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Dear Kremenets district friends,

We hope this Passover season finds you and your family happy and healthy. We are writing to invite you to our annual gathering at the IAJGS meeting this summer and to explain how to get scans of original images for some of the vital and other records we have translated.

## IAJGS Meeting, July 30-August 3, 2023

KDRG will hold its usual annual meeting during the <u>2023 meeting of the</u> <u>International Association of Jewish Genealogy Societies</u>, held in London, United Kingdom, from July 30 to August 3. We'll announce the exact date and time four our session as soon as we know it.

Meanwhile, if you are planning to attend the meeting in person, please send an email to <u>KremenetsDRG@gmail.com</u>. (The format for the IAJGS meeting will be in-person only this year. We hope to be able to arrange a Zoom feed for our meeting; stay tuned.)

## Vital Records and Other Documents: How to Get Original Images

In the early 2000s, Ron Doctor and Sheree Roth obtained scans of some Kremenets district vital records and Revision Lists (censuses) on CD from the Latter-Day Saints' Family History Library (FHL). In subsequent years, KDRG obtained scans of additional vital records and other documents from the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People in Jerusalem. While we were able to publish translations of these records, our agreements with FHL and the Central Archives required us to restrict access to the original records.

In 2023, the situation is quite different:

• The Family History Library has posted online on FamilySearch the same records we obtained earlier on CD (i.e., <u>vital records</u> and <u>Revision Lists</u>).

They are not translated or indexed on FamilySearch, and access is restricted to view-only.

- Since 2018, Alex Krakovsky of Ukraine has <u>successfully sued Ukraine's</u> <u>Ministry of Justice</u> for the right to scan and distribute archival records. He posts the records he has scanned on a <u>wiki site</u>. (We have already translated all the Kremenets-district records he has posted.)
- The <u>State Archives of the Ternopil Region</u> (of Ukraine), the original source of many FHL and Central Archives documents, has begun posting vital records and other documents online, with full public access.

To give our community members access to scans of original images, we have done the following:

- For vital records available on FamilySearch, the translations spreadsheets (Kremenets\_Births, Kremenets\_Marriages, Kremenets\_Deaths, and Kremenets-Divorces) on our <u>Contributor Site</u> now include links to the scans on FamilySearch. (Thanks to Fraidie Amitai for adding these links to the spreadsheets.)
- For other vital records and many other documents obtained from the Ternopil archives, the <u>Contributor Site</u> includes instructions on accessing scans of the original images.
- We have begun working on adding links to scans of original Revision List records--but this will take some time: our Revision List master translation sheet has more than 100,000 rows!

A reminder: the <u>Contributor Site</u> is open to community members who have donated cash or services in the past two years. Instructions for donating are at the end of this message. If you have questions, please email <u>KremenetsDRG@gmail.com</u>.

Best wishes,

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