

August 2020

Dear Kremenets District Friends,

A group of 55 Kremenetsers attended our virtual Birds of a Feather meeting, held August 12 at the 2020 IAJGS conference. For those of you who weren't able to attend, we have posted [the presentation](#) as part of our annual update on activities and finances for the past year.

We weren't sure what to expect from our first virtual meeting, but it worked out well. We're especially grateful to Enid Chersonson, who shared moderator duties with Ellen, and to Rachel Karni and Michael Snyder for their contributions. Ellen and Ron fielded questions on the various parts of the presentation, reviewed projects completed, and shared ideas for new projects.

At the meeting, we noted that the [Concordance](#) (our master index of names and towns) now has more than 400,000 entries. If you haven't searched it recently, you should give it a try. We also noted that our mailing list now includes 557 individuals.

At the meeting, we discussed these potential new projects. If you're interested in helping, please reply to this email.

- **Yad Vashem Pages of Testimony (Dapei Ed):** Rachel Karni has been helping to complete our memorial to those who were killed in the Holocaust by submitting Yad Vashem [Pages of Testimony](#) for people from Shumsk who were victims (pages exist for many, but certainly not all, victims from Kremenets-district towns). She did this by obtaining information from relatives of those who were killed. If you would like to replicate this project for another town, please write to [KremenetsDRG@gmail.com](mailto:KremenetsDRG@gmail.com), and we will put you in touch with Rachel.
- **JRI-Poland search:** We need to do town name searches in the [JRI-Poland database](#) to identify any records for our towns other than the ones we have submitted.
- **Kremenets-district family tree:** This idea envisions using our translations of revision lists, vital records, and other documents to create a unified family tree for the Jews of all of our Kremenets district towns. .
- **Vital records analysis:** We'd like to update Ron's 2001 demographic analysis of our vital records. The previous analysis covered only 1870 to 1872. Now we have records that take us right up to the pre-Holocaust years. We need volunteers with Excel and analytic skills to help out.
- **Kremenets Jewish Cemetery restoration:** It seems to be time to renew our efforts to restore and maintain the Kremenets Jewish Cemetery. There are several organizations working on cemetery restoration throughout Eastern Europe. We need a few volunteers to lead this effort.

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

- 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
- Manage large, complex projects

In the coming months, we'll send details on these and other projects. 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 all your support. If ou'd like to make a donation, please see the instructions below.

Regards,

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 an activity of the Kremenets District Research Group  
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Ellen is researching BAT, AVERBAKH from Kremenets, Shumsk, Katerburg, and Folvarki, Ukraine;  
 GERSHIK, HURWITCH from Staryye Dorogi and Bobruisk, Belarus; and  
 ROTHKOPF (ROTKOP), GOLDBERG from Bialystok, Poland, and Baranivichi and Slonim, Belarus  
 Ron is researching DOCTOR (DIOKHTER), VARER, AVERBAKH, KORENFELD ... all from Kremenets, Oleksinets, Yampol, and Vishnevets; and  
 KAZDOY (KOSODOY), DUBINSKI, DUBOVSKY ... all from Kiev, Uman, Odessa, and Maryanovka.

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