

Sydine: Additional legends

Kuni's father Tzvi married Sheindel at age 13

When Kuni was 16 Tzvi had grandson number 16. Tzvi had a store in Astilla. He had a red beard. He had crippled children. One was Chana, Jack's mother. Another was Basha, Bessie, Marvin's mother (she was engaged in Europe but came to the US)

There was Bayla a red head. She stayed in Europe.

Kuni wanted to get out of the house. He met Tzvia and fell in love with her hair skin

She had the prettiest body. When he got married he woke up from his honey moon and all Trivia's hair was cut off. She didn't want a hair cut but some aunt came and cut off the hair. She put a silk kerchief on her head. Tzvia cried and cried. Both Tzvia and Kuni cried the first day.

Kuni moved to Krilov. His father married again. Kuni went and took his father over to America.

Chia married YaSachar

Leah was the oldest. Then Tzvia.

Channa was engaged to Sheindel's brother. She was tall, statuesque. Used to read to Sheindel.

Tzvias other siblings: Basha Mendel Yisrael Fishel 18 years old. Sheindel was crazy about him.

Sachar had stores. Lived in Krilov

In each section lived a Poretz. They supplied the Poretz with his needs.

Grand Father went to Warsaw and Lemberg. At age 15 Tzivia went along.

Once a nobleman came in and wanted to shake hands. This was forbidden. Tzvia wore gloves when she shook his hand and said "my glove was shaking hands."

The variety store was in Krilov. When Krilov burned during the war Sheindel remembers watching the flames. She remembers the kids in the wagon

She remembers Sam being crushed. They revived him. (burned a pot and put baby in)

Before WWI Tzivia had her own house and a maid with Sheindel and Sam. She was always traveling and working.

After the war Tzvia's mother took over. She made Sheindel say her prayers every night.

Sheindel Goldfarb (from Israel): her brother, got diphtheria and died. They laid him on the floor, had candles all around and kicked the kids out. Everyone sat on the floor and cried. They buried him. His body was covered with something.

Sheindel's father Avram was Chia Fayga's brother. He lived in Hrubieszow in a compound with three one story buildings. They had one long room. When Chia came to live with them during the First World War Avram moved into the low building and gave his sister Chia the big room.

Avram had one sister and one brother. His brother had 4 children. (One obnoxious son would sit on the roof and Pish) Avram had had a mill. He bought wheat, made a bundle of hay, and sold it. One of Tzivia's sisters cut up uniforms and made a dress for Syd with breast lines.

During the war Syd's grandmother and grandfather fasted on Monday and Friday. She remembers grandfather with a black beard. She remembers her grandfather holding hands. Chia was beautiful.

The girls had dolls. They studied Yiddish in schools.

In Hrubieszow Syd went to polish school, then was taken out.

Sheindel had one brother Yisrael and two sisters Chana and Golda (Sheindel didn't like Yisrael. He had a dark complexion and didn't like kids. She stayed away from him)

When the town burned down they found wheat, baked bread, and sold it to the soldiers.

When Syd landed in New York she heard that Fishel had been shot down in the streets of Hrubieszow. A stray bullet.

Fishel taught Syd, was patient with her, bought her presents.

He was studious, did not have a beard. Read to Syd a lot. Baby sat.

Mendel married a wealthy Astilla girl. Her parents were in the lumber



business along with all of Mendel's in laws.

They had a big closed-in building and each had an apartment. The parents had a big house. They drove in with wagons. They used to bring straw to the attic and play in it.

All the kids and grandchildren. They had dishes like gold. And china; and they had maids. The government rented the forest to them. They cut wood and shipped it.

Mendel died in the 30s of TB. He was dead by the time of the holocaust. He had a 21 year old boy who wanted to come to the U.S.

Syd remembers going to the river with Basha, taking dishes and washing them. Basha would boss Syd around. Arden is reminiscent of Basha. Always laughing and smiling. Syd's age, a little older.

Water carriers delivered water. On Friday night beggars came to the house and they gave the packages of food.

Recently, I located the Standard Certificates of Death from the Missouri State Board of Health for Harry (Hershel) Bermi and Sylvia (Civie) Bermi.

Harry Bermi died on June 14, 1942 at St. Louis Jewish Hospital. His form (signed by Kuni Bermi) stated that his age was about 70, that he had lived in the U.S. for 29 years; that his late wife was Shandil Bermi; that he had been born in Russia; that his father's name was Nucham Bermi and his mother's name was Surah; that his occupation was Hebrew Teacher; that he had died of Acute Appendicitis after being in the hospital since June 8, 1942; and that he was buried in Chesed Shel Emeth cemetery.

Sylvia Bermi died on July 12, 1951 at St. Louis Jewish Hospital. Her form (filled out by Kuni Bermi) stated that her age was 63 and her birth date was January 15, 1888; that she was a housewife married to Kuni; that her father's name was Sucher Fliss and her mother's maiden name was "unk" [unknown]; that she had a number of ailments and her doctor had attended her from February 1934 to July 11, 1951; and that she was buried in Chesed Shel Emeth cemetery.

Ted (I had been curious as to the year that Hershel Bermi had died)

Mystery picture: One of our European kin sent a picture to his brother with love. The picture was taken at his son, Eliyahu's wedding to Malka. The person sending the letter was second to right in the front row. (because Syd doesn't know these people we must assume it is the brother of Kuni or of Kuni's father.

Back row: left to right:

Miriam Shneer's Shneer's Malka Eliahu Sarah Yisrael wife brother bride groom Baila Rothstein. Front row: adults left to right Avram father and mother of bride The brother & writer his wife Gitel Oldest girl on lap. Bezalzel on lap



Son Chanala On lap



From Ted Fredman: I was throwing away a bunch of old papers when I found the results of a security investigation of me in the early 1980's that led to me receiving a top secret clearance at the time. The investigation showed that Mom was born in Krylow, Poland, she entered the U.S. in 1920 and was naturalized derivately when her father, Kuni Bermi, became a U.S. citizen in 1914. It also showed that Dad was born in Torchin, Poland; he entered the U.S. in 1932 at Key West, Florida and was naturalized in 1937 in Fayette County, Illinois Court, Vandalia, Illinois.