

Dear Gidi,

I am John Kirszenberg, and have been trying to learn more about my family history.

Joseph Kirszenberg was kind enough to forward me your email address, hoping that you may be able to help me. The only information that I have is about my father. I would like to find out the name of his parents, and brothers and sister, and grandparents if possible.

My father Henry (Chaskiel) Kirszenberg was born on April 15, 1912. I'm not really sure exactly where in Poland, but he lived in Warsaw with many brothers and sisters. His father owned and operated a family butcher shop. One week before the invasion by Germany he left Warsaw with his brother Joseph (?) and went to Russia. He stayed in Russia for the entire war. He got separated with his brother during one of the German military advances. They never met up again.

After the war he returned to Warsaw and found that his parents and some brothers/sister had been killed. He was only able to find one sister (name?), who later moved to Argentina. He lost track of her.

He then somehow made his way to Germany, and stayed in a displaced persons camp for awhile. He applied to emigrate to the United States in 1950. While in the camp he met my mother, Lydia, and I was born in 1951. He then divorced Lydia and we both came to the United States by boat. I was only 1-year old then.

I'm sorry, but that is all the information that I have. I know it's not much at all, but maybe there are some surviving records listing him by name or birthday. Or perhaps, some of your family or other members of the Kirszenberg can have some information.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

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