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Lepel Town Synagogue

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My approach to family history began with the idea of engaging the entire family in learning with me. I constantly posed questions, requested stories and photographs. JewishGen became an invaluable resource for connecting me to other researchers. I was also fortunate to reconnect with an old high school friend, Joel Alpert, who created a website of the Jews of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. I was able to locate some researchers in Belarus who gained access to records that enabled me to learn about the early history of our family. While I knew the broad history of my great-grandparents, my research pushed our history back generations.

Dr. Tsodik Aronin (who came to the US in the 1980's), the grandson of my grandfather's sister Devorah, learned of my research. Tanya Ozadovsky (who lives in Moscow), the granddaughter of my grandfather's sister Reyla, found me. Tanya and her son Jacob were able to provide the most amazing story of the survival my grandfather's five siblings and their families who all remained in Belarus. My grandfather Yehuda and his four brothers (Joseph, Abe, William, and Max) arrived in the US, along with Meyer's son, cousin Leo, in the early 1900's. Meyer, Zalman, Reyla, Devorah, and Itka remained in Belarus. They survived WWI and WWII.

As I was documenting our branch of the Bensman family, more and more Bensmans began contacting me. I grew up knowing my first and second

cousins, but now I have documented third cousins and even sixth and seventh cousins. There are still numerous branches that I still have not connected, but I hope I will eventually learn more.

I do owe a deep appreciation to several people who have encouraged and assisted me throughout the past decade. Stephen Bensman, my second cousin, and his wife Miriam are both outstanding intellectuals who have always made their time available to translate Russian, Yiddish, Polish documents. My first cousin Rhoda and her husband Phil were active researchers. My cousin Rhoda knew the family stories and always had great insight. Tanya Ozadovsky's documentation of the family in Belarus, Russia, Israel, and many other places has been remarkable. Evelyn Bensman Rudnick, the daughter of William Bensman, has been a major source of family history and provided many of the wonderful photographs.

Allen B. Saxe the son of Jessie Bensman Saxe and Morris Saxe
the grandson of Yehuda Bensman and Reishe Sussman Bensman
the great-grandson of David Bensman and Crena Feiga Aaron
the great-great- grandson of Zalman Bensman
the great-great-great grandson of Abram-Meyer and Ginda Leybov
the great-great-great-great grandson of Borukh

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Our earliest documented direct ancestor was Borukh Bensman. Borukh had three sons, Leyba, Zalman, and Abram-Meyer. While we do not have Borukh's date of birth, he probably was born in the late 1700's.

Abram-Meyer was born in 1800 and is our next documented direct ancestor. His wife was Ginda Leybova. They had a daughter Lifsha and four sons, Itska, Yankel, Zalman and Borukh. Abram-Meyer was approved by the civil authorities to be a farmer. This occurred in 1853, and it literally took an "act of Congress."

Dossier on the land buy from the landlord of Lepel Uezd Dobrovolsky according to the petition of Lepel petty bourgeois Abram-Meyer Borukhovich Bensman, 1853-1854, where following was noticed:

In June 1853 Abram-Meyer Bensman applied with the petition on his wish to do a farming with his family to the Civil Gubernator of Vitebsk Province, wherefore he has bought 23 dessiatina and 1800 sagen of plough-land from the landlord Dobrovolsky at the folvark Plotki of Lepel Uezd. A kupchaya krepost was made at the Court of Lepel Uezd in 1853 April 14. He also informed about the land buy from his own funds in the petition. He submitted a document from Lepel Municipal Duma, 1853 May 11, where noticed that there were no barriers for his including into the class of jews-farmers.

Zalman was born in 1822. Abram-Meyer's son Zalman was allowed to continue as a farmer. This gave the family certain privileges and an exemption from military service which continued until 1880. Zalman was the father of David Bensman (my great grandfather).

March 4, the Civil Gubernator of Vitebsk Province was informed about Abram Bensman's including into the class of the jews-farmers by Vitebsk Kazyennaya Palata. 1854 November 3, "Vitebsk Provincial Committee for jews-farmers" was informed that Jankel Abramov B. and Zalman Abramov B., jews, have been included into the Abram-Meyer Bensman father's family from the beginning of 1855 by Vitebsk Kazyennaya Palata. They have been allowed "to use a privilege on a par with the father....beginning this privilege from the time of his including into the farmers, i.e. from 1854: he had a tax privilege and exempted from other duties for 10 years, from recruitment duty for 25 years".

Fund 2552, opis 1, dyelo 88, pages 5-5ds, 8-8ds, 33-34, 39-40

It appears that these privileges ended in 1879 when our greatgrandfather David was starting his family of 10! In 1889, when we learn that David Bensman now lives outside of Lepel in his own house and is a brick maker

List of jews, who lived in the country of Lepel Uezd, 1889, where following persons were noticed: #163 Lepel petty bourgeois Bensman Dovid Zalmanov, lives in the village Staroye Lyadno of Zabolotskaja Volost, department to state property. He settled down there in 1875 November 3. He lives in the own house; the previous place of living was Lepel Town. He works as a worker at the brick-field. He has not any certificate from Manufacturing Board. He has 49 years old in 1889.

His wife Feyga Itskova, 46 years old.

His sons: Meyer, 20 years old;
Zalman, 14 years old;
Yuda, 12 years old;
Vulf, 10 years old;
Abel, 7 years old;
Ovsey, 6 years old;
Mota, 2 years old.

His daughters: Itka, 18 years old;
Dvora, 16 years old;
Relya, 4 years old.

Fund 1416, opis 3, dyelo 21591, page 74ds.

Over the next decade Yehuda, Joseph, William, Abe and Max would emigrate to the US.



The Meyer Bensman Family



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*Meyer and Brocha Rozen
Bensman*

Meyer was the oldest child. He was the teacher (malamed). He had four sons (Isaac, Leo, Zalman and Borukh) and a daughter – Pesya. Leo and Pesya were twins. Leo had departed with his uncles to USA. He never married, but he had tried to support his sisters and brothers in Belarus by sending them presents. He lived in Duluth, Minnesota and owned a men's store. He was a major contributor to Jewish institutions in Duluth. Isaac and Pesya lived and died in the town of Novo-Borisov which is not far from Minsk, the capital of Belarus. They were rather old. Isaac had two sons: David and Abram. David lives in the Ukraine. He has a son and a daughter. Abram lives in Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan; he has a son and a daughter too.

Pesya (Bensman-Gurvich) had four daughters (Fanya, Fruma, Zina and Brocha) and a son Jury who tragically died at his work. His son Eugen no lives in Minsk. Fanya had died in the age of 60. Her daughter Tamara lives in Minsk with her family, her son Sasha (Shablya) lives in Israel. Fruma lives in Israel with her daughters and grandchildren. Zina and Brocha live near Rochester, NY with their children and grandchildren.

Zalman lived in Minsk and then in Moscow. He died in 1995. He was 95. He was an accountant general. He was at WW2 and had some decorations. He has a son Abram who lives in Germany now with one of his daughter Ira and grand children. Abram's daughter Galya lives in Israel with her family.

Borukh lived in Moscow. He was an engineer. He died in 1988. He was 86. He served in WW2 and had some decorations. He had two sons. One of them – Albert lives in Moscow. He is an engineer. He is 70 years old. His son Igor is the musician and has two daughters: Darya and Tanya. Albert has also a daughter Ann.

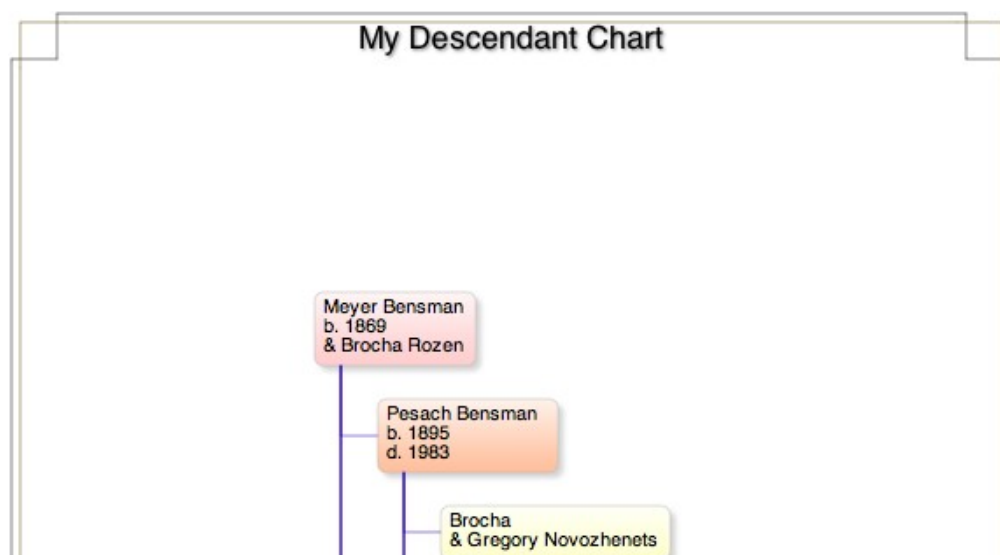
Another son of Borukh-Mark now lives in Israel. His elder son Roman lives in USA with his family and the younger son of Mark named Albert lives in Israel. They all are highly educated. (Contributed by Tanya Ozadovsky)

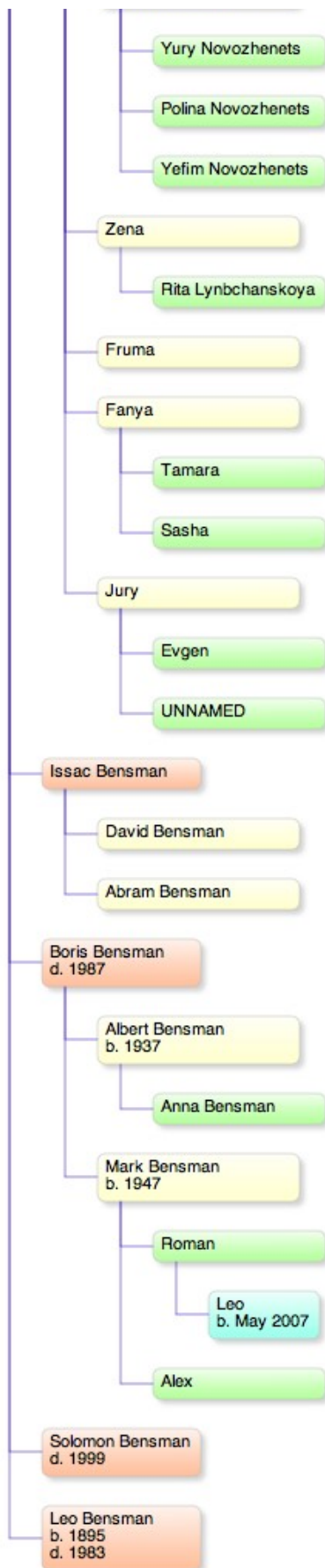
There is a Jewish tradition to name a new child after a deceased relative. Roman Bensman recently had a son (May 2007). He chose to honor Leo Bensman by naming his son Leo. Leo Bensman came to US in the early 1900's. He did his best to keep in touch with the family in Belarus. He lived a life as a mensch. Little Leo the son of Roman, the grandson of Mark in Israel, the great grandson of Borukh of Belarus, the great great grandson of Meyer Bensman of Belarus is blessed with a tradition of learning, love of family and tzedekah.

Allan Garon includes stories and photos of Leo Bensman. Visit his [website!](#)



David Mazo, Pesach and Borukh









The Zalman Bensman Family



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Photograph taken in Lepel, about 1935

From left to right

Upper row

1. Fruma Bensman-Kulikova (Zalman-der-Lyadner's daughter)
2. Isaak Bensman (Zalman-der-Lyadner's daughter).
3. Dina (Zalman-der-Lyadner's granddaughter, Ida Bensman's daughter)
4. Feiga Bensman (Zalman-der-Lyadner's daughter).

Lower row.

1. Zalman-der-Lyadner's Bensman.
2. Unknown boy, not Bensman.
3. Tsipora Bensman, Zalman-der-Lyadner's wife.

Zalman was the second son of David and Feiga. He lived in Lepel with his family – two sons (Isaac and Joseph) and four daughters (Ida, Feiga, Sonya and Fruma).

Zalman was evacuated by his daughter Feiga from Lepel when WW2 began, so he was saved. After WW2 he lived with the family of his son Isaak in Leningrad. The eldest son of Zalman was Isaak who was born in 1905. He came to Leningrad from Lepel, He graduated from the Institute and then lived and worked there all his life even when Leningrad was blockaded in WW2. He was clever and successful.

He had two sons: Vladimir and Gregory. Vladimir died, and did not have children. Gregory has a son and a daughter. The son lives in Leningrad now, the daughter lives in Germany . They all are highly educated, have family and children.

The second son of Zalman was Joseph. He graduated from the Leningrad University, he was the chemist. Then he was sent to Klin (it is not far from Tver), where he lived all his life with his family. He served in WW2 and has some decorations. He was born in 1907 and died in 1972. Joseph had two sons: Jury and Igor. Jury is an English teacher. He lives in Moscow and has a daughter Elena and

grandson Misha. Igor is the worker. He lives in Kiln with his family and has one daughter Vera.

The eldest daughter of Zalman was Ida. She was born in 1903 and was the first of Zalman's children who went from Lepel to Leningrad to study. She became a teacher of history and lived in Leningrad for all her life. She died when she was 82 years old.

Ida had a daughter and a son. The daughter was named Dina (Rascazova). She was born in 1930 and was the teacher of German. She lived in Leningrad and died in 1974. She had no children. Ida's son Gennady (Rascazov) was born in 1936. He was an engineer, lived in Leningrad and died at 56. Gennady had a daughter Elen , who lives in Leningrad and has two sons Max and Roman.

The second daughter of Zalman was named Feiga. She had no education and did not have her own family, but she was the woman who was always ready to help her relatives: she helped her father with evacuation (their mother had already died). She helped raise all her nephews and nieces. She appeared where she was needed most of all. She was born in 1910 and died in 1987. She lived in Lepel and Leningrad until WW2 began and then she lived in Moscow.

The third daughter of Zalman was Sonya. She also went to Leningrad to study, graduated from the Institute (diploma with Honor) and become a chemist-engineer. She married her cousin David Mazo , who was son of Relya, the daughter of David and Faiga Bensman. They lived not far Moscow. Sonya was born in 1912 and died in 1989. She had one daughter Tanya and one grandson Jacob (Ozadovsky) . They live in Moscow and are highly educated.

The youngest daughter of Zalman was Fruma. She studied in Leningrad and became a medical nurse. Her husband (Ivan Kulikov) was in the military, he served in WW2 and after war was sent to serve in Ukraine. So Fruma lived there. They had two daughters and a son: Lusya, Galina and Vladimir. Fruma was born in 1917 and died in 1983. Lusya (Morozova) lives now in St. Petersburg and has one son Sergey. Galina (Stolina) lives in Moscow, has a son and a granddaughter Alla. Vladimir lives in Ukraina in Chernovtsy, has one son Roman, who has a green-card and now work in USA. Galina, Vladimir and their children are highly educated.(Contributed by Tanya Ozadovsky)



Issac



Sofia



Joseph, 1945



Joseph, 1960

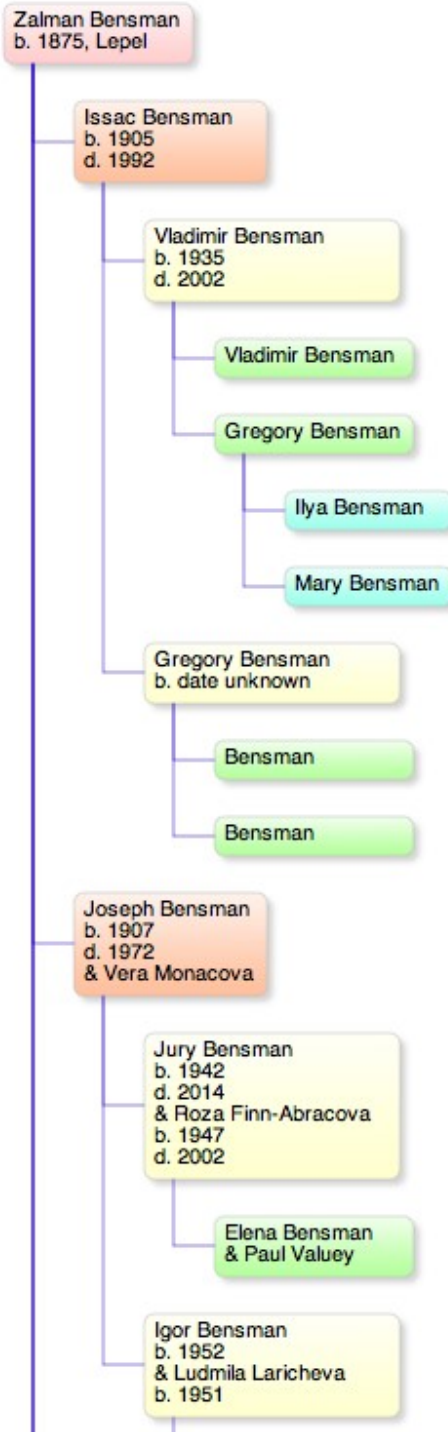


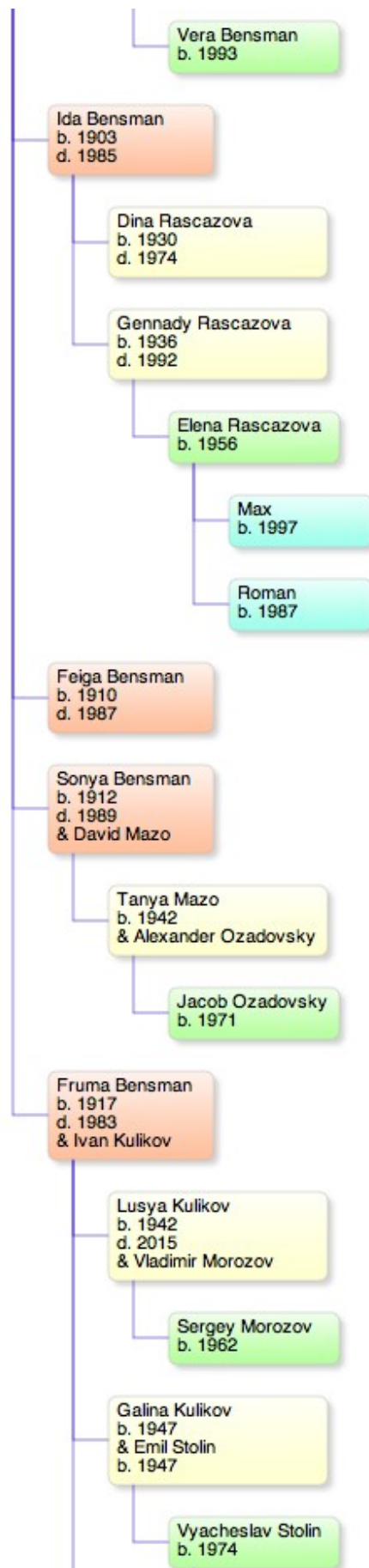
Ida



*David Mazo, Joseph, Tatnaya, Sofia,
Feiga*

My Descendant Chart





Alla Stolin
b. 2003

Vladimir Kulikov
b. 1950
& Luchuk Ludmila
b. 1946

Andrey Kulikov
b. 1979

The Yehuda Bensman Family

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Bottom Left: Rieshe (Rose) Sussman Bensman, Ida Bensman Kahn, Joseph Bensman, John Bensman, Louis Bensman.

Top Left(behind Rieshe): Max Bensman, Solomon Bensman, Jessie Bensman Saxe, Frieda Bensman Green, David Bensman, Michael Bensman.

Middle Row: Between Solomon and Jessie is Albert Bensman.

Louis (Yehuda) Bensman was born in Lepel, Belarus. He and his brothers Joseph, Abe, William settled in Sheboygan in the early 1900's. Another brother Max lived in New York. Rieshe Sussman Bensman's sister's family (the Katchkeys) also settled in Sheboygan.

The photograph above, taken in 1924, shows Louis and Rieshe with their 10 children. Louis and Rieshe lived in Sheboygan from 1902 till 1921, when they moved to Two Rivers, Wisconsin. Louis returned to Sheboygan in 1950 and bought back his house there.

Most of Louis and Rieshe's children (Solomon, Jessie, David, Johnnie, Albert, and Ida) settled and raised their families in Milwaukee. Frieda raised her family in Fond du Lac and Joseph raised his in New York. The 10 children of Louis and Rieshe had much smaller families than their parents.

Joseph Bensman was the youngest son of Louis (Yehuda Bensman). In the article below he recounts his memories of his father.

THE SOCIOLOGIST ON THE CUTTING EDGE

by Joseph Bensman

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I'm the son of a shoemaker who spent sixty years in middle America, never really learning English but conducting his business exclusively with a non-Jewish clientele by communicating with an idiosyncratic assortment of words and gestures. He came to New York in 1900, worked a year in garment shops, had some landsleit (immigrants from the same community) in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, saved enough money to move there, and then became a peddler. He traveled in the outskirts of Sheboygan, selling and sometimes exchanging fruit for junk. He came to Two Rivers (where I was born in 1922) and discovered a town with no shoemaker! He went back to Sheboygan and bought shoemaking equipment. The salesman ostensibly taught him how to repair shoes. He could be called a religious man who, however, worked on Saturdays and drove to Sheboygan for the holidays. He existed in spite (or because) of almost no contact with the town, a man who got along with his customers but, underneath, harbored real resentment against "beer-drinking and time-wasting goyim"

I was the youngest of ten children living in a house my father would not relinquish in the thirties so that we could qualify for relief like most of our neighbors. He wanted the welfare, but evidently wanted even more to keep the house. When I first wandered beyond its immediate confines, and at least through high school, I continuously experienced anti-Semitism in ways that I suspect the New Yorker can't imagine. I had no supporting group for me in my Jewishness. So I was a kike and a Christ-killer. My nickname was Yosky - their distortion of Yascha - which my mother called me. From four through twelve I belonged to delinquent gangs whose activity ranged from raiding gardens to breaking and entering railroad cars and stealing aluminum and other metals. At one point we were as close to the reformatory as you can get without actually being thrown into one. Yet I was always marginal, never wholly accepted, in but not of the group. I was the gang's "intellectual." If they needed me to figure out a way of planning a break-in, I was good for that.

I lived in a working-class neighborhood. In school I met middle-class kids. My brothers and sisters taught me how to read before I went to school, and from kindergarten on, my nose was always in a book. There was no cultural or educational tradition in the family, except the notion that if I turned out to be pretty smart they'd shlep nachas (gain prestige) from it. But my bookishness did not exactly endear me to the neighborhood kids. I remember one stealing my hat and then beating the hell out of me because I was a lousy kike. At least that was the reason he gave. In one case around 1937, my assailant was a German kid. One of the parents of my best friend was a Bohemian who, whenever he got drunk, would call me a Christ-killer. I surely knew that I was Jewish.

I went to cheder for a while but did not get bar mitzvahed. Attending the cheder cost fifty cents a day-and in my eleventh year we couldn't afford that sum. The family lived on fish and potatoes. Two Rivers was a fishing town, and we grew our own potatoes.

I kept reading away, cultivating my father's kind of resentment, which I directed at middle-class kids who comprised the gangs our gang fought. Within a working-class gang one developed class consciousness, particularly in the form of hostility toward well-mannered snobs. I suppose I always resented kids whose stock-in-trade was manners, poise, and a feeling that they owned the world. From the age of four on, I knew I was smarter than most of those kids; but I simply could not discover a sensible basis for their self-confidence, the poise and the manners which allowed them to think they could push everyone else around. I must have been thirty-five before I realized that they were just as nutty as I was, but covered themselves with a facade of manners I had not been able to penetrate.

By the time I reached seventh grade, I was half-mockingly called "the professor" by my classmates. Since I had emerged from a lower-class environment, I became a hero of working-class kids. I could put down the middle and upper class just by virtue of my vocabulary. In eighth grade, I had committed the minor offense of throwing a pen at a pupil's foot and missing it by half an inch. The teacher was so shocked at this that she made me memorize the Constitution. As a result, I recited the Preamble in class and thus became a boy orator. This thrust me into a political and social science tradition I had not previously known to exist. I went

out for debate and for extemporary speaking which made me a big macher (big shot) in the high school. I depleted the city and the school libraries. Their books enchanted me much more than homework. I did well, I think, as an act of defiance against the system.

When I became a boy orator my picture began appearing in the local press, and with that I got hints of recognition at home. The pattern of my family, and it's my pattern also, was never to let the other person know that you're impressed. So I was teased and put down for my accomplishments, but even in that act I recognized that they were praising me.

I learned at an early age that my father had a brilliant mind with absolutely no possibility of using it in his American ambience. He was far more original than any of the teachers I had. Once when we were debating the issue of unicameral legislatures in state government, he asked me about it. It was clear that he didn't know these words. I spent twenty minutes telling him what we were debating.. It was totally outside his own experience. Just the same, in his broken amalgam of languages, he remarked, "Well, when you got legislators in two houses of different size, in the large one you can get local interests represented that you couldn't get in the small one." Now that was brilliant. We had batted this problem around for six months and in minutes he presented, a stronger case than any of us could formulate.

But my father's greatest influence on me consisted of his resentment of the stuffed shirts and middle-class "respectables." On one memorable occasion he talked about a peddler who was the cantor, the most religious man in shul. This peddler had a son who owned the local pool hall. He described the son as a typical greenhorn: a man with a five-cent cigar, knife-edged pressed pants, shined shoes, holes in the toes of socks, and dirty underwear. His total image of society lay in that description. He was sure that anybody who made two thousand dollars more than he did had to be a gonif (thief). I think I internalized his whole attitude, and that it's as good a basis for sociology as any.

My father was an honest artisan. His ambition for me was to be a tailor and to earn a respectable living in the local tailoring shop. Of course I had no interest in it. I was a high-flying debater, who had been reading at such a high level that what to do next was altogether unclear.

While I was a senior in high school, I thought I might become a village freak, the kind of small town intellectual at whom everyone else laughs and jeers. That year, I joined the community discussion club. We were then debating the third term for Franklin Roosevelt. I was pitted against the Vice President of Hamilton Manufacturing Company-the Vice President of Public Relations-a very smooth guy who made all the firm's speeches. Everyone there, bankers, lawyers, businessmen, thought that Roosevelt was either insane or a Communist. I was well prepared, making an innocent historical speech in which I concluded that Roosevelt had to be elected because he was antibusiness. In the question period I cited numbers, statistics, laws, legislation. I had more evidence than anyone present. To me it was exhilarating because here I was fighting the whole goddam establishment. Also, I knew that in the very act of winning, I was done for in Two Rivers. There were maybe half a dozen people there who, although they would not publicly support my argument, congratulated me after the meeting.

Joseph Bensman was born in Wisconsin in 1922. He is the author of several books in applied and humanistic sociology, among them *Small Town in Mass Society* (1960) with Arthur Vidich, and *Dollars and Sense* (1967). He was professor of sociology at City College and the Graduate Center of CUNY. Joseph Bensman died in 1986.



*Sol and Dorothy
Bensman*



*Jessie and Morris
Saxe*



Frieda Green



Ida and Henry Kahn



*John and Sylvia
Bensman*



*Al and Sophie
Bensman*



*Joe and Marilyn
Bensman*

My Descendant Chart

Louis (Yehuda, Yuda) Bensman
b. 2 May 1877, Lepel, Russia
d. 30 Sep 1954, Sheboygan, WI.
& Rose (Rieshe) Sussman Zussman
b. 1880, Kamen, Russia
d. 11 Oct 1935, Sheboygan, WI.
m. 1901

Max Bensman
b. 1901, Lepel
d. 19 Aug 1941, Sheboygan

Solomon Bensman
b. 3 Nov 1904, Sheboygan, WI
d. 1970, Milwaukee, WI.
& Dorothy
bp. Milwaukee, WI

d. 1981
m. 1951

Jessie Bensman
b. 10 Mar 1906, Sheboygan, WI
d. 15 Dec 1996, Charlotte, N.C.
& Morris Saxe
b. 10 Jun 1900, Janow, Poland
d. Jun 1954, Milwaukee WI
m. 7 Apr 1935, Two Rivers WI

Robert Mark Saxe
b. 12 Mar 1941, Milwaukee WI.
d. 23 Feb 2009, Malkiya, Israel
& Jacquelyn Faber
b. Jun 1945
m. Mar 1964, Milwaukee WI

Jennifer Molly Saxe
b. 8 Oct 1965, East Lansing, Mich.
& Nissim Yitzhak
m. Mar 1987, Tel Aviv Israel

Assaf Yitzhak
b. 27 Jan 1988, Tel Aviv

Netai Yitzhak
b. 1 Nov 1989, Tel Aviv
& Rachel Leah Shritrit Yitzhak
m. 10 Mar 2011

Elai Yitzhak
b. 4 May 2012

Yael Yitzhak
b. 21 Jun 2014

Shilat Yitzhak
b. 1 Sep 2016

Liat Yitzhak
b. 10 Mar 1991, Tel Aviv
& Schlomi Dek
m. 8 Mar 2018

Moriah Yitzhak
b. 30 Mar 1993, Tel Aviv

Merav Yitzhak
b. 25 May 1995, Tel Aviv

Michael Yitzhak
b. 21 Dec 1996, Tel Aviv

Ayelet Yitzhak
b. 2 Jun 1998

Yochanan Yitzhak
b. 26 Jul 2001

Michelle Fay Saxe
b. 5 Oct 1969, Atlanta GA
& Steven Wallace
b. 1974
m. 1 Jun 1997, Charlotte, NC

Yarden Willow Wallace
b. 4 Apr 2002

Samuel Alexander Wallace
b. 16 Sep 2004

Allen B. Saxe
b. 30 Sep 1944, Milwaukee WI
& Lynette LaVeau
b. 1946, Trinidad
m. 1967
div. 1974

Kafia Verena Morrisa LaVeau Saxe
b. 10 Jun 1970, Boston MA
& Lloyd Canning

Mikah Jessy LaVeau Saxe Canning
b. 12 Aug 2007

Ezra Finn LaVeau Saxe Canning
b. 15 Dec 2009

Allen B. Saxe
b. 30 Sep 1944, Milwaukee WI
& Barbara Cohen
b. 1945
d. 1981, Florida
m. 1975, Florida

Edward Saxe
b. 26 Nov 1970, New York NY
& Hope
m. 1995
div. 1998

Allen B. Saxe
b. 30 Sep 1944, Milwaukee WI
& Jessica Schorr MD
b. 8 Jan 1951, Hazelton, Penn
m. 16 Jun 1985, Charlotte NC

Talia Devorah Saxe
b. 1 Dec 1988, Charlotte NC

Jeremy Morris Schorr Saxe
b. 19 Nov 1992

Mike(Falck) Bensman
b. 1 Oct 1908, Sheboygan, WI.
d. 10 Jul 1995, Manitowoc, WI.

David Bensman
b. 18 Mar 1910, Sheboygan WI.
d. Jun 1957, Milwaukee WI.
& Sarah Altshull
b. 1916
d. 1996, Milwaukee WI
m. 1934

Melvin Bensman
b. 20 Oct 1935, Milwaukee WI
& Barbara Abram

Melinda Bensman
b. 6 Mar 1964, Milwaukee, WI

Deborah Bensman
b. 26 May 1962, Milwaukee, WI

Richard Bensman
b. 13 Mar 1937, Milwaukee WI
d. 22 Sep 2011. Milwaukee

Joanie Bensman
b. 3 Dec 1940, Milwaukee WI
& John Patrick Randa

Judith Randa
b. 25 Oct 1976
& Dan O'Neil

Richelle Edith O'Neill
b. 5 Apr 2011

April Leona O'Neil
b. 1 Apr 2015

Frieda Bensman
b. 12 Jan 1912, Sheboygan, Wi.
d. 11 Nov 1968, Fond du Lac, Wi.
& Meyer Green
b. 6 May 1905, Cleveland, Ohio
d. 8 Dec 1984, Milwaukee, Wi.
m. 12 Nov 1933, Two Rivers, Wi.

Beverly Green
b. 3 Sep 1934, Fond du Lac, Wi.
d. 2007, Milwaukee
& William Feldman
b. 8 Jun 1930, Mauston WI
d. 21 Nov 2016
m. Aug 1957, Madison WI

David Feldman
b. 13 May 1958, Madison WI
& Katherine Ferris RN
b. 4 Jan 1957, Iowa
m. 1982, Iowa
div. 1995, Milwaukee

Laura Feldman
b. 17 Jul 1987, Milwaukee WI

Kim Feldman
b. 10 Jan 1991, Milwaukee WI

Beth Lynn Feldman
b. 12 Nov 1961, Milwaukee WI
& Arthur Pettit
b. 18 Aug 1956
m. Dec 1991, Hawaii

Arthur Pettit
b. 6 Jun 1992, Hawaii

William Pettit
b. 30 Jun 1994, Bowling Green, Kentucky

Karen Feldman
b. 16 Mar 1963, Milwaukee WI
d. 7 Dec 2011

Kenneth Feldman
b. 10 May 1965, Milwaukee WI
& Laurie Stewart
b. 14 Mar 1965
m. Aug 1994

Kincaid Feldman
b. 28 Oct 2000

Jerrey Feldman
b. 12 Jan 1967, Milwaukee WI

Rhoda Green
b. 3 Sep 1937, Fond du lac, WI.
d. 1 Nov 2012
& Phillip Adamak
b. 1 May 1922, Milwaukee, WI.
d. 17 Apr 2018
m. 1 Oct 1960, Dubuque, Iowa

Mark Steven Adamak
b. 19 Oct 1961, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Leslie Ann Adamak
b. 9 Apr 1968, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
& Keith Mras
b. 14 Dec 1968, Wis. Rapids, WI.
m. 11 May 1996, Brookfield, WI.

Jacob Payton Mras
b. 23 Jul 1997, Chicago, Ill.

Alana Mras
b. 11 Sep 2001

Joseph Frederick Adamak
b. 7 Oct 1969, Milwaukee

Richard Green
b. 7 May 1948, Fond du Lac, WI.

Albert Bensman
b. 30 Jun 1914, Sheboygan WI.
d. Aug 1989, Milwaukee WI.
& Sophie
bp. Milwaukee WI
d. 6 Dec 1951, Milwaukee WI
m. 1949, Milwaukee WI

Sue Cele Bensman
b. 4 Dec 1951
& David Blum
b. 3 Sep 1949, Oshkosk
div.

Sarah Blum
b. 14 Nov 1982
& Scott Fitzgerald
m. 9 Jun 2013

Emanuel Lyle Fitzgerald
b. 6 Apr 2016

Alexander Lawrence Fitzgerald
b. 2 Nov 2017

Michael Blum
b. 11 Sep 1985
& Leah Rosenblat

Theodore Martin Blum
b. 12 Aug 2017

Marissa Blum
b. 1 Jun 1991
& Michael Schuessler
m. 12 Nov 2016

Evelyn Rose Schuessler

b. 16 Jun 2018

Albert Bensman
b. 30 Jun 1914, Sheboygan WI.
d. Aug 1989, Milwaukee WI.
& Agnes
b. 1910, Milwaukee WI
m. Jun 1979

Ida Bensman
b. 2 Dec 1916, Sheboygan WI
d. 21 Jul 1989, Hollywood Ca
& Henry Kahn
b. 22 Aug 1922, Germany
d. 2008, California (Eden Park cem.LA)
m. 1943, Milwaukee

Myra Kahn
b. 18 Jan 1947, Milwaukee WI
& Robert Scheller
m. 1969, Milwaukee WI
div. 1982

Steven Michael Scheller
b. 25 Oct 1970, Wauwatosa WI
& Meridee Ann Hunst

Mathew Henry Scheller
b. 7 Jul 2008

Brian Christopher Scheller
b. 14 Nov 1972, Wauwatosa WI
& Kelsey
m. 1 Aug 2015

Chad Stuart Scheller
b. 21 Sep 1975, Wauwatosa WI
& Melisa

Allegra Scheller
b. 2 Sep 2009

Aaron David Scheller
b. 8 May 1977, Wauwatosa WI

Myra Kahn
b. 18 Jan 1947, Milwaukee WI
& Randy Gage
m. 1981

Warren Kahn
b. 18 Sep 1949, Milwaukee WI
d. 25 Aug 2012, California
& Rosie
bp. Sheboygan
m. 1968, Milwaukee
div. 1980

Melissa Kahn
b. 1 Jul 1972, Milwaukee

Sequoia Kahn
b. 1995, Australia

Nicole Kahn
b. 1970, Milwaukee
d. 14 Feb 2017

Edie Kahn
b. 1994, Australia

John Bensman
b. 27 May 1919, Sheboygan WI
d. 11 Aug 1999, Milwaukee
& Sylvia Mazer
b. 10 Jan 1917, Milwaukee
d. 1972, Milwaukee
m. 1946, Milwaukee WI

Richard Bensman
b. Feb 1949, Milwaukee WI
& Anita Spiegel
m. 1983, Milwaukee WI

Shani Bensman
b. 1985, Milwaukee WI
& Max Correa
m. 10 Sep 2017

Jodie Bensman
b. 1987, Milwaukee WI

Arlene Bensman
b. 15 Jul 1952, Milwaukee WI
& Armand Belfour
m. 1979, Milwaukee
div. 1985

Jamie Belfour
b. 1 Feb 1979, Milwaukee WI
& Kris Maier

Aiden Maier
b. 25 Aug 2007

Colin Maier
b. 25 Aug 2007

Ryan Maier
b. 14 Jun 2009

Kerri Belfour
b. 25 May 1981, Milwaukee WI

Austin

Arlene Bensman
b. 15 Jul 1952, Milwaukee WI
& Kenneth Smith
b. 17 Dec 1949
m. 13 Sep 1987, Milwaukee WI
div.

John Bensman
b. 27 May 1919, Sheboygan WI
d. 11 Aug 1999, Milwaukee
& Janet Drapkin
b. 21 Apr 1923
d. 26 Oct 2001
m. Sep 1995, Shorewood WI

Joseph Bensman
b. 29 Jan 1922, Two Rivers WI
d. Nov 1986, New York NY
& Marilyn (Mazie)
b. 25 Jun 1925, New York NY
d. 30 Apr 2015
m. 1944

David Harlan Bensman
b. Aug 1949, Syracuse, NY
& Josephine Iraldo

m. 10 Nov 1984, New York, NY

Joseph Mathew Bensman
b. 27 Sep 1987, Colombia, S.America

Rhea Bensman
b. 1952, New York NY
& Jeffrey Monin
m. 13 Sep 1987, New York NY

Steven Monin
b. 1988, New York NY

Kira Monin
b. 1992, New York NY

Miriam Bensman
b. 1958, New York NY
& Gerry Santora

Joshua Emil Bensman Santora
b. 2 May 2001

Rebecca Marie Bensman Santora
b. 6 May 2002

Jeremy Jason Bensman Santora
b. 5 Mar 2003



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*Photo above is of Emily, Paul, Sol and Dora
Photo courtesy of Evelyn Bensman Rudnick*



*Back row- Joe Bensman, Leo Bensman,
Max Bensman (oldest son of Louis Bensman)
Middle Row- Fanny Bensman (1st. wife of Joe Bensman), William Bensman
Front Row- Evelyn Bensman, Frances Bensman
(daughters of William Bensman)
and Sylvia Bensman (daughter of Joseph Bensman).*



From the left top is Fanny Bensman holding Emily Bensman (in a checkered dress), Paul Bensman , Joseph Bensman, Sophie Raffelson Bensman, William Bensman , Louis Wasserman and John Pykel. The man on the end with the mustache is an unknown neighbor.

The bearded man is Max Raffelson. He is holding either John Bensman or Sol Bensman. Sitting in the chair is Esther Pykel holding Celia Pykel. Next to her is Lena Raffelson Moekler and David Raffelson. The girl in the bottom row in the black dress is Bessie Raffelson Marsack.

Fanny Bensman, Sophie Bensman, Lena Raffelson Moekler, David Raffelson, Bessie Raffelson Marsack are the children of Max Raffelson. The Wassermans and Pykels are relatives of the Raffelsons.

The foundations of that log cabin are still there, and my father showed them to me just before his death. Steinthal means "stone valley" in German, and that is the kind of land that is there. The Bensmans were farming rocks.

Joseph Bensman's children were Paul, Ben, Sol, Sylvia (Chickie), Emily and Dora.

Memories of My Grandfather: Joseph Bensman

By Stephen J. Bensman

The following is a memoir based upon conversations that I had with my grandfather, Joseph Bensman, during the mid-1960s when we talked together while I spending time in Sheboygan working on my dissertation for the doctorate in Russian history. I am contributing it to the Jewishgen Shtetlinks web pages for Sheboygan, Wisconsin and Lepel, Belorussia, because it contains valuable information on the life of the forbears of the Sheboygan Jews in Russia and on their early days in the United States.

One of the first things I ascertained from my grandfather was the precise location in Russia from where my family originated. I had always suspected that it was the town of Lepel', because family tradition had it that we came from "Leple" and in the locative case in Russian Lepel' becomes Leple. Thus, to say in Russian, "I live in Lepel'", one says, "Ya zhivu v Leple." To ascertain this, I sat my grandfather down with a detailed map of the then Soviet Union and named the towns around Lepel'. It turned out that he knew all the towns around Lepel' for about 25 miles out and then did not know the small towns but did know the big ones like Vitebsk and Minsk.

I had further confirmation of this recently, when the assistant to the Slavic Bibliographer at the University of Wisconsin-Madison wrote me that the name Bensman is specific to the towns of Lepel' and Rechitsa according to the book by Alexander Beider (A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire, Teaneck, NJ, Avotaynu, 1993, p. 128-129). It is a Cohen name deriving from the Yiddish word "benchn" or "to bless" and meaning "one who blesses." Other forms of the name are Benchman and the Russified Bentsman.

I have translated Tsarist encyclopedia articles on Lepel', which are posted on the Web. If one reads them and this, one will see that the encyclopedia articles corroborate what my grandfather told me. These articles also confirm the family story that my great grandfather Aaron Holman emigrated to Sheboygan from "Leple" in the 1880s after losing 500 gold rubles on venture to float a log raft to market as such ventures were a common economic activity in the Lepel' region. On a visit to Israel I found out at the Tel Aviv Museum that the Germans declared the Lepel' region "Judenrein" (Clean of Jews) in 1942-43.

During our conversation, I questioned my grandfather very closely and managed to get a fairly good picture of the Bensmans in Lepel, Russia. They operated a brick kiln. They not only made bricks, but they knocked down houses to salvage bricks. In doing so, they always checked the wooden beams in the houses they destroyed to see if any money had been hidden in the rafters. This was common, since Lepel' lies on the main invasion routes, and people were always having to have to hide. Napoleon's Grand Army passed through Lepel'. The Bensmans burned the rafters to operate the kiln. However, the Bensmans could not make ends meet from just operating the kiln My grandfather had to do other work. Among the jobs he did were the following. First, he ran teams of horses to drag logs out of the forest during the cutting season in winter. Since he was smart, he managed to rig the chains, so that he could drag out two logs instead of the usual one log. A merchant would then buy the logs and smack his mark on it with a special hammer. Second, he farmed. Jews could not own land, so he rented land from the Lepel' municipal council. Third, he worked as a navvy in Vitebsk, digging foundations. Since he was Jewish, he was always given the task of digging where the latrines of former buildings had emptied. Finally, he was a mean horse trader. My grandfather's skill at horse trading was so well known, that when he was drafted in the Russian army, the intention was to assign him to the cavalry so he could buy and sell horses for it. As a general rule, Jews were not put into combat units but were assigned to the quartermaster corps, where their skills as traders, tinkers, tailors, cobblers, etc., were found very useful.

I showed my grandfather a Russian newspaper, and he commented that he had seen something like it once. It also brought to mind the local nobleman who had a bike, which amazed the peasants and caused them to laugh when he rode it. My grandfather did not even know his own birth date until the Russian Army told him it when he was summoned to service. My grandfather could speak some Russian heavily influenced by Polish as was common in Belarus, but he did not know the words for directions like north, south, east, west. These were

concepts entirely alien to him. He always oriented himself by what directions lay the major towns and cities, and even in the US he gave directions in these terms on where to go fishing. The Bensmans were not like the other Jews, for they were more integrated into the local gentile population than most other Jews. In Russia my grandfather was involved slightly with the Socialist Revolutionaries, who specialized in blowing up Tsarist officials. He told me that the Socialist Revolutionaries used to meet in secret on an island in one of the lakes of the Lepel' district.

My grandfather was a hard man tutored in a hard world. I saw him on his death bed: he was totally without fear. He told that once in Russia he drove an iron pole through his foot while breaking the ice to fish. All he did was to stuff moss in the foot and continue. From him I learned a lot about life among the common people in the Lepel' district. For example, once he told me a rural knee-slapper popular among the peasants of the Lepel' district. It was a joke about a peasant with a sick bull (byk, in Russian) sent to see a doctor named Bullov (Bykov) to get it cured. He also told me about a peasant who stole a horse in winter but stupidly left tracks in the snow so the other peasants could trace him. When they caught the thief, they beat him so badly that one of his eyes popped out. This story impressed me, because during my research for my dissertation on Russian liberals during the Revolution of 1905, I read a memoir describing how the police broke up a meeting, beating a man so badly that one of his eyes popped out, and I got the idea that this was a common thing in the Russia of this period. Moreover, he told me how due to a lack of fodder, the peasants used to house their cattle for the winter at the state vodka monopoly, where they were fed the mash used to make the vodka. The cattle were stoned for the entire winter, and a common entertainment was to watch the drunken beasts released in the spring and come stumbling out like a bunch of drunken bums. Moreover, my grandfather was an acute social observer, and he accurately described to me one of the causes leading to the Russian Revolution: how the population was growing in Lepel' and forcing the land to be divided among more and more people without an increase in farming technology, causing poverty and famine. Given his illiteracy, I was impressed with his astute observations. However, at times he had to break into Russian to explain things to me. For example, when he told me why he could not own land, he simply said, "Ya ne byl krest'yanin." This means "I was not a peasant," and the root for the Russian word peasant is "krest" or "cross", giving it the connotation of "a person of the cross", and a poor person had to a member of this social estate to belong to a household which could own land in the Lepel' district. You can see the complexity of what he was trying to say and why he just used the simple Russian phrase, hoping that I would catch his meaning.

My grandfather's decision to come to the US was motivated by his being drafted into the Russian Army in 1902. He was advised by his brother Max to stay out of the Army. Max knew the Russian Army, because he had served in it for 5 years. The thought of Max in the Russian Army caused my grandfather to laugh when he remembered how Max's "shinel" or "military great coat" was too big for him and how every time he sat down on it, his ass would hit the big buttons meant for the waist in the back, causing him to jump up. My grandfather and Max hatched a plan, by which my grandfather was to remain in the center of the column away from the guards at the front and back on the march which began at dawn from the reception depot to the Army, and then Max would drive a wagon of hay close to the column, so my grandfather could jump in. During the night at the reception depot, my grandfather met a member of the revolutionary intelligentsia and let him on the plan. Everything went according to plan, both my grandfather and the intelligent making their escape, and Max took my grandfather to the train station where he caught the train to Hamburg. At the border my grandfather asked a peasant woman with long skirts whether he could hide behind them under the seat so he could make it across to Germany. He told her that he was an Army deserter who would be shot if caught, and the woman agreed. This was the beginning of the Revolution of 1905, and the Army was combing the countryside with punitive detachments, so the danger was real. My grandfather made it to Hamburg and then to London, where many Jews from Lepel' district had established themselves. He worked for one of them, whom he knew through cheder, in a junk yard until he got enough money together. He then went down to the docks, where there were two ships--one for the US and one for Argentina. He flipped a coin, and the coin came down US, so I was able to be born.

My grandfather first settled on a farm in Steinthal, Wisconsin, with his brother William, raising dairy cattle. However, a dog they had came down with rabies and bit the cattle, which had to be destroyed. As a result of this, both my grandfather and my father had a passionate hatred of dogs. After the rabies incident, my grandfather moved to Sheboygan. There his wife Fannie started a grocery store in the front room of their house on 12th Street, while my grandfather peddled. Being good with horses under winter conditions, he used to take a sledge

full of goods to sell to the farmers, who in those days were snowed in and could not make it to town. The farmers would let him sleep at night in their barns. The grocery business prospered, and my grandfather built it up to around 9 small stores, in which he would put relatives or other Jews as managers. The Jews played an important role in the food business in Sheboygan due to my grandfather. The amazing thing was that he was able to do it without being able to add or subtract.

As an interesting aside, back in the 1920s my grandfather was approached by Chicago gangsters, who wanted to use his stores as warehouses for the liquor they were running down out of Canada. One of them offered my grandfather a huge wad of bills, but when he reached in to get the wad, he opened his coat so my grandfather could see the artillery he packing in his shoulder holster. My grandfather politely declined. Probably smart, because not only was there the danger of the police but also that a rival gang could come out of Chicago to wipe out their opponents' supply line. In another incident, according to my sister, bootleggers asked my grandfather to front for them in buying sugar, because a grocery business could buy the amount of sugar necessary to make illegal liquor without raising suspicions.

I will conclude these memories of my grandfather with a funny story told me by my father. Back in the 1920s my grandfather had a big problem with rats in the basement of one his stores. He tried poison, cats, and even a terrier, but nothing worked. The rats ignored the poison and killed the cats and the terrier. Finally, he was told about a fellow down in Milwaukee selling an animal called a mongoose that was deadly on rats. Having nothing to lose, my grandfather thought he try it, paying about \$200 for the mongoose, in those days about the price of a car. It worked like a charm; in a short time the mongoose killed off all the rats with no trouble. But one day my grandfather told one of his workers to go to the basement to get a case of canned goods. The worker went down, and there ensued a whooping and a hollering with the sounds of things being smashed and overturned. Finally, the worker came up from the basement with the mongoose by the tail in one hand and a shovel in the other, saying, "Biggest gottdamn rat I ever seen, but I managed to kill the damn thing anyway." My grandfather's response was, "Oi veh!"



Paul Bensman
b. 1908
d. 1965, Sheboygan, WI

Benjamin Bensman
b. 3 Mar 1912
d. 4 Jan 1961, Sheboygan, WI
& Ida

Michael Bensman

Roger Bensman

Bobbi Bensman

Todd Bensman

Solomon Bensman
b. 17 Jul 1910, Sheboygan
d. 3 Dec 1986, Baton Rouge, LA
& Leah Zion
d. Aug 1999
m. 31 Dec 1933

Stephen Jeremy Bensman
b. 26 Aug 1938, Sheboygan, WI
d. 5 Jan 2018
& Miriam
b. 1936, Putulsk, Poland

Sandra Bensman
b. 19 Dec 1934, Sheboygan, WI
& Edward Silverstein
b. 1930, Washington.DC
d. 10 Dec 1999

David Silverstein
b. 13 May 1959, Milwaukee, WI
& Kathie J. Beverly

Joseph Michael Silverstein
b. 22 Mar 1998

Connor Silverstein
b. 17 Mar 2003

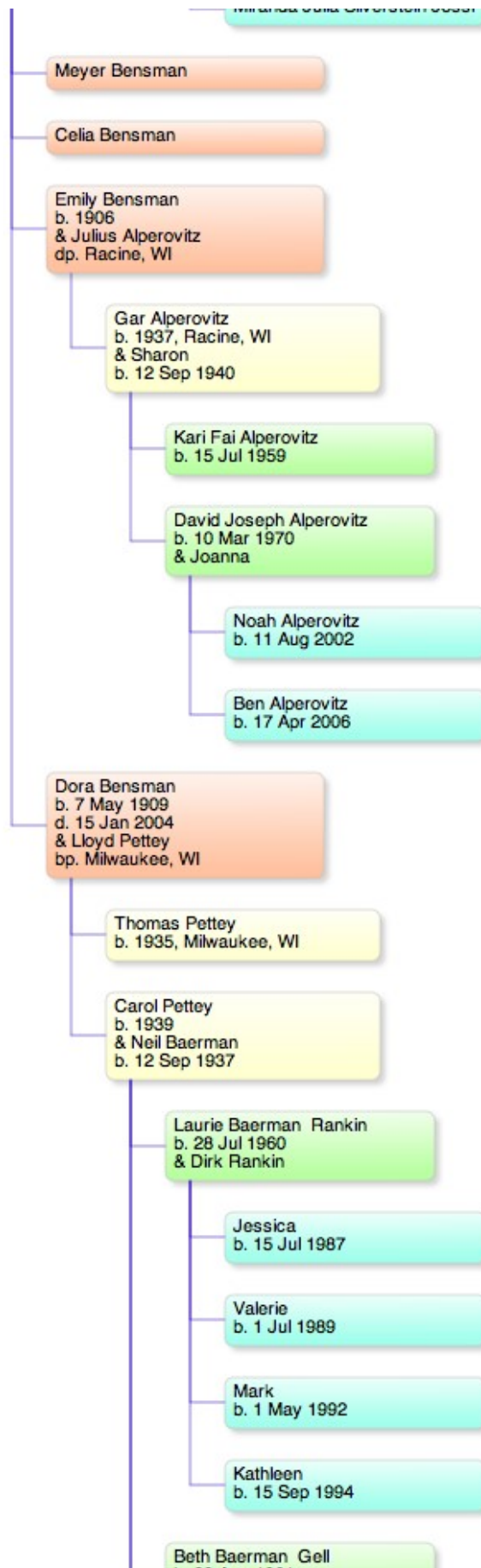
Allison Silverstein
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Judith Silverstein
b. 30 Nov 1963
& Arthur Nelson

Lisa Silverstein
b. 17 Jan 1967
& Peter Jossi

Sophie Silverstein Jossi
b. 21 Jun 1995

Miranda Julia Silverstein Jossi



b. 29 Aug 1961
& James Gell

Walter
b. 12 Sep 1990
d. 4 Dec 1990

Gwen
b. 4 Oct 1991

Ethan
b. 5 Apr 1994

Emma
b. 17 Jan 1996

Scott Baerman
b. 29 Jun 1964
& Jill Pace

Molly Baerman
b. 12 Nov 1999

Abigail Baerman
b. 1 Apr 2001

Jane Baerman
b. 29 Mar 2003

Christopher Baerman
b. 18 Dec 1965
& Laurel Houseman



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*William Bensman's children were
Evey (married to Milt Rudnick),
Caroline (married to Morris
Petasnick), John, Frances and
Celia.*

My Descendant Chart

William Bensman
b. 1881, Lepel, Russia
d. 14 Aug 1942, Sheboygan WI
& Sophie Raffelson
b. 1889
d. 14 Jun 1946, Sheboygan

John Bensman
b. 15 Oct 1908
& Esther Hummitzsch

William Bensman
b. 1947
& Pam Weisberger

Anne Bensman
b. 1970
& Nick Trane
div.

Grace Trane
b. 24 May 1999

Isabella Trane
b. 24 May 1999

Nick Trane
b. 17 Jan 2001

Dan Bensman
b. 1975
& Ellen Walent
b. 1974

Beatrice Madden Bensman
b. 27 Apr 2007

Caroline Bensman
b. 12 Nov 1910, Sheboygan, WI
d. 26 Jul 1997, Sheboygan, WI
& Morris Petasnick
b. 26 Aug 1910
d. 7 Feb 2004, Sheboygan, WI

Jerry Petasnick
b. 1935
& Barbara Haft
b. 1 Jan 1937

Laura Petasnick
b. 31 Jan 1965
& Adam Berkey

Sheri Petasnick
b. 31 Jan 1965
& Alan Panovka

Alexander Panovka
b. 26 Jan 2001

Oren Panovka
b. 5 Dec 2002

Lois Petasnick
b. 3 Oct 1938
& Earl Nudelman
b. 4 Sep 1934

Lori Nudelman
b. 16 Jan 1965
& Michael Fine
b. 30 May 1965

Jamie Fine
b. 3 Jul 1995

Jacob Bradley Fine
b. 23 Feb 1998

Wendi Nudelman
b. 28 Dec 1966
& Todd Chapman
b. 7 Aug 1958

Jordyn Chapman
b. 25 Sep 1996

Jenna Chapman
b. 6 Oct 2000

Brian Nudelman
b. 19 May 1969
& Beatrice
b. 14 Oct 1969

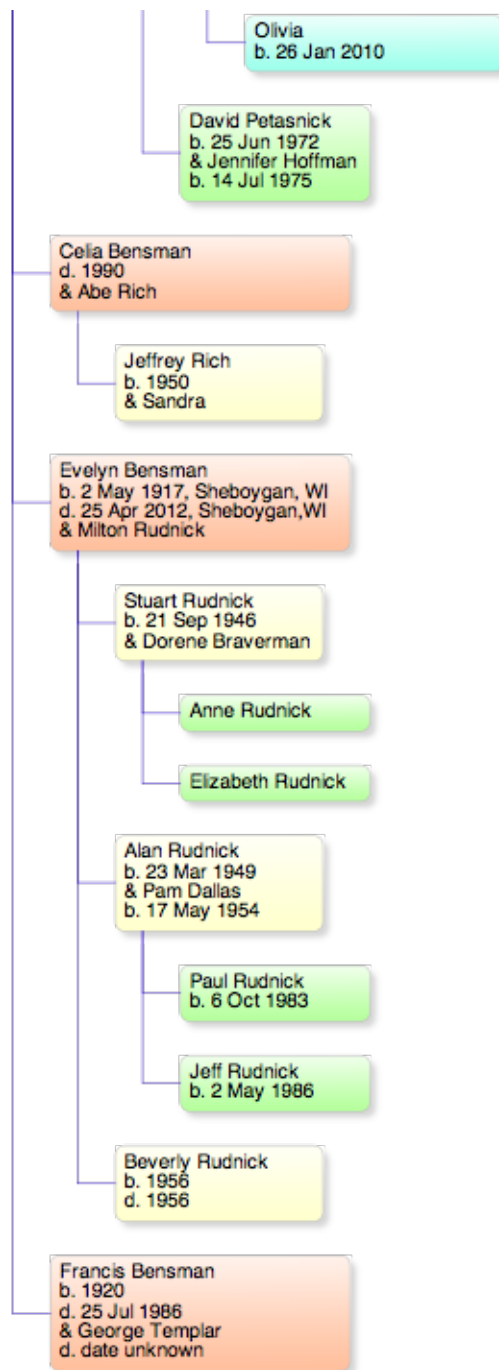
Emma Nudelman
b. 25 Mar 1999

Adam Jared Nudelman
b. 14 Feb 2002

William Petasnick
b. 1946
& Bobbe Moulton
d. 16 Mar 2010

Ellen Petasnick
b. 26 Jul 1974
& Mike Razzoog
b. 13 Sep 1967

Zach
b. 15 Aug 2008





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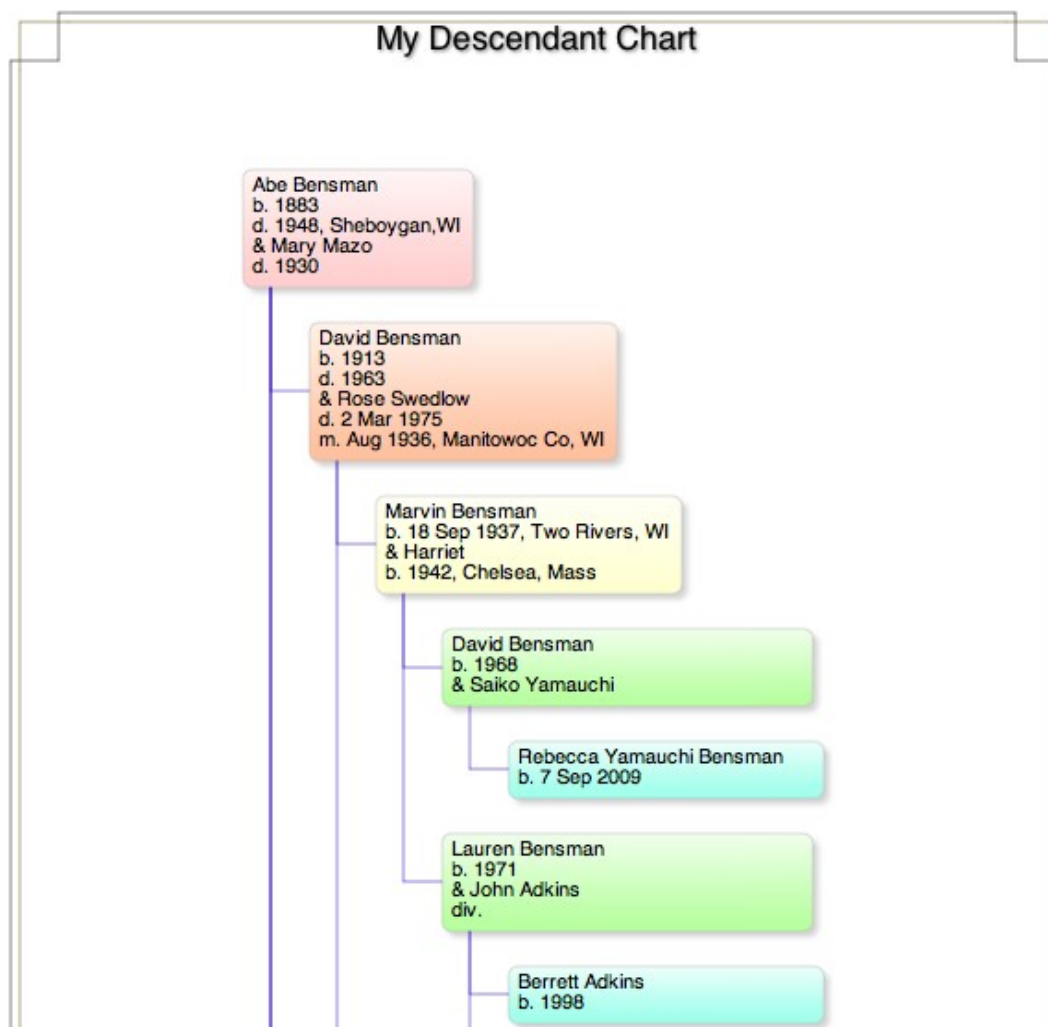
Abraham (Avram), Joseph, Louis, and William Bensman lived in Sheboygan. There was another brother (Mosel, known as either Max, Michael or Morton). Mary Maza and Abraham Bensman were married. They came from Lepel, Belarus in 1911 to Sheboygan. (They told their children, Lithuania [they indeed were Litvaks])

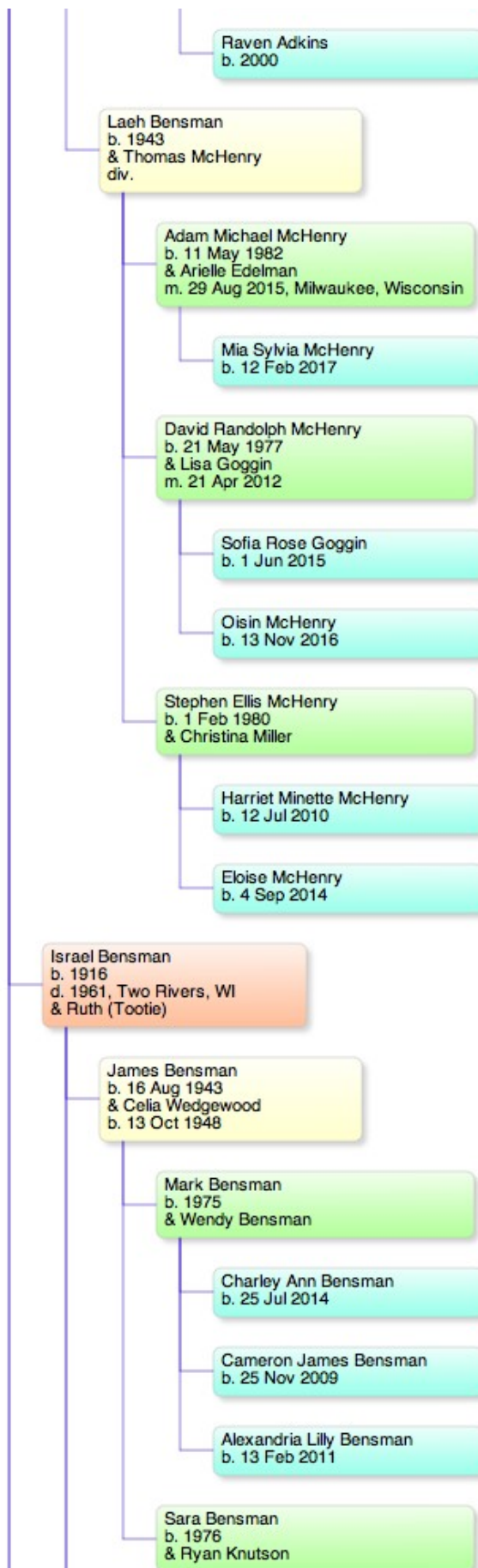
Abraham and Mary had David (1913); Jean (1915); Israel (1916); and Rosie (1918). The family moved to Two Rivers, Wisconsin, where Abe worked in brother Louis Bensman's shoe store. They were shoemakers. They later separated. Abe's mother, Mary, died 1937, the year their first grandson, Marvin (to David and Rose Swerdlow Bensman) was born. Rose and David had a daughter Laeh in 1943. Jeannie married David Horwitz (their children are Mary Lynn (named after Jean's mother), Michael, and Rachel); Israel married Ruth (Tootie) Berman (from Green Bay and their children are James, Kerry and Amy). and Rosie married C.J. Wyatt during WWII, a sailor. Rosie Bensman Wyatt had Richard, Karen and Jo Lynn and returned to Sheboygan where she lived until her death in 2010.

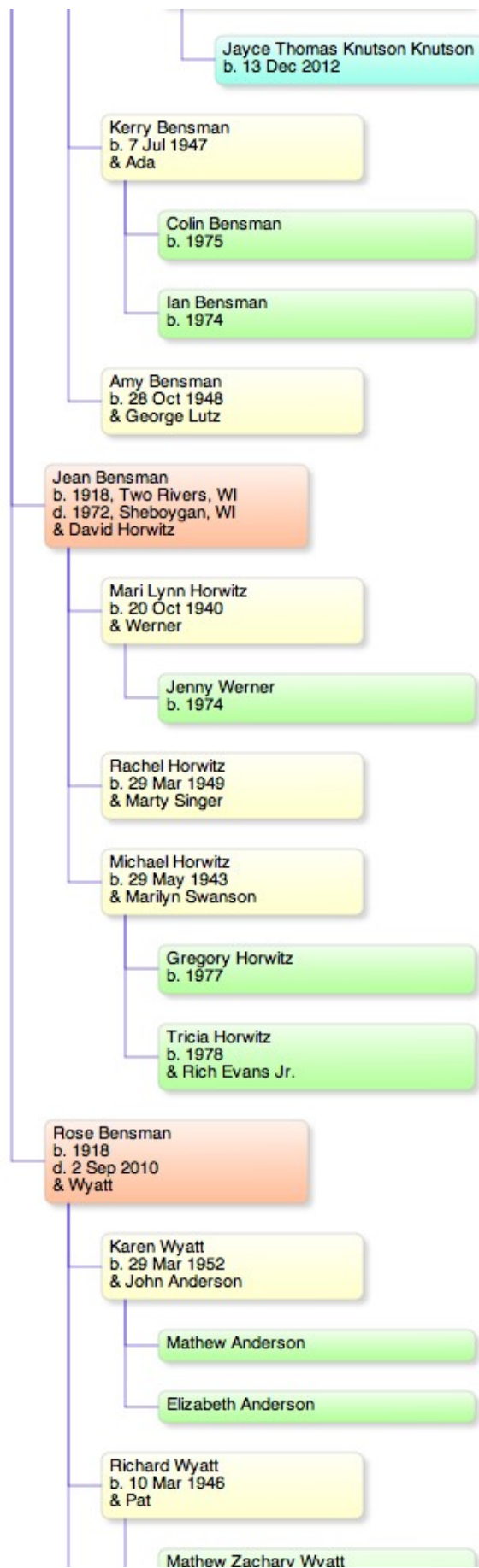
Around 1940-41 Abe, David and Rose Swerdlow Bensman, and their children, Marvin and Laeh (McHenry), moved to Sheboygan. In 1948 Avram died at their home at 1334 Marie Ct. David Bensman was a newspaper publisher, high school printing teacher during WWII, radio and appliance store owner, record company owner (Polkaland Records) and started WSHE radio (950 kHz) in Sheboygan. He died in 1963, Israel Bensman (printing teacher at Central High School) in 1964, Jean Bensman Horwitz in 1973, and Rose Swerdlow Bensman in 1975.

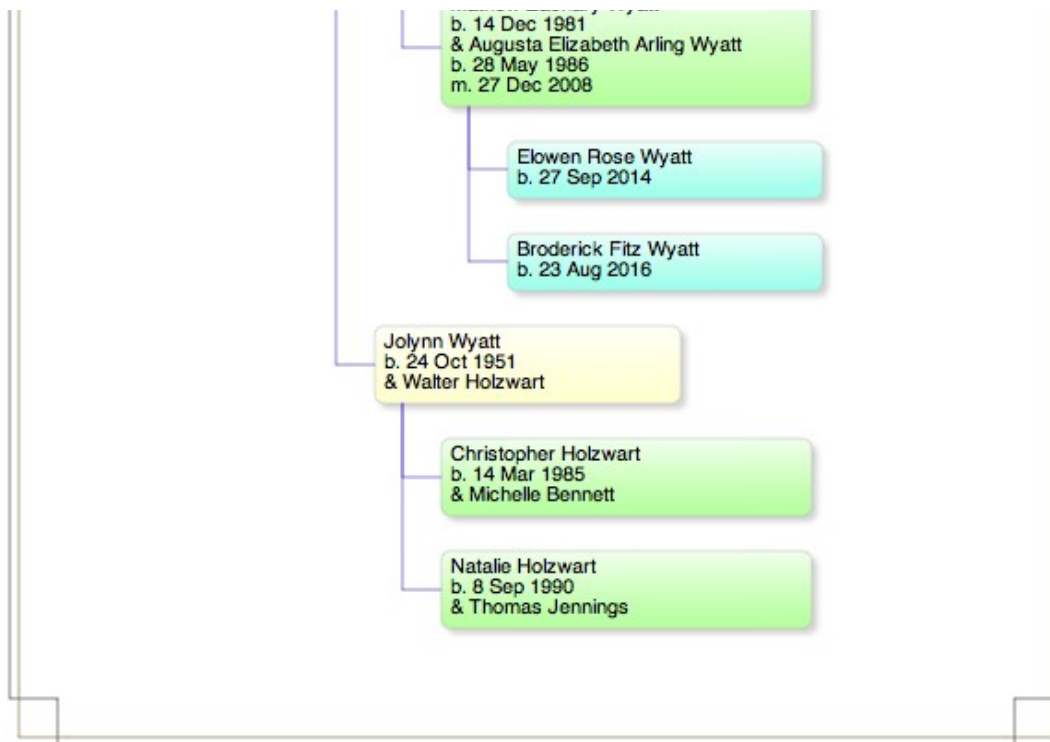
David had owned and managed the Two Rivers Free Press during his high school years, as well as B&B Sound System. Additional work opportunities took him to Sheboygan, so the family relocated. Abe moved to Sheboygan soon after the death of his wife, and lived with David, Rose, and their children until his death.

Around 1940-41 David took a job teaching printing at North High School in Sheboygan. He commuted from Two Rivers and while in Sheboygan stayed with his brother Israel and wife Tootie. Izzy was teaching printing at Central High. Abe, Rose Swerdlow Bensman, and their children, Marvin and Laeh (McHenry), moved to Sheboygan around 1945. In 1948 Avram died at their home at 1334 Marie Ct. David Bensman was a newspaper publisher (The Free Press of Two Rivers), high school printing teacher during WWII, as well as an appliance store owner, record company owner (Polkaland Records) and started WSHE radio (950 kHz) in Sheboygan. He died in 1963, Israel Bensman (printing teacher at Central High School) in 1964, Jean Bensman Horwitz in 1973, and Rose Swerdlow Bensman in 1975. Rose Bensman in 2010.











The Itka Bensman Family



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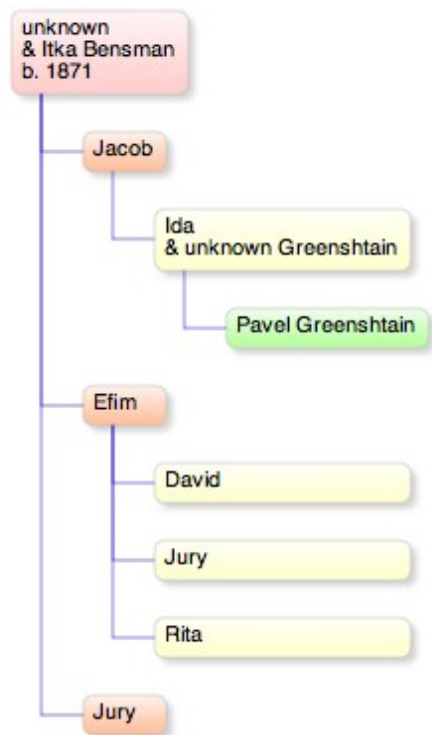
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The eldest daughter of David and Feiga was Itka (Itkina). She was never spoke of, but two of her sons – eldest (Jacob) and youngest (Efim) lived in Moscow. She had a tragic life. In the summer just before WW2 two sons of Itka Jacov and Jury (the second son) sent their families (the wife and two children –all the brothers) to Belarus to their parents for holidays. They all were killed by the fascists. Jury served in WW2 and was killed. After WW2 Jacob married a widow with son, Olga, and she gave birth to Jacov the daughter Ida. Ida was an economist. She is smart and clever as her mother was. Ida (Greenshtain) has a son Pavel. They had departed to Israel and then to Canada where they live now.

The younger Itka's son Efim served in WW2, did not have a family before the war, but after the war he married a widow with a daughter. She gave birth to two sons: David and Jury and a daughter Rita. David tragically perished when he was only six. Rita and Jury live in Moscow with their family.(Contributed by Tanya Ozadovsky).

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The Relya Bensman Family



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From left to right.

Upper row.

1. David Mazo (Relya's son)
2. Feiga Mazo (Relya's daughter).
3. Zalman Mazo (Relya's son)
4. Efim Itkind (Itka Bensman's son)

Lower row.

1. Relya Bensman
 2. Zalman-Labe Royak (2nd Relya's husband)
 3. Jacob Royak (Zalman-Labe's son)
- Moscow, about 1930.*

The second daughter of David and Feiga was Relya (Mazo). People called her Relya de sheiner, she was my grandmother. Relya had two sons: David (my father) and Zalman and a daughter Feiga. As we can see, she continued the name of her parents. Four of her children died in infancy. She became a widow when her eldest son David was nine and her younger son Zalman was one year.

Her brother Meer-Herz tried to help her by taking David in his own family even though his family was very poor. My father said that Meer-Herz's wife was very kind to him, but in spite of that he returned to his mother in a year. In any case when the cousins lived in Moscow they and their families were friends. In five years she married a very good man – Zalman –Labe Royak (my mother said, that he was very kind man, his stepsons always said «Zalman –Labe- O! ». I would like his name to be mentioned. Relya lived in Belarus till 1941, she and husband evacuated to Kirov, were Zalman-Labe died in 1942. After WW2 ended Relya lived in our family not far from Moscow. She died in 1967. The eldest son of Relya ,David, went to Moscow when he was sixteen. In Moscow his uncle Leo (Mazo) and aunt Gesya (Mazo-Lapidus) lived. He began his life as a worker then he graduated from the two Institutes. He was not in WW2 and after the War he lived with his family not far from Moscow in his own house and taught at the Institute in Moscow. He died in 1995. He was 85. David had a daughter Tanya (me) and a grandson Jacov (Ozadovsky) – my son. The daughter of Relya, Feiga came to Moscow too. Here she studied at a medical school and then graduated from the economic Institute just before WW2. She missed her fiancé – he suddenly died. She was devastated and she did not marry and could not work. She was devoted to her mother, brothers and their family and they always supported her. I was her first niece and so I was her favorite.

Zalman was the youngest son of Relya. He also came to Moscow. He did not want to learn but he had golden hands. He worked till WW2. In 1942 he was seriously wounded. For him the war was finished.

After the war he married, has a son Joseph and a daughter Iran. He died at 81. Joseph has daughter Olga and Dmitry – students. Iran and Joseph with his family live in Moscow.

My Descendant Chart

Joseph Mazo
& Relya Bensman
b. 1885

David Mazo
b. 1909
d. 1994

Tanya Mazo
b. 1942
& Alexander Ozadovsky
b. 1941

Jacob Ozadovsky
b. 1971

Zalman Mazo
b. 1918
d. 1999
& Zina Jerusalemchik
b. 1928
d. 1989

Joseph Mazo
b. 1948
& Olga Lakernik
b. 1952

Ksenya Mazo
b. 1987

Dimitri Mazo
b. 1990

Irina Mazo
b. 1950

Feiga Mazo



The Devorah Bensman Family



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Dvora was the third daughter of David and Feiga who stayed in Belarus. She had one daughter Itka (Aronin). Itka had tree sons Thodic, David and Borukh. They lived in Lepel till the beginning WW2 but then all family was able to evacuate from Lepel. After war they return to Belarus. Thodic and Borukh become doctors, David – the teacher of mathematic. Thodic (Aronin) has two daughters. They live in USA. Borukh with his family and David made aliyah to Israel.



Tsodik and Frieda Aronin

Dr. Tsodik Aronin, their son, came to US in the 1980's. We have been exchanging letters. He remembers Lepel

and was told stories about the family.

“Our great grandfather David Bensman was highly respected in Lepel both among the Jews as well as the peasants. Devorah told him that the brothers in America sent letters. They sent a photograph of them on horses (has anyone every seen such a photograph?).

Lepel was rich in clay. Our great grandfather owned a brick factory. It appears that the brick factory stayed in the family and was run was Tsodik's grandfather. His grandfather ran it though working with the kiln destroyed his lungs. Tsodik remembers walking the streets of Lepel and being shown all the buildings that were built from "Bensman/Aronin bricks". His grandfather had to stop working in the brick factory and began working in a stable tending the horses. Tsodik believes "it saved our lives". They escaped the Nazis.

My Descendant Chart

Moshe-Yosel Hoffman
& Devorah Bensman
b. 1873

Ida Hoffman
& Zalman Aronin

Tsodik Aronin
& Frida Gurevich

Margarita Aronin

Zinaida Aronin

Natalie

Joshua

David Aronin

Boris Aronin

Zachar Aronin



The Max Bensman Family



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In September of 2017, I received an email from Joanne Lee (Levinson) Cohn. Joanne is the daughter of Irene (Ida) Bensman Levinson and the granddaughter of Max and Sarah Bensman. Nearly twenty years of research and patience resulted in locating them. We have now reconnected with family that had been separated for over 100 years.

U. S. SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
 APPLICATION FOR ACCOUNT NUMBER 151-09-2072

PRINT NAME: Max Bensman

1. MAX (EMPLOYEE'S FIRST NAME) BENSMAN (LAST NAME)

2. 233 R. 21st. (STREET AND NUMBER) 3. New York N. Y. (CITY AND STATE)

4. Reliable Cotton Felt Co. (BUSINESS NAME OF PRESENT EMPLOYER) 5. Jefferson & 11 Sts. Hoboken, N. J. (BUSINESS ADDRESS OF PRESENT EMPLOYER)

6. 49 (AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY) 7. April 15 1888 (DATE OF BIRTH: (MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR)) 8. Lepka, Russia (PLACE OF BIRTH)

9. David BENSMAN (FATHER'S FULL NAME) 10. Fannie Aaron (MOTHER'S FULL MAIDEN NAME)

11. SEX: MALE ☒ FEMALE (CHECK (X) WHICH) 12. COLOR: WHITE ☒ NEGRO OTHER (CHECK (X) WHICH) (SPECIFY)

13. IF REGISTERED WITH THE U. S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, GIVE NUMBER OF REGISTRATION CARD

14. IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY FILLED OUT A CARD LIKE THIS, STATE (PLACE) (DATE)

November 24, 1936 (DATE SIGNED) 15. Max Bensman (SIGNATURE)

DETACH ALONG THIS LINE

Max Bensman was the most elusive of my grandfather's brothers. We only knew that our grandfather had a brother in New York. He was known by various family members as Mosel, Max, Morton. The archival records gave me his Yiddish name (Mota) and recorded that he was the youngest child.

My first step, in 1999, was to obtain Social Security records for all Max Bensmans. I did obtain one that confirmed that he was my great uncle. His records confirms the place of birth and his parents' names. I also now knew his address and place of employment in 1936 and SS#. I also now had his signature which became important later.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1927 and on or before February 16, 1951)

SERIAL NUMBER: 1 Max (First) Bensman (Last)

2. PLACE OF BIRTH (City, town, village, or place)

200 Sixth St New York NY NY

(THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION, LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL)

3. MARITAL STATUS

Single

4. TELEPHONE

59

5. DATE OF BIRTH

April 15 1883

6. PLACE OF BIRTH

Vitebsk Russia

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS

Sarah Bensman 200 Sixth St New York

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

Hygrade Cotton Felt 278 Johnson Ave. Jersey City

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS

278 Johnson Ave. Jersey City, Hudson, N.J.

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

Max Bensman

10-2400-4

In 1942 Max registered for WWII draft; he was already 59. This document indicates that he was married and her name was Sarah.

All of these records have Max's signature and are clearly the same.



A fellow researcher volunteered to visit Mt. Moriah Cemetery and photograph Max's gravestone. The gravestone indicates that Max's Hebrew name was Mordechai, the son of David Chaim, again confirming that Max was the son of my great-grandfather.

My Descendant Chart

Max Bensman
b. 15 Apr 1888, Lepka, Russia
d. 1967
& Sarah

David Bensman
& Anne

Susan Bensman
b. 1944

Faye Bensman

Ida (Irene)
b. 20 Jul 1915
d. 21 Sep 2000
& Victor Lee (Levinson)

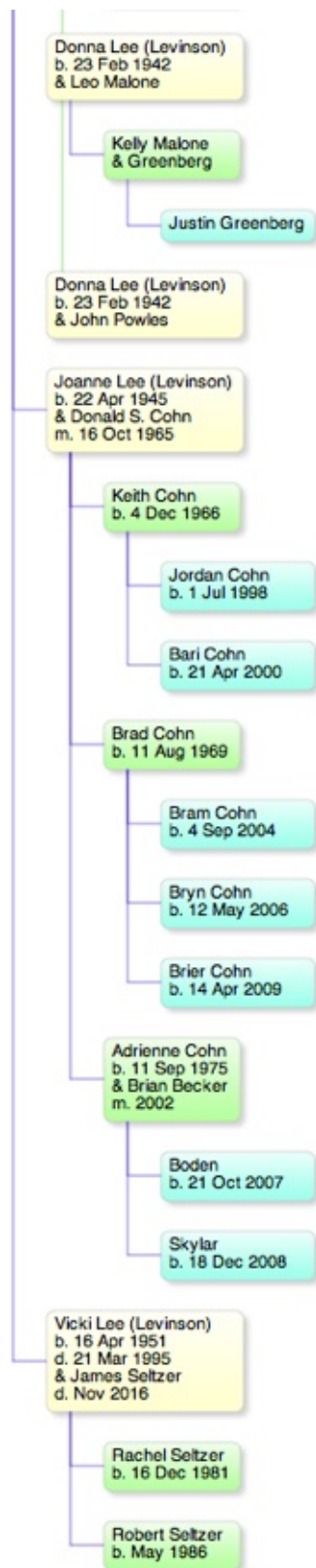
Linda Lee (Levinson)
b. 15 Apr 1939

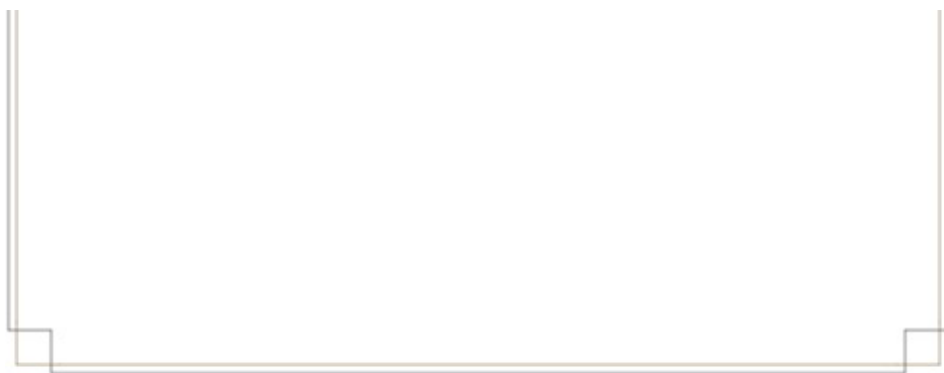
Donna Lee (Levinson)
b. 23 Feb 1942
& Steven Rich

Lisa

Eric

Glen





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First Generation

1. Borukh Bensman. Born bef 1770.

Children:

2i. Abram-Meyer (1800-)

3ii. Leyba (-1842)

4iii. Zalman (1794-1857)

Second Generation

2. Abram-Meyer Bensman. Born in 1800.

Abram-Meyer married **Ginda Leybova**. Born in 1802.

They had the following children:

5i. Zalman (1822-)

6ii. Itska (1815-)

7iii. Yankel (1817-)

3. Leyba Bensman. Leyba died in 1842.

Children:

8i. Avsey (1818-)

9ii. Girsch

4. Zalman Bensman. Born in 1794. Zalman died in 1857; he was 63.

Zalman first married **Sora Kalmanova**. Born in 1794.

They had one child:

10i.Nokhim-Dovid (1834-)

Zalman second married **unknown**.

They had one child:

11i.Simka (1818-)

Third Generation

5. Zalman Bensman. Born in 1822.

Zalman married **Egdalya Vulfova**. Born in 1813.

They had the following children:

12i.David (1850-)

13ii.Borukh

6. Itska Bensman. Born in 1815.

Itska married **Basya Abeleva**. Born in 1819.

They had one child:

14i.Rokhlya (1842-)

7. Yankel Bensman. Born in 1817.

Yankel married **Itka Leybova**. Born in 1816.

They had the following children:

15i.Sora (1839-)

16ii.Ester (1845-)

8. Avsey Bensman. Born in 1818.

Avsey first married **Leya Beniomina**. Born in 1820.

Avsey second married **Dovoyra-Leya**. Born in 1816.

They had the following children:

17i.Shulim (1840-)

18ii.Khaya (1854-)

9. Girsch Bensman.

Child:

19i.Abram (1889-)

10. Nokhim-Dovid Bensman. Born in 1834.

11. Simka Bensman. Born in 1818.

Simka married **Leya Leyzorova**. Born in 1819.

They had the following children:

20i.Mira-Guta (1836-)

21ii.Zelda (1838-)

Fourth Generation

12. David Bensman. Born in 1850 in Lepel, Russia. David died in Lepel, Russia.

David married **Crena Ferga Fannie Aaron**. Born in Lepel, Russia. Crena Ferga Fannie died in 1904 in Lepel, Russia.

They had the following children:

- 22i. Louis(Yehuda,Yuda) (1877-1954)
- 23ii. Joseph (1881-1969)
- 24iii. William (1881-1942)
- 25iv. Abe (1883-1948)
- 26v. Max (1888-1967)
- 27vi. Meyer (1869-)
- 28vii. Zalman (1875-)
- 29viii. Devorah (1873-)
- 30ix. Relya (1885-)
- 31x. Itka (1871-)

13. Borukh Bensman.

Children:

- 32i. Moishe
- 33ii. Leyser (Lazarus)
- 34iii. Olga
- 35iv. Tsala

14. Rokhlya Bensman. Born in 1842.

15. Sora Bensman. Born in 1839.

16. Ester Bensman. Born in 1845.

17. Shulim Bensman. Born in 1840.

18. Khaya Bensman. Born in 1854.

19. Abram Bensman. Born in 1889.

Child:

- 36i. Aron (1918-)

20. Mira-Guta Bensman. Born in 1836.

21. Zelda Bensman. Born in 1838.

Fifth Generation

22. Louis(Yehuda,Yuda) Bensman. Born on 2 May 1877 in Lepel, Russia. Louis(Yehuda,Yuda) died in Sheboygan, Wi., on 30 Sep 1954; he was 77.
Occupation: Shoemaker.

In 1901 when Louis(Yehuda,Yuda) was 23, he married **Rose (Rieshe) Sussman Zussman**, daughter of Israel Sussman & Zipporah. Born in 1880 in Kamen, Russia. Rose (Rieshe) died in Sheboygan, Wi., on 11 Oct 1935; she was 55.

They had the following children:

- 37i. Max (1901-1941)
- 38ii. Solomon (1904-1970)
- 39iii. Jessie (1906-1996)
- 40iv. Mike(Falck) (1908-1995)
- 41v. David (1910-1957)
- 42vi. Frieda (1912-1968)
- 43vii. Albert (1914-1989)
- 44viii. Ida (1916-1989)
- 45ix. John (1919-1999)
- 46x. Joseph (1922-1986)

23. Joseph Bensman. Born on 2 May 1881 in Lepel, Russia. Joseph died in Sheboygan WI, in 1969; he was 87.

Joseph married **Fannie Raffelson**. Born in 1883. Fannie died in Sheboygan in 1933; she was 50.

They had the following children:

- 47i. Paul (1908-1965)
- 48ii. Benjamin (1912-1961)

49iii.Solomon (1910-1986)
50iv.Meyer
51v.Celia
52vi.Emily (1906-)
53vii.Dora (1909-2004)

24. William Bensman. Born in 1881 in Lepel, Russia. William died in Sheboygan WI, on 14 Aug 1942; he was 61.

William married **Sophie Raffelson**. Born in 1889. Sophie died in Sheboygan on 14 Jun 1946; she was 57.

They had the following children:

54i.John (1908-)
55ii.Caroline (1910-1997)
56iii.Celia (-1990)
57iv.Evelyn (1917-2012)
58v.Francis (1920-1986)

25. Abe Bensman. Born in 1883. Abe died in Sheboygan, WI in 1948; he was 65.

Abe married **Mary Mazo**. Mary died in 1930.

They had the following children:

59i.David (1913-1963)
60ii.Israel (1916-1961)
61iii.Jean (1918-1972)
62iv.Rose (1918-2010)

26. Max Bensman. Born on 15 Apr 1888 in Lepka, Russia. Max died in 1967; he was 78.

Max married **Sarah**.

They had the following children:

63i.David
64ii.Faye
65iii.Ida (Irene) (1915-2000)

27. Meyer Bensman. Born in 1869.

Meyer married **Brocha Rozen**.

They had the following children:

66i.Pesach (1895-1983)
67ii.Issac
68iii.Boris (-1987)
69iv.Solomon (-1999)
70v.Leo (1895-1983)

28. Zalman Bensman. Born in 1875 in Lepel.

Children:

71i.Issac (1905-1992)
72ii.Joseph (1907-1972)
73iii.Ida (1903-1985)
74iv.Feiga (1910-1987)
75v.Sonya (1912-1989)
76vi.Fruma (1917-1983)

29. Devorah Bensman. Born in 1873.

Devorah married **Moshe-Yosel Hoffman**.

They had one child:

77i.Ida

30. Relya Bensman. Born in 1885.

Relya first married **Joseph Mazo**.

They had the following children:

78i.David (1909-1994)
79ii.Zalman (1918-1999)
80iii.Feiga

Relya second married **Zalman-Leyba Mazo**.

They had the following children:

81i.Zalman

82ii.Feige

31. Itka Bensman. Born in 1871.

Itka married **unknown**.

They had the following children:

83i.Jacob

84ii.Efim

85iii.Jury

32. Moishe Bensman.

Children:

86i.Issac

87ii.Carl

88iii.Shaja

89iv.Reuven

90v.Dora

91vi.Nina

92vii.Rose

93viii.Boris

33. Leyser (Lazarus) Bensman.

Children:

94i.Abram

95ii.mikhail

34. Olga Bensman.

Children:

96i.?

97ii.?

35. Tsala Bensman.

Children:

98i.Sima

99ii.Geshel

100iii.Rosa

36. Aron Bensman. Born in 1918.

Child:

101i.Vera

Sixth Generation

37. Max Bensman. Born in 1901 in Lepel. Max died in Sheboygan on 19 Aug 1941; he was 40. Buried in Sheboygan. Education: High School.

38. Solomon Bensman. Born on 3 Nov 1904 in Sheboygan, WI. Solomon died in Milwaukee, Wi., in 1970; he was 65. Buried in Mound Zion, Brookfield, WI. Occupation: Worker, Cutler-Hammer. Education: High School.

In 1951 when Solomon was 46, he married **Dorothy**. Born in Milwaukee, WI. Dorothy died in 1981.

39. Jessie Bensman. Born on 10 Mar 1906 in Sheboygan, WI. Jessie died in Charlotte, N.C., on 15 Dec 1996; she was 90. Buried in Charlotte, N.C. Occupation: Bookkeeper. Education: High School.

On 7 Apr 1935 when Jessie was 29, she married **Morris Saxe**, son of Bunim Scharja & Sara Yocheved Shomsky (Szumski) Scharja, in Two Rivers WI. Born on 10 Jun 1900 in Janow, Poland. Morris died in Milwaukee WI, in Jun 1954; he was 53.

They had the following children:

102i.Robert Mark (1941-2009)

103ii.Allen B. (1944-)

40. Mike(Falck) Bensman. Born on 1 Oct 1908 in Sheboygan, Wi. Mike(Falck) died in Manitowoc, Wi., on 10 Jul 1995; he was 86. Buried in Sheboygan, Wi. Education: High School.

41. David Bensman. Born on 18 Mar 1910 in Sheboygan Wi. David died in Milwaukee Wi., in Jun 1957; he was 47. Buried in Milwaukee Wi. Occupation: Grocery store owner in Milwaukee. Education: High School.

In 1934 when David was 23, he married **Sarah Altshull**. Born in 1916. Sarah died in Milwaukee WI, in 1996; she was 80.

They had the following children:

104i.Melvin (1935-)

105ii.Richard (1937-2011)

106iii.Joanie (1940-)

42. Frieda Bensman. Born on 12 Jan 1912 in Sheboygan, Wi. Frieda died in Fond du Lac, Wi., on 11 Nov 1968; she was 56. Buried on 12 Nov 1968 in Fond du Lac, Wi.-Rienzi Cem. Occupation: Housewife. Education: Two Rivers,high school & Browns business school,Mil.

On 12 Nov 1933 when Frieda was 21, she married **Meyer Green** in Two Rivers, Wi. Born on 6 May 1905 in Cleveland, Ohio. Meyer died in Milwaukee, Wi., on 8 Dec 1984; he was 79.

They had the following children:

107i.Beverly (1934-2007)

108ii.Rhoda (1937-2012)

109iii.Richard (1948-)

43. Albert Bensman. Born on 30 Jun 1914 in Sheboygan Wi. Albert died in Milwaukee Wi., in Aug 1989; he was 75. Buried in Woods cemetery. Occupation: LaMarr Pen Shop Sales. Education: High School.

In 1949 when Albert was 34, he first married **Sophie** in Milwaukee WI. Born in Milwaukee WI. Sophie died on 6 Dec 1951 in Milwaukee WI.

They had one child:

110i.Sue Cele (1951-)

In Jun 1979 when Albert was 64, he second married **Agnes**. Born in 1910 in Milwaukee WI.

44. Ida Bensman. Born on 2 Dec 1916 in Sheboygan Wi. Ida died in Hollywood Ca, on 21 Jul 1989; she was 72. Buried in Hollywood Ca. Education: High School.

In 1943 when Ida was 26, she married **Henry Kahn** in Milwaukee. Born on 22 Aug 1922 in Germany. Henry died in California (Eden Park cem.LA), in 2008; he was 85.

They had the following children:

111i.Myra (1947-)

112ii.Warren (1949-2012)

45. John Bensman. Born on 27 May 1919 in Sheboygan Wi. John died in Milwaukee on 11 Aug 1999; he was 80. Occupation: Printer. Education: High School.

In 1946 when John was 26, he first married **Sylvia Mazer** in Milwaukee WI. Born on 10 Jan 1917 in Milwaukee. Sylvia died in Milwaukee in 1972; she was 54.

They had the following children:

113i.Richard (1949-)

114ii.Arlene (1952-)

In Sep 1995 when John was 76, he second married **Janet Drapkin** in Shorewood.WI. Born on 21 Apr 1923. Janet died on 26 Oct 2001; she was 78.

46. Joseph Bensman. Born on 29 Jan 1922 in Two Rivers Wi. Joseph died in New York NY, in Nov 1986; he was 64. Buried in New York NY. Occupation: Professor of Sociology Book Author Researcher. Education: Doctorate Degree.

In 1944 when Joseph was 21, he married **Marilyn (Mazie)**. Born on 25 Jun 1925 in New York NY. Marilyn (Mazie) died on 30 Apr 2015; she was 89.

They had the following children:

115i.David Harlan (1949-)

116ii.Rhea (1952-)

117iii.Miriam (1958-)

47. Paul Bensman. Born in 1908. Paul died in Sheboygan, WI, in 1965; he was 57.

48. Benjamin Bensman. Born on 3 Mar 1912. Benjamin died in Sheboygan, WI, on 4 Jan 1961; he was 48.

Benjamin married **Ida**.

They had the following children:

118i.Michael

119ii.Roger

49. Solomon Bensman. Born on 17 Jul 1910 in Sheboygan. Solomon died in Baton Rouge, LA, on 3 Dec 1986; he was 76. Buried in Sheboygan.

On 31 Dec 1933 when Solomon was 23, he married **Leah Zion**. Leah died in Aug 1999.

They had the following children:

120i.Stephen Jeremy (1938-2018)

121ii.Sandra (1934-)

50. Meyer Bensman.

51. Celia Bensman.

52. Emily Bensman. Born in 1906.

Emily married **Julius Alperovitz**. Julius died in Racine, WI.

They had one child:

122i.Gar (1937-)

53. Dora Bensman. Born on 7 May 1909. Dora died on 15 Jan 2004; she was 94.

Dora married **Lloyd Pettey**. Born in Milwaukee, WI.

They had the following children:

123i.Thomas (1935-)

124ii.Carol (1939-)

54. John Bensman. Born on 15 Oct 1908.

John married **Esther Hummitzsch**.

They had one child:

125i.William (1947-)

55. Caroline Bensman. Born on 12 Nov 1910 in Sheboygan, WI. Caroline died in Sheboygan, WI on 26 Jul 1997; she was 86.

Caroline married **Morris Petasnick**. Born on 26 Aug 1910. Morris died in Sheboygan, WI on 7 Feb 2004; he was 93.

They had the following children:

126i.Jerry (1935-)

127ii.Lois (1938-)

128iii.William (1946-)

56. Celia Bensman. Celia died in 1990.

Celia married **Abe Rich**.

They had one child:

129i.Jeffrey (1950-)

57. Evelyn Bensman. Born on 2 May 1917 in Sheboygan, WI. Evelyn died in Sheboygan, WI on 25 Apr 2012; she was 94.

Evelyn married **Milton Rudnick**.

They had the following children:

130i.Stuart (1946-)

131ii.Alan (1949-)

132iii.Beverly (1956-1956)

58. Francis Bensman. Born in 1920. Francis died on 25 Jul 1986; she was 66.

Francis married **George Templar**. George Templar died.

59. David Bensman. Born in 1913. David died in 1963; he was 50.

In Aug 1936 when David was 23, he married **Rose Swedlow** in Manitowoc Co, WI. Rose died on 2 Mar 1975.

They had the following children:

133i.Marvin (1937-)

134ii.Laeh (1943-)

60. Israel Bensman. Born in 1916. Israel died in Two Rivers, WI, in 1961; he was 45.

Israel married **Ruth (Tootie)**.

They had the following children:

135i.James (1943-)

136ii.Kerry (1947-)

137iii.Amy (1948-)

61. Jean Bensman. Born in 1918 in Two Rivers, WI. Jean died in Sheboygan, WI, in 1972; she was 54.

Jean married **David Horwitz**.

They had the following children:

138i.Mari Lynn (1940-)

139ii.Rachel (1949-)

140iii.Michael (1943-)

62. Rose Bensman. Born in 1918. Rose died on 2 Sep 2010; she was 92.

Rose married **Wyatt**.

They had the following children:

141i.Karen (1952-)

142ii.Richard (1946-)

143iii.Jolynn (1951-)

63. David Bensman.

David married **Anne**.

They had one child:

144i.Susan (1944-)

64. Faye Bensman.

65. Ida (Irene) Bensman. Born on 20 Jul 1915. Ida (Irene) died on 21 Sep 2000; she was 85.

Ida (Irene) married **Victor Lee)Levinson)**.

They had the following children:

145i.Linda Lee (Levinson) (1939-)

146ii.Donna Lee (Levinson) (1942-)

147iii.Vicki Lee (Levinson) (1951-1995)

148iv.Joanne Lee (Levinson) (1945-)

66. Pesach Bensman. Born in 1895. Pesach died in 1983; she was 88.

Children:

149i.Brocha

150ii.Zena

151iii.Fruma

152iv.Fanya

153v.Jury

67. Issac Bensman.

Children:

154i.David

155ii.Abram

68. Boris Bensman. Boris died in 1987.

Children:

156i.Albert (1937-)

157ii.Mark (1947-)

69. Solomon Bensman. Solomon died in 1999.

70. Leo Bensman. Born in 1895. Leo died in 1983; he was 88.

71. Issac Bensman. Born in 1905. Issac died in 1992; he was 87.

Children:

158i.Vladimir (1935-2002)

159ii.Gregory

72. Joseph Bensman. Born in 1907. Joseph died in 1972; he was 65.

Joseph married **Vera Monacova.**

They had the following children:

160i.Jury (1942-2014)

161ii.Igor (1952-)

73. Ida Bensman. Born in 1903. Ida died in 1985; she was 82.

Children:

162i.Dina (1930-1974)

163ii.Gennady (1936-1992)

74. Feiga Bensman. Born in 1910. Feiga died in 1987; she was 77.

75. Sonya Bensman. Born in 1912. Sonya died in 1989; she was 77.

Sonya married **David Mazo.**

They had one child:

164i.Tanya (1942-)

76. Fruma Bensman. Born in 1917. Fruma died in 1983; she was 66.

Fruma married **Ivan Kulikov.**

They had the following children:

165i.Lusya (1942-2015)

166ii.Galina (1947-)

167iii.Vladimir (1950-)

77. Ida Hoffman.

Ida married **Zalman Aronin**, son of Aronin.

They had the following children:

168i.Tsodik

169ii.David

170iii.Boris

78. David Mazo. Born in 1909. David died in 1994; he was 85.

Child:

171i.Tanya (1942-)

79. Zalman Mazo. Born in 1918. Zalman died in 1999; he was 81.

Zalman married **Zina Jerusalemchik.** Born in 1928. Zina died in 1989; she was 61.

They had the following children:

172i.Joseph (1948-)

173ii.Irina (1950-)

80. Feiga Mazo.

81. Zalman Mazo.

Zalman married **unknown.**

They had one child:

174i.unknown

82. Feige Mazo.

83. Jacob.

Child:
175i.Ida

84. Efim.

Children:
176i.David
177ii.Jury
178iii.Rita

85. Jury.

86. Issac Bensman.

Child:
179i.Emma

87. Carl Bensman.

Children:
180i.Albert
181ii.Gregory

88. Shaja Bensman.

Children:
182i.Nina
183ii.Svetlana
184iii.Elena

89. Reuven Bensman.

Children:
185i.Valeriy
186ii.Elena

90. Dora Bensman.

Children:
187i.Isai
188ii.Rebecca

91. Nina Bensman.

92. Rose Bensman.

Children:
189i.Zakhar
190ii.Raisa

93. Boris Bensman.

Child:
191i.Maya

94. Abram Bensman.

Child:
192i.Viktor

95. mikhail Bensman.

96. ?

97. ?

98. Sima.

99. Geshel.

Child:
193i.Rosa

100. Rosa.

Children:

194i.Ilya

195ii.Boris

101. Vera Bensman.

Seventh Generation

102. Robert Mark Saxe. Born on 12 Mar 1941 in Milwaukee Wi. Robert Mark died in Malkiya,Israel on 23 Feb 2009; he was 67. Buried on 25 Feb 2009 in Malkiya,Israel. Occupation: Therapist, Farmer. Education: PhD Psychology.

In Mar 1964 when Robert Mark was 22, he married **Jacquelyn Faber** in Milwaukee WI. Born in Jun 1945.

They had the following children:

196i.Jennifer Molly (1965-)

197ii.Michelle Fay (1969-)

103. Allen B. Saxe. Born on 30 Sep 1944 in Milwaukee Wi. Occupation: College Professor, City Planner. Education: Master degree, Brandeis Univ.

In 1967 when Allen B. was 22, he first married **Lynette LaVeau**. Born in 1946 in Trinidad. They were divorced in 1974.

They had one child:

198i.Kafia Verena Morrisa LaVeau (1970-)

In 1975 when Allen B. was 30, he second married **Barbara Cohen** in Florida. Born in 1945. Barbara died in Florida in 1981; she was 36.

They had one child:

199i.Edward (1970-)

On 16 Jun 1985 when Allen B. was 40, he third married **Jessica Schorr MD**, daughter of Alvin Schorr & Ann Girson Schorr, in Charlotte NC. Born on 8 Jan 1951 in Hazelton,Penn.

They had the following children:

200i.Talia Devorah (1988-)

201ii.Jeremy Morris Schorr (1992-)

104. Melvin Bensman. Born on 20 Oct 1935 in Milwaukee WI. Occupation: Postman.

Melvin married **Barbara Abram**.

They had the following children:

202i.Melinda (1964-)

203ii.Deborah (1962-)

105. Richard Bensman. Born on 13 Mar 1937 in Milwaukee WI. Richard died in Milwaukee on 22 Sep 2011; he was 74. Occupation: Brewery Work.

106. Joanie Bensman. Born on 3 Dec 1940 in Milwaukee WI.

Joanie married **John Patrick Randa**.

They had one child:

204i.Judith (1976-)

107. Beverly Green. Born on 3 Sep 1934 in Fond du Lac, Wi. Beverly died in Milwaukee in 2007; she was 72. Occupation: Housewife. Education: College degree UW-Madison,Wi.

In Aug 1957 when Beverly was 22, she married **William Feldman** in Madison WI. Born on 8 Jun 1930 in Mauston WI. William died on 21 Nov 2016; he was 86.

They had the following children:

205i.David (1958-)

206ii.Beth Lynn (1961-)

207iii.Karen (1963-2011)

208iv.Kenneth (1965-)

209v.Jeffrey (1967-)

108. Rhoda Green. Born on 3 Sep 1937 in Fond du lac, Wi. Rhoda died on 1 Nov 2012; she was 75. Occupation: Social Worker. Education: Batchelor Deg. Social Worker.

On 1 Oct 1960 when Rhoda was 23, she married **Phillip Adamak** in Dubuque, Iowa. Born on 1 May 1922 in Milwaukee, Wi. Phillip died on 17 Apr 2018; he was 95.

They had the following children:

210i.Mark Steven (1961-)

211ii.Leslie Ann (1968-)

212iii.Joseph Frederick (1969-)

109. Richard Green. Born on 7 May 1948 in Fond du Lac, Wi. Occupation: Social Worker. Education: UW Milwaukee.

110. Sue Cele Bensman. Born on 4 Dec 1951.

Sue Cele married **David Blum**. Born on 3 Sep 1949 in Oshkosh. They were divorced.

They had the following children:

213i.Sarah (1982-)

214ii.Michael (1985-)

215iii.Marissa (1991-)

111. Myra Kahn. Born on 18 Jan 1947 in Milwaukee WI. Occupation: Secretary. Education: High School.

In 1969 when Myra was 21, she first married **Robert Scheller** in Milwaukee WI. They were divorced in 1982.

They had the following children:

216i.Steven Michael (1970-)

217ii.Brian Christopher (1972-)

218iii.Chad Stuart (1975-)

219iv.Aaron David (1977-)

In 1981 when Myra was 33, she second married **Randy Gage**.

112. Warren Kahn. Born on 18 Sep 1949 in Milwaukee WI. Warren died in California on 25 Aug 2012; he was 62. Occupation: Salesman. Education: High School.

In 1968 when Warren was 18, he married **Rosie** in Milwaukee. Born in Sheboygan. They were divorced in 1980.

They had the following children:

220i.Melissa (1972-)

221ii.Nicole (1970-2017)

113. Richard Bensman. Born in Feb 1949 in Milwaukee WI. Occupation: City of Milwaukee. Education: University.

In 1983 when Richard was 33, he married **Anita Spiegel** in Milwaukee WI.

They had the following children:

222i.Shani (1985-)

223ii.Jodie (1987-)

114. Arlene Bensman. Born on 15 Jul 1952 in Milwaukee WI. Occupation: Teacher,Speech. Education: Masters,Teaching.

In 1979 when Arlene was 26, she first married **Armand Belfour** in Milwaukee. They were divorced in 1985.

They had the following children:

224i.Jamie (1979-)

225ii.Kerri (1981-)

On 13 Sep 1987 when Arlene was 35, she second married **Kenneth Smith** in Milwaukee WI. Born on 17 Dec 1949. They were divorced.

115. David Harlan Bensman. Born in Aug 1949 in Syracuse, NY. Occupation: Historian,Rutgers University. Education: PhD.

On 10 Nov 1984 when David Harlan was 35, he married **Josephine Iraldo** in New York, NY.

They had one child:

226i.Joseph Mathew (1987-)

116. Rhea Bensman. Born in 1952 in New York NY. Education: Phd. Occupation: Therapist.

On 13 Sep 1987 when Rhea was 35, she married **Jeffrey Monin** in New York NY.

They had the following children:

227i.Steven (1988-)
228ii.Kira (1992-)

117. **Miriam Bensman**. Born in 1958 in New York NY.

Miriam married **Gerry Santora**.

They had the following children:

229i.Joshua Emil Bensman (2001-)
230ii.Rebecca Marie Bensman (2002-)
231iii.Jeremy Jason Bensman (2003-)

118. **Michael Bensman**. Occupation: Dr.

119. **Roger Bensman**.

Children:

232i.Bobbi
233ii.Todd

120. **Stephen Jeremy Bensman**. Born on 26 Aug 1938 in Sheboygan, WI. Stephen Jeremy died on 5 Jan 2018; he was 79.

Stephen Jeremy married **Miriam**. Born in 1936 in Putulsk, Poland.

121. **Sandra Bensman**. Born on 19 Dec 1934 in Sheboygan, WI.

Sandra married **Edward Silverstein**. Born in 1930 in Washington.DC. Edward died on 10 Dec 1999; he was 69.

They had the following children:

234i.David (1959-)
235ii.Judith (1963-)
236iii.Lisa (1967-)

122. **Gar Alperovitz**. Born in 1937 in Racine, WI. Occupation: Historian,Author.

Gar married **Sharon**. Born on 12 Sep 1940.

They had the following children:

237i.Kari Fai (1959-)
238ii.David Joseph (1970-)

123. **Thomas Pettey**. Born in 1935 in Milwaukee, WI.

124. **Carol Pettey**. Born in 1939.

Carol married **Neil Baerman**. Born on 12 Sep 1937.

They had the following children:

239i.Laurie (1960-)
240ii.Beth (1961-)
241iii.Scott (1964-)
242iv.Christopher (1965-)

125. **William Bensman**. Born in 1947.

William married **Pam Weisberger**.

They had the following children:

243i.Anne (1970-)
244ii.Dan (1975-)

126. **Jerry Petasnick**. Born in 1935. Occupation: Chief Dr Radiology Pres St. Lukes Chicago.

Jerry married **Barbara Haft**. Born on 1 Jan 1937.

They had the following children:

245i.Laura (1965-)
246ii.Sheri (1965-)

127. **Lois Petasnick**. Born on 3 Oct 1938.

Lois married **Earl Nudelman**. Born on 4 Sep 1934.

They had the following children:

247i.Lori (1965-)

248ii.Wendi (1966-)

249iii.Brian (1969-)

128. William Petasnick. Born in 1946. Occupation: Pres. Froedert Hosp Milwaukee.

William married **Bobbe Moulton**. Bobbe died on 16 Mar 2010.

They had the following children:

250i.Ellen (1974-)

251ii.David (1972-)

129. Jeffrey Rich. Born in 1950.

Jeffrey married **Sandra**.

130. Stuart Rudnick. Born on 21 Sep 1946. Occupation: Atty.

Stuart married **Dorene Braverman**.

They had the following children:

252i.Anne

253ii.Elizabeth

131. Alan Rudnick. Born on 23 Mar 1949.

Alan married **Pam Dallas**. Born on 17 May 1954.

They had the following children:

254i.Paul (1983-)

255ii.Jeff (1986-)

132. Beverly Rudnick. Born in 1956. Beverly died in 1956; she was <1.

133. Marvin Bensman. Born on 18 Sep 1937 in Two Rivers, WI. Occupation: Prof.of Communications,Retired. Education: Phd. Comm.,UW.

Marvin married **Harriet**. Born in 1942 in Chelsea, Mass.

They had the following children:

256i.David (1968-)

257ii.Lauren (1971-)

134. Laeh Bensman. Born in 1943.

Laeh married **Thomas McHenry**. They were divorced.

They had the following children:

258i.Adam Michael (1982-)

259ii.David Randolph (1977-)

260iii.Stephen Ellis (1980-)

135. James Bensman. Born on 16 Aug 1943.

James married **Celia Wedgewood**. Born on 13 Oct 1948.

They had the following children:

261i.Mark (1975-)

262ii.Sara (1976-)

136. Kerry Bensman. Born on 7 Jul 1947.

Kerry married **Ada**.

They had the following children:

263i.Colin (1975-)

264ii.Ian (1974-)

137. Amy Bensman. Born on 28 Oct 1948.

Amy married **George Lutz**.

138. Mari Lynn Horwitz. Born on 20 Oct 1940.

Mari Lynn married **Werner**.

They had one child:

265i.Jenny (1974-)

139. Rachel Horwitz. Born on 29 Mar 1949.

Rachel married **Marty Singer**.

140. Michael Horwitz. Born on 29 May 1943.

Michael married **Marilyn Swanson**.

They had the following children:

266i.Gregory (1977-)

267ii.Tricia (1978-)

141. Karen Wyatt. Born on 29 Mar 1952.

Karen married **John Anderson**.

They had the following children:

268i.Mathew

269ii.Elizabeth

142. Richard Wyatt. Born on 10 Mar 1946.

Richard married **Pat**.

They had one child:

270i.Mathew Zachary (1981-)

143. Jolynn Wyatt. Born on 24 Oct 1951.

Jolynn married **Walter Holzwart**.

They had the following children:

271i.Christopher (1985-)

272ii.Natalie (1990-)

144. Susan Bensman. Born in 1944.

145. Linda Lee (Levinson). Born on 15 Apr 1939.

146. Donna Lee (Levinson). Born on 23 Feb 1942.

Donna Lee (Levinson) first married **Steven Rich**. They were divorced.

They had the following children:

273i.Lisa

274ii.Eric

275iii.Glen

Donna Lee (Levinson) second married **Leo Malone**. They were divorced.

They had one child:

276i.Kelly

Donna Lee (Levinson) third married **John Powles**.

147. Vicki Lee (Levinson). Born on 16 Apr 1951. Vicki Lee (Levinson) died on 21 Mar 1995; she was 43.

Vicki Lee (Levinson) married **James Seltzer**. James died in Nov 2016.

They had the following children:

277i.Rachel (1981-)

278ii.Robert (1986-)

148. Joanne Lee (Levinson). Born on 22 Apr 1945.

Joanne Lee (Levinson) married **Donald S. Cohn**.

They had the following children:

279i.Keith (1966-)

280ii.Brad (1969-)

281iii.Adrienne (1975-)

149. Brocha.

Brocha married **Gregory Novozhenets**.

They had the following children:

282i.Yury

283ii.Polina

284iii.Yefim

150. Zena.

Child:

285i.Rita

151. Fruma.

152. Fanya.

Children:

286i.Tamara

287ii.Sasha

153. Jury.

Child:

288i.Evgen

154. David Bensman.

155. Abram Bensman.

156. Albert Bensman. Born in 1937.

Child:

289i.Anna

157. Mark Bensman. Born in 1947.

Children:

290i.Roman

291ii.Alex

158. Vladimir Bensman. Born in 1935. Vladimir died in 2002; he was 67.

Children:

292i.Vladimir

293ii.Gregory

159. Gregory Bensman. Born.

Children:

294i.UNNAMED

295ii.UNNAMED

160. Jury Bensman. Born in 1942. Jury died in 2014; he was 72.

Jury married **Roza Finn-Abracova**. Born in 1947. Roza died in 2002; she was 55.

They had one child:

296i.Elena

161. Igor Bensman. Born in 1952.

Igor married **Ludmila Laricheva**. Born in 1951.

They had one child:

297i.Vera (1993-)

162. Dina Rascazova. Born in 1930. Dina died in 1974; she was 44.

163. Gennady Rascazova. Born in 1936. Gennady died in 1992; he was 56.

Child:

298i.Elena (1956-)

164. Tanya Mazo. Born in 1942.

Tanya married **Alexander Ozadovsky.**

They had one child:

299i.Jacob (1971-)

165. Lusya Kulikov. Born in 1942. Lusya died in 2015; she was 73.

Lusya married **Vladimir Morozov.**

They had one child:

300i.Sergey (1962-)

166. Galina Kulikov. Born in 1947.

Galina married **Emil Stolin.** Born in 1947.

They had one child:

301i.Vyacheslav (1974-)

167. Vladimir Kulikov. Born in 1950.

Vladimir married **Luchuk Ludmila.** Born in 1946.

They had one child:

302i.Andrey (1979-)

168. Tsodik Aronin.

Tsodik married **Frida Gurevich.**

They had the following children:

303i.Margarita

304ii.Zinaida

169. David Aronin.

170. Boris Aronin.

Child:

305i.Zacahar

171. Tanya Mazo. Born in 1942.

Tanya married **Alexander Ozadovsky.** Born in 1941.

They had one child:

306i.Jacob (1971-)

172. Joseph Mazo. Born in 1948.

Joseph married **Olga Lakernik.** Born in 1952.

They had the following children:

307i.Ksenya (1987-)

308ii.Dimitri (1990-)

173. Irina Mazo. Born in 1950.

174. unknown Mazo.

175. Ida.

Ida married **unknown Greenshtain.**

They had one child:

309i.Pavel

176. David.

177. Jury.

178. Rita.

179. Emma Bensman.

180. Albert Bensman.

Child:

310i.Mikhail

181. Gregory Bensman.

Child:

311i.Julia

182. Nina Bensman.

183. Svetlana Bensman.

Child:

312i.Yulia

184. Elena Bensman.

185. Valeriy Bensman.

Children:

313i.Maxim (1978-)

314ii.Vitaly (1975-)

186. Elena Bensman.

Child:

315i.Reuven

187. Isai.

Children:

316i.Irina

317ii.Alya

188. Rebecca.

Child:

318i.Lil

189. Zakhar.

190. Raisa.

Child:

319i.Lube

191. Maya Bensman.

192. Viktor Bensman.

Children:

320i.Olya

321ii.Dima

193. Rosa.

Children:

322i.Ilya

323ii.Boris

194. Ilya.

195. Boris.

Eighth Generation

196. Jennifer Molly Saxe. Born on 8 Oct 1965 in East Lansing, Mich.

In Mar 1987 when Jennifer Molly was 21, she married **Nissim Yitzhak** in Tel Aviv Israel.

They had the following children:

324i.Assaf (1988-)

325ii.Netai (1989-)

326iii.Liat (1991-)

327iv.Moriah (1993-)

328v.Merav (1995-)

329vi.Michael (1996-)

330vii.Ayelet (1998-)

331viii.Yochanan (2001-)

197. Michelle Fay Saxe. Born on 5 Oct 1969 in Atlanta GA. Education: BS,Master in Lands. NCSU.

On 1 Jun 1997 when Michelle Fay was 27, she married **Steven Wallace** in Charlotte, NC. Born in 1974.

They had the following children:

332i.Yarden Willow (2002-)

333ii.Samuel Alexander (2004-)

198. Kafia Verena Morrisa LaVeau Saxe. Born on 10 Jun 1970 in Boston MA. Education: Univ NC.

Kafia Verena Morrisa LaVeau married **Lloyd Canning**.

They had the following children:

334i.Mikah Jessy LaVeau Saxe (2007-)

335ii.Ezra Finn LaVeau Saxe (2009-)

199. Edward Saxe. Born on 26 Nov 1970 in New York NY. Occupation: Computer Operator. Education: University.

In 1995 when Edward was 24, he married **Hope**. They were divorced in 1998.

200. Talia Devorah Saxe. Born on 1 Dec 1988 in Charlotte NC.

201. Jeremy Morris Schorr Saxe. Born on 19 Nov 1992.

202. Melinda Bensman. Born on 6 Mar 1964 in Milwaukee, WI. Occupation: Teacher. Education: U W Oskosh.

203. Deborah Bensman. Born on 26 May 1962 in Milwaukee, WI.

204. Judith Randa. Born on 25 Oct 1976.

Judith married **Dan O'Neil**.

They had the following children:

336i.Richelle Edith (2011-)

337ii.April Leona (2015-)

205. David Feldman. Born on 13 May 1958 in Madison WI. Occupation: Attorney. Education: University, Madison.

In 1982 when David was 23, he married **Katherine Ferris RN** in Iowa. Born on 4 Jan 1957 in Iowa. They were divorced in Milwaukee in 1995.

They had the following children:

338i.Laura (1987-)

339ii.Kim (1991-)

206. Beth Lynn Feldman. Born on 12 Nov 1961 in Milwaukee WI. Occupation: Nurse. Education: University degree.

In Dec 1991 when Beth Lynn was 30, she married **Arthur Pettit** in Hawaii. Born on 18 Aug 1956.

They had the following children:

340i. Arthur (1992-)
341ii. William (1994-)

207. Karen Feldman. Born on 16 Mar 1963 in Milwaukee WI. Karen died on 7 Dec 2011; she was 48. Education: Special Ed.

208. Kenneth Feldman. Born on 10 May 1965 in Milwaukee WI. Occupation: Civil Engineer. Education: University, Navy.

In Aug 1994 when Kenneth was 29, he married **Laurie Stewart**. Born on 14 Mar 1965.

They had one child:

342i. Kincaid (2000-)

209. Jeffrey Feldman. Born on 12 Jan 1967 in Milwaukee WI. Occupation: Computer Programmer. Education: University.

210. Mark Steven Adamak. Born on 19 Oct 1961 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Occupation: Apartment Manager. Education: college graduate B/S in business UWM.

211. Leslie Ann Adamak. Born on 9 Apr 1968 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Occupation: Fitness Instructor, Life Center- Swedish Covenant Hospital. Education: `College degree in Physical Education, UW Oshkosh.

On 11 May 1996 when Leslie Ann was 28, she married **Keith Mras** in Brookfield, Wi. Born on 14 Dec 1968 in Wis. Rapids, Wi.

They had the following children:

343i. Jacob Payton (1997-)

344ii. Alana (2001-)

212. Joseph Frederick Adamak. Born on 7 Oct 1969 in Milwaukee. Occupation: Teacher. Education: College degree B/S plus 2 years Certification.

213. Sarah Blum. Born on 14 Nov 1982.

On 9 Jun 2013 when Sarah was 30, she married **Scott Fitzgerald**.

They had the following children:

345i. Emanuel Lyle (2016-)

346ii. Alexander Lawrence (2017-)

214. Michael Blum. Born on 11 Sep 1985.

Michael married **Leah Rosenblatt**.

They had one child:

347i. Theodore Martin (2017-)

215. Marissa Blum. Born on 1 Jun 1991.

On 12 Nov 2016 when Marissa was 25, she married **Michael Schuessler**.

They had one child:

348i. Evelyn Rose (2018-)

216. Steven Michael Scheller. Born on 25 Oct 1970 in Wauwatosa WI. Occupation: Human resource Director. Education: Bachelors-UW.

Steven Michael married **Meridee Ann Hunst**.

They had one child:

349i. Mathew Henry (2008-)

217. Brian Christopher Scheller. Born on 14 Nov 1972 in Wauwatosa WI. Occupation: Stock trader. Education: UW-1995.

On 1 Aug 2015 when Brian Christopher was 42, he married **Kelsey**.

218. Chad Stuart Scheller. Born on 21 Sep 1975 in Wauwatosa WI. Occupation: Financial Anal. Education: 1998-UW.

Chad Stuart married **Melisa**.

They had one child:

350i. Allegra (2009-)

219. Aaron David Scheller. Born on 8 May 1977 in Wauwatosa WI. Occupation: Surgical Tech.

220. Melissa Kahn. Born on 1 Jul 1972 in Milwaukee.

Child:

351i.Sequoia (1995-)

221. Nicole Kahn. Born in 1970 in Milwaukee. Nicole died on 14 Feb 2017; she was 47.

Child:

352i.Edie (1994-)

222. Shani Bensman. Born in 1985 in Milwaukee WI.

On 10 Sep 2017 when Shani was 32, she married **Max Correa**.

223. Jodie Bensman. Born in 1987 in Milwaukee WI.

224. Jamie Belfour. Born on 1 Feb 1979 in Milwaukee WI.

Jamie married **Kris Maier**.

They had the following children:

353i.Aiden (2007-)

354ii.Colin (2007-)

355iii.Ryan (2009-)

225. Kerri Belfour. Born on 25 May 1981 in MilwaukeeWI.

Child:

356i.Austin

226. Joseph Mathew Bensman. Born on 27 Sep 1987 in Colombia, S.America.

227. Steven Monin. Born in 1988 in New York NY.

228. Kira Monin. Born in 1992 in New York NY.

229. Joshua Emil Bensman Santora. Born on 2 May 2001.

230. Rebecca Marie Bensman Santora. Born on 6 May 2002.

231. Jeremy Jason Bensman Santora. Born on 5 Mar 2003.

232. Bobbi Bensman.

233. Todd Bensman.

234. David Silverstein. Born on 13 May 1959 in Milwaukee, WI.

David married **Kathie J. Beverly**.

They had the following children:

357i.Joseph Michael (1998-)

358ii.Connor (2003-)

359iii.Allison (2000-)

235. Judith Silverstein. Born on 30 Nov 1963.

Judith married **Arthur Nelson**.

236. Lisa Silverstein. Born on 17 Jan 1967.

Lisa married **Peter Jossi**.

They had the following children:

360i.Sophie Silverstein (1995-)

361ii.Miranda Julia Silverstein

237. Kari Fai Alperovitz. Born on 15 Jul 1959.

238. David Joseph Alperovitz. Born on 10 Mar 1970.

David Joseph married **Joanna**.

They had the following children:

362i.Noah (2002-)

363ii.Ben (2006-)

239. Laurie Baerman Rankin. Born on 28 Jul 1960.

Laurie married **Dirk Rankin**.

They had the following children:

364i.Jessica (1987-)

365ii.Valerie (1989-)

366iii.Mark (1992-)

367iv.Kathleen (1994-)

240. Beth Baerman Gell. Born on 29 Aug 1961.

Beth married **James Gell**.

They had the following children:

368i.Walter (1990-1990)

369ii.Gwen (1991-)

370iii.Ethan (1994-)

371iv.Emma (1996-)

241. Scott Baerman. Born on 29 Jun 1964.

Scott married **Jill Pace**.

They had the following children:

372i.Molly (1999-)

373ii.Abigail (2001-)

374iii.Jane (2003-)

242. Christopher Baerman. Born on 18 Dec 1965.

Christopher married **Laurel Houseman**.

243. Anne Bensman. Born in 1970.

Anne married **Nick Trane**. They were divorced.

They had the following children:

375i.Grace (1999-)

376ii.Isabella (1999-)

377iii.Nick (2001-)

244. Dan Bensman. Born in 1975.

Dan married **Ellen Valent**. Born in 1974.

They had one child:

378i.Beatrice Madden (2007-)

245. Laura Petasnick. Born on 31 Jan 1965.

Laura married **Adam Berkey**.

246. Sheri Petasnick. Born on 31 Jan 1965.

Sheri married **Alan Panovka**.

They had the following children:

379i.Alexander (2001-)

380ii.Oren (2002-)

247. Lori Nudelman. Born on 16 Jan 1965.

Lori married **Michael Fine**. Born on 30 May 1965.

They had the following children:

381i.Jamie (1995-)

382ii.Jacob Bradley (1998-)

248. Wendi Nudelman. Born on 28 Dec 1966.

Wendi married **Todd Chapman**. Born on 7 Aug 1958.

They had the following children:

383i.Jordyn (1996-)

384ii.Jenna (2000-)

249. Brian Nudelman. Born on 19 May 1969.

Brian married **Beatrice**. Born on 14 Oct 1969.

They had the following children:

385i.Emma (1999-)

386ii.Adam Jared (2002-)

250. Ellen Petasnick. Born on 26 Jul 1974.

Ellen married **Mike Razzoog**. Born on 13 Sep 1967.

They had the following children:

387i.Zach (2008-)

388ii.Olivia (2010-)

251. David Petasnick. Born on 25 Jun 1972.

David married **Jennifer Hoffman**. Born on 14 Jul 1975.

252. Anne Rudnick.

253. Elizabeth Rudnick.

254. Paul Rudnick. Born on 6 Oct 1983.

Paul married **Sarah**.

They had one child:

389i.Beatrix (2018-)

255. Jeff Rudnick. Born on 2 May 1986.

256. David Bensman. Born in 1968.

David married **Saiko Yamauchi**.

They had one child:

390i.Rebecca Yamauchi (2009-)

257. Lauren Bensman. Born in 1971. Occupation: Occupational Therapist. Education: MA,Rush U Chicago.

Lauren married **John Adkins**. They were divorced.

They had the following children:

391i.Berrett (1998-)

392ii.Raven (2000-)

258. Adam Michael McHenry. Born on 11 May 1982.

On 29 Aug 2015 when Adam Michael was 33, he married **Arielle Edelman** in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

They had one child:

393i.Mia Sylvia (2017-)

259. David Randolph McHenry. Born on 21 May 1977.

On 21 Apr 2012 when David Randolph was 34, he married **Lisa Goggin**.

They had the following children:

394i.Sofia Rose (2015-)

395ii.Oisin (2016-)

260. Stephen Ellis McHenry. Born on 1 Feb 1980.

Stephen Ellis married **Christina Miller**.

They had the following children:

396i.Harriet Minette (2010-)
397ii.Eloise (2014-)

261. Mark Bensman. Born in 1975.

Mark married **Wendy Bensman**.

They had the following children:

398i.Charley Ann (2014-)
399ii.Cameron James (2009-)
400iii.Alexandria Lilly (2011-)

262. Sara Bensman. Born in 1976.

Sara married **Ryan Knutson**.

They had one child:

401i.Jayce Thomas Knutson (2012-)

263. Colin Bensman. Born in 1975.

264. Ian Bensman. Born in 1974.

265. Jenny Werner. Born in 1974.

266. Gregory Horwitz. Born in 1977.

267. Tricia Horwitz. Born in 1978.

Tricia married **Rich Evans Jr.**

268. Mathew Anderson.

269. Elizabeth Anderson.

270. Mathew Zachary Wyatt. Born on 14 Dec 1981.

On 27 Dec 2008 when Mathew Zachary was 27, he married **Augusta Elizabeth Arling Wyatt**. Born on 28 May 1986.

They had the following children:

402i.Elowen Rose (2014-)
403ii.Broderick Fitz (2016-)

271. Christopher Holzwart. Born on 14 Mar 1985.

Christopher married **Michelle Bennett**.

272. Natalie Holzwart. Born on 8 Sep 1990.

Natalie married **Thomas Jennings**.

273. Lisa.

274. Eric.

275. Glen.

276. Kelly Malone.

Kelly married **Greenberg**.

They had one child:

404i.Justin

277. Rachel Seltzer. Born on 16 Dec 1981.

278. Robert Seltzer. Born in May 1986.

279. Keith. Born on 4 Dec 1966.

Children:

405i.Jordan (1998-)
406ii.Bari (2000-)

280. Brad. Born on 11 Aug 1969.

Children:

407i.Bram (2004-)

408ii.Bryn (2006-)

409iii.Brier (2009-)

281. Adrienne. Born on 11 Sep 1975.

Adrienne married **Brian Becker**.

They had the following children:

410i.Boden

411ii.Skylar (2008-)

282. Yury Novozhenets.

283. Polina Novozhenets.

284. Yefim Novozhenets.

285. Rita Lynbchanskoya.

286. Tamara.

287. Sasha.

288. Evgen.

289. Anna Bensman.

290. Roman.

Child:

412i.Leo (2007-)

291. Alex.

292. Vladimir Bensman.

293. Gregory Bensman.

Children:

413i.Ilya

414ii.Mary

294. Bensman.

295. Bensman.

296. Elena Bensman.

Elena married **Paul Valuey**.

297. Vera Bensman. Born in 1993.

298. Elena Rascazova. Born in 1956.

Children:

415i.Max (1997-)

416ii.Roman (1987-)

299. Jacob Ozadovsky. Born in 1971.

300. Sergey Morozov. Born in 1962.

301. Vyacheslav Stolin. Born in 1974.

Child:

417i.Alla (2003-)

302. Andrey Kulikov. Born in 1979.

303. Margarita Aronin.

304. Zinaida Aronin.

Children:

418i.Natalie

419ii.Joshua

305. Zacahar Aronin.

306. Jacob Ozadovsky. Born in 1971.

307. Ksenya Mazo. Born in 1987.

308. Dimitri Mazo. Born in 1990.

309. Pavel Greenshtain.

310. Mikhail Bensman.

Child:

420i.Ilya

311. Julia Bensman.

Child:

421i.?

312. Yulia.

313. Maxim Bensman. Born in 1978.

Children:

422i.Esther

423ii.Daniel

314. Vitaly Bensman. Born in 1975.

Children:

424i.Miriam (2001-)

425ii.Daniella

315. Reuven.

Children:

426i.David

427ii.Alik

316. Irina.

Children:

428i.Ilya

429ii.David

430iii.Sanya

317. Alya.

318. Lil.

319. Lube.

320. Olya Bensman.

321. Dima Bensman.

322. Ilya.

323. Boris.

Ninth Generation

324. Assaf Yitzhak. Born on 27 Jan 1988 in Tel Aviv.

325. Netai Yitzhak. Born on 1 Nov 1989 in Tel Aviv.

On 10 Mar 2011 when Netai was 21, he married **Rachel Leah Shritrit Yitzhak.**

They had the following children:

431i. Elai (2012-)

432ii. Yael (2014-)

433iii. Shilat (2016-)

326. Liat Yitzhak. Born on 10 Mar 1991 in Tel Aviv.

On 8 Mar 2018 when Liat was 26, she married **Schlomi Dek.**

327. Moriah Yitzhak. Born on 30 Mar 1993 in Tel Aviv.

328. Merav Yitzhak. Born on 25 May 1995 in Tel Aviv.

329. Michael Yitzhak. Born on 21 Dec 1996 in Tel Aviv.

330. Ayelet Yitzhak. Born on 2 Jun 1998.

331. Yochanan Yitzhak. Born on 26 Jul 2001.

332. Yarden Willow Wallace. Born on 4 Apr 2002.

333. Samuel Alexander Wallace. Born on 16 Sep 2004.

334. Mikah Jessy LaVeau Saxe Canning. Born on 12 Aug 2007.

335. Ezra Finn LaVeau Saxe Canning. Born on 15 Dec 2009.

336. Richelle Edith O'Neill. Born on 5 Apr 2011.

337. April Leona O'Neil. Born on 1 Apr 2015.

338. Laura Feldman. Born on 17 Jul 1987 in Milwaukee WI.

339. Kim Feldman. Born on 10 Jan 1991 in Milwaukee WI.

340. Arthur Pettit. Born on 6 Jun 1992 in Hawaii.

341. William Pettit. Born on 30 Jun 1994 in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

342. Kincaid Feldman. Born on 28 Oct 2000.

343. Jacob Payton Mras. Born on 23 Jul 1997 in Chicago, Ill.

344. Alana Mras. Born on 11 Sep 2001.

345. Emanuel Lyle Fitzgerald. Born on 6 Apr 2016.

346. Alexander Lawrence Fitzgerald. Born on 2 Nov 2017.

347. Theodore Martin Blum. Born on 12 Aug 2017.

348. Evelyn Rose Schuessler. Born on 18 Jun 2018.

349. Mathew Henry Scheller. Born on 7 Jul 2008.

350. Allegra Scheller. Born on 2 Sep 2009.

351. Sequoia Kahn. Born in 1995 in Australia.

352. Edie Kahn. Born in 1994 in Australia.

353. Aiden Maier. Born on 25 Aug 2007.

354. **Colin Maier**. Born on 25 Aug 2007.

355. **Ryan Maier**. Born on 14 Jun 2009.

356. **Austin**.

357. **Joseph Michael Silverstein**. Born on 22 Mar 1998.

358. **Connor Silverstein**. Born on 17 Mar 2003.

359. **Allison Silverstein**. Born on 12 Jan 2000.

360. **Sophie Silverstein Jossi**. Born on 21 Jun 1995.

361. **Miranda Julia Silverstein Jossi**.

362. **Noah Alperovitz**. Born on 11 Aug 2002.

363. **Ben Alperovitz**. Born on 17 Apr 2006.

364. **Jessica**. Born on 15 Jul 1987.

365. **Valerie**. Born on 1 Jul 1989.

366. **Mark**. Born on 1 May 1992.

367. **Kathleen**. Born on 15 Sep 1994.

368. **Walter**. Born on 12 Sep 1990. Walter died on 4 Dec 1990; he was <1.

369. **Gwen**. Born on 4 Oct 1991.

370. **Ethan**. Born on 5 Apr 1994.

371. **Emma**. Born on 17 Jan 1996.

372. **Molly Baerman**. Born on 12 Nov 1999.

373. **Abigail Baerman**. Born on 1 Apr 2001.

374. **Jane Baerman**. Born on 29 Mar 2003.

375. **Grace Trane**. Born on 24 May 1999.

376. **Isabella Trane**. Born on 24 May 1999.

377. **Nick Trane**. Born on 17 Jan 2001.

378. **Beatrice Madden Bensman**. Born on 27 Apr 2007.

379. **Alexander Panovka**. Born on 26 Jan 2001.

380. **Oren Panovka**. Born on 5 Dec 2002.

381. **Jamie Fine**. Born on 3 Jul 1995.

382. **Jacob Bradley Fine**. Born on 23 Feb 1998.

383. **Jordyn Chapman**. Born on 25 Sep 1996.

384. **Jenna Chapman**. Born on 6 Oct 2000.

385. **Emma Nudelman**. Born on 25 Mar 1999.

386. **Adam Jared Nudelman**. Born on 14 Feb 2002.

387. **Zach**. Born on 15 Aug 2008.

388. **Olivia**. Born on 26 Jan 2010.

389. **Beatrix Rudnick**. Born on 30 Jan 2018.

390. **Rebecca Yamauchi Bensman**. Born on 7 Sep 2009.

391. **Berrett Adkins.** Born in 1998.

392. **Raven Adkins.** Born in 2000.

393. **Mia Sylvia McHenry.** Born on 12 Feb 2017.

394. **Sofia Rose Goggin.** Born on 1 Jun 2015.

395. **Oisin McHenry.** Born on 13 Nov 2016.

396. **Harriet Minette McHenry.** Born on 12 Jul 2010.

397. **Eloise McHenry.** Born on 4 Sep 2014.

398. **Charley Ann Bensman.** Born on 25 Jul 2014.

399. **Cameron James Bensman.** Born on 25 Nov 2009.

400. **Alexandria Lilly Bensman.** Born on 13 Feb 2011.

401. **Jayce Thomas Knutson Knutson.** Born on 13 Dec 2012.

402. **Elowen Rose Wyatt.** Born on 27 Sep 2014.

403. **Broderick Fitz Wyatt.** Born on 23 Aug 2016.

404. **Justin Greenberg.**

405. **Jordan.** Born on 1 Jul 1998.

406. **Bari.** Born on 21 Apr 2000.

407. **Bram.** Born on 4 Sep 2004.

408. **Bryn.** Born on 12 May 2006.

409. **Brier.** Born on 14 Apr 2009.

410. **Boden Becker.**

411. **Skylar Becker.** Born on 18 Dec 2008.

412. **Leo.** Born in May 2007.

413. **Ilya Bensman.**

414. **Mary Bensman.**

415. **Max.** Born in 1997.

416. **Roman.** Born in 1987.

417. **Alla Stolin.** Born in 2003.

418. **Natalie.**

419. **Joshua.**

420. **Ilya Bensman.**

421. **?**

422. **Esther Bensman.**

423. **Daniel Bensman.**

424. **Miriam Bensman.** Born in 2001.

425. **Daniella Bensman.**

426. **David.**

427. Alik.

428. Ilya.

Children:
434i.Esther
435ii.Anat

429. David.

430. Sanya.

Tenth Generation

431. Elai Yitzhak. Born on 4 May 2012.

432. Yael Yitzhak. Born on 21 Jun 2014.

433. Shilat Yitzhak. Born on 1 Sep 2016.

434. Esther.

435. Anat.

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Borukh Bensman Family is being researched by Beth Rabkin

Beth Rabkin is researching Jacob Bensman.

Beth Rabkin and I have been in contact for nearly two decades. In 2017, Beth found the information to connect our families. Beth had information on her grandfather Jacob, but no further back. In 2017, she documented that Jacob's father was Borukh Bensman.

A Borukh Bensman was also the grandfather of Valerij Bensman.

This ties Beth to the entire line of Bensmans in Lepel since the 1700's, and possibly to Valerij's family.



Jacob and Eva



Jacob and Eva Bensman and six of their seven children, 1902

My Descendant Chart

Boruch Bensman
b. 1825-1840?, Lepel
& Hannah

Jacob Meyer Bentsman
b. 1863
d. 1933
& Eva Jaffe
b. 1872
d. 1920

Rose Bentsman
b. 1890
& Sam Berezin

Sarah Bentsman
b. 1892
& Abe Simon

Harry Berman (Bensman)
b. 1894
& Ida Levy Berman (Bensman)

David Berman (Bentsman)
b. 1897

Beatrice Bentsman
b. 1900
& Leo (Leopold) Rovenger

Bessie Bentsman
b. 1902
& Harry Freibaum

Moishe (Murray) Bensman (Benson)
b. 1904
& Annette Barwess Bensman (Benson)

Sara Jane Bensman (Benson)
b. 1937
& Kenneth Harte (Hartogensis)
b. 1935

Beth Harte
b. 1960
& Michael Rabkin
b. 1954

Barry Rabkin
b. 1984
& Sarah Paret Rabkin

Leona Lynn Rabkin
b. 2015

Maxwell Jacob Rabkin
b. 2017

Edward Bensman (Benson)
b. 1941

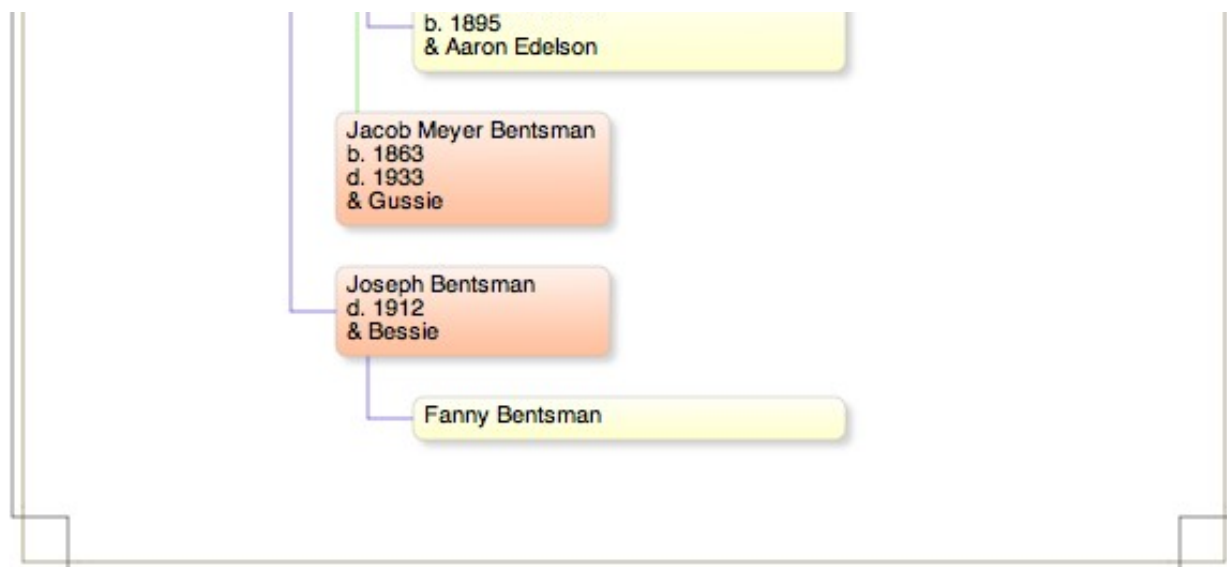
Wendy Bensman (Benson)
& Brent Goldman

Jacob Goldman

Dylan Goldman

Richard Bensman (Benson)
& Melinda

Mollie Bentsman



Borukh Bensman Family is being researched by Valerij Bensman

Valerij Bensman is researching the Borukh Bensman family of Lepel. By working together we were able to connect our families. We are third cousins. Valerij is the son of Reuven, the grandson of Moshe, the great-grandson of Borukh. Borukh was the brother of my great-grandfather, David.

Valerij may be the last living Bensman who actually has lived in Lepel. His son, Maxim, lives in Minsk. He has family in Belarus, Russia and Israel.



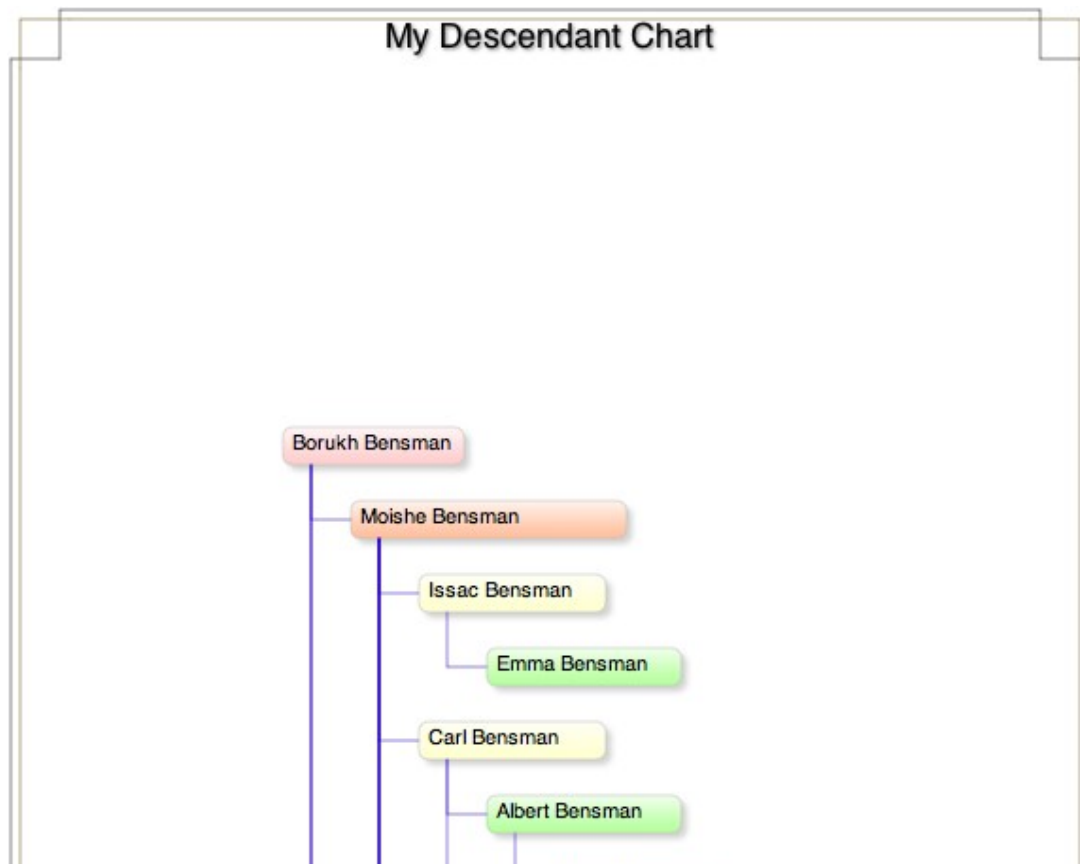
Left: Karl Bensman, Nina Bensman, Boris Bensman, Rouvim Bensman. 1935

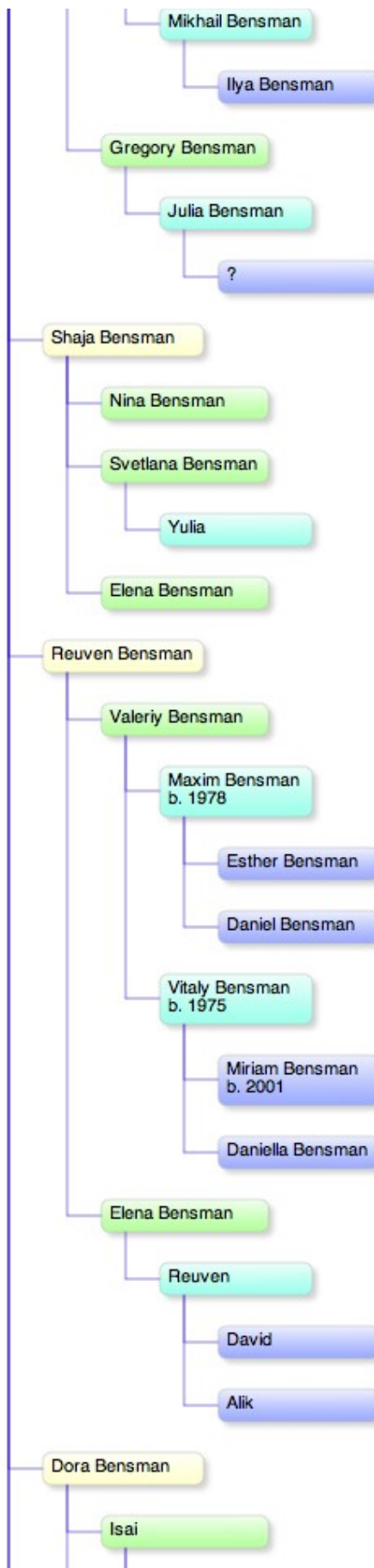


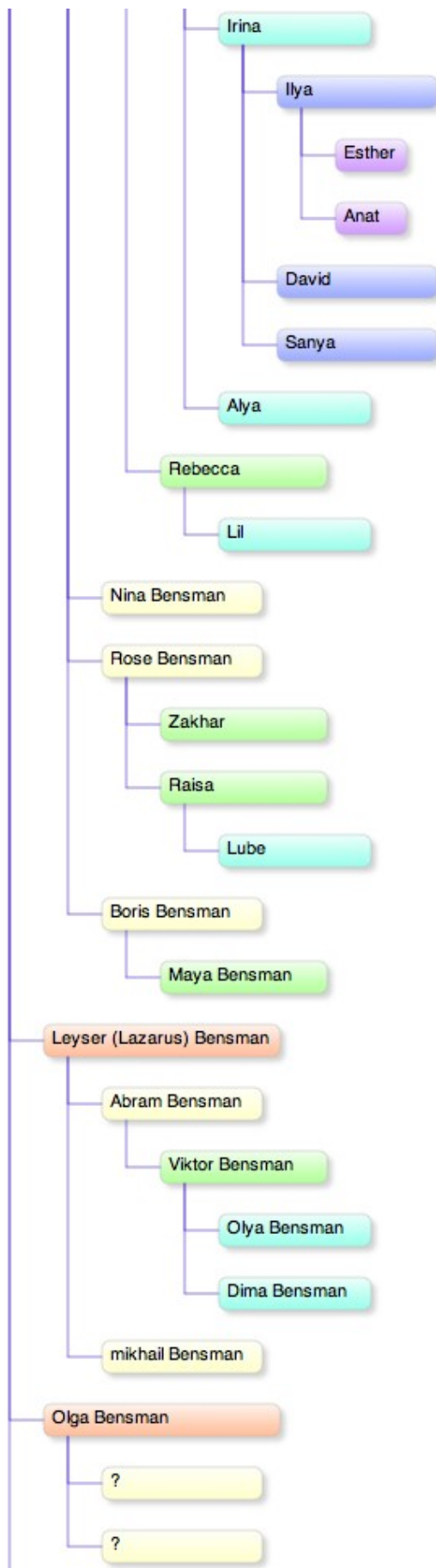
Left: Raisa, daughter of Rosa Bensman. Top: Michael Bensman.
Bottom: Louisa, Michael's mother; Maxim, Valerij's son, and Albe Bensman. Boy in bottom is unknown. 1975

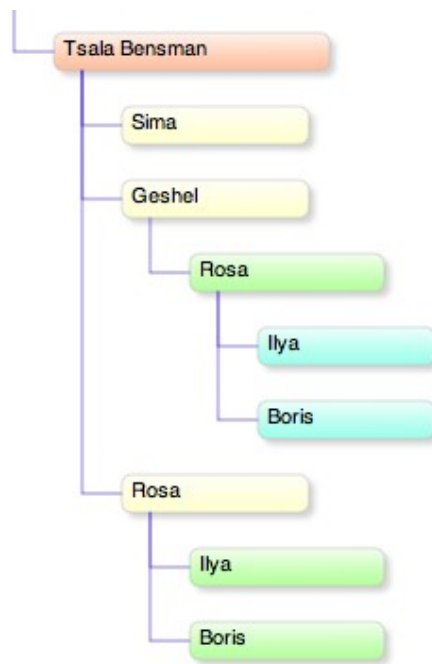


Left: Shaja Bensman & Dora Bensman.
Top left: David Rajkin, husband of Dora.
Center: Rachel Bensman, Valerij's grandmother
Far right: Moshe Bensman, Valerij's grandfather. 1928
*Valerij's grandfather was Moshe, Valerij's great-grandfather was Borukh. Borukh was the brother of Allen's great-grandfather, David.





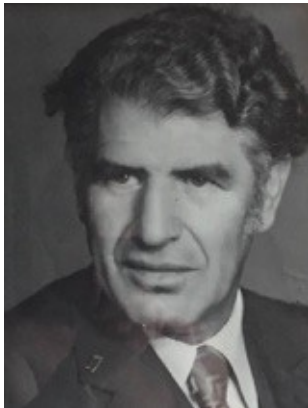




The Leyba Bensman Family is being researched by Anna Golod and Lenny Bensman

Anna's father (Ahron Bensman) was from Lepel. Her grandfather Abram was born in Lepel in 1889. His father was Girsh. The family eventually moved to Leningrad and then to the United States. Girsh was the son of Leyba. Leyba was the brother of Abram Meyer Bensman who was my great, great, great -grandfather. Leyba and Abram Meyer were sons of Borukh Bensman and our earliest ancestor in Lepel in the 1700's.

Anna's sister Vera of blessed memory and I were in contact since 1998. Vera died in 2004. I maintained contact with her son Lenny in Atlanta. Lenny put me in contact with Anna in 2017. I finally connected our families. We are fourth cousins once removed.

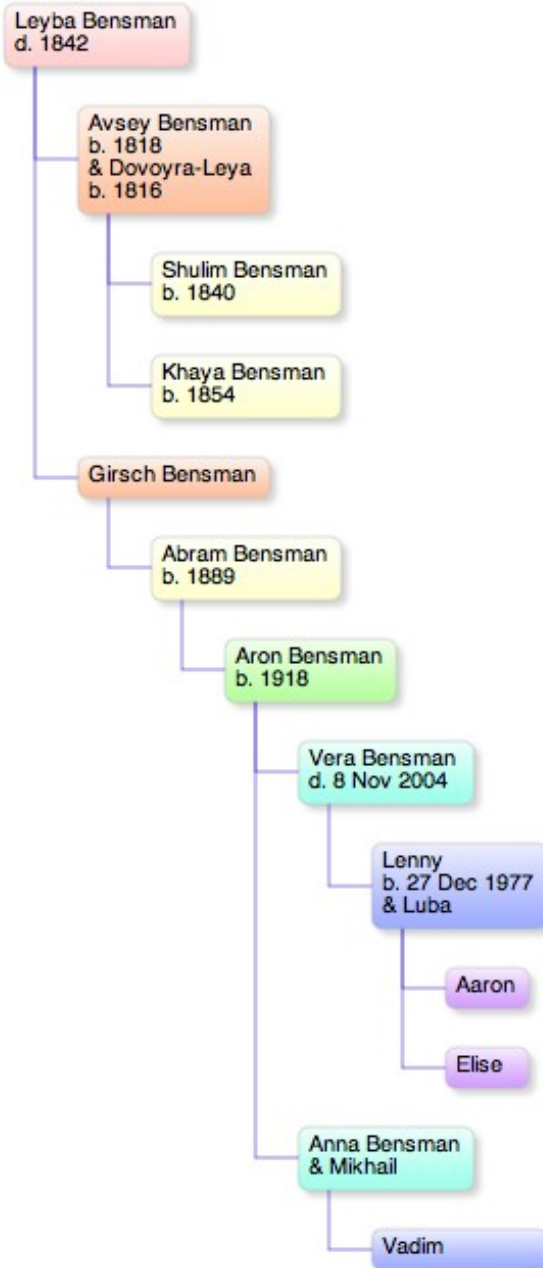


Anna's Father, Ahron



Anna's Grandfather Abram

My Descendant Chart



Eugenya Bentsman is researching the Joseph Bentsman Family

From Eugenia -

I was born in Leningrad, U.S.S.R. (today: St. Petersburg, Russia), and my entire family moved to the U.S. in 1982. In fact, you sent the same letter to my father (Alexander Bentsman) in Twinsburg, OH.

Unfortunately, I know more about my grandmother's family, than my grandfather's since he died in 1972 (I was almost 2 years old). His name was Michael Bentsman. He married my grandmother Tsilya Kadaner in 1938. The following is all the information my grandmother could remember. I hope that it is of some help.

My grandfather Michael Bentsman and his family came from Dubrovno.

Parents: Israel and Faina (Fega)

Sisters: Mera (Maria) and Bella

Brothers: Boris, Yefim, Zahar

Israel died in 1939 of pneumonia. Faina was killed by the Nazis.

Mera moved to Minsk, when she married, and had two daughters. My grandmother cannot recall their names, but one of them, apparently married a scientist. (We don't know Mera's married name)

When we left in 1982, Bella lived in Moscow, and her husband since died (we don't know her married name, either).

Boris died of diabetes around 1978 (he lived well into his 70s). He married a Russian woman, whose maiden name was Borisova. When we left Russia, he had a son and a daughter. They both lived in Leningrad. The son's name is Lev Bentsman and the daughter's name is Julia (Yulia). Lev got a Ph.D., and married. Julia married a Ukrainian man who was an officer in the Soviet Army. I don't know their last name, either.

Yefim was killed in battle during W.W.II. When we left, he had a son who lived in Moscow. I don't know if he stayed in Moscow or moved to Israel but this one would be a Bentsman.

Zahar was killed in 1918.

Michael (my grandfather) had a first cousin in Minsk, who later moved to Leningrad. He was a chief doctor at some clinic. In 1938, he was taken away by the authorities, to a Gulag. He did return very after the war, and died soon thereafter.

Eugeniya Bentsman In this photo, my grandpa Joseph with his children and grandchildren. First row: Shurik (Faina's son), Grandpa, Maya, grandpa's wife, Sarrah Second row: grandpa's daughter Fayina, Bluma, her son Grisha, my grandpa's oldest son's son Yulik Third row: grandpa's oldest son, Dmitry, my mom Basya, my father Samuel.



The Arye Leib Bensman Family is being researched by Adele Grossman Izbinsky



Aaron & Margole Shteyingardt Bensman

From Adele:

My grandfather Aaron (Arye Leib) Bensman was born in Lepel in 1879 and died in 1942 in a train during Bensman's family escape from Leningrad siege when the city was encircled by Germans (at least 641,000 people had died in Leningrad during the Siege). Our grandfather was taken from the train and buried in a small village Griasy (Грязи) in a mass grave.

My grandmother Margolia (Margole, Margola, Margolit) Shteyingardt (Shteingardt) was born in Lepel in 1885 and died in 1964 in Leningrad.

Aaron (Arye Leib) Bensman and Margole Shteyingardt had five children: Guta (1910 - 1998), Zalman (1912 - 1989), Beyle (Bella) (1915 - 2004) – my mother, Isaak (1917 - 1993), Boruch (Boris) (1919 - 1945). Their first child died as a newborn.

My grandfather Aaron was very smart and his father wanted him to become a rabbi but it didn't happen. Aaron was involved in a beef trade business. He knew accounting and was considered an educated person. My mother also told me that very shortly after she was born her father was drafted to serve in tsar's army in the First World War. To avoid the army, Aaron cut off his finger and asked a dentist to break all his teeth.

Aaron's father and my great-grandfather Shaya Bensman died at age 92 in Lepel approximately in 1929 - 1928. So he could be born in 1837 - 1838. Shaya died after he fell down from a staircase. His wife's name was Belle (my mom told me that she was named after her). As far as we know their children were: my grandfather Aaron, his brother Joseph (Joshe) and a sister Mariasya (Miriam) who lived in Krasnoluki.

My great-grandfather Shaya was a melamed - he ran a heder. Shaya was arrested and forced to close his school. My mother remembered the scene how her elderly grandfather (he was a very tall and strong man) was walking down the street followed by little boys - his students - and cried. It happened in 1923 -1924. They lived not far from the market (now it is called Volodarskiy street). The Jewish education and tradition that existed for centuries in Russian Empire came to the end. After that it became forbidden and dangerous to practice.

My grandfather's younger brother Joseph (Joshe, Josef) Bensman (1886 ?), left Lepel in 1912.

Joseph invited his fiancée Hanna by sending her so called "Shift card". She left Lepel in 1915. All three sons were born in New York City (Brooklyn).

My mother told me that they changed the family name from Bensman to Berman (or Benson) upon arrival to New York city. They settled in Brooklyn where Joseph had a paint shop. He died during a fire in his shop in 30th. This is all I know about Joseph's family.

The family moved from Lepel to Leningrad. Guta moved in 1926, my mother in 1929, and the rest of the family moved after Shaya's death. Until the mid 30th my grandfather Aaron Bensman remained in touch with his brother and was receiving money from America until Josef's death. After that the families lost each other.

My grandparents Aaron (Arye Leib) Bensman and Margole Shteyingardt had five children: Guta (1910 - 1998), Zalman(1912 - 1989), Beyle (Bella)(1915 - 2004) – my mother, Isaak (1917 - 1993), Boruch (Boris) (1919 - 1945).

Guta married Konstantin Sukhov in 1936 in Leningrad and they had two children: Eugenia (1937) and Viktor (1940). Konstantin Sukhov became a victim of the Stalin regime. He was arrested in 1940 and killed as an “enemy to the nation”.

Guta and Eugenia with her family immigrate to USA in 1991 and now live in New York City.

She is married to Adkady Blyaher and has a son Boris.

Her brother Victor and his family still lives in St.Petersburg.

Victor Sukhov has two daughters; one from his first marriage Lilia Sukhova now lives in Bremen, Germany.

Viktor and his wife Elena have a daughter Ekaterina Sukhova.

Zalman married Anna and they had two daughters: Bronislava (1952) and Larisa (1955).

My both cousins with their families now live in Israel. Bronisla has a son Yuri Ratner who is married to Natalia and has two sons. Larisa has two daughters: Katy Burkies and Marie Beilin. Marie married to Ori Beilin and they have two children, they live in Tel Aviv.

Nobody survived from Isaac's family. His daughter was born in 1948, she tragically died in 1983.

The youngest son Boris Bensman – the most talented and handsome in our Bensman family was killed at the end of the Second World War i(10/03/1945) during liberation of Hungary from German Nazis. He was 26 years old. He is buried at the soviet military cemetery in little town of Enyng. My Mother Bella Bensman moved to Leningrad in 1928, after the war she met my father Isaac Grosman and I was born in 1948.

After almost nine years (1979 – 1987) being “refusniks” (my father was considered as a person who had access to the state secrets, that was invented by KGB) my parents and I were given a permission to leave the USSR in 1987 and we immigrated to the United States in 1988 and settled in New York City.

In 1990 I moved to Canada, Ottawa to reunite with my friend Roman Izbinsky with whom we were separated for 13 years. We married in 1990 and in 1997 our daughter Miriam Alyza Izbinsky was born. Later I sponsored my mom Bella, who moved to Canada. My mother Bella Grosman (Bensman) died in Ottawa in 2004.



Issac, Boris and Zalman



Boris Bensman - the most talented and handsome in the family. He was killed at the end of WWII. He was 26 years old and is buried in the Soviet Military Cemetery in Enying.

Bella



My Descendant Chart

Shaya Bensman
b. ? 1838
d. 1929
& Belle

Aaron (Arye Leib)
b. 1879
d. 1942
& Margolia Shteingardt
b. 1885
d. 1964

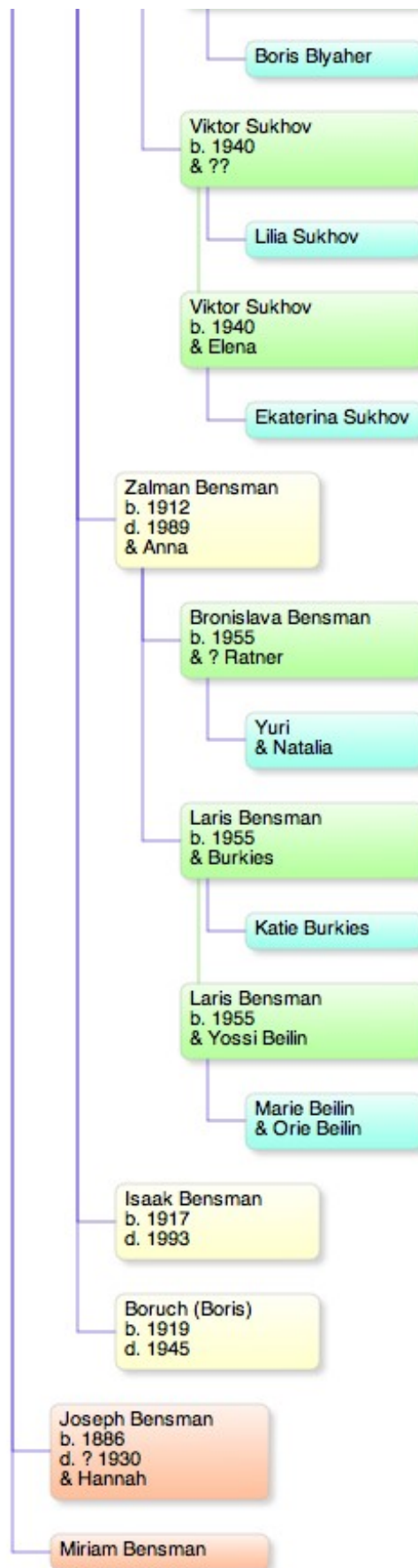
Bella
b. 1915
d. 2004
& Issac Grossman

Adele Grossman Izbitsky
b. 1948
& Roman Izbitsky

Miriam Izbitsky

Guta Bensman
b. 1910
d. 1998
& Konstantin Sukhov
m. 1936

Eugenia Sukhov
b. 1937
& Adkady Blyaher







Bensman Branches 2



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Avi Bensman is researching Bensmans for Svir

My name: Abraham (Avi) Bensman, 60 year old, married to Judith same age. We live in Netanya, Israel. My parents Issac Bensman 87 yr and my mother Lee Bensman 85 year live in Afula, Israel. My father Issac came to Israel after the holocaust from a shtetle called svir (swirr) in Belarus, south of Lepel.

My name is Albert Bensman and I live in Paris (France). I was born in 1945 in a small village in Belarus called Dunilowicze. It is located 150 Km west of Minsk and 120 Km east of Vilnus. My father Berl Bensman and my grandparents lived also in this village where there was a community of 850 Jews. On 21 November 1942 825 out of the 850 Jews were killed by the Germans. My father and mother were among the few survivors!

The Dov Bensman Family (1850's) is being researched by Dick Aronoff

This family has ties to Lepel, Beshincovich in Belarus as well as Sheboygan and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Over the years I have worked with Dick Aronoff (and other family members) to connect our families. We share a common surname. Both families immigrated to the same towns in the United States and at one point lived on the same street in Sheboygan. Family lore always gave the same answer, "distant cousins". My task has been to more clearly define distant cousins. We are not there yet. For more information on this branch us the Links section of this site.



Samuel Bensman, son of Dov Benzman, and his wife, Leah

The Aaron Benzman Family is being researched by Gail Benzman and Barbara Benzman Puglia

From Barbara:

I called my cousin in New York tonight who is a few years older than me and still a Benzman. Her name is Gail. Anyway, she remembers that my grandfather, Benjamin Benzman, came from a small town in Russia and she thinks it could be Lepel. He came to the United States but his two sisters never made it here. There were arrested on a train trying to get out. This would have been late 1800's or early 1900's. His wife brought their first born to America in 1904. Her name was Leah and later shortened to Lee. She then had a brother born in America named Abraham (1905) who was Gail's father and then my father was born (1908), who was Jacob. She remembers that my grandfather was a socialist and that he helped many people who came from Russia by giving them a place to live when they arrived in America. Gail's mother is still alive and living in California in a rest home and she is calling her this weekend to see what else can be remembered.

The Lipa Bensman Family is being researched by Alexander Patashinski



Lipa Bensman

From Alexander:

My mother was Sofia (a substitute for her Jewish name Sheine-Golde) Bensman, the daughter of Lipa Leibovich Bensman and Rachel Ruvimimovna Timkina. Liba siblings. About 1960, I met in Moscow his sister Relya. Two of his brothers (Aba and Gersh?) and maybe a sister immigrated to England, probably well before 1912: Lipa spent some time there around 1912 – 1913. In 1913 he visited Russia and got trapped there by the WWI and then by the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917.

My mother told me that Lipa's brother (Gersh?) was a Jewish socialist, co-founder of BUND. My aunt Gita Bensman told me once that in 1930, a relative Arthur (?), an American, financially supported and thus helped our family in Vitebsk (Belarus) to survive the hunger of 1930.

Lipa was born in 1879 in Vitebsk, Lepel, Chashniki or Eserishe (a small village in this part of NE Belarus, all points are within -50 miles from the larger city Vitebsk. His father Leibe (?) belonged to an affluent family but probably got into some troubles with Russian authorities, went to a small village and kept low profile: he married "a proste" (not educated) woman and had 5 daughters (Frieda, Genja, Zipaneche, Relya, Bronya) and 3 sons (Gersh, Abba and Lipa). Gerch and Abba and some of the sisters immigrated from Russia to England well before 1913. I was told that one of the brothers (Gersh or Aba) was a co-founder of BUND (Jewish Socialist Movement). The BUND was considered the worst enemy of Bolsheviks, so it was very wise on his part to escape from Russia before they sized the power.

Lipa got stuck in Russia when he returned for a vacation to help with my Grandman Rachel to heal her rheumatism, and to see his kids (David, Boris, Sofia, Frida, Gita, Iosif). In Russia, they survived the 1917 revolution and were safe until 1937. The kids appeared very able to learn, got educated, and did well: David worked for a central Newspaper "Trud" (Labor), Boris became known by his studies in Economical sciences, Iosif went to Navy and became an officer.

In 1937, in one of the Stalin's terror waves, Lipa was arrested on charges of speaking out against Stalin and prosecuted as "enemy of the people". He spent 3 years in prison, and then was sent away to Kochenjevo (near Novosibirsk) where he lived under strict surveillance. He was forbidden to appear in larger cities like Novosibirsk. His wife Rachel, and daughters Sonya (a russified form for Shein-Golde), my mother, came from Vitebsk to Novosibirsk in 1941 escaping from the oncoming Nazi troops.

Lipa was brave enough to violate the rules of exile, and secretly visited with us in Novosibirsk. If caught he could have been imprisoned again or put in a forced labor camp. In one of these visits I took the photo below: this is the only one I have. Family photos have been lost in 1945 when the packs of my aunt Gita was stolen on a train trip. When in exile in Kochenevo, Lipa was not permitted to have a home. He wandered from home to home with a sewing machine that he assembled from scrap parts, repairing old dresses or making new dresses. In these unbearable living conditions, he still saved some money to help his relatives. As miserable as his life was, my Grandfather cared very much about my future; once I spent some 10 days with Lipa in Kochenevo, and I have not forgotten some of his words. My father Zachar Patashinskii (or Potashinsky) went to the Red army in 1941, and fell in 1944, so when growing up I had no men around me except for Lipa.

In 1951, Lipa lost his special “political enemy” passport. The enforcement officer who had to supervise Lipa offered a normal passport if Lipa would pay him off. This, however, could be provocation, and was extremely dangerous not only for Lipa but for the rest of the family; all relatives of an “enemy of the people” were under suspicion and lived under high fears. We all could be sent to a concentration camp. My mother, a famous physician, had a high post in a military Hospital before 1937, but kept a low profile and low-paid job after Lipa was arrested. Same happened to her siblings.

The decision (to bribe or not to bribe the officer) was too hard for Lipa. In a short time, he developed stomach cancer. He became terminally ill; my mother took him, illegally, to the hospital where she worked as a physician. He died there. In his last words, he asked that part of the money he left be used to buy a bicycle for me. He had known that I always dreamed of having a bike. My mother saved the rest of the money. This becomes very handy: in 1954 (after Stalin death in 1953), I was successful in passing the admission tests and enrolled in Moscow Institute for Physics Technology. There were no savings in the family to pay for the tickets and first expenses, so this was covered by the money Lipa saved.

After Stalin’s death, Lipa was formally exonerated (post-humously); we received an official paper stating that he was not guilty, and my Grandmother received a small sum of money, about the cost of meager food for a week.

In my thoughts, I see my parents, and grand-, and great – grand parents coping with the disasters of Russian life, but still remaining optimistic, and doing what they could for the next generations. I’d like to see that strength and endurance in these generations.

Haim Bensman is being researched by Reuven Bensman

From Reuven:

My great grandfather was Haim Bensman of Lepel, Belarus. His children was Shmuel, Avram (Avraham), Cilya, Feigel. His sister and brother immigrated to USA or Canada before 1914, but I don’t know their names. Haim Bensman died in Lepel about 1910. My grandfather was Shumeul his son.

Anna Zablotsky is researching Bentsmans

Bentsman

I:

1. Zalman Bentsman. 1843?-? Wife: Bella.

II:

2/1. Rakhil’. Children: Bella, Sarra, Lev, son/daughter 3/1. Avsey, Khasya, Lyuba, son/daughter.

4/1. Basya. 1870?-1918.

Husband: Mendel’ Zaydens. 1865?-1935?

Zaydens: I:

Moyshe Zaydens. Cousin (?): Yitschok Zaidins. 1826-1923.

II:

2/1. Mendel'. 1865?-1935?

Wife: Basya Bentsman. 1879?-1918 3/1. Aaron.

Wife: Tsira. 1876-1942 4/1. Isaak

5/1. Fruma. Son: Abram. Grandchildren: Mojshe, Sofiya, Grandchildren.

II

6/2. Avsey. 1895-1970.

Wife: Khana Vorobejchik.

7/2. Zalman.

8/2. Yefim. 1900-1933.

Wife: Manya Yudovin. 1905-1942.

9/2. Mariya. 1905—1946.

10/2. Khanna.

11/2. Bella 1907-1994.

Husband: Semyon Rapoport. 1905-1983. Children: Emiliya Rapoport, Galya Rapoport, Anna Zablotsky.

12/3. Mikhail. 1910-?

Wife: Elizaveta.

13/3. Riva. 1913-1942. Daughter (?): Rakhilya. 1935-1942. 14/3. Lyuba. 1917-1942.

15/3. Manya 16/4. Mikhail

IV:

17/6. Basya. Children: Alik, Ida

18/6. Berta. Daughter: Ella. Grandchildren: Irina, Evgeniya, Aleksandr. 19/6. Boris. 1921-2001.

20/6. Naum. 1924(1925)-1943.

21/8. Arkady. 1929.

Wife: Mariya.

22/8. Basya. 1934.

Husband: Fomin. Son: Pavel.

V:

23/19. Mikhail

Wife: Ada Kaganer.

24/19. Raisa.

Husband: Alex Saks. Son: Igor'.

26/21. Yefim. 1957

27/21. Konstantin. 1965.

VI:

28/23. Isaak. 29/23. Evgeny. 30/23. Khanna.

31/26. Son/daughter 32/27. Son/daughter

Leslie Moser is researching Taube BenzmanWimenitz and her sister

From Leslie Moser:

I am interested in the Benzman name, and stumbled upon your website. I just found some new information on Ancestry.com. They recently added Ellis Island immigration lists. I've seen these lists a million times on the Ellis Island site, but this site shows the lists of people who were detained for some reason or another. On a list for my great Aunt, Taube Wimeritz, it says she was supposed to be picked up by her brother (my great-grandfather, Meyer Wimenitz), but instead was picked up by her sister, Mrs. Benzman (no first name listed) of 60 Govenuer Street. I'm assuming that is NY. Digging a little further, I found out that the Benzman's were from Lepel and Beshenkovitz, like my relatives. I also found out that many people from the Shtels' settled in Sheboyen or Passaic,

NJ. My family was from Passaic.

This is the first time I have ever heard the Benzman name. I know my great-grandfather had a sister named Mary, who I assume is Taube, and a sister named Kalia. She may have been the Rikote who arrived with Taube. I never knew of another sibling, but on the census record for my great-great-grandfather, Nathan Wimenitz, it says that he had 4 children.

To make a long story short, is it possible that one of the Sheboyen Benzmans was my great-grandfather's sister? Other names that come up on my tree are Geiman, Horowitz, and Lurie.

Vera Izrailit is researching Itka Bensman

Leib Bensman, born around 1880 (+-10 years), lived in Senno, married Rakhil Lipkin.

They had children:

Genia, born around 1910, lived mostly in St. Petersburg, died in 1980s, was a secretary or typist, and was married to a guy whose last name was Dvorkin, had two sons:

Iosif Dvorkin, who lives in St. Petersburg with his wife Tatiana (don't remember her last name). They are about 60 y.o. and have a daughter, Anna, who is married and has a kid.

Mikhail Dvorkin, who lives somewhere in Germany with his wife Evgenia and kid(s). He is 55 or so.

Yefim, born around 1914, died around 1980, lived mostly in St. Petersburg.

Grigory, born 1912, used to live in St. Petersburg, now lives in Brookline, MA. Married to Rivka Ilmer (originally from Kublich, Belarus). Has a daughter:

Lidiya Bensman, born 1948 in St. Petersburg, lives in Newton, MA. Married to Iosif Izrailit, has a daughter: Vera Izrailit.

Rivka, born 1918 (?), died 1996. Lived mostly in St. Petersburg and later in Boston, MA. Was married to Senya Dobkin. They had a son:

Lev Dobkin, born about 1950 in St. Petersburg, lives in Brookline, MA. Married to Yelena, they have a son Eugene (born 1976).

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Dossier on pronouncement of the requisition to Bensman and Nejstat, off-licence owners, for their petition according to the injunction of the Minister of the finances, 1830 (3 pages)

From this dossier follows that Itska Bensman and Nejstat had off-licence in Lepel Town. This off-licence was transferred to the landlord Pakosh, the mortgager, for keeping by Vitebsk Kazyennaya Palata because of bankruptcy of the owners. In May 1830 Bensman and Nejstat applied with the petition on Lepelsky tax refund to the Minister of the finances. In 1830 May 31 the Minister of the finances answered that he had presented their petition to the Senate. This official reply of the Minister of the finances was carried to Bensman and Nejstat by the Civil Gubernator of Vitebsk Province through the Executive Gorodnichy of Lepel 1830 June 19.

(Perhaps, the application of the Minister of the finances was satisfied by the Senate and Lepelsky tax has been given back to the petitioners. So there is no information about it in this dossier).

Fund 1430, opis 1, dyelo 2068.

Book of Lepel praying school #2 on members of praying society 1841, where following was noticed:

23 Leyba Borukhovich Beneman, died in 1842.

29 Abel Itskovich Beneman.

Fund 2859, opis 1, dyelo 1, page 1ds.

Book of Lepel synogogue on members of praying society 1841, where following was noticed:

24 Itska Bensman

47 Iosil Beneman

48 Meir Beneman

Fund 2859, opis 1, dyelo 2, page 1ds.

Dossier on the land buy from the landlord of Lepel Uezd

Dobrovolsky according to the petition of Lepel petty bourgeois

Abram-Meyer Borukhovich Bensman, 1853-1854, where following was noticed:

In June 1853 Abram-Meyer Bensman applied with the petition on his wish to do a farming with his family to the Civil Gubernator of Vitebsk Province, wherefore he has bought 23 dessiatina and 1800 sagen

of plough-land from the landlord Dobrovolsky at the folvark

Plotki of Lepel Uezd. A kupchaya krepost

was made at the Court of Lepel Uezd in 1853 April 14. He also informed about the land buy from his own funds in the petition. He submitted a document from Lepel Municipal Duma

, 1853 May 11, where noticed that there were no barriers for his including into the class of jews-farmers.

The Reviskaya skazka

, 1850, enclose to the dossier:

#89 Abram-Meyer Borukhov Bensman, age in 1850 - 50 years old.

His wife Ginda Leybova, 48 years old.

His daughter Lifsha, 17 years old.

His son Itska, 35 years old.

Itska's wife Basya Abeleva, 31 years old.

Itska's daughter Rokhlya, 8 years old.

232 Yankel Abramov Bensman, age in 1850 - 33 years old.

His wife Itka Leybova, 34 years old.

His daughters: Sora, 11 years old;

Ester, 5 years old.

#247 Zalman Abramovich Bensman, age in 1850 - 28 years old.

His wife Egdalya Vulfova, 37 years old.

It was stated that above-mentioned families have had 190 silver rubles total arrears.

1854 March 4, the Civil Gubernator of Vitebsk Province was informed about Abram Bensman's including into the class of the jews-farmers by Vitebsk Kazyennaya Palata.

1854 November 3, "Vitebsk Provincial Committee for jews-farmers" was informed that Jankel Abramov B. and Zalman Abramov B., jews, have been included into the Abram-Mejer Bensman father's family from the beginning of 1855 by Vitebsk Kazyennaya Palata. They have been allowed "to use a privilege on a par with the father....beginning this privilege from the time of his including into the farmers, i.e. from 1854: he had a tax privilege and exempted from other duties for 10 years, from recruitment duty for 25 years".

Fund 2552, opis 1, dyelo 88, pages 5-5ds, 8-8ds, 33-34, 39-40.

Book of inhabitants of 1-st part of Lepel Town, 1854, where following was noticed:

Sholom Itskovich Beneman, 34 years old, is married to Gdasya Zelikova. He has a wood house with outside building, he lives in Lepel Town and sells food.

Abel Itskovich Bensman, 43 years old, is married to Serla Zelikova, the second wife of his, have children: Zalman, 11 years old, Haja-Mirka, the daughter, of the age of 4 y. 5 m. He has a wood house on the stone foundation. He lives in Lepel Town and works as a clerk.

Fund 2620, opis 1, dyelo 376, pages 9ds-10.

Berka Lejbovich Bensman, 46 years old, is married to Doba Aronova, has the daughter Rosya, 18 years old. He has a wood house, lives in Lepel Town and works in the Tax Board.

Fund 2620, opis 1, dyelo 376, pages 12ds-13.

Meyer Itskovich Bensman, 35 years old, is married to Guta-Goda Berkova, Riva-Eska, the daughter, 9 years old. He has an incorporate house in the suburb, lives there and owns a brick-field.

Fund 2620, opis 1, dyelo 376, pages 13ds-14.

Iosil Itskovich Bensman, 46 year old, is married to Genya Shayeva, Rokhlya-Leya, the daughter, 17 years old. He has a wood house with outside building, he lives in Lepel Town and sells food.

Fund 2620, opis 1, dyelo 376, pages 16ds-17.

Dossier on petition about including into jews-farmers of Kherson Province Lepel petty bourgeois Ovsey Leybov Bensman, 1858-1859, where following was noticed:

O.L.Bensman, has lived in Kherson Town from 1842, he asked for including into the class of jews-farmers of Kherson Province the "Tutorial Committee on Russia South Area foreign settlers".

1858 August 8, "Vitebsk Province Committee on jews-farmers" was applied to confirm Ovsey Bensman's data by the Tutorial Committee

1858 November 27, Vitebsk Committee

was reported that Ovsey Lejbov Bensman has not had any individual debts and he is not under trial and examination by Lepel Town Duma.

1859 March 26, Vitebsk Committee informed that there were no barriers for Ovsey Bensman's including into the class of jews-farmers of Kherson Province and he has received 175 rubles loan for farming.

There is O.L.Bensman's father and uncle Revizskaja skazka in the dossier:

#70 Leyba Borukhovich Beneman, age in 1834 - 48 years old, died in 1842.

His son Avsey, age in 1834 - 16 years old, age in 1850 - 33 years old.

Avsey's wife Leya Beniominova, 30 years old.

#165 Zalman Borukhovich Bentsman, age in 1834 - 40 years old, age in 1850 - 57 years old.

His wife of second marriage Sora Kalmanova, 40 years old.

His sons: 1) Simkha, age in 1834 - 16 years old, age in 1850 - 33 years old;

2) Nokhim-Dovid newborn 16.

Simkha's wife Leya Leyzorova, 31 years old.

Simkha's daughters: Mira-Guta, 14 years old;

Zelda, 12 years old.

In 1858 Avsey Bensman's family consist from:
Avsey, 38 years old.
His wife Dvoyra-Leya, 42 years old.
His son Shulim, 18 years old.
His daughter Khaya, 4 years old.
Fund 2552, opis 1, dyelo 253, pages 1-2, 5, 7ds-8.

Dossier on petition about including into jews-farmers of Kherson Province Lepel petty bourgeois Simkha Zalmanov Bensman, 1858-1861, where following was noticed:

S.Z.Bensman, has lived in Kherson Town from 1847, he asked for including into the class of jews-farmers of Kherson Province the "Tutorial Committee on Russia South Area foreign settlers".

1858 July 31, "Vitebsk Province Committee on jews-farmers" was applied to confirm Simkha Bensman's data by the Tutorial Committee.

1858 November 27, Vitebsk Committee was reported that Simkha Zalmanov Bensman has not had any individual debts and he is not under trial and examination by Lepel Municipal Duma.

1861 June 24 Vitebsk Committee was informed by the Tutorial Committee that Simkha Bensman with family (4 male and 5 female) had been included into the class of jews-farmers of the settlement Dobraja. He had a tax privilege and exempted from other duties from the beginning of 1861.

Simkha has submitted, unlike the Revizskaja skazka (see fund 2552, opis 1, dyelo 253), the following date of his family to the Tutorial Committee, 1858:

Simkha Zelmanov, 42 years old.

His wife Leya, 41 years old.

His son Zelman, 3 years old.

His daughters: Zeld, 22 years old;

Khaya, 6 years old.

Simkha's brother Nokhim-Dovid, 26 years old.

His wife Gitlya-Riva, 25 years old.

His son Rafael, 3 years old.

His daughter Malka, 6 years old.

Simkha's father Zelman Borukhov died in 1857, as he reported in his petition.

Fund 2552, opis 1, dyelo 251, pages 1-2,5,8-9ds, 16.

Register Book of real property in Lepel Town, 1868, where following was noticed:

Residential area III.

36 Petty bourgeois Iosel Bensman's homestead with a wood house. There is 135 sagan total of plough-land.

Fund 2502, opis 1, dyelo 163, page 10ds.

Residential area IV.

39 Petty bourgeois Sholom Bensman's homestead with a wood house. There is 84 sagan total of plough-land.

Fund 2502, opis 1, dyelo 163, page 11ds.

Residential area X.

168 Petty bourgeois Abram Bensman's homestead with a wood house. There is 193,5 sagan total of plough-land.

Fund 2502, opis 1, dyelo 163, page 43ds.

174 Petty bourgeois Girsha Bensman's homestead with a wood house. There is 85 sagan total of plough-land.

Fund 2502, opis 1, dyelo 163, page 44ds.

Residential area XII.

222 Petty bourgeois Shlioma Bensman's homestead with a wood house. There is 440 sagan total of plough-land.

Fund 2502, opis 1, dyelo 163, page 56ds.

Residential area XIII.

250 Petty bourgeois Berka Bensman's homestead with a wood house. There is 365,5 sagan total of plough-land.

Fund 2502, opis 1, dyelo 163, page 63ds.

List of jews, who possessed the land and houses in Lepel Town, 1869, where following persons were noticed:

Bazarnaya Street:

17 Sholom Itskov Bensman's house stands on the municipal land and was built by owner in 1833. He has not any documents on the right of land and house possession. Land has been owned by jews for 34 years.

Fund 2502, opis 1, dyelo 197, page 99ds.

37 Itska Abramov Bensman's house stands on the municipal land and was bought from petty bourgeois Isroil Ioselev... (Surname is not named) by owner in 1865. He has a document from Lepel Uezd Court, 1865 July 14. Land has been owned by jews for 12 years.

38 Zalman Abramov Itskov Bensman's house stands on the municipal land and was built by owner in 1862. He has not any documents on the right of land and house possession. Land has been owned by jews for 7 years.

Fund 2502, opis 1, dyelo 197, page 101.

Bazarny Bystreet

46 Iosil Itskov Bensman's house was built by owner in 1855. He has not any documents on the right of land and house possession. Land has been owned by jews for 14 years.

Fund 2502, opis 1, dyelo 197, page 102.

Ozvernaya Street

98 Borukh Abramov Bensman's house stands on the municipal land and was bought from petty bourgeois Khaska Luryeva. He has not any documents on the right of land and house possession. Land has been owned by jews for 20 years.

Fund 2502, opis 1, dyelo 197, page 106.

Probovnaya Street

17 Abram Meyerov Bensman's house was built by owner in 1860. There are documents on the right of land and house possession, such as a plan from Lepel Gorodnichy Board 1860. Land has been owned by jews for 8 years.

Fund 2502, opis 1, dyelo 197, page 108ds.

Yurvevskaya Street

173 Girsha Leybov Bensman's house stands on the municipal land and was built by owner in 1857. He has not any documents on the right of land and house possession. Land has been owned by jews for 12 years.

Fund 2502, opis 1, dyelo 197, page 112ds.

Pyatnitskaya Street

227 Borukh Eselev Bensman's house stands on the municipal land, was bought from petty bourgeois Abram Brukman in 1840 according to the private bargain. He has not any documents on the right of land and house possession. It has been owned by jews for 20 years.*

*it must have been owned by jews for 30 years or the house was bought in 1850.

Fund 2502, opis 1, dyelo 197, page 117.

Peschanka

98 Borukh Zalmanov Bensman's house stands on the municipal land and was bought from petty bourgeois Bobrikhina in 1864. He has not any documents on the right of land and house possession. Land has been owned by jews for 5 years.

Fund 2502, opis 1, dyelo 197, page 121ds.

List of jews, who lived in the country of Lepel Uezd, 1882 where following persons were noticed:

#66 Lepel petty bourgeois Bensman Movsha Meyerov, has lived in the village Sharkovka of Tyapinskaya Volost

from 1876, according to the passport of Lepel Municipal Duma for 1882 March 3. His occupation is brick manufacture. He was not made answerable for alcohol selling.

His wife Leya.

His children: Zalman, Itska.

#67 Lepel petty bourgeois Bensman Dovid Zalmanov, has lived in the village Staroje Ljadno from 1875 without any documents. His occupation is brick manufacture. He was not made answerable for alcohol selling.

His wife Feyga.

His children: Meyer, Yuda, Vulf, Abel, Itka, Dveyra.

Fund 1416, opis 2, dyelo 175ds-176.

List of jews, who lived in the country of Lepel Uezd, 1889, where following persons were noticed:

#163 Lepel petty bourgeois Bensman Dovid Zalmanov, lives in the village Staroye Lyadno of Zabolotskaja Volost, department to state property. He settled down there in 1875 November 3. He lives in the own house; the previous place of living was Lepel Town. He works as a worker at the brick-field. He has not any certificate from Manufacturing Board. He has 49 years old in 1889.

His wife Feyga Itskova, 46 years old.

His sons: Meyer, 20 years old;

Zalman, 14 years old;

Yuda, 12 years old;

Vulf, 10 years old;

Abel, 7 years old;

Ovsey, 6 years old;

Mota, 2 years old.

His daughters: Itka, 18 years old;

Dvora, 16 years old;

Relya, 4 years old.

Fund 1416, opis 3, dyelo 21591, page 74ds.

174 Lepel petty bourgeois Bensman Itska Zalmanov lives in the homestead Irinpol of Nesinskaya Volost. He settled down there in 1887 April. This homestead is property of the landlord Veytko. Now Bensman Itska Zalmanov lives at the Heronim Veytko's house, the previous place of living was the village Zhelezino of Zabolotskaya Volost. His occupation is brick manufacture. He has not any certificate from Manufacturing Board. He has 45 years old in 1889.

His wife Rokha Zalmanova, 35 year old.

His sons: Dalka, 12 years old;

Mendel, 8 years old;

Sholom, 2 years old.

Fund 1416, opis 3, dyelo 21591, page 77.

List of jews, who lived in the country of Lepel Uezd, 1894, where following persons were noticed:

152 Lepel petty bourgeois Bentsman Dovid Zalmanov has lived in the village Lyadno of Zabolotskaya Volost from 1875. He arrived from Lepel Town. He has no passport, as a local, inhabitation was allowed by the Police-Board decree 1889 October 16. His occupation is brick manufacture.

His wife Feyga.

His sons: Meyer;

Zalman;

Yuda;

Vulf;

Abel;

Ovsey;

Mota.

His daughters: Dveyra;

Itka;

Reyza.

Fund 1416, opis 3, dyelo 21597, page 998ds.

List of voters eligible to participate in the election to the Gosudarstvennaya Duma of Lepel in 1906.

The following persons were noted:

125 Beneman Borukh Zalmanovich

150 Bensman Leyzer Borukhovich

151 Bensman Tsalka Borukhovich

155 Bensman Shlioma Itskovich

156 Bensman Khaim Yankelevich

158 Bensman Dovid Zalmanovich

159 Beneman Simkha Meyerovich

174 Bensman Shmuila Berkovich

180 Bensman Zalman Dovidovich

181 Bensman Avsey Girshevich

184 Beneman Movsha Borukhovich

276 Bensman Berka Itskovich

284 Beneman Berka Movshevich-Meyerovich

Fund 2710, opis 1, dyelo 2, pages 9-9ds.

List of voters eligible to participate in the election to the Gosudarstvennaya Duma of Lepel in 1907.

The following persons were noted:

on 1-st curia of town voters

35 Benson Leyzer Borukhovich

36 Bensman Tsalka Borukhov

on 2-nd curia of town voters

49 Bensman Borukh Zalmanov

54 Bensman Shlioma Itskov

58 Beneman Khaim

64 Bensman Dovid

68 Bensman Simkha

89 Bensman Shmuil Berkov

106 Bensman Movsha Borukhov

114 Bensman Avsey Girshov

115 Bensman Zalman Dovidov

116 Bensman Tsalka Borukhov

Fund 2710, opis 1, dyelo 3, pages 18, 19.

List of jews, who were deferred of a military conscription for reasons of illnesses and bodily defects and belonged to the 1-st recruiting section of Lepel Uezd, 1910, where following persons were noticed:

15 Bensman Berka Ioselevich-Itskovich, height of 2 arshin

and 5 7/8 vershok, size of breast is 17 4/8 vershok. The reason for deferment is 47 article.

Fund 2537, opis 1, dyelo 206, page 571.

List of jews-alternates to recruitment of 1910 according to 172 article of Military Conscription Regulations at 1-st section of Lepel Uezd.

II. from the number of conscripted, but weren't taken on military service according to paragraphs 2-5 of 127 article of the Regulations.

16 Bensman Abram Girshov, lot # 558, has been enrolled in militia.

Fund 2537, opis 1, dyelo 206, page 583.

II. Alternates of enrolled on paragraph 2-5 of 127 article of the Regulations

#6 Bensman Iosel Girshov, lot # 479, has been enrolled.

Fund 2537, opis 1, dyelo 206, page 582.

Comments

1. Fund, opis, dyelo, page are Belarus archives indexes.
2. Summary is an exact translation of content of the original documents.
3. The absence of other records means that we did not find such records in our archives.
4. Geographic realities are given according to czarist time maps.
5. Different spelling of Jewish names is the result of Russian transcription of them according to that as they were pronounced in Idish by their owners, for ex. Yudel = Leyba = Yudeleyb = Yehudah, Ghedes = Haddah, Novakh = Nevakh = Noah, etc.
6. Russian suffixes “-ov, -ev, -ovich, -evich, -ova, -eva, -ovna, -evna” in the names mean patronymics, for ex. Leybovich = Leyba’s, Yudelevich = Yudel’s, etc.



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