

A. GENEALOGY

1. The Decedent

The decedent, Benjamin Markowitz, was born Boruch Marchewka, on August 3, 1900 in Nowe Miasto, Poland.¹ He came to New York with his mother and sister, to join his father, arriving on November 23, 1906.^{2 3 4} They returned to Poland about two years later.⁵ He came to New York again in 1921, arriving on November 5, 1921, traveling with his uncle, Anczel Marchewka.^{6 7 8} On July 20, 1923, as part of an application for United States citizenship, he filed a Declaration of Intent using the name Benjamin Markowitz and giving his place of residence as 55 Delancey Street, New York, New York. He was not married.⁹ On April 8, 1927, he filed his Petition for Naturalization giving his place of residence as 104 Forsyth Street, New York, New York. He was not married. This document was witnessed by Hanna Peretz, his sister. On September 8, 1927, he became a United States citizen.¹⁰ He is identified as the uncle of Paul Peretz and Marilyn Peretz on their death certificates.^{11 12} He lived on Forsyth Street for many years.¹³ He died on March 9, 1991. His place of residence at the time of

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- ¹ Birth Certificate for Boruch Marchewka, 08-03-1900.
 - ² Passenger List, Main, North German Lloyd Line, 10-23-1906.
 - ³ Ship Manifest, Main, North German Lloyd Line, 10-23-1906.
 - ⁴ Record of Detained Aliens, Main, North German Lloyd Line, 10-23-1906.
 - ⁵ Jewish World Article, 09-21-1990.
 - ⁶ Passenger List, Gothland, Red Star Line, 11-05-1921.
 - ⁷ Ship Manifest, Gothland, Red Star Line, 11-05-1921.
 - ⁸ Certificate of Arrival for Boruch Marchewka, 11-05-1921.
 - ⁹ Declaration of Intent for Benjamin Markowitz, 07-20-1923.
 - ¹⁰ Petition for Naturalization for Benjamin Markowitz, 04-08-1927.
 - ¹¹ Death Certificate for Paul Peretz, 08-18-1990.
 - ¹² Death Certificate for Marilyn Peretz, 08-28-1990.
 - ¹³ Jewish World Article, 09-21-1990.

death was 104 Forsyth Street, New York, New York.¹⁴ He is buried at the United Hebrew Cemetery in Staten Island, New York.¹⁵

2. Spouse of Decedent

Based upon testimony of family members and the article that was written about him, the decedent was never married.¹⁶ No spouse was named on his death certificate.¹⁷

3. Offspring of Decedent

Based upon testimony of family members, the decedent had no children.

4. Parents of Decedent

The parents of decedent were Jankiel Marchewka and Idziesa Ostrowicz. They were married on August 18, 1892 in Nowe Miasto, Poland.¹⁸ She came to New York with her two children to join her husband, arriving on November 23, 1906.^{19 20 21} They returned to Poland about two years later.²² In the United States, Jankiel Marchewka used the name Morris Markowitz. Morris Markowitz was in New York before November 5, 1921.²³ Idziesa Ostrowicz used the name Edith Ostrowicz in the United States. Edith Ostrowicz came to the United States after November 5, 1921.²⁴ Morris Markowitz died

¹⁴ Death Certificate for Benjamin Markowitz, 03-09-1991.

¹⁵ Map of Govera Society Plot.

¹⁶ Jewish World Article, 09-21-1990.

¹⁷ Death Certificate for Benjamin Markowitz, 03-09-1991.

¹⁸ Marriage Certificate for Jankiel Marchewka and Idziesa Ostrowicz, 08-18-92.

¹⁹ Passenger List, Main, North German Lloyd Line, 10-23-1906.

²⁰ Ship Manifest, Main, North German Lloyd Line, 10-23-1906.

²¹ Record of Detained Aliens, Main, North German Lloyd Line, 10-23-1906.

²² Jewish World Article, 09-21-1990.

²³ Ship Manifest, Gothland, Red Star Line, 11-05-1921.

²⁴ Ship Manifest, Gothland, Red Star Line, 11-05-1921.

on January 25, 1946 in New York, New York.²⁵ Edith Markowitz died on June 28, 1966 in New York, New York.²⁶ They are buried at the United Hebrew Cemetery in Staten Island, New York.^{27 28}

5. Offspring of Parents of Decedent

a. Siblings of Decedent

The decedent had one sister, Haja Bajla Marchewka, who was born on June 24, 1893 in Nowe Miasto, Poland.²⁹ She came to New York with her mother and brother, the decedent, in 1906.^{30 31 32} They returned to Poland about two years later.³³ She married Szmul Mordka Pierec in 1911 in Nowe Miasto, Poland.³⁴ In the United States, she used the name Hannah (Anna) Peretz. On April 8, 1927, she was a witness on the decedent's Petition for Naturalization signing as Hannah Peretz and residing at 1873 W 6th Street, Brooklyn, New York.³⁵ Sam Peretz died in about 1935. Anna Peretz died on December 26, 1972 in New York.^{36 37} She is buried at the United Hebrew Cemetery in Staten Island, New York.^{38 39}

²⁵ Death Certificate for Morris Markowitz, 01-25-46.

²⁶ Death Certificate for Edith Ostrowicz, 06-28-66.

²⁷ Map of Govera Society Plot.

²⁸ Gravestone photograph for Morris and Edith Markowitz.

²⁹ Birth Certificate for Haja Bajla Marchewka, 06-24-93.

³⁰ Passenger List, Main, North German Lloyd Line, 10-23-1906.

³¹ Ship Manifest, Main, North German Lloyd Line, 10-23-1906.

³² Record of Detained Aliens, Main, North German Lloyd Line, 10-23-1906.

³³ Jewish World Article, 09-21-1990.

³⁴ Marriage Certificate for Szmul Mordka Pierec and Haja Bajla Marchewka, 1911.

³⁵ Petition for Naturalization of Benjamin Markowitz, 04-08-1927.

³⁶ Death Certificate for Anna Peretz, 12-26-1972.

³⁷ Social Security Death Index, LDS.

³⁸ Map of Govera Society Plot.

b. Issue of Siblings of Decedent

Anna and Sam Peretz had two children, Paul Peretz and Marilyn Peretz. Paul Peretz was born in Brooklyn, New York on April 8, 1930.⁴⁰ He was married three times. The names of his wives are unknown. Each marriage ended in divorce. The first marriage was in June 1954.⁴¹ He had no children. He died on August 18, 1990 in New York, New York.⁴² He is buried at the United Hebrew Cemetery, Staten Island, New York.⁴³ Marilyn Peretz was born in Brooklyn, New York on June 26, 1935.⁴⁴ She never married nor did she have any children. She died on August 28, 1990 in New York, New York.⁴⁵ She is buried at the United Hebrew Cemetery in Staten Island, New York.⁴⁶

6. Grandparents of Decedent

a. Maternal Grandparents

The maternal grandparents of the decedent were Mordka Ostrowicz and Ginda Liba Grinier.⁴⁷ They were married before 1870. They had four known children: Idziesa Ostrowicz, Ruchla Ostrowicz, Hersz Ostrowicz and Frajda Ostrowicz. Ginda Liba Grinier died in about 1880. Mordka Ostrowicz then married Ruchla Laja Grinblat.⁴⁸ They had four known children: Unknown Named Ostrowicz, Hinda Liba Ostrowicz, Fyszal Ostrowicz, and Elja Ostrowicz. Ruchla Laja

³⁹ Gravestone photograph for Anna Peretz.

⁴⁰ Birth Certificate for Paul Peretz, 04-08-1930.

⁴¹ Marriage Certificate for Paul Peretz and _____, June 1954 .

⁴² Death Certificate for Paul Peretz, 08-18-1990.

⁴³ Map of Govera Society Plot.

⁴⁴ Birth Certificate for Marilyn Peretz, 06-26-1935.

⁴⁵ Death Certificate for Marilyn Peretz, 08-28-1990.

⁴⁶ Map of Govera Society Plot.

⁴⁷ Marriage certificates for Idziesa Ostrowicz to Jankiel Marchewka, 08-18-1892, and for Frajda Ostrowicz to Moszek Pianka, 06-10-1897.

⁴⁸ Marriage Certificates for Hinda Liba Ostrowicz to Anczel Marchewka, 02-07-1906, and for Elja Ostrowicz to Rykla Kulszon, 05-11-1925. Death Certificate for Fiszal Ostrowicz, 09-02-1890.

Grinblat died on November 12, 1902 in Nowe Miasto.⁴⁹ Mordka Ostrowicz died before 1920.

b. Paternal Grandparents

The paternal grandparents of the decedent were Gerszek Marchewka and Rojza Zilbiersza.⁵⁰ They were married before about 1865. They had two known children: Jankiel Marchewka and Raszke Marchewka. Rojza Zilbiersza died on February 27, 1918 in Nowe Miasto.⁵¹ The date of death of Gerszek Marchewka is unknown.

7. Offspring of Maternal Grandparents (Other than Idziesa Ostrowicz)

a. Ruchla Ostrowicz

Ruchla Ostrowicz was one of four known children of Mordka Ostrowicz and Ginda Liba Grinier. Birth and marriage information are unavailable. After marriage, she lived in Nasielsk. Her married name was Zazek. She had a number of children, one of whom was named Fyszel. Ruchla and all of her children including Fyszel perished in the Holocaust. Fyszel's daughter survived the Holocaust and lives in Israel.

b. Hersz Ostrowicz

Hersz Ostrowicz was one of four known children of Mordka Ostrowicz and Ginda Liba Grinier. Birth and marriage information are unavailable. After marriage, he lived in Ciechanow. He had a number of children, one of whom was named Elihu. Hersz and all of his children perished in the Holocaust.

c. Frajda Ostrowicz

Frajda Ostrowicz was one of four known children of Mordka Ostrowicz and Hynda Liba Grinier. She was born in 1876 and married Moszek Pianka on June 10, 1897 in Nowe Miasto.⁵² She had three known children: Estera, Jankiel and Izrael Gersz. Estera was born

⁴⁹ Death Certificate for Ruchla Laja Grinblat, 11-12-1902.

⁵⁰ Marriage Certificates for Jankiel Marchewka to Idziesa Ostrowicz, 08-18-1892, and for Raszke Marchewka to Piesach Marchewka, 03-14-1891.

⁵¹ Death Certificate for Rojza Zilbiersza, 02-27-1918.

⁵² Marriage Certificate for Frajda Ostrowicz to Moszek Pianka, 06-10-1897.

on June 18, 1898 in Nowe Miasto.⁵³ Jankiel was born on June 10, 1900 in Nowe Miasto.⁵⁴ Izrael Gersz was born on April 26, 1905 in Nowe Miasto.⁵⁵ Esther Pianka married Szmul Pejsach Najman on August 9, 1918 in Nowe Miasto.⁵⁶ Jankiel Pianka married Chaja Sura Hochman on July 15, 1924 in Nasielsk.⁵⁷ Izrael Hersz Pianka married Bila Marchewka before about 1930. She died shortly after marriage. Izrael Hersz Pianka then married Laja Kolko on December 29, 1930 in Nowe Miasto.⁵⁸ Laja Kolko and her family perished in the Holocaust. Frajda Ostrowicz perished in the Holocaust. Estera Pianka and Szmul Pesach Najman and four of their six children perished in the Holocaust.⁵⁹ Two of her daughters survived the Holocaust and live in the United States. Jankiel Pianka and Chaja Sura Hochman and their children perished in the Holocaust.⁶⁰ Hersz Pianka came to the United States after the War with his third wife. He applied for a Social Security card on March 30, 1949.⁶¹ He died on March 14, 1977 in New York.⁶² ⁶³ He is buried at the United Hebrew Cemetery in Staten Island, New York.⁶⁴ ⁶⁵ He is survived by a stepdaughter and a son.

d. Unknown Named Ostrowicz

⁵³ Birth Certificate for Estera Pianka, 06-18-1898.

⁵⁴ Birth Certificate for Jankiel Pianka, 06-10-1900.

⁵⁵ Birth Certificate for Izrael Gersz Pianka, 04-26-1905.

⁵⁶ Marriage Certificate for Estera Pianka to Szmul Pejsach Najman, 08-09-1918.

⁵⁷ Marriage Certificate for Jankiel Pianka to Chaya Sura Hochman, 07-15-1924.

⁵⁸ Marriage Certificate for Izrael Hersz Pianka to Laja Kolko, 12-29-1930.

⁵⁹ Yisker Book, Plonsk.

⁶⁰ Yad Vashem, Pages of Testimony for Jankiel Pianka and Chaya Sura Pianka.

⁶¹ Social Security Record, SS5, 03-30-1949.

⁶² Death Certificate for Harry Pianko, 03-14-1977.

⁶³ Social Security Death Index, LDS.

⁶⁴ Map of Govera Society Plot.

⁶⁵ Gravestone Photograph for Harry Pianko.

Unknown Named Ostrowicz was one of four known children of Mordka Ostrowicz and Ruchla Laja Grinblat. Birth and marriage information are unavailable. He and his family came to New York before 1920. They finally settled in the Bronx. His wife's name was Chana Ratza. He is believed to have had two children, either a boy and a girl or two boys. Both he and his two children are believed to have died before 1990.

e. Hinda Liba Ostrowicz

Hinda Liba Ostrowicz was one of four known children of Mordka Ostrowicz and Ruchla Laja Grinblat. She was born in 1885 in Nowe Miasto. She married Anczel Marchewka on February 7, 1906 in Nowe Miasto.⁶⁶ They had eight children as follows: Ruchla Laja, Wulf Bier, Fajga Idziesa, Rywka, Sura Brana, Fyszal, Mordka, and Beulah Grace. Ruchla Laja was born and died in about 1908. Wulf Bier was born on April 8, 1909 in Nowe Miasto.⁶⁷ Fajga Idziesa was born on November 11, 1911 in Nowe Miasto.⁶⁸ Sura Brana was born in about 1914 and died in about 1918. Rywka was born in 1916. Fyszal was born on October 18, 1916 in Nowe Miasto.⁶⁹ Mordka was born in 1919 and died on July 7, 1920 in Nowe Miasto.⁷⁰ Beulah Grace (Gloria) was born on July 3, 1930 in New York, New York.⁷¹ On November 5, 1921, Anczel Marchewka came to New York.^{72 73 74} He came with the decedent, Boruch Marchewka, the nephew of Hinda Liba Ostrowicz. He filed his Declaration of Intention to become a United States citizen on August 19, 1922 which named his wife, Hinda.⁷⁵ He filed his Petition for Naturalization on November 17, 1926 which named

⁶⁶ Marriage Certificate for Hinda Liba Ostrowicz to Anczel Marchewka, 02-07-1906.

⁶⁷ Birth Certificate for Wulf Bier Marchewka, 04-08-1909.

⁶⁸ Birth Certificate for Fajga Idziesa Marchewka, 11-11-1911.

⁶⁹ Birth Certificate for Fyszal Marchewka, 10-18-1916.

⁷⁰ Death Certificate for Mordka Marchewka, 07-07-1920.

⁷¹ Birth Certificate for Beulah Grace Markowitz, 07-03-1930.

⁷² Passenger List, Gothland, Red Star Line, 11-05-1921.

⁷³ Ship Manifest, Gothland, Red Star Line, 11-05-1921.

⁷⁴ Certificate of Arrival for Anczel Marchewka, 11-05-1921.

⁷⁵ Declaration of Intent for Arnold Markowitz, 08-19-1922.

his wife and then living children.⁷⁶ His Certificate of Naturalization issued on February 24, 1927 which named his then living children.⁷⁷ At that time he used the same address that Hannah Peretz had on April 8, 1927. Hinda Liba (Hilda), Wulf Bier (Benjamin), Fajga Idziesa (Edith), and Rywka (Ruth) arrived in New York on October 17, 1927.^{78 79 80} Fyszal (Floyd) arrived in New York on June 13, 1934.^{81 82 83} Benjamin married Sarah on in New York.⁸⁴ Edith married Bertram Crane on February 11, 1938 in New York.⁸⁵ Ruth married Joseph Kurzeja on July 20, 1946 in New Jersey.⁸⁶ Floyd married Esther on in New York.⁸⁷ Gloria married Robert Prupis on November 11, 1951 in New Jersey.⁸⁸ Hilda Markowitz applied for a Social Security card on June 10, 1972.⁸⁹ Hilda Markowitz died on May 16, 1975 in New Jersey.^{90 91} She is buried along side her husband,

⁷⁶ Petition for Naturalization for Arnold Markowitz, 11-17-1926.

⁷⁷ Certificate of Naturalization for Arnold Markowitz, 02-24-1927.

⁷⁸ Passenger List, Leviathan, United States Line, 10-17-1927.

⁷⁹ Ship Manifest, Leviathan, United States Line, 10-17-1927.

⁸⁰ HIAS Record, 10-17-1927.

⁸¹ Passenger List, Kosciuszko, 06-13-1934.

⁸² Ship Manifest, Kosciuszko, 06-13-1934.

⁸³ Polish Passport for Fyszal Marchewka.

⁸⁴ Marriage Certificate for Benjamin Markowitz to Sarah ,

⁸⁵ Marriage Certificate for Edith Markowitz to Bertram Crane, 02-11-1938.

⁸⁶ Marriage Certificate for Ruth Markowitz to Joseph Kurzeja, 07-20-1946.

⁸⁷ Marriage Certificate for Floyd March to Esther ,

⁸⁸ Marriage Certificate for Gloria Markowitz to Robert Prupis, 11-11-1951.

⁸⁹ Social Security Record, SS5, 06-10-1972.

⁹⁰ Death Certificate for Hilda Markowitz, 05-16-1975.

Arnold Markowitz, at the United Hebrew Cemetery in Staten Island, New York.⁹² ⁹³ Benjamin, Edith, Ruth, Floyd and Gloria survived the decedent. Floyd died on October 30, 1991 in Florida.⁹⁴

f. Fiszal Ostrowicz

Fiszal Ostrowicz was one of four children of Mordka Ostrowicz and Ruchla Laja Grinblat. He was born in 1888. He died on September 2, 1890 in Nowe Miasto.⁹⁵

g. Elja Ostrowicz

Elja Ostrowicz was one of four children of Mordka Ostrowicz and Ruchla Laja Grinblat. He was born in 1889. He married Rykla Kulszon on May 11, 1925 in Nasielsk, Poland.⁹⁶ He had one known daughter, Ruchla, who was born on April 17, 1927 in Nowe Miasto.⁹⁷ He died in 1939. Rykla Kulszon and Ruchla perished in the Holocaust.

8. Offspring of Paternal Grandparents (Other than Jankiel Marchewka)

a. Raszke Marchewka

Raszke Marchewka was born in 1868 in Nowe Miasto. She married Piesach Marchewka, the brother of Anczel Marchewka, on March 14, 1891 in Nowe Miasto.⁹⁸ They had three children: Szmul, Sura Hinda and Boruch. Szmul Marchewka was born on January 29, 1892 in Nowe Miasto.⁹⁹ He died on April 19, 1892 in Nowe Miasto.¹⁰⁰ Sura

⁹¹ Social Security Death Index, LDS.

⁹² Map of Govera Society Plot.

⁹³ Gravestone Photograph for Hilda and Arnold Markowitz.

⁹⁴ Death Certificate for Floyd March, 10-30-1991.

⁹⁵ Death Certificate for Fiszal Ostrowicz, 09-02-90.

⁹⁶ Marriage Certificate for Elja Ostrowicz to Rykla Kulszon, 05-11-1925.

⁹⁷ Birth Certificate for Ruchla Ostrowicz, 04-17-27.

⁹⁸ Marriage Certificate for Raszke Marchewka to Piesach Marchewka, 03-14-1891.

⁹⁹ Birth Certificate for Szmul Marchewka, 01-29-1892.

Hinda Marchewka died in 1912 in Nowe Miasto.¹⁰¹ Boruch Marchewka was born in 1900.¹⁰² In 1913, Raschke Marchewka and Boruch Marchewka came to New York to join Piesach Markowitz.¹⁰³ ¹⁰⁴ The citizenship status of Rose, Pesach and Benjamin is presently unknown. However, Benjamin Markowitz signed the Petition for Naturalization of Arnold Markowitz on November 17, 1926 and as such was a United States citizen at that time.¹⁰⁵ Benjamin Markowitz married Sadie Greenfield in 1926. His date and place of marriage are presently unknown. Rose Markowitz died on December 10, 1937 in New Jersey.¹⁰⁶ ¹⁰⁷ She is buried alongside her husband, Pesach Markowitz, at the United Hebrew Cemetery in Staten Island, New York.¹⁰⁸ ¹⁰⁹ Benjamin Markowitz died on November 24, 1985 in New Jersey.¹¹⁰ He is buried at the Menorah Cemetery in Delawanna, New Jersey. He is survived by his wife and one daughter.

¹⁰⁰ Death Certificate for Szmul Marchewka, 04-19-1892.

¹⁰¹ Death Certificate for Sura Hinda Marchewka, 1912.

¹⁰² Death Certificate for Benjamin Markowitz, 11-24-1985.

¹⁰³ Passenger List, Prz. Fred. Wilhelm, 07-21-1913.

¹⁰⁴ Ship Manifest, Prz. Fred. Wilhelm. 07-21-1913.

¹⁰⁵ Petition for Naturalization for Arnold Markowitz,
11-17-1926.

¹⁰⁶ Death Certificate for Rose Markowitz, 12-10-1937.

¹⁰⁷ Social Security Death Index, LDS.

¹⁰⁸ Map of Govera Society Plot.

¹⁰⁹ Gravestone Photograph for Rose and Pesach Markowitz.

¹¹⁰ Death Certificate for Benjamin Markowitz, 11-24-1985.