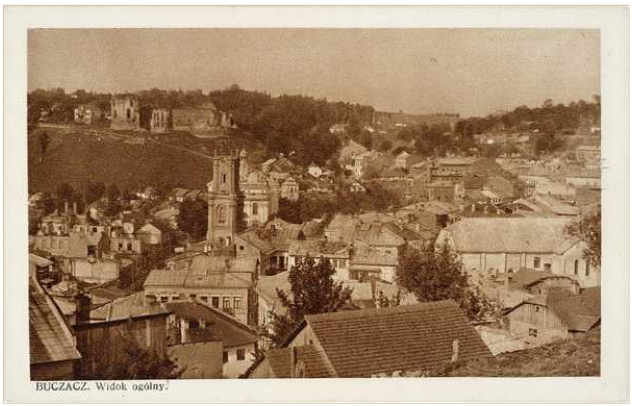
The Great Temple of Siret, a second view (August 2010). CONFIRMED

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The Great Synagogue of Buczacz in 1921. Buczacz was the home of the Frenkel and Knobler families: Sure Judith Knobler née Frenkel and her daughter Chana Itte, wife of Riwen Mordche Brecher, were born there. CONFIRMED

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Buczacz in the 1920s: a general view of the town centre (picture postcard "Buczacz. Widok ogólny"). CONFIRMED

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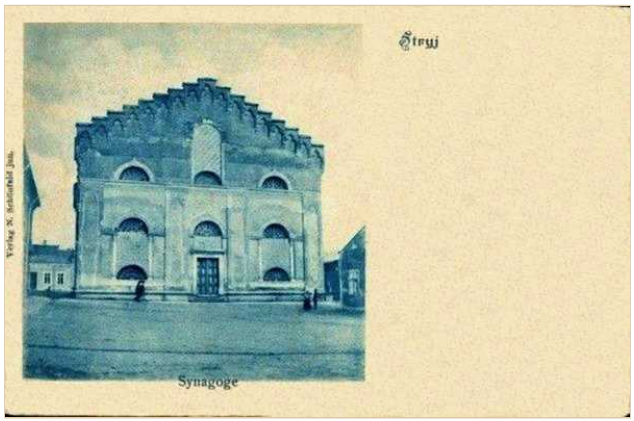
The Jewish cemetery of Buczacz in May 2014. (The stone in front is not a family stone; Malka Frenkel's stone BB-29 stands in this cemetery.) CONFIRMED

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The Jewish cemetery of Banila (today Banyliv, Ukraine) in 2015 — the town of R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher HaKohen of Banila and his family. CONFIRMED

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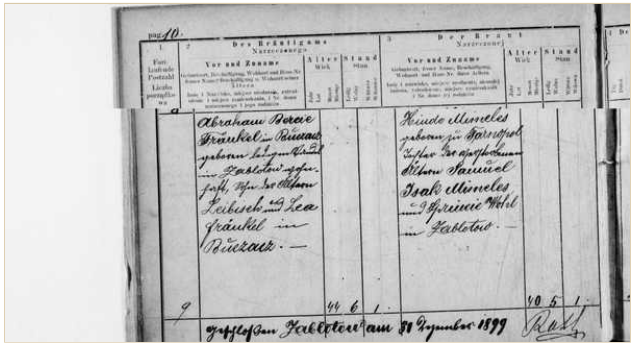
The Great Synagogue of Stryj on a postcard of about 1900. Stryj was the town of R' Aryeh (Leibush), the oldest known ancestor; his son R' Yaakov Zeev, Rav of Sereth, is called "of Stryj" on his stone. CONFIRMED

Postcard, c. 1900; public domain, via Wikimedia Commons; https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Stryj,Great_synagogue.jpg



The Old Jewish Cemetery of Siret, with its carved 18th- and early 19th-century stones. The stones of Reuven Mordechai Brecher HaKohen (G-35), Rivka (Ruvtse) (BC-17), R' Yaakov Zeev ben Aryeh of Stryj, Rav of Sereth (I-33), and the two Aizik Katz candidates stand in the Siret cemeteries. CONFIRMED

Photo: Jewish Galicia & Bukovina, documentation of the Old Jewish Cemetery of Siret, 2021–22 (credited); https://jgaliciabukovina.net/226569/news/full-indexed-catalog-old-jewish-cemetery-siret-online-now



Marriage of Abraham Bercie Fränkel, Zabłotów, 1899 (act 9): born in Buczacz, a single merchant living in Zabłotów, 44½, son of Leibisch and Lea Fränkel of Buczacz; the bride Hinde Mineles, born in Tarnopol, 40, daughter of Samuel Isak Mineles and Sprincie Wohl. Leibisch and Lea Frenkel of Buczacz are also the named parents of Sure Judith Knobler née Frenkel. CONFIRMED

AGAD Warsaw, fond 300, sygn. 3062 (Zabłotów Jewish marriages 1898–99), p. 10, act 9; image via JRI-Poland / AGAD metrykalia album, http://agadd2.home.net.pl/metrykalia/300_new/album/3062/ (image 1_300_0_0_3062_0014.jpg)



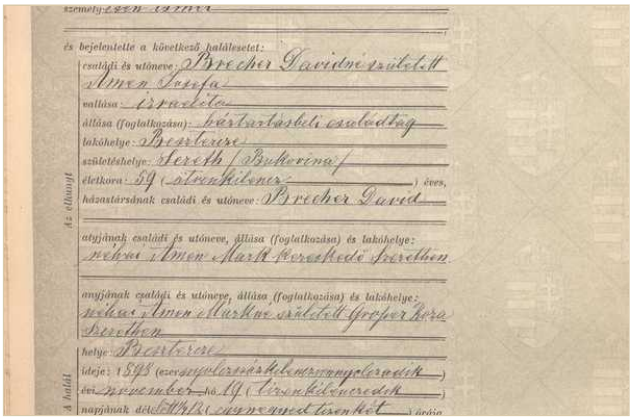
Death of Bernhard, also Abraham Bercie, Fränkel, Zabłotów, 17 January 1907 (act 5): son of Leibisch and Lea Fränkel of Buczacz; 48, married; buried 19 January. (Cause-of-death column cropped out.) CONFIRMED

AGAD Warsaw, fond 300, sygn. 4015 (Zabłotów Jewish deaths 1907), p. 1, act 5; image via JRI-Poland / AGAD metrykalia album, http://agadd2.home.net.pl/metrykalia/300_new/album/4015/ (image 1_300_0_0_4015_0001.jpg)



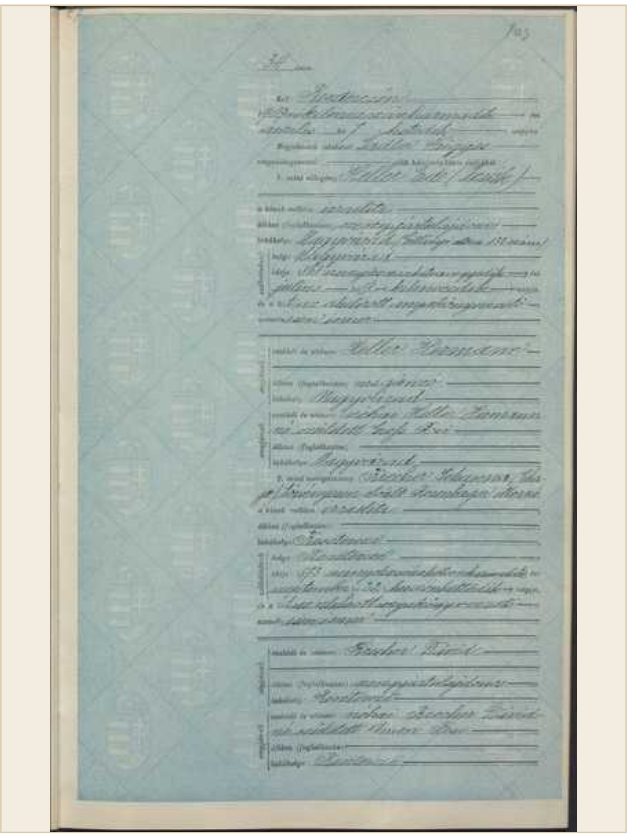
The Jewish cemetery of Gura Humorului, June 2011. CONFIRMED

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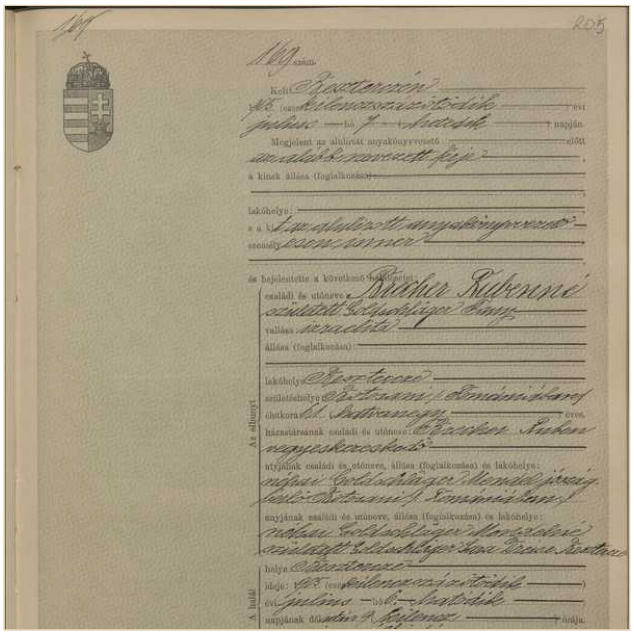
Death of Iosefa (Josefa, known as Pepi) Brecher née Amen, wife of Brecher Dávid (David the distiller), Bistrița, 19 November 1898 (act 239): born at Sereth, aged 59; her parents the late Márk Amen, merchant of Sereth, and Róza Groper. A household of the Bistrița Brechers; no link to our family is proven. (Cause-of-death line cropped out.) CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Bistrița-Năsăud County Service, Bistrița civil registers, deaths 1898, act 239 (https://descopera.arhivelenationale.ro/cota/?cid=9464644)



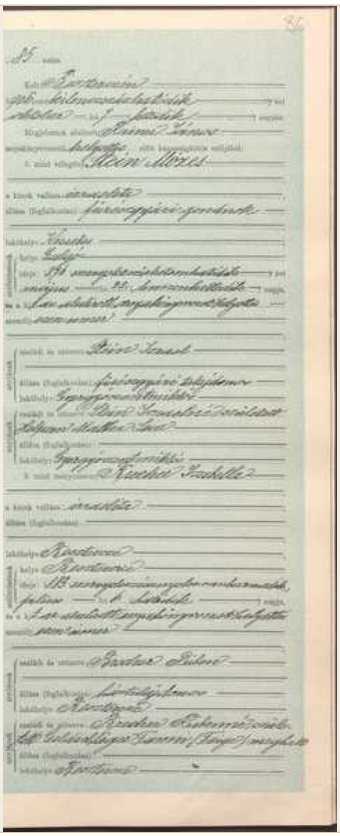
Marriage of Johanna (Chaje) Brecher, legally divorced from Mór Rosenberger, and Ede (Izsák) Heller of Nagyvárad, Bistrița, 7 April 1903 (act 34): the bride born at Bistrița on 22 September 1873, daughter of Brecher Dávid, spirits-factory owner, and his late wife née Amen. A household of the Bistrița Brechers; no link to our family is proven. CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Bistrița-Năsăud County Service, Bistrița civil registers, marriages 1903, act 34 (https://descopera.arhivelenationale.ro/cota/?cid=9464641)



Death of Fany Brecher née Goldschläger, wife of Ruben Brecher, merchant of Bistrița (not Reuven Mordechai of our tree), Bistrița, 6 July 1905 (act 169): born at Botoșani, aged 64; her father the late Mendel Goldschläger. No link to our family is proven. (Cause-of-death line cropped out.) CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Bistrița-Năsăud County Service, Bistrița civil registers, deaths 1905, act 169 (https://descopera.arhivelenationale.ro/cota/?cid=9464647)



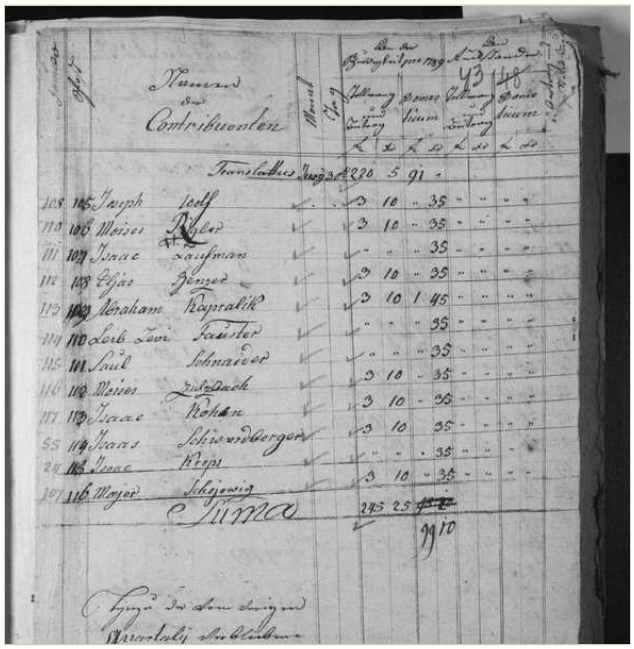
Marriage of Izabella Brecher, daughter of Ruben Brecher of Bistrița and the late Fanni (Feige) née Goldschläger, and Mózes Stein of Kissebes, born at Galgó, son of Izrael Stein, Bistrița, 7 October 1906 (act 85). Not the family of Reuven Mordechai of our tree; no link to our family is proven. CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Bistrița-Năsăud County Service, Bistrița civil registers, marriages 1906, act 85 (https://descopera.arhivelenationale.ro/cota/?cid=9464642)



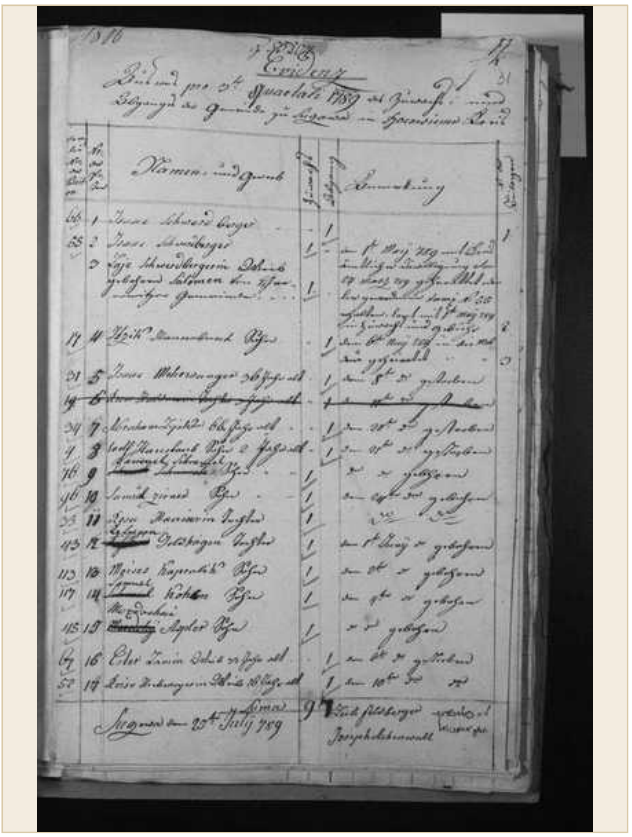
Marriage of Brecher Hersch of Naszód, distiller, born at Sereth, 47, a widower, son of the late Hoschia Brecher and Munia, and Lola Weinberger of Kolozsvár, 42, a widow, daughter of the late Pál Weinberger and Jozefa Heller, Kolozsvár (Cluj), 21 November 1893. No link to our family is proven. CONFIRMED

Romanian National Archives, Cluj, Kolozsvár Jewish register, marriages 1893, p. 45, row 26 (https://descopera.arhivelenationale.ro/cota/?cid=13907026)



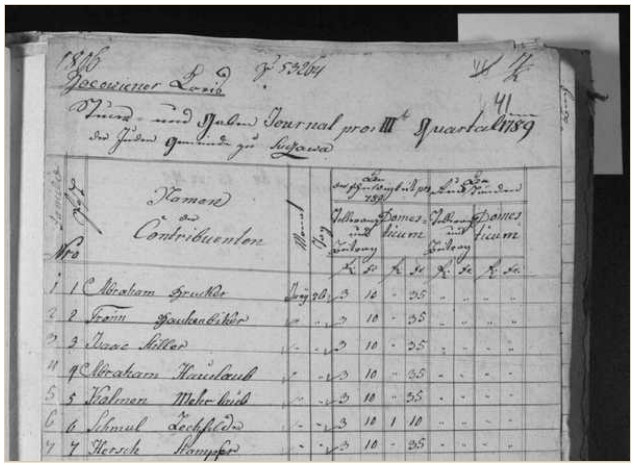
Suczawa Jewish community taxpayers, 3rd quarter 1789: no. 113, family 117, Isaac Kohan (written Kohen and corrected to Kohan). The Suczawa community then included the Jews of Sereth (Siret). The record is Confirmed; any tie to the Brecher Kohanim of Siret is Possible only. CONFIRMED

State Archive of Chernivtsi Oblast (DAChO), f. 1, op. 1, spr. 183 (Jewish inhabitants, 1789), p. 40 (PDF), via Wikimedia Commons, public domain



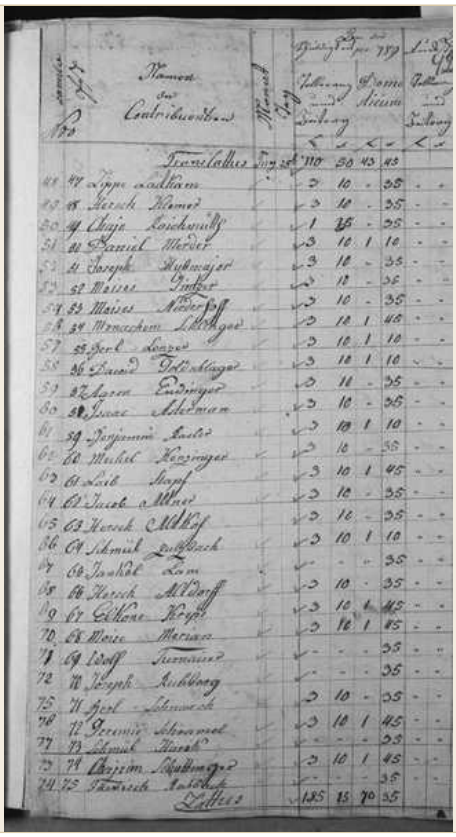
Births in the Suczawa Jewish community, 2nd quarter 1789: family 117, Samuel Kohen, son, born 4 June; signed Suczawa 25 July 1789 by the elders Leib Feldberger and Joseph Achenwall. The record is Confirmed; any tie to the Brecher Kohanim of Siret is Possible only. CONFIRMED

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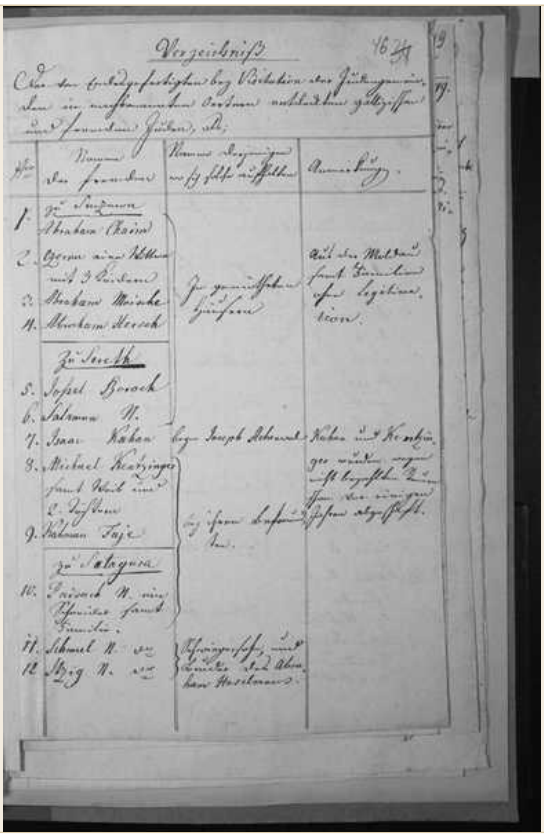
Heading of the Suczawa Jewish community's tax journal, 3rd quarter 1789 ("Journal pro III Quartal 1789 der Juden Gemeinde zu Suczawa"), the list that names Isaac Kohan. CONFIRMED

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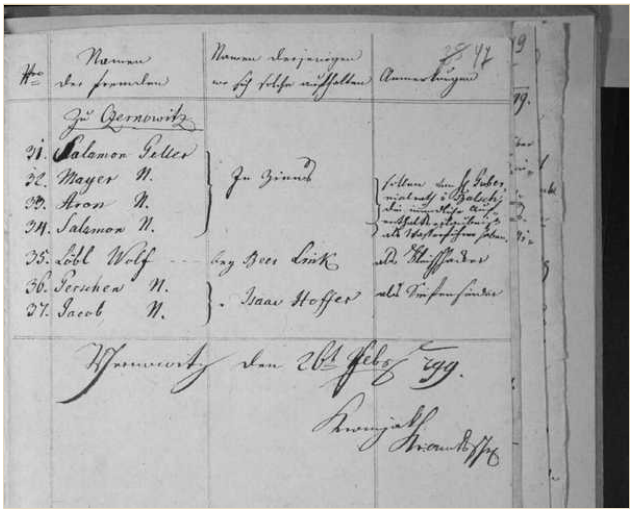
Suczawa community taxpayers 1789 with the "Familie No." column, including Joseph Achenwall and family 62, Meichel Kenzinger (both named again beside Isaac Kahan at Sereth in 1799). CONFIRMED

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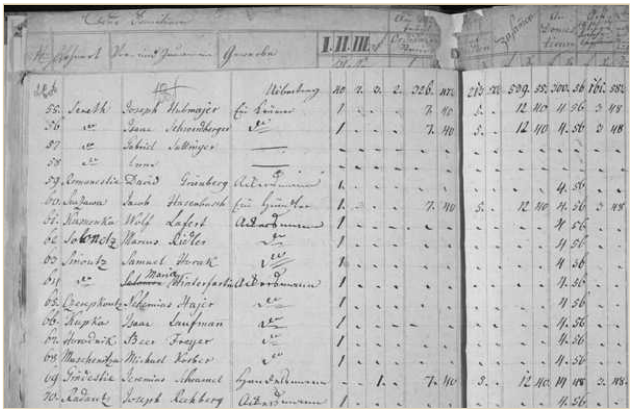
List of unregistered Jews found during the community inspections, 1799; Sereth no. 7: Isaac Kahan, lodging with Joseph Achenwal. Likely the same man as Isaac Kohan of 1789; any tie to our family is Possible only. CONFIRMED

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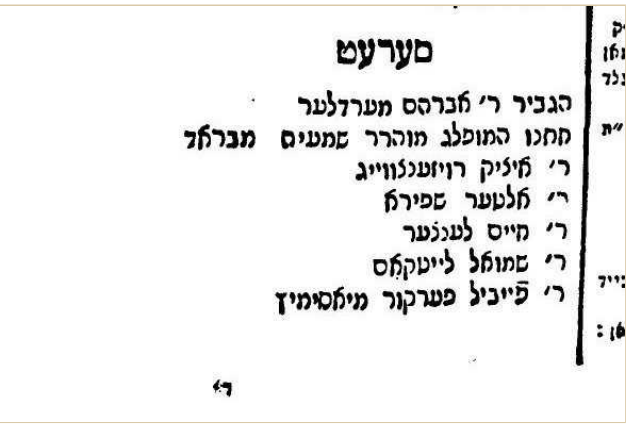
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Suczawa Jewish community taxpayers, 1797, families 55–68, including Sereth households and no. 68, Michael Korber, farmer at Muschenitza (Mușenița, about 12 km from Siret). The record is Confirmed; a tie to Reize Korber and the Siret Korbers is Possible only. CONFIRMED

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הגביר ר׳ אברהם מערלער
מחכו המופלג מוהרר שמעים מברחל
ר׳ מיליק רויזענצוויג
ר׳ אלטער שפירא
ר׳ מייס לעענער
ר׳ שמואל לייטקאס
ר׳ פייביל פערקור מיחסימיז

The seven Sereth subscribers to Limudei HaTeva (Czernowitz 1836). No family member is named; kept as the earliest printed list of Sereth Jews found. CONFIRMED

Limudei HaTeva (Czernowitz 1836), scan via HebrewBooks.org no. 44864. Public-domain book.

People of this chapter

R' Yaakov Zeev ben Aryeh of Stryj (c. 1764–1844) · Leah bat Yehuda (?–1844) · Rivka (Ruvtse) née Salzberger (?–1890) · Reuven Mordechai (Ruben Mordko) Brecher HaKohen (?–1868) · Eisig (Yitzchak Aizik / Eisig Leib) Brecher HaKohen (c. 1832–1911) · Lea Brecher née Bernstein (c. 1831–1916) · Avraham Yehuda HaKohen (?–1894) · Yaakov Zeev HaKohen (?–1886) · Riwen Mordche (Reuven Mordechai) Brecher (1869–1942) · Abraham Brecher (1864–bef. 1944) · Miriam (Mirjam) Brecher née Langsner (1874–1944) · Benjamin Hersch (Binyamin Tzvi) Bernstein (?–bef. 1888) · Chaje Bernstein née Frenkel (?–bef. 1893) · Harry (Hersch, Binyamin Tzvi) Brecher · Regina Brecher (1891–) · Mordke Brecher (1897–1898) · Ida (Chaje) Brecher Schwartz (1893–1976) · R' Yitzchak Aizik HaKohen of Siret (?–bef. 1868) · Zvi Hirsh HaKohen (?–1841) · Chaya Feige (?–1842) · Zvi (Hersch) Brecher HaKohen (c. 1841–1908) · Chana Ruchama Brecher (?–bef. 1930) · R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher HaKohen of Banila (1866–1941) · Ester Michla (?–1870) · Reuven Mordechai Brecher (?–1917) · Mordechai Brecher · A daughter of R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher · Aharon · Chana Itte (Hava-Jetty) Brecher née Knobler (c. 1871–1941) · Israel Feiwisch (Srul) Knobler (c. 1841–) · Sure Judith (Sara Judit) Knobler née Frenkel (c. 1845–) · Rivka Brecher (c. 1892–1900) · Jakob Leib (Leon) Brecher · Moische Brecher (c. 1896–1896) · Rebeka Brecher (1899–) · Clara Brecher (1900–) · Chaim Yoel (Chaim Joel) Brecher HaKohen (?–1941) · Chana Brecher (?–1941) · Jakob Wolf Brecher (1900–1903) · R' Aryeh Leibush (of Stryj) (bef. c. 1745–bef. 1812) · R' Yehuda (?–bef. 1844) · Avraham HaKohen (R' Avraham Brecher of Safed) (c. 1800–1880) · Reuven HaKohen (bef. c. 1825–1845) · Aizik HaKohen (c. 1820–1841) · Mollie (Malka) Brecher née Rudich · Selig (Asher Zelig) Rudich (1866–1927) · Feige (Fagie) Rudich née Lobel (1866–1944) · Charles B. Schwartz (b. 1876 · bur. 1976) · Fanny (Fruma Yetta) Brecher née Gensler (1895–1984) · Zlate (Zlata), daughter of Yitzchak Aizik Katz (?–1834) · Liba Brecher (?–1902) · Yitzchak (Isak) Brecher HaKohen of Banila (1895–1978) · Devorah (Dora) Brecher née Haber (1897–1993) · Max Isaac Brecher (1921–2012) · Beatrice May "Bessie" Brecher née Canter (1926–2001) · Hannah (Hanna) Brecher Rudman (1927–1986) · Albert Rudman (1920–2003) · Sarah Brecher (c. 1919–) · Arthur S. Brecher (1928–2021) · Laura Alma Brecher née Lyman (1932–2013) · Chaim (Hyman, Zvi) Gensler (c. 1861–c. 1926) · Heine (Hannah) Gensler née Herzig (Herzog) (c. 1863–c. 1925) · Rachel Brecher (c. 1917–) · Ruth Brecher (c. 1923–) · Dora (Dara) Dulberg née Gensler (c. 1890–) · Joseph (Josef) Dulberg (c. 1887–) · Marcus (Mortko, Mordechai) Langsner · Beile (Bela) Langsner · Mania (?) Brecher (c. 1856–) · Jankel Brecher (c. 1859–) · Ruchel (Rachel) Brecher (c. 1867–) · Ottilie (Ettel, Etil) Brecher née Weissbach (c. 1868–1928) · Ethel (Ella) Shapiro née Rudich (c. 1889–1919) · Bertha Lobel née Rudich (1896–) · Minnie Rudich (very probably Minnie Feldman) (1898–) · Yetta Steff née Rudich (1900–) · Louis Rudich (1902–) · Samuel Rudich (1904–) · Isidor (Isidore) Rudich (1907–1920)

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CHAPTER FIVE

Wahrsager & Unger

Chyrów, Dobromil, Berlin and the Bronx

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Elias Wahrsager and Malka Unger

Chyrów, Dobromil, Berlin and the Bronx

His (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

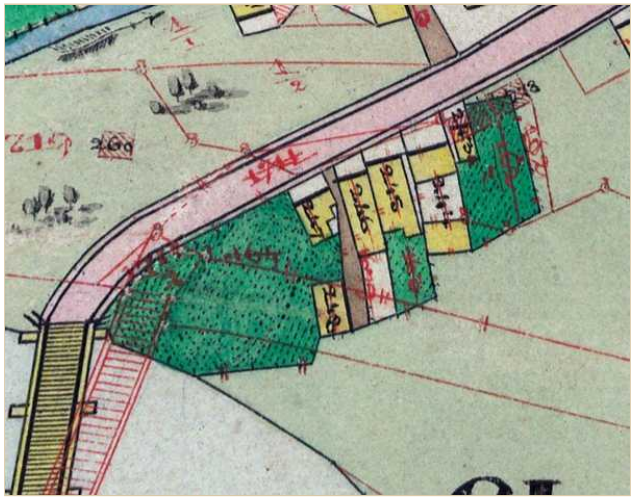
Elias (Elisha) Wahrsager HaKohen, b. 23 May 1880, Chyrów; son of Gavriel HaKohen; d. 11 Dec 1954, Bronx (17 Kislev 5715) = **Malka (Mollie) Unger**, b. 2 Mar 1880, Dobromil; daughter of Yehuda Aryeh (Leib) Unger; d. 3 Tammuz 5723 = 25 Jun 1963

- **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

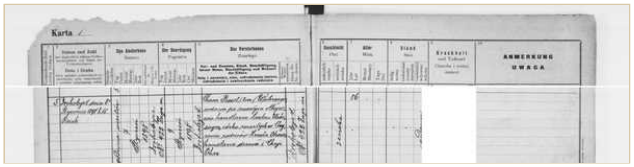
An earlier Elias Wahrsager of Chyrów — Jacob Lische (Yaakov Elisha), a merchant — and his wife Chana Pessel née Oher (c. 1812–1898) were very probably the grandparents of Elias Wahrsager born in 1880, through his mother, a Wahrsager: he bore his grandfather's name, and Anne's Hebrew name, Chana Pessel, 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

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



The death of Chane Pessel Wahrsager, née Oher, widow of Elisha (Lisch) Wahrsager, a merchant of Chyrów, 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

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



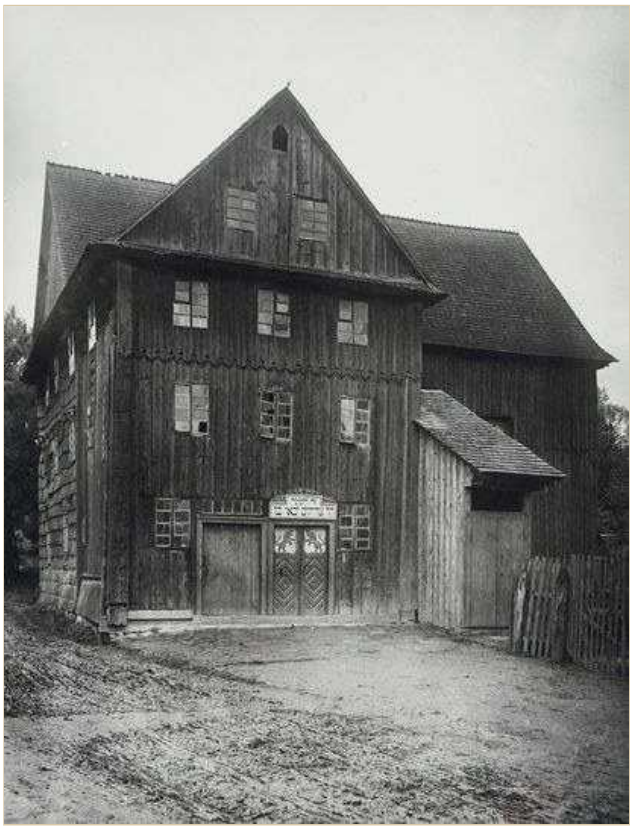
The death of Hinde Glasberg, née Wahrsager, recorded at Drohobycz on 20 March 1905 at the age of 63. The register names her parents as Lische (Elisha) and Chana Wahrsager of Chyrów — the same couple as Chane Pessel Wahrsager. Her place in the family of Elias Wahrsager is possible but not established.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

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



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

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.

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

Family tree photograph (MyHeritage family tree, copied to Geni.com, 2015)



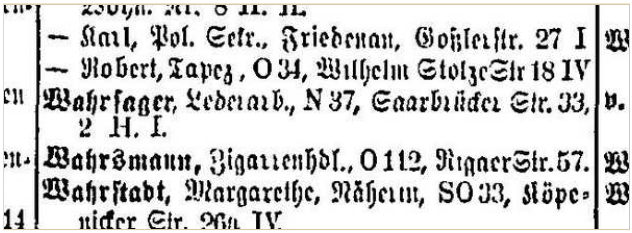
Elias (Elisha) Wahrsager as a young man, cut from a group photograph. Identification: family tree kept by descendants of Todres Gottesdiener. LIKELY

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

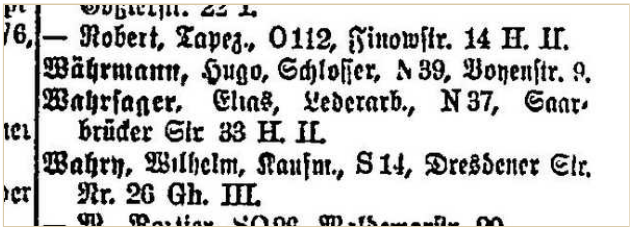
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— Robert, Tapez., O 34, Wilhelm Stolze Str 18 IV
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Wahrsmann, Zigarrenhdl., O 112, RigaerStr. 57.
Wahrstadt, Margarethe, Näherin, SO 33, Köpenicker Str. 26a IV

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

Berliner Adreßbuch, Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin, 1909

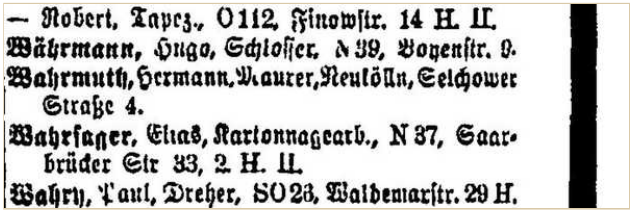


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Wahry, Wilhelm, Kaufm., S 14, Dresdener Str. Nr. 26 Gh. III.

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

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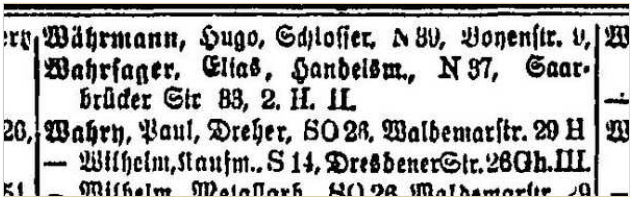


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Wahrsager, Elias, Kartonnagearb., N 37, Saarbrücker Str 33, 2 H. II.
Wahry, Paul, Dreher, SO 26, Waldemarstr. 29 H.

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

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Berliner Adreßbuch, Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin, 1917, p. 3118

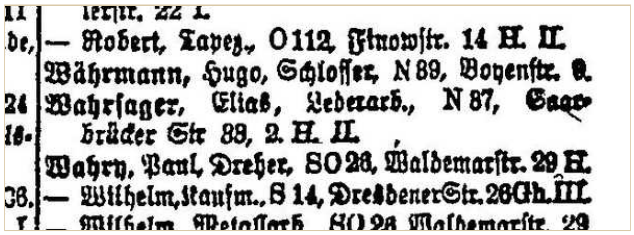


Währmann, Hugo, Schlosser, N 39, Bonenstr. 9,
Wahrsager, Elias, Handelsm., N 37, Saarbrücker Str 33, 2. H. II.
Wahry, Paul, Dreher, SO 26, Waldemarstr. 29 H
— Wilhelm, Kaufm., S 14, Dresdener Str. 26 Gh. III.

The Berlin address book for 1918: Elias Wahrsager, now "Handelsmann" (tradesman), still at Saarbrücker Straße 33.

CONFIRMED

Berliner Adreßbuch, Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin, 1918, p. 3009


— Robert, Tapez., O 112, Pinowstr. 14 H. II.
Währmann, Hugo, Schlosser, N 89, Boyenstr. 9.
Wahrsager, Elias, Lederarb., N 87, Saarbrücker Str 33, 2. H. II.
Wahry, Paul, Dreher, SO 26, Waldemarstr. 29 H.
— Wilhelm, Kaufm., S 14, Dresdener Str. 26 Gh. III.

The Berlin address book for 1919, the last year in which Elias Wahrsager appears at Saarbrücker Straße 33. CONFIRMED

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.

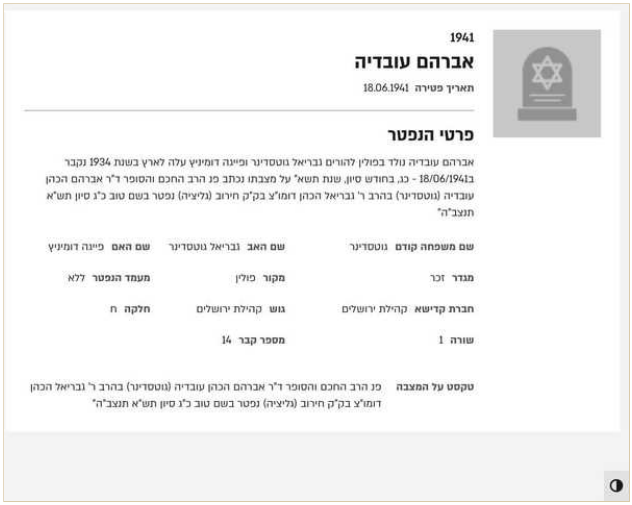
Todres (Theodor) Gottesdiener, born in Chyrów about 1876, was most likely Gavriel's son and a brother of Elias (Likely). **Dr Avraham Ovadia** was Gavriel's son by **Feige (Feiga) née Dominitz**. His marriage at Sambor in 1922 (act no. 10) records him as Abraham Dominitz, properly Gottesdiener, then preparing for the rabbinate, born on 27 May 1893 in Chyrów, son of the late Feige Dominitz, ritual wife of Gabryel Gottesdiener of Chyrów CONFIRMED. So Feige had died before 1922, while Gavriel was still living, and Avraham was Elias's half-brother. A family tree kept by descendants of Todres Gottesdiener says more about her family. Per that tree, her brother Yehuda Leibush Dominitz married Feiga Wahrsager of Chyrów and had one son, Zvi Natan Nata (Hersz Natan Dominitz, b. Chyrów c.1869, who married Freida Reich in Przemyśl in 1898) LIKELY.



Marriage of Abraham Dominitz (properly Gottesdiener), Sambor, 1922, act no. 10: born 27 May 1893 in Chyrów, son of the late Feige Dominitz, ritual wife of Gabryel Gottesdiener. CONFIRMED

Sambor civil marriage register, 1922, act no. 10 (Polish State Archives)

In 1911, at about eighteen, Avraham signed a letter from Chyrów printed in the Orthodox paper Machzikei HaDas as “Avraham Gottesdiener HaKohen” (Likely). He went to the Land of Israel in 1934 and worked in Jerusalem as director of the Jewish Agency’s department for artisans and small trade; he was one of the founders of the Mizrachi youth movement. He died in Jerusalem on the morning of 23 Sivan 5701 (18 June 1941), and the funeral left his home at 25 Rehov Aza at noon, with eulogies by Chief Rabbi Uziel, Rabbi Meir Berlin and Rabbi Fishman. The papers, which call him “son of Rabbi Gavriel HaKohen Gottesdiener, the rabbi of Chyrów”, gave his age as 44 or 45, which would place his birth about 1896–97; his marriage record of 1922 gives 27 May 1893. He is buried on the Mount of Olives, in the Kehillat Yerushalayim section, block ח, row 1, grave 14, and his stone reads: “the rabbi, scholar and author Dr Avraham HaKohen Ovadia (Gottesdiener), son of HaRav R’ Gavriel HaKohen, dayan of Chyrów (Galicia)” CONFIRMED.



1941

אברהם עובדיה

תאריך פטירה 18.06.1941

פרטי הנפטר

אברהם עובדיה נולד בפולין להורים גבריאל גוטסדינר ופייגה דומיניץ עלה לארץ בשנת 1934 ונקבר ב18/06/1941 - כג, בחודש סיון, שנת תשא' על מצבתו נכתב פו הרב החכם והסופר ד"ר אברהם הכהן עובדיה (גוטסדינר) בהרב ר' גבריאל הכהן דומו"צ בק"ק חירוב (גליציה) נפטר בשם טוב כ"ג סיון תש"א תנצב"ה"

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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 ח, row 1, grave 14, with the words of his stone. CONFIRMED

Mount of Olives grave register (City of David), card 33138



לוח הזכרון

ד"ר אברהם עובדיה (גוטסדינער) 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 נולד לאביו הדיין בעיר חירוב אשר בגליציה המזרחית, ובבית אביו זה קיבל את חינוכו בתורה ובעבודה. עוד מילדותו הצטיין ד"ר עובדיהו בכשרונותיו הגדולים ובשכלו הישר, ובעודנו צעיר הצטיין בידיעתו בתורה וגם קיבל סמיכה להוראה. אבל הוא שאף גם לדעת עולם, הלך לוינה ונתקבל שם באוניברסיתה, 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

HaOlam, 1941 (National Library of Israel, Historical Jewish Press)



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.

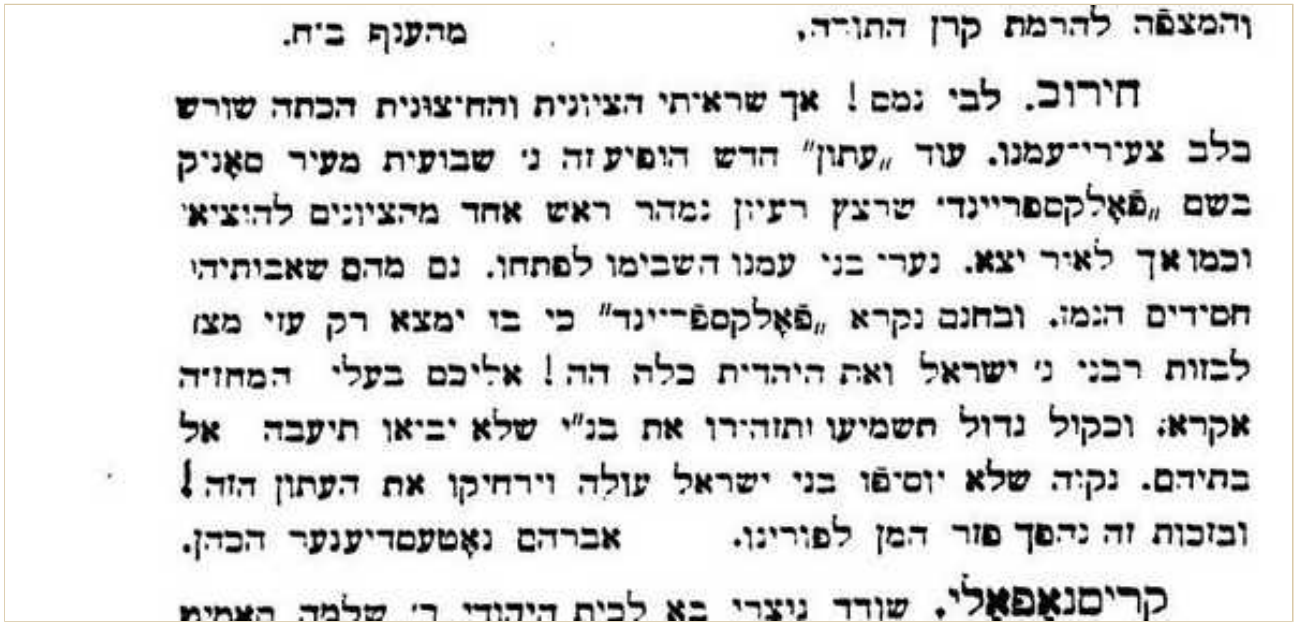
ההלויה יצאה מבית המנוח ברחביה אתמול בשעה 12 וליד הבית הספידו הרב חרל"פ, הרב עמיאל והרב יוסף ורטהים.

מנהל המחלקה לבעלי מלאכה ולמסחר וציר בסוכנות היהודית.

ד"ר עובדיה המנוח, היה בן 44, בנו של הרב גבריאל הכהן גוטסדינר, הרב של חירוב, והיה ממיסדי תנועת ה„מזרחי" בארץ. היה חבר ההנהלה של „המזרחי" העולמית וכיום אחד מנשיאי 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

HaBoker, 19 Jun 1941 (National Library of Israel, Historical Jewish Press)



והמצפה להרמת קרן התורה.

מהענף ב"ח.

חירוב. לבי נמם! אך שראיתי הציונית והחיצונית הכתה שורש בלב צעירי־עמנו. עוד „עתון" הרש הופיעזה נ' שבועית מעיר סאניק בשם „פאלקספרייגד" שרצץ רעיון נמהר ראש אחד מהציונים להוציא וכמו אך לאיר יצא. נערי בני עמנו השבימו לפתחו. נם מהם שאבותיהו חסידים הנמו. ובחנם נקרא „פאלקספרייגד" כי בו ימצא רק עוי מצו לבזות רבני ני ישראל ואת היהדית כלה הה! אליכם בעלי המחויה אקרא: וכקול נדול חשמיעו ותזהירו את בנ"י שלא יביאו תיעבה אל בתיהם. נקיה שלא יוסיפו בני ישראל עולה וירחיקו את העתון הזה! ובזכות זה ניהפך פור המן לפורינו. אברהם נאטעסדיענער הכהן.

קרישנאפאלי. שודד ניצרי בא לבית היהודי ר' שלמה האמיץ

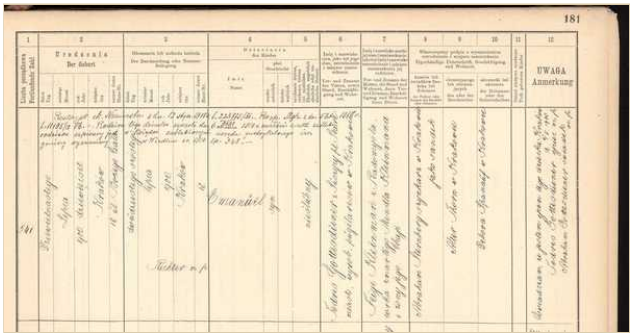
A letter from Chyrów signed "Avraham Gottesdiener HaKohen", printed in Machzikei HaDas in 1911. LIKELY

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.

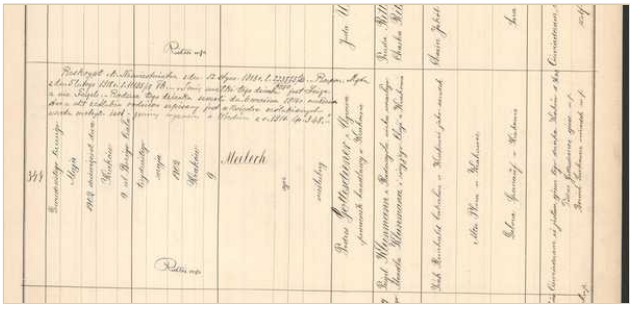
Todres (Theodor) Gottesdiener

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



Birth of Emanuel, son of Todres Gottesdiener "of Suszyca, district of Stare Miasto, wallet-maker in Kraków" and Feige Kleinman, Kraków, 19 Jul 1900. CONFIRMED

Kraków Jewish birth register 1900, entry 541

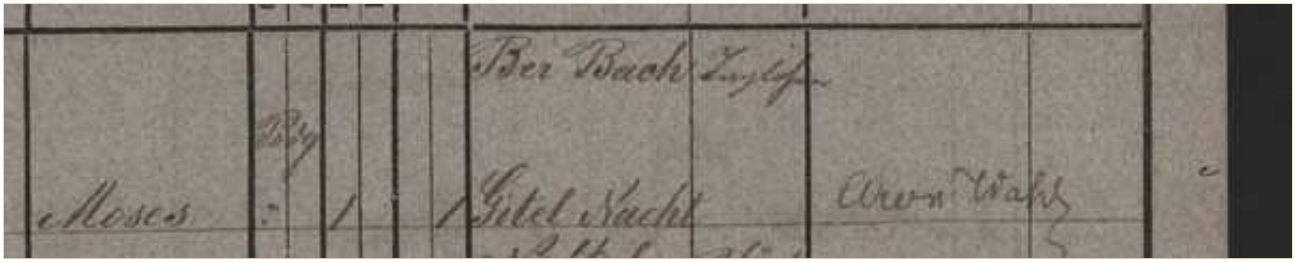


Birth of Meilech (Emil), son of Todres Gottesdiener and Feige Kleinman, Kraków, 1902. CONFIRMED

Kraków Jewish birth register 1902

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

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

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 Clinton Street (Likely). Anna, aged 13, became an American citizen through her father's naturalization (Likely).

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).

Their son Stewart married Sandra Winkler, and their daughter Frances married Mark Friedlander; both marriages are recorded in the New York City marriage licence index.

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.



The passenger list on which Elias Wahrsager entered the United States from Canada in January 1921: a leather worker, aged 41, last resident in Chyrów, whose wife Malka remained in Europe. CONFIRMED

St. Albans District manifests (NARA M1464), U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch)



Elias Wahrsager's border-crossing card, St. John, New Brunswick, 27 January 1921: born in Chyrów, Galicia; his wife Malka at home in Chyrów; bound for his cousin Samuel Alexander at 63 Lewis Street, New York. CONFIRMED

U.S. border crossings from Canada, U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch, host)



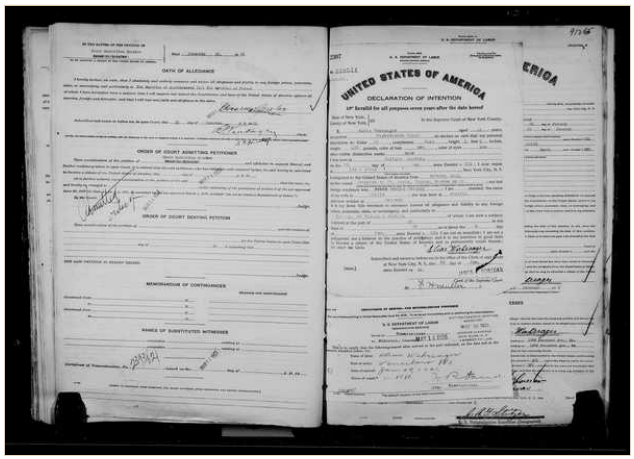
The second page of Elias Wahrsager's 1921 border-crossing list (line 11) describes him as 5 ft 2 in tall with brown hair and eyes, and gives his birthplace as Chyrów, Poland; he was going to a cousin in New York. CONFIRMED

Manifests of passengers arriving in the St. Albans, Vermont, District (National Archives M1464), via FamilySearch, Vermont, St. Albans, Canadian Border Crossings, https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-9981-Q31K-V



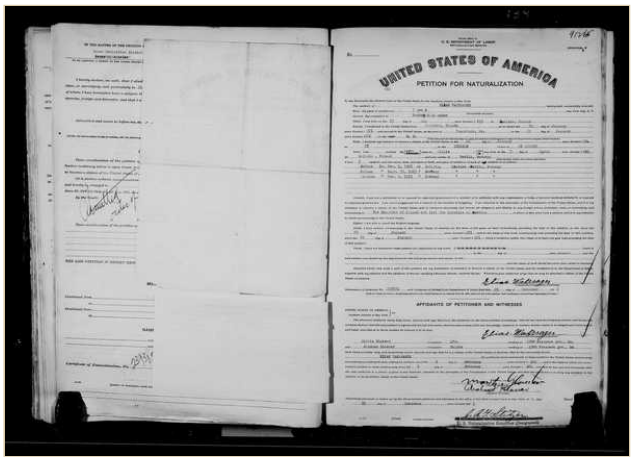
136 East Broadway, Manhattan, about 1940: Elias Wahrsager's address in 1922. CONFIRMED

NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives



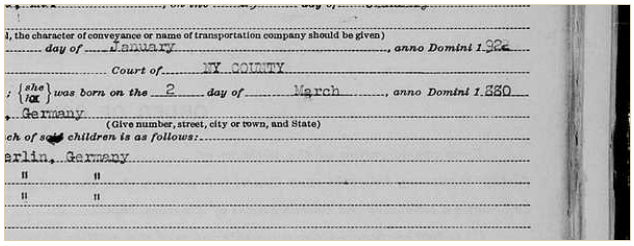
Elias Wahrsager's Declaration of Intention, New York, 28 January 1922, with his certificate of arrival: pocket-book maker, aged 41, born 23 May 1880 in Galicia; his wife Mollie then living in Germany. CONFIRMED

U.S. National Archives, naturalization records, Southern District of New York, petition file 91265 (FamilySearch, host)



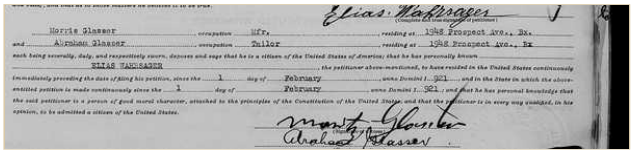
Elias Wahrsager's Petition for Naturalization, no. 91265, filed 15 November 1926: his wife Mollie, born 2 March 1880, and their children. CONFIRMED

U.S. National Archives, naturalization records, Southern District of New York (FamilySearch, host)



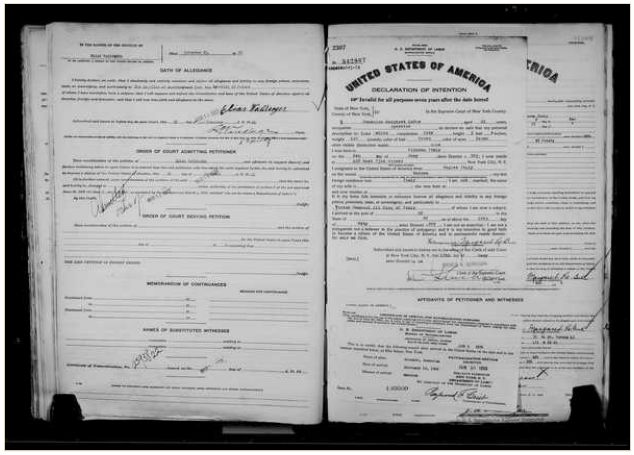
Detail of the 1926 petition: the children's names, dates and places of birth. CONFIRMED

U.S. National Archives, naturalization records, Southern District of New York (FamilySearch, host)



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. CONFIRMED

U.S. National Archives, naturalization records, Southern District of New York (FamilySearch, host)



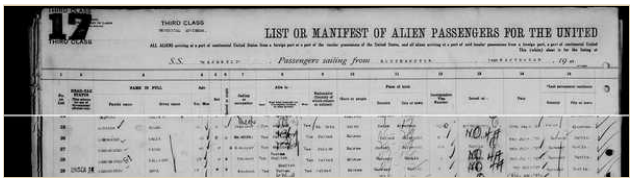
Elias Wahrsager's oath of allegiance, admitted to citizenship 14 March 1927, certificate no. 2393822. CONFIRMED

U.S. National Archives, naturalization records, Southern District of New York (FamilySearch, host)



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

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

New York passenger lists (NARA T715), U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch)



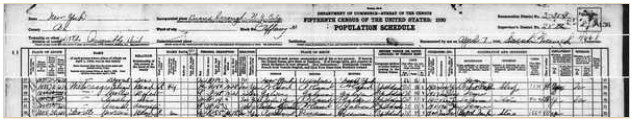
The second page of the 1927 list: Malka and the children were going to Elias Wahrsager at 48 Clinton Street on the Lower East Side. CONFIRMED

New York passenger lists (NARA T715), U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch)



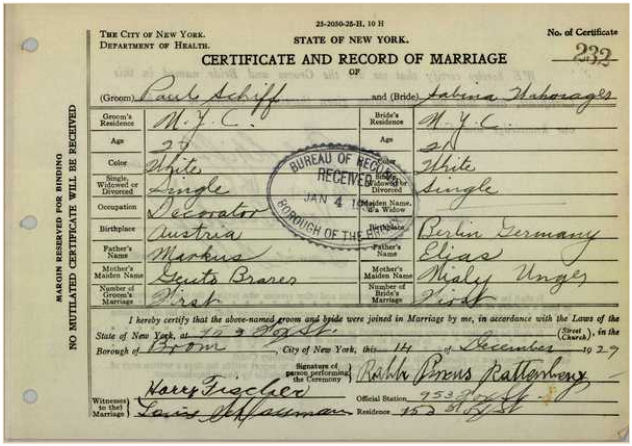
48 Clinton Street, Lower East Side, about 1940: the address to which Malka Wahrsager and her children came in September 1927. CONFIRMED

NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives



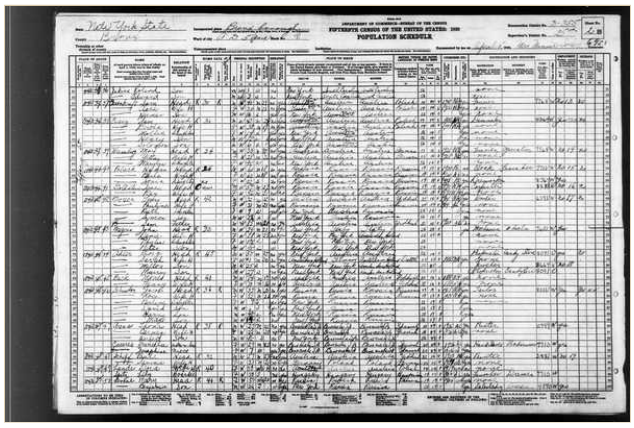
The Wahrsager household in the 1930 census of the Bronx: Elias, his wife Mollie (Malka), and their children Charley (Charles) and Annie. CONFIRMED

1930 U.S. Census, Bronx, sheet 81A (FamilySearch)


THE CITY OF NEW YORK. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.
STATE OF NEW YORK.
No. of Certificate 232
CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF MARRIAGE
(Groom) Paul Schiff and (Bride) Sabina Wahrsager
NO MUTILATED CERTIFICATE WILL BE RECEIVED
MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
BUREAU OF RECORDS RECEIVED JAN 4 19
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX
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 149 E. 161st St. (Street Church), in the Borough of Bronx, City of New York, this 14 of December 1929
Witnesses to the Marriage: Harry Fischer, Louis Hoffman
Official Station 953 Southern Blvd
Residence 153 E. 161st St

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

NYC Municipal Archives, historical vital records, Bronx marriages, no. 232 (1930)



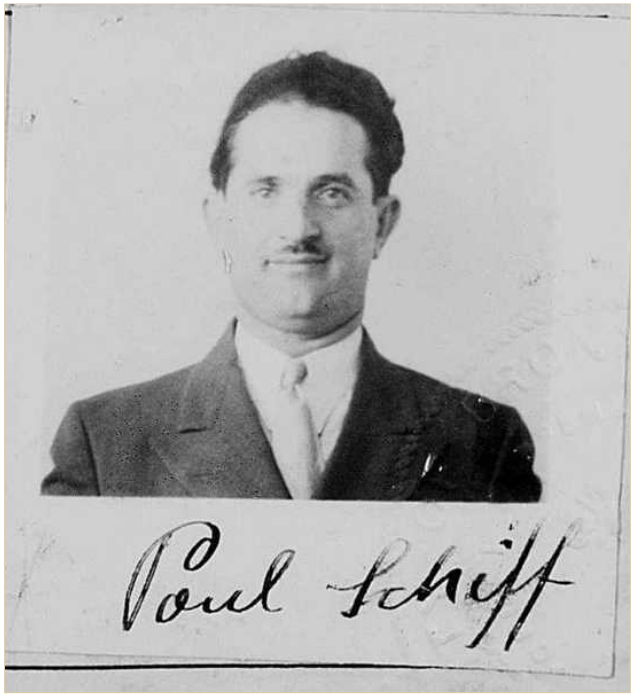
Paul Schiff, 27, and his wife Savina (Sabina), 21, born in Germany, in the 1930 census of the Bronx. CONFIRMED

1930 U.S. Census, Bronx, sheet 2B (FamilySearch)



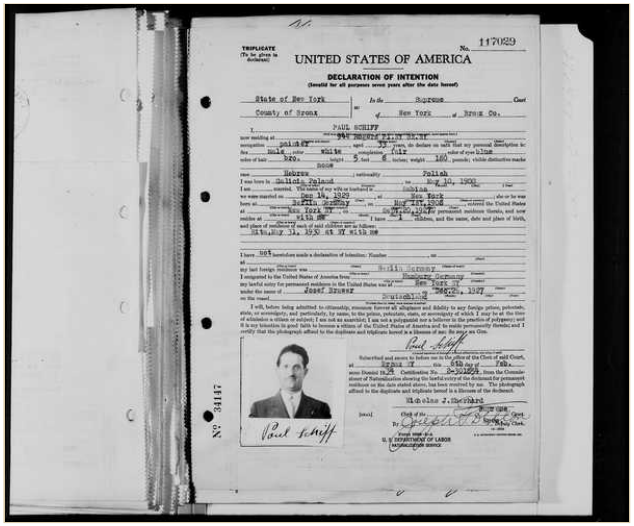
Paul Schiff, 39, house painter, born in Austria, and his wife Sabina, 31, in the Bronx in the 1940 census. CONFIRMED

United States Census, 1940, Bronx, ED 3-566, sheet 11A (FamilySearch), https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KQ5J-WN2



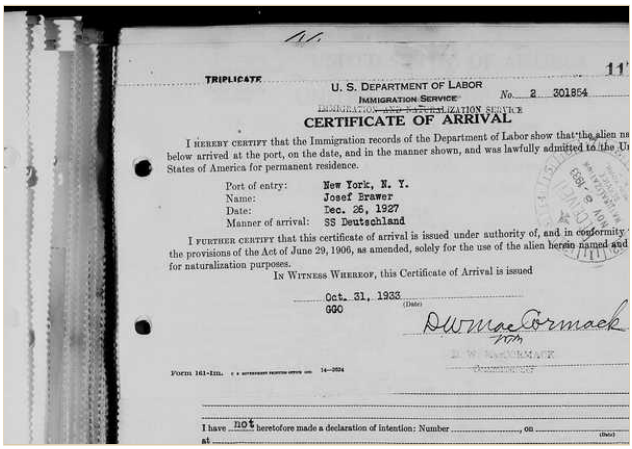
Paul Schiff, from his 1934 declaration of intention, Supreme Court, Bronx County. CONFIRMED

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

U.S. National Archives, naturalization records, Southern District of New York (FamilySearch, host)



TRIPLICATE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION 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

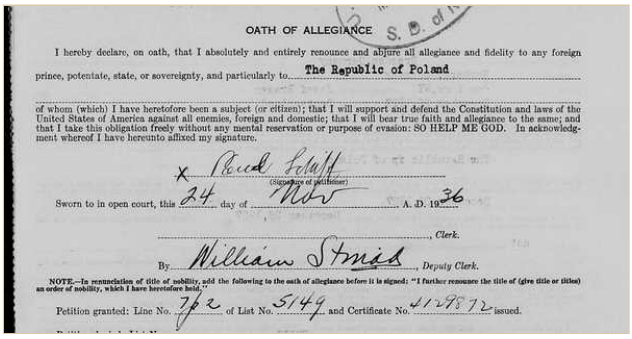
D. W. MacCormack
for

Form 161-Im. 14—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

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 Stmid 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) as an order of nobility, which I have heretofore held."

Petition granted: Line No. 7/2 of List No. 5149 and Certificate No. 4127872 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

New York, U.S. District and Circuit Court Naturalization Records, 1824–1991 (FamilySearch), https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L9HN-9R44



944 Rogers Place, Bronx, about 1940: the address of Paul and Sabina Schiff in 1934. CONFIRMED

NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives



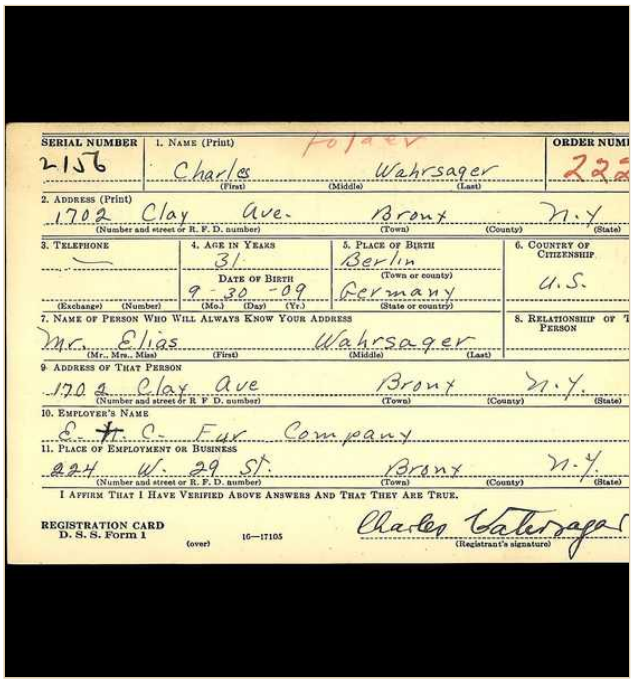
Elias, Malka (here "Monia") and their son Charles at 1035 Tiffany Street in the Bronx, 1940 census; Charles was a cutter in the fur trade. CONFIRMED

1940 U.S. Census, Bronx, ED 3-603, sheet 9A (FamilySearch)



994–998 East 172nd Street, Bronx, about 1940: the home of Paul and Sabina Schiff in the 1940 census. CONFIRMED

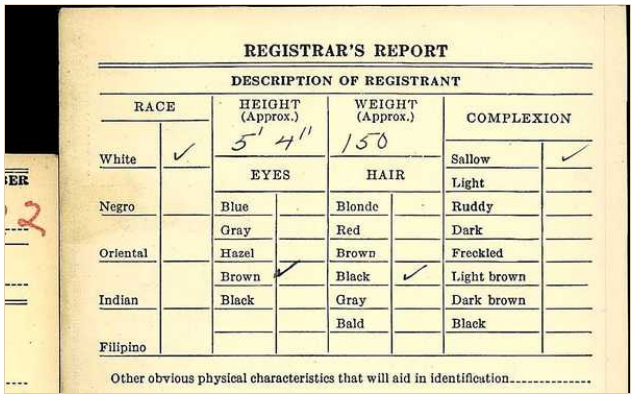
NYC Department of Taxes photographs, c. 1940, NYC Municipal Archives



SERIAL NUMBER 2156 | 1. NAME (Print) Charles Wahrsager | ORDER NUMBER 22
2. ADDRESS (Print) 1702 Clay Ave. Bronx N.Y.
3. TELEPHONE — | 4. AGE IN YEARS 31 | DATE OF BIRTH 9-30-09 | 5. PLACE OF BIRTH Berlin Germany | 6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mr. Elias Wahrsager | 8. RELATIONSHIP OF PERSON
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 170 2 Clay Ave Bronx N.Y.
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME E. H. C. Fur Company
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 224 W. 29 St. Bronx N.Y.
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1 (over) 16—17105
Charles Wahrsager (Registrant'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

U.S. World War II draft registration cards, 1940, U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch, host)



REGISTRAR'S REPORT

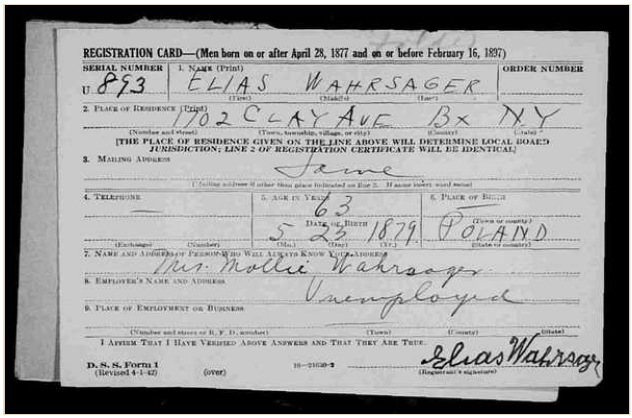
DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE		HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION	
White	✓	5' 4"	150	Sallow	✓
		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 Charles Wahrsager's card describes him as 5 ft 4 in and 150 lb, with brown eyes, black hair and a sallow complexion. CONFIRMED

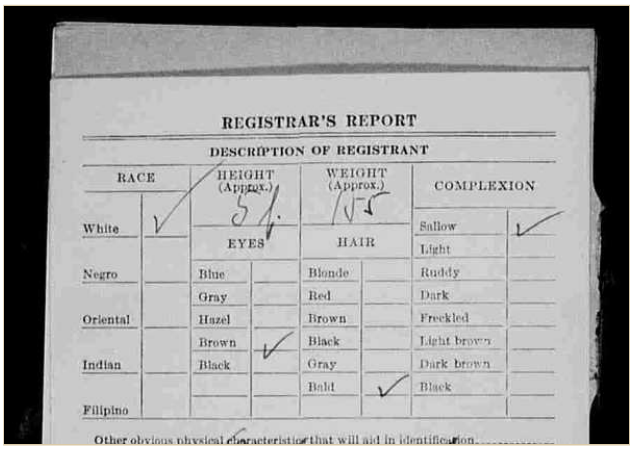
United States, World War II Draft Registration Cards (FamilySearch), 1940–1947, https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C341-DSPY-N



REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)
SERIAL NUMBER U 893 | 1. NAME (Print) ELIAS WAHRSAGER | ORDER NUMBER
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 1702 CLAY AVE Bx NY
[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
4. TELEPHONE — | 5. AGE IN YEARS 63 | DATE OF BIRTH 5-23-1879 | 6. PLACE OF BIRTH POLAND
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
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42) (over)
Elias Wahrsager (Registrant's signature)

Elias Wahrsager's draft registration card, April 1942: 1702 Clay Avenue, Bronx; born in Chyrów, Galicia; signed. CONFIRMED

U.S. World War II draft registration cards, 1942, U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch, host)



REGISTRAR'S REPORT

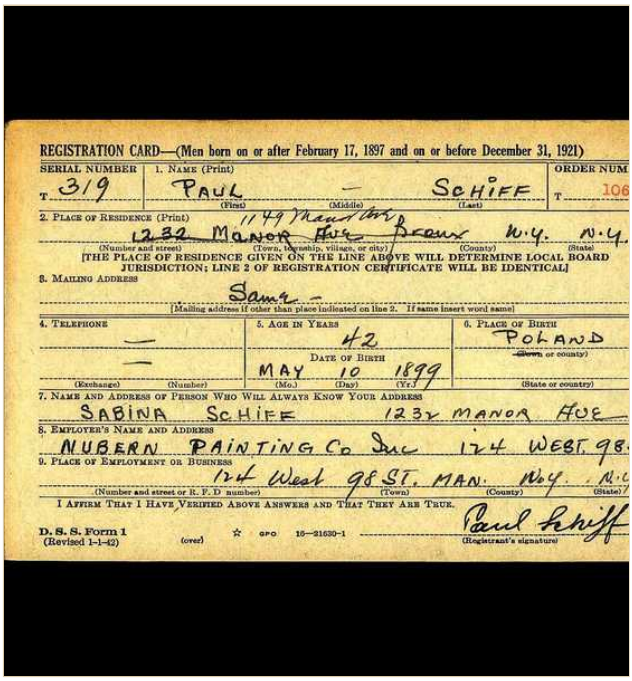
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Negro		Blue		Blonde		Ruddy	
		Gray		Red		Dark	
Oriental		Hazel		Brown		Freckled	
		Brown	✓	Black		Light brown	
Indian		Black		Gray		Dark brown	
				Bald	✓	Black	
Filipino							

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

United States, World War II Draft Registration Cards (FamilySearch), 1942, https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-67ZQ-8NG



REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)

SERIAL NUMBER T 319 — 1. NAME (Print): PAUL (First) — (Middle) — SCHIFF (Last) — ORDER NUM T 106

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print): 1232 MANOR Ave Bronx (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) N.Y. (State) N.Y.

[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 insert word same]

4. TELEPHONE: — (Exchange) — (Number)

5. AGE IN YEARS: 42 — DATE OF BIRTH: MAY (Mo.) 10 (Day) 1899 (Yr.)

6. PLACE OF BIRTH: POLAND (Town or county) (State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS: SABINA SCHIFF 123x MANOR HOE

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: NUBERN PAINTING Co Inc 124 WEST 98

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: 124 West 98 ST. MAN. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) NoY. (County) N.Y. (State)

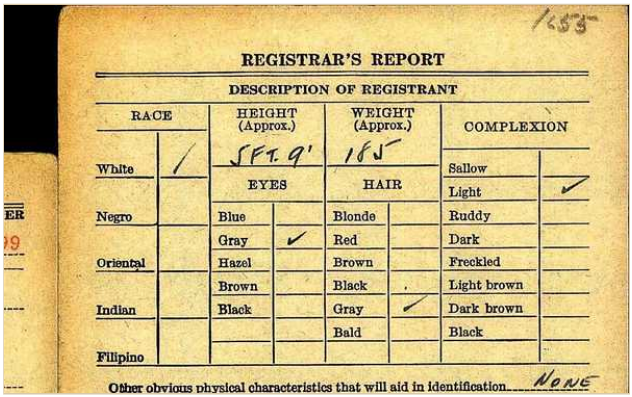
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

Paul Schiff (Registrant's signature)

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 1-1-42) (over) ☆ GPO 16—21630-1

Paul Schiff's draft registration card, 15 February 1942: born 10 May 1899 in Poland; contact, his wife Sabina Schiff. CONFIRMED

U.S. World War II draft registration cards, 1942, U.S. National Archives (FamilySearch, host)



REGISTRAR'S REPORT

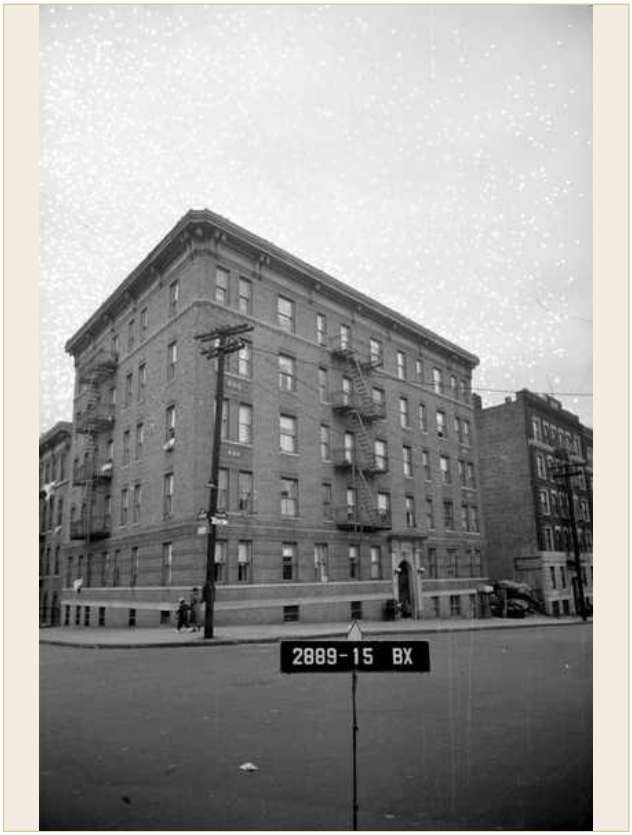
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Negro		Blue		Blonde		Ruddy	
		Gray	✓	Red		Dark	
Oriental		Hazel		Brown		Freckled	
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				Bald		Black	
Filipino							

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification NONE

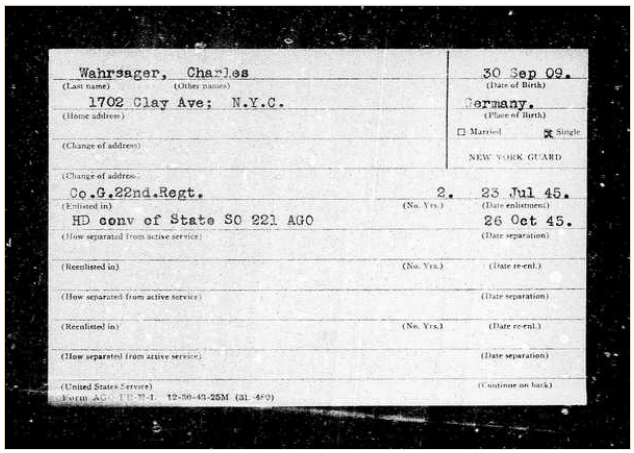
The reverse of Paul Schiff's card describes him as 5 ft 9 in and 185 lb, with gray eyes, gray hair and a light complexion. CONFIRMED

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

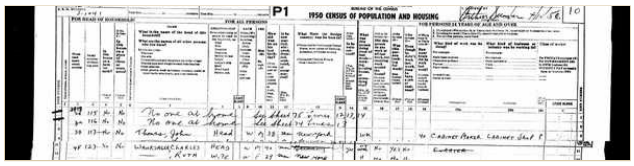
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Wahrsager, Charles
(Last name) (Other names)
30 Sep 09.
(Date of Birth)
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(Home address)
Germany.
(Place of Birth)
☐ Married ☒ Single
(Change of address)
NEW YORK GUARD
(Change of address)
Co.G.22nd.Regt. 2. 23 Jul 45.
(Enlisted in) (No. Yrs.) (Date enlistment)
HD conv of State SO 221 AGO 26 Oct 45.
(How separated from active service) (Date separation)
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Charles (Kallmann) Wahrsager's service card in the New York Guard, 1945; he lived with his parents at 1702 Clay Avenue. CONFIRMED

New York State National Guard records, New York State Archives (FamilySearch)



P1 1950 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING

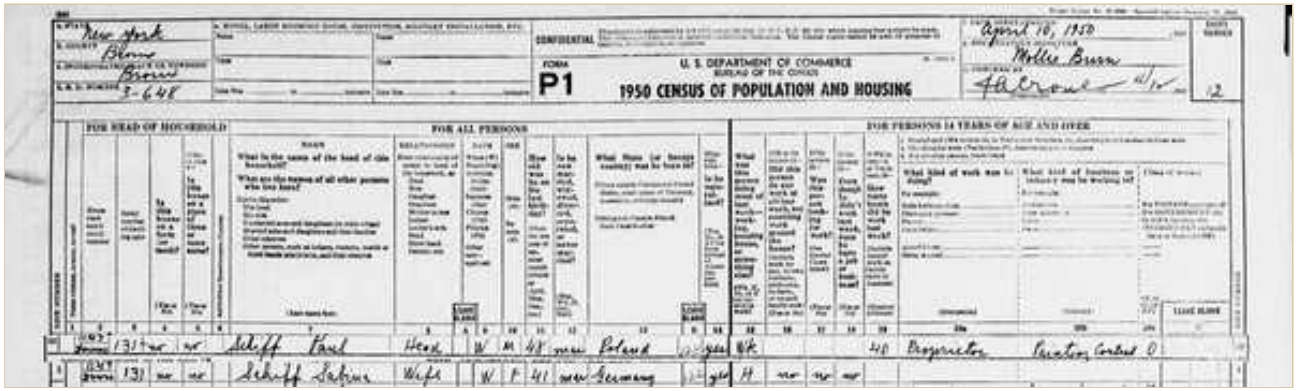
Charles Wahrsager, 40, born in Germany, with his wife Ruth in the Bronx in the 1950 census. CONFIRMED

United States Census, 1950, Bronx (FamilySearch), https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:6XY3-LYBW



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

1950 U.S. Census, Bronx, ED 3-131, sheet 74 (FamilySearch)



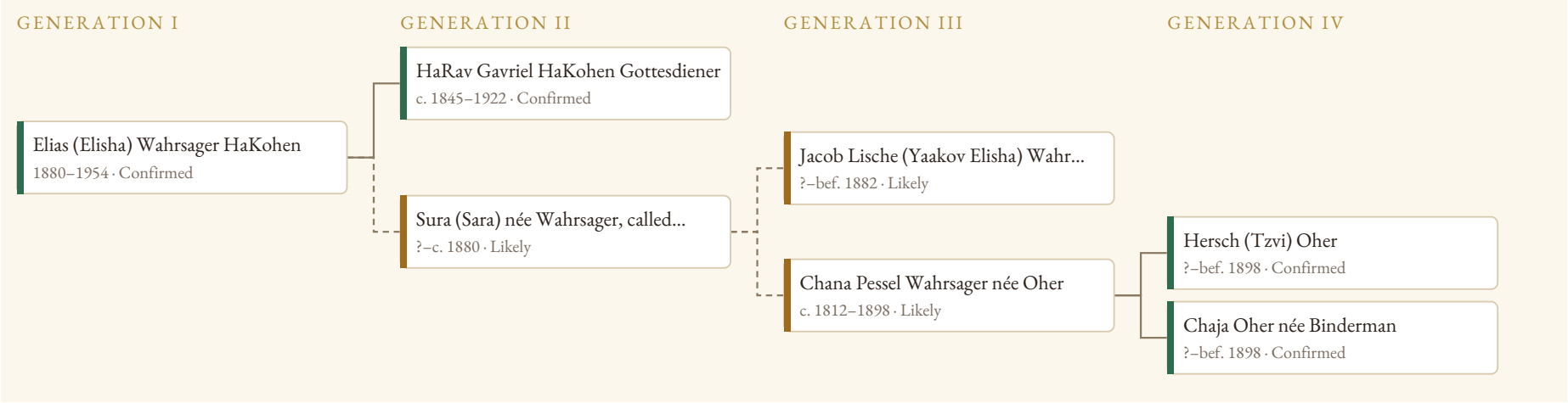
P1 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS 1950 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING
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New York Bronx Brown 3-648
April 18, 1950
Millie Brown
12
131 Schiff Paul Head W M 48 new Poland yes Wk 48 Proprietor Painting Contract O
131 Schiff Sabina Wife W F 41 new Germany yes H

Paul Schiff, 48, a painting contractor, and his wife Sabina, 41, in the 1950 census, the Bronx. CONFIRMED

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).

The line in a chart

Ancestors as the records show them. Likely links are drawn dashed; people still only possible are left off.



Records found since the book

- Todres (Theodor) Gottesdiener's grave marker, Vienna Central Cemetery, Gate IV 21/38/55, reads "1876 – 30.10.1941" (the 1876 is kept as a variant of his 4 Oct 1875 birth). CONFIRMED
  Find a Grave memorial 103933385, marker photo
- Note: Charles (Kallmann) Wahrsager's Find a Grave memorial gives Beth Moses Sec. 3, Block 26, Row 7, Grave 13 (Sinai Fraternal Order); the cemetery's own search gave Section 2, with the same block, row and grave. To be re-checked. POSSIBLE
  Find a Grave memorial 253378280
- Todres (Theodor) Gottesdiener's last address, in the Vienna burial index: 2nd district, Cumberlandstraße 4. The same index prints his wife Feige's grave group as 16E (this site: 16c) — to be checked. LIKELY
  JewishGen Worldwide Burial Registry (Vienna), via BillionGraves records 123006914 and 123006907
- Sabina and Paul Schiff rest in Mount Moriah Cemetery, Fairview, New Jersey, United Hebrew section P, plot 2–3 (Sabina d. Apr 1988, Paul 19 Sep 1989). No stone photo is online. LIKELY
  Find a Grave memorials 146937971 and 172082604
- Correction: Elias Wahrsager died on 11 December 1954 in the Bronx; an earlier reading of the stone had given December 1955. His gravestone reads 17 Kislev 5715 (the last letter is 5715 ,ן, not ך), and the New York City death index has Elias Wahrsager, died 11 Dec 1954, Bronx. CONFIRMED
  NYC Death Index 1949–65 (Elias Wahrsager, d. 11 Dec 1954, Bronx); his gravestone (17 Kislev 5715)
- HaRav Gavriel Gottesdiener is now Confirmed as Elias's father. Elias's Canadian arrival card (S.S. Grampian, December 1920: a leather worker of 41, born in Chyrów) names his nearest relative at home as "Gawriel Warsager, Chyrów, Galicia" — so Gavriel was alive in late 1920. Elias was going to his brother-in-law ("Schwager") at 41 Arcade St, Montreal; the surname is badly written ("Ch. Fellhart?") and could not be read for certain. This was the leg before his crossing into the US at Vanceboro, Maine, on 27 Jan 1921. CONFIRMED
  Library and Archives Canada, Canadian immigration records (Form 30A), S.S. Grampian 1920, p. 25, line 14, via FamilySearch (image 3:1:3Q9M-C34M-FSWR-K)
- Why two surnames: in Berlin the family registered as Gottesdiener, Gavriel's surname. Elias and Malka's daughter Röschen, born 29 April 1908, is indexed at Berlin X a as "Gottesdiener recte Wahrsager", daughter of a leather worker; she died as a baby in 1909. Another daughter, Erna, died as an infant in Berlin in 1916. Wahrsager was Elias's legal name, from his mother. CONFIRMED
  Landesarchiv Berlin, P Rep. 808 Nr. 84 (Berlin X a birth name index 1908, no. 765); Berlin births and deaths indexes 1874–1910 / 1874–1985
- Elias's mother was a Wahrsager of Chyrów: in Galicia a child of a religious-only marriage was registered under the mother's surname, and Gavriel himself is "Gottesdiener" in every record. Her marriage to Gavriel ended between mid-1880 and late 1881. A descendants' tree calls her (Sara) Mindel (name Possible). LIKELY
  Round 56 research (22 Oct 2026)
- Her parents — Elias's maternal grandparents — were very probably Jacob Lische (Elisha) Wahrsager, merchant of Chyrów (house 207 in 1853; "the late trader Jacob Lische Wahrsager of Chyrów" by January 1882), and Chane Pessel née Oher, who died at Drohobycz on 7 January 1898, aged 86 (not at Chyrów). Elias bore Lische's name and Anne bore Chane Pessel's. Chane Pessel's parents, Hersch (Tzvi) Oher, timber merchant of Chyrów, and Chaja, are named in her death entry (Confirmed as her parents). LIKELY
  AGAD Warsaw, fond 300, Drohobycz Jewish deaths 1898, akt 5; 1882 Drohobycz birth of Jacob Elische Glasberg; Gesher Galicia AGD, Chyrów property owners 1853

- Gavriel's second wife, Feiga Dominitz, was the daughter of Abraham and Ester Dominitz, day-labourers in Chyrów: the 1913 birth certificate of her son Leib Jojna Dominitz (born at Chyrów 1 July 1882) enters her as "married by Jewish rite to Gawriel Gottesdiener". Its back is addressed to "E. Wahrsager, Berlin N 37, Saarbrücker Strasse 33" — Elias. Two daughters of Gavriel and Feige were born in Kraków: Chana Marya (10 April 1885) and Bluma (26 August 1887). They are Elias's half-siblings, not Anne's ancestors. CONFIRMED

  Archiwum Państwowe w Rzeszowie, fond 59/533, sygn. 27 (marriage papers 1925), scans 247–248; Archiwum Narodowe w Krakowie, Jewish births 1885 akt 184 and 1887 akt 513 (Dan Hirschberg's Kraków Jewish records index)

- Malka's father, Yehuda Aryeh Leib (Leibisch) Unger, very probably died at Kniażpol on 3 January 1918, aged 66 (so born about 1851–52). He and Rifke (Rywka) Unger were living in Chyrów about 1870: their daughter Chaja Lea was born there, as her civil marriage at Przemyśl on 23 August 1915 records — "daughter of Leiba Unger and Rywka Unger" (Confirmed). Rifke's maiden name is still unknown. The Dobromil birth books were destroyed in the First World War, which is why Malka's 1880 birth entry cannot be found. LIKELY

  Archiwum Państwowe w Przemyślu, fond 56/1924, sygn. 36, scan 9 (Przemyśl Jewish marriages 1915, act 31); Gesher Galicia AGD, Dobromil deaths 1915–39, #229:356

- Sabina (Sara) was probably born on 1 September 1906 in Dobromil, not in Berlin: her Social Security record gives that date, the 1927 ship's list gives Dobromil, and no Berlin birth of hers is indexed (her husband's 1934 declaration says 1 May 1908, Berlin — two days after her sister Röschen's birth). LIKELY

  Social Security record; SS Majestic list, Sep 1927; Berlin births index 1874–1910

- Abraham Gottesdiener of Kraków (born Chyrów 18 July 1876, died Kraków 2 January 1920) was not Gavriel's son: his Kraków marriage of 16 May 1910 (act 121) names his parents as Wello Gottesdiener, merchant in Chyrów, and Chana-Lea. Wello may have been Gavriel's brother or cousin (Possible). CONFIRMED

  Archiwum Narodowe w Krakowie, Jewish marriages 1910, act 121

- Malka's 1927 "friend L. Saffern" was very likely Lea (Yeta Leah) Safern, second wife of R' Zvi Hirsch (Harry) Safern of Bolszowce, Galicia — the Wahrsagers' neighbours at Saarbrücker Straße 33. The Saferns moved to the Bronx; Hersch Safern died 26 Nov 1943 and Lea Yetta Safern was buried 18 Jul 1967, both at Mount Zion Cemetery, Queens, in the Bolszowce society plot (burials Confirmed; identity Likely). LIKELY

  Mount Zion Cemetery interment records; Tzafnat Pane'ach Institute; Berlin address books 1914–1932

- The Berlin Jewish yearbook of 1926 lists "S. Safern, Saarbrücker Straße 33" on the committee of the Zeirei Mizrachi youth group (who "S." was: Possible). Picture in the gallery. CONFIRMED

  Jüdisches Jahrbuch für Gross-Berlin 1926, Internet Archive

- The index of The Unbroken Chain, vol. 7, lists Gavriel HaCohen Gottesdiener and Feiga Dominitz on the same page, 612 — very likely Elias's father and his wife of Chyrów (index Confirmed; page not yet read). LIKELY

  Neil Rosenstein, The Unbroken Chain, vol. 7, index p. 612

- The house section of the Berlin address book lists E. Wahrsager, leather worker, and H. Safern among the tenants of Saarbrücker Straße 33 in 1914 and again in 1925 — four years after Elias left for America; Hirsch Safern, ship's cook, is still there in 1927. Malka's 1927 "friend L. Saffern, Berlin" very probably came from this household (Likely). CONFIRMED

  Berliner Adreßbuch 1914 image 4852, 1925 image 5575, 1927 images 2921 and 5934 (Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin)

- A Maria Wahrsager is listed at Saarbrücker Straße 33 in the Jewish address book of Greater Berlin for 1931/32 (not in 1929/30); her relation to Elias is Possible only. CONFIRMED

  Jüdisches Adressbuch für Gross-Berlin 1931/32, image 536

- Chaja Lea Unger, born in Chyrów about March 1870, daughter of Leib and Rywka Unger — the same parents' names as Malka's — married Szulim Leiba Goldberg at Przemyśl on 23 Aug 1915; very probably Malka's older sister (Likely; strengthened by the 1893 Gródek birth entry below). LIKELY

  Gesher Galicia, Przemyśl Jewish marriages 1915–1919, record 31 (Przemyśl State Archive, fond 1924, file 36)

- Samuel Wahrsager of Chyrów, wood dealer (1891 directory, Likely), was a joint owner of the Rozłucz and Rypiany forest estates in 1901; in 1904 he founded a Chyrów timber-export firm with Bernhard Lebenschuss and Moritz Wahrsager. Kinship to Elias: Possible. CONFIRMED
  Gazeta Lwowska no. 164 (20 Jul 1901) and no. 98 (1904); Galicia 1891 Business Directory
- Malka's parents were Leibisch (Aryeh Leib) and Rifke Unger, merchants in Dobromil: the 1893 Gródek birth entry of Ciwie, daughter of Schulem Leib Goldberg and Chaje Leie Unger, names Chaje Leie as "daughter of Leibisch and Rifke Unger, merchants in Dobromil". Record Confirmed; Rifke as Malka's mother and Chaja Lea as Malka's sister Likely; Ciwie is Malka's niece (Likely). CONFIRMED
  AGAD Warsaw, fond 300, sygn. 2118, scan 0018 (Gródek Jagielloński Jewish births 1893, entry 193)
- Chaim Jakób Dominitz of Chyrów, a butcher in Medenice, aged 32, "son of the late Feiga Dominitz, ritual wife of the late Gabriel Gotesdiener", married Blima Dominitz of Sanok at Medenice in 1931. Record Confirmed; he is very probably Elias's half-brother (Likely), and the record shows HaRav Gavriel had died by 1931. LIKELY
  AGAD Warsaw, fond 300, sygn. 3358, scan 0001 (Drohobycz-district Jewish marriages 1931, entry 2)
- Paul Schiff's parents were Markus Schiff and [Genta?] née Brawer (mother's first name uncertain) — which explains why he arrived in America as "Josef Brawer". CONFIRMED
  Bronx Certificate and Record of Marriage no. 232, 14 Dec 1929, p. 1 (in the gallery)
- Michael Goldberg (b. 1915, Przemyśl), son of Shalom Goldberg and Lea née Unger — very probably Chaja Lea's son and Anne's first cousin: Holocaust victim, 1942, Bełżec. LIKELY
  Holocaust memorial records, no. 1039678
- Chaja Lea (Unger) Goldberg: Holocaust victim, 5 January 1943, Lwów (the record gives her birth as 1870, Dobromil). LIKELY
  Holocaust memorial records, no. 1062034
- Chaim Jakób Dominitz (Gottesdiener-Dominitz), son of Gavriel and Feige: Holocaust victim, date and place unknown. His link to Elias as half-brother stays Likely. CONFIRMED
  Holocaust memorial records, no. 1095940
- Meilech (Emil) Gottesdiener, born 23 May 1902 at Kraków: Holocaust victim, 16 April 1942 (record of the French Ministry of Defence) (the record is Confirmed; that it is Todres's son is Likely). LIKELY
  Service historique de la Défense, AC 21 P
- Malka (Mollie) Wahrsager's alien case file survives: A2342952, National Archives at Kansas City (entry 21 Sep 1927, New York); it gives her birth as 18 Mar 1879, a variant of 2 Mar 1880. CONFIRMED
  NARA catalog NAID 608595110
- Elias's mother had a name: Sura (Sara). The 6 Sep 1914 Vienna Stadttempel marriage of his brother Todres Gottesdiener (1914 no. 348) names the groom's parents as Gawriel Gottesdiener and Sura, and gives Todres's birth as 4 Oct 1875, Chyrów. That Sura is also Elias's mother is Likely: Elias was born in 1880 inside the same first marriage, and his eldest daughter Sabina was legally "Sara". The family tree calls her (Sara) Mindel. CONFIRMED
  IKG Wien marriage register 1914 no. 348, via JewishGen Vienna Marriages (Enhanced)
- HaRav Gavriel Gottesdiener died in 1922, between January (alive at his son Abraham's banns) and 25 October, when his grandson Gabriel Surkis was named for him. LIKELY
  Sambor banns Dec 1921–Jan 1922 (AGD #206:1276); IKG Wien births 1922/II no. 2496
- Bluma, Gavriel's daughter by Feige Dominitz (b. Aug 1887, Kraków), married Hersch Karpel (Surkis) at the Vienna Stadttempel on 7 Apr 1920; sons Gabriel (1922) and Emanuel (1927). CONFIRMED
  IKG Wien marriage register 1920 no. 305; births 1922/II no. 2496 and 1927 no. 161 (JewishGen indexes)

- Chane Pessel's mother was Chaja née Binderman: a Chyrów land-register deed of 1823 names Herszko Oher with Chaja Oher, maiden name Binderman. The Ohers appear on the Chyrów register from 1804 to 1840. LIKELY
  Chyrów Tabula Register 1803–1855 (TsDIAL Lviv, fond 166, op. 1, sprava 2248), Gesher Galicia index #790:83, #790:201, #790:13
- An older Unger family of Chyrów: Debora Limmer, aged 60, who died in Drohobycz on 13 Jan 1900, was the daughter of the late Salamon and Marjema Unger of Chyrów. Whether Salamon and Marjema were the parents of Malka's father Leib is only Possible. CONFIRMED
  AGAD, fond 300, sygn. 2114, scan 2 (Drohobycz deaths 1900, akt 6)
- Malka's niece Cilli (Ciwie) Goldberg, daughter of Schulim Leib Goldberg and Lea Unger, married Wilhelm Goldberg in Vienna on 8 May 1921; their son Manuel was born there in 1922. CONFIRMED
  IKG Wien births 1922/I no. 478 (JewishGen index)
- Elias's crossing: his 1921 border card names his wife Malka, still at Chyrów, and a cousin, Samuel Alexander, in New York (the street address is hard to read). His 1926 naturalization petition gives his route — Montreal on 28 Jan 1921, then Vanceboro, Maine, by railroad on 29 Jan 1921 — and names Anne as "Annchen, born 1 Nov 1913". His 1922 declaration gives 136 East Broadway; he stood 5 ft 1 in and weighed 125 lb. CONFIRMED
  St Albans district card 27 Jan 1921 (NARA); SDNY petition 15 Nov 1926; NY County declaration no. 270571 (via FamilySearch)
- Malka came with Sabina (listed as "Sarah"), Kallmann and Anne on the S.S. Majestic from Southampton, 14 Sep 1927; the list gives Dobromil as Malka's and Sabina's birthplace, Berlin for Kallmann and Anne. CONFIRMED
  New York passenger lists 1927, S.S. Majestic (NARA, via FamilySearch)
- Home in the Bronx: 1035 Tiffany Street in the 1930 and 1940 censuses (and on Anne's 1938 marriage affidavit); Elias and Malka at 1702 Clay Avenue on his 1942 draft card and in the 1950 census. CONFIRMED
  1930, 1940, 1950 U.S. censuses; 1942 draft registration (via FamilySearch)
- Paul Schiff, Sabina's husband, arrived on 26 Dec 1927 on the S.S. Deutschland as "Josef Brawer"; his 1934 declaration (no. 117029) carries his photograph. CONFIRMED
  Bronx County Supreme Court declaration no. 117029 (via FamilySearch)
- Mordche Schabse (Schabs) Oher is now Likely a son of Hersch and Chaja Oher, and so Likely a brother of Chane Pessel: named with them on an 1837 Chyrów deed, he was by 1867 the voter listed at house 29, the Oher family house. LIKELY
  Chyrów Tabula Register #790:201 (1837); 1867 Chyrów voters' list, Archiwum Narodowe w Krakowie 29/684/0/1/305, indexed by Gesher Galicia
- Dr Avraham Ovadia (Gottesdiener), Elias's half-brother: the National Library of Israel lists him as "Avraham son of Gavriel, 1893–1941"; Neve Ovadia, a rest home, library and culture house at Kfar Etzion, was dedicated in his name on 8 Sep 1946; Netanya's Ovadia Garden and Avraham Ovadia Street are named for him. CONFIRMED
  National Library of Israel 990022310300205171; Ein le-Etzion p. 39; Netanya municipality public-gardens page
- Ruth Wahrsager née Seltzer's burial is now Confirmed: Beth Moses Cemetery, Section 2, Block 26, Row 5, Grave 14; Kallmann (Charles) Wahrsager lies in Row 7, Grave 13 of the same block, both in the Sinai Fraternal Order plot. CONFIRMED
  Wellwood–Beth Moses Cemetery interment search (wellwoodcemetery.com/search), read 22 Oct 2026
- A second Gottesdiener family of Chyrów, of Gavriel's generation: Nuta (Natan) Gottesdiener, a shoemaker, and his wife Sura née Mai. Their son Hersch, born 20 Apr 1873, a shoemaker in Lesko, married Chaja Lea Tink at Lesko on 17 Aug 1914; their daughter Freida, born 4 Apr 1878, married Chaim Nagel of Mościska, and her son Abraham Peisach was born there on 24 May 1906. Nuta may have been Gavriel's brother or cousin, but no record joins them; his wife Sura is not Gavriel's wife Sura. POSSIBLE
  AP Rzeszów, Sanok branch, fond 60/448, sygn. 6, act 38 (Lesko 1914); AGAD fond 300, sygn. 2897, act 69 (Mościska births 1906); AGAD fond 300, sygn. 4272, p. 17, entry 2 (Mościska marriage 1906)

- Chaim Jona Wahrsager, a carpenter born in Chyrów, son of Feiga Wahrsager, married Masza Mund recte Ringel at Przemyśl in January 1908. After his name the register has "falso Dominitz", struck through — a tie to the Chyrów Dominitz–Wahrsager family. POSSIBLE

  AP Przemyśl, fond 56/1924, sygn. 32, scan 135, act 1

- Samuel Gottesdiener, born at Lesko on 13 Apr 1905, a merchant in Chyrów, son of David Gottesdiener and a mother née Spira (Elka, or Ryfka in one reading), married Beile Süss at Stary Sambor on 6 Mar 1938. If his mother was Elka, he was Wolf Gottesdiener's (b. 1912) brother. A link to Gavriel's family stays Possible. POSSIBLE

  Galician Jewish register: AGAD fond 300, sygn. 4331, p. 20, entry 2

- Dr Avraham Ovadia (born Abraham Dominitz recte Gottesdiener): his birth was entered in the Chyrów birth register, vol. III, p. 80, no. 31 (1893), and in 1922 his father Gabryel is called the "szkolnik" — a synagogue official — of Chyrów. CONFIRMED

  Galician Jewish register: AGAD fond 300, sygn. 3698, p. 38, entry 2 (Sambor 1922)

- Jochwed Unger married Izak Sauer at Dobromil on 31 October 1920 (not December, as read before); she was born in Dobromil about 1889 and lived in Kniażpol; her father is read "Leizer" in one transcription and "Leibus" in another. LIKELY

  Galician Jewish register: AGAD fond 300, sygn. 4368, p. 37, entry 4

- Samuel Wahrsager of Chyrów, timber merchant, two more records: in July 1894 he stayed at Karlsbad spa as "Samuel Wahrsager, Holzhändler (timber merchant) aus Chyrow in Galizien"; in May 1899 the Sambor court entered the firm "Samuel Wahrsager" in Chyrów, a timber business, in the commercial register. Kinship to Elias: still Possible. Page in the gallery. CONFIRMED

  Curliste Karlsbad, 20 Jul 1894, p. 5; Wiener Zeitung, 9 May 1899, p. 23 (ANNO: https://anno.onb.ac.at/cgi-content/anno?aid=wrz&datum=18990509&seite=23)

- Anne's brother Kallmann (Charles) Wahrsager married Ruth Seltzer on Sunday 10 March 1946 at 10 PM, at 1440 Plimpton Avenue in the Bronx; Rabbi Osias Teitelbaum officiated (licence no. 2106). The licence names Ruth's parents for the first time: Charles Seltzer and Sarah Rosenbaum, both born in Austria. Licence, certificate and index page in the gallery. CONFIRMED

  NYC Municipal Archives, Historical Vital Records, Marriage Licenses, Bronx 1946, no. 2106 (L-B-1946-0002106); City Clerk's Index to Marriage Licenses, Bronx 1946, scan 707

- The first witness at Charles and Ruth's 1946 wedding signed "David Brecher", of 305 East Mount Eden Avenue — Eugene's Bronx address in 1940 and on his naturalization papers — so very probably David Brecher HaKohen, Anne's father-in-law. The second witness was Michael H. Zelig. LIKELY

  NYC Municipal Archives, Historical Vital Records, Bronx 1946 marriage licence no. 2106, certificate

- Hinde (Hinda) Wahrsager, daughter of Jacob Lische Wahrsager of Chyrów, married Samuel Glasberg of Drohobycz; the Drohobycz birth index gives their sons Hersch (8 April 1863), Nusen (26 June 1865) and Moses (12 July 1867), and a daughter Machle married Jozef Neger at Borysław. If Elias's mother was Jacob Lische's daughter (Likely), these were his first cousins. CONFIRMED

  All Galicia Database (Gesher Galicia), index rows: Drohobycz Jewish births 1816–1869 (TsDIAL 701/1/39) #6:6971, #6:7692, #6:8387; Borysław births 1903 #46:101

- More of Hinde Glasberg née Wahrsager's family, from the Drohobycz Jewish registers: her children Keile Sara (1879–1880), Jacob Elische (1882–1890, named for his grandfather Jacob Lische) and Chaja Lea (c. 1867–1934, whose death entry names both parents); Machle's birth (1877) and her 1901 marriage to Markus Josef Neger, with their children Lea Hinde (1905) and Israel (1906); and Nusen's 1900 marriage to Beile Leichtmann of Gródek, which names his parents as Samuel Glasberg and Hinde Wahrsager, with their nine children born 1890–1909: Majlach, Freuda, Henia, Sara, Moses, Jakób Lische, Chana Pessel, Israel and Hinde. Freuda, Israel (1905) and Lea Hinde are Likely (name spellings in the index); the rest Confirmed. CONFIRMED

  JRI-Poland index of the Jewish registers of Drohobycz (AGAD Warsaw, fond 300): births 1877 akt 295, 1879 akt 378, 1882 akt 32, 1890 akt 322, 1892 akt 56, 1893 akt 199, 1895 akt 126, 1897 akt 9, 1899 akt 5, 1902 akt 27, 1905 akt 25 and 179, 1906 akt 285, 1909 akt 311; marriages 1900 akt 68, 1901 akt 4; deaths 1880 akt 208, 1890 akt 78, 1907 akt 281, 1934 akt 60

- Jossel Glasberg (recte Wahrsager), son of Samuel Glasberg and Hinde née Wahrsager: his 1901 marriage at Drohobycz, where he was 29, names his parents as Samuel Glasberg and Hinde Wahrsager. A Jossel Glasberg recte Wahrsager and Rifcze Ambach of Drohobycz were the parents of Lea Blima, who married Mendel Selinger in 1935 (very probably the same Jossel; All Galicia Database #178:8). CONFIRMED

  JRI-Poland index of the Jewish registers of Drohobycz (AGAD Warsaw, fond 300), marriages 1901, akt 5 (sygn. 2113) (index row; image not viewed)

- A second Oher family of Chyrów, one generation older than the site assumed: Schmil (Samuel) Elias Oher (c. 1800) and Feige née Gartenberg (c. 1803–1889; she died at Schodnica aged 86, daughter of Isak and Elka Gartenberg). Their children, all "of Chyrów": Josel (c. 1824–1882), Leib (c. 1830–1894), Dawid (c. 1833–1910), Chaje (c. 1835–1895), wife of Nachman Lamberg, Isak (c. 1845–1887) and Israel (c. 1845/51–1919, later of Wolanka, m. 1906). The records are Confirmed (index); that this is the Elias of the 1837 deed is Likely; Elias is a Possible son of Hersch and Chaja (so Chane Pessel's brother), or a Possible younger brother or cousin of Hersch; both placements are Possible. CONFIRMED

  JRI-Poland legacy index of the AGAD (fond 300) and Przemyśl archive registers: Drohobycz deaths 1882 act 151, 1887 act 40, 1889 act 61, 1894 act 259, 1895 act 208, 1910 act 211, 1919 act 146; marriages 1906 act 48 (https://legacy.jri-poland.org/databases/)

- The original register entries of two of Schmil Elias Oher's sons, read on the scans: Israel Oher's marriage at Borysław in 1906 (act 48) — born in Chyrów, living in Borysław, a watchman, 55 and single, son of the late Schmil Eliasz Oher and Feige née Gartenberg; the bride Freida Bruck of Borysław, daughter of the late Hillel and Leia Bruck — and Dawid Oher's death at Drohobycz on 27 September 1910 (act 211), aged 77, a widower, son of the late Samuel Eliasz and Feiga Oher. Both scans are in the documents archive. No record names the generation above Schmil Elias. CONFIRMED

  AGAD Warsaw, fond 300, sygn. 2548 (Borysław Jewish marriages 1906), act 48, and sygn. 2836 (Drohobycz Jewish deaths 1910), act 211; images via JRI-Poland / AGAD metrykalia album

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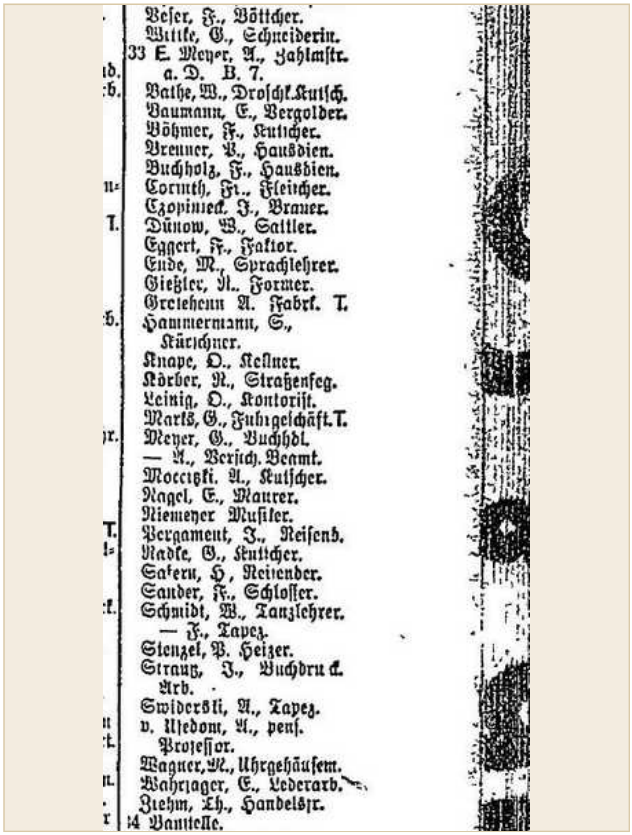
Not yet proven; kept here so the search can go on.

- Szmul Alexander stands in a Chyrów land deed of 1823 beside Sosia Wahrsager — perhaps a clue to Elias's 1921 "cousin Samuel Alexander" (Possible).
- Salamon Wahrsager of Chyrów was paid for a loss in the Chyrów fire of 19 May 1872 (record Confirmed; kinship Possible).
- Gavriel's father may have been a Todres Gottesdiener who died before July 1874: three Gottesdiener boys were named Todres in 1874–76, Gavriel's own son among them (Possible — a naming inference only).
- Earlier Gottesdieners of Chyrów, not linked: Nuta and Ester (1807–08); Elka Reysel with Chaim and Abraham Ber (1819); Chaim Hersz (1824); Jankel, houses 36–37 (1853). Rachel Reinhalt née Gottesdiener of Chyrów (b. c. 1834/40) in the Kraków 1890 census (Possible kin). Wolf Gottesdiener, born 9 Apr 1912 in Chyrów, son of David Gottesdiener and Elka née Spira (a 1941 record) — no link to Rav Gavriel is known (Possible kin).

- Zelman Oher of Chyrów (on the land register in 1804) — a possible father of Hersch Oher, the 5th generation above Anne (Possible).
- Salamon (Schloma) and Marjema Unger of Chyrów — possible parents of Malka's father Leib Unger; no record joins them yet (Possible).
- Elias (Schmil Elias) Oher of Chyrów (c. 1800), husband of Feige née Gartenberg; a Possible son of Hersch and Chaja (so Chane Pessel's brother), or a Possible younger brother or cousin of Hersch. That he is the Elias Oher named with Hersch and Chaje Oher in the 1837 deed and in the 1840 Macuski deal is Likely (same rare name, same town, right age). His wife was born c. 1803 and his eldest son c. 1824, so he belongs to Hersch's generation, not Chane Pessel's; Zelman Oher (1804) would then be a candidate father of both men (Possible).
- An 1850 Dobromil town list in the official gazette (Lemberg Gazette, official supplement nos. 294–295, 20–21 Dec 1850) names two young men, Jakob Ungar and Kolman Ungar, both at house no. 87, Dobromil. They were the right age to be Leib Unger's father or uncles, but no record links them to him (Possible).
- Oher households of Chyrów (Possible kin): Hersch Meier and Syta Oher, parents of Elias Salomon Oher (b. c. 1895, a merchant, m. 1925 Chane Mittelmann; AGAD fond 300, sygn. 3390, p. 102, entry 3); Mełes (Meilech) and Mirla Oher, parents of Izaak Oher (b. 27 May 1898 in Chyrów, m. 1923 Łaja Reizfeld; AP Przemyśl 56/1731/0/2/24, p. 21, entry 3). The names Hersch and Elias recur in Chane Pessel's family, but no record joins them.
- Searched, nothing found: the Chyrów burial society's own papers (held at YIVO in New York, by appointment only, and from 1918 on); the society's plot at Mount Hebron, Block 61 (15 burials, none of our surnames); the surviving Dobromil birth books (no Unger birth before 1912).
- Marjem Wachs's parents, Chaim Wachs and Chaja Itta, may be Chaim, son of Wolf Wachs (b. Podkamień 1852) and Malke Lahm (b. Bełz 1855), who married at Załoźce in 1893, and Chaje Jutte Teitelbaum (b. Mościska 1876), daughter of Aharon Teitelbaum and Jente Rosenfeld, married at Załoźce in 1902 (Possible — no record yet joins this couple to the 1922 bride's parents; Załoźce marriages AGAD fond 300, sygn. 2985, scans 0013 and 0029; Załoźce births sygn. 1501, scan 0030).
- Searched for Gavriel's parents, nothing new (23 Oct 2026): Dr Avraham Ovadia's own book, Divrot Rabbenu Moshe ben Maimon (Tel Aviv, Nisan 5695 = 1935, published by the Torah ve-Avodah movement; HebrewBooks 31131), was read: title page, the publisher's preface and his foreword, signed "Dr A. Gottesdiener, Tel Aviv, 27 Nisan 5695". It has no approbation and names no ancestors. Neil Rosenstein's The Unbroken Chain, vol. 7, p. 612, indexes Gavriel HaCohen Gottesdiener beside Feiga Dominitz and Dr Avraham Ovadia; the page sits in a descendants' list and seems to follow Feiga's line (Avraham's mother, not Elias's); the page itself is not online and was not read (Possible relevance only).
- Searched for the parents of HaRav Gavriel HaKohen Gottesdiener (23 Oct 2026, evening). The indexed Galician Jewish registers that are free to search have no Chyrów books. Their Gottesdiener entries are from Przemyśl, Lesko, Sanok, Mościska, Rudki, Stanisławów and Turka, 1889–1919, all too late for his parents. No Gottesdiener of Chyrów appears in the Austrian press before 1915. A 1915 refugee notice in Prague lists "Ernestine Gottesdiener aus Chyrow" among relatives being searched for; her tie to Gavriel is not known (Prager Tagblatt, 10 Feb 1915, pp. 14 and 21). Gavriel's parents remain unknown.
- Hinde Glasberg, born at Drohobycz in 1870 (index, no parents shown), may be a further child of Samuel and Hinde Glasberg. Possible (All Galicia Database #791:49).
- Eliaz Unger, born 1881 at Kniażpol, with his wife Ida (b. 1884, Kresowice) and son Israel (b. 1 Feb 1923, Dobromil), of Dobromil 743, appears on 1941–42 Lwów lists. Malka's father Leib Unger lived and died at Kniażpol, so Eliaz may be Malka's brother; the record is Confirmed, the kinship Possible, leaning Likely (All Galicia Database #589:9575–9577).
- Jankel Gottesdiener held houses 36–37 at Chyrów in the 1853 property list, with a workshop and five unbuilt parcels; a link to HaRav Gavriel Gottesdiener is Possible (TsDIAL 186/2/587, All Galicia Database #648:31–32).

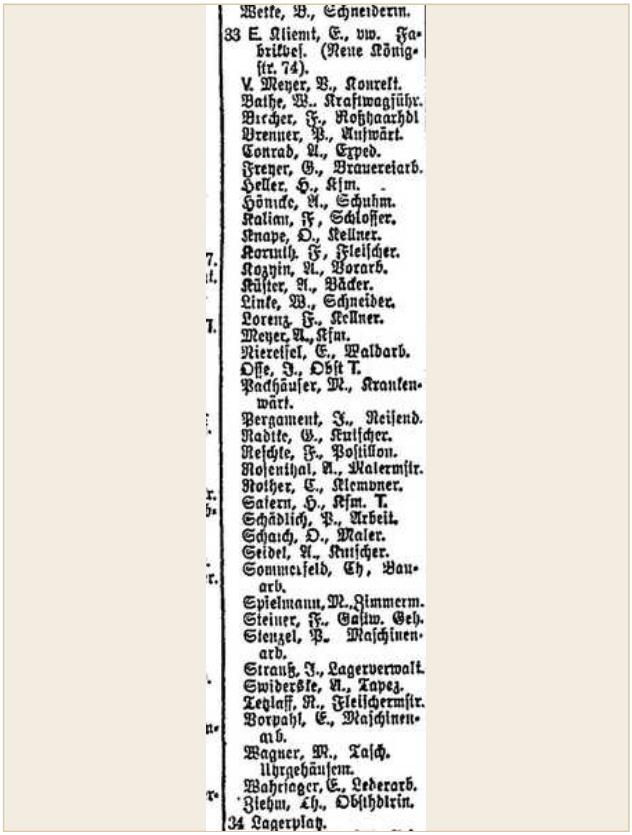
- Herszko Unger, merchant of Łacko, died there 22 Feb 1930 aged 69 (Dobromil Jewish deaths 1915–39, All Galicia Database #229:99): same district and generation as Leib Unger. Possible kin only.
- Malie Oher (b. c. 1838; m. Izak Karp civilly at Sambor, 24 Nov 1897; son Abraham Karp b. Chyrów 1877) and Mojżesz Oher (b. c. 1842; m. 1895), both of Chyrów, children of Szapse (Schabse) and Welke Oher. If this Szapse is Mordche Schabse Oher, they were Chane Pessel's niece and nephew (Possible; records Confirmed (index): Gesher Galicia All Galicia Database #137:580; JRI-Poland, Sambor births 1877 act 213 and Sambor-district marriages 1895 act 18).

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The tenants of Saarbrücker Straße 33 in the Berlin address book of 1914: E. Wahrsager, leather worker, and H. Safern, commercial traveller. CONFIRMED

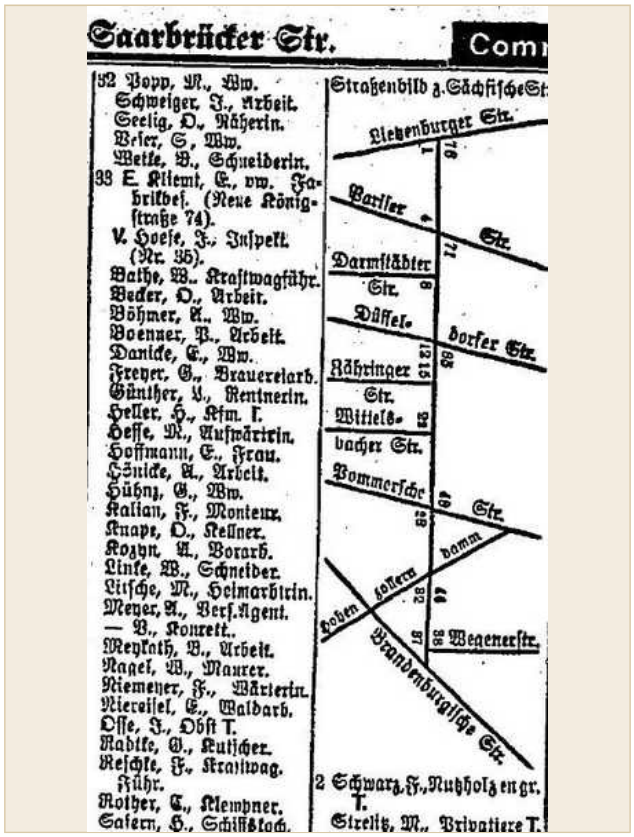
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Strauß, J., Lagerverwalt.
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Teglaff, R., Fleiſchermſtr.
Vorpahl, E., Maſchinenarb.
Wagner, M., Tasch.
Uhrgehäuſem.
Wahrjager, E., Lederarb.
Ziehm, Th., Obſthdlrin.
34 Lagerplatz.

Saarbrücker Straße 33 in the Berlin address book of 1925: H. Safern, merchant, and E. Wahrsager, leather worker, still listed.

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The tenants of Saarbrücker Straße 33 in the Berlin address book of 1927, among them H. Safern, ship's cook — very probably the household of Malka's "friend L. Saffern". CONFIRMED

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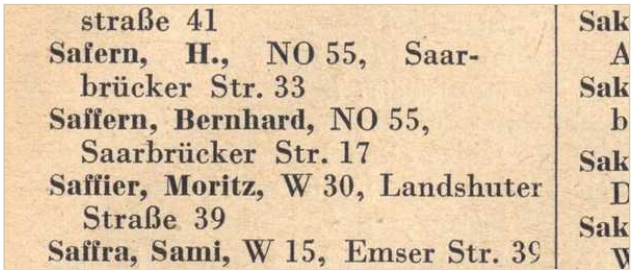
Berlin address book, 1927: Hirsch Safern, cook, Saarbrücker Straße 33 — the house where the Wahrsagers had lived. CONFIRMED

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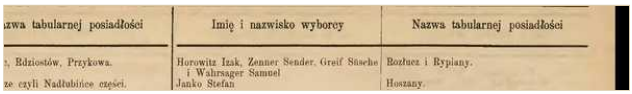
Jewish address book of Greater Berlin, 1931/32: Maria Wahrsager, Saarbrücker Straße 33, the house where Elias Wahrsager's family had lived (her relation to Elias: Possible). CONFIRMED

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The same book, 1931/32: H. Safern at Saarbrücker Straße 33 and Bernhard Saffern at no. 17. CONFIRMED

Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin, Jüdisches Adressbuch für Gross-Berlin 1931/32, image 467



zwa tabularnej posiadłości	Imię i nazwisko wyborcy	Nazwa tabularnej posiadłości
, Bdziostów, Przykowa. ze czyli Nadłubińce części.	Horowitz Izak, Zenner Sender, Greif Sascha i Wahrsager Samuel Janko Stefan	Rozłucz i Rypiany. Hoszany.

Gazeta Lwowska, 20 July 1901: Samuel Wahrsager of Chyrów among the joint owners of the Rozłucz and Rypiany estates on the landowners' voting list (kinship to Elias: Possible). CONFIRMED

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ZEIREI MISRACHI

Reorganisiert 1923. Geschäftsstelle: N. 24, Monbijouplatz 1, Telephon: Norden 1159.

Zweck: Verwirklichung der Idee: „Thora und Arbeit in Erez Israel", Vorbereitung der Mitglieder auf dieses Ziel.

130 Mitglieder; Mitgliedsbeitrag: nach Ermessen. Zusammenkünfte: in einzelnen Gruppen täglich. 1. Vorsitzender: Dr. Simon Schereschewski, N. 24, Elsasser Straße 10a; 2. Vorsitzender: J. Katzenellenbogen, NW., Altonaer Straße 12; Schriftführer: Paul Struck, NW., Brückenallee 10;

Schatzmeister: Alwin Koppenheim, NW., Claudiusstraße; Kulturausschuß: Dr. Schereschewski; N. Bores, N. 37, Chorinerstraße 2; L. Urdang, NW., Altonaer Straße 12; Organisationsausschuß: Paul Struck; Dina Eulenberg, Joseph-Haydn-Straße; S. Safern, Saarbrücker Straße 33; Finanzausschuß: Alwin Koppenheimer; H. Steinfeld, Nassauische Straße 60.

Berlin, 1926: the Zeirei Mizrachi youth group's committee lists S. Safern of Saarbrücker Straße 33, the Wahrsagers' building. CONFIRMED

Jüdisches Jahrbuch für Gross-Berlin 1926, digitized by the Internet Archive



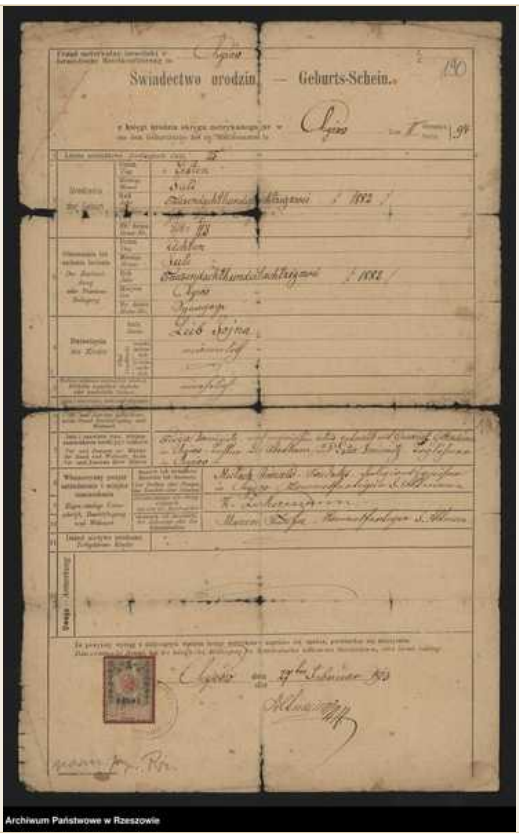
Gródek, 1893: birth of Ciwie, daughter of Schulem Leib Goldberg and Chaje Leie Unger, 'daughter of Leibisch and Rifke Unger, merchants in Dobromil' — Malka Unger's parents. CONFIRMED

Archiwum Główne Akt Dawnych (AGAD), Warsaw, fond 300, sygn. 2118, scan 0018



Medenice, 1931: marriage of Chaim Jakób Dominitz of Chyrów, 'son of the late Feiga Dominitz, ritual wife of the late Gabriel Gotesdiener', to Blima Dominitz of Sanok. CONFIRMED

Archiwum Główne Akt Dawnych (AGAD), Warsaw, fond 300, sygn. 3358, scan 0001



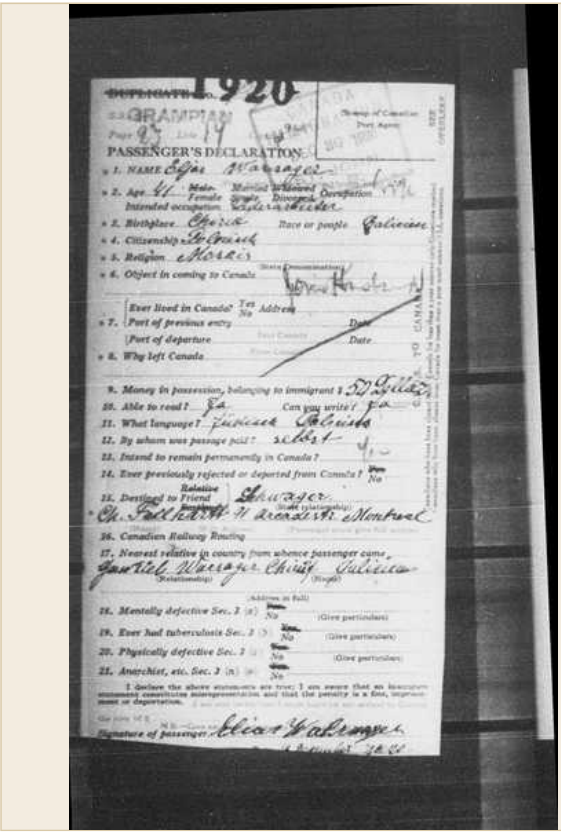
Birth certificate of Leib Jojna Dominitz, born at Chyrów on 1 July 1882, issued in 1913. His mother is entered as Feiga Dominitz, married by Jewish rite to Gawriel Gottesdiener, daughter of Abraham and Ester Dominitz of Chyrów. CONFIRMED

Archiwum Państwowe w Rzeszowie, fond 59/533, sygn. 27 (marriage papers 1925), scan 247; szukajwarchiwach.gov.pl.



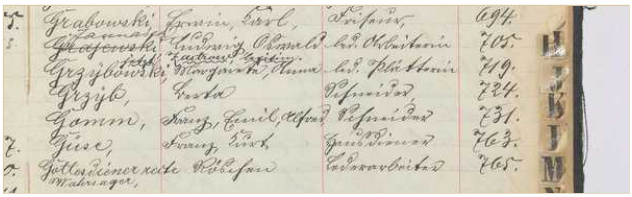
The back of the same certificate is addressed to 'E. Wahrsager, Berlin N 37, Saarbrücker Strasse 33', the Berlin home of Leib Jojna's half-brother Elias. CONFIRMED

Archiwum Państwowe w Rzeszowie, fond 59/533, sygn. 27, scan 248; szukajwarchiwach.gov.pl.



Elias Wahrsager's Canadian arrival card, S.S. Grampian, December 1920: a leather worker of 41, born in Chyrów, going to his brother-in-law in Montreal. Nearest relative at home: 'Gawriel Warsager, Chyrów, Galicia', his father. CONFIRMED

Library and Archives Canada, Canadian immigration records (Form 30A), via FamilySearch (image 3:1:3Q9M-C34M-FSWR-K).



Berlin, 1908: the birth index of the Berlin X a registry office lists Elias's daughter Röschen as 'Gottesdiener recte Wahrsager', daughter of a leather worker. In Berlin the family used Gavriel's surname, Gottesdiener; Wahrsager was Elias's legal name. CONFIRMED

Landesarchiv Berlin, P Rep. 808 Nr. 84 (birth name index 1908).



Przemyśl, 23 August 1915: civil marriage of Chaja Lea Unger, born in Chyrów about 1870, daughter of Leiba and Rywka Unger, Malka's elder sister, to Szulim Leib Goldberg. One witness was Hersz Natan Dominitz of the Chyrów Dominitz–Wahrsager family. CONFIRMED

Archiwum Państwowe w Przemyślu, fond 56/1924, sygn. 36, scan 9; szukajwarchiwach.gov.pl.



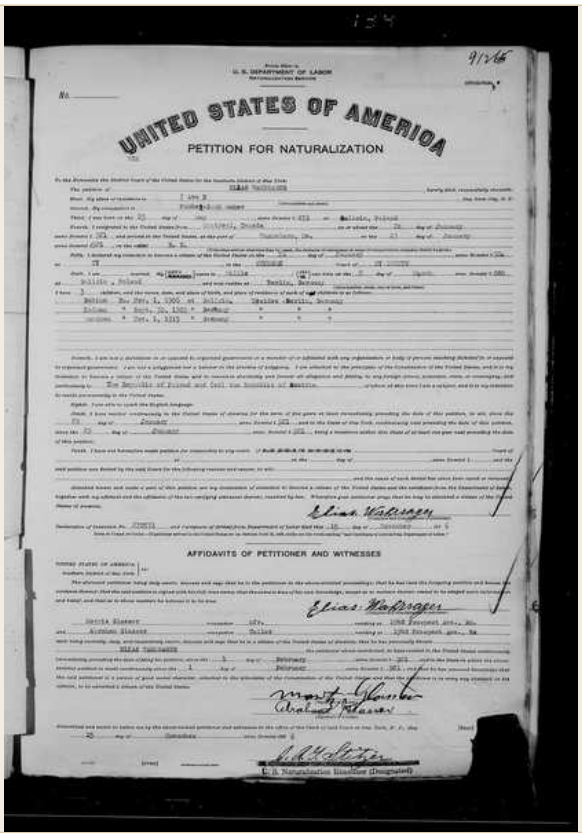
Kraków, 1910: marriage of Abraham Gottesdiener of Chyrów, son of Wello Gottesdiener, merchant of Chyrów, and Chana-Lea, probably a cousin of Elias. CONFIRMED

Archiwum Narodowe w Krakowie, Jewish marriages 1910, act 121 (copy in Dan Hirschberg's Kraków database).



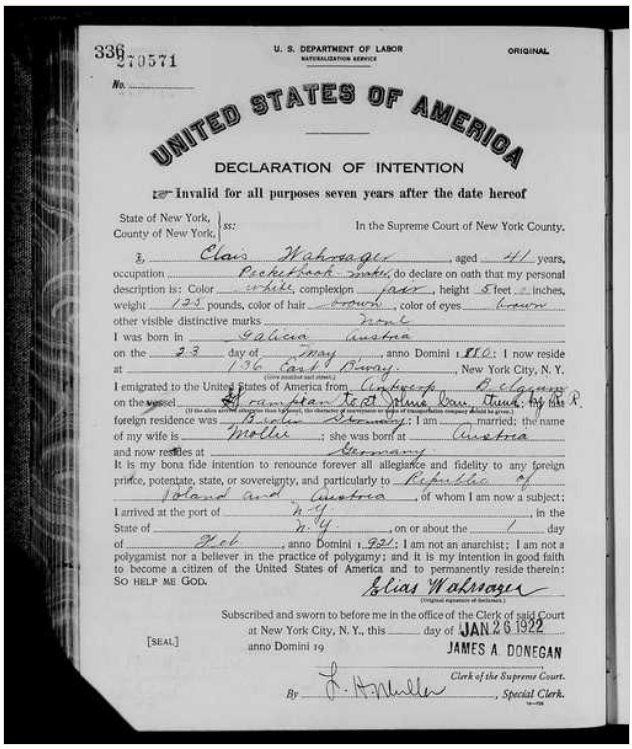
Drohobycz, January 1900: death of Debora Limmer, aged 60, wife of the tailor Benjamin Limmer and daughter of the late Salamon and Marjema Unger of Chyrów. An older Unger family of Chyrów, possibly that of Malka's father Leib. CONFIRMED

Archiwum Główne Akt Dawnych (AGAD), fond 300, sygn. 2114, scan 2 (agadd2.home.net.pl).



Elias Wahrsager's petition for naturalization, filed in New York, 15 November 1926. He gives his birth as 23 May 1879 in Galicia, his trade as pocket-book maker, his address as 7 Avenue B, Manhattan, and his route: from Montreal on 28 January 1921, arriving at Vanceboro, Maine, by railroad on 29 January 1921. His wife Mollie (born 2 March 1880, Galicia) is still in Berlin; the children are Sabina (1 November 1906, Galicia), Kalman (30 September 1909, Germany) and Annchen (1 November 1913, Germany). Witnesses: Morris Glasser, manufacturer, and Abraham Glasser, tailor, of 1948 Prospect Avenue, Bronx. CONFIRMED

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, naturalization petitions; National Archives at New York City, via FamilySearch. License: U.S. federal court record, public domain.



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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
NATURALIZATION SERVICE
ORIGINAL

No.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof

State of New York, County of New York, } ss: In the Supreme Court of New York County.

I, Elias Wahrsager, aged 41 years, occupation Pocketbook maker, do declare on oath that my personal description is: Color white, complexion fair, height 5 feet 1 inches, weight 125 pounds, color of hair brown, color of eyes brown, other visible distinctive marks none

I was born in Galicia Austria on the 23 day of May, anno Domini 1880; I now reside at 136 East Broadway, New York City, N. Y.

I emigrated to the United States of America from Antwerp Belgium on the vessel Grampian to St. John's Nav. thence by the R. foreign residence was Berlin Germany; I am married; the name of my wife is Mollie; she was born at Austria and now resides at Germany

It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to Republic of Poland and Austria, of whom I am now a subject;

I arrived at the port of N.Y., in the State of N.Y., on or about the 1 day of Feb, anno Domini 1921; I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer 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.

Elias Wahrsager
(Original signature of declarant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the office of the Clerk of said Court at New York City, N. Y., this day of JAN 26 1922 anno Domini 19

[SEAL]

JAMES A DONEGAN
Clerk of the Supreme Court.
By J. H. Muller, Special Clerk.

Elias Wahrsager's declaration of intention no. 270571, Supreme Court of New York County, 26 January 1922, with his signature. Age 41, pocket-book maker, 5 ft 1 in, 125 lb, brown hair and eyes; born in Galicia, Austria, on 23 May 1880; living at 136 East Broadway; came from Antwerp on the 'Grampian' to Saint John, Canada, then on by railroad; last foreign home Berlin; wife Mollie, born in Austria, living in Germany. CONFIRMED

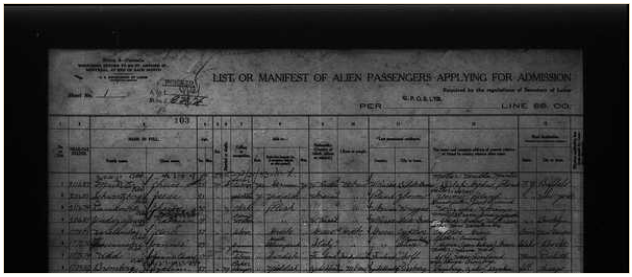
New York County Clerk, naturalization declarations of intention, via FamilySearch. License: Government record; free to view.



WAHRSAGER ELIAS

U.S. immigration card filed at Saint John West, New Brunswick, 27 January 1921 (St. Albans District), front and back: Elias Wahrsager, 41, leather worker, Hebrew, born and last living at Chyrów (written 'Chyrov', with 'Przemyśl' for the region). His nearest relative is his wife Malka, at Chyrów. He is bound for New York to his cousin Samuel Alexander (address written '63 Lewis St.', reading uncertain). He had landed at Saint John from the S.S. Grampian on 30 December 1920. The back carries the 1926 certificate-of-arrival notation used for his naturalization. CONFIRMED

Records of the INS, St. Albans District manifest cards (NARA M1461), via FamilySearch. License: U.S. federal record, public domain.



LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

PER S.S. CLELIA LINE CP. CO.

The Canadian Pacific Ocean Services list of Grampian passengers going on to the United States, January 1921 (St. Albans District, top half of the sheet): line 11, Elias Wahrsager, 41, leather worker. CONFIRMED

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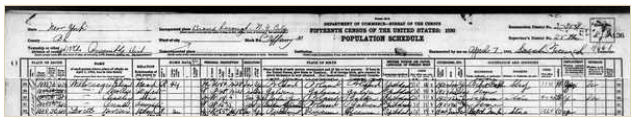
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LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED

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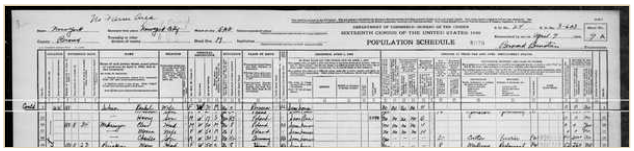
S.S. Majestic, sailing from Southampton on 14 September 1927 for New York, lines 26–29: Malka Wahrsager (housewife), Sarah (housekeeper; this is Sabina), Kallmann (student) and Anna (student). Malka and Sarah are entered as born at Dobromil, Poland; Kallmann and Anna at Berlin, Germany. CONFIRMED

New York passenger lists (NARA T715), via FamilySearch. License: U.S. federal record, public domain.



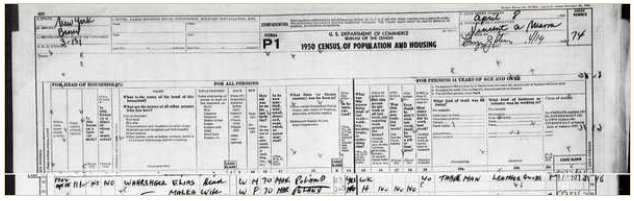
1930 U.S. census, Bronx, enumeration district 3-354 (header and the family's lines): 1035 Tiffany Street, rent $44. Elias Wahrsager (indexed 'Elear Wahrsagr'), 50, pocket-book maker, born in Poland; Mollie, 45; Charley, 19; Ann, 15, who came in 1927. CONFIRMED

1930 U.S. Census (NARA T626), via FamilySearch. License: U.S. federal record, public domain.



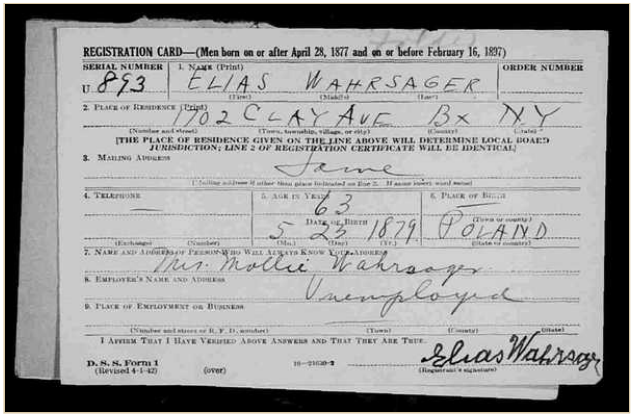
1940 U.S. census, Bronx, enumeration district 3-603, sheet 9A (header, the house number and lines 16–18): Tiffany Street, 1035, rent $34, the same house as in 1935. Elias Wahrsager, 50 (really about 60), head; Monia (Malka), 50, wife; Charles, 30, a fur cutter. CONFIRMED

1940 U.S. Census (NARA T627), via FamilySearch. License: U.S. federal record, public domain.



1950 U.S. census, Bronx, enumeration district 3-131, sheet 74 (header and the family's lines): 1702 Clay Avenue. Elias Wahrsager (indexed 'Wahrshger'), 70, born in Poland, naturalized, a table man in leather goods; Malka, 70, his wife. CONFIRMED

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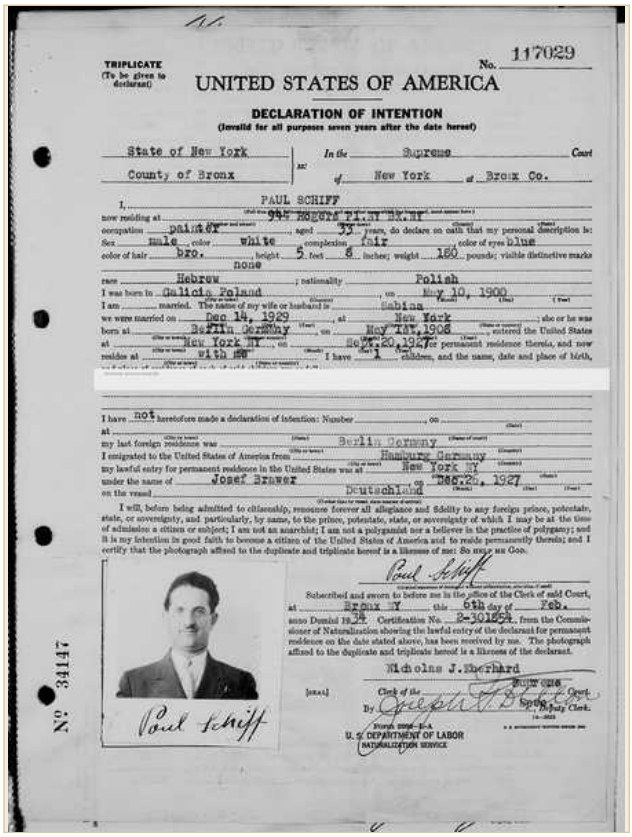
Elias Wahrsager's 1942 draft registration card (the 'old man's draft'): 1702 Clay Avenue, Bronx; born 23 May 1879; the person who will always know his address is Mrs Mollie Wahrsager. CONFIRMED

U.S. World War II draft registration cards, 1942 (NARA), via FamilySearch. License: U.S. federal record, public domain.



1930 U.S. census, Bronx, enumeration district 3-355, sheet 2B (header and lines 95–96): Paul Schiff and his wife Sabina (indexed 'Savina'). Both arrived in 1927, and they had married on 14 December 1929, four months before the count. CONFIRMED

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TRIPLICATE
(To be given to declarant)

No. 117029

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION
(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

State of New York
County of Bronx

In the Supreme Court
of New York at Bronx Co.

I, PAUL SCHIFF
now residing at 944 Rogers Pl. Bx. NY
occupation painter ; aged 33 years, do declare on oath that my personal description is:
Sex male, color white, complexion fair, color of eyes blue
color of hair bro., height 5 feet 8 inches; weight 160 pounds; visible distinctive marks none
race Hebrew ; nationality Polish
I was born in Galicia Poland, on May 10, 1900
I am married. The name of my wife or husband is Sabina
we were married on Dec 14, 1929, at New York; she or he was
born at Berlin Germany, on May 1st, 1908, entered the United States
at New York NY, on Dec 20, 1927, for permanent residence thereto, and now
resides at with her I have 1 children, and the name, date and place of birth,

I have not heretofore made a declaration of intention: Number , on
at
my last foreign residence was Berlin Germany
I emigrated to the United States of America from Hamburg Germany
my lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States was at New York NY
under the name of Josef Brawer on Dec. 26, 1927
on the vessel Deutschland

I will, before being admitted to citizenship, renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly, by name, to the prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of which I may be at the time of admission a citizen or subject; I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer 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 reside permanently therein; and I certify that the photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of me: So HELP ME GOD.

Paul Schiff

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the office of the Clerk of said Court, at Bronx NY this 6th day of Feb. anno Domini 1934 Certification No. 2-301854 from the Commissioner of Naturalization showing the lawful entry of the declarant for permanent residence on the date stated above, has been received by me. The photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of the declarant.

Nicholas J. Eberhard

[SEAL] Clerk of the Supreme Court
By Deputy Clerk.

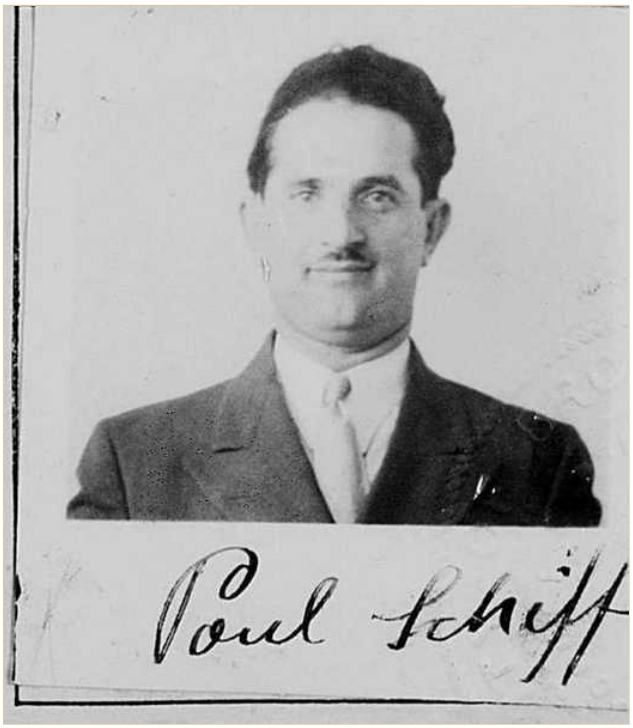
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
NATURALIZATION SERVICE

No. 34147

Paul Schiff

Paul's declaration of intention no. 117029, Supreme Court, Bronx County, 6 February 1934, with his photograph and signature. He is a painter, living at 944 Rogers Place, Bronx, born in Galicia on 10 May 1900. He married Sabina on 14 December 1929 in New York; she was born in Berlin on 1 May 1908. He entered at New York on 26 December 1927 on the S.S. Deutschland under the name Josef Brawer. One line about a child who may be living is greyed out. CONFIRMED

Supreme Court of New York, Bronx County, declarations of intention (Form 2202-L-A), via FamilySearch. License: Government record; free to view (one line greyed out for privacy).



Paul Schiff

Paul Schiff, Sabina's husband, in the photograph on his declaration of intention, Bronx, 6 February 1934. CONFIRMED

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1702 Clay Avenue, Bronx, in the city's tax photograph of about 1940. Elias and Malka Wahrsager lived here from at least 1942 (his draft card) to 1950 (the census).

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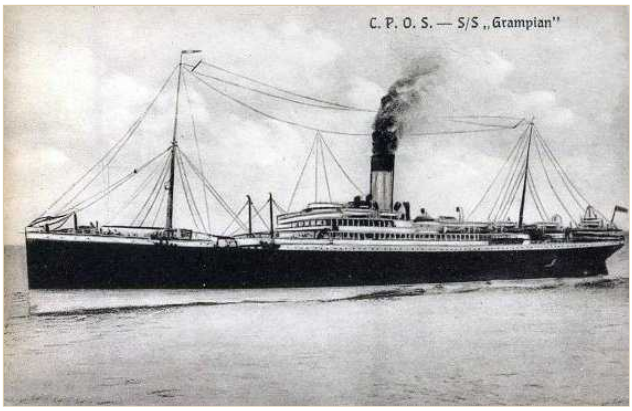
953 Fox Street, Bronx, in the city's tax photograph of about 1940: the building where Sabina Wahrsager married Paul Schiff on 14 December 1929.

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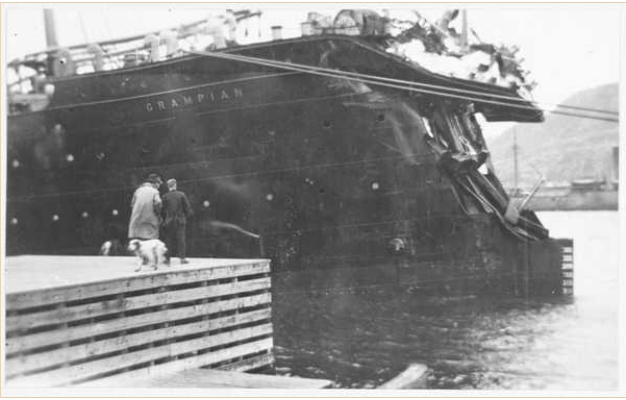
136 East Broadway, on Manhattan's Lower East Side, in the city's tax photograph of about 1940. This was Elias Wahrsager's address when he filed his first citizenship papers in January 1922.

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The Allan Line steamer S.S. Grampian on a postcard of about 1907. Elias Wahrsager crossed from Antwerp to Saint John, New Brunswick, on her in December 1920, when she sailed for Canadian Pacific.

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The Grampian with her bow damaged after striking an iceberg on 10 July 1919, from The Sun (New York), 27 July 1919, pictorial section. Seventeen months later she carried Elias to Canada.

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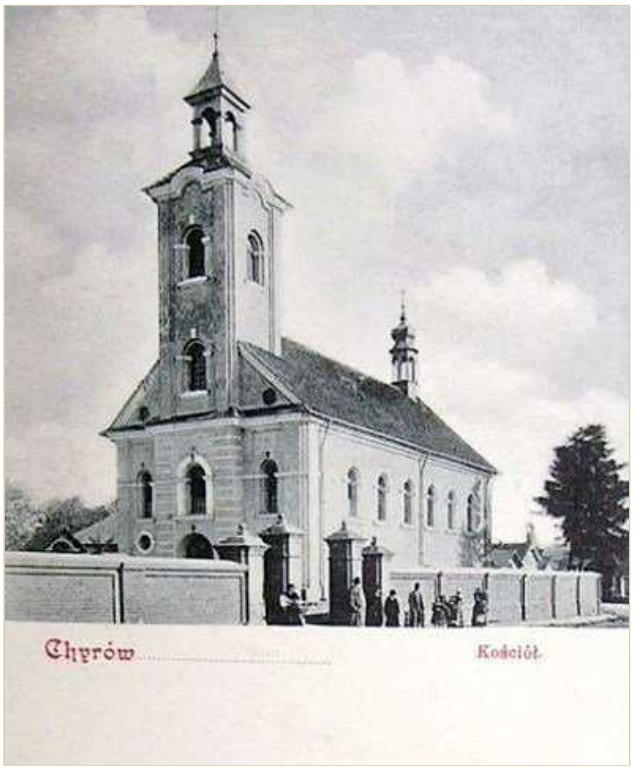
Berlin about 1900: the entrance to the Bötzow brewery at the corner of Prenzlauer Allee and Saarbrücker Straße, Prenzlauer Berg. A few doors down, at Saarbrücker Straße 33, the Wahrsager family lived from about 1909 to 1927.

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The wooden synagogue of Chyrów, in a photograph from the 1920s.

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Chyrów in 1905: the church of St Lawrence and the street around it.

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The Jesuit college at Chyrów in 1936. It was the town's best-known building and stood just outside the centre.

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Chyrów railway station, on the line opened in 1872, photographed in 2010. Elias would have left Chyrów by this line in 1920.

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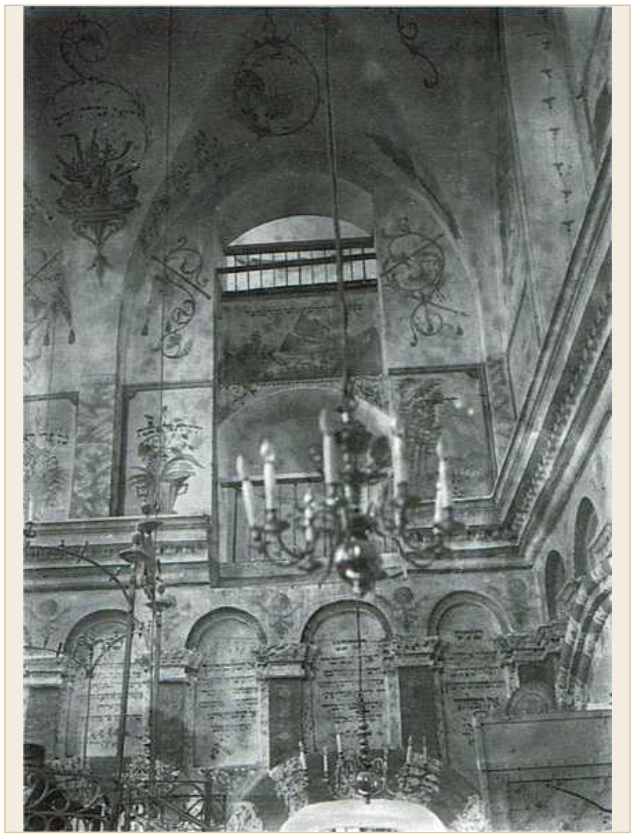
The town hall of Chyrów, photographed in 2017.

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The synagogue of Dobromil, Malka Unger's birthplace, about 1910.

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Dobromil synagogue, about 1910: a second view.

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The market square of Dobromil on a postcard of about 1910, printed and published in the town by Abraham Turk.

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Dobromil's main street, lined with Jewish-owned shops, between 1918 and 1928. The church is in the background.

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Kniażpol (Kniazhpil), near Dobromil, where Leib (Leibisch) Unger died in January 1918. Modern photograph, 2009.

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The Great Synagogue of Drohobycz, about 1900. Chane Pessel Wahrsager née Oher died in Drohobycz in 1898.

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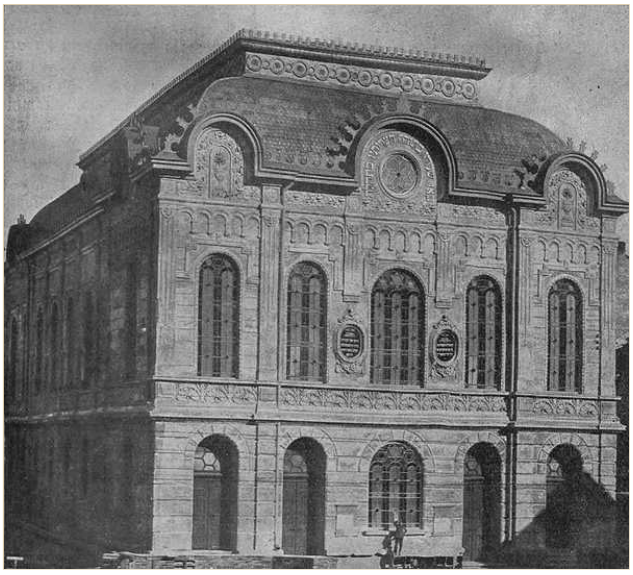
Stryjska Street in Drohobycz about 1918, with Jewish shops and the Ose Chesed synagogue.

Narodowe Archiwum Cyfrowe (sign. 1-U-941), via Wikimedia Commons. License: Public domain (as tagged on Commons).



The Old Synagogue of Przemyśl, about 1910–13. Malka's sister Chaja Lea Unger married in Przemyśl in 1915.

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Przemyśl's New Synagogue as pictured in the Kraków weekly 'Nowości Illustrowane', no. 16, 1912 (photo M. Todt).

Nowości Illustrowane 16/1912 (Jagiellonian Digital Library), via Wikimedia Commons. License: Public domain.



The 'Dobromil' sheet of the Austro-Hungarian Special Map (Spezialkarte, scale 1:75,000), about 1908. It covers Dobromil and the country north towards Przemyśl and Niżankowice.

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Detail of the same 1908 map: the town of Dobromil, its railway and the surrounding villages.

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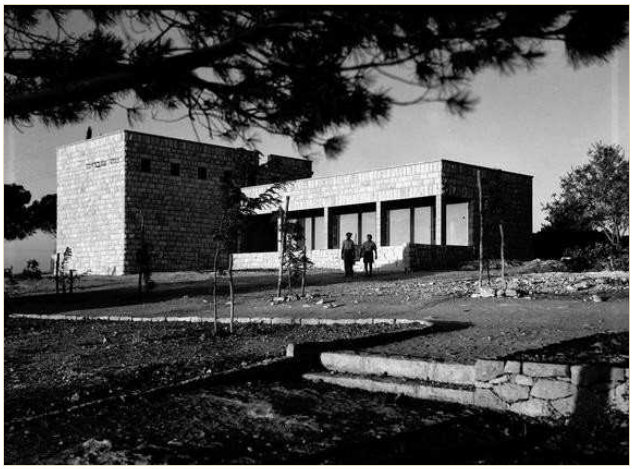
The district (Bezirk) of Dobromil as it was in 1854. Dobromil, Chyrów and Kniażpol, the family's three towns, sit within a few miles of each other. Modern reconstructed map.

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Chyrów's town centre on the Austrian cadastral map of 1853, the map the town's 1853 property register is keyed to. That register names Elias Wahrsager as owner of house 207, Hersch Oher of house 29 and Jankel Gottesdiener of houses 36–37. The numbers on the buildings are parcel numbers, not house numbers. The market square and St Joseph's church are at the top; the Jewish community buildings (school, prayer house, bath; parcels 16–19) at upper left; the buildings by the road at lower left are about where house 207 (parcels 247–248) stood. House positions are approximate and come from Gesher Galicia's geo-referenced index of this map. CONFIRMED

Archiwum Państwowe w Przemyślu, 56/126/0/261M ("Markt Chyrów in Galizien Samborer Kreis", scan 7), via szukajwarchiwach.gov.pl. License: public domain (1853 government survey).



Neve Ovadia at Kfar Etzion, c. 1946: a rest home, library and culture house named for Dr Avraham Ovadia (Gottesdiener), Elias Wahrsager's half-brother, dedicated 8 September 1946.

CONFIRMED

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Lesko, 17 August 1914: marriage of Hersch Gottesdiener, shoemaker, born in Chyrów in 1873, son of Nuta and Sura Gottesdiener, former merchants of Chyrów, to Chaja Lea Tink. A Chyrów Gottesdiener family of Gavriel's generation; no record links them to Elias.

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Archiwum Państwowe w Rzeszowie Oddział w Sanoku, fond 60/448, sygn. 6, scan 53, act 38; szukajwarchiwach.gov.pl. Polish State Archives scan, free reuse with credit.



Mościska, 24 May 1906: birth of Abraham Peisach, son of Chaim Nagel falso Friedel and Freida Gottesdiener, 'daughter of Natan (Nuta) and Sara Gottesdiener' of Chyrów. Freida was Hersch Gottesdiener's sister. POSSIBLE

AGAD Warsaw, fond 300, sygn. 2897, scan 194, act 69; szukajwarchiwach.gov.pl. Polish State Archives scan, free reuse with credit.



Przemyśl, January 1908: marriage of Chaim Jona Wahrsager, carpenter of Chyrów, son of Feiga Wahrsager (the words 'falso Dominitz' after his name are struck through), to Masza Mund recte Ringel. POSSIBLE

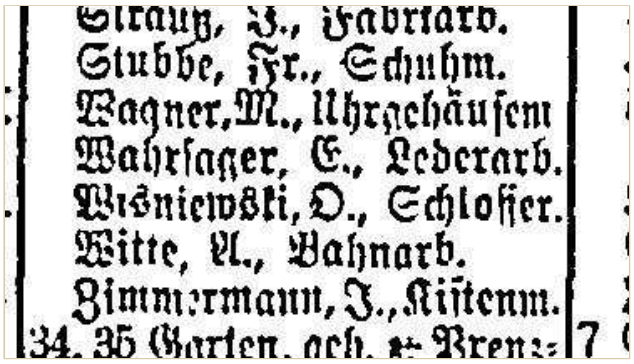
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Wahrmann, Rudolf, Kellner, N 4, Schröderstr. 4.
Währmann, Hugo, Schlosser, N 39, Boyenstr. 9.
Wahrsager, Elias, Lederarb., N 37, Saarbrücker Straße 33, 2. H. I.
Wahrstatt, Josef, Fabrikarb., Tegel, Brunowstraße 49 III.

The Berlin address book for 1910: "Wahrsager, Elias", leather worker, Saarbrücker Straße 33, Berlin N 37. CONFIRMED

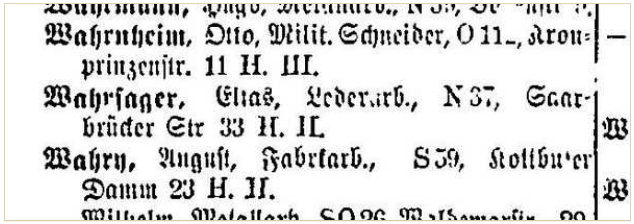
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Strauß, J., Fabrikarb.
Stubbe, Fr., Schuhm.
Wagner, M., Uhrgehäusem.
Wahrsager, E., Lederarb.
Wisniewski, O., Schlosser.
Witte, A., Bahnarb.
Zimmermann, J., Kistenm.
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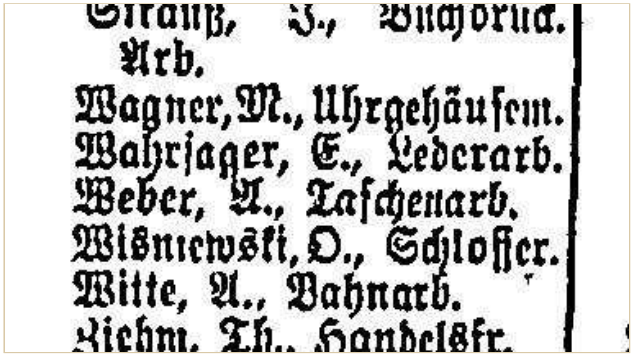
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Wahrnheim, Otto, Milit. Schneider, O 11, Kronprinzenstr. 11 H. III.
Wahrsager, Elias, Lederarb., N 37, Saarbrücker Str 33 H. II.
Wahry, August, Fabrikarb., S 59, Kottbuser Damm 23 H. II.

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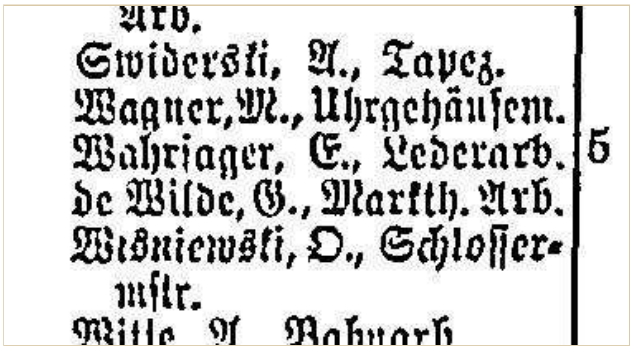
Berliner Adreßbuch 1912, Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin (digital.zlb.de), page 3254: https://digital.zlb.de/viewer/image/34115495_1912/3254/



Strauß, J., Buchdruck. Arb.
Wagner, M., Uhrgehäusem.
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Weber, A., Taschenarb.
Wisniewski, O., Schlosser.
Witte, A., Bahnarb.
Riehm, Th., Handelsfr.

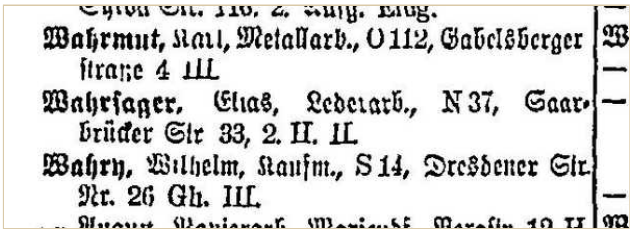
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Wagner, M., Uhrgehäusem.
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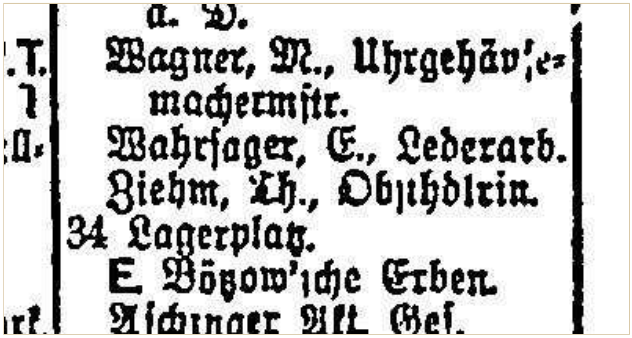
The Berlin address book for 1913, street section: the residents of Saarbrücker Straße 33, Berlin N 37, including Elias Wahrsager, a leather worker. CONFIRMED

Berliner Adreßbuch 1913, Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin (digital.zlb.de), page 4732: https://digital.zlb.de/viewer/image/34115495_1913/4732/


Wahrmut, Karl, Metallarb., O 112, Gabelsberger
straße 4 III.
Wahrsager, Elias, Lederarb., N 37, Saar-
brücker Str 33, 2. H. II.
Wahry, Wilhelm, Kaufm., S 14, Dresdener Str.
Nr. 26 Gh. III.

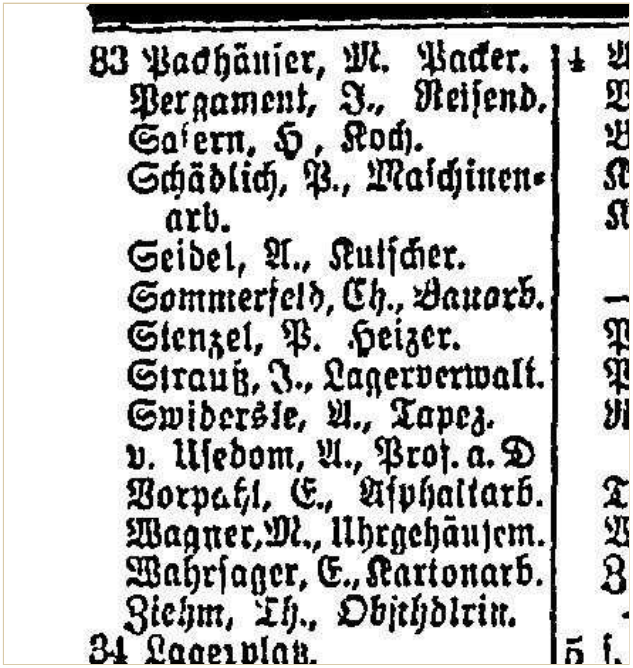
The Berlin address book for 1915: "Wahrsager, Elias", leather worker, Saarbrücker Straße 33, Berlin N 37. CONFIRMED

Berliner Adreßbuch 1915, Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin (digital.zlb.de), page 3350: https://digital.zlb.de/viewer/image/34115495_1915/3350/


a. D.
Wagner, M., Uhrgehäu'e-
machermstr.
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Ziehm, Th., Obsthdlrin.
34 Lagerplatz.
E. Bözow'sche Erben.
Aschinger AkL Ges.

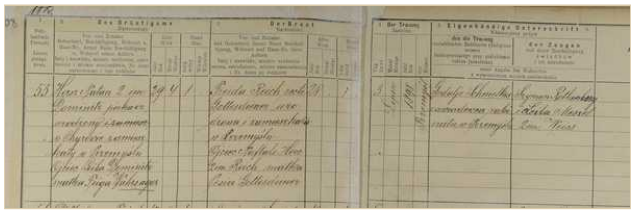
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Berliner Adreßbuch 1915, Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin (digital.zlb.de), page 4771: https://digital.zlb.de/viewer/image/34115495_1915/4771/


83 Pachäuser, M. Packer.
Pergament, J., Reisend.
Safern, H., Koch.
Schädlich, P., Maschinen-
arb.
Seidel, A., Kutscher.
Sommerfeld, Ch., Bauarb.
Stenzel, P. Heizer.
Strauß, J., Lagerverwalt.
Swiderske, A., Tapez.
v. Usedom, A., Prof. a. D
Vorpahl, E., Asphaltarb.
Wagner, M., Uhrgehäusem.
Wahrsager, E., Kartonarb.
Ziehm, Th., Obsthdlrin.
34 Lagerplatz.

The Berlin address book for 1916, street section: the residents of Saarbrücker Straße 33, Berlin N 37, including "Wahrsager, E.", here a cardboard worker. CONFIRMED

Berliner Adreßbuch 1916, Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin (digital.zlb.de), page 4525: https://digital.zlb.de/viewer/image/34115495_1916/4525/



Marriage record of Hersz Natan Dominitz, a baker born in Chyrów, son of Leib Dominitz and Feiga Wahrsager, and Freida Reich (recte Gottesdiener), Przemyśl, 3 July 1898. The record itself is Confirmed; how Feiga Wahrsager was related to Elias Wahrsager is not stated (Possible). POSSIBLE

State Archive in Przemyśl, fond 56/1924, sygn. 16, marriage register 1893–1899, act 55/1898 (szukajwarchiwach.gov.pl, unit 18227815)

חיראב הרב ר' **צבי הורש** בהרה"ג ר' פינחס שליט"א **רימאלט.**
(נאליזינץ)

נולד—תרל"ה, אביו הגאון הג"ל שליט"א הוא אבד"ק זאלקווא, בן הגאון ר' אלימלך שמעון זצ"ל אבד"ק חיראב, בן הרב ר' טידרים זצ"ל, בן הגאון ר' צבי הירש זצ"ל מ"מ ואבד"ק חיראב, נכד הגאון ר' שמחה ראפאפארט זצ"ל אבי הגאון ר' חיים כהן ראפאפארט זצ"ל. ונכד הגאון בעל שו"ת "בנסת יחזקאל" זצ"ל. רבותיו המובהקים של הרב ר' צבי הירש הנ"ל היו אבי הגאון זצ"ל, ואבי אבי הגאון ר' אלימלך שמעון הנ"ל זצ"ל. נסמך להוראה מהגאון ר' שלום מרדכי הכהן זצ"ל אבד"ק ברעזאן, מהגאון ר' אריי' ליבוש הלוי איש הורוויץ זצ"ל אבד"ק סטניסלאב. ומהגאון ר' משה מיוליש שליט"א האבד"ק פרעמישלא. בשנת תרס"ה נתמנה לרב ואב"ד בעיר חיראב הנ"ל למלאות מקום אבותיו הגאונים זצ"ל. יש אתו בכתיבים חיבור על הש"ס ואגדה. יש לו הרשיון מהמשלה להתמנות לאב"ד בהקהלות הגדילות.

The rabbis' directory Ohalei Shem (Pinsk 1912), under Chyrów: R' Zvi Hirsch Rimalt, born 1875, son of R' Pinchas Rimalt — of the Rimalt family who were the rabbis of Chyrów for four generations, in the years HaRav Gavriel HaKohen Gottesdiener lived there. CONFIRMED

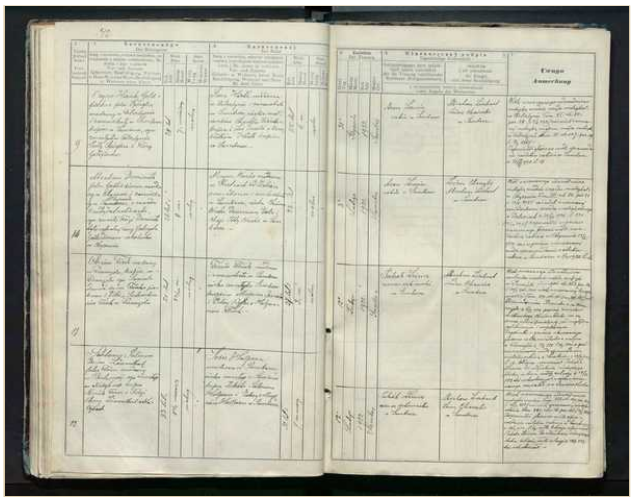
Ohalei Shem (S. N. Gottlieb, Pinsk 1912), p. 284, via HebrewBooks.org (no. 36602)

זאלקאווא הרב ר' **פנחס** בהרה"צ ר' שמעון אלימלך זצ"ל **רומאלט.**
(נאליזינץ)

נולד—תרי"ב, אביו הרה"ג הג"ל זצ"ל הי' אבד"ק חירוב, בהרה"צ ר' טודרוס, בהרה"צ ר' צבי הורש ט"ט דק"ק חירוב הנ"ל. הרב ר' פנחס הנ"ל הי' אבד"ק מאהל. ובשנת תרנ"ג אחרי פטירת אביו הרה"ג הנ"ל זצ"ל נתקבל במקומו לרב בעיר חירוב הנ"ל. ובשנת תרס"ה נתקבל לאבד"ק זאלקאווא הנ"ל.

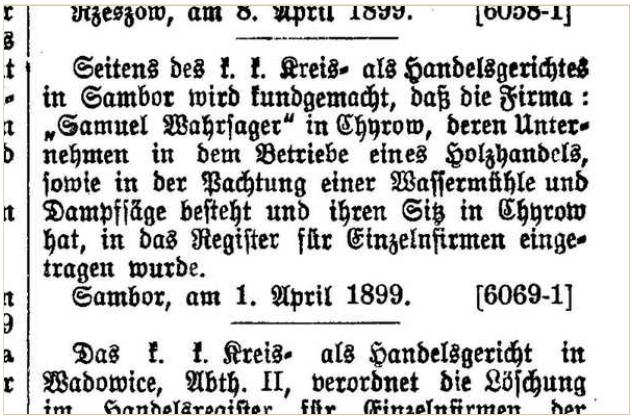
Ohalei Shem (Pinsk 1912), under Zolkiew: R' Pinchas Rimalt, born 1852, son of R' Shimon Elimelech, the rabbi of Chyrów; received as rabbi of Chyrów in 1893 after his father, and of Zolkiew from 1905. CONFIRMED

Ohalei Shem (S. N. Gottlieb, Pinsk 1912), pp. 442–443, via HebrewBooks.org (no. 36602)



Sambor, 3 February 1922 (entry 10): marriage of Abraham Dominitz recte Gottesdiener, rabbinical candidate of Chyrów, son of the late Feiga Dominitz, ritual wife of Gabryel Gottesdiener, and Marjem Wachs, born at Seretce near Załoźce, of Sambor, daughter of Chaim Wachs and Chaja Itta. Rabbi Aharon Lewin officiated. CONFIRMED

Archiwum Główne Akt Dawnych (AGAD), Warsaw, fond 300, sygn. 3698, scan 0038



Rzeszow, am 8. April 1899. [6058-1]

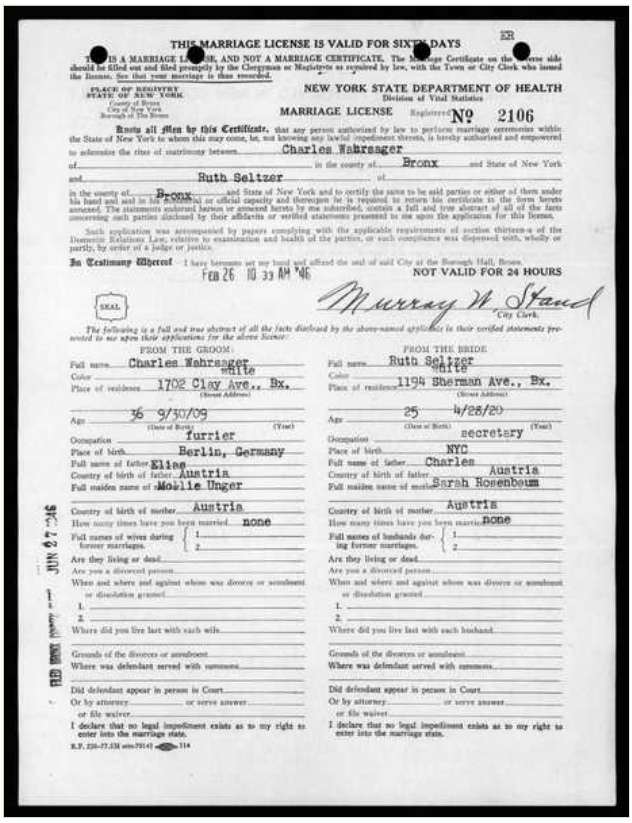
Seitens des k. k. Kreis- als Handelsgerichtes in Sambor wird kundgemacht, daß die Firma: „Samuel Wahrsager" in Chyrow, deren Unternehmen in dem Betriebe eines Holzhandels, sowie in der Pachtung einer Wassermühle und Dampfsäge besteht und ihren Sitz in Chyrow hat, in das Register für Einzelnfirmen eingetragen wurde.

Sambor, am 1. April 1899. [6069-1]

Das k. k. Kreis- als Handelsgericht in Wadowice, Abth. II, verordnet die Löschung im Handelsregister für Einzelnfirmen der

Wiener Zeitung, 9 May 1899, p. 23: the Sambor court enters the firm "Samuel Wahrsager" of Chyrów, a timber business, in the commercial register (kinship to Elias: Possible). CONFIRMED

Wiener Zeitung, 9 May 1899, p. 23; ANNO – Austrian Newspapers Online, Österreichische Nationalbibliothek.



THIS MARRIAGE LICENSE IS VALID FOR SIXTY DAYS

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MARRIAGE LICENSE No. 2106

Charles Wahrsager ... Bronx ... Ruth Seltzer ... Bronx

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NOT VALID FOR 24 HOURS

Murray M. Stand, City Clerk

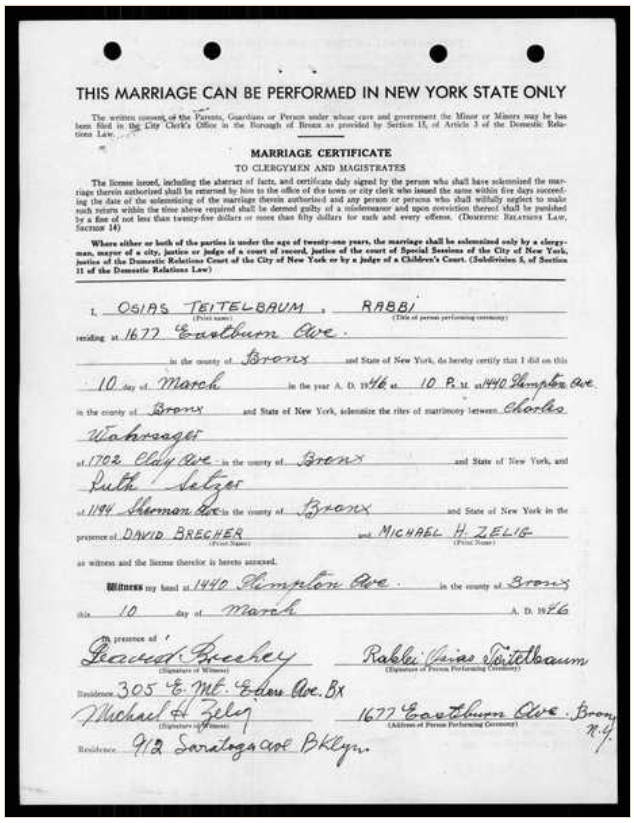
FROM THE GROOM: Charles Wahrsager, White, 1702 Clay Ave., Bx., 36 9/30/09, furrier, Berlin, Germany, Elias, Austria, Mollie Unger, Austria, none

FROM THE BRIDE: Ruth Seltzer, White, 1194 Sherman Ave., Bx., 25 4/28/20, secretary, NYC, Charles, Austria, Sarah Rosenbaum, Austria, None

JUN 27 1946

Marriage licence no. 2106, Bronx, 26 February 1946: Charles Wahrsager, 36, furrier, born in Berlin, son of Elias and Mollie Unger, and Ruth Seltzer, 25, secretary, daughter of Charles Seltzer and Sarah Rosenbaum. CONFIRMED

NYC Municipal Archives, Historical Vital Records (L-B-1946-0002106)



THIS MARRIAGE CAN BE PERFORMED IN NEW YORK STATE ONLY

The written consent of the Parents, Guardians or Person under whose care and government the Minor or Minors may be has been filed in the City Clerk's Office in the Borough of Bronx as provided by Section 15, of Article 3 of the Domestic Relations Law.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

TO CLERGYMEN AND MAGISTRATES

The license issued, including the abstract of facts, and certificate duly signed by the person who shall have solemnized the marriage therein authorized shall be returned by him to the office of the town or city clerk who issued the same within five days succeeding the date of the solemnizing of the marriage therein authorized and any person or persons who shall wilfully neglect to make such return within the time above required shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars or more than fifty dollars for each and every offense. (DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW, Section 14)

Where either or both of the parties is under the age of twenty-one years, the marriage shall be solemnized only by a clergyman, mayor of a city, justice or judge of a court of record, justice of the court of Special Sessions of the City of New York, justice of the Domestic Relations Court of the City of New York or by a judge of a Children's Court. (Subdivision 5, of Section 11 of the Domestic Relations Law)

I, OSIAS TEITELBAUM (Print name), RABBI (Title of person performing ceremony)

residing at 1677 Eastburn Ave.

in the county of Bronx and State of New York, do hereby certify that I did on this

10 day of March in the year A. D. 1946 at 10 P. M. at 1440 Plimpton Ave.

in the county of Bronx and State of New York, solemnize the rites of matrimony between Charles Wahrsager

of 1702 Clay Ave in the county of Bronx and State of New York, and

Ruth Seltzer

of 194 Sherman Ave in the county of Bronx and State of New York in the

presence of DAVID BRECHER (Print Name) and MICHAEL H. ZELIG (Print Name)

as witness and the license therefor is hereto annexed.

Witness my hand at 1440 Plimpton Ave. in the county of Bronx

this 10 day of March A. D. 1946

In presence of

David Brecher (Signature of Witness) Rabbi Osias Teitelbaum (Signature of Person Performing Ceremony)

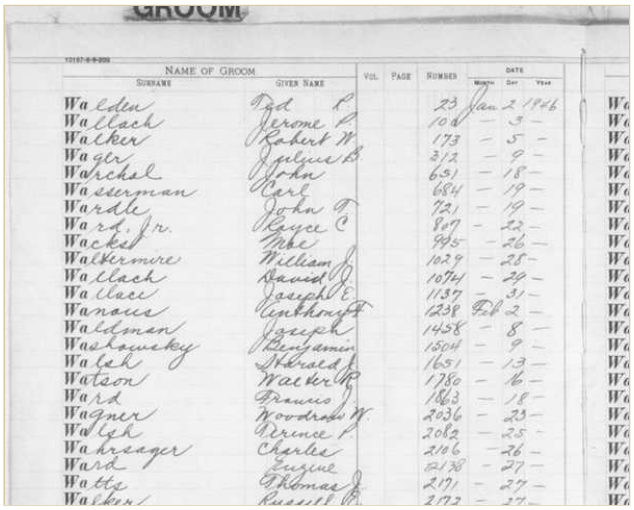
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Michael H. Zelig (Signature of Witness) 1677 Eastburn Ave. Bronx N.Y. (Address of Person Performing Ceremony)

Residence 912 Saratoga ave Bklyn.

Certificate of marriage, 10 March 1946: Rabbi Osias Teitelbaum married Charles Wahrsager and Ruth Seltzer at 1440 Plimpton Avenue, Bronx, in the presence of David Brecher and Michael H. Zelig. CONFIRMED

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The grave marker of Todres (Theodor) Gottesdiener, 1876 [sic; born 4 October 1875] – 30 October 1941, son of HaRav Gavriel HaKohen Gottesdiener of Chyrów. Vienna Central Cemetery, Gate IV, group 21, row 38, grave 55. CONFIRMED

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Dr Avraham Ovadia (Gottesdiener), portrait printed with his memorial essay in Bamishor, 29 August 1941 CONFIRMED

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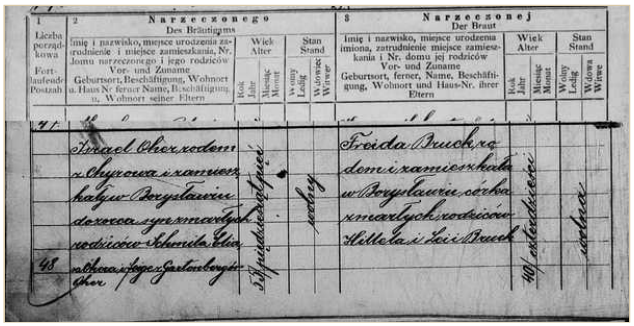
Dr Avraham Ovadia (Gottesdiener), portrait printed with his memorial notice in Netiva, 7 May 1951, p. 18 CONFIRMED

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Death of Dawid Oher, Drohobycz, 27 September 1910 (act 211): son of the late Samuel Eliasz and Feiga Oher; 77, a widower; buried 29 September. (Cause-of-death column cropped out.) CONFIRMED

AGAD Warsaw, fond 300, sygn. 2836 (Drohobycz Jewish deaths 1910), p. 43, act 211; image via JRI-Poland / AGAD metrykalia album, http://agadd2.home.net.pl/metrykalia/300_new/album/2836/ (image 1_300_0_0_2836_0046.jpg)



Marriage of Israel Oher, Borysław, 1906 (act 48): born in Chyrów, living in Borysław, a watchman, 55 and single, son of the late Schmil Eliasz Oher and Feige née Gartenberg; the bride Freida Bruck of Borysław, 40, daughter of the late Hillel and Leia Bruck.

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Archiwum Główne Akt Dawnych (AGAD), Warsaw, fond 300, sygn. 2548 (Borysław Jewish marriages 1906), p. 27–28, act 48; image via JRI-Poland / AGAD metrykalia album, http://agadd2.home.net.pl/metrykalia/300_new/album/2548/ (image 1_300_0_0_2548_0016.jpg)

People of this chapter

Elias (Elisha) Wahrsager HaKohen (1880–1954) · Malka (Mollie) Wahrsager née Unger (1880–1963) · Sabina (Sara) Schiff née Wahrsager (1906–1988) · Paul Schiff (alias Josef Brawer) (1900–1989) · Kallmann (Charles) Wahrsager (1909–1996) · Ruth Wahrsager née Seltzer (1920–2012) · Frances Marsha Wahrsager (1951–1995) · Jacob Lische (Yaakov Elisha) Wahrsager of Chyrów (?–bef. 1882) · Chana Pessel Wahrsager née Oher (c. 1812–1898) · Hersch (Tzvi) Oher (?–bef. 1898) · Chaja Oher née Binderman (?–bef. 1898) · HaRav Gavriel HaKohen Gottesdiener (c. 1845–1922) · Todres (Theodor) Gottesdiener (1875–1941) · Feige (Friga) Gottesdiener née Kleinmann (c. 1877–1931) · Emanuel Gottesdiener (1900–) · Meilech (Emil) Gottesdiener (1902–1942) · Dr Avraham Ovadia (Avraham HaKohen Gottesdiener) (1893–1941) · Feige (Feiga) Gottesdiener née Dominitz (?–bef. 1922) · Yehuda Aryeh Leib (Leibisch, Leiba) Unger (c. 1851–1918) · Rifke (Rywka) Unger · Chaja Lea (Chaje Leie) Goldberg née Unger (c. 1870–

1943) · Schulem (Szulim) Leib Goldberg · Ciwie (Cilli) Goldberg (1893–) · Chaim Jakób Dominitz (c. 1899–) · Blima Dominitz (c. 1896–) · Markus Schiff · [Genta?] Schiff née Brawer · Michael Goldberg (1915–1942) · Sura (Sara) née Wahrsager, called Mindel (?–c. 1880) · Abraham Dominitz · Ester (Estera) Dominitz · Leib Jojna Dominitz (1882–) · Chana Marya Gottesdiener (1885–) · Bluma Surkis née Gottesdiener (1887–) · Röschen Gottesdiener recte Wahrsager (1908–1909) · Erna Wahrsager (?–1916) · Wello Gottesdiener (?–1910) · Chana-Lea Gottesdiener · Abraham Gottesdiener of Kraków (1876–1920) · Hersch Karpel (Surkis) (1885–) · Wilhelm Goldberg · Zelman Oher of Chyrów · Elias (Schmil Elias) Oher (c. 1800–) · Mordche Schabse Oher · Salamon (Schloma) Unger of Chyrów (?–bef. 1900) · Marjema (Marjem) Unger (?–bef. 1900) · Debora Limmer née Unger (c. 1840–1900) · Benjamin Limmer · Nuta (Natan) Gottesdiener of Chyrów · Sura (Sara) Gottesdiener née Mai · Hersch Gottesdiener (1873–) · Chaja Lea Gottesdiener née Tink · Freida Nagel née Gottesdiener (1878–) · Chaim Nagel falso Friedel · Abraham Peisach Nagel (1906–) · Izrael Aron Wahrsager of Chyrów · Rosza Wahrsager née Gurfein · Chaim Jonas Wahrsager (c. 1893–) · Izrael Aron Wahrsager (the younger) · Feiga Wahrsager of Chyrów · Chaim Jona Wahrsager (c. 1887–) · David Gottesdiener of Chyrów · Elka (or Ryfka) Gottesdiener née Spira · Samuel Gottesdiener (1905–) · Wolf Gottesdiener (1912–) · Marjem (Maryjem) Wachs (1898–) · Charles Seltzer · Sarah Seltzer née Rosenbaum · Hinde (Hinda) Glasberg née Wahrsager (c. 1842–1905) · Samuel Glasberg · Hersch Glasberg (1863–) · Nusen Glasberg (1865–) · Moses Glasberg (1867–) · Machle Neger née Glasberg (1877–) · Keile Sara Glasberg (1879–1880) · Jacob Elische (Jakób Elisze) Glasberg (1882–1890) · Chaja Lea Glasberg (Littman) (c. 1867–1934) · Beile (Bajla) Glasberg née Leichtmann (c. 1866–) · Majlach (Meilech) Glasberg (1890–1907) · Freuda (Freida) Glasberg (1892–1892) · Henia Glasberg (1893–) · Sara Glasberg (1895–) · Moses Glasberg (1897–) · Jakób Lische Glasberg (1899–) · Chana Pessel Glasberg (1902–) · Israel Glasberg (1905–) · Hinde Glasberg (1909–) · Markus Josef (Jozef) Neger (c. 1876–) · Lea Hinde Neger (1905–) · Israel Neger (1906–) · Jossel Glasberg (recte Wahrsager) (c. 1872–) · Feige Oher née Gartenberg (c. 1803–1889) · Josel Oher (c. 1824–1882) · Leib Oher (c. 1830–1894) · Dawid Oher (c. 1833–1910) · Chaje Lamberg née Oher (c. 1835–1895) · Isak Oher (c. 1845–1887) · Israel Oher (c. 1845–1919)

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CHAPTER SIX

Resting Places

Beth Moses, Beth David, Lakeside Memorial Park and Har HaMenuchot

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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

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

Family collection



Esther Brecher's bronze marker, 1887–1980. Lakeside Memorial Park. CONFIRMED

Family collection



Shifra Chana bat R' Dovid HaKohen, wife of Pinchas Shalom Friedman — Lucy Friedman née Brecher — died 22 December 1984. Lakeside Memorial Park. CONFIRMED

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

Family collection



Yechiel Mechel ben R' Dovid HaKohen — Nicholas Brecher — 21 November 1915 to 18 October 2014. He served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1945. CONFIRMED

Family collection



Elisha son of R' Gavriel HaKohen Wahrsager — Elias Wahrsager — died 17 Kislev 5715 (11 December 1954). Lakeside Memorial Park. CONFIRMED

Family collection



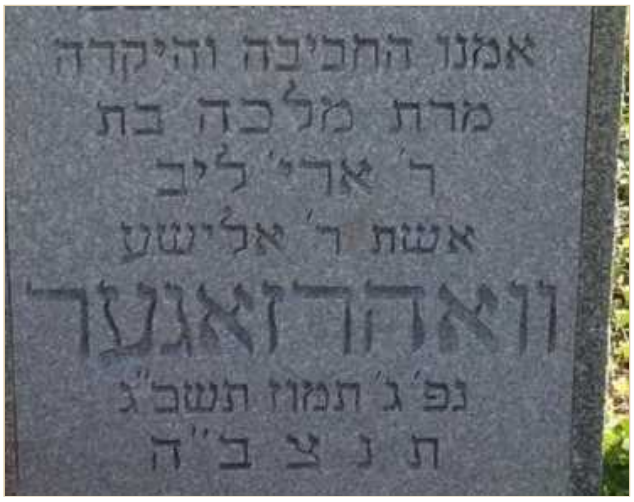
Malka bat Aryeh Leib, wife of Elisha Wahrsager, died 3 Tammuz 5723 (25 June 1963). Lakeside Memorial Park. CONFIRMED

Family collection



The family row at Lakeside Memorial Park, Florida: Malka Wahrsager, Paul and Lucy Friedman, and Elias Wahrsager. CONFIRMED

Family collection



Malka Wahrsager's gravestone (detail): 3 Tammuz 5723, that is 25 June 1963. CONFIRMED

Gravestone; New York State death index



Samuel Eilender, husband of Rosa Brecher, 1880–1937. Beth David Cemetery, Elmont, New York. CONFIRMED

Find a Grave, memorial 245798842



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

Family collection



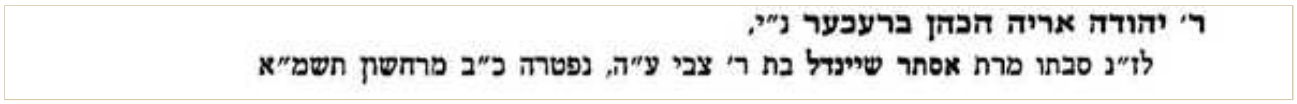
R' Yehuda Aryeh ben R' Shimshon HaKohen Brecher, son of Alex and Anne, died 17 Kislev 5772 (13 December 2011). Har HaMenuchot, Jerusalem. CONFIRMED

Family collection



The gravestone of Chaim Shaul Schondorf, 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

Find a Grave, memorial 245098163; Wellwood Cemetery records


ר' יהודה אריה הכהן ברעכער נ"י,
לז"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

Likutei Perushei HaRishonim, 1981, dedication page

Emigrants from Bănila pe Ceremuș (Banila on the Cheremosh, most likely, not the rabbi's Banila on the Siret) and its 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

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

Find a Grave memorial 253499656; Wellwood Cemetery register, interment W60999

Records found since the book

- New grave photos: Hannah Brecher Rudman and Albert Rudman, Shaarei Tfiloh, Baltimore (plots K-478 and K-477), with their BRECHER / RUDMAN family stone. Exact graves found for Harry and Mollie Brecher (Montefiore, Block 76, Row 8L, Graves 1–2) and, Likely, Selig and Fagie Rudich (United Hebrew, Staten Island, Section 4, Row 3, Graves 3–4). CONFIRMED

  Find a Grave memorials 126944465, 126944464, 158155543, 158155549, 279681403, 279681399

- Ruth Wahrsager née Seltzer rests in Beth Moses Cemetery (Wellwood), Section 2, Block 26, Row 5, Grave 14; Kallmann (Charles) Wahrsager lies in Row 7, Grave 13 of the same block, both in the Sinai Fraternal Order plot. CONFIRMED

  Wellwood–Beth Moses Cemetery interment search (https://wellwoodbethmoses.com/search/), read 22 Oct 2026 and again 24 Oct 2026

- Margaret Brecher (Mindel bat Moshe), wife of Nicholas (Mickey) Brecher, rests in Lakeside Memorial Park, Miami; her yahrzeit falls on 16 Tevet. LIKELY

  obituary; 1950 census; Young Israel Congregation (Surfside/Bal Harbour) newsletter

- Rosa (Rose) Eilender née Brecher was buried at Beth David Cemetery in July 1948, beside her husband Samuel; her death certificate names her parents as Meyer Brecher and Frieda Froner. CONFIRMED

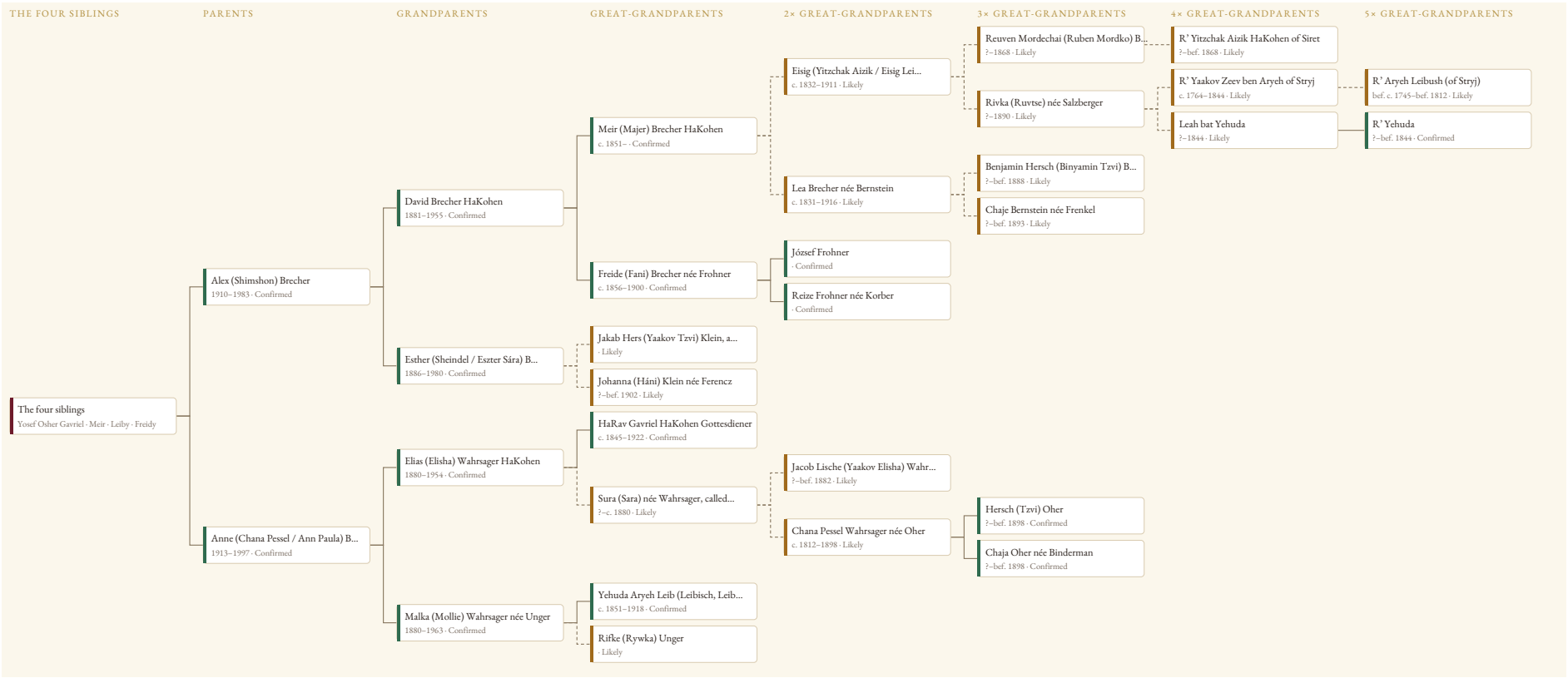
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The direct line on one page

32 direct ancestors over 8 generations, from the four siblings back. Fold-out: open to read across.



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In Remembrance

Members of the family who died in the Holocaust, as the records name them. Dates and places only.

Recorded

Riwen Mordche (Reuven Mordechai) Brecher · b. 1 Mar 1869, Volovăț · d. 1942, Moghilev, Transnistria CONFIRMED
son of Eisig Brecher HaKohen and Lea Brecher née Bernstein

Pesel (Pepi) Brecher née Kupferman · b. 10 Dec 1881, Szurdok (Strâmtura) (1882 on her 1902 marriage act) · d. 1944, Auschwitz CONFIRMED
wife of Asher HaKohen Brecher

Samuel (Sámuel Pinkász) Klein · b. 22 Jul 1877, Nagysomkút · d. 1944 (memorial record; Likely match) CONFIRMED
son of Jakab Hers Klein, also Herman Klein and Johanna Klein née Ferencz

Freida Brecher · b. 23 Oct 1904, Szurdok (Strâmtura) · d. 1944, Auschwitz CONFIRMED
child of Asher HaKohen Brecher and Pesel Brecher née Kupferman

Tema (Temtcha) Brecher · b. 20 Aug 1906, Szurdok (Strâmtura) · d. 1944, Auschwitz CONFIRMED
child of Asher HaKohen Brecher and Pesel Brecher née Kupferman

Izsák (Yitzchak) Brecher · b. 7 Apr 1909, Szurdok (Strâmtura) · d. 1944, Auschwitz CONFIRMED
son of Asher HaKohen Brecher and Pesel Brecher née Kupferman

József (Yosef) Brecher · b. 28 Feb 1912, Szurdok (Strâmtura) · d. 1944, Auschwitz CONFIRMED
son of Asher HaKohen Brecher and Pesel Brecher née Kupferman

Lázár (Eliezer) Brecher · b. 13 Aug 1916, Felsőbánya · d. 1944, Auschwitz CONFIRMED
son of Asher HaKohen Brecher and Pesel Brecher née Kupferman

Devora Brecher née Josef · d. 1944, Auschwitz CONFIRMED
wife of Lázár Brecher

Chaim Leib Brecher · b. 1921, Sighet · d. 1945 CONFIRMED
child of Asher HaKohen Brecher and Pesel Brecher née Kupferman

Leah Brecher · b. Sighet · d. 1944, Auschwitz CONFIRMED
child of Asher HaKohen Brecher and Pesel Brecher née Kupferman

R' Yaakov Zeev Wolf Brecher HaKohen of Banila · b. 1866, Banila · d. Jul 1941, Banila CONFIRMED
son of Zvi Brecher HaKohen and Chana Ruchama Brecher

Meilech (Emil) Gottesdiener · b. 1902, Kraków · d. 16 Apr 1942 (Likely) CONFIRMED
child of Todres Gottesdiener and Feige Gottesdiener née Kleinmann

Chana Itte (Hava-Jetty) Brecher née Knobler · b. c. 1871, Buczacz · d. 1941, Moghilev, Transnistria CONFIRMED
daughter of Israel Feiwisch Knobler and Sure Judith Knobler née Frenkel

Minda Brecher · d. 1944, Auschwitz CONFIRMED
first wife of Farkas (Nachum Ze'ev) Brecher

Usher (Asher) Brecher · b. 1940, Grosswardein (Oradea) · d. 1944, Auschwitz CONFIRMED
grandson of R' Asher HaKohen Brecher

Motti Tabak · d. 1944 CONFIRMED
grandson of R' Asher HaKohen Brecher

Child of Nachum Ze'ev and Minda Brecher (name not recorded) · b. Grosswardein (Oradea) · d. 1944, Auschwitz CONFIRMED
grandchild of R' Asher HaKohen Brecher

Child of Tema and Chaim Tabak (name not recorded, 1) · b. Romania · d. 1944, Auschwitz CONFIRMED
grandchild of R' Asher HaKohen Brecher

Child of Tema and Chaim Tabak (name not recorded, 2) · d. 1944, Auschwitz CONFIRMED
grandchild of R' Asher HaKohen Brecher

Child of Tema and Chaim Tabak (name not recorded, 3) · d. 1944, Auschwitz CONFIRMED
grandchild of R' Asher HaKohen Brecher

Wife of Chaim Leib Brecher (name not recorded) CONFIRMED
wife of Chaim Leib Brecher, son of R' Asher

Child of Chaim Leib Brecher (name not recorded, 1) CONFIRMED
grandchild of R' Asher HaKohen Brecher

Child of Chaim Leib Brecher (name not recorded, 2) CONFIRMED
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Child of Chaim Leib Brecher (name not recorded, 4) CONFIRMED
grandchild of R' Asher HaKohen Brecher

Child of Yosef (Yossel) Brecher (name not recorded, 1) · b. Grosswardein (Oradea) CONFIRMED
grandchild of R' Asher HaKohen Brecher

Child of Yosef (Yossel) Brecher (name not recorded, 2) · b. Grosswardein (Oradea) CONFIRMED
grandchild of R' Asher HaKohen Brecher

Child of Yitzchak and Frimet Brecher (name not recorded, 1) · b. Romania · d. 1944, Auschwitz CONFIRMED
grandchild of R' Asher HaKohen Brecher

Child of Yitzchak and Frimet Brecher (name not recorded, 2) · b. Romania · d. 1944, Auschwitz CONFIRMED
grandchild of R' Asher HaKohen Brecher

Child of Yitzchak and Frimet Brecher (name not recorded, 3) · b. Romania · d. 1944, Auschwitz CONFIRMED
grandchild of R' Asher HaKohen Brecher

Baby of Simcha Eliezer and Devora Brecher (name not recorded) · d. in the ghetto CONFIRMED
grandchild of R' Asher HaKohen Brecher

Paula (Pesia) Fogel née Davidovics · b. 1884, Felsőbánya · d. 1944, Auschwitz CONFIRMED
second wife of Mihály Fogel

Not yet resolved

Mihai (Mihály, Chaim) Tabak · b. 22 Jan 1907, Bárdfalu (Berbești) · d. 1944, Auschwitz LIKELY
spouse of Tema Brecher

Frimet (Frantiska) Brecher née Kreindler · b. 18 May 1910 · d. 1944, Auschwitz LIKELY
wife of Izsák Brecher

Shimon Klein · b. 5 Mar 1890, Felsőbánya (Nagybánya register) · d. 1944 (memorial records; Likely match) LIKELY
child of Jakab Hers Klein, also Herman Klein and Johanna Klein née Ferencz

Chaja Lea (Chaje Leie) Goldberg née Unger · b. c. Mar 1870, Chyrów · d. 5 Jan 1943, Lwów (Likely) LIKELY
Malka's older sister (Likely)

Chaim Jakób Dominitz · b. c. 1899, Chyrów · d. date and place unknown LIKELY
Elias's half-brother (Likely)

Michael Goldberg · b. 1915, Przemyśl · d. 1942, Bełżec LIKELY
son of Chaja Lea (Unger) Goldberg; Anne's first cousin (Likely)

Jenő (Yehuda Yekutiel) Klein · b. 16 Apr 1882, Felsőbánya (memorial record) / c. 1884 (his age in the 1914 and 1918 acts) · d. 1944 LIKELY
brother of Esther Brecher née Klein

Survivors

Eigye (Agnes) Eilender née Katz · b. c. 1840–41 · d. 18 Jan 1877, Felsővisó (aged 36) LIKELY
wife of Elia Eilender

Jenő (Eugen) Brecher
son of Chaim Yehuda (Miksa) Brecher (Satu Mare survivors' index, Likely)

Zwi Hugo Brecher
son of Chaim Yehuda (Miksa) Brecher (Satu Mare survivors' index, Likely)

Lázár Szimha László Brecher
son of Chaim Yehuda (Miksa) Brecher (Satu Mare survivors' index, Likely)

Béla Adalbert Brecher
son of Chaim Yehuda (Miksa) Brecher (Satu Mare survivors' index, Likely)

Menyhért Fogel · b. 13 Feb 1903, Felsőbánya CONFIRMED
son of Berta Fogel née Klein; Esther's nephew

Elemér Fogel · b. 3 Mar 1911, Felsőbánya LIKELY
son of Mihály Fogel by his second marriage

Faces in the photographs

Only people the caption or the family places are marked. A dashed box means the placing is likely, not certain.

The family in the Bronx, early 1940s



1. Alex (Shimshon) Brecher — the siblings' father. 1910–1983. Placed: standing in the centre (caption; identification by the family).
2. Esther (Sheindel / Eszter Sára) Brecher née Klein — the siblings' grandmother. 1886–1980. Placed: seated, left (caption: "very likely", family identification).
3. David Brecher HaKohen — the siblings' grandfather. 1881–1955. Placed: seated, right (caption: "very likely", family identification).

Not marked:

- Anne (Chana Pessel) Brecher — the caption places her standing in the centre beside Alex; which of the two women beside him is not stated, so no box is drawn.
- The two small children — not identified (the caption does not name them).
- The other people standing — not identified in the caption.

Family collection (Yosef Osher Gavriel Brecher), shared 2017

Yitzchak and Frimet Brecher with their children



1. Izsák (Yitzchak) Brecher — son of Asher HaKohen Brecher and Pesel Brecher née Kupferman. 1909–1944. Placed: the man (the caption names Yitzchak with his wife and children).
2. Frimet (Frantiska) Brecher née Kreindler — wife of Izsák Brecher. 1910–1944. Placed: the woman (the caption names Yitzchak with his wife and children).

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