

While it does not eliminate personal interviews & searching books, maps, original documents, etc, the advent of the Internet provides an enormous resource that can help locate ancestors, as well as individuals and entire branches of our family clans who are not aware of the existence of the others. The following list constitutes a large number of investigatory possibilities that are, frankly, many more than any one person can handle. The intention is that this serve as a master list for the entire family to use so that searches and research is not duplicated. As new leads or "hits" are found, they should be reported to the webmaster of the family website so that they can be added. Subsequently, any leads that have "panned out" should be reported so that they can be removed or noted here. Thus, most of the following should be investigated further. When a particular person is doing research work, that has also been noted so that others may either collaborate with them, or know not to duplicate research someone else is pursuing.

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*NOTE: ALL other family researchers searching for Chalef(f)s, Directors, Direktovich's, Gilners, Olenbergs & Olenbergs, on JEWISH-GEN, have been contacted and invited to share information. Some possible related family branches may have already been located, but documentation as to where they "connect" to us is being sought. As documented relations are found, they will be disclosed to the family.*

Michele Olenberg Hollander has been in contact with some "Olenbergs" she found on "Facebook". Some have turned out not to be related, but some may prove to be upon further research. See notes in an email from her further on herein.

These "social networking" contact sites (Facebook, MySpace, MyPlace, etc) are a tremendous resource for locating other branches or our various family "clans" and should be utilized to search for all of our family names and expand our family tree. Be sure to learn about SOUNDDEX which can let you know about variations in the spelling of family surnames which, from a genealogy standpoint, are considered to be trivial.

## PEOPLE, RELATED???:

### **Olenbergs:**

Alyssa Olenberg, signer of the Euston Manifesto, <http://eustonmanifesto.org/>

### Names, & # of occurrences found in Czestochowa-Radomsko records, by CRARG.org

9 Ailenberg, 9 Ajlemberg, (74 + 11?) Ajlenberg, 9 OLEJNICZAK (9), 6 OLEJNIK, 1 OLENBERG, 1 OLENDER, 3 OLENDERF, 5 OLENDORF, 2 OLENDZKI, 1 OLENIK, 1 Gelner & 1 Gilner. *(Though there are over 3,000 Poles, of Dutch descent, named "Olender", from Hollender. These are predominantly Christian, but it still points out that names can originate from family origins. But, it does not guarantee that they are all related, or are Jews, etc.*

*According to the foremost expert on Polish-Jewish surnames...and in contrast to some of the family's opinion of the names' origin...Olemberg/Olenberg derived, originally, from Ailenberg/Ajlemberg/Ajlenberg and the people themselves appear to have originated in Oldenberg, Lower Saxony, from the 1570's, and related to a famous rabbi from that time...his specific name not known, but available from Stanley Diamond, of JRI-Poland. Note that surnames were not required in Russia until after 1820-something, and it is known that the Dutch were unwilling to give up the patronymic names (like the Jews) until forced to do so around the same time.*

*Interestingly, note that the survey of surnames in the Csestochowa-Radamsko area showed a number of Ajlenbergs and Ailenbergs and one Olenberg. The supposition is that Olenbergs might have been in that area before going to Lithuania and then, from cholera and famine, forced south to the Wyszkow area. It is also possible that some Lithuanian refugees went much further south toward the area that became Turkey or to what was is now Belarus (Minsk, Pinsk etc), or even further south in Russia, but no suspected Olenberg/Olemborg ancestor's records have been located there yet.*

*See, further on, information that indicates that the Olenberg/Olemborg family has such Lithuanian roots.*



Ulia Olenberg, F, divorced, 2 children, Omsk, Russia, 48, Christian. Search revealed her on [singlestown.net](http://singlestown.net)

Vladimir Olenberg, abstract artist: BORN IN RUSSIA IN 1950. PROFESSOR OF PLASTIC ARTS FOR SPECIAL STUDY OF PAINTING AND IT CHARTS IN KAZAKSTAN AND RUSSIA. HAVE WORKED MANY ACOS(?) AS DISECADOR AND ILLUSTRATOR OF BOOKS IN THE FUNDS OF ART OF THE UNION SOVETICA (US) MIENBRO OF THE PAINTERS' UNION OF KAZAKSTAN. HAVE TAKEN PART IN MANY EXHIBITIONS IN THE US AND IN EUROPE. PICTURES ARE IN COLLECTIONS IN KAZAKSTAN, RUSSIA, GERMANY, FRANCE, CZECH REPUBLIC, USA AND CANADA. AM A FREELANCE PAINTER. WORKED IN PRAGUE, BERLIN, PARIS. SINCE 2000, LIVE AND WORK IN BARCELONA. Address: c.Jovara 324 bl.2 10-77 CALELLA /BARCELONA/ 08370 ESPAÑA Phone: +34 676 944 193 Website: <http://my.mail.ru/mail/ole.art/>



Sergei Olenberg, Russian actor, in a 2007 Russian miniseries, found on [IMDB.com](http://IMDB.com) (Internet Movie Database)

## Gilners:

*"I know some of the people in these photos are the Gilner family from Ostrov, Poland. My mother-in-law and her family are in both photos. They were taken at a wedding in the DP camp Beth Bialik (Salzburg, Austria) ..."* Karen Salver ([KSalver@aol.com](mailto:KSalver@aol.com)):



Found: A jahrzeit reminder for Edythe Katz, grandmother of Elisa Gilner, on the “Voice”, publication of Temple Kol Emeth, Marietta, GA. [kolemeth.net](http://kolemeth.net) Is this part of our southern Gilner family?

Found: Elisa Gilner at... Mark Yates, CPA, 4595 Towne Lake Pkwy., Bldg. 300-220 Woodstock, Georgia 30189 Phone: (770) 591-8887 Fax: (770) 591-8526 Relative?

Found in web search: Leon Gilner, MD. Relative?

A search of “Gilner, Marietta” brings up 1300 web “hits”. Please help us complete the Gilner part of our family tree so that we don’t “find” Gilner’s that are not “lost” in the first place!

Barbara Spector Yeninas had previously searched for family rumored to have gone to Australia and opened a department store, with no solid results. Possibly the search was for Olenbergs, but a bit of evidence exists that the family was Gilner, not Olenberg. This should be followed up.

Elias Gilner, 1890-? ...is a pen name for Elias Ginsburg, author, cofounder of the Haganah in Israel and Jewish Legion historian. Why did he use a "Gilner" pen name? Related???

Leah Gilner - Nagoya University of Foreign Studies; [gilner@nufs.ac.jp](mailto:gilner@nufs.ac.jp) One of us???

### **Chaleffs/Directors:**

*Note, further on, the Directors and Chaleffs that have shown up in searches of Poland, such as in Bialystok and Pultus, etc...when they had only been known to be from Grodno, which is part of Belarus now.*

Australian Archives search yielded: Item # 6052608; Re: SUCKLING, DONALD GILNER : Service Number - VX98358 : Date of birth - 18 Jul 1927 : Place of birth - CAMBERWELL VIC : Place of enlistment - ROYAL PARK VIC : Next of Kin – SUCKLING, ALFRED

Gerry Chaleff has mentioned a Chaleff that married/moved to South Africa and died there. Do family members still live there???



## OTHER Emigrations, thru Ellis Island, Ostrow, Wyszkw, Warsaw

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Emigr.</u>	<u>Birth</u>
<i>(Possible ancestors/inlaws/descendants of Chana Olenberg Abramshik)</i>		
(Ostrow)		
Abramczki, Sura	1923	1902
Abramczyk, Bassie	1921	1880
Abramczyk, Chane	1921	1912
Abramczyk, Feige	1921	1904
Abramczyk, Zeile	1921	1906
Abramezik, Josef	1906	1887
Abramzak, Jankel	1910	1880
(Wyszkw)		
Abramczik, Mordsche	1921	1880
Abramczyk, Chana	1920	1886
Abramczyk, Pesza	1920	1910
Abramczyk, Sura	1920	1914
Abramejik, Jakob	1921	1897
Abramziek, Leib	1914	1890

### Olenberg/Olenberg:

Ellis Island, NY, Passenger Search – Olenberg/Olenberg  
(Ellis Island records are from about 1894 to 1924. Previous port entries were thru Castle Garden.)

Name of Passenger	Residence	Arrived	Age on Arrival	Passenger Record	Ship Manifest	Ship Image	Relevancy
0. <a href="#">Mark Olanberg</a>	Solingen, Germ.	1923	60	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">View</a>	97%
1. <a href="#">Baszie Olenberg</a>	Rachmistorwka, Russia		1908	17	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">View</a>
2. <a href="#">Karl Olenberg</a>	Colon, Harbor		1915	29	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">View</a>
3. <a href="#">Ratha Olenberg</a>	Warschau		1906	28	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">View</a>
4. <a href="#">Salomon Olenberg</a>	Kudrynce		1901	26	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">View</a>
5. <a href="#">Stanislaw Olenberg</a>	Warschau		1906	26	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">View</a>

### Re: Olenberg, Ellis Is. Search Results:

Mark & Karl can probably be disregarded as relatives, based on origin and name. But Baszie (Bessie?), Ratha, Salomon and Stanislaw should be followed up on. It is unknown whether Ratha or Stanislaw would ever be used as a Jew's given name, but probably shouldn't be discounted "out of hand".

Warschau is obviously Warsaw, which is less than 40 miles from Wyszkw. Rachmistorwka may refer to a shtetl near Tarnovka, Ukraine, which was something like 300 miles southeast of Wyszkw.



ELLIS ISLAND ARRIVALS, Search Results 1 - 25 of 29 for DIRECTOR

Given Name	Approx Yr of Birth	Arrival Date	Arrival Age	Residence
Czerna Fennia	1882	27 Jan 1922	40	
Rubin	1909	27 January 1922	13	
Mosche	1911	7 October 1921	10	Ascherleben, Germany
Chane S.	1862	27 July 1920	58	Chartorisk, Poland
Esther	1900	27 July 1920	20	Poland
Rivki	1901	27 July 1920	19	Poland
Chassel	1903	27 July 1920	17	Poland
Sinche	1874	12 November 1912	38	Czatrisk, Russia
Josef	1880	25 July 1911	31	Luck, Russia
Sore	1870	6 September 1910	40	Pultusk, Russia
Ite	1892	6 September 1910	18	Pultusk, Russia
Abram	1895	6 September 1910	15	Pultusk, Russia
Itzock	1899	6 September 1910	11	Pultusk, Russia
Rose	1901	6 September 1910	9	Pultusk, Russia
Schmul	1903	6 September 1910	7	Pultusk, Russia
Hirsch	1885	30 August 1907	22	Mensh, Russia
Mendel	1868	13 February 1906	38	Poltusk
Selig	1887	13 February 1906	19	Poltusk
Abram	1895	13 February 1906	11	Poltusk
Nuke	1867	1 April 1895	28	
Lonicke	1891	1 April 1895	4	
Isidor	1875	12 August 1895	20	
Chaim	1874	22 August 1893	19	Molawa, Austria
Sore	1873	22 August 1893	20	Molawa, Russia
Schulem	1887	17 January 1912	25	Vultusk, Russ.

**SOUNDEX Search of Ellis Island Arrivals for Direktovich:**

Name	Residence	Age	Born*	Arrived
<b><i>Derektowitz, Bobke</i></b> ***	Grodno, Russia	18	1894	1912
Derektowitz, Ehae	Yradno, Russia	4	1908	1912
Derektowitz, Fradel	Grodew, Russia	20	1892	1912
Derektowitz, Lelda	Yradno, Russia	28	1884	1912
Derektowitz, Tauchel	Grodno	26	1878	1904
Derektowitz, Tewll	Yradno, Russia	7	1905	1912
Derektowitz, Yaioke	Yradno, Russia	18	1894	1912
Derektowitz, Yaukel	Yradno, Russia	1	1911	1912
Dirchtowitz, Benjamin	Grodno	26	1884	1910
Direktowitsch, Moische	Grodno Russia	18	1895	1913
Direktowitsch, Usher Boruch	Grodno Russia	30	1883	1913
Direktowitz, Tanohen	Grodno, Russia	30	1880	1910

\*\*\* ***THIS IS CONFIRMED TO BE BERTHA DIRECTOR (OLENBERG) apparently traveling alon. As Bertha's destination was "Uncle Jakob Derektowitz", it seems that this may be one of the earlier arrivals.***

*\*Birth is estimated from age on arrival*

*It is assumed that Yradno & Grodew is Hrodno/Grodno*

GRODNO YIZKOR BOOK: Names of Interest, from having seen them before, similarities, etc.

***Survivors:***

Chalef, Chaim (Is probably Phil Chaleff, and is mentioned on 2-3 different pages)

Chalef, H.

Chalef, Jacob

Ickowicz, Elias

Itzkowitz, Josef

Itzkowitz, Meir

Kirschenbaum, Avraham

Kirshboim, Haim

Rapoport, Fania

Sofer, Chaya

Sofer, Gershon

Sofer, Raya

Sofer, Linik

**CHALEF(F) GRAVES IN THE REMAINING JEWISH CEMETARY, GRODNO**

2 of the 3 Jewish cemeteries in Grodno have been destroyed...the gravestones reused as paving or building materials. One cemetery remains in the forest across the river from the main part of the city. The following Chaleff graves have been found there. It is not known what the connection is to our Chaleff family members:

Chaleff, Berel Eizik	Patronymic: Yosef Yozel	Feb 29, 1916*	25 Adar 5676
Chalef, Chaim Dover	Patronymic: Abraham	July 1, 1912	16 Tamuz 5672 Moreinu HaRav
Chalef, Lev Moshe		July 15, 1928	27 Tamuz 5688
Chalef, Rivka Rachel	Patronymic: Yosef	Jan. 31, 1932	13 Shevat 5692
Chalef, Sime Eliezer	Patronymic: Moshe	Feb. 28, 1934	13 Adar 5694

*\*Or March 30 (2 Adair months in this Jewish leap year)  
1907 date also transcribed (possibly a birth date?)*



## Misc. US Burial Records To Investigate:

(These are the results of searching the 6 Jewish cemeteries in the NYC area with online interment databases: Mt. Ararat, Mt Carmel, Mt Hebron, Mt. Judah, Mt Moriah (NJ), Mt Zion...All in Long Island, except as noted: )

### CHALEF(F):

MOUNT HEBRON Cem, Flushing, NY

Last Name, First Name	Location	Society	Date of Death
CHALEFF, Herbert	<a href="#">75-0-Q-5-5</a>	WORKMENS CIRCLE	1/9/1941
CHALEFF, Max	<a href="#">113-2-6-20-14</a>	WORKMENS CIRCLE	7/12/1958
CHALEFF, Rachel	<a href="#">113-2-6-20-15</a>	WORKMENS CIRCLE	10/29/1969

MOUNT ZION Cem, Maspeth, NY

Last Name, First Name	Location	Society	Date of Burial
CHALEF, Eva	<a href="#">16L</a>	OZERANER	5/1/1955
CHALEF, Joseph	<a href="#">16L</a>	OZERANER	3/1/1955

### DIRE(CTOR):

MOUNT ARARAT Cem, Farmingdale, NY

Last Name, First Name	Location	Date of Death	
DIRECTOR, Helen	<a href="#">62-A-25</a>	12/9/1966	Confirmed
DIRECTOR, Morris	<a href="#">62-A-24</a>	3/2/1965	Confirmed

MOUNT CARMEL Cem, Glendale, NY

Last Name, First Name	Location	Society	Date of Death
DIRECTOR, Meyer	<a href="#">1-A-9-2-12</a>	ANSHE SOKOLKA	11/10/1922
DIRECTOR, Samuel	<a href="#">1-A-9-2-11</a>	ANSHE SOKOLKA	11/6/1921

MOUNT JUDAH Cem, Ridgewood, NY

Last Name, First Name	Location	Society	Date of Death
DIRECTOR, Harris	<a href="#">1-V-061</a>	MACHIZIKA HADAS	9/9/1954
DIRECTOR, Sarah	<a href="#">1-V-059</a>	MACHIZIKA HADAS	2/19/1930
DIRECTOR, Tuba	<a href="#">1-V-060</a>	MACHIZIKA HADAS	5/29/1942

MOUNT ZION Cem, Maspeth, NY

Last Name, First Name	Location	Society	Date of Burial
DIRECTOR, Abraham	<a href="#">A15L</a>	PULTUSKER	2/20/1941
Eva	<a href="#">MRL</a>	DOWNTOWN	8/1/1932
<a href="#">AL</a>	POLAND BKLYN	5/5/1935	DIRECTOR, Leah <a href="#">A7L</a>
POLAND	7/1/1909		
DIRECTOR, Max	<a href="#">A7L</a>	POLAND	5/1/1941
DIRECTOR, Max	<a href="#">A7L</a>	POLAND BKLYN	8/3/1941
Sarah Rifka	<a href="#">A7L</a>	POLAND BKLYN	7/17/1927

## GILNER:

### New York Area Gilner Interments:

MOUNT ZION Cem, Maspeth, NY

Name	Loc	Burial Assoc.	Interred
GILNER, Aron	<a href="#">A7L</a>	Poland Bklyn	8/1/1918
GILNER, Esther	<a href="#">A7L</a>	Poland Bklyn	4/1/1943

### Atlanta Gilner Interments:

Crestwood Cem:

**GILNER, Harry**                      07-Jul-1977    07-Oct-1903    ?

Greenwood Cem:

**GILNER, Abe J.**                      07-Apr-1984    15-Oct-1905    Son of Isaac, below?  
**GILNER, Celia**                      28-Feb-1967    20-Jul-1884    Wife of Isaac, below?  
**GILNER, Isaac**                      25-Jul-1960    23-Dec-1885    Father of Abe J. Gilner?  
**GILNER, Jennie Glazer**            12-Feb-1994            1907    ?  
**GILNER, Joseph**                    05-Apr-1963    06-Aug-1906    ?

## OLENBERG:

*(Other names found; Olenbeck, Olander, Olenor, Olenorf, Olenick, Olenikow, etc, not included here)*

BETH ISRAEL, Cem, Wood(bridge?), NJ

Newmark, Samuel (Olenberg)            Simcha Mordechai b' Avraham HaCohen  
(Mother: Rachel Olenberg (b. July-14-1905 d. April-3-2000))

MOUNT HEBRON Cem, Flushing, NY

Last Name, First Name	Location	Society	Date of Death
OLENBERG, Hannah	<a href="#">70-8-E-3-1</a>	1ST JEZIERANER S&B	7/7/1982
OLENBERG, Sam	<a href="#">70-8-E-3-2</a>	1ST JEZIERANER S&B	11/4/1965

MOUNT JUDAH Cem, Ridgewood, NY

Last Name, First Name	Location	Society	Date of Death
OLEN, Fannie Weinstock	<a href="#">2-1-077</a>	BERD RELIEF	4/21/1948

OLEN Burials, All in Beth David Cemetery, Elmont, NY:

Jack (1993), Carol (1994), Sandi, Michael, Brett, Ron

OLEMBERG BURIALS: TABLADA Cemetery, Buenos Aires, Argentina:

OLENIK Burials: Mt Zion Cemetery: Gussie (2-3-36), Morris (2-8-36)

1. OLEMBERG BERTA SEIBELT	Sex::	Date of Birth:	Date of Death: 10/08/1960
2. OLEMBERG MAURICIO	Sex:	Date of Birth:	Date of Death: 01/09/1986
3/4/5. OLEMBERG NELIDA KRISTAL (DE) (Listed 3 times...)			
	Sex: F	Date of Birth: 1/01/1901	Date of Death: 06/06/1992
6/7. OLEMBERG NORBERTO (2x)	Sex:	Date of Birth:	Date of Death: 09/08/1990
8. OLEMBERG SIMON	Sex:	Date of Birth:	Date of Death: 12/12/1963

Persons Leaving UK, Passenger Lists, 1890-1960

<http://www.findmypast.com/passengerListPersonSearchStart.action>

Last name	First name	Born	Sex	Departure	Destination	Dest Port
OLENBERG	Helena	1892	F	1903-Liverpool	Canada	Quebec
GILLNER		Unk		1904	Liverpool	Canary Is
GILLNER	?	1871	M	1912	Liverpool	Canada
GILLNER	Anna	1880	F	1901	Liverpool	USA
<b>GILLNER</b>	<b>Moiscke</b>	<b>1884</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>1905</b>	<b>Southampton</b>	<b>USA</b>
GILLNER	T	Adult	M	1898	Liverpool	USA
GILLNOR	C	Unk	F	1912	Southampton	USA
GILNE	Anne	1867	F	1891	Queenstown	USA
GILNE	Hymar	1889	M	1915	Liverpool	USA
GILNE	R	Unk	M	1912	Liverpool	Canada
GILNE	Wm	1873	M	1893	Queenstown	USA
GILNER	B	1870	M	1898	Southampton	South Africa
GILNER	Barba E	1940	F	1951	Southampton	USA
GILNER	C	Unk	M	1910	Liverpool	Canada
GILNER	Cath	Adult	F	1894	Queenstown	USA
GILNER	Eliz R	1919	F	1951	Southampton	USA
GILNER	F Helen	1908	F	1953	Southampton	USA
GILNER	Harry	1915	M	1952	Southampton	USA
GILNER	Harry	1904	M	1953	Southampton	USA
GILNER	Henry G	1901	M	1924	Liverpool	Canada
GILNER	Hyman	1878	M	1915	Liverpool	USA
GILNER	J	Unk	M	1900	Liverpool	USA
GILNER	Juszek	1906	M	1926	Southampton	USA
GILNER	Mary	1916	F	1952	Southampton	USA
GILNER	Mary	1935	F	1954	Southampton	USA
GILNER	Moses	1869	M	1890	Liverpool	Canada
GILNER	R	1882	M	1909	Liverpool	Canada
GILNER	William	1937	M	1960	Liverpool	USA
DIRECTOR	Aaron	1902	M	1947	Southampton	USA
DIRECTOR	Aaron	Unk	M	1951	Liverpool	Canada
DIRECTOR	Chaim	1874	M	1893	Glasgow	USA
DIRECTOR	Ferje R	1871	F	1891	Liverpool	USA
DIRECTOR	Hyman	1874	M	1926	Southampton	USA
DIRECTOR	Ida	1878	F	1926	Southampton	USA
DIRECTOR	Israel	1892	M	1907	Liverpool	USA
DIRECTOR	Loretta	1911	F	1926	Southampton	USA
DIRECTOR	Manuel	1871	M	1891	Liverpool	USA
DIRECTOR	Sore	1873	F	1893	Glasgow	USA
CHALEF	Abe	1892	M	1913	Liverpool	USA
CHALEF	David	1879	M	1907	Liverpool	USA
CHALEF	Golde	1881	F	1899	Glasgow	USA
CHALEF	Hersch	1929	M	1947	Southampton	Canada
CHALEF	Jankel	1888	M	1908	Liverpool	USA
CHALEF	Peisach	1873	M	1900	Glasgow	USA
CHALEF	Vitales	1907	M	1938	Glasgow	USA
CHALEF	Vitales	1910	F	1938	Glasgow	USA
CHALEFF	Line	1877	F	1894	Glasgow	USA

CHALF	Hersch	1866	(M)	1891	Liverpool	USA	New York
CHALF	Panchas	Unk	M	1907	Liverpool	USA	New York
CHALF	Ruiké	Unk	F	1907	Liverpool	USA	New York
CHALFA	Donna	1928	F	1950	Liverpool	USA	New York
CHALFA	Dulice	1928	F	1950	Liverpool	USA	New York
CHALFA	John	1872	M	1890	Liverpool	USA	Philadelphia
CHALFE	Dwoine	1888	M	1909	Liverpool	USA	New York
CHALFE	Hersch	1871	M	1901	Liverpool	Canada	Quebec
CHALFI	Sara	1910	F	1937	Southampton	Argentina	Buenos Aires
CHALIF	?	Unk	F	1907	Liverpool	USA	New York
CHALIF	Bejla	1911	F	1929	Southampton	USA	New York
CHALIF	Berel	1913	M	1929	Southampton	USA	New York
CHALIF	Ester	Adult	F	1907	Liverpool	USA	New York
CHALIF	Ester	1871	F	1929	Southampton	USA	New York
CHALIF	Joseph	1900	M	1907	Liverpool	USA	New York
CHALIF	Py?	Unk	M	1907	Liverpool	USA	New York

**THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF DUBINS/VARIATIONS, NOT INCLUDED HERE**

**YAD VASHEM VICTIMS REPORTED:**

Pinkos Gilner, from Ostrow-Mazwiecka: Joined the Russian army and didn't return. Perished in the Urals, it is believed, in 1942.

Lajb Gilner, born, married, perished in Ostrow-Mazowiecka. No other info.

Pinia Gilner, born, married, perished in Ostrow-Mazowiecka. No other info.

**Other Gilners in the Yad Vashem List:**

**OLEN's in the Yad Vashem List:**

**OLENBERGS in the Yad Vashem list**

[1]Ostrow Mazowiecka PSA 1862-1897

**Lomza Gubernia / Warszawa Province**

**(records in Fond 94 in Warszawa Archive Pultusk Branch)**

**Located at 52°48' 21°54'**

**Last updated June 1998**

Surname	Givenname	Year	Type	Akt
TREJSTER	Awram Icek	1895	B	85
TREJSTER	Jankel	1895	B	86
TREJSTER	Aron	1897	B	41
TREJSTER	Mendel	1885	M	1
TREJSTER	Mendel	1893	M	17

## **Other Olenbergs/Elenbergs?? (Hebrew) in the Yad Vashem Lists:**

Meirim Burshtin (Married to Simchka), maiden name was Olenberg

## Other Web "Hits":

From testimony to a Russian commission investigating German killings/atrocities toward Jews:

Source	<b>Pages of Testimony</b>
Last Name	<b>GILNER</b>
First Name	<b>ABRAM</b>
First Name	<b>ABRAM</b>
First Name	<b>AVRAHAM</b>
Father's First Name	<b>ZELIG</b>
Mother's First Name	<b>YEHUDIT</b>
Gender	<b>MALE</b>
Date of Birth	<b>1894</b>
Place of Birth	<b>ALEKSANDRIA</b>
Marital Status	<b>MARRIED</b>
Spouse's First Name	<b>DVORA</b>
Name of 1st Child	<b>MOSHE</b>
Date of Birth of 1st Child	<b>1926</b>
Place of Permanent Residence	<b>ALEKSANDRIA</b>
Profession	<b>MERCHANT</b>
Place During Wartime	<b>ALEKSANDRIA</b>
Place of Death	<b>ALEKSANDRIA</b>
Date of Death	<b>1942</b>
Type of Material	<b>Page of Testimony</b>
Submitter's Last Name	<b>HERTZ</b>
Submitter's First Name	<b>YAFA</b>
Relationship to victim	<b>NIECE</b>
Date of Registration	<b>12/03/1956</b>



From testimony to a Russian commission investigating German killings/atrocities toward Jews:

Source	<b>Pages of Testimony</b>
Last Name	<b>DIREKTOR</b>
First Name	<b>FAIBIS</b>
First Name*	<b>BENDET</b>
Father's First Name	<b>YESHAYAHU</b>
Mother's First Name*	<b>TAMAR</b>
Gender	<b>MALE</b>
Place of Birth	<b>DEMIDOWKA,DUBNO,WOLYN,POLAND</b>
Marital Status	<b>MARRIED</b>
Spouse's First Name	<b>KHANA</b>
Spouse's Maiden Name	<b>FISHERMAN</b>
Place of Permanent Residence	<b>KREMENETS</b>
Profession	<b>MERCHANT</b>
Place During Wartime	<b>KREMENETS</b>
Type of Material	<b>Page of Testimony</b>
Submitter's Last Name	<b>FORT</b>
Submitter's Last Name	<b>DIREKTOR</b>
Submitter's First Name	<b>YAFA</b>
Relationship to victim	<b>DAUGHTER</b>









From testimony to a Russian commission investigating German killings/atrocities toward Jews:

Source	<b>Pages of Testimony</b>
Last Name	<b>DIREKTOROVITZ</b>
First Name	<b>SARA</b>
First Name	<b>ZYSLA</b>
Father's First Name	<b>SHLOMO</b>
Father's First Name	<b>KHAIM</b>
Mother's First Name	<b>PESIA</b>
Gender	<b>FEMALE</b>
Place of Birth	<b>POLAND</b>
Marital Status	<b>MARRIED</b>
Place of Permanent Residence	<b>BRZESC,POLAND</b>
Place During Wartime	<b>BRZESC,POLAND</b>
Place of Death	<b>BRZESC,POLAND</b>
Date of Death	<b>1942</b>
Type of Material	<b>Page of Testimony</b>
Submitter's Last Name	<b>ZAHAVI</b>
Submitter's First Name	<b>TZVI</b>
Relationship to victim	<b>NEPHEW</b>

From testimony to a Russian commission investigating German killings/atrocities toward Jews:

Source	<b>Pages of Testimony</b>
Last Name	<b>DIRECTOR</b>
Last Name	<b>DIREKTOR</b>
First Name	<b>MORDECHAI</b>
First Name	<b>MORDEKHAI</b>
Father's First Name	<b>MOSHE</b>
Father's First Name	<b>TZVI</b>
Mother's First Name	<b>ESTER</b>
Gender	<b>MALE</b>
Place of Birth	<b>PULTUSK,PULTUSK,WARSZAWA,POLAND</b>
Marital Status	<b>MARRIED</b>
Spouse's First Name	<b>KHAIA</b>
Spouse's First Name	<b>MENUKHA</b>
Spouse's Maiden Name*	<b>BORNSHTEIN</b>
Place of Permanent Residence	<b>PULTUSK,PULTUSK,WARSZAWA,POLAND</b>
Place During Wartime	<b>SARNAK,SIEDLCE,LUBLIN,POLAND</b>
Type of Material	<b>Page of Testimony</b>
Submitter's Last Name	<b>DIREKTOR</b>
Submitter's First Name	<b>BARUKH</b>
Relationship to victim	<b>SON</b>
Date of Registration	<b>15/01/1956</b>

SS DEATH INDEX SEARCH: OLENBERG (Known Entries Removed)

Name	Birth	Death	Last Residence	Last Benefit	SSN	Issued	Tools	Order Record?
HARVEY N OLENBERG	04 Jun 1912	27 Apr 1991	(not specified)	(none specified)	106-09-4074	New York	<a href="#">SS-5 Letter</a> <a href="#">Add Post-em Search</a> <a href="#">Ancestry.com</a>	
FLORENCE J OLENBERG	16 May 1906	Feb 1989	14216 (Buffalo, <a href="#">Erie, NY</a> )	(none specified)	134-05-7827	New York	<a href="#">SS-5 Letter</a> <a href="#">Add Post-em Search</a> <a href="#">Ancestry.com</a>	
BERNICE R OLENBERG	25 Oct 1921	15 Jun 1995	19046 (Jenkintown, <a href="#">Montgomery, PA</a> )	(none specified)	177-14-0019	Pennsylvania	<a href="#">SS-5 Letter</a> <a href="#">Add Post-em Search</a> <a href="#">Ancestry.com</a>	
ALBERT OLENBERG	26 Sep 1917	Mar 1966	(not specified)	(none specified)	182-07-3952	Pennsylvania	<a href="#">SS-5 Letter</a> <a href="#">Add Post-em Search</a> <a href="#">Ancestry.com</a>	
IDA OLENBERG	15 Sep 1893	Aug 1978	19004 (Bala Cynwyd, <a href="#">Montgomery, PA</a> )	19126 (Philadelphia, <a href="#">Montgomery, PA</a> )	193-26-4067	Pennsylvania	<a href="#">SS-5 Letter</a> <a href="#">Add Post-em Search</a> <a href="#">Ancestry.com</a>	
SONDRA OLENBERG	24 Mar 1933	01 Mar 1988	19114 (Philadelphia, <a href="#">Philadelphia, PA</a> )	(none specified)	196-24-8455	Pennsylvania	<a href="#">SS-5 Letter</a> <a href="#">Add Post-em Search</a> <a href="#">Ancestry.com</a>	
HERBERT OLENBERG	22 Feb 1926	Mar 1988	19004 (Bala Cynwyd, <a href="#">Montgomery, PA</a> )	(none specified)	208-12-2313	Pennsylvania	<a href="#">SS-5 Letter</a> <a href="#">Add Post-em Search</a> <a href="#">Ancestry.com</a>	
MORRIS OLENBERG	03 Nov 1886	Feb 1972	14207 (Buffalo, <a href="#">Erie, NY</a> )	(none specified)	283-10-1070	Ohio	<a href="#">SS-5 Letter</a> <a href="#">Add Post-em Search</a> <a href="#">Ancestry.com</a>	

## OTHER:

*NOTE: An enormous number of births, marriages, deaths of GILNERS came up in a search of that surname in the LOMZA guberniya, Poland, which included Wyszkwow and, maybe for some time period, Ostrow-Masowiecka. (List is not included here, but available on request from the Olenberg.org webmaster.) There are GILNERS known to have lived in the area back to at least 1780.*

### Places yielded upon searches of names, etc:

Aleksandria, Poland (near Chelm) Mentioned in testimony of a Jewish death to a Russian Commission

Olenberg Monastery in Alsace: Mentioned in reference to the Grimm brothers (fairy tale creators)

Vilkija, Lithuania (nr Kaunas) (2 documents referring to Itska/Yankel Olenberg(?) available from there.)

### Scientific Article:

"Assessment of aspiration risk in acute ischaemic stroke—evaluation of the simple swallowing provocation test"; S Olenberg, et al, Department of Neurology, University Hospital of Münster, Münster, Germany

### Naturalization

Certificate	Surname	First Name	Petition#	CertificateDate	Birth	SOUNDEX
4318099	Olenberg,	Hannah	307998		09/05/1894	O451

### Marriage Registration:

**Marriage:** ELYAMBERG, Yogi Noson to SEGAL, Rochel (groom father: Mortchel) June 6, 1870  
Pumpenai (Kaunas guberniya)

Microfilm # / Item # / Image # / Archive / Fond

2205128 / 4 LVIA / 1226 / 1 / 580 (LVIA = Lith. State Archives)

[SOUNDEX does not differentiate between Olenberg and Elyamberg]

### Unclaimed Funds:

US BANKRUPTCY COURT, DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO  
UNCLAIMED FUNDS, CREDITOR'S BALANCES  
NIEVES OLEMBERG; CASE NUMBER: 8501879; \$1,385.34

Information from Stanley Diamond, head of JRI-P, and whose ancestor married an Olenberg:

*My second cousin, once removed, Chawa Brucha RACHMAN, daughter of Liba WIDELEC (my second) cousin and Gdal Berek RACHMAN, married Abram Icek OLENBERG in Dec.*

*1908 in Wyszkwow, Poland. Liba was born in Ostrow Maz. in 1866. Abram Icek was the son of Moszek Ber OLENBERG and his wife Ruchla BROJMAN.*

*[Since it is unlikely that Moszek Ber or Ruchla would be Itshak Yankel & Krisa, it appears that Moszek could have been a brother or cousin of Mordechai Mendel Olenberg...thus, a son or nephew of Itsak Yankel.]*

## **Jewish-Gen [FTJP]**

### **Dora (Dweira) DIREKTOVITCH**

Born: 1872, Miroslaw, Lithuania; Died: Jun 1963, Chicago II

### **Spouse: ? Beryl? KUBELSKY**

Born: Abt 1870; Died: Abt 1915, Miroslaw, Lithuania

Married: Abt 1895, Lithuania

**Gilners mentioned as holocaust casualties in the Ostrow-Mazowiecka Yiskor Book:**

Finyeh Gilner, wife and children  
Leib Yaakov, wife and children

**Olenbergs mentioned as holocaust casualties in the Ostrow Mazowiecka Yizkor Book**

Mordechai Mendel (confirmed as "our" MMO)  
Meir (confusingly listed as having children, while "our" Meir was unmarried)

**Abramczyk mentioned as holocaust casualties in the Ostrow Mazowiecka Yizkor Book**

There are two persons of this name, Elchanan and Yehoshuah, one having "children" & the other one having 4 children, each listed as married to Chana. Is this a duplication? Or, which is "our" Chana's husband, & how is the other person related to us?

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**Arrival by Ship, Castle Garden, NYC**

<u>First name</u>	<u>Last name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Ship</u>
CHAJE	<a href="#">CHALEFF</a>	CHILD, YOUNGSTER	6	F	27 Aug 1891	RUSSIA SUEVIA	
ESTHER	<a href="#">CHALEFF</a>	WOMAN	40	F	27 Aug 1891	RUSSIA SUEVIA	
NAFTOLI	<a href="#">CHALEFF</a>	INFANT	11 m	M	27 Aug 1891	RUSSIA SUEVIA	
RACHEL	<a href="#">CHALEFF</a>	CHILD, YOUNGSTER	9	F	27 Aug 1891	RUSSIA SUEVIA	
WOLF	<a href="#">CHALEFF</a>	CHILD, YOUNGSTER	3	M	27 Aug 1891	RUSSIA SUEVIA	

Wayne County, IN, Marriage Records:

FRANCES WELLS married BENJAMIN OLENBERG on 1872-06-18.

**(Book K ; Page 269)**

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5 Interrments - Ontario (-Cemetery Finding Aid) Canada

2 x Directovich

2 x Diretovich

1 Directorovich

**London Poor Jews Temporary Shelter**

Surname	Fore name	Register date	Gender	Age	Birth place	Occupation	From	To
Olenberg	J	7/17/1902	M	23	Wiczkow	tailor	Hamburg	London
Olenberg	Jankel	7/17/1902	M	23	Wiczkow	tailor	Hamburg	

**(Notes: Came on ship Ophelia. Went to: Garden St , "Bro", Address etc. deleted)**

**KRAKOW BIRTHS, 1831-1855**

1855 #175 Feb 2      Hirsz Leib SILBERFREUND      Father: Markus Feiwel 30  
 Mother: Baila 29 Maiden name?) HOLENBERG

Cimorelli Database of German immigrants traveling to US or Canadian ports

Shipname	Arrival	Port_of_Arrival	ShipNumber	Surname	Firstname	Age	Origin	City	State
Corsican	5/23/1908	Quebec, PQ	1471	OLENBERGEN	Philip	44	RUSS	Battleford	SK

**Deportations:****Wyniki wyszukiwania**

(Search Results)

Liczba odnalezionych rekordów: 5.

(# of records)

LP	Nazwisko	Imię	Drugie imię	Imię ojca	Data ur.			Symbol zestawienia	Id
					rok	m	d		
1.	<a href="#">Olenberg</a>	Abram		Wolf	1938			Deportowani z obw. białostockiego	233665
2.	<a href="#">Olenberg</a>	Cypa		Jakub	1912			Deportowani z obw. białostockiego	233664
3.	<a href="#">Olenberg</a>	Izaak		Mordko	1914			Deportowani do obw. wologodzkiego	216415
4.	<a href="#">Olenberg</a>	Wolf		Mortko	1912			Aresztowani na Białorusi i Ukrainie 1939-1941	85063
5.	<a href="#">Olenberg</a>	Wolf		Mordka	1912			Deportowani z obw. białostockiego	233663

Surname    Name    2nd Name    Father    Born    Arrested in / Deported from



**Frenkels mentioned as holocaust casualties in the Ostrow Mazowiecka Yizkor Book**

2 Frenkel males (Laibel and Nachum, Dr) not listed with wife or children. Are these in-laws of Bliema Olenberg Frankel? Did they have families lost with them?

There is a Frankel Family, and a Frankel-Allenberg Family listed. Is the latter one Bliema, her husband and children? Who are the others?

**Other questions regarding the Ostrow Mazowiecka Yizkor Book**

Is Moishe Rosentsweig, wife and children, related to Nechama Olenberg's husband's family?

Why is Krusa Olenberg Shekolnik, husband and son Zmir not listed? Are they in the Wyszkw Yizkor Book?

Why is Mordechai Mendel listed here if he was actually living in Wyszkw at the time of the holocaust?

**Wyszkw Yizkor Book**, List of names (not necessarily strictly in the necrology). Questions raised:

Abramczyk-Fayge (male), Moyshe, Yosef: Inlaws of Chana?

Alenberg-It is obvious that the person writing names was "way off" in spelling, or dictated the test to someone unfamiliar with the names, as Mordechai Mendel Olenberg is referred to as Mordkhe-Mendl Alenberg. This forces the conclusion that all other "Alenbergs" listed (Hershel, Krase [Krusa?], Nomi, Velvl) are relative or inlaws of MMO.

These Bronshteins are listed. All are likely to be related to MMO's mother Krisa:

BRONSHTEYN	Binek	177
BRONSHTEYN	Bunem	177, 237
BRONSHTEYN	Fayge	89
BRONSHTEYN	Fishl	28, 31, 84
BRONSHTEYN	Menakhem	81, 82
BRONSHTEYN	Rabbi Tsvi	201, 202, 210, 211, 217, 218, 225
BRONSHTEYN	Yankev	212, 219, 231, 233 [sic], 232
BRONSHTEYN	Yisroelke	109
BRONSHTEYN	Zlatke	232, 233

Is the "Rabbi Bronsteyn" who is listed as having visited "Vishkuvn", in 1961 (p 201), a descendent of MMO's mother or her ancestors/relatives? [Translation available?]\*\*\*

Who is the Velvl Olenberg who wrote, on page 194, "We Succeed in Escaping"? \*\*\*

Frenkel, Y. is listed on page 202. Is this the husband of Frank's sister Bliema? Or other relative?

FROM:  
"Michael Friedman" <michael@friedmangenealogy.com> [Add sender to Contacts](#)  
To: olen3105@yahoo.com

My great-grandfather's children settled in and around New York City, mainly the Bronx. I believe he died in the Bronx. However, his date of death and place of burial remain a mystery. The family members who knew where he is buried have all passed away. No surviving members know where he is buried. My father was named for him. Therefore, his date of death had to occur prior 10/14/1924.

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--- On Sun, 8/10/08, Michael Friedman <michael@friedmangenealogy.com> wrote:

From: Michael Friedman <michael@friedmangenealogy.com>  
Subject: Re: The JewishGen Family Finder:  
To: [olen3105@yahoo.com](mailto:olen3105@yahoo.com)  
Date: Sunday, August 10, 2008, 11:17 AM  
What I know about my Directovich family:

My great grandfather was Eleazor Dovid Directovich. He came to the United States sometime before 1924. Because he was ill, he was unable to come through Ellis Island, instead he had to "sneak" into the U.S. through Canada. He was a widower whose wife died in Europe. He came to the United States with his children: Fannie (my grandmother), Frieda, Becky, Joe, Benny and Hitchi. Somehow the name was changed to Finkel.

That's all I really know. Please feel free to view my website: [www.friedmangenealogy.com](http://www.friedmangenealogy.com). The Finkel family tree is at: FINKEL FAMILY TREE.

I have already viewed your website. Unfortunately, I don't know enough about my Directovich family to know if there is a connection.

Please let me know if you find any family connections.

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--- On Thu, 8/7/08, Michael Friedman <michael@friedmangenealogy.com> wrote:  
From: Michael Friedman <michael@friedmangenealogy.com>  
Subject: Re: The JewishGen Family Finder:  
To: [olen3105@yahoo.com](mailto:olen3105@yahoo.com)  
Date: Thursday, August 7, 2008, 12:03 AM

I am unfamiliar with the Chaleff family. However, my Finkel family was originally named Directovich and was from Grodno.

From: "Karen Reif" <kreif2000@yahoo.com>

Hi Olen,

Attached is a family tree on the GILNER side. I was attempting to go back to the Polish records, but I don't remember how to go further. At one time, I was able to find out that my great-grandparents, Anna GILNER and Harry MALINA had a child who must have died early or at birth, but no one in my family was aware of it. I don't know where I got that information! I would love to locate records of my great-grandparents births and their parents, etc. I did find their marriage records on the Jewish Records Indexing. Also, I don't have the Yiddish names for some, so I am unable to match them up.

I sent away to the cemetery where my grandmother is, Beth David in New York, and they gave me some information on other burials near her grave. One was for Harry GILNER who was married to Ida (she is also buried there), another is for Murray GILNER whose wife was Anna, and Arnold GILNER whose wife was Carolyn GILNER. Do any of these names mean anything to you? Their dates of death are between 1965 and 1994. I believe Harry was my grandmother's brother, and that he was a rabbi, but I don't know about the others.

Did your name come from OLENBERG? Have you been in contact with anyone else who is a GILNER? Quite a while ago, I was in touch with a distant cousin who found me through JewishGen and lives in CA. He sent me his tree, and we found where the link was. I started researching genealogy in 1993 after my mother passed away. Now I dab at it when some new info comes up. I am pretty much at a standstill.

Karen

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Hi Olen,

It is quite possible that we are related. Hannah GILNER (born July 22, 1920 in NY) was a first cousin to my mother. She had a sister named KITTY. I met both of them, but they are all gone now. They lived in NY, but all moved to FL at some point, and that is where I met them. It is my understanding that they also originated from Wyszkw, Poland. All of my info is on the Family Tree Maker Program, but somehow I lost the part about this section of our family.

My grandparents were first cousins; their parents were brother & sister. My grandparent's names were: David MALINA and Kate GILNER. David's parents were: Anna (Chana Ruchla) GILNER (born abt. 1873) and Harry MALINA. I haven't gone back further to find out who Anna's parents were. Kate's parents were Aaron Jacob GILNER (born abt. 1860's) and Ester Bialestotsky AUERBACH. If you like, I can try to forward a copy of our family tree to you.

Since many of the names sound familiar, and we usually name people after family members who have passed, there may be some connection.

Looking forward to hearing from you again,

Karen Reif, Glenview, IL

From: Adam Peters <[adampeters@gmail.com](mailto:adampeters@gmail.com)>

Hi Olen,

The Wyszkov connection is encouraging. You asked how I knew that Chaja Olenberg died in childbirth. Ashkenazy Jews don't name children after living ancestors, such as parents. That Chaja Dinah had the same first name is a good indication that Chaja died in childbirth, plus the second name "Dinah" comes from the Hebrew word Din, which connotes God's judgement, and as a name is often associated with the premature death of a loved one. Please keep me informed if you are able to obtain any olenberg records for Wyszkov. I'll check out the website and let you know if I discover anything new in my own research.

Thanks,

Adam

On Sun, Jul 20, 2008 at 2:31 PM, Olen Soifer <[olen3105@yahoo.com](mailto:olen3105@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Hi Adam,

Well, there are obviously more Olenbergs and Olenbergs! My mother was an Olenberg and, because of a shortage of male Olenbergs, I was named Olen Berg to continue the name for another generation. However, there are Olenbergs in Florida, who had originally emigrated to Cuba....You said, "Seeing as the child was named Chaja Dina, it seems that Chaja Olenberg died in childbirth." What am I missing? How did you draw that conclusion?...The "central character" in our family...the European Olenberg that we know the most about is Mordechai Mendel Olenberg, my great-grandfather, born in Wyszkov, 1869.

Olen

From: Adam Peters <[adampeters@gmail.com](mailto:adampeters@gmail.com)>

Subject: Re: The JewishGen Family Finder:

To: [olen3105@yahoo.com](mailto:olen3105@yahoo.com)

Date: Sunday, July 20, 2008, 6:48 AM

Hi,

Thanks for emailing me. It took me a minute to remember my Olenberg family connection because I haven't really researched it yet. Anyway, here it is: My great great great grandmother was Chaja Olenberg. I have no information about her other than the fact that she had a daughter named Chaja Dina in the town of Wyszkov in 1865. Seeing as the child was named Chaja Dina, it seems that Chaja Olenberg died in childbirth. She was married to Lejzor Rozenberg. Unfortunately, that's all I have. I have never had a look at the records from Wyszkov to see if there are any more Olenbergs or Olenbergs.

Let me know if you know anything more!

Regards, Adam

Email from Michele Olenberg Hollander, July 30, 2008:

Hi Olen,

I have been busy writing back and forth with Carli Olenberg (the Jersey girl). She checked out the [Olenberg.org](http://Olenberg.org) site with her father and they were both surprised to see that her father looks a lot like my grandpa Bernard (who, by the way, my father resembles, as well- logical considering he's his son, though!). She found out that her great-grandparents names were Isadore and Ida Olenberg. Their children were Herbert and Albert. Herbert was her grandfather (children: Iris and Lee Olenberg) . Lee is her father who had her and her sister and brother. Iris has 2 kids, Brittany and Matt. Albert Olenberg had a daughter named Ina Levitsky and they have a daughter named Beth.

Now the question remains... Where was Isadore Olenberg from and who was he to us???? Since he was Carli's great-grandfather and Carli is exactly my oldest son's age, I'm gong to guess that Isadore was around the same age as my grandfather, Bernard (going with the assumption that each generation had children around the same time). This would make me think that they could have been first cousins, perhaps????? This is one big hypothesis, of course, considering that we know that there was a big age disparity between the brothers (Bernard, Frank, Simha, etc.) which was not uncommon in those days when families were so large. Any theories??? Carli is trying to find out more.

I've also been in touch with 3 other Olenbergs...

Luisa Olenberg's family moved from Kazachastan to Germany in 1992. So far, that's all she knows.

Alyssa Olenberg, from California , is definitely Jewish and wrote that her mother had mentioned once that the family was from Kiev . He mother also had a theory that the name Olenberg had been changed at Ellis Island from Oldenberg to Olenberg. She's trying to get more info.

Jana Olenberg had a translator write her message to me as she only speaks Russian and German. Over the past 200 years, she was told, her family had settled in Russia , Uzbekistan , Kyrgyzstan and the Ukraine . Perhaps she is a close relative of Luisa (she didn't mention)?\*\*\*\*\*

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Email from Harry Olenberg, Sept. 11, 2008:

Yit(z)hak Yankel Olenberg was the first cousin of my father Bernard and, of course, of Simcha and Frank. He showed up at our house after the war (best recollection, the late 1940s) and it turned out that he had spent the war years in a hole in the ground fed by a Polish farmer. He married, changed his name to Olen, and had at least one child, a son who was a teacher, and may still be one, at Truman H.S. in the educational park at Co-Op city in the Bronx. A friend of mine was a school secretary there at the time, and noticing the similarity of names, put him in contact with me. I spoke to Yithak Yankel briefly on the phone but we never developed anything beyond that. I am sure that if you contact Truman H.S. they will be able to tell you how to contact the son.

As far as a picture of my Grandmother Sara is concerned I just may have one. If I do my wife Marlene will know where it is and I will contact you to let you know what is what.

Regards

Cousin Harry

Marlene and Harry Olenberg



Inquiries to other family history researchers sent thru JewishGen, July 19, 2008,

From: Olen Berg Soifer, (researcher code 200387) [olen3105@yahoo.com](mailto:olen3105@yahoo.com)

**Replies not received from the following a/o Sept 1, 2008**

Researching CHALEFF:

To : Dayna Chalif, (researcher code 125773)  
To : Elliot Chalef, (researcher code 65462)  
To : Gillan Chalef, (researcher code 58063)  
To : Neal Callif, (researcher code 35661)  
To : Nicole Diamant, (researcher code 55333)  
To : Phyllis Gabovitch, (researcher code 140818)  
To : Adrienne Hoffman, (researcher code 39929)  
To : Lena M, (researcher code 24010)  
To : Jim Yarin, (researcher code 2979)












Researching GILNER

To : Leon Gilner, (researcher code 63265)

**Relatives listed searching on JewishGen, not obvious because of different names:**

Svetlana Moiber, (researcher code 195825) (She is a Directovich descendant)

Shari (Olenberg) Nitzan (Harry Olenberg's daughter)

Searching for Surnames starting with GILNER						
Total hits: 27						
Run on Thursday 4 September 2008 at 20:56:21						
	Name	Born	Died	Father + Mother	Code	Last Updated
	<a href="#">GILNER, Aaron Labe</a>				10336	03 Oct 1999
	<a href="#">GILNER, Aron Lejba</a>				8122	01 Nov 1998
	<a href="#">GILNER, Beryl</a>	Living		Velvel + Bessie	10336	03 Oct 1999
	<a href="#">GILNER, Chana (Anna)</a>			Maier	10336	03 Oct 1999
	<a href="#">GILNER, Chana Ruchla</a>			Aaron Labe	10336	03 Oct 1999
	<a href="#">GILNER/KAUFMAN, Chieh Rivka (Ruth)</a>		1909	Aaron Labe	10336	03 Oct 1999
	<a href="#">GILNER, Daughter</a>			Herbert Gilner + Mara (Gilner)	3621	08 May 2005
	<a href="#">GILNER, David</a>	Living		Velvel	10336	03 Oct 1999
	<a href="#">GILNER, Dora</a>				21383	26 Feb 1999
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	<a href="#">GILNER, Jospa</a>	1869		Aron Lejba + Ester Chaimowna Rachman	8122	01 Nov 1998
	<a href="#">GILNER, Leah</a>			Aaron Labe	10336	03 Oct 1999
	<a href="#">GILNER, Leif I.</a>	Living		Herbert Gilner + Mara (Gilner)	3621	08 May 2005
	<a href="#">GILNER, Lejba</a>		1887		8122	01 Nov 1998
	<a href="#">GILNER, Lejba</a>				2508	23 Jan 1999
	<a href="#">GILNER, Libby</a>	Living		Velvel + Bessie	10336	03 Oct 1999
	<a href="#">GILNER, Lionel G.</a>	Living		Herbert Gilner + Mara (Gilner)	3621	08 May 2005
	<a href="#">GILNER, Maier</a>			Aaron Labe	10336	03 Oct 1999
	<a href="#">GILNER, Mary</a>				69767	19 May 2002
	<a href="#">GILNER, Rose</a>				6098	26 Dec 2004
	<a href="#">GILNER, Ruchal Leja</a>	1858		Aaron Labe	10336	03 Oct 1999
	<a href="#">GILNER, Shayne</a>	1920	1977	Velvel + Bessie	10336	03 Oct 1999
	<a href="#">GILNER, Sora (Sura?) Ruchla (Rinah?)</a>	1870			200387	3 JUL 2008
	<a href="#">GILNER, Sura Leja Lejbowna</a>	1864		Lejba + Estera Chaja Rejchman	8122	01 Nov 1998
	<a href="#">GILNER, Sura Leja Lejbowna</a>	1864		Lejba + Estera Chaja Rejchman	2508	23 Jan 1999
	<a href="#">GILNER, Tammie</a>			Aaron Labe	10336	03 Oct 1999
	<a href="#">GILNER, Velvel</a>	1886	1966	Maier	10336	03 Oct 1999

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	OLEM	Itsyk	Iudel	Head of Household	59				371	
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	OLEM	Perets David	Iudel	Brother	56					
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	OLEM	Yankel	Itsyk	Son?	39					
					32 in 1851					
	OLEM	Leyzer Eliash	Itsyk	Son?	37					
					30 in 1851					
	OLEM	Liba		Wife	61					
OLEM	Shora Mina		Daughter- in-law	35		Yankel's wife				
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Place of Residence (or Place of Birth)

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Town  
District  
Region  
Country  
Birth Date  
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WYSZKOW

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1910  
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[Olenberg Gitel](#)  
PULTUSK  
PULTUSK  
WARSZAWA  
POLAND  
1885

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[Olenberg A](#)  
MOSKVA  
MOSKVA CITY  
MOSKVA  
RUSSIA (USSR)

[Eilenberg Nechemia](#)  
WARSAW  
WARSZAWA  
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List of victims from Yizkor books

Research using spelling OHLENBERG or OHLEMBERG brings up numerous obviously German persons. HOWEVER, there is one very promising hit from Ellis Island:

Ester Ohlenberg, arrived July 6, 1902 on the Moltke from Hamburg, having originated in Wiszkov. She was 18, single, a "laborer" and had \$1 in her pocket. It appears she was traveling alone and her destination was her brother David Ohlenberg in Rochester, NY. The rarity of the surname and the small size of Wyszkwow would tend to indicate a probable connection to the family. (Age would indicate she was a sister cousin or niece of Mordechai Mendel)

Note that there appear to be only 4 places in the US where Jewish Olenberg/Olemberg, etc, families originally arrived &/or settled: Buffalo & NYC, NY, Philadelphia area, PA, and Miami Florida. It should be investigated to determine whether Ester &/or David were the progenitors of the Buffalo family. Research should be done to determine whether Ester and David were brothers of Abraham Icek Olenberg and children of Mozek Ber Olenberg.

Another search of "similar spellings" from Ellis Island brought up one other interesting name: Izak Oelenberg, an "Austrian Hebrew" who arrived July 28, 1903 from Rotterdam, Holland on the Potsdam, originally from Kudryncy, Austria. He was 30, male, single, a tailor, carrying \$5 and going to stay with a cousin M(s?) Gruber at 144 Orchard St, NY, NY.

A Salomon Olenberg had arrived August 29, 1901 from the (same?) Austrian town of Kudrynce aboard the Graf Waldersee out of Hamburg. 26, male, single, he was got to his brother \_\_\_\_\_, 163 Suffolk St (NY?). Occupation was not clear...possibly an egg merchant???

Contains this interesting information, though this is not necessarily for a Jewish person/family: ULENBERG: Early pioneers. On Nov. 5, 1874, Piotr, son of Ludwik Ulenberg (in source Ulmberg) and Maria née Nakielska, married Anna Stopińska at St. Stanislaus Church. Piotr died Dec. 18, 1876 at the recorded age of 26 years, 8 months. Fr. Pitass recorded his place of birth as Grabowo in the powiat ("district") of Kościerzyna near Gdańsk. The Erie County Alien Declarations Index lists Joseph Ulenberg (in source Ullenbarg) in 1874. Joseph (1842-1921) is buried at St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Boston, NY. Derived from the Low German Ulen, "owls" + Berg, "mountain" (e.g., Sowie Góra north of Międzybóże was known as German Eulenberg). The West Prussian Land Register 1772/73 (this area is now northcentral Poland) lists Olenberg, Uhlenberg, Ulenberg and Ullenberg. 443 people surnamed Ulenberg in Poland along with 175 Uhlenberg, 1 Uhleberg, 1 Uhleburg and 1 Uleberg.