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Dear Kremenets District Friends,

A wonderful group of Kremenetsers attended our annual Birds of a Feather meeting at the 2019 IAJGS conference in Cleveland. We have posted [the presentation Ellen gave](#) as part of our annual update on activities and finances for the past year.

We always enjoy enthusiastic discussions at these annual meetings, but this one was even better than usual. Ellen fielded questions on the various parts of her presentation. We launched several new projects to help our colleagues tap into the mass of data that now is available. If you haven't [searched our master name index](#) recently, you should give it a try. The Concordance now has almost 400,000 entries.

Ellen has been revising the arrangement of [our KehilaLinks website](#) to make it more usable. Look especially at the [Research](#) section and the new [Browse All Resources](#) (site index) page. And, please let us know if this works, or doesn't work, for you.

At the meeting, several volunteers stepped forward to help us plan and launch some important new projects.

- **Kremenets-district family tree:** We will use 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. Eli Savada volunteered to lead the planning effort and will manage the project with help from Adam Bronstein and Michael Snyder. Please contact us if you can help make this project a reality.
- **Online connections with Kremenetsers:** Gil Bardige will look for ways to make it easier for Kremenetsers active on various genealogy sites to connect. Let us know if you have any ideas about this.
- **Kremenets cemetery gravestones:** Alan Kaul has taken 1,000 photos of gravestones in the Kremenets Jewish Cemetery. He will integrate these with

more than 3,200 photos that we took in the early 2000s. But we need significant help matching the Hebrew on the new photos with the images we have. Alan also will begin preparing our gravestone translations for submittal to the [JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry](#) (JOWBR).

- **Vital records analysis:** Richard Spector is looking into the possibility of leading a team 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. This is a massive project. We need volunteers with Excel 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.

In the coming months, we'll send details on these and other projects and, most important, on how you can use your skills to help. Please contact us if you can help in any way.

**A Note from Ron:** As most of you know, for the past year and a half or so, Ellen has been doing essentially all the work of managing our Kremenets District Research Group. And she had done a remarkably good job at this. Now, the time has come for me to step down as President. I have asked Ellen to serve as Interim President and she has accepted. I will continue to assist with our various projects and with our incorporation paperwork and financial requirements. Within the next few months, we will follow the procedures in our bylaws for nominations and elections. Please let us know if you wish to serve on the Board or as an elected Officer.

Best wishes to all of you and many, many thanks for all your help and donations.

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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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