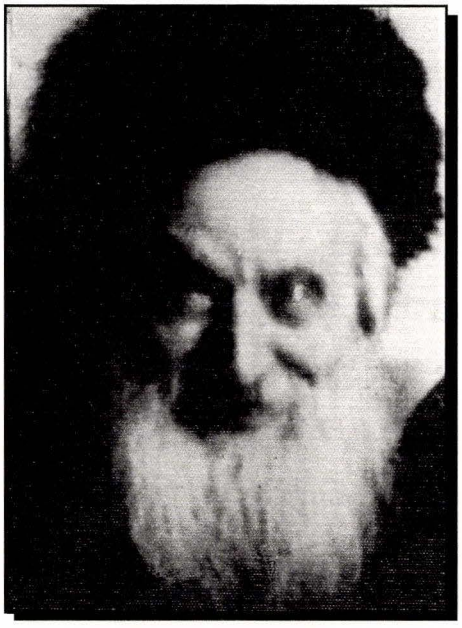
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סדר היחוס

הנה לדאבוני נשארתי כמעט לבד מממשפחת קושיצקי המפוארת לפני המלחמה שעדיין זוכר רוב בני המשפחה שרובם נהרגו על קידוש השם לכן החלטתי להוציא אלבום של תמונות שישנם תחת ידי ולהמציא ולהציג אותם לפני דור החדש אשר לא ידע אותם.

בתור ילד ידעתי שאנו קרובים לבית קוזיניץ אבל לא יודע איך. כן ידעתי שאנו נכדים של שלמה מקשאנוב שה' חבר של החוזה מלובלין אבל לא ידוע לי היטב מאיזה משלשת בנותיו. רצוף כאן מכתב מידיד וש"ב יחיאל [פרופסור] דומב בענין זה, אע"פ שאינני תמים דעה אתו במאה אחוז.

המסורת השלישית שאני זוכר, שאנו קרובים לבית קומרנא, האדמו"ר ר' שם מזלישוץ הי"ד הי' מבקר אותנו כל שנה והוא הי' נכד קומרנא. זה עלה בידי לפענך כי מצאתי בספר שלשלת קומרנא ד"ף נב' שבו הוא מזכיר את זקני ר' חיים יחיאל שבא לקומרנא, כי הוא הי' קרוב משפחה של הרב מנשה יעקוב קלינגבערג שה' חתנו של הרה"צ ר' אייזיק מקומרנא והוא יסד את החצר של זלושיץ והאדומור ר' שם הי' נכדו. [עיין שם בספר מאמר נ"א מאד מעיין].

היחוס מצד אשתי הוא יותר ברור. אני מצרף כאן יחוס מפורט עד בעל התניא ולפי יש אומרים זה מגיע עד המהר"ל זצ"ל. כמו כן אני מצרף לוח היחוס עד המהרש"ל ואחר כד הב"ח זצ"ל.

כמו כן אני מצרף יחס עד ר' עקיבא יוסף שלזינגר, שזוגתי היתה הדור חמישי אצלו ושמח מאד לראותה ולחותנו שהי' גם גיסו ר' הלל ליכטנשטיין זצ"ל מקולמיי.

לא הספקתי לגמור את היחוס אל משפחת בערגמן [סבא של זוגתי] וכן משפחת לוי שעדיין הכרתי את הסבתא פרידה גיטל נכדת ר' נחום משאדוק יאחיו אשר מופיעים בספר ירושלים של מעלה.

כן ישנה מסורת שהם נכדי השל"ה וגם של הגאון חזקי' די סילבא בעל הפרי חדש.

INTRODUCTION

I have in my possession many pictures of members of our family before the war and after the war which I believe are interesting and sometimes important. I am printing them now because in many cases I am the only one who can identify the people in the pictures and some of them were unfortunately victims of the Holocaust and the only remembrance are these photographs.

I am starting with my great-grandfather, Reb Chaim Chiel Koszycki. Unfortunately there is no photograph of him but I am listing in this photo-album a list of his children.

The name Koszycki can be spelled in many ways: Koschitski, Koshitski, Koszycki, Kozicki and perhaps other spellings. One of my father's brothers, Yosef who immigrated to Palestine in 1927 Hebraised the name to TANY which is the translation from Polish of the word "KOSZ" to TANE in Hebrew and BASKET in English.

Chaim Chiel Koszycki born in Checiny, lived later in Oswiecim where he passed away and for close to two years served as the scribe (SOFER) for Baron Rothshild in Frankfurt. He had to leave Frankfurt because the city demanded that he change his attire. He, however, insisted on wearing full length clothes. He was a Radomsker Chusid but was also close to other Rebbes for instance: The Zyliner in Chrzanow, the Belzer Rebbe, the Koznicer Rebber – Reb Rachmil Moshe who promised him a grandson from his son Avrum.

This happened a few hours before the Koznicer Rebbe passed away in the house of the Zyliner Rebber in Chrzanow. The Koznicer Rebbe made a deal with Chaim Chiel that his son Avrumcie will have a son if the Koznicer Rebbe receives a certain amount of money till 4:00 in the afternoon. (I believe he needed it to redeem someone from jail). My great-grandfather was punctual and the Rebbe passed away a few hours later but a boy was born 9 months later.

CHILDREN OF CHAIM CHIEL KOSZYCKI & HIS WIFE REIZL BORN GOTFRYD:

1. **Israel Moshe - married to Chaya Jungerwirt**
2. **Eliahu Eleazar - married to Rochel Besser**
3. **Izaac- married to Freidel Schweitzer**
4. **Esther Chana -married to Mechel Melchior**
5. **Frimet- married to Chaim Wulkan**
6. **Fajgl- married to Rabbi Eliezer Landau**
7. **Malka-married to Eliezer Zussman-Goldwasser**
8. **Shmuel- married to Elkie Zygman**
9. **Josef- married to Chaja Barber**
10. **Avrum -married to Yachet Zilbiger**

CHILDREN OF ISRAEL MOSHE KOSHITSKI & HIS WIFE CHAYA JUNGEWIRT:

1. **Feigel-married to Chaim Jungerwirt**
2. **Myndl-married to Moshe Melchior**
3. **Zisl Lea-married to Moshe Koshitski**
4. **Sara Malke-married to Shlomo Grubner**
5. **Eliahu-married to Malka Proloch**
6. **Mendl-married to Mania Koszycki**
7. **Bronia-married to Shlomo Elimelech Gotlieb**
8. **Frimet- married to Naftali Besser**
9. **Rivka-married to Josef Elizer Horowitz**
10. **Mordechai-married to Ms. Yeret**

CHILDREN OF ELIAHU ELEAZAR KOSHITSKI &HIS WIFE RUCHEL BESSER:

1. **Hirsh Leib - married to – Chaya Rivka Melchior**
2. **Chana – married to – Zalman Leib Pelman**
3. **Rachmil – married to – Bayla Goldstein**
4. **Josef Chanina – married to – Perl Bochner**
5. **Mojsze – married to – Zisl Lea Koshitski**
6. **Bracha – married to – Mojsze Chaim Glass**
7. **Naftali- married to – Frymet Koszycki**
8. **Chaya – married to – Mojsze Leib Solarz**
9. **Miriam – married to – Shlomo Zlotogorski**
10. **David – married to – Miriam Koshitski/second marriage: Chava Horowitz**

יחוס למהרש"ל

א] חותנתי מרת חסי' רבקה לודמיר
ב] בת ר' נחום בערגמן
ג] חתנו של ר' משה מרדכי חייקין
ד] בן דבורה חייקין [זוג' של הרב שמעון מנשה חייקין רבה של חברון]
ה] בתו של הרב מרדכי אב"ד קימפלינג, נפ' ג' חשון ונקבר בצפת
ו] בן הרב יצחק דוד, נפ' י"ב שבט ונקבר באוהל בלודמיר
ז] בן מרת פייגא, אשת הרב יחיאל מיכל ראש סנהדרי קטנה בפולין
ח] בן הגאון ר' יצחק מסקול
ט] בן הגאון ר' זכרי' מנדל אב"ד בעלז, מחבר ספר באר היטב על יו"ד וח"מ
י] בן מרת יוטה, אשת הגאון ר' ארי' ליב אב"ד קראקא הנקרא ר' לייב הארוך
יא] בן הגאון ר'פישל, אב"ד לבוב ולוקאבי
יב] בן דאון ר' צבי הירש אב"ד לבוב
יג] בן הגאון ר' אפרים פישל אב"ד בריסק
יד] חתנו של הגאון ר' שלמה לוריא [מרש"ל]

אל הב"ח

ז] מרת פייגא אחותה פריידא אם אמו של שר שלום מבעלז
ח] בת מרת חנה, אשת ר' יצחק מסקול
ט] בת מרת דבורה
י] בת הגאון ר' שמואל גרשון
יא] בן הגאון ר' יהודה לייב, אב"ד חענצין מובא בספר אביו תשובות הב"ח
יב] הגאון ר' יואל סירקיס הב"ח

סדר היחוס לבעל התניא זצ"ל

חותני ר' זאב דוב לודמיר
בן דבורה פייגא לבית סלונים
בתו של ר' יהודה ליב סלונים
בנו של ר' יעקוב כולי סלונים וזוג' מנוחה רחל
בתו של האדמו"ר האמצעי ר' דובער זצ"ל
בנו של האדמו"ר ר' שניאור זלמן, בעל התניא

המשך לפי הספר "יום יום"

בן הרב ברוך
בן הרב שניאור זלמן
בן הרב משה
בן הרב יהודה ליב
בן הרב שמואל
בן הרב בצלאל
בן הרב יהודה ליואי, המהר"ל מפראג

סדר יחוס לך עקיבא יוסף שלזינגר
וחתנו-גיסו ר' הלל ליכטנשטין רב דקולמיי

א] זוג' ליבא יהודית בעסער
ב] בת חס' רבקה לודמיר לבית בערגמן
ג] בת אסתר מלכה בערגמן ובעלה ר' נחום
ד] בת רייזל חייקין ובעלה ר' משה מרדכי
ה] בת ר' עקיבא יוסף שלזינגר וזוג' ליבא [בעל לב העברי]
ו] חתן ר' הלל ועטשג =ליכטנשטין, אב"ד קולומיי, ממיסדי מחזיקי הדת בגילזיא

ר' עקיבא יוסף שמח מאד בהולדת הנכדה נינה הראשונה של דור החמישי שלו כמבואר בספרים שזה סימן שמיועד מיד לגן עדן.

R. Chaim Yechiel Koshitzky *z"l* and his Family

By (Professor) Cyril Domb

Introduction

An extraordinary event happened in our family earlier this year (5758). My oldest two daughters both gave birth to sons on the same day, the ninth of Sivan, which is the Yahrzeit of Zeida Chaim Chiel after whom I am named. This coincidence was unexpected - my oldest daughter gave birth early and my second daughter was overdue. It was not difficult to see the Hand of Divine Providence, and I felt that I must respond appropriately. I decided to record what I have learned about the remarkable personality who established our well known Koshitzky family.

Let me first say a little about my information. I am the oldest grandson of Chaim and Frimet Wulkan (nee Koshitzky), and much of my youth was spent in my grandparents' home. Before they emigrated from Galicia to England just before World War I, my grandparents lived in an apartment in the same house as Chaim Chiel and Reisel Koshitzky, and I heard a number of stories from them which are first hand and reliable. My mother was born in Oshpitzin* (Oswiecim) and lived there until she was 17; she and her sister Lana slept in Chaim Chiel's apartment so that he should not be alone when his wife traveled to Kattowitz (Katowice)on business during the week. Before she passed away in 5736 (1976) my mother wrote down detailed reminiscences of her childhood thus providing further authentic first hand material.

R. Yehezkel Besser (whose family name should have been Koshitzky since he is a direct male descendant of Chaim Chiel [1]) provided documentary and other information of great importance. I benefited greatly from discussions with my cousin Yosef Goldstein, and with other members of the Koshitzky family. If at all possible one must try to check on oral information, and I have become convinced that a consistent and accurate picture can be constructed from the above sources.

Let me give one example of how the material can be used. As mentioned above the Yahrzeit of Chaim Chiel occurs on the 9th of Sivan, and my grandmother, who was present when he passed away, supplied the following graphic details. Shavuot took place on Wednesday and Thursday, and he was already sick. By Shabbos morning he was very weak, and he started to recite the Torah which he knew by heart from his life time work as a Sofer, beginning at Bereshis; when he came to Parshas Vayigash his voice weakened and he breathed his last breath. From this information I was able to identify the year of his death as 5672 (1912), which fits the above Shavuos date, and not 5673 (1913) as had been quoted by some members of the family. This date also fits my mother's evidence that she was in Sosnowitz (Sosnowiec) when she heard of her grandfather's death.

Family Background

Not too many details are known about the antecedents of Chaim Chiel. His father was named Chanina, his mother Leah Osnas, and he was a member of the distinguished scholarly and chassidic family of the "Kishanover Rov". He was born about 5600 (1840) in Kishanov (Chrzanow), and may have been an only child since no reference was ever made in the family to any brothers or sisters [2]. First a few brief notes about the illustrious first Rabbi of Kishanov, Rav 5hlomo Bochner, taken largely from the *Encyclopedia of Galician Scholars,* by Meir Wunder. He lived from 5512-5579 (1752-1819) [3] - and to put matters in historical perspective it must be remembered that the founder of Chassidism, the Baal Shem Tov, passed away in 5520 (1760). R. Shlomo was a devoted disciple of R. Shmelke of Nikolsburg, and a chaver of the Chozeh of Lublin. Later he studied with R. Elimelech of Lijensk, visited the Apter Rov, and even on one occasion R. Levi Yitzchok of Berditchev. These were giant pioneers of Chassidism. An outstanding Talmudic scholar, R. 5hlomo refused to accept a Rabbinic appointment, and earned his living first as a goldsmith, and later as a business man. Even his wife could not persuade him to become Rabbi of Kishanov; when approached by the leaders of the community; he accepted with reluctance in 5548 (1788) only on the specific orders of his Rebbe R. Shmelke. He served with distinction as both Rav and Rebbe, and established a family of scholars and righteous personalities. It is interesting that in his will he commanded his descendants to avoid official Rabbinic appointments.

What was Chaim Chiel's precise relationship to R. Shlomo Bochner? We have no detailed tradition in the family but recently R. Yehezkel Besser came across a typescript, which throws considerable light on the matter. This is the family chronicle of Israel Alter Eshel, a grandson of Reisel Shoshana, the oldest daughter of R. Shlomo Bochner. (In 5756 (1996) Simon Srebrny initiated a draft Bochner family tree based on this document, correspondence and other published material, on which I have also drawn). Eshel reports that R. Shlomo had three daughters; the second, Ruchel, was married to Chanina and they were the ancestors of the Koshitzky family.

With my own family information I know that this statement can be only partially correct; Chaim Chiel's mother, who was of course Chanina's wife, was named Leah Osnas not Ruchel. Eshel's testimony seems reliable, and in the absence of any other definite information one can only conjecture. A possible solution to the dilemma is to suggest that Ruchel died young,

and Chanina married again later in life, Chaim Chiel being the only child of this second union. The dates are compatible with this suggestion since we will see that Chanina did not live long after Chaim Chiel's marriage, but Leah Osnas seems to have outlived him by many years. This would mean that Chaim Chiel was not a direct descendant of R. Shlomo Bochner, but "a member of the family" [4].

Chaim Chiel lived much of his marriedlife in the cities of Kishanov, Kattowitz and Oshpitzin whose location is indicated in the accompanying map (Fig.1). From early married life until his death he was a staunch Radomsker Chassid, and traveled, in turn, to each of the 4 Radomsker Rebbes: R. Shlomo HaCohen Rabinowitz (author of Tiferes Shlomo) 5563-5626 (1803-1866), R. Avrohom Yissocher (author of Chesed I'Avrohom) 5603-5652 (1843-1892), R. Yehezkel (author of K'nesses Yehezkel) d. 5671 (d. 1911) and finally R. Shlomo Henoch (Born 5645 (1885) and murdered by the Nazis V"n'). When his father died, the last Radomsker Rebbe was only 26 and there was much discussion as to whether he should become the new Rebbe. Chaim Chiel was asked for his view of the situation. "I assure you" he replied, "that I will travel to the young Rebbe with the same faith and trust as I had in his great grandfather."

There is a well established family tradition that Chaim Chiel was brought up in the home of Rabbi Eloozer of Koshnitz (Kozienice), the grandson of the illustrious Kozhnitzer Maggid. There is also a tradition that Chanina Koshitzky served as Rav of Matchivitz (Maciejowice). These two items of family history are very compatible, since Matchivitz is a village adjacent to Kozhnitz; if Chaim Chiel was an only child, and there was a family connection to the Kozhnitz dynasty (5], it is plausible that he should have become attached to the Kozhnitz household (6]. But it would indicate that whilst Chaim Chiel was a child the family migrated several hundred kilometers north east from Kishanov.

As a young man Chaim Chiel was frail and sickly, and suffered from a lung disorder which sometimes caused him to vomit blood. He consulted the Kozhniter Rebbe, who gave him a blessing, told him to drink a glass of brandy as a L'chayim every day, and assured him that he would then experience no further trouble. Needless to say this was a very unconventional remedy which Chaim Chiel adopted for the whole of his life.

Marriage

The time arrived for a marriage partner to be found for Chaim Chiel, and we know a good deal about the background of Reisel Godfryd the young lady who was chosen. A translated copy of her birth certificate is shown in Fig. 2 (kindly supplied by R. Yehezkel Besser). The Hebrew date of her birth is the 10th of Av 5603, and since it was a Sunday, she was born during the fast of Tisha B'Av. Her father Shlomo was a man of some means in Chenchin (Checiny) who sought out a Talmid Chochom as a partner for each of his five daughters. His wife was named Brojna; and he had a son named Meir Chiel. My mother wrote that Shlomo served as a *Baal Tefilah* in the court of the distinguished chassidic leader R. Yisochor Baer of Radoshitz (Radoczyce). Yosef Goldstein heard that he had served in the same capacity for the Rebbe Of Moglinitz (Moglienice) who was the son-in-law of the Kozhnitzer Maggid and the third rebbe in his dynasty. These two independent items of information fit in well since it is known that when the Radishitzer passed away in 5603 (1843) he advised his chassdm to transfer to the Moglinitzer. When the latter passed away in 5609 (1849) his place was taken by R. Eloozer. It was natural therefore that a shidduch should develop in the Kozhnitz household between Chaim Chiel and the daughter, Reisel, of Shlomo Godfryd.

The marriage took place in mid-winter, and when the bridegroom and his party failed to arrive, a search party was sent to look for them. It transpired that the *drozke* (horse and cart) in which they traveled had become frozen into the snow and ice and they had to be rescued. The wedding was therefore delayed. The bride, who was only 14 years of age, went back to play with her friends after the ceremony. However, she soon matured, and developed into the resolute determined character which became a legend in the family.

Chaim Chiel was given a liberal *kest* of several years, during which his first children were born. The oldest Yisroel Moshe, appears to have been named after the Kozhnitzer Maggid and his son (7]; the second was named Eliyahu Elozor (Loozer); the name Eliyahu recurs in the family and seems to have been after a grandfather (Brojna's father); and Elozor after the Kozhniter Rebbe who passed away on Kislev 26, 5622.

The third was named Yitzchok Eizek Chanina (Aizher) after his father Chanina and possibly one of the many Chassidic Rabbis named Yitzhak Eizek. Since a good deal of useful information can be derived from family names, it is worth devoting a little space to a discussion of this topic. During the 19th century the allocation of names in Chassidic families followed a regular pattern. A name was never given after a living person, and likewise a name was not usually allocated to a child which was the same as that of a living parent or grandparent. High priority was given to naming a child at an early opportunity after a parent or grandparent who had passed away. Names were also given after other relatives, and as we have seen, after leading Chassidic Rebbes.

In view of the above, we can deduce that Chanina passed away after the birth of Loozer and before the birth of Aizher whilst Chaim Chiel was still in his early twenties. The name Leah does not appear in the family until the next generation (Zissel Leah daughter of Yisroel Moshe, Chaya Leah daughter of Aizher) which shows, as we have noted above, that she

outlived him by many years.

With the birth of their fourth child Chaim Chiel returned with his family to Kishanov, where he took up his profession as a Sofer and two more children were born here. However, after only a few years the family suffered a major economic blow when the house in which they lived was burnt down by fire, and all of their material possessions were destroyed. Needless to say, there was no insurance available in those days. As usual in such a situation Chaim Chiel went to consult with the Radomsker Rebbe [8] (presumably the Chesed L'Avrohom) who gave him the following advice. Kattowitz was a nearby German city on the border with Austria, and G-d fearing Jews passed through it on their way to the spas in Karlsbad and Marienbad. Since rail travel was not well developed they would often have to spend two or three days in Kattowitz waiting for a connection. A Guest House whose Kashrus was totally reliable could do well. The Rebbe therefore recommended them to move there and open such a Guest House.

Kattowitz

The move took place but there is little evidence that Reisel kept a Guest House for any length of time. Her temperament was much more attuned to a trading enterprise, and she struggled to open a fruit and fish business, which she maintained for the rest of her life. She had an excellent facility for arithmetical calculations, and a first class memory, which she used very effectively.

An unexpected piece of good fortune then came Chaim Chiel's way. Baron Rothschild of Frankfurt was a totally committed religious Jew, and he wished to employ a Sofer at his home to write a Sefer Torah for his personal use. Chaim Chiel was recommended and accepted the job. He was obliged to leave his family in Kattowitz to live in Frankfurt for most of the year, returning only for Yomim Tovim and other special occasions. But it was an excellent opportunity to earn some much-needed money, and he was happy to sacrifice his personal convenience.

It is appropriate to spend a few sentences to describe this unusual member of the Rothschild family. Officially his name was Wilhelm Karl, but by his religious associates he was known by his Jewish name Shimon Wolf. He was a major supporter of the synagogue and community of R. Samson Raphael Hirsch, and an outstanding philanthropist. His daughter Adelaide married a cousin, Baron Edmond of Paris, the famous *Natziv,* who was of enormous help to the early settlements in Palestine (Zichron Yaakov is named after him). Fortunately the distinguished Agudah leader Moreinu Yaakov Rosenheim, has given us a remarkable pen portrait of the "froom" Rothschild which I have translated as an appendix to this article. It is based on personal knowledge, since Rosenheim's grandfather acted for many years as manager of the Frankfurt Baron's philanthropic activities.

Life in Kattowitz was far from easy. The Jewish population of seven or eight hundred was only a small fraction of the total population. The boys who were of school age were sent back to Yeshivos in Poland where they remained until it was time for them to marry. The law in Germany compelled schooling, which meant, for boys, disposing of eos, and sitting in the classroom bare-headed, something quite unacceptable to Chaim Chiel and Reisel, but the girls attended a Jewish school. Food supplies were restricted; no dairy produce made in Germany was acceptable, although the family collected its own milk from a nearby farm; meat was unobtainable but poultry was occasionally sent over from Sosnowitz. The staple diet consisted of fish, vegetables, and oil from Israel. The four youngest children were born in Kattowitz, my grandmother Frimet, Malka, Avroomche and Yossele. When my grandmother was born in 5636 (1876) Chaim Chiel was in Frankfurt, and the good news was sent to him by cable; he replied by cable to give the name Frimet after the mother of the Tiferes Shlomo.

My grandmother received an excellent education at the local Jewish school. She spoke German fluently, read widely, and benefited from good formal Jewish teaching. On the Chanukah before she passed away I can remember her reciting by heart the prayer *Bimei Matityahu* with word for word translation, and it was particularly interesting to note that she used the "yekkish" pronunciation which she never adopted for usual prayers.

In the meantime Reisel established a flourishing fish and fruit business. Although she had to cope with a family of small children in a strange country, she overcame the language difficulties and adapted to the new environment. A firm believer, and a strong character, when things did not go too well she traveled and presented herself personally to the Radomsker Rebbe. She seems to have been persistent, and there is a family tradition that the Radomsker Rebbe once said to her "I promise that all your needs will be fulfilled but please don't come yourself - send your husband to see me".

Chaim Chiel became well established in the Rothschiild household, and was offered a permanent job, which would have meant bringing his family to Frankfurt. He sent what he thought to be the wonderful news to his wife, and to his surprise she refused to join him, replying that she did not want her children to grow up as "deitchen", so he continued to work and travel as previously. Some time later however, he felt obliged to leave Frankfurt when he received a notice from the Frankfurt authorities that long chassidic clothes would no longer be permitted. He must either change his clothing style or leave the city. Without hesitation Chaim Chiel decided to return to Kattowitz.

At this point I should like to deal with a rumour that circulated in some sections of the family that Chaim Chiel's appointment was terminated by Baron Rothschild because it was found that he had used secular dates in letters that he had written. I could never accept this as an authentic story, for two reasons. Firstly, it was quite alien to the conduct and practice

of Chaim Chiel; the famous R. Chaim of Tzanz considered that the use of secular names for the calendar months was a Torah prohibition (Exodus 23:13 "you shall not pronounce the names of other deities"), and Radomsker Chassidim held the Tzanzer Rov in the highest esteem. Secondly the detailed account by my mother of Chaim Chiel's connection with Rothschild contains no hint that such an issue had arisen, and gives the above much more plausible reason for his return home.

Fortunately, with the help of the famous author and broadcaster Simcha Roz, I think I have been able to trace the origin of the rumour. In a highly popular book of stories about distinguished personalities published in Tel-Aviv in 5689 (1929) by M. Lipson (9] the following is related about our Baron Rothschild (story 29 page 12):

Baron Shimon Ze'ev Rothschild of Frankfurt was well known as a G-d fearing man both in his private and public life, taking great pride in the fulfillment of Mitzvos which he observed scrupulously.

On one occasion he brought a Sofer from Russia whose task was to write Tefilin, Mezuzos and the five Megillos for him. When the 5ofer had completed his assignment he approached his employer to ask for payment.

"Did your honour take any advance payment on the sum due?" asked the Baron. "Yes" replied the Sofer, taking out his notebook. "In the month of April I took so and so much, in the month of May so and so much etc.". "Is that really so" replied Rothschild in surprise "you feel obliged to use the non-Jewish months as a basis for your records, and not the weekly sidra portion - I am amazed".

Rothschild paid the sofer in full and asked him to take back with him all that he had written.

I suspect that a member of the Koshitzky family heard this story and knowing that his distinguished ancestor had been a Sofer to Rothschild, identified Chaim Chiel with the above Sofer. There are three obvious errors in this identification.

1. The Sofer came from Russia and Chaim Chiel came from Galicia.
2. The Sofer stayed only a few months whilst Chaim Chiel stayed several years.
3. Chaim Chiel's main task was to write Sifrei Torah which are not mentioned in the above story.

The truth may well be that the above Sofer was an immediate predecessor of Chaim Chiel, and after his disappointment with Russia Baron Rothschild turned to Austria. In any case we see from the Appendix that the Baron employed a number of Sofrim in his household, and the time has surely come to wipe out this unjustified slur on the founder of the Koshitzky family [10].

Oshpitizin

The move from Kattowitz to Oshpitzin seems to have taken place in the second half of the 5640's (1880's). I draw this conclusion since my grandmother, Frimet, who was born in Kattowitz in 5636 (1876), attended school there, and was probably aged 10-12 when the move took place (remembering that 3 younger children were born in Kattowitz). Several of the older children were already married and settled in Poland. The oldest daughter, Chana, had married her first cousin Mechel Melchior, son of Reisel's sister, Sarah Gitel. They settled in Sosnowitz, and were regarded as one of the most observant and distinguished families in the city.

There were obvious reasons for the move; Oshpitizin provided an environment suited to Chaim Chiel's chassidic way of life; it was easier to find shidduchim for the children, and Oshpitizin was sufficiently near to Kattowitz (about 30 km, a 1/2 hour train journey, and a little longer by drozke) for Reisel to maintain the business which she had established.

My mother gives a graphic description of how the household was run at this period. Reisel left every Sunday morning by drozke taking two large heavily loaded baskets, one on each arm, containing among other things a week's supply of food. She was usually accompanied by some of her children (including Frimet) and returned only on Friday afternoon in time for Shabbos. Her husband, Chaim Chiel, stayed behind with the younger children, and the maid, Maryska, who was fully conversant with every aspect of orthodox Jewish practice, and even spoke Yiddish, helped to run the household.

The time arrived for a shidduch to be found for Frimet, and since the details throw light on customs of the period and the personalities involved, I think it is worth a full account most of it tnkan frnvn my mother's nrticle).

Akiva Wulkan, a Talmid Chacham and successful merchant, was the *Rosh Hakohol,* the Wulkan family having been established in Oshpitzin for some generations. His oldest son, had been born in 5636 (1876) shortly after the passing of the outstanding Chassidic luminary, the Tzanzer Rov, and had been named Chaim in memory of the great Tzadik Chaim was tall and handsome, learned in Torah and very eligible. One Sunday morning a cousin of the Wulkans named Biegeleisen approached Chaim Chiel Koshitzky with the suggestion that Chaim Wulkan might be a suitable shidduch for his daughter Frimet; they were both not yet seventeen. As was the custom Chaim Chiel checked the young man's Torah knowledge, and when he was fully satisfied, the two fathers sat together to make appropriate financial arrangements. Despite Akiva's wealth he insisted on a dowry and *Kest* (the couple to spend their first years of marriage in the home of the bride's father). When everything was satisfactorily settled the couple were informed that they were engaged. Frimet told my mother that she first heard the news when she returned from Kattowitz on Friday afternoon; she knew her fiance by sight as he used to pass her house on the way to the shtiebel.

Next came the arrangements for the wedding. Reisel Koshitzky pleaded for a Friday night Chupah and Saturday night Seuda, which would enable her to go back to her business on Sunday. But Reisel Wulkan, the wife of Akiva, and an equally strong character, would not hear of it. The wedding of the first child of a woman of ample means could not be celebrated like that of a pauper. Reisel Koshitzky had to give way, and the wedding took place on a Tuesday night, the 15th of Shevat. Knowing the day and date of the Chupah I was able to identify the year as 5653 (1893).

During the discussion about the wedding Reisel Wulkan mentioned the precious jewels in her possession which she hoped to wear on the important occasion. She asked whether her future Mechutenesta had anything similar. The reply, often repeated subsequently in the Koshitzky family, came without hesitation, "My children are my jewels". *(Meine kinder sennen meine brillanten)*. Zeida Shlomo Godfryd came over from Chenchin to attend the wedding: it was his last family appearance since he did not live very much longer after the event.

I heard personally from my grandfather Chaim Wulkan some graphic stories about the period of Kest. Chaim Chiel was a great believer in the benefits of early rising, and in fact maintained that an important asset of Eretz Yisroel was the climate, which facilitated getting up early in the morning.

He wanted his new son-in-law to adopt this practice but it would have been tactless to make any suggestion directly. So instead he himself rose at his usual time of 4 a.m. and started chopping wood in the room adjoining the bedroom of the young couple. This rapidly achieved the desired objective.

A story which Chaim Chiel told his new son-in-law about an experience in his early married life in Kishanov, throws light on social conditions of the time. Reb Chaim of Tzanz, was visiting a village across the Russian border, and Chaim Chiel wished to take the opportunity of meeting the great Gaon and Tzaddik. To make the journey a passport would be needed, and very few Jews in Kishanov had passports of their own. The usual procedure was to borrow a passport; to the Russian border officials all chassidic Jews looked more or less alike, but it was important if the official asked for one's name to give the name on the passport. Chaim Chiel and a companion borrowed passports from two people named Cohen and Goldberg. When Chaim Chiel was examined at the border he gave his name as Cohen; it was not pleasant to tell a white lie, but this problem could be sorted out when he met with the Rebbe. His companion was less pragmatic, and the Torah prohibition of "You shall not tell falsehoods" dangled before him. He therefore appraoched the official with a Talmudic style argument "Why is a passport necessary?" "To establish that the bearer is honest". "Well, I will clearly demonstrate my own honesty by telling you that the passport I am showing you is not my own, but I borrowed it for the occasion". The official promptly placed him under arrest. When Chaim Chiel told the Tzanzer Rov of the incident he was deeply distressed and immediately dispatched a trustworthy emissary to secure the release of the naive chasid.

In the years that followed the younger children found very suitable partners; the older children had already established themselves in their various vocations, and Aizher, in particular, showed first-rate business acumen. He amassed considerable wealth, and built a house in which his parents and a number of other members of the family (including my grandparents) rented apartments.

Since Chaim Chiel was advancing in years it was not considered wise for him to be left alone during the week whilst Reisel was in Kattowitz. My mother Tzipa, and her older sister Lana were therefore seconded to sleep in an adjoining room, and from my mother I heard one or two characteristic stories of her experiences. Chaim Chiel did not believe that ladies needed to get up at the same time as their men folk; at a later time, which he considered appropriate, he knocked on their bedroom door and brought them coffee in bed. When they protested they had not yet davened, he replied "A girl is not obliged to daven formally; just say *"Ribono shel olom Ich bin dayn and du bist mayaan and voos ich hob chap ich arayn"* (Master of the Universe, you are mine and I am yours, and what I have in my possession I put to quick use). This was in line with contemporary Radomsker thinking on womens' prayers.

Although Chaim Chiel had given up full time work as a Sofer, he still remained active and was writing a Sefer Torah [11]. He kept the equipment in his apartment, and my mother tells of her fascination in the middle of the night when she woke and found him writing. She was a mischievous child, and was tempted on one occasion when he was not around to put her own marks on the parchment. But she did not know how to use a quill, and caused substantial trouble which took quite an effort to rectify. However, Chaim Chiel did not lose his temper - he merely warned her not to do it again.

An interesting final story was related by R. Dovid Koshitzky and passed on to me by Yehezkel Besser. A visitor to a shul in Trieste was surprised to come across an organ on the premises but outside the shul. When he sought the reason for this unusual phenomenon he was told that a chassidic Jew from Galicia had visited the area but refused to pray in the shul because of the presence of the organ, which conformed to Reform practice. "But we do not use the organ" complained the Gabaim. "Then why not remove it from the shul" came the reply, and this is what they did - The chassidic Jew was Chaim Chiel. Apparently when he left Frankfurt he had some cash available and decided to go to Trieste to purchase dried fruit which could be sold back home at a substantial profit. Alas his plans did not materialize because by the time the fruit arrived its condition had deteriorated. It seems that Chaim Chiel did not share his wife's business acumen. But a generation later his son Avroomche moved to Trieste, and maintained a successful dried fruit business.

With all the children settled, focus moved to the second generation, and a substantial number of marriages between

first cousins took place. To the best of my knowledge there were no deleterious effects, so it seems clear that the Koshitzky genes were in good order.

About this period Chaim Chiel began to hint that he would like to move with Reisel to Eretz Yisrael: the reply always came "for me Eretz Yisrael is where my children are living." Characteristically Chaim Chiel did not press the matter, but he did make significant preparations. Reisel had never kept any money from her own earnings; when the family needs had been met she passed the remainder to Chaim Chiel to be used as he thought fit. Unknown to her he deposited substantial sums of money with three reliable friends in case an opportunity should arise for implementing his plan. This fact emerged only after he had passed away when the loyal friends returned the money to his widow.

I have referred in my opening remarks the details of Chaim Chiel's passing in 5672 (1912). Reisel followed him two years later, and a copy of the official death certificate obtained by Yehezkel Besser gives a secular date which agrees with the traditional Yahrzeit of Sivan 22nd. The family tree in Fig. 3 lists the children and their marriage partners.

Alas, a generation later the Holocaust took its terrible toll. Five of the children (Yisroel Moshe, Aizher, Feigel, Shmil and Yossele) and a high percentage of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren perished; details will be given in the individual family trees.

Notes:

[1] Most Jewish marriages in Galicia were not sanctioned by the State since the bridegrooms had not performed military service. The children of the union therefore took the mother's single name.

[2] Yosef Goldstein relates that he heard of a brother, Velvel, from David Koshitsky who lived in New York. I never heard mention of this in my sources, and there were no "Velvets" amongst Koshitsky descendents. He may have been a step brother - see later.

[3] The date of his death (Lag BaOmer 5579) has been taken from Sefer Chrzanow. Wunder gives the date as 5588 (1828).

[4] Yosef Goldstein has suggested an alternative possibility that Chanina Koshitsky was married to the daughther of Ruchel. Although this is compatible with the dates, it would mean that Eshel's testimony was incorrect. A suggestion by R. Yechezkel Sesser that Eshel confused Ruchel and Leah does not fit in with the dates since 90 years elapsed between t he birth of R. Shlomo Kishanever and that of Chaim Chiel.

[5] Attested by Yosef Goldstein who also mentioned a story that the original family name was Kozhnitsky.

[6] It was widely believed in the family that Chaim Chiel was an orphan. I never heard this either from my mother or grandmother, and I find it difficult to accept since, if so, he would surely have named his first son after his father. He might be described as an orphan in the sense that he lost his father whilst still a young man, and none of his children were able to get to know their grandfather.

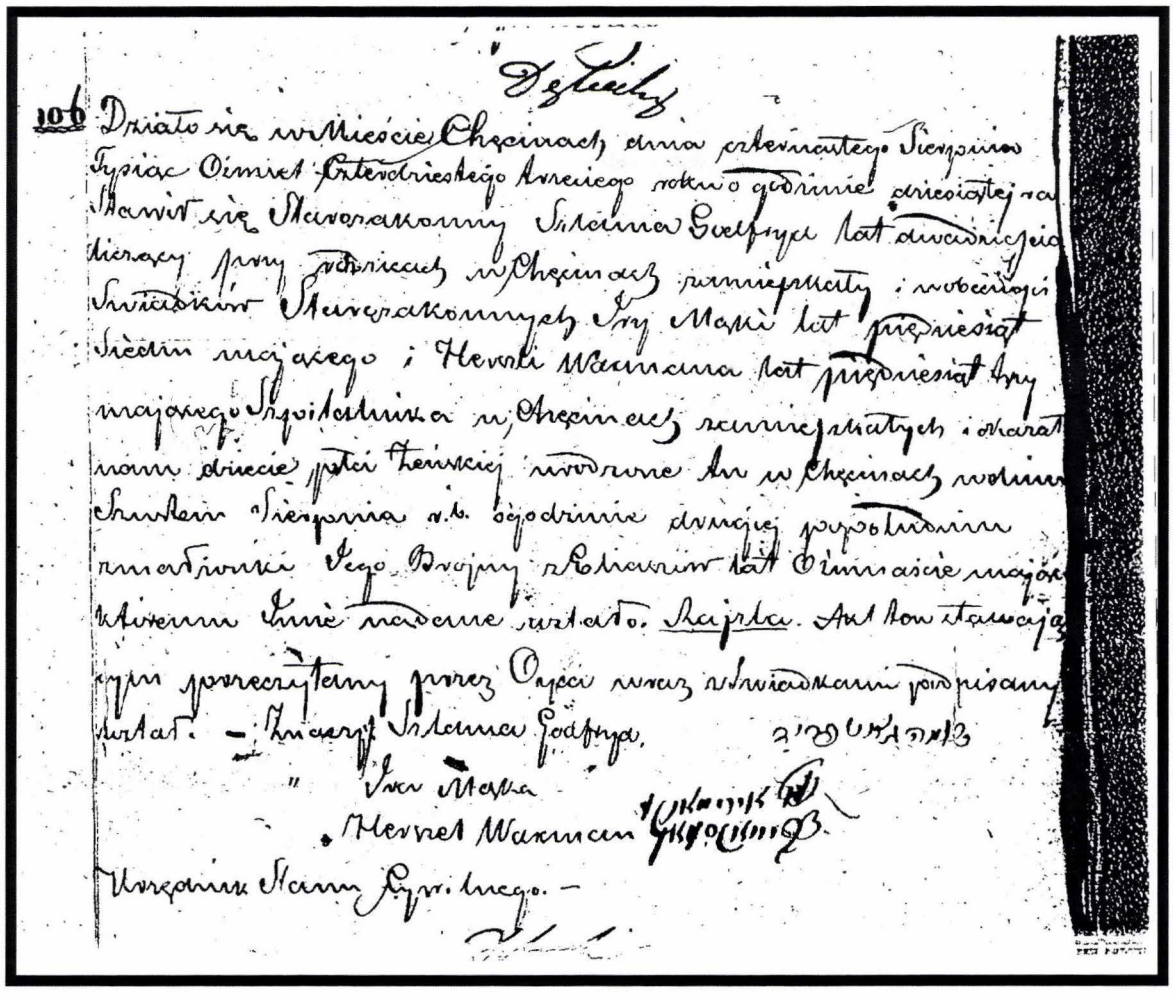
[7] Suggestion of Yehezkel Besser.

[8] R. Yehezkel Besser relates that the move to the first Radomsker Rebbe (Tiferes Shlomo) came about as a result of the recommendation of R. v, Moshe of Lelov, who departed for Eretz Yisroel in 5611 (1851) and was accompanied to his port of departurelby chassidim of various sects,

[9] Mi Dor Dor by M. Lipson, Dorot, Tel-Aviv-New York, 5689 (1929). I am grateful to my son Meir for telling me of the broadcast.

[10] Chaim Goldwasser tells that he heard a justification from his grandfather Avroomche Koshitzky of the use by Chaim Chiel of secular dates. Chaim Chiel was the only one in the chassidic community in Frankfurt capable of writing official letters, and he was called on to do so from time to time. In my view Avroomche had also heard the rumours circulating and felt obliged to find a valid explanation. The story is weak since Chaim Chiel could have told this reason to Baron Rothschild. The information provided above should eliminate the need for it.

[11] There is a family tradition that on one occasion when Chaim Chiel felt seriously unwell he went to consult the Trisker Maggid who urged him to start a new Sefer Torah; he would then assure him that he would live to complete it. Chaim Chiel adopted this suggestion and proceeded very slowly taking 30 years to complete the Sefer Torah. Soon after its completion he passed away.



TRANSLATION FROM POLISH OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF RAJZLA GODFRYD

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It happened in the city of Checiny on August 14, 1843 at 10:00 in the morning, came a Jew, ***Szlomo Godfryd*** aged 20 who lives with his parents in Checiny, and in the presence of witnesses, the Jew ***Irv Maka*** aged 57, and ***Herszel Warcman*** aged 53, who works in the hospital in Checiny, and he presented to us a baby girl born here in Checiny on August 6 this year at 2:00 in the afternoon from his wife ***Brojna nee Eliasz***, aged 18, and who got the name ***Rajzla***. This declaration was read by the father and the witnesses who signed the same in Hebrew:

Szlomo Godfryd
Irv Maka
and
Herszl Warcman
Countersigned by the official from the local municipal office.

Josef Koshitski

I had an uncle, Josef Koshitski, who moved from Poland to Tel-Aviv in1927. Every year he spent the hot summer months in Poland where he still had an apartment building and that was the only way he could make use of the rent he collected. When in August 1939 I finally received an affidavit from my father in Palestine which enabled me to obtain an entry visa to Palestine, my uncle Josef visited me the next day and he was very happy to offer to take me on the trip to Palestine with him. I was only 16 then and looked forward to haveing my uncle in charge of the trip. He booked us both on a boat leaving September 6th. When on August 23rd the Ribbentrop-Molotov agreement was announced I panicked, predicting war within 4 weeks. I was able with great miracles to leave on September 1st but could not contact my uncle and he stayed behind and perished among the Holocaust victims. After the war his family in Israel received a package from Poland with manuscripts of various writing and prayers composed by my uncle. He was quite a talented poet and writer. I thought it would be interesting to include one of those writings .

רבש"ע

אתה בחרת באברם וניסיתה אתו בעשרה נסיונות ועמד בכולם.

אתה בחרתנו מכל העמים, וממצרים ועד הנה ניסיתה אותנו רבי רבבות פעמים ואתה מנסה אותנו בכל יום, ואנחנו עומדים תוקף ועוז בכולם.

ובכן אבינו שבשמים.

נא אל תנסה אותנו עוד, די לנו בנסיונות.

כפר לנו, סלח לנו, וקיים בנו כמו שהבטחתנו על ידי ירמי' חוזך כאמור: בימים ההם ובעת ההיא נאם ד', יבוקש את עון ישראל ואננו, ואת חטאת יהודה ולא תמצאנה.

ובזה הקשבנו היום סלחתי כדבריך, אז הראה אתנו אות לטובה, ואל יוסיפו עוד לדאבה, וקרב לנו קץ גאולה וישועה.

אחרי גמר תפילתי הלכתי הביתה אל חדרי נרות דולקים ופינהם זועפות כמו גם הם בתפילה, ואני מבין ושומע דברם: אתה וגם אנו אל נישן הלילה.

וכך בליתי כל הלילה: ראשית כל למדתי בכוונה גדולה כל המשניות של מסכת יומא יאחר הלימוד סמכתי ראשי קצת בשולחן ונרדמתי.-

ובזה עומדים ע"י שולחני שלושה זקנים , וביניהם הכרתי את סבא הזקן שלי ר' שלמה אבא של סבתא ריזל זי"ע, השני רבי ר' בערש משצאקאווע ז"ל והשלישי הרה"ג ר' אברהם יוסף איגרא זי"ע.

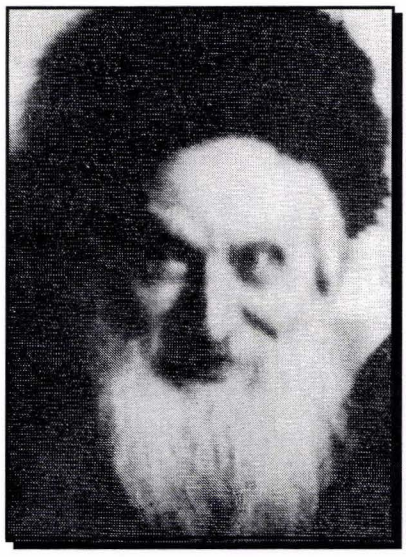
השניים מנענעים בראשיהם ורבי ר' בעריש מדבר אלי במלים הללו:

ממך תלמידי למדתי הרבה ויותר מבכל! ועתה בני שמע בקולי תתפלל תמיד בכוונה ובפרט היום אל תפסיק. ואם מפיך ומלבך שומעים תפילה, אז על ידינו הכוח לעשות הפעולה!

השניים הזקנים ר' שלמה הר' אברהם יוסף הגביהו ידם מול ראשי, ושחו לי איזה מלים שלא הבנתי אותם, וכולם שלושה נפרדו.

מתוך שירת הצפרים עוררתי, כבר האיר פני מזרח. ניקיתי אצבעותי יעיני והתפללתי בתהילים עד שבאתי אל הפסוק "ברוך א' אשר לא הסיר תפילתי וחסדו מאתי". וברגע זה בררו לי המילים ששחו לי השניים זקנים זי"ע בשביל מה אני מפסיק מתהילים ומתחיל בתפילה!

Koshitski Family Album



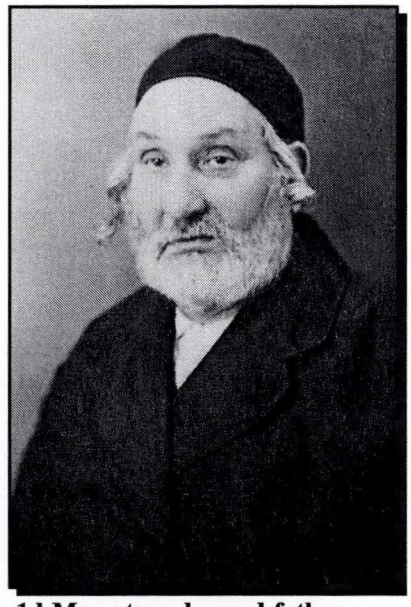


1a-My maternal grand-father, father of my mother, Israel Moshe Koshitski, eldest son of Chaim Yechiel Koshitski, lived in Oswiecim and Katowice, he was killed by the Germans one day after Simchat Torah 1942.

1b-His wife Chaya nee` Jungerwirt, my maternal grand-mother, was born in Jaworzno, died on the fifth day of Cheshvan 1939 in Lvov while escaping from Germans, she was buried in Lvov.



1c-My grandfather Israel Moshe Koshitski, being greeted at the railroad station in Krynica by his devoted pupil, Zisel Rosner.



1d-My paternal grand-father, Eliyahu Eluzer Koshitski, second son of Chaim Yechiel Koshitski, lived in Oswiecim and Berlin, died on the fifth day of Kislev, 1936.



2a-Photo taken in Zurich 1914-15, includes many of the religious Jews from Poland who were in Zurich at the beginning of WWI. In the front row, first from the right is my great uncle Avraham Koshitski, fourth from right is my mothers brother, Eliyahu Koshitski.



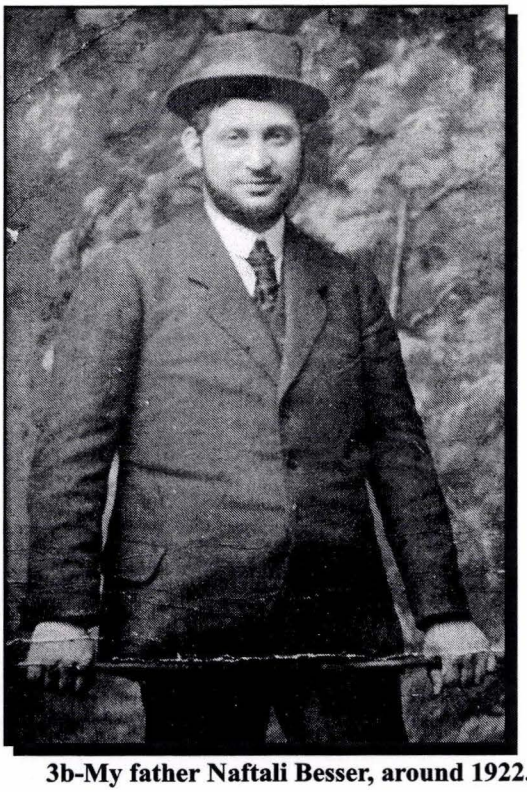
2b-The Radomsker Rebbe, with my father in Luhacowice, 1934.



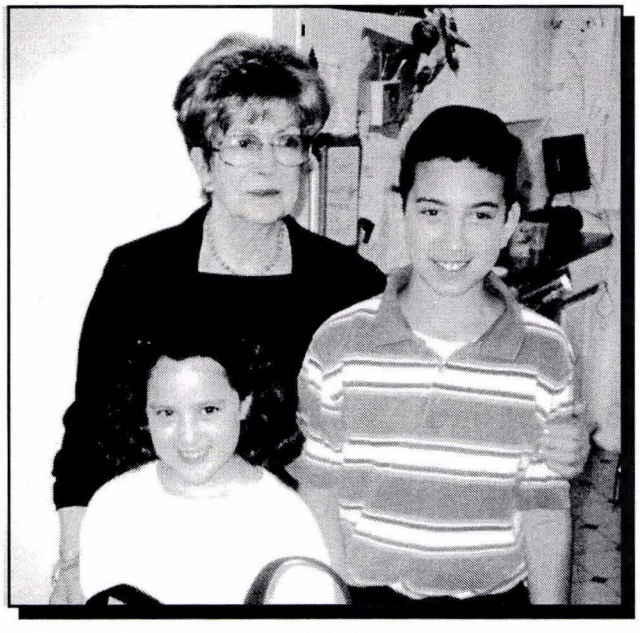
2c-The Gerrer Rebbe (Imrei Emmes), with my great uncle Avrahom Koshitski at the port of Trieste, 1924.



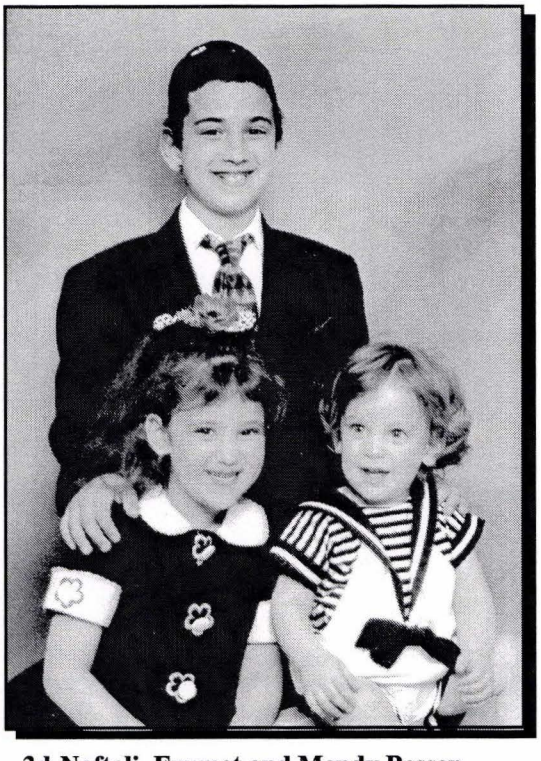
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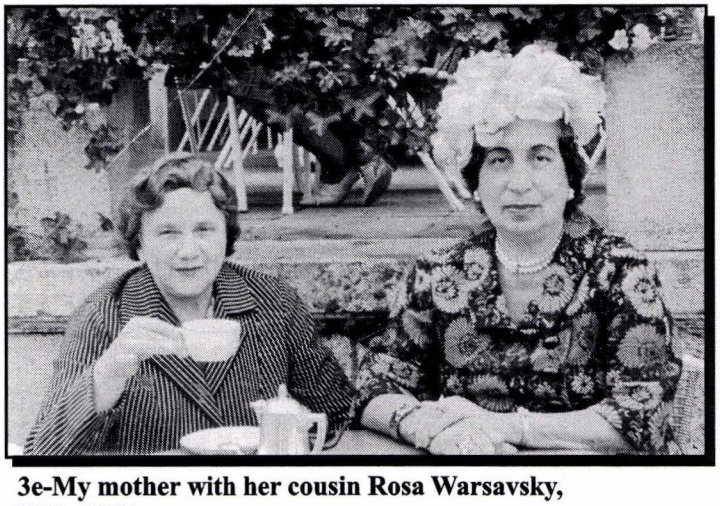
3b-My father Naftali Besser, around 1922.



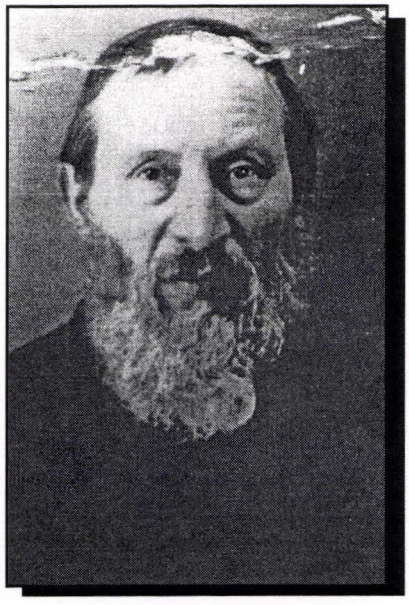
3c-My wife with Motti and Frumet.



3d-Naftali, Frumet and Mendy Besser.



3e-My mother with her cousin Rosa Warsavsky, N.Y. 1965.



4a-Eisig Koshitski, son of Chaim Chiel.



4b-Mendel Koshitski, my mother's brother, lived in Berlin and was killed in Tarnov with his wife, daughter of Izack Koshitski 1943.



4c- My great aunt, Rebbitzen Landau (Kenter Rebbitzen) and her children and grand children Oswiecim,1936.



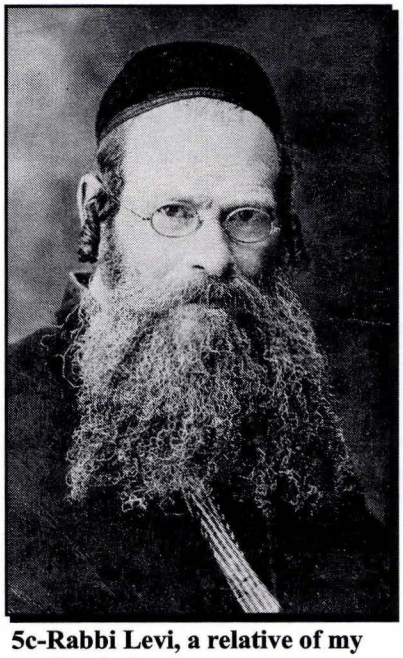
4d- My great uncle, the Kenter Rov, Rabbi Eliezer Landau with his sons Shlomo and Abish and grandson at Oswiecim 1936.



5a-My mother in law Chasia Rivka nee` Bergman, born in Jerusalem, died and buried in Benei Brak, 13 of Av.



5b- Mr. Rosenbaum father in law of Eliezer Bergman, great grandfather of my mother in law from Fuerth Bavaria, financial advisor to King Ludwig II of Bavaria.



5c-Rabbi Levi, a relative of my mother in law.



5d- My father in law, Dov Ludmir and my mother in law, at the wedding of their daughter Chaya, 1958 Jerusalem.

Photos from the wedding of my sister, Reisel to Motel Abramczyk 4th Elul 1937, Krakow Poland.



6a-Sitting from right:Bayla Koshitski, Mindel Melchior (my mothers sister), my grandmother Chaya Koshitski. Standing second row from right Leah Melchior, Berta Weingarten, Berta Pachter, my mother, Mindel Koshitski, Miriam Zlotogorsky and the Bluzever Rebbitzen.

6b-Standing around the Kallah, The Bluzever Rebbitzen, Mania Koshitski, my mother, Bronia Wiengarten, Berta Pachter, Miriam Zlotogorsky (my fathers sister) and the kallah sitting on the chair.

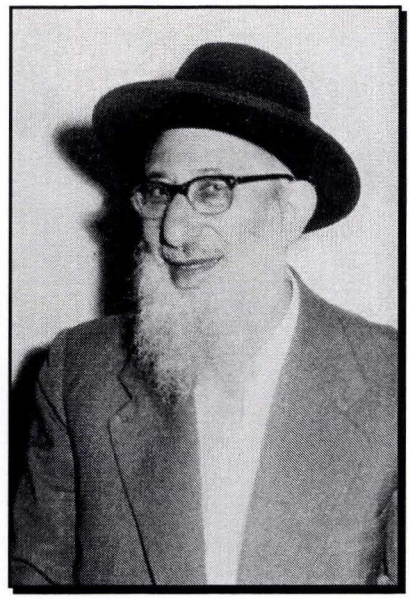




6c-In the picture: Moshe Koshitski (my fathers brother), Israel Avraham Koshitski, Kalman Koshitski, Shlomo Zlotogorski and Shamo Shreiber, Moshe Schreiber, Hershel Pachter, Yehoshua Abramczyk, my mother and myself (partially hidden at the extream right of the picture).



7a-The Radomsker Rebbe in Krynica 1937. To the rebbe's left, my father, the Rebbes son in law, my uncle Shlomo Grubner, his brother Zissel Grubner, and Chaskel Grubner, Israel Chaim Koshitski is the child in the picture.



7b-Rachmiel Koshitski, my father's older brother, lived in Berlin and is buried in Bnei-Brak.



7c-Koshitski family at a wedding in Israel.



8a-My father Naftali with my son Shlomo in Tel Aviv 1945.



8b-Bar Mitzva of Shlomo Besser at a NY hotel, 1957. At the table, my brother Akiva Besser, Ben Tzion Shenker, Nachman Rosen, Avraham Shenker, Zalman Brinner, Rabbi Naftali Halberstam, Standing Rabbi Avraham Sofer.



8c-Shlomo Besser speaking at his Bar Mitzva, on his right Rabbi Lebowitz ((Hod-Haz later of Vienna) Rabbi Joseph Blumenfeld, in the back my brother Akiva and uncle Rabbi Bergman.



9a-At my house in NY in 1959, in the back standing my brother Akiva flanked by my son Shlomo and his son Motty. Sittting myself, my brothers son Naftali, my wife, on her knees our daughter Debbie, my mother, my daughter Aliza, and my nephew Yankel Abramchik.

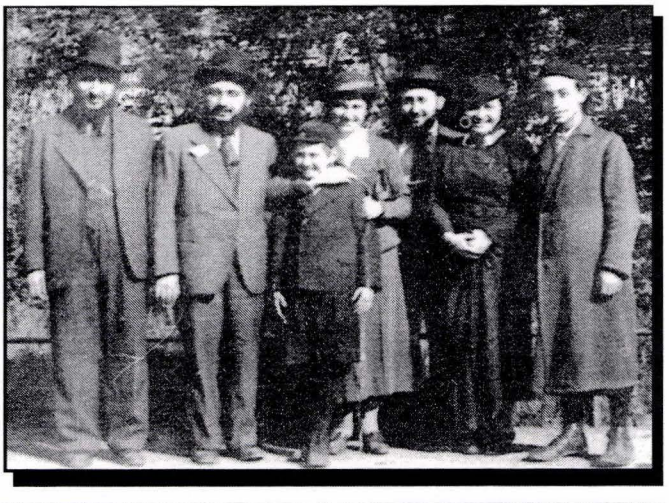


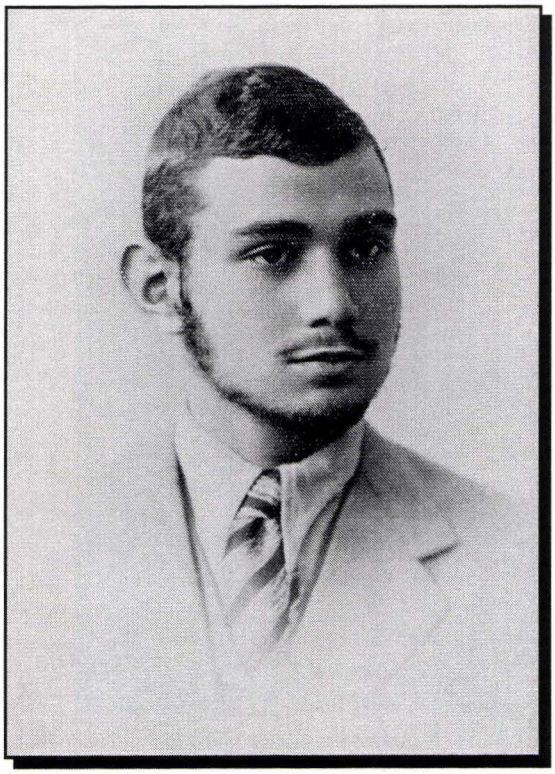
9b- My mother standing with my father's sister Bruchie, Berlin1923



9c- l-r My aunt Chava Koshitski and her husband David, my cousin Jacob Goldwasser and his wife Regina. Picture taken 1970.

9d-Picture taken in Krynica 1937. l-r My cousin Israel Avraham Koshitski, his brother Chaskel, my sister, my brother Kalman, my cousin Raizel Pelman later Koshitski , my cousin Itchy Weintraub, in front is my brother Akiva.





10a- My passport Photo, 1939.



10b-In Bad Kudova, with the daughter of the Radomsker Rebbe, listening to music 1930-31.



10c-On skis in Krynica 1937.



11a- At a simcha in NY sitting from right, Israel Koshitski from Canada, Dovid Koshitski with his son Zvi, Moshe Goldfinger, Nachman Elbaum, Warshawski, Krakovski and others.



11b- My brothers son, Motty's bris in Tel Aviv, 1946. Standing my brother, sitting from the left, the mohel, Rabbi Chazan, my uncle Avraham Koshitski, my father, Rabbi Ginzberg of Strozenic at the head of the table Rabbi Zvi Eisenstadt, my uncle Rachmiel, Mendel Morgenstein my father's partner and in front his son Avraham.



11c- My brothers son, Motty's bris in Tel Aviv, 1946. l-r Macie Koshitski wife of my uncle Eliyahu, her daughter Bronia Rynski, Miriam Frankel, Mrs. Eli Stern, Standing l-r My mother, Leah Koshitski daughter of my uncle David, Kive Koshitski's son Moshe and Dovid Gottlieb. Visible in the back are my father and my brother Akiva.



12a- Krynica 1937, center The Radomsker Rebbetzin, on her right her sister in law the Amshinov Rebbitzin Kalish, daughter of the Chesed L'Avraham, Raisel Rabbinowitz daughter of Radomsker Rebbe, on far right of photo Miriam Koshitski wife of Dovid Koshitski.



12b- Katowice 1936, my sister Raizel, on her right, wife of Shlomo Koshitski Blima ne`e Birenhak and daughter Reizel, walking on the street named 3rd of May.



12c- Krynica 1936-7, l-r My father, The Radomsker Rebbitzin with her sister in law Twersky, her daughter and David Shapiro.



13a- At the Lubabitcher Rebbes tisch. The Rebbe in the center, Rabbi Yolles to the left and myself at the far right.

13b- At an Agudah convention, to my right Rabbi Eliezer Silver to my left Rabbi Blumenfeld at the rear Baruch Robinson.





13c- At an Agudah Dinner, to my right Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, Rabbi Ruderman and Rabbi Yaacov Kaminetzky.



13d- At an Agudah convention, to my right, The Bianer and Blushiver Rebbes, to my left Rabbi Eliezer Silver, The Novominsker Rebbe. Standing in the rear is Mr. Hertz



14a- Wedding of Shlomo, on my left, Mr. Gepner and my father in law, to my right the chason Shlomo, NY 1966.

14b- r-l, Hodhaser Rav Lebowitz, The Bluzever Rebbe, Rabbi Shlomo Gotleib, Rabbi Benyamin Hendeles and Michael Tress.





14c- Sheva Brachos for my son Shlomo to my right, Mr. Gepner, Rabbi Elberg, Rabbi Hirsprung, the Blushiver Rebbbe, Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, the choson, Rabbi Mechael Birnbaum, on the left side of the picture my shver Ber Ludmir.



15a- At Shlomo's Bar Mitzvah, l-r The Bluzever, Rebbe Lebowitz, Rabbi Yackov Bergman, kissing Shlomo, Rabbi Zvi Eisenstadt and Rabbi Joseph Hirsh.

15b- At Shlomo's Bar Mitzvah, on my left Rabbi Blumenfeld, on my right, Moshe Prager, my partner Mr. Lev Shulgasser and the Bar Mitzvah boy.





15c- Sheva brochos for Shlomo l-r, Rabbi Eisenstadt, Rabbi Birenbaum, The Kapishnitzer Rebbe, The Choson, Rabbi Moshe Feinstein and the Bluzever Rebbe.



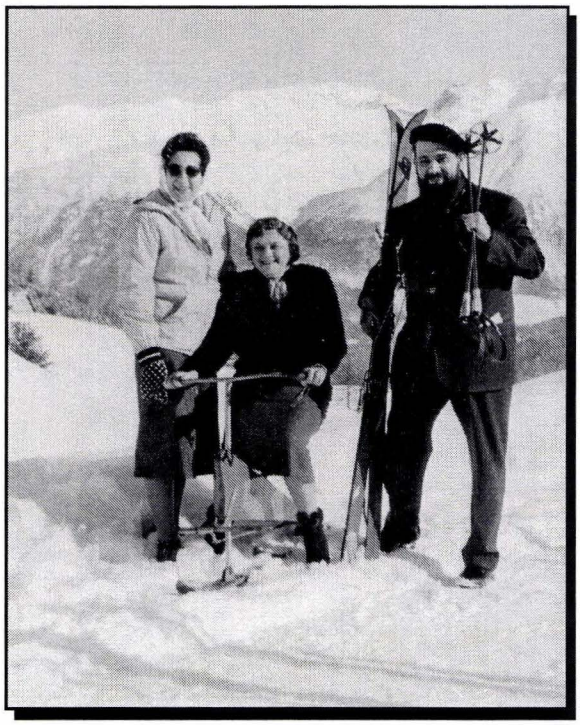
16a-Lugano 1952-3, with family and Nochum Halpern.



16b- In Switzerland 1952, right, Blima Mayer, Raizel Landau, my wife, Genia Mayer and Lesi Landau.



16c- Bar Mitzvah of Lesi Landau, left, Chaskel Koshitski, Mr. Halbertal, Shlomo Landau, Mr. Kessler, Rabbi Kreiswirt, in the front right Izzie Miller and David Pardes.



17a- At St. Moritz with my mother and sister, 1960.



17b- With Ambassador to the U.N. Jean Kirkpatrick



17c- In our house, Rebbetzin Herzog with my wife and my sister in law Chana Elbaum.



18a- Rinsky Chasaneh in Tel Aviv, l-r, David Rynski, the choson Moshe Orenstein, The grand mother Mrs. Macie Koshitski the Kallah with her mother Mrs. Bronke Rinski and Mrs. Orenstein.
Second row r-l my cousin Shlomo Akiva Koshitski, Shlomo Koshitski, his wife Mina and their daughter Sarah.



18b- Wedding of Chaim Chaskel Horowitz, son Joseph Eliyahu, sister of my mother in Tel Aviv. Front row, Chason, Kallah and Yosef Eliezer and his wife Rivka Horowitz.
Second row, son in law Hendeles and his wife, daughter Ruth and his son Shlomo, taken about 1950.



18c-Wedding of Shlomo Horowitz with his kallah, standing, Sidney Stanley, my uncle Avraham Koshitski, and the Horowitz family.



19a- Wedding of my wifes brother Mordechai Ludmir to Chaya Rabinowitz, beside the Chason Kallah, myself, my father and mother in law, brother's in law, Baum, Elbaum and kallah's brother Rabinowitz.



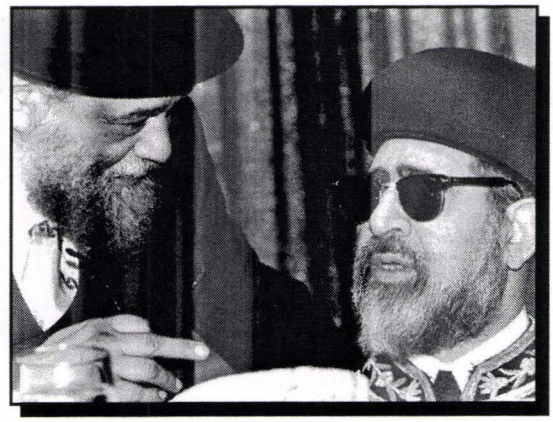
19b- Wedding of Tuvia Schwartz with daughter of my aunt Rivka Horowitz, Chief Rabbi Frenkel, my uncle Rachmiel, Rabbi Naftali Chaim Adler, my cousin Rabbi Shalom Shapiro and others.



19c- My mother and her sister in law Pecie Koshitski wife of Joseph Koshitski, Tel Aviv, 1960.



20a- At a simcha in Tel Aviv, r-l, Binyamin Mintz, Jacob Goldwasser, also visible my mother, Shlomo Koshitski, my sister, and Salah Kornitzer.



20b- Together with The Rishon L'Tzion, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef.



20c-At David Rosenberg's wedding, r-l, The Pnei Menachem, Menachem Elbaum, Shea Abramchik, Lieble Cywiak, Liebish Rabinowitz, Wolf Weinreb, in the back, Joe Ganger and Huna Meisles.



20d- Simcha mishpachtit in Tel Aviv. l-r Our physician Dr. Manhiemer, David Gottlieb. Yoshe Goldfinger, Dovid Shmuel Koshitski, on the other side of the table, Joseph Koshitski, son of Meir Koshitski and others.



21a- Dancing at Shlomo's Sheve Brachos, l-r The Bluzever Rebbe, Rabbi Eisenstadt, The Kapishnitzer Rebbe, the choson Shlomo, myself and Nachman Elbaum.



21b- With The Radzyner Rebbe, Rav Englard.



21c- At an Agudah convention in NY, standing Rabbi Mendel Hodrov, sitting from right the Bianer Rebbe, myself and Rabbi David Singer.

21d- My father in law and mother in law, with my wife and daughter Aliza.

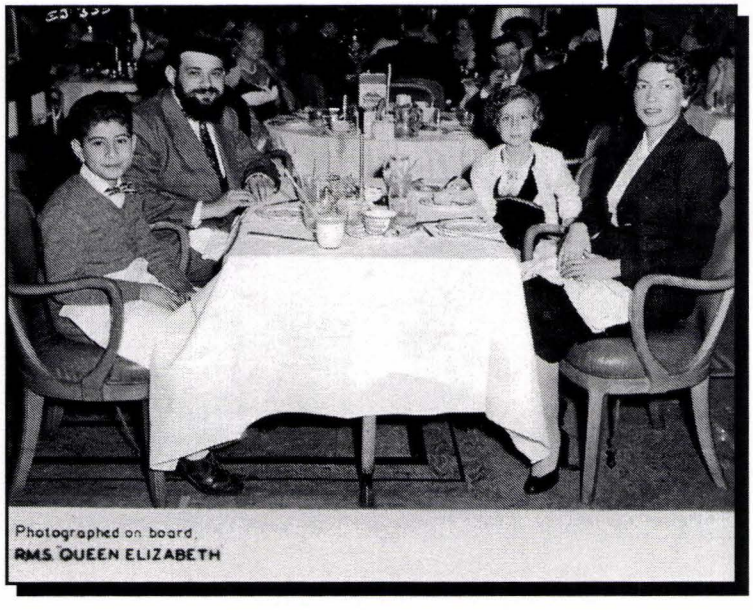




22a- My brother in laws wedding in Jerusalem. l-r, Nachman Elbaum, Menachem Baum, myself, Avraham Ludmir and my father in law.

22b- Shlomo's engagement party, Shomo, myself, Rabbi Munk, The Shotzer Rebbe, Rabbi Hirsprung, Rabbi Niznik, presently Chief Rabbi of Montreal.





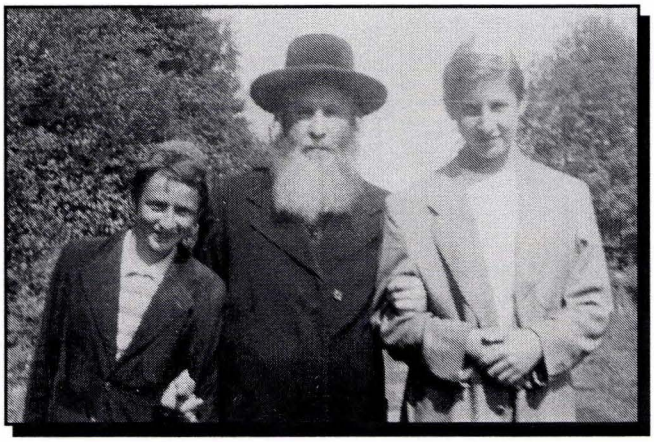
22c- The Besser family traveling back to NY aboard the Queen Elizabeth, 1953.



23a- r-l, Moshe Yitzchack Pardes, his wife son and daughter, Mrs. Ruth Cohen and her brother Chaskel Goldwasser.

23b- Mrs. Clara Landau, on her left Bertha Pelman-Schwartz, below her, her husband Mr. Schwartz, my wife, aunt Chancie Pelman and the son and daughter of the Schwartz's.





23c- The Bluzever Rebbe and his two sons (the present rebbe is on the right).



24a- The Bluzever Rebitzin and her son Itzchak.



24b- My cousin Avraham Melchior, brother of the Bluzever Rebbitzen.



24c- My mother with Frieda Abramchik and her children.



25a- At a meeting of Moetzet Gedoleh Ha'Torah. Sitting, Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, Rabbi Rudderman, Rabbi Kaminetzky, Rabbi Hutner, facing them The Bianer Rebbe, The Sadigora Rebbe, The Bluzever Rebbe, The Bostoner Rebb. Standing, Rabbi Moshe Sherer and myself.

25b- At a dinner in Los Angelos 1954, sitting beside myself Rabbi and Mrs. Adler and Rabbi Fenigstein.





25c- Speaking at the 50th Annual Agudath Yisrael Convention, 1972, , to my right Pnei Menachem, Rabbi Ruderman, Rabbi Kaminetzky, Sorotskin, to my left Rabbi Sherer, Rabbi Feinstein, Rabbi Shor, The Bostoner Rebbe, and the Kapishnitzer Rebbe.

26a- At St. Moritz 1961, from the right David Koshitski, Kive Koshitski, myself, my mother, David Shmuel Koshitski, my sister and her husband, Shiya Abramchik, Shlomo Koshitski , his wife and Chaskel Koshitski.

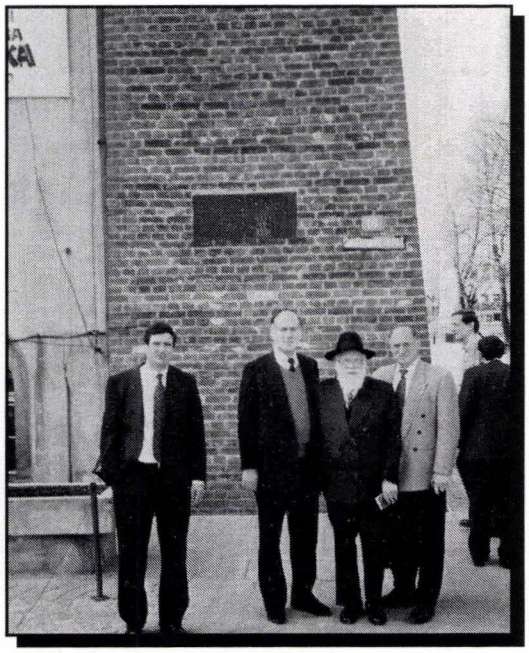




26b- At a dinner in Warsaw, with my daughter and Ronald S. Lauder, sitting, Mr. Honlein's Father, 1990.



26c- At The Nozyk Shul in Warsaw, Israeli Minister of Religion/Education, Zevulan Hammer davening at the amud, l-r Zelig Rabinowitz, myself, aid to Minister Hammer and Israeli Ambassadorto Poland, cir. 1995.



26d- At the Rzeszow shul with Mr. Ronald S. Lauder and Malcolm Honlein.



27a- l-r, Chaskel Besser, Rayzel Abramchyk, David and Bronia Ryusk, Mrs. Pardes daughter of Malka, and Akiva Besser.



27b- My mother and Miriam Koshitski, (wife of David and daughter of Hirsh Leib) taken in Katowicie 1935.



27c- Rittenberg family with my mother and Chancie Pelman NY.



27d-l-r, The Brisker Rav, Rabbi Zeev Solovweiczyk, (his rebbe) Rabbi M. Zvi Eisenstadt (my Rebbe), Krynica, 1935.



28a- From the left, Shlomo Koshitski and his wife Mindel, in the center Malcie Koshitski and her daughter Broncha Rynski, behind her Sarale Koshitski, Arie Jungerwirt, and standing David Rynski.

28b- Wedding of Naftali Binenstock. center choson and kallah father and mother of the Kallah and Lotte Bieninstock.





28c-Wedding of Moshe Orenstein with Chief Rabbi Unterman in top hat.



29a- Arie Jungerwirt with my mother.



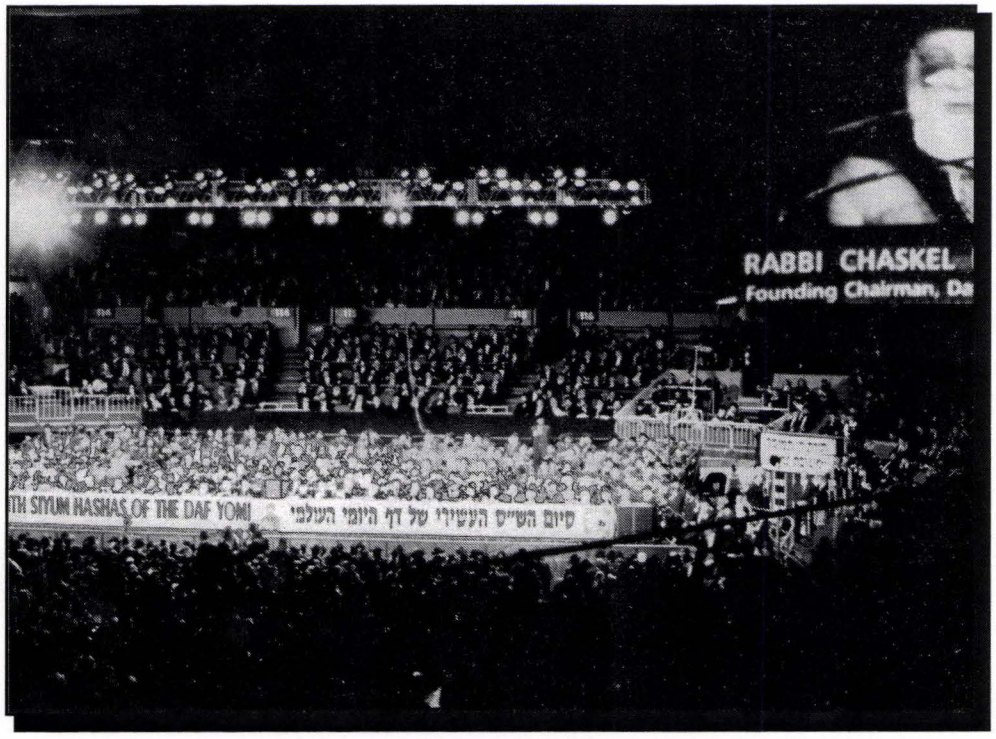
29b- Mr. and Mrs. Israel Koshitski, newly wed, 1930's Katowice.



29c- -r-l, Rabbi Bergman, myself, Mordechai Ludmir, Shmuel Ludmir, The Skoloer Rebbe, Leibel Cywak, with Itche Meir Cywak speaking.



29d- In Montreal, Rebbitzen Hirshprung, Mrs. Gepner, Mrs. Chana Besser, my mother my wife and others.



30a- Speaking as "Founding Chairman" of the international Daf Yomi commission, at the 10th Siyum Hashas in Madison Square Garden, 1998.



30b- Speaking at the 9th Siyum Hashas in Madison Square Garden 1991.



30c- With Rabbbi Aaron Kotler and Rabbi Gifter in the 50's.



31a- At a meeting with Rabbi Kaminetzky, Rabbi Shneuer Kotler and Rabbi Rudderman.

31b- With The Bluzever Rebbe in his last year.





31c- With the Viznitzer Rebbe in Bnei Brak, 1999.



32a- Shlomo and Chana Besser getting dollars from the Lubavitcher Rebbe with their daughter in the background.



32b- Hushatiner Rebbe with my father in law and Shlomo Orenstein 1942.



32c- With the current Biyaner Rebbe.



33a- Wedding of Debbie Besser and David Rosenberg, NY. The Novominsker Rebbe, giving one of the sheva brachos under the chupah.



33b- Rimnitzer Rebbe at the wedding of Debbie and David.



33c-The Bluzever and Bobever Rebbe at a wedding during the early 50's.



33d-Shlomo Besser, The Amshinover Rebbe and Rabbi Chaskel Besser.



34a- Rabbi Elberg under the chupah at Debbbie and David's wedding giving a bracha.



34b- Grand father and uncle with Debbie and David at their wedding.



34c- Bar mitzvah of Shlomo Besser, with Moshe Prager and Lev Shulgasser, NY 1957.



34d- Wedding of my wifes sister Chaya being led to the chupah by her parents, Jerusalem 1950.



35a- Wedding of Lea Horowitz to Handeles, with her brothers and sister.



35b- At a simcha in my house, my sister Raizel, sister in law, Chaya Ludimir, my daughter Debbie, my niece Miri Abramchick.

35c-Sitting, Choson kallah, Avraham and Aliza Grund, Mr. Chaim Grund and Naftali Besser. Standing, Mrs. Grund with my mother and sister.





35d-Debbie Besser Recieving an award from her Piano Teacher.



35e- With my grand-daughter Rivkie and great-grand-daughter Esther Malka.



36a- Warm greeting in Washington from Under Secretary of State Stuart Einsenstadt with Rabbi Moshe Scherer, 1996/7



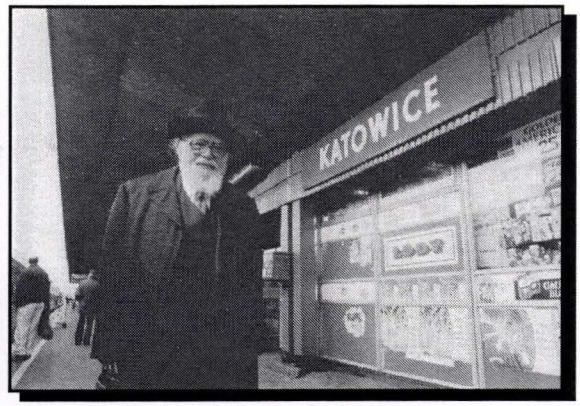
36b- Mrs. Aliza Begin, in my house at the time of Camp David.



36c- At an Agudah dinner reception with NY Governor Hugh Carey and Mr. Sheldon Baron of Denver Colorado 1975.



37a- Dinner reception 1954, sitting l-r, The Bluzever Rebbitzin, my mother, Frumit Besser, , Reisel Abramczik, Ahuva Besser and Mina Baum.
Standing David Ryuski, Menacham Baum, Mottle Abramchick, myself, Yitzchak Spira and H. l. Spira.



37b- At the train station in Katowice.



37b- In Lublin 1998, celebrating the 10th Siyum Hashas, l-r, Shuki Greenberger, myself, Sruly Rosenberg, Jake Schuster, Shlomo Besser.



37c- In Lipnik, Czeck Republic, 1991, l-r, Rabbi Chuna Halpern of London, myself, Rabbi Moshe Scherer and Rabbi Freshwater of London.

38a- 1933 In a car on the way to Krosno, the Radomsker Rebbe in the back, in the middle section of the car David Stahl from Lodz, Hershel Pachter from Sosnovie myself as a young boy and my father sitting next to the driver.





38b- With the son of the Brisker Rov, Rav David Soloweichik, 1990 Jerusalem.



38c- With Chief Rabbi Herzog, Jerusalem 1959.



39a- At Shlomo's wedding, l-r, myself The Shatzer Rebbe of Montreal, Rabbi Munk and Mr. Geppner, as the chason, Shlomo signs the t'naim.

39b- Family portrait taken at the wedding of David and Debbie Rosenberg, sitting my daughter Aliza and daughter in law Chana with their children. Standing Abe Grund, my wife, Chason, Kallah., myself and two sons Shlomo and Naftali.





39c- At the same wedding sitting next to the chason, the Amshinver Rebbe, standing, reading the t'naim, Rabbi Perkowski, Rabbi Avraham Shreiber, Nahman Elbaum, Rabbi Vorhand and Mr. Grund.



40a- Family gathering in Jerusalem 1967, sitting at the table my mother in law and her daughter Chaya. Standing my father in law and to his right, his son Mordechai and his wife, my son Shlomo and his wife, left Chana Elbaum and Menachem Baum's daughter.



40b- At the wedding of Debbie and David Rosenberg.



40c- Family portrait taken at the wedding of Yaakov and Frieda Abramchick. Sitting l-r Motel Abramchick, Moshe Horowitz, Yaakov and Frieda Abramchick, her mother, my sister, my mother, Mrs. Leizer. Standing from the left, Shia Abramchick and wife, Shlomo Besser, Mr. Horowitz myself, my wife, Sarah Kornitzer, Eliyahu Abramchick and wife.



41a-Family portrait at Berger wedding, 1987-88.



41b- Mr. and Mrs Greenberger with their son, Shlomo Besser holding his grand-daughter, Yitzchak Gepner with his wife and son.



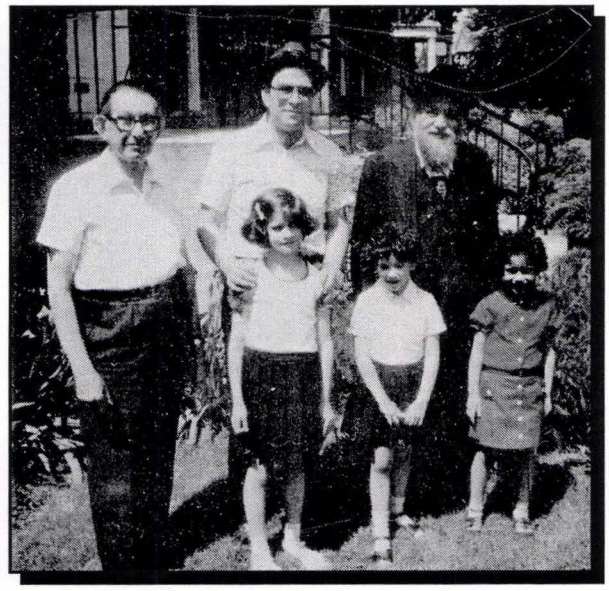
41c- Sarah Abramchick, Warsashvski, Zila Besser, Akiva Besser, Fromita Besser.



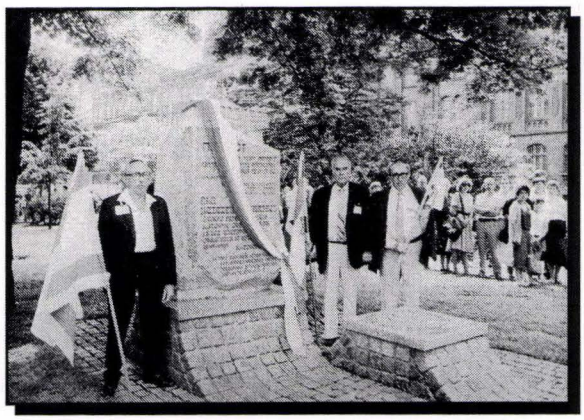
41d- Kala Low, her mother Ruchie Low, Ahuva Besser, and sister of the Kallah, standing l-r, Chaya Cohen, Chana Elbaum, Mrs. Sara Ludmir and Chaya Ludmir.



42a- l-r Mina Bergman, Dov Ludmir, Ahuva Besser, and the children Shlomo and Aliza.



42b- l-r David Shmuel Koshitski, Nati Stern. myself, in front Leah Besser and friends.



42c- At the innaugretion of the Jewish Memorial in Katowice, with my former schoolmates.



42d-Chazkel Besser, Akiva Besser, Srulik Koshitzky and Horowitz.



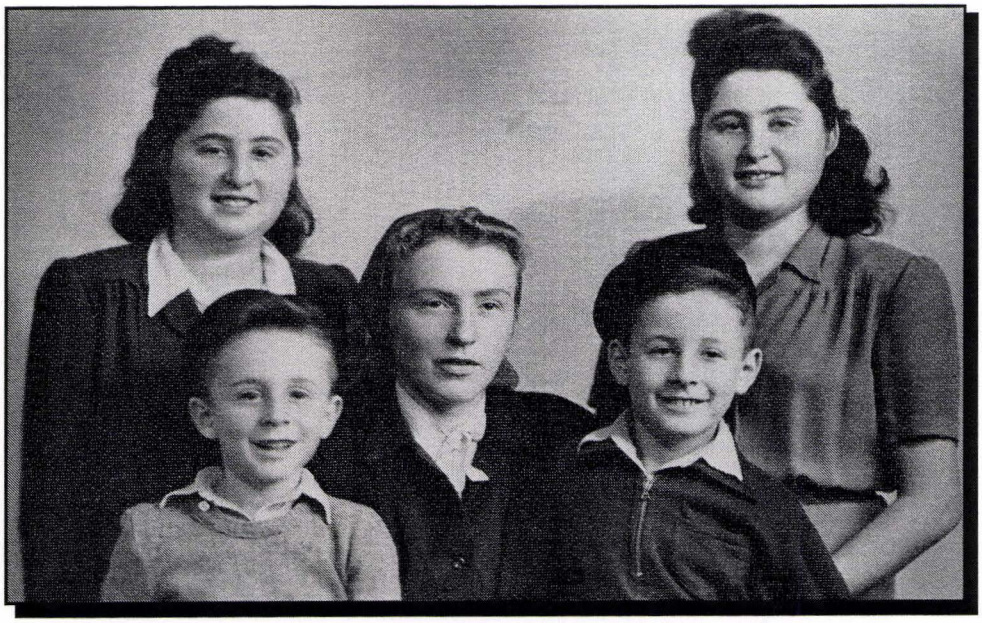
43a- With German Chancellor Willie Brandt and German Ambassador, NY 1970.

43b-Dinner honoring Rabbi and Mrs. Besser in LA 1953.





43c- Ground breaking at Yad Binyamin, 1960's, Chief Rabbi Nissim, Rabbi Greisman, Rachmiel Koshitski and myself.



44a- The Bluzever Rebbitzen in 1945, after returning from camp with her two sons, with two daughters of David Koshitski.

44b- Mina Herbert, and her sister Mania Koshitski, daughters of Moshe Koshitski, Ratibor.



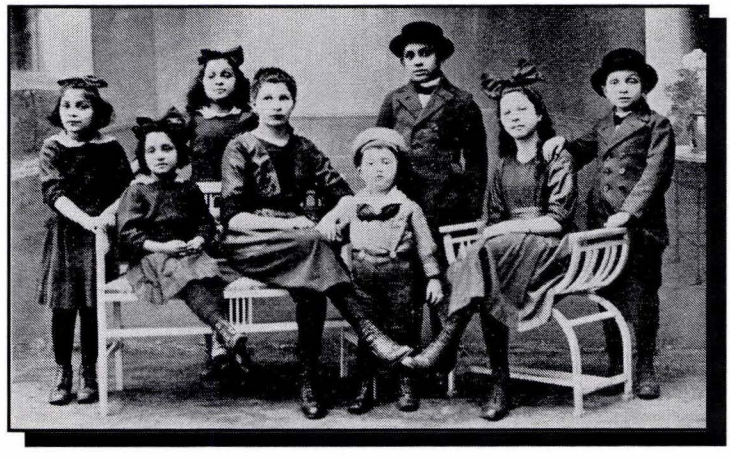


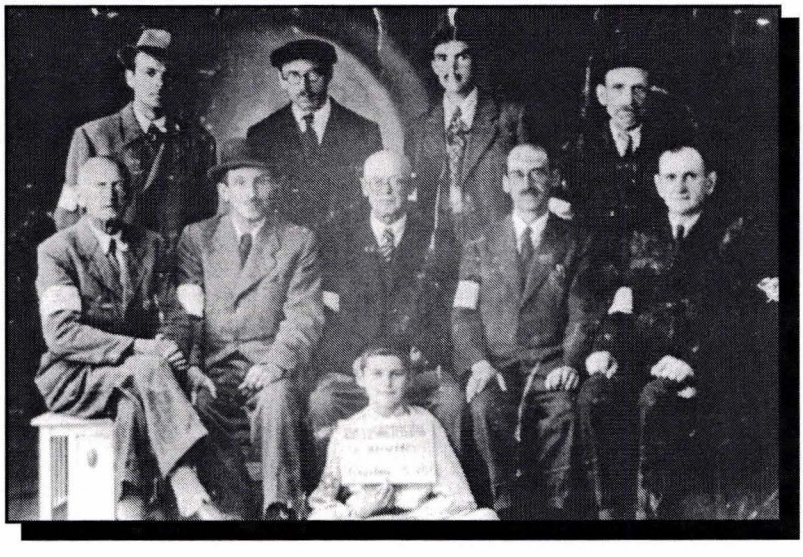
44c- My mother's sister Faigele Jungerwirt with my brother Akiva in Krynica 1933.



45a- Kalman Koshitski from Zabrze with his four sons, 1938.

45b- Children of Moshe Koshitski, taken in Ratibor 1927, l-r Lotte, Reisel, Berta, Mina, Chaim Chiel, Solomon, Chana and Akiva.





45c- The Judenrat of the Ghetto Borislav 1942, Sitting second from the left Shlomo Koshitski, son of Issac his son is sitting on the floor.



46a- 1929, With Berta Pachter in Reinerz.



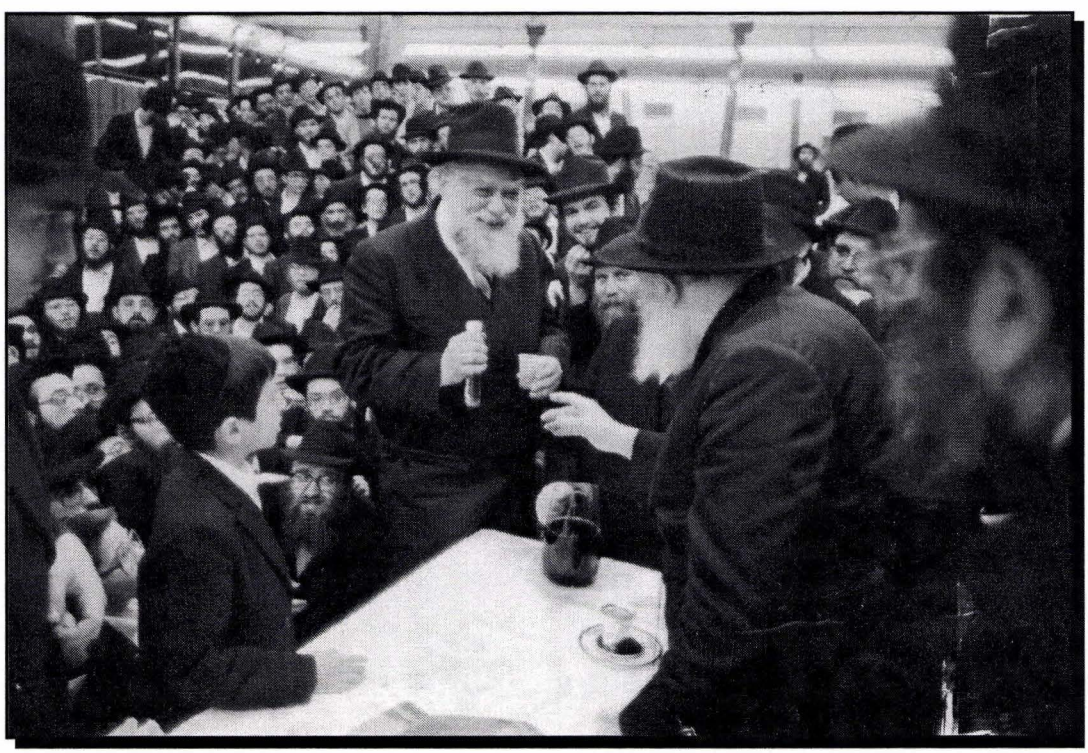
46b- Sisters Raizel and Bertle Pelman, 1936.



46c- My mother with Rosie Koshitski from Triest.



47a- My wife Ahuvah and I, getting dollars from the Lubavitcher Rebbe.



47b- A happy moment with the Lubavitcher Rebbe.



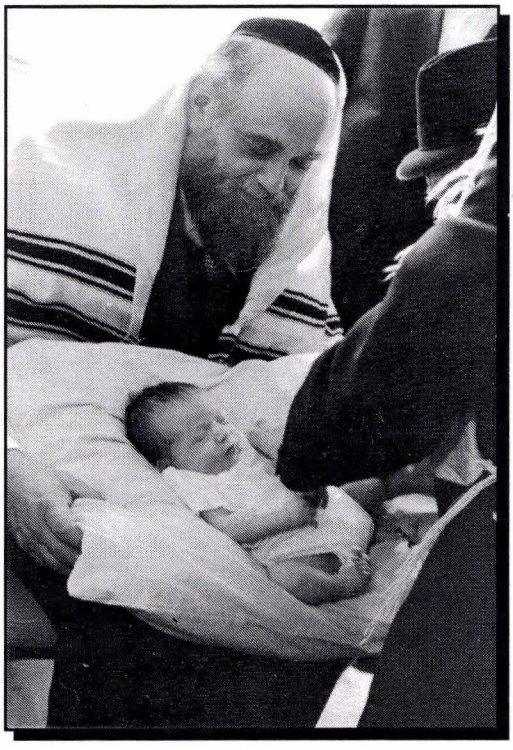
48a- Family portrait taken at the wedding of Nachman Elbaum and his wife Chana, next to the choson Avraham Ludmir, standing in the back Dov Luimir, Issac Elbaum, followed by Menachem Baum, and his wife, Mrs. Shlessinger, on the right Mordechai Ludmir and his mother Jerusalem 1952.



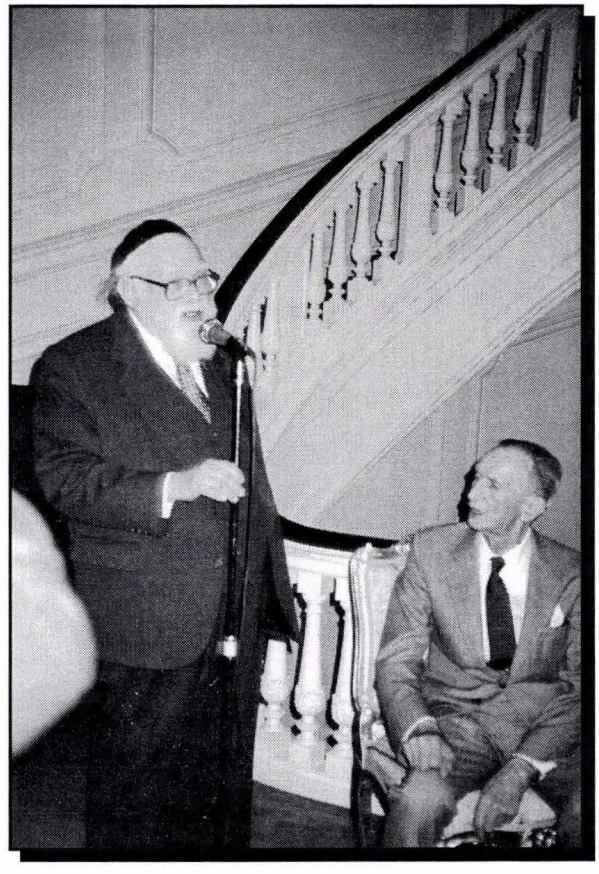
48b- B'deckin at Debbie's Wedding 1977/8. l-r The Bluzever Rebbitzen, The Bobover Rebbitzen and on the right Mr. Elia Perlow.



48c- Family portrait with mywife and their daughter Debbie and her children in London1990.



49a- Bris of son of Dalia Guraryeh, nephew of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, in Washington.



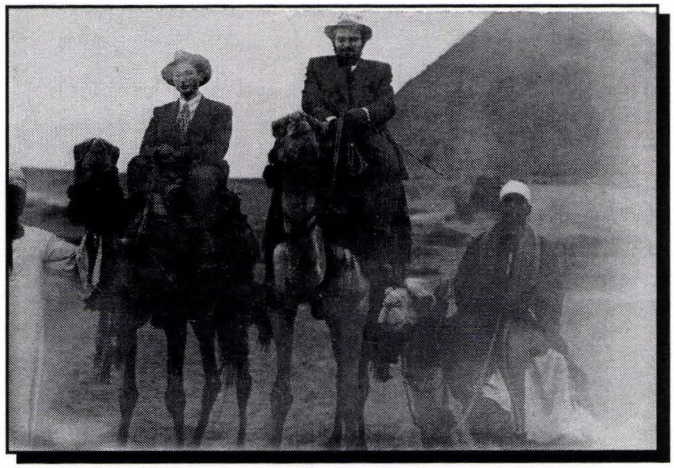
49b- Honoring Jan Karski at the Polish Consulate in NY 1996.



49c- Wedding in Jerusalem 1950's, in the center Dov Ludmir and myself.



50a- Family portrait at Debbie and David Rosenbergs wedding, N.Y. 1978.



50b- At the pyramids, 1946, with Ben Tzion Shenker.



50c- At the Bronx Zoo, Dov and Rivky Ludmir, Ahuva Besser and Debbie, 1957.



51a- 1956 in the office of NY Mayor Wagner, with Hungarian child refugees. Standing r-l, Michael Tress, Louis Septimus, Rabbi Chaskel Besser, Rabbi Moshe Sherer, Charles Young and Rabbi Yisrael Meir Stienberg.



51b- Reception in honor of Rabbi Shlomo Goren, NY 1960's. To the right of Rabbi Goren, Rabbi Walkin, Rabbi Besser, among those standing Rabbi Leo Jung, Rabbi Gold, Rabbi Lookstein, Moshe Dykman, Rabbi Bergman and Rabbi Schoenfeld.



51c- Mrs. Aliza Begin visiting in our house at the time of the Camp David Accords.



52a- With Rabbi Sherer greeting Senator Ted Kennedy.



52b- With vice presidential candidate, Senator Joseph Lieberman.



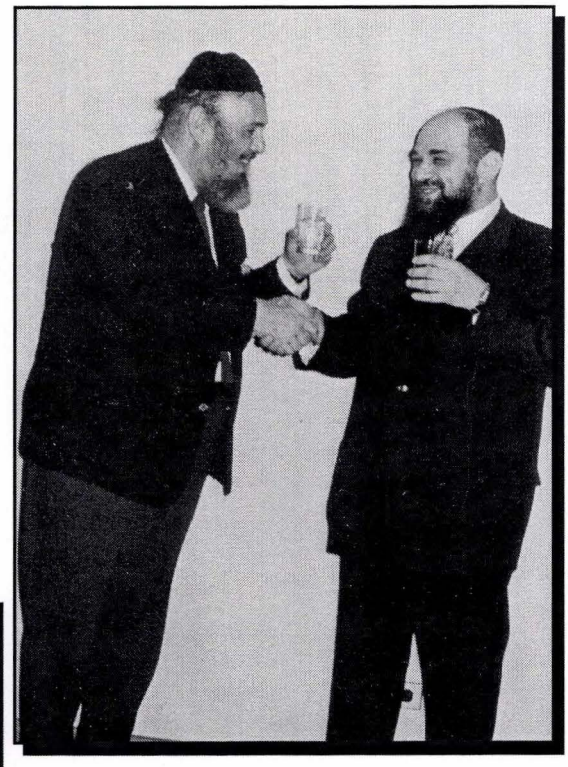
52c-With Polish Prime Minister Leszek Miller.



52d- 1992, two weeks before the Gulf War with President George and Laura Bush as Vice President Dan Quayle and his wife, Marilyn look on.



53a- With Dr. Erhard Hotlermann, Counsul General of Germany and Mr Eitzaker, President of the Federal Republic of Germany



53a- Drinking a L'Chaim with good friend Zero Mostel.



53b- With Prime Minister Menachem Begin, at the Knesset.



53c-Meeting with President Zalman Shazar at the Presidential residence in Jerusalem.



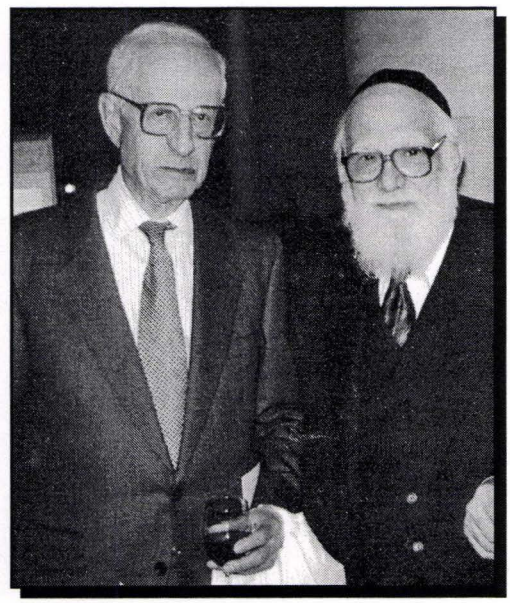
54a-With Mayor Rudolph Giulliani, Mr. George Klein and Mr. Gross, at a dinner for Manhatan High School For Girls.



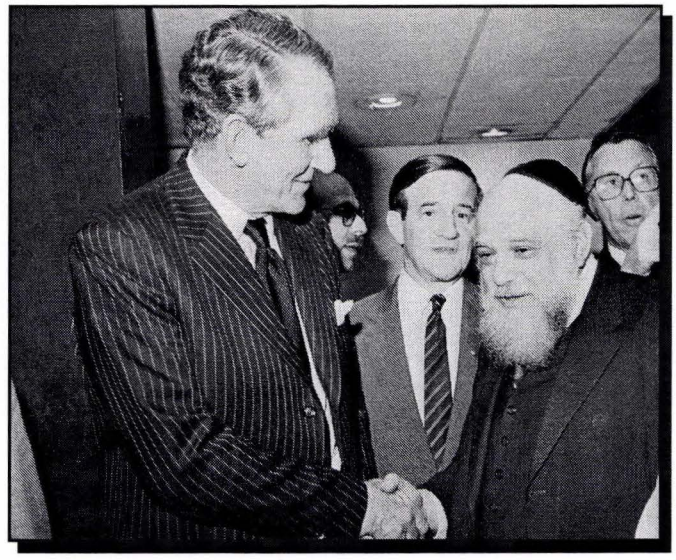
54b- Dr. Emil Sommerstein, member of the Polish cabinet his family and Dr. Hilel Seidman, Florida, NY 1950's.



54c- With the Romanian Prime Minister, Adrian Nastase, 2000.



54d- With Attorney General Robert Morgenthau, 1999.



55a- With Prime Minister Frazer of Australia in NY 1970's.



55b- Meeting with Prime Minister Yitzchack Shamir Rabbi Kolitz and Achimeir.



55c- At an Agudah dinner, l-r Rabbi Moshe Scherer, myself, Secretary of Education Bell, NY Mayor Ed Koch and Attorney General Abrams.



56a- At the presidential palace, Warsaw 1998, President Kwasniewki presenting a medal to Rabbi Besser.



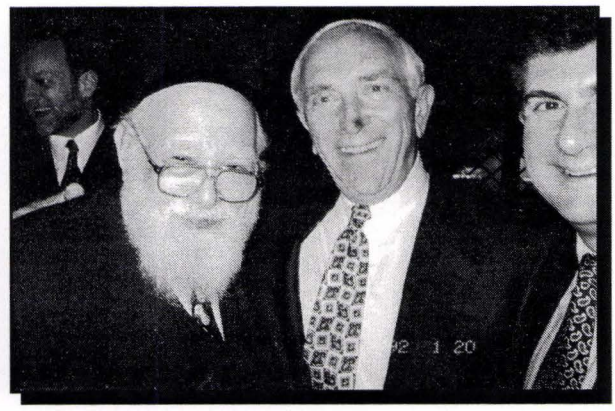
56b- With Senator Jacob Javitz, and Rabbi Sherer.



56c- With King Abdullah of Jordan, Ronald S. Lauder, Malcolm Honlein and Max Birnback.



56d-Lesh Waleasa, Ronald S. Lauder, myself and Minister B. Geremek.



56e- Rabbi Besser with senator Lautenberg and Michael Lewin.



57a- At the Ukranian Embassy, with Professor Riecher, President Kuchma and others.

57b- With Rabbi Sherer meeting with NY Governor Nelson Rockefeller.





57c- With US Ambassador to Israel , Keating, and Bernard Katzen, adviser to Dulles.



58a-Rabbi Moshe Feinstien at Ramat Rachel in Jerusalem doing kriya while looking toward the old city, with Rabbi Birnbaum, Yosef Charif and Shlomo Besser.



58b- Historic photo, (l-r)Rabbi Shlomo Shapiro, Professor Setsuzo Kotsuji, Rabbi Shimon Kalish (the Amshinov Rebbe) Rabbi Moshe Shatzkes, Captain Yuzuru Fukamachi and Jewcom representative Leo Hanin, in Kobe Japan. Photo courtesy of Shlomo Shapiro.



59a- At the bris milah of Sruly Rosenberg, with Rabbi Forehand and Naftali Besser.

59b- Wedding of Debbie Besser to David Rosenberg with the Rimnitzer Rebbe as the m'sader kedushin.





59c- Mordechai Ludmir with his son Shmuel Ludmir.



60a- l-r Rabbis Chaskel Koshitski, David Koshitski and myself.



60b- l-r Rabbi Yaakov Kaminetzky, Rav Aaron Kotler, Rabbi Eliezer Silver, Rabbi Chaskel Besser, Rabbi Moshe Sherer, Rabbi Avraham Twersky, and Louis Septamus.



60c- Family Simcha in Israel, early 50's.



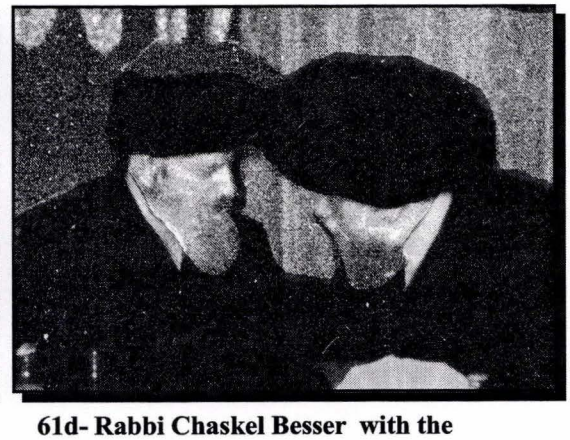
61a- With Rabbi Eliezer Schach, in Bnei Brak.



61b- Wedding of Naftali Binenstock. In picture: Osherower Rebbe, Rabbi Ehrenberg and others.



61c- l-r Rabbi Moshe Sherer, Mayor Rudolph Giulliani and myself at an Agudah dinner.



61d- Rabbi Chaskel Besser with the Machnovker Rebbe.



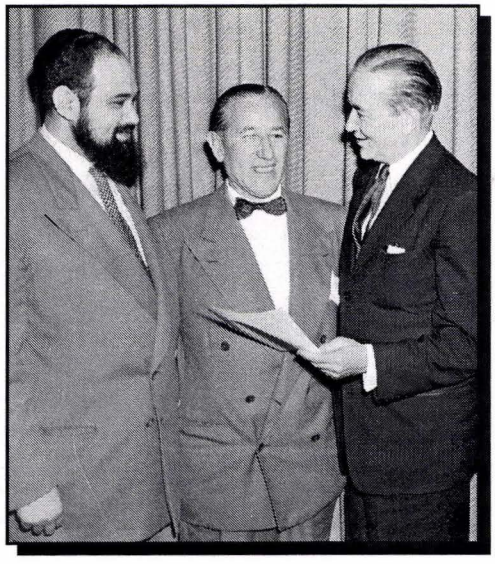
62a- With U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Ogden Reid and his wife 1954.



62b- Wedding of David Rosenberg, seated from r-l The Amshinover Rebbe, David Rosenberg and Rabbi Pinchus Menachem Alter, the future Gerer Rebbe.



62c- The mitzva dance at the wedding of David Rosenberg.



63a- Meeting with Bartley C. Crum, member of U.S. Commission on Palestine, 1952.



63b-At the 35th Agudath Yisrael of America Convention, 1957.



63c- Wth Rebbitzen Herzog and Prof. Kaufman in our house.



64b-With the current Gerer Rebbe.



64a- With Rabbi Moshe Steinberg and Dr. Joseph Burg.



64c- With Rabbi Shneur Kotler



64d-With the Ponevezer Rav, Rabbi M. Zaks and Rabbi Lesin, in my shul in N.Y.



65a- With close friend Rabbi Chaim Kreiswirt, in our home, 1953.

65b- Eliahu Koshitski with his wife and sons.





65c- At a simcha with freinds Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Perl, Mr. and Mrs. I. Reichman, Toronto Teodor Braun and the Bessers.



66a-Family portrait at the wedding of Elie Abramchick, 1960.



66b- Radomsker Rebbe with Naftali Besser and S. Landau, Mr. Teitlbaum and Mr. Poz and the Rebbes Gabai Chaskel Eliezer.



66c- At the March of the living in Oswiecim (Auschwitz), with Rabbi and Rebbitzin Lau.



67a-Wedding of Miriam Frenkel, Tel Aviv 1947, l-r FrimetBesser, the kalah Miriam Frenkel, Leah Koshitzky, Esther Gruber and Bracha Koshitsty.



67b- Beddeken at the current Bluzever Rebbes Wedding.



74d-With The Bluzever Rebbe Rabbi Abramowitz and Myself.



67c- Rabbi Besser addressing the 6th World Kenesia Gedolah of Agudath Yisrael in Jerusalem.



68a- Sitting r-l, Mrs. Gross Mrs. Besser, Mr. Kornitzer, Rabbi Kornitzer and myself. Standing r-l, Mr. And Mrs. Harold Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Max Etra.



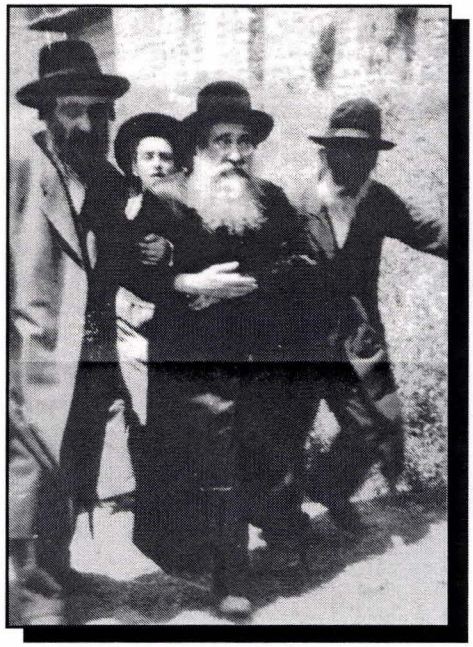
68b- With Harav Pam



68c- l-r, Gerer Rebbe, myself, Rabbi Goldberg, Rabbi S. Orenstein, Rabbi Z. Hartzstark.

68d- With Friend Sam Reshewski, International Chess Champion.





69a- Bianer Rebbe with Dov Ludmir.



69b- With The Gerer Rebbe and The Novominsker Rebbe.



69c-With Rabbi Bold of Levov at the Graves of the Rebbes in Komarno.



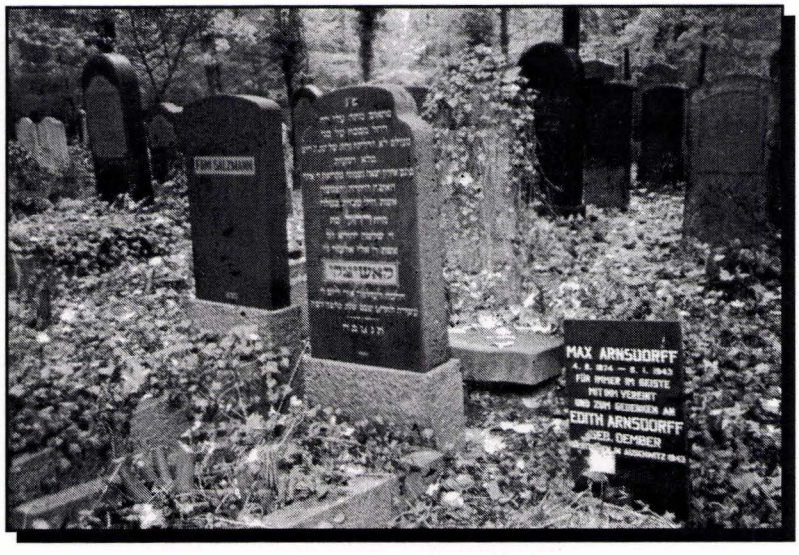
69d-With the Gerer Rebbe and others in NY.



70a- Grave of Elazar Koshitzki in Oswiecim.



70b- At Oswiemcem Cemetery l-r, Zila Besser, Motti Besser, myself, Shlomo Besser, Sruli Rosenberg and Isruli Besser.



70c- Tombstone of Rachel Koshitski, mother of Naftali Besser, Berlin 1925.



71a- r-l, Dovid Koshitsky, Chaskel and Akiva Besser, Motel Abramczyk and Nachman Rosen.

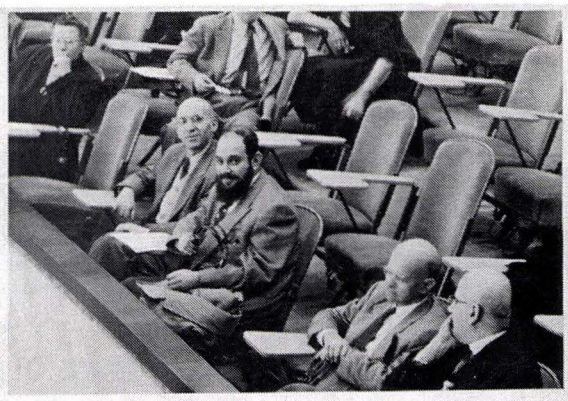


71b- With Rabbis Mendelson and Rabbi Lewin



71c- Sitting in the center, The Presburger Rav Rabbi Akiva Sofer, on his left his son, on his right Rabbbi Otche Meir Lewin, Rabbi Yosef Naftali Stern and myself, circ. 1955.





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72-Upper left- Vishinski, Dag Hammershald and Ormsy Gore.
Upper right- Myself and Hilel Seidman in the press section.
Lower left- Dr. Malik of Lebanon and Parodi of France.
Lower right- Dr. Tsiang of China.



73a- Marcus Wulkan, Frimet Wulkan and Esther Cantor Wulkan.



73b- Lana Schnitzer and sister Rene Goldstein.



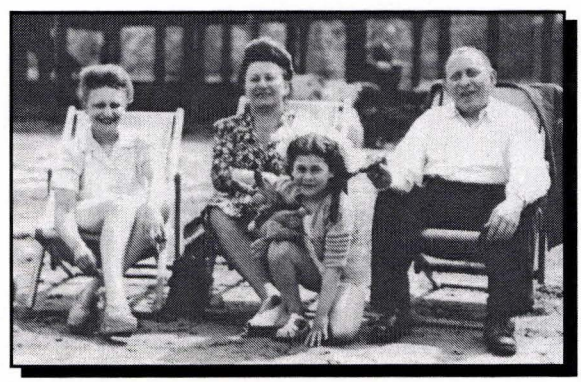
73c- Lana Schnitzer at the monument of Eliezer Koshitzky.



73d-Lana Schnitzer (Wulkan)



73e-Chaim Wulkan, Frimet Wulkan, uncle Aron Wulkan, Renee and Erica Cantor.



73f- Esther Cantor, Szlomo Wulkan and daughters Erica and Esther.



74a- Sarah Dombroeski (Wulkan)



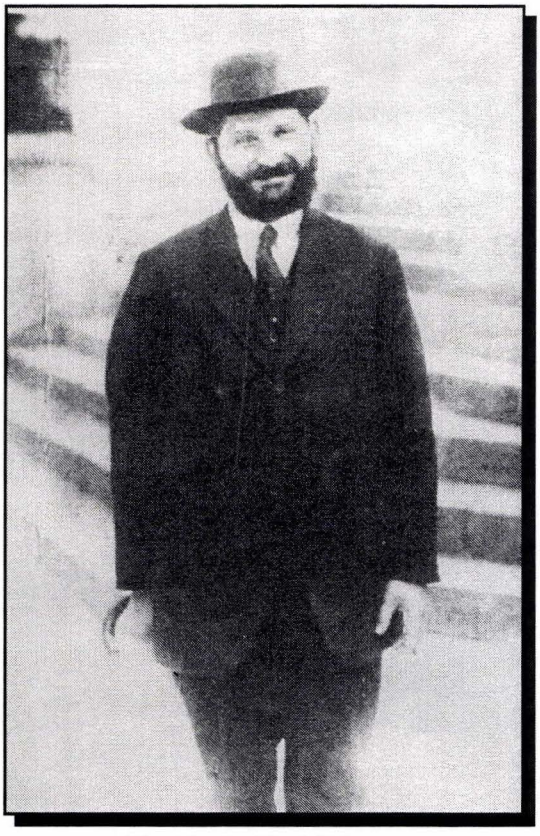
74b-Esther Cantor and Daughter Erica at Erica's wedding.



74c-Shmuel And Lana Wulkan Schnitzer (Koshitzky) and Ruzia Haber, Schnitzer.



74d-Chaim And Frimet Wulkan with Lana Schnitzer.



75a-Moshe Koshitsky



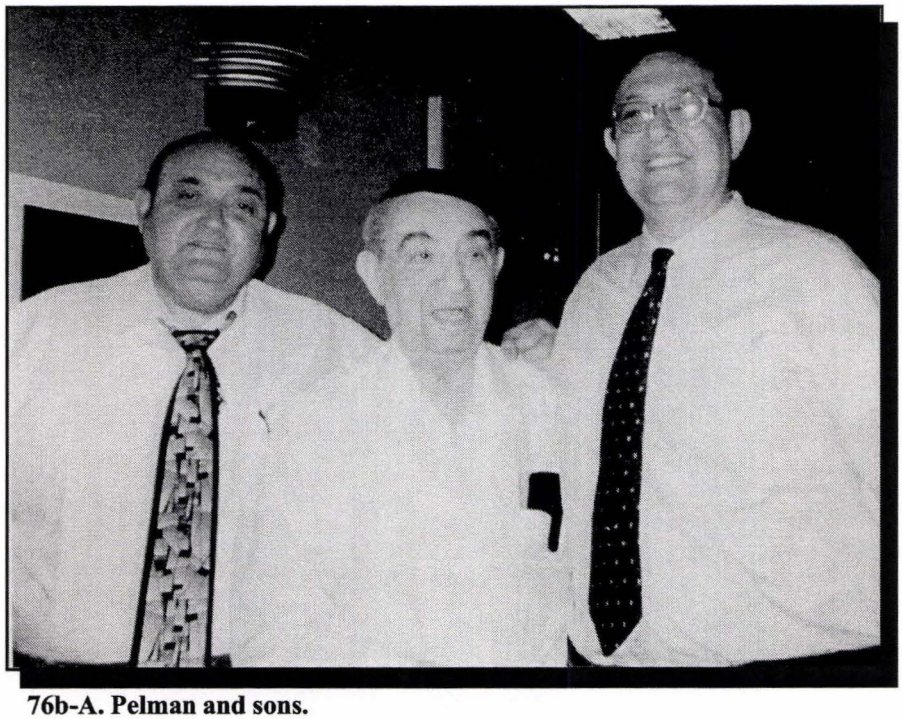
75b- Chaim And Frimet Wulkan



75c-Michael and Bronyah Weingarten and family.



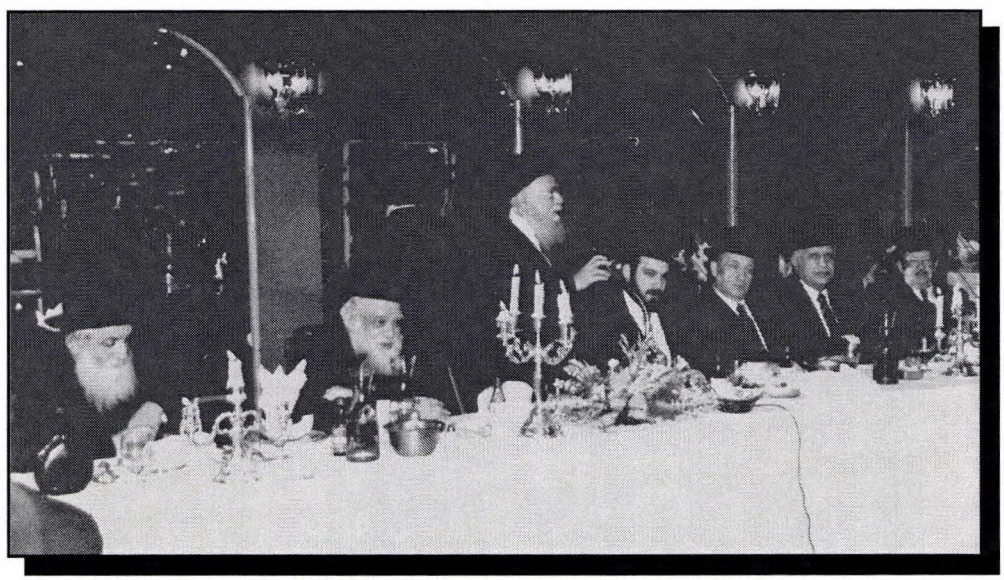
76a- A. Pelman with sister, son, daughter and niece.



76b-A. Pelman and sons.



77a-Dancing at Debbies wedding, with my good friend Avraham Yoseph Shapira and his son. Also in the picture are Rabbi Feivelson of Tzfat, Mr. Zajac of Sao Palo, Mr. Zevulan Reichman of Toronto and Rabbi Benny Kahn of Jerusalem



77b-Rav Pam speaking l-r, Nachman Elbaum, Myself, Rav Pam, Naftali Besser, Naftali's father in law Rabbi Shmuel Piller, Rabbi Yoseph Cohen, and Rabbi Jacob Bergman.



78a-Dancing at Naftali's wedding, Shlomo, NAftali and Mr. Piller. Also in the picture are, Elihu Abramchik, Avraham Yisacher Pelman, Lenny Schwartz, Cousin Piller not Brother, Nachman Elbaum and Yaakov Abramchick.



78b-At the Bris of Mordechai Besser son of Naftali Besser, l-r, Naftali Besser Bluzever Rebbe, Rabbi Shmuel Piller, Rabbi David Koshitsky holding the baby, the mohel and myself.



79a-Katriel Kaufman Family with son-in-law Levi and sons.



79b-Mitzva dance with David Koshitski and his grandaughter



79c- Golda and Israel Koshitsky.

80a- Passport pictures of Miriam wife of David Koshitsky and her seven children taken just before the beginning of the war



Top-Yisrael Chaim	Raisel	The Mother Miriam	Leah Kaufman
Bottom-Channa	Sarah Gitel	Brona	Rochol

The Three Daughters of Moshe Koshitsky



80b-Manya



80c-Hanna



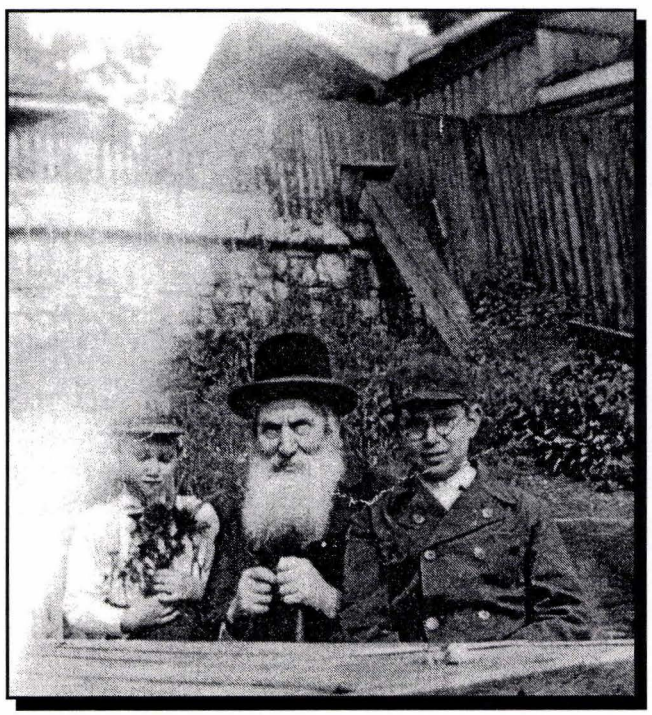
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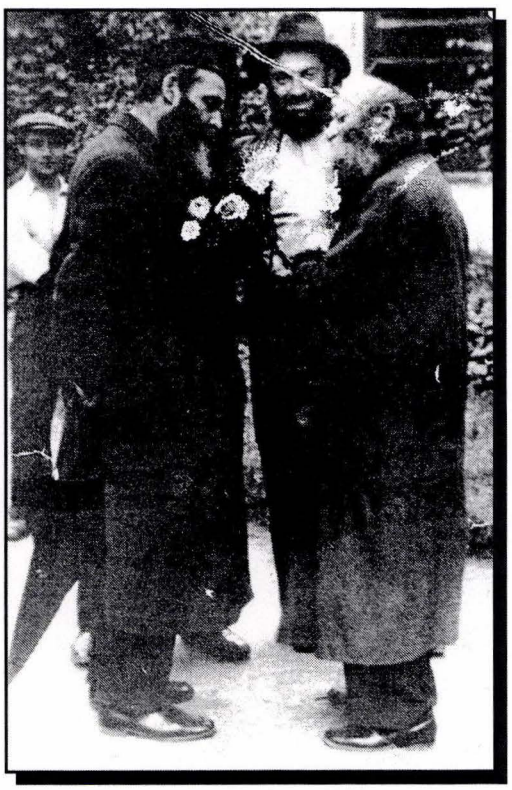
81a-Israel Moshe Koshitsky



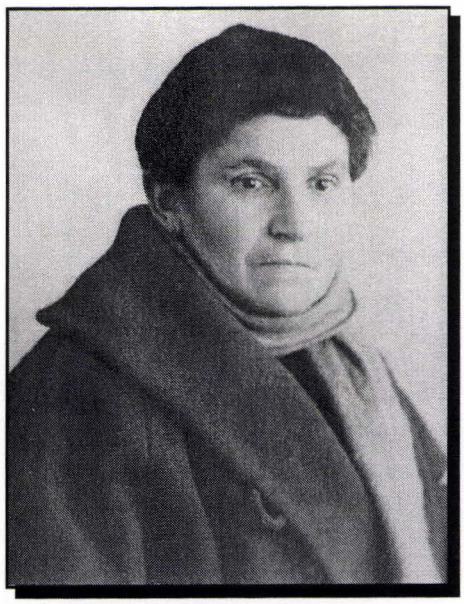
81b-Grandmother Chaya Koshitsky with her grand daughter Raisel Besser Abramchick at her wedding 1937.



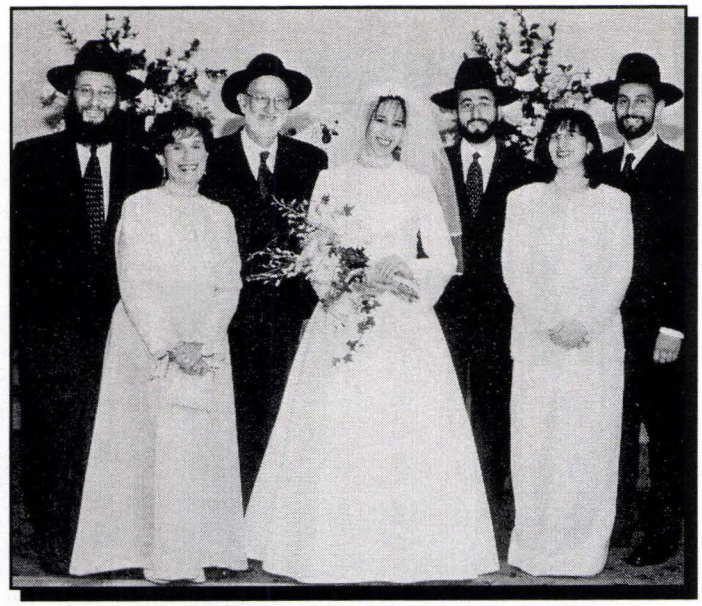
81c-Israel Moshe Koshitsky, with Chaskel and Akiva Besser, Krynica, 1934.



81d-A. Pelman with Noach Abramczyk



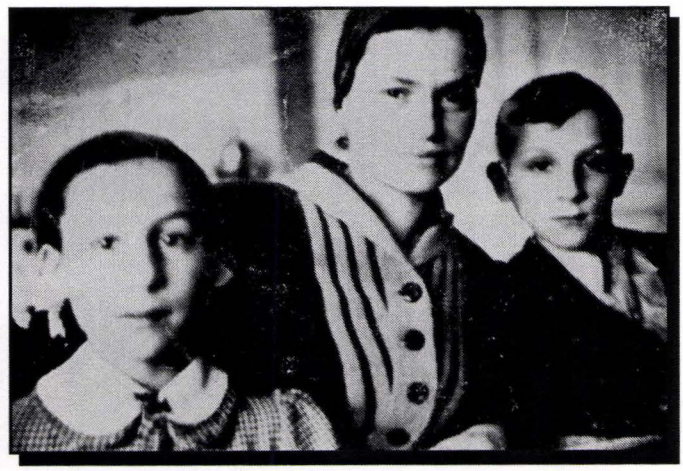
82a-Fraidel Koshitsky wife of Isaac



82b-Malka Goldwasser's (born Koshitsky) grand daughter, Rivka Birnbaum and family.
L-R-Avroham Uriel Birnbaum, Rivka Birnbaum (ne'e Pardes) daughter of Brauhe Goldwasser, Elozer Birnbaum (Rivka's husband), Miriam Devorah Birnbaum-Kaganoff, Shmuel Menachem Birnbaum, Sarah Malka Eisen, Nochum Nossen Josef Birnbaum.



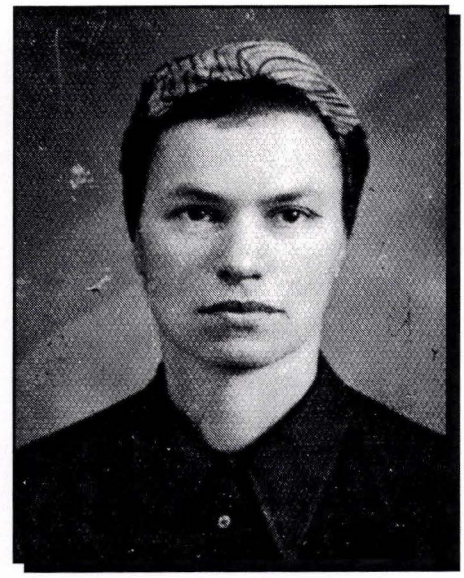
82c-Yache Koshitsky, wife of Avrahom Koshitsky



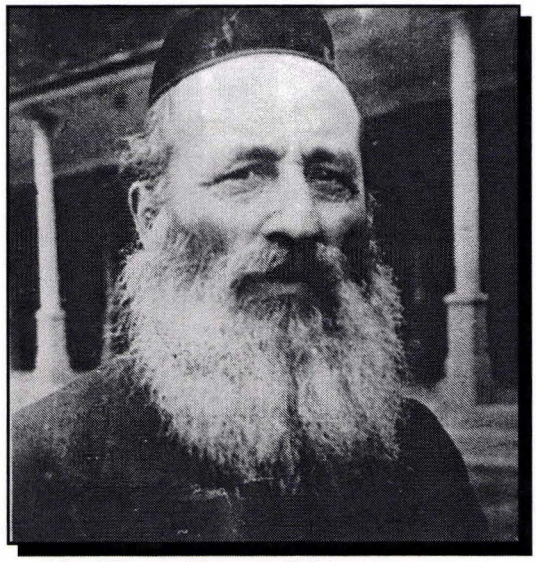
82d-Brona Goldwasser with the twins Mordechai and Rochel.



83a-L-R Itzchal Warsawski, Shlomo Koshitski, Ossi Warsawski, Unknown, Jacob and Chaim Goldwasser, Avrohom Koshitski, myself, Rabbi Joseph Blumenfeld, Rabbi H. Zabrowsk, David Ryuski, Rabbi L. Cywiak.



83b-Brona Goldwasser, wife of Yaakov Goldwasser daughter of Avroham and Rachel Koshitsky



83c- Eliezer Zisman Goldwasser



83d-Malka Goldwasser with her daughter Bertha Pardes.



84a- Chaim And Frimet Wulkan with the Bluzever rebbitzin and her former husband, wife of Shlomo Koshitsky and son Shimeon.



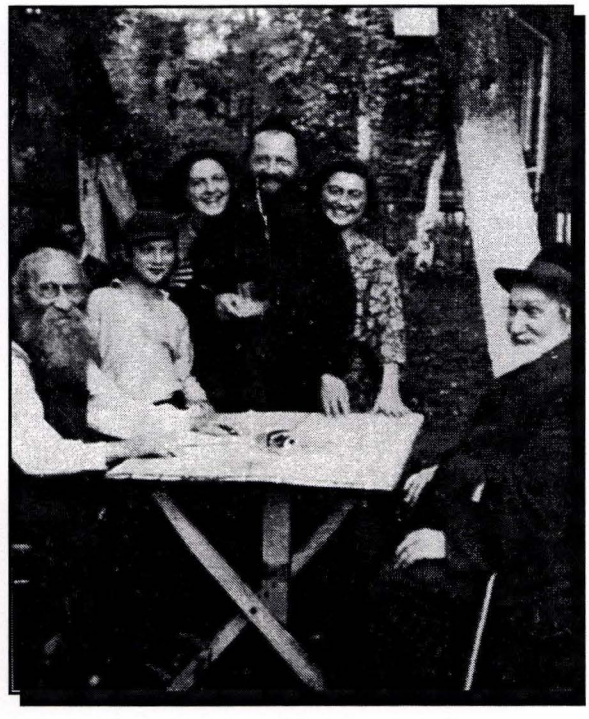
**84b-Issac Koshitsky and family at the spa in Marimbad Czechoslavakia.
l-r, Pepi, Manya, Issac, Avrohom, Chayalia, Yocheved,, Freida, Standing Josef Lieber.**



85a-Chaskel Besser, The Solarz sisters and Weintraub and A. Pearlman,



85b-Chaskel Besser age 14.



85c-Lazar Kozicki, and Zalman Leib Pelman, with two daughters and son Bubi, also in the picture is Mr. Bechner.



86a-Zalman Leib Pelman and his family, 1924.



86b-A. Pelman with his wife and H. Goldwasser and his wife.



86c-Chana Pelman with her children, Abraham, Chaskel, Chaim Chiel and daughter Rosa. Standing in the back are David Kozicki and his sister Miriam, 1919.



87a- back row l-r, Akiva Besser, Debbie Besser, myself and my wife, Mr. and Mrs. T. Baum, Mr. and Mrs. Lew Shulgasser.
in front, Shlomo Besser and wife with Naftali Besser.



87b-r-l, Akiva Besser, Sydney Stanley, Moshe Berenstein, myself and a photographer.



87c- Froncha Besser and daughter



87d- Jacob and Chaim Goldwasser



87d- Sitting l-r, Mordechai Heller, Naftali Bessre, Nathan Perl, Pressberger Rav, Rabbi Akiva Sofes, Harry (the Chason), Rabbi M. Eisenstadt, Sternfeld and Avrahom Koshitski.



87e- Pecie Koshitski with daughter and granddaughter.



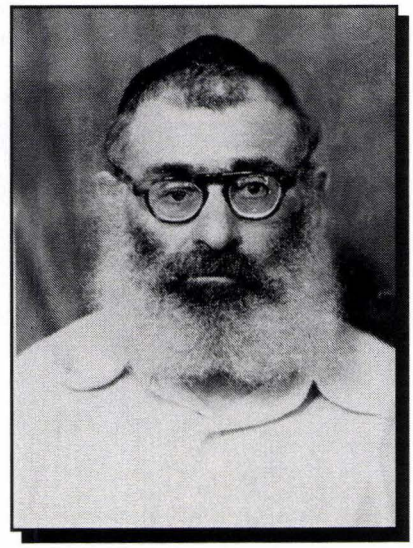
88a- A group of young modern orthodox men from Oswiecim, Second from left top row Israel Koshitski.



88b-Brothers Moishe and Naftali Bienenstock.



88c- Shlomo Landau in Krynica, in the good old days.



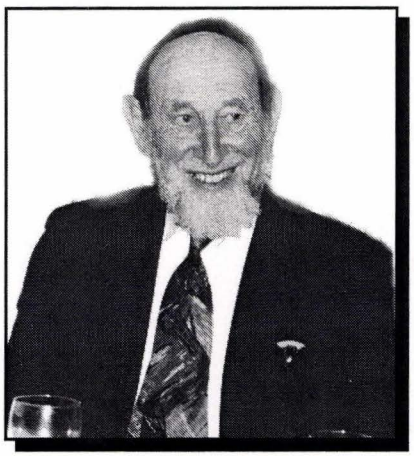
88d-Avraham Dov Dratwa from Lodz, he saved himself during the Holocaust by listening to my advice.



88e- The Chazan Ish at a Bechina in a hebrew school in Hertzlia Israel.



88f- Zisel Leah Koshitski



89a-Proffesor Cyril Domb



89b-The Bluzever Rebbe Rabbi Meir Landau and Shloime Wulkan, Tel Aviv 1962.



89c-Frimet Wulkan



89d-Frimet Wulkan



89e-Malka Goldwasser



89f-Last picture of Chaim Wulkan with his daughter Ziporah Dombroski, her daughter Rita Rimon and her baby daughter Nomi, Tel Aviv 1957.



89g-Rav Chaim Yaacov Rottenberg, Johny Miller, the choson Akiva Shoham, Leibele Gerson. At the t'noim of Shoham-Gutwirt wedding, London 1963.

1a-My maternal grand-father, father of my mother, Israel Moshe Koshitski, eldest son of Chaim Yechiel Koshitski, lived in Oswiecim and Katowice, killed by the Germans one day after Simchat Torah 1942.
1b-His wife Chaya nee' Jungerwirt, my maternal grandmother, was born in Jaworzno, died on the fifth day of Cheshvan 1939 in Lvov while escaping from Germans, she was buried in Lvov.
1c-My grandfather Israel Moshe Koshitski, being greeted at the railroad station in Krynica by his devoted pupil, Zisel Rosner.
1d-My paternal grand-father, Eliyahu Eluzer Koshitski, second son of Chaim Yechiel Koshitski, lived in Oswiecim and Berlin, died on the fifth day of Kislev, 1936.

2a-Photo taken in Zurich 1914-15, includes many of the religious Jews from Poland who were in Zurich at the beginning of WWI. In the front row, first from the right is my great uncle Avraham Koshitski, fourth from right is my mothers brother, Eliyahu Koshitski.
2b-The Radomsker Rebbe, with my father in Luhacowice, 1934.
2c-The Gerrer Rebbe (Imrei Emmes), with my great uncle Avrahom Koshitski at the port of Trieste, 1924.

3a-My mother and my sister, in the USA around 1960.
3b-My father Naftali Besser, around 1922.
3c-My wife, Motti and Frumet
3d-Naftali, Frumet and Mendy Besser
3e-My mother with her cousin Rosa Warsavsky, N.Y. 1965.

4a-Eisig Koshitski, son of Chaim Chiel.
4b-Mendel Koshitski, my mother's brother, lived in Berlin and was killed in Tarnov with his wife, daughter of Izack Koshitski 1943.
4c- My great aunt, Rebbitzen Landau (Kenter Rebbitzen) and her children and grand children Oswiecim, 1936.
4d- My great uncle, the Kenter Rov, Rabbi Eliezer Landau with his sons Shlomo and Abish and grandson at Oswiecim 1936.

5a-My mother in law Chasia Rivka nee' Bergman, born in Jerusalem, died and buried in Benei Brak, 13 of Av.
5b-Mr. Rosenbaum father in law of Eliezer Bergman, great grandfather of my mother in law from Fuerth Bavaria, financial advisor to King Ludwig II of Bavaria.
5c-Rabbi Levi, a relative of my mother in law.
5d-My father in law, Dov Ludmir and my mother in law, at the wedding of their daughter Chaya, 1958 Jerusalem.

Photos from the wedding of my sister, Reisel to Motel Abramczyk 4th Elul 1937, Krakow Poland.
6a-Sitting from right:Bayla Koshitski, Mindel Melchior (my mothers sister), my grandmother Chaya Koshitski. Standing second row from right Leah Melchior, Berta Weingarten, Berta Pachter, my mother, Mindel Koshitski, Miriam Zlotogorsky and the Bluzever Rebbitzen.
6b-Standing around the Kallah, The Bluzever Rebbitzen, Mania Koshitski, my mother, Bronia Wiengarten, Berta Pachter, Miriam Zlotogorsky (my fathers sister) and the kallah sitting on the chair.
6c-In the picture: Moshe Koshitski (my fathers brother), Israel Avraham Koshitski, Kalman Koshitski, Shlomo Zlotogorski and Shamo Shreiber, Moshe Schreiber, Hershel Pachter, Yehoshua Abramczyk, my mother and myself (partially hidden at the extream right of the picture).

7a-The Radomsker Rebbe in Krynica 1937. To the rebbe's left, my father, the Rebbes son in law, my uncle Shlomo Grubner, his brother Zissel Grubner, and Chaskel Grubner, Israel Chaim Koshitski is the child in the picture.
7b-Rachmiel Koshitski, my father's older brother, lived in Berlin and is buried in Bnei-Brak.
7c-Koshitski family at a wedding in Israel.

8a-My father Naftali with my son Shlomo in Tel Aviv 1945.
8b-Bar Mitzva of Shlomo Besser at a NY hotel, 1957. At the table, my brother Akiva Besser, Ben Tzion Shenker, Nachman Rosen, Avraham Shenker, Zalman Brinner, Rabbi Naftali
Halberstam, Standing Rabbi Avraham Sofer.
8c-Shlomo Besser speaking at his Bar Mitzva, on his right Rabbi Lebowitz ((Hod-Haz later of Vienna) Rabbi Joseph Blumenfeld, in the back my brother Akiva and uncle Rabbi Bergman.

9a-At my house in NY in 1959, in the back standing my brother Akiva flanked by my son Shlomo and his son Motty. Sittting myself, my brothers son Naftali, my wife, on her knees our daughter Debbie, my mother, my daughter Aliza, and my nephew Yankel Abramchik.
9b- My mother standing with my father's sister Bruchie, Berlin1923
9c-l-r My aunt Chava Koshitski and her husband David, my cousin Jacob Goldwasser and his wife Regina. Picture taken 1970.
9d-Picture taken in Krynica 1937. l-r My cousin Israel Avraham Koshitski, his brother Chaskel, my sister, my brother Kalman, my cousin Raizel Pelman later Koshitski , my cousin Itchy Weintraub, in front is my brother Akiva.

10a- My passport Photo, 1939.
10b-In Bad Kudova, with the daughter of the Radomsker Rebbe, listening to music 1930-31.
10c-On skis in Krynica 1937.

11a- At a simcha in NY sitting from right, Israel Koshitski from Canada, Dovid Koshitski with his son Zvi, Moshe Goldfinger, Nachman Elbaum, Warshawski, Krakovski and others.
11b-My brothers son, Motty's bris in Tel Aviv, 1946. Standing my brother, sitting from the left, the mohel, Rabbi Chazan, my uncle Avraham Koshitski, my father, Rabbi Ginzberg of Strozenic at the head of the table Rabbi Zvi Eisenstadt, my uncle Rachmiel, Mendel Morgenstein my father's partner and in front his son Avraham.
11c- My brothers son, Motty's bris in Tel Aviv, 1946. l-r Macie Koshitski wife of my uncle Eliyahu, her daughter Bronia Rynski, Miriam Frankel, Mrs. Eli Stern, Standing l-r My mother, Leah Koshitski daughter of my uncle David, Kive Koshitski's son Moshe and Dovid Gottlieb. Visible in the back are my father and my brother Akiva.

12a- Krynica 1937, center The Radomsker Rebbetzin, on her right her sister in law the Amshinov Rebbitzin Kalish, daughter of the Chesed L'Avraham, Raisel Rabbinowitz daughter of Radomsker Rebbe, on far right of photo Miriam Koshitski wife of Dovid Koshitski.
12b- Katowice 1936, my sister Raizel, on her right, wife of Shlomo Koshitski Blima ne'e Birenhak and daughter Reizel, walking on the street named 3rd of May.
12c- Krynica 1936-7, l-r My father, The Radomsker Rebbitzin her sister in law Twersky with her daughter and David Shapiro.

13a-At the Lubabitcher Rebbes tisch. The Rebbe in the center, Rabbi Yolles to the left and myself at the far right.
13b-At an Agudah convention, to my right Rabbi Eliezer Silver to my left Rabbi Blumenfeld at the rear Baruch Robinson.
13c- At an Agudah Dinner, to my right Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, Rabbi Ruderman and Rabbi Yaacov Kaminetzky.
13d-At an Agudah convention, to my right, The Bianer and Blushiver Rebbes, to my left Rabbi Eliezer Silver, The Novominsker Rebbe. Standing in the rear is Mr. Hertz

14a- Wedding of Shlomo, on my left, Mr. Gepner and my father in law, to my right the chason Shlomo, NY 1966.
14b- r-l, Hodhaser Rav Lebowitz, The Bluzever Rebbe, Rabbi Shlomo Gotleib, Rabbi Benyamin Hendeles and Michael Tress.
14c- Sheva Brachos for my son Shlomo to my right, Mr. Gepner, Rabbi Elberg, Rabbi Hirsprung, the Blushiver Rebbbe, Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, the choson, Rabbi Mechael Birnbaum, on the left side of the picture my shver Ber Ludmir.
15a- At Shlomo's Bar Mitzvah, l-r The Bluzever, Rebbe Lebowitz, Rabbi Yackov Bergman, kissing Shlomo, Rabbi Zvi Eisenstadt and Rabbi Joseph Hirsh.
15b- At Shlomo's Bar Mitzvah, on my left Rabbi Blumenfeld, on my right, Moshe Prager, my partner Mr. Lev Shulgasser and the Bar Mitzvah boy.
15c- Sheva brochos for Shlomo l-r, Rabbi Eisenstadt, Rabbi Birenbaum, The Kapishnitzer Rebbe, The Choson, Rabbi Moshe Feinstein and the Bluzever Rebbe.

16a-Lugano 1952-3, with family and Nochum Halpern.
16b- In Switzerland 1952, right, Blima Mayer, Raizel Landau, my wife, Genia Mayer and Lesi Landau.
16c- Bar Mitzvah of Lesi Landau, left, Chaskel Koshitski, Mr. Halbertal, Shlomo Landau, Mr. Kessler, Rabbi Kreiswirt, in the front right Izzie Miller and David Pardes.

17a- At St. Moritz with my mother and sister, 1960.
17b- With Ambassador to the U.N. Jean Kirkpatrick
17c- In our house, Rebbetzin Herzog with my wife and my sister in law Chana Elbaum.

18a- Rinsky Chasaneh in Tel Aviv, l-r, David Rynski, the choson Moshe Orenstein, The grand mother Mrs. Macie Koshitski the Kallah with her mother Mrs. Bronke Rinski and Mrs. Orenstein. Second row r-l my cousin Shlomo Akiva Koshitski, Shlomo Koshitski, his wife Mina and their daughter Sarah.
18b- Wedding of Chaim Chaskel Horowitz, son Joseph Eliyahu, sister of my mother in Tel Aviv. Front row, Chason, Kallah and Yosef Eliezer and his wife Rivka Horowitz. Second row, son in law Hendeles and his wife, daughter Ruth and his son Shlomo, taken about 1950.
18c-Wedding of Shlomo Horowitz with his kallah, standing, Sidney Stanley, my uncle Avraham Koshitski, and the Horowitz family.

19a- Wedding of my wifes brother Mordechai Ludmir to Chaya Rabinowitz, beside the Chason Kallah, myself, my father and mother in law, brother's in law, Baum, Elbaum and kallah's brother Rabinowitz.
19b- Wedding of Tuvia Schwartz with daughter of my aunt Rivka Horowitz, Chief Rabbi Frenkel, my uncle Rachmiel, Rabbi Naftali Chaim Adler, my cousin Rabbi Shalom Shapiro and others.
19c- My mother and her sister in law Pecie Koshitski wife of Joseph Koshitski, Tel Aviv, 1960.

20a- At a simcha in Tel Aviv, r-l, Binyamin Mintz, Jacob Goldwasser, also visible my mother, Shlomo Koshitski, my sister, and Salah Kornitzer.
20b- Together with The Rishon L'Tzion, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef.
20c-At David Rosenberg's wedding, r-l, The Pnei Menachem, Menachem Elbaum, Shea Abramchik, Lieble Cywiak, Liebish Rabinowitz, Wolf Weinreb, in the back, Joe Ganger and Huna Meisles.
20d- Simcha mishpachtit in Tel Aviv. l-r our physician Dr. Manhiemer, David Gottlieb. Yoshe Goldfinger, Dovid Shmuel Koshitski, on the other side of the table, Joseph Koshitski, son of Meir Koshitski and others.

21a- Dancing at Shlomo's Sheve Brachos, l-r The Bluzever Rebbe, Rabbi Eisenstadt, The Kapishnitzer Rebbe, the choson Shlomo, myself and Nachman Elbaum.
21b- With The Radzyner Rebbe, Rav Englard.
21c- At an Agudah convention in NY, standing Rabbi Mendel Hodrov, sitting from right the Bianer Rebbe, myself and Rabbi David Singer.
21d-My father in law and mother in law, with my wife and daughter Aliza.

22a- My brother in laws wedding in Jerusalem. l-r, Nachman Elbaum, Menachem Baum, myself, Avraham Ludmir and my father in law.
22b- Shlomo's engagement party, Shomo, myself, Rabbi Munk, The Shotzer Rebbe, Rabbi Hirsprung, Rabbi Niznik, presently Chief Rabbi of Montreal.
22c- The Besser family traveling back to NY aboard the Queen Elizabeth, 1953.

23a- r-l, Moshe Yitzchack Pardes, his wife son and daughter, Mrs. Ruth Cohen and her brother Chaskel Goldwasser.
23b- Mrs. Clara Landau, on her left Bertha Pelman-Schwartz, below her, her husband Mr. Schwartz, my wife, aunt Chancie Pelman and the son and daughter of the Schwartz's.
23c- The Bluzever Rebbe and his two sons (the present rebbe is on the right).

24a- The Bluzever Rebitzin and her son Itzchak.
24b-My cousin Avraham Melchior, brother of the Bluzever Rebbitzen.
24c- My mother with Frieda Abramchik and her children.

25a- At a meeting of Moetzet Gedoleh Ha'Torah. Sitting, Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, Rabbi Rudderman, Rabbi Kaminetzky, Rabbi Hutner, facing them The Bianer Rebbe, The Sadigora Rebbe, The Bluzever Rebbe, The Bostoner Rebb. Standing, Rabbi Moshe Sherer and myself.
25b- At a dinner in Los Angelos 1954, sitting beside myself Rabbi and Mrs. Adler and Rabbi Fenigstein.
25c- Speaking at the 50th Annual Agudath Yisrael Convention, 1972, , to my right Pnei Menachem, Rabbi Ruderman, Rabbi Kaminetzky, Sorotskin, to my left Rabbi Sherer, Rabbi Feinstein, Rabbi Shor, The Bostoner Rebbe, and the Kapishnitzer Rebbe.

26a- At St. Moritz 1961, from the right David Koshitski, Kive Koshitski, myself, my mother, David Shmuel Koshitski, my sister and her husband, Shiya Abramchik, Shlomo Koshitski , his wife and Chaskel Koshitski.
26b- At a dinner in Warsaw, with my daughter and Ronald S. Lauder, sitting, Mr. Honlein's Father, 1990.
26c- At The Nozyk Shul in Warsaw, Israeli Minister of Religion/Education, Zevulan Hammer davening at the amud, l-r Zelig Rabinowitz, myself, aid to Minister Hammer and Israeli Ambassador to Poland, cir. 1995.
26d- At the Rzeszow shul with Mr. Ronald S. Lauder and Malcolm Honlein.

27a- l-r, Chaskel Besser, Rayzel Abramchyk, David and Bronia Ryusk, Mrs. Pardes daughter of Malka, and Akiva Besser.
27b- My mother and Miriam Koshitski, (wife of David and daughter of Hirsh Leib) taken in Katowicie 1935.
27c- Rittenberg family with my mother and Chancie Pelman NY.
27d-l-r, The Brisker Rav, Rabbi Zeev Solovweiczyk, (his rebbe) Rabbi M. Zvi Eisenstadt (my Rebbe), Krynica, 1935.

28a-From the left, Shlomo Koshitski and his wife Mindel, in the center Malcie Koshitski and her daughter Broncha Rynski, behind her Sarale Koshitski, Arie Jungerwirt, and standing David Rynski.
28b-Wedding of Naftali Binenstock. center choson and kallah father and mother of the Kallah and Lotte Bieninstock.
28c-Wedding of Moshe Orenstein with Chief Rabbi Unterman in top hat.

29a- Arie Jungerwirt with my

mother.
29b-Mr. and Mrs. Israel Koshitski , newly wed, 1930's Katowice.
29c- -r-l, Rabbi Bergman, myself, Mordechai Ludmir, Shmuel Ludmir, The Skoloer Rebbe, Leibel Cywak, with Itche Meir Cywak speaking.
29d- In Montreal, Rebbitzen Hirshprung, Mrs. Gepner, Mrs. Chana Besser, my mother my wife and others.

30a- Speaking as "Founding Chairman" of the international Daf Yomi commission, at the 10th Siyum Hashas in Madison Square Garden, 1998.
30b- Speaking at the 9th Siyum Hashas in Madison Square Garden 1991.
30c- With Rabbbi Aaron Kotler and Rabbi Gifter in the 50's.

31a- At a meeting with Rabbi Kaminetzky, Rabbi Shneuer Kotler and Rabbi Rudderman.
31b- With The Bluzever Rebbe in his last year.
31c- With the Viznitzer Rebbe in Bnei Brak, 1999.

32a- Shlomo and Chana Besser getting dollars from the Lubavitcher Rebbe with their daughter in the background.
32b- Hushatiner Rebbe with my father in law and Shlomo Orenstein 1942.
32c- With the current Biyaner Rebbe.

33a- Wedding of Debbie Besser and David Rosenberg, NY. The Novominsker Rebbe, giving one of the sheva brachos under the chupah.
33b- Rimnitzer Rebbe at the wedding of Debbie and David.
33c-The Bluzever and Bobever Rebbe at a wedding during the early 50's.
33d-Shlomo Besser, The Amshinover Rebbe and Rabbi Chaskel Besser.

34a- Rabbi Elberg under the chupah at Debbbie and David's wedding giving a bracha.
34b- Grand father and uncle with Debbie and David at their wedding.
34c- Bar mitzvah of Shlomo Besser, with Moshe Prager and Lev Shulgasser, NY 1957.
34d- Wedding of my wifes sister Chaya being led to the chupah by her parents, Jerusalem 1950.

35a- Wedding of Lea Horowitz to Handeles, with her brothers and sister.
35b- At a simcha in my house, my sister Raizel, sister in law, Chaya Ludimir, my daughter Debbie, my niece Miri Abramchick.
35c-Sitting, Choson kallah, Avraham and Aliza Grund, Mr. Chaim Grund and Naftali Besser. Standing, Mrs. Grund with my mother and sister.
35d-Debbie Besser Recieving an award from her Piano Teacher.
35e- With my grand-daughter Rivkie and great-grand-daughter Esther Malka.

36a-Warm greeting in Washington from Under Secretary of State Stuart Einsenstadt with Rabbi Moshe Scherer, 1996/7
36b- Mrs. Aliza Begin, in my house at the time of Camp David.
36c- At an Aguda dinner reception with NY Governor Hugh Carey and Mr. Sheldon Baron of Denver Colorado 1975.

37a- Dinner reception 1954, sitting l-r, The Bluzever Rebbitzin, my mother, Frumit Besser, , Reisel Abramczik, Ahuva Besser and Mina Baum.
Standing David Ryuski, Menacham Baum, Mottle Abramchick, myself, Yitzchak Spira and H. l. Spira.
37b- At the train station in Katowice.
37c- In Lublin 1998, celebrating the 10th Siyum Hashas, l-r, Shuki Greenberger, myself, Sruly Rosenberg, Jake Schuster, Shlomo Besser.
37d- In Lipnik, Czeck Republic, 1991, l-r, Rabbi Chuna Halpern of London, myself, Rabbi Moshe Scherer and Rabbi Freshwater of London.

38a- 1933 In a car on the way to Krosno, the Radomsker Rebbe in the back, in the middle section of the car David Stahl from Lodz, Hershel Pachter from Sosnovie myself as a young boy and my father sitting next to the driver.
38b- With the son of the Brisker Rov, Rav David Soloweichik, 1990 Jerusalem.
38c- With Chief Rabbi Herzog, Jerusalem 1959.

39a- At Shlomo's wedding, l-r, myself The Shatzer Rebbe of Montreal, Rabbi Munk and Mr. Geppner, as the chason, Shlomo signs the t'naim.
39b- Family portrait taken at the wedding of David and Debbie Rosenberg, sitting my daughter Aliza and daughter in law Chana with their children. Standing Abe Grund, my wife, Chason, Kallah., myself and two sons Shlomo and Naftali.
39c- At the same wedding sitting next to the chason, the Amshinver Rebbe, standing, reading the t'naim, Rabbi Perkowski, Rabbi Avraham Shreiber, Nahman Elbaum, Rabbi Vorhand and Mr. Grund.

40a- Family gathering in Jerusalem 1967, sitting at the table my mother in law and her daughter Chaya. Standing my father in law and to his right, his son Mordechai and his wife, my son Shlomo and his wife, left Chana Elbaum and Menachem Baum's daughter.
40b- At the wedding of Debbie and David Rosenberg.
40c- Family portrait taken at the wedding of Yaakov and Frieda Abramchick. Sitting l-r Motel Abramchick, Moshe Horowitz, Yaakov and Frieda Abramchick, her mother, my sister, my mother, Mrs. Leizer. Standing from the left, Shia Abramchick and wife, Shlomo Besser, Mr. Horowitz myself, my wife, Sarah Kornitzer, Eliyahu Abramchick and wife.

41a-Family portrait at Berger wedding, 1987-88.
41b- Mr. and Mrs Greenberger with their son, Shlomo Besser holding his grand-daughter, Yitzchak Gepner with his wife and son.
41c-Sarah Abramchick, Warsashvski, Zila Besser, Akiva Besser, Fromita Besser.
41d- Kala Low, her mother Ruchie Low, Ahuva Besser, and sister of the Kallah, standing l-r, Chaya Cohen, Chana Elbaum, Mrs. Sara Ludmir and Chaya Ludmir.

42a- l-r Mina Bergman, Dov Ludmir, Ahuva Besser, and the children Shlomo and Aliza.
42b- l-r David Shmuel Koshitski, Nati Stern. myself, in front Leah Besser and friends.
42c- At the innaugretion of the Jewish Memorial in Katowice, with my former schoolmates.
42d-Chazkel Besser, Akiva Besser, Srulik Koshitzky and Horowitz.

43a- With German Chancellor Willie Brandt and German Ambassador, NY 1970.
43b-Dinner honoring Rabbi and Mrs. Besser in LA 1953.
43c- Ground breaking at Yad Binyamin, 1960's, Chief Rabbi Nissim, Rabbi Greisman, Rachmiel Koshitski and myself.

44a- The Bluzever Rebbitzen in 1945, after returning from camp with her two sons, with two daughters of David Koshitski.
44b- Mina Herbert, and her sister Mania Koshitski, daughters of Moshe Koshitski, Ratibor.
44c- My mother's sister Faigele Jungerwirt with my brother Akiva in Krynica 1933.

45a- Kalman Koshitski from Zabrze with his four sons, 1938.
45b- Children of Moshe Koshitski, taken in Ratibor 1927, l-r Lotte, Reisel, Berta, Mina, Chaim Chiel, Solomon, Chana and Akiva.
45c- The Judenrat of the Ghetto Borislav 1942, Sitting second from the left Shlomo Koshitski, son of Issac his son is sitting on the floor.

46a- 1929, With Berta Pachter in Reinerz.
46b- Sisters Raizel and Bertle Pelman, 1936.
46c- My mother with Rosie Koshitski from Triest.

47a- My wife Ahuvah and I, getting dollars from the Lubavitcher Rebbe.
47b- A happy moment with the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

48a- Family portrait taken at the wedding of Nachman Elbaum and his wife Chana, next to the choson Avraham Ludmir, standing in the back Dov Luimir, Issac Elbaum, followed by Menachem Baum, and his wife, Mrs. Shlessinger, on the right Mordechai Ludmir and his mother Jerusalem 1952.

48b- B'deckin at Debbie's Wedding 1977/8. l-r The Bluzever Rebbitzen, The Bobover Rebbitzen and on the right Mr. Elia Perlow.
48c- Family portrait with mywife and their daughter Debbie and her children in London1990.

49a- Bris of son of Dalia Guraryeh, nephew of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, in Washington.
49b- Honoring Jan Karski at the Polish Consulate in NY 1996.
49c- Wedding in Jerusalem 1950's, in the center Dov Ludmir and myself.

50a- Family portrait at Debbie and David Rosenbergs wedding, N.Y. 1978.
50b- At the pyramids, 1946, with Ben Tzion Shenker.
50c- At the Bronx Zoo, Dov and Rivky Ludmir, Ahuva Besser and Debbie, 1957.

51a- 1956 in the office of NY Mayor Wagner, with Hungarian child refugees. Standing r-l, Michael Tress, Louis Septimus, Rabbi Chaskel Besser, Rabbi Moshe Sherer, Charles Young and Rabbi Yisrael Meir Stienberg.
51b- Reception in honor of Rabbi Shlomo Goren, NY 1960's. To the right of Rabbi Goren, Rabbi Walkin, Rabbi Besser, among those standing Rabbi Leo Jung, Rabbi Gold, Rabbi Lookstein, Moshe Dykman, Rabbi Bergman and Rabbi Schoenfeld.
51c- Mrs. Aliza Begin visiting in our house at the time of the Camp David Accords.

52a- With Rabbi Sherer greeting Senator Ted Kennedy.
52b- With vice presidential candidate, Senator Joseph Lieberman.
52c- With Polish Prime Minister Leszek Miller.
52d- 1992, two weeks before the Gulf War with President George and Laura Bush as Vice President Dan Quayle and his wife, Marilyn look on.

53a- With Dr. Erhard Hotlermann, Counsul General of Germany and Mr Eitzaker, President of the Federal Republic of Gern.many
53b- Drinking a L'Chaim with good friend Zero Mostel.
53c- With Prime Minister Menachem Begin, at the Knesset.
53d- Meeting with President Zalman Shazar at the Presidential residence in Jerusalem.

54a- With Mayor Rudolph Giulliani, Mr. George Klein and Mr. Gross, at a dinner for Manhatan High School For Girls.
54b- Dr. Emil Sommerstein, member of the Polish cabinet his family and Dr. Hilel Seidman, Florida, NY 1950's.
54c- With the Romanian Prime Minister, Adrian Nastase, 2000.
54d- With Attorney General Robert Morgenthau, 1999.

55a- With Prime Minister Frazer of Australia in NY 1970's.
55b- Meeting with Prime Minister Yitzchack Shamir Rabbi Kolitz and Achimeir.
55c- At an Agudah dinner, l-r Rabbi Moshe Scherer, myself, Secretary of Education Bell, NY Mayor Ed Koch and Attorney General Abrams.

56a- At the presidential palace, Warsaw 1998, President Kwasniewki presenting a medal to Rabbi Besser.
56b- With Senator Jacob Javitz, and Rabbi Sherer.
56c- With King Abdullah of Jordan, Ronald S. Lauder, Malcolm Honlein and Max Birnback.
56d- Lesh Waleasa, Ronald S. Lauder, myself and Minister B. Geremek.
56e- Rabbi Besser with senator Lautenberg and Michael Lewin.

57a- At the Ukranian Embassy, with Professor Riecher, President Kuchma and others.
57b- With Rabbi Sherer meeting with NY Governor Nelson Rockefeller.
57c- With US Ambassador to Israel , Keating, and Bernard Katzen, adviser to Dulles.

58a- Rabbi Moshe Feinstien at Ramat Rachel in Jerusalem doing kriya while looking toward the old city, with Rabbi Birnbaum, Yosef Charif and Shlomo Besser.
59b- Wedding of Debbie Besser to David Rosenberg with the Rimnitzer Rebbe as the m'sader kedushin.
59c- Mordechai Ludmir with his son Shmuel Ludmir.

60a- l-r Rabbis Chaskel Koshitski, David Koshitski and myself.
60b- l-r Rabbi Yaakov Kaminetzky, Rav Aaron Kotler, Rabbi Eliezer Silver, Rabbi Chaskel Besser, Rabbi Moshe Sherer, Rabbi Avraham Twersky, and Louis Septamus.
60c- Family Simcha in Israel, early 50's.

61a- With Rabbi Eliezer Schach, in Bnei Brak.
61b- Wedding of Naftali Binenstock. In picture: Osherower Rebbe, Rabbi Ehrenberg and others.
61c- l-r Rabbi Moshe Sherer, Mayor Rudolph Giulliani and myself at an Agudah dinner.
61d- Rabbi Chaskel Besser with the Machnovker Rebbe.

62a- With U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Ogden Reid and his wife 1954.
62b- Wedding of David Rosenberg, seated from r-l The Amshinover Rebbe, David Rosenberg and Rabbi Pinchus Menachem Alter, the future Gerer Rebbe.
62c- The mitzva dance at the wedding of David Rosenberg.

63a- Meeting with Bartley C. Crum, member of U.S. Commission on Palestine, 1952.
63- At the 35th Agudath Yisrael of America Convention, 1957.
63c- Wth Rebbitzen Herzog and Prof. Kaufman in our house.

64a- With Rabbi Moshe Steinberg and Dr. Joseph Burg.
64b- With the current Gerer Rebbe.
64c- With Rabbi Shneur Kotler.
64d- With the Ponevezer Rav, Rabbi M. Zaks and Rabbi Lesin, in my shul in N.Y.

65a- With close friend Rabbi Chaim Kreiswirt, in our home, 1953.
65b- Eliahu Koshitski with his wife and sons.
65c- At a simcha with freinds Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Perl, Mr. and Mrs. I. Reichman, Toronto Teodor Braun and the Bessers.

66a- Family portrait at the wedding of Elie Abramchick, 1960.
66b- Radomsker Rebbe with Naftali Besser and S. Landau, Mr. Teitlbaum and Mr. Poz and the Rebbes Gabai Chaskel Eliezer.
66c- At the March of the living in Oswiecim (Auschwitz), with Rabbi and Rebbitzin Lau.

67a- Wedding of Miriam Frenkel, Tel Aviv 1947, l-r FrimetBesser, the kalah Miriam Frenkel, Leah Koshitzky, Esther Gruber and Bracha Koshitsty.
67b- Beddeken at the current Bluzever Rebbes Wedding.
67c- With The Bluzever Rebbe Rabbi Abramowitz and Myself.
67d- Rabbi Besser addressing the 6th World Kenesia Gedolah of Agudath Yisrael in Jerusalem.

68a- Sitting r-l, Mrs. Gross Mrs. Besser, Mr. Kornitzer, Rabbi Kornitzer and myself. Standing r-l, Mr. And Mrs. Harold Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Max Etra.
68b- With Harav Pam
68c- l-r, Gerer Rebbe, myself, Rabbi Goldberg, Rabbi S. Orenstein, Rabbi Z. Hartzstark.
68d- With Friend Sam Reshewski, International Chess Champion.

69a- Bianer Rebbe with Dov Ludmir.
69b- With The Gerer Rebbe

and The Novominsker Rebbe.
69c-With Rabbi Bold of Levov at the Graves of the Rebbes in Komarno.
69d-With the Gerer Rebbe and others in NY.

70a- Grave of Elazar Koshitzki in Oswiecim.
70b-At Oswiemcem Cemetery l-r, Zila Besser, Motti Besser, myself, Shlomo Besser, Sruli Rosenberg and Isruli Besser.
70c- Tombstone of Rachel Koshitski, mother of Naftali Besser, Berlin 1925.

71a- r-l, Dovid Koshitsky, Chaskel and Akiva Besser, Motel Abramczyk and Nachman Rosen.
71b- With Rabbis Mendelson and Rabbi Lewin.
71c- Sitting in the center, The Presburger Rav Rabbi Akiva Sofer, on his left his son, on his right Rabbbi Otche Meir Lewin, Rabbi Yosef Naftali Stern and myself, circ. 1955.

At The United Nations 1948, 1952
72-Upper left- Vishinski, Dag Hammershald and Ormsy Gore. Upper right- Myself and Hilel Seidman in the press section. Lower left- Dr. Malik of Lebanon and Parodi of France. Lower right- Dr. Tsiang of China.

73a- Marcus Wulkan, Frimet Wulkan and Esther Cantor Wulkan.
73b- Lana Schnitzer and sister Rene Goldstein.
73c- Lana Schnitzer at the monument of Eliezer Koshitzky.
73d-Lana Schnitzer (Wulkan).
73e-Chaim Wulkan, Frimet Wulkan, uncle Aron Wulkan, Renee and Erica Cantor.
73f- Esther Cantor, Szlomo Wulkan and daughters Erica and Esther.

74a- Sarah Dombroeski (Wulkan).
74b-Esther Cantor and Daughter Erica at Erica's wedding.
74c-Shmuel And Lana Wulkan Schnitzer (Koshitzky) and Ruzia Haber, Schnitzer.
74d-Grandparents Chaim And Frimet Wulkan and Lana Schnitzer.

75a-Moshe Koshitsky.
75b- Chaim and Frimet Wulkan .
75c-Michael and Bronyah Weingarten and family.

76a- A. Pelman with sister, son, daughter and niece.
76b-A. Pelman and sons.

77a-Dancing at Debbies wedding, with my good friend Avraham Yoseph Shapira and his son. Also in the picture are Rabbi Feivelson of Tzfat, Mr. Zajac of Sao Palo, Mr. Zevulan Reichman of Toronto and Rabbi Benny Kahn of Jerusalem
77b-Rav Pam speaking l-r, Nachman Elbaum, Myself, Rav Pam, Naftali Besser, Naftali's father in law Rabbi Shmuel Piller, Rabbi Yoseph Cohen, and Rabbi Jacob Bergman.

78a-Dancing at Naftali's wedding, Shlomo, NAftali and Mr. Piller. Also in the picture are, Elihu Abramchik, Avraham Yisacher Pelman, Lenny Schwartz, Cousin Piller not Brother, Nachman Elbaum and Yaakov Abramchick.
78b-At the Bris of Mordechai Besser son of Naftali Besser, l-r, Naftali Besser Bluzever Rebbe, Rabbi Shmuel Piller, Rabbi David Koshitsky holding the baby, the mohel and myself.

79a-Katriel Kaufman Family with son-in-law Levi and sons.
79b-Mitzva dance with David Koshitski and his grandaughter
79c- Golda and Israel Koshitsky.

80a- Passport pictures of Miriam wife of David Koshitsky and her seven children taken just before the beginning of the war.

81a-Israel Moshe Koshitsky
81b-Grandmther Chaya Koshitsky with her grand daughter Raisel Besser Abramchick at her wedding 1937.
81c-Israel Moshe Koshitsky, with Chaskel and Akiva Besser, Krynica, 1934.
81d-A. Pelman with Noach Abramczyk.

82a-Fraidel Koshitsky wife of Isaac.
82b-Malka Goldwasser's (born Koshitsky) grand daughter, Rivka Birnbaum and family. L-R-Avroham Uriel Birnbaum, Rivka Birnbaum (ne'e Pardes) daughter of Brauhe Goldwasser, Elozer Birnbaum (Rivka's husband), Miriam Devorah Birnbaum-Kaganoff, Shmuel Menachem Birnbaum, Sarah Malka Eisen, Nochum Nossen Josef Birnbaum.
82c-Yache Koshitsky, wife of Avrahom Koshitsky.

83a-L-R Itzchal Warsawski, Shlomo Koshitski, Ossi Warsawski, Unknown, Jacob and Chaim Goldwasser, Avrohom Koshitski, myself, Rabbi Joseph Blumenfeld, Rabbi H. Zabrowsk, David Ryuski, Rabbi L. Cywiak.
83b-Malka Goldwasser with her daughter Bertha Pardes.
83c-Eliezer Zisman, Goldwasser

83d-Brona Goldwasser, wife of Yaakov Goldwasser daughter of Avroham and Rachel Koshitsky
84a- Chaim And Frimet Wulkan with the Bluzever rebbitzin and her former husband, wife of Shlomo Koshitsky and son Shimeon.
84b-Issac Koshitsky and family at the spa in Marimbad Czechoslavakia. l-r, Pepi, Manya, Issac, Avrohom, Chayalia, Yocheved,, Freida, Standing Josef Lieber.

85a-Chaskel Besser, The Solarz sisters and Weintraub and A. Pearlman,
85b-Chaskel Besser age 14.
85c-Lazar Kozicki, and Zalman Leib Pelman, with two daughters and son Bubi, also in the picture is Mr. Bechner.

86a-Zalman Leib Pelman and his family, 1924.
86b-A. Pelman with his wife and H. Goldwasser and his wife.
86c-Chana Pelman with her children, Abraham, Chaskel, Chaim Chiel and daughter Rosa. Standing in the back are David Kozicki and his sister Miriam, 1919.

87a- back row l-r, Akiva Besser, Debbie Besser, myself and my wife, Mr. and Mrs. T. Baum, Mr. and Mrs. Lew Shulgasser. in front, Shlomo Besser and wife with Naftali Besser.
87b-r-l, Akiva Besser, Sydney Stanley, Moshe Berenstein, myself and a photographer.
87c- Froncha Besser and daughter
87d- Jacob and Chaim Goldwasser
87e- Sitting l-r, Mordechai Heller, Naftali Bessre, Nathan Perl, Pressberger Rav, Rabbi Akiva Sofes, Harry (the Chason), Rabbi M. Eisenstadt, Sternfeld and Avrahom Koshitski.
87f- Pecie Koshitski with daughter and granddaughter.

88a- A group of young modern orthodox men from Oswiecim, Second from left top row Israel Koshitski.
88b-Brothers Moishe and Naftali Bienenstock.
88c- Shlomo Landau in Krynica, in the good old days.
88d-Avraham Dov Dratwa from Lodz , he saved himself during the Holocaust by listening to my advice.
88e- The Chazan Ish at a Bechina in a hebrew school in Hertzlia Israel.
88f- Zisel Leah Koshitski.

89a-Proffesor Cyril Domb
89b-The Bluzever Rebbe Rabbi Meir Landau and Shloime Wulkan, Tel Aviv 1962.
89c-Frimet Wulkan
89d-Frimet Wulkan
89e-Malka Goldwasser
89f-Last picture of Chaim Wulkanwith his daughter Ziporah Dombroski, her daughter Rita Rimon and her baby daughter Nomi, Tel Aviv 1957.
89g-Rav Chaim Yaacov Rottenberg, Johny Miller, the choson Akiva Shoham, Leibele Gerson. At the t'noim of Shoham-Gutwirt, 1963.