

Welcome to, and What You Can Do At Olenberg.org:

This family website has been designed and intended to encourage repeated visits and collaboration by all of our extended family, regardless of anyone's age. It is hoped that everyone will find things of interest to them which will keep them coming back over and over. Here is some of what you can, and should, do here:

- I. Most important, **register for free**. It's easy; it allows you to be a part of the site's growth; and most importantly, a number of the site's features and abilities are only for registered users. *(Hint: Make sure you type **FREEDOM** in the correct box so the registration engine knows you are a human being, not a "web worm", and be sure that you verify your registration with the email you will receive. If you don't get the confirmation email, check to see whether it is in your "spam-mail" in-box.)*
- II. Customize **your own My Page** with your own brief biographical info, photo, website link, etc. It is what others see when they click your name in the users list. Choose what documents or folders you might want to **subscribe** to so that you are automatically notified when they are modified or added to. **Change the look of the page** by selecting one of a dozen different formats in your Preferences options.
- III. Make your mark! **Sign the Guest Book**.
- IV. **Email registered family or leave them a note** for when they next log on just by clicking on them in the user list. Email addresses are confidential except between the sender/recipient.
- V. Post upcoming family events to the **Olenberg Global Calendar**, or create your own **private calendar** and get notified, by email, of upcoming events! Add family news or events to the **family news** folder.
- VI. Send/receive electronic holiday/greetings cards from the **Olenberg Family Card Shop**. The variety is among the largest that is available from any one site on the internet!
- VII. **List, view and search folders and documents**. **Add to Olenberg.org** with personal or family folders & documents; articles/essays about family members, people, places or family history; **post a joke** © or family anecdote; **Share new and old photos** of family, events and places. **Add a link** to your personal or business website or to a website that you feel will appeal to other family members. **Offer your professional or business services to the family**, share travel hints and information for family who might be about to visit your area, etc. *(Two cautions: Please save space on our server by editing photos for file size and link to family videos posted on a server like "YouTube", rather than posting the videos here. Our file size limit is 1.1 megabytes.)*
- VIII. **Join the Family Forum** and help make it a lively place. Entries and responses are better than email "chats" because they are permanent, easily found, and grouped by topic.
- IX. Save on phone costs and by making a "date" to meet other family member(s) in the **Olenberg Chat Room**. Choose one of the two public rooms or create your own private, password protected, room. If you like, you can register and reserve a user name just for yourself. Insert "smilies" as you type and also choose your text display color.
- X. Upon request, receive your very own **free Olenberg.org Email Address**. You can also request that any mail to yourname@olenberg.org be forwarded to another address.
- XI. View the **online Family Tree**.
- XII. Set your Internet home page as our **Entry Page or the World Portal** (with many, many handy links).
- XIII. When you want to see more detailed information, link to and download the **free Family Tree Builder software** and then **grab the family data file** that has lots of notes and information not viewable with the online family tree. Improve the family database by filling in missing information and persons and sharing your improved data file. *(By the way: Family Tree Builder, created in Israel, is bi-lingual. You can choose to display information in English, but also in Yiddish, Hebrew, Spanish, etc.)*
- XIV. Download the **free photo-editing software**, as well as **easy step-by-step instructions** to help you quick-edit photos for color, contrast, size and file-size. Sharpen them, remove "red-eye", turn them into sepia prints and even try to artistic effects on them.
- XV. Download several **free genealogical research forms** commonly used to record and organize family history research results or display family relationships; Grab a **free family interview guide** with many suggestions and questions to be used when interviewing a relative to gather personal and family history information and details; read some basic **Jewish genealogy information** and conduct a **free US genealogy search**.

XVI. Contribute recipes to the **Olenberg Family Cookbook**. They can be old family traditions or regional recipes your family adopted and adapted in its migration from Europe.

XVII. Try out some of the games in one of the **five Olenberg Game Rooms**. (Adults...before convincing yourself of how smart you are, try out the word games in Room One. They are challenging!)

- A. Game Room One: Spelling Bee; Word Match (Challenging!); "Hangman"
- B. Game Room Two: Run the Olenberg Café and see if you are a good business person!
- C. Game Room Three: Do online coloring; or play the Space Invaders type game; the Groovy Penguin Game, Connect-4, or Electronic Battleship
- D. Game Room Four: Help Fred, the dung beetle, impress his girlfriend
- E. Game Room Five: Help sort the cogs in the cog factory so it can build its machine

XVIII. Are you an artist? An author? An artisan? You can sell your creations in the **Olenberg Family Store!** Paypal is acceptable for payment and it is only asked that you donate a small portion of your profits to help establish and support a non-profit family foundation (see below). A wonderful idea would be for you to create something that would be sold exclusively to family!

XIX. **Be a part of future family philanthropic or charitable efforts**. Registered family users will automatically be a part of an advisory committee for directing future family philanthropic/charitable interests facilitated by Olenberg.org and will choose any family members for awards for their academic, professional, community or artistic accomplishments.

XX. **Read the Help Documents** that will give you hints on editing photos, exploring our documents and folders, uploading your own documents, using your Olenberg.org email address, etc. **Share your own thoughts** for what our family site can do beyond being an archive and contact facilitator. Read an extensive list of things you can do to secure your computer and confidential information.

In the works or being considered: User-driven Olenberg "wiki" Encyclopedia · Blogs · Etc.

Other features suggested by the family. What would YOU like to see here???