August 8, 2021

Dear Kremenets District Friends,

A group of 36 Kremenetsers attended our virtual Birds of a Feather meeting, held virtually August 4 at the 2021 IAJGS conference. For those of you who weren't able to attend, we have posted <u>the presentation</u> as part of our annual update on activities and finances for the past year. Co-Coordinator Sheree Roth and I fielded questions on the various parts of the presentation, reviewed projects completed, and previewed some new projects.

We're especially grateful to Adam Mizock, who shared a fascinating set of analyses and observations on the Kremenets vital records. Several attendees noted that their ancestors had been directly affected by the trends and events Adam discussed.

Best of all, this year we could see each other on-screen during the meeting--not the same as seeing each other in person, but an improvement over last year's format.

Here are some follow-up notes and information:

- Many thanks to Enid Cherenson, who shared moderator duties.
- One thread of the conversation involved the 1897 All-Russia Census. <u>This 2008</u> <u>article from the journal Avotaynu</u> may be of interest.
- At the meeting, we noted that the <u>Concordance</u> (our master index of names and towns) now has more than 440,000 entries. If you haven't searched it recently, consider giving it a try.
- We also noted that our mailing list now includes 557 individuals in 19 countries, with most subscribers located in the United States and significant representation in Israel and Canada.

As I mentioned at the session, we hope to have a midyear (online) meeting in January 2022, which will be free of charge to subscribers. We look forward to seeing you then.

And if you have these skills, we would be honored to have your help:

- Manage a website
- Download documents from the web and organize them
- Create and edit Excel worksheets
- Translate from Russian or Polish to English, or simply read the Cyrillic alphabet

Please contact us if you can help in any way--and as always, donations help us pay our translators and acquire records. Please see below if you'd like to contribute.

Best wishes to all of you and many, many thanks for your support and interest.

Regards,

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