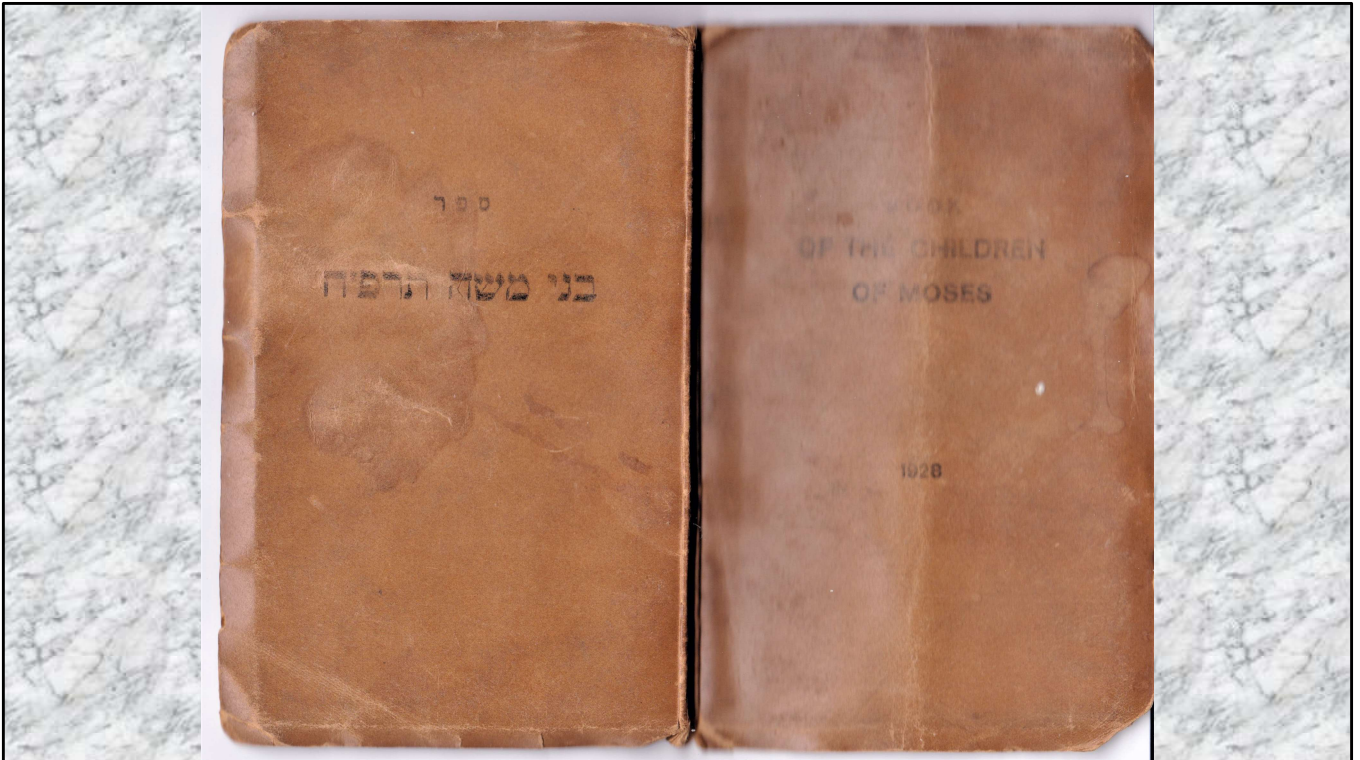


The Presentation is entitled THE CHILDREN OF MOSES



I am starting this talk by showing you the four books that contain the family's history. Top left is the 1928 booklet, then going from left to right we have the 1960 booklet then the 1996 book containing the story of My Family and finally the Addendum to My family also produced in 1996. Before we continue I should say this is intended to be an overview of the family, not a detailed talk, and it will last approx 35/40 minutes. Also it is unavoidable that there is a little bit of repetition of some of the facts so please bear me as I go through the presentation.

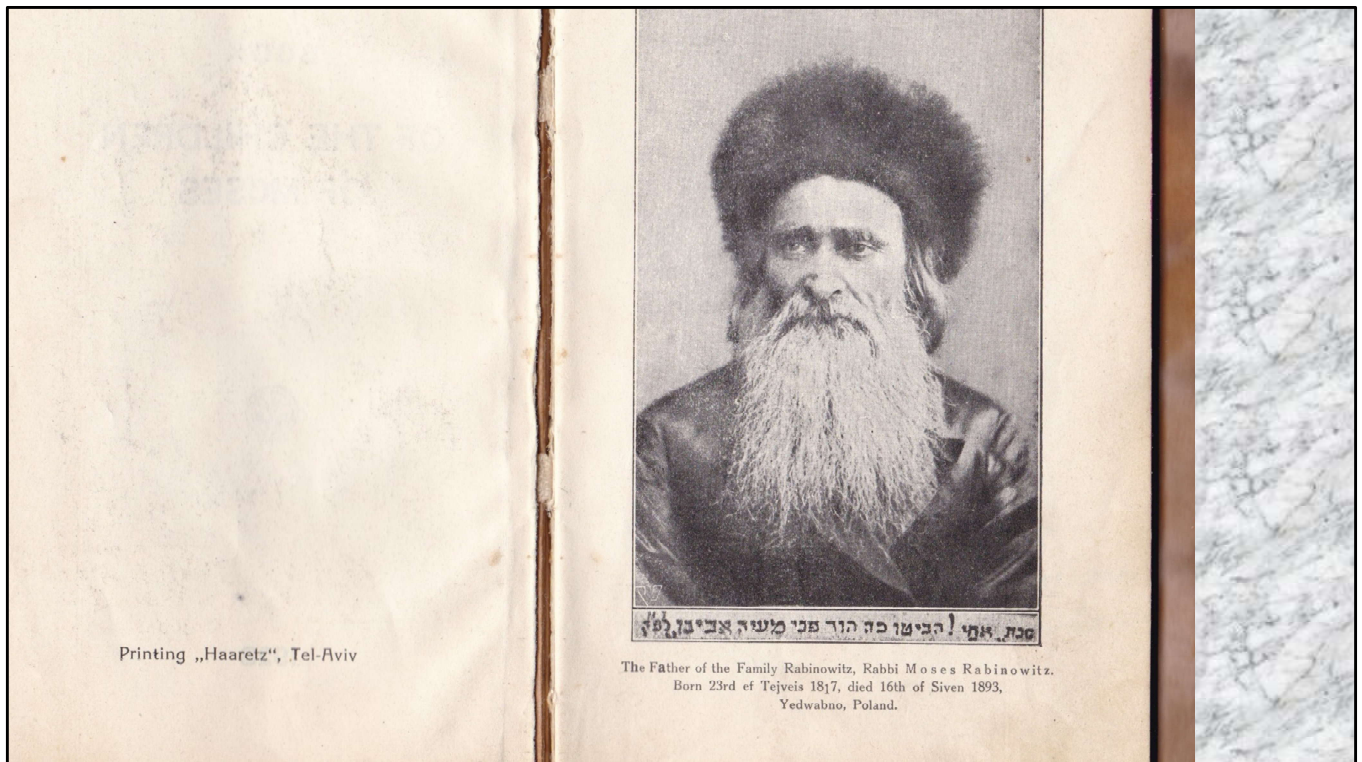


The oldest document is a booklet printed in Tel-Aviv in 1928 by the printing firm Ha'aretz entitled Book of the Children of Moses. This is the cover of the booklet which was put together by Mordechai Rabbinowitz who was one of the sons of the Patriarch Rabbi Moses Rabbinowitz. The booklet opens both ways – from left to right in English and from right to left in Hebrew. In the Hebrew section only there are an additional several pages of explanation not translated into English. Everything else is in duplicate (both Hebrew and English).

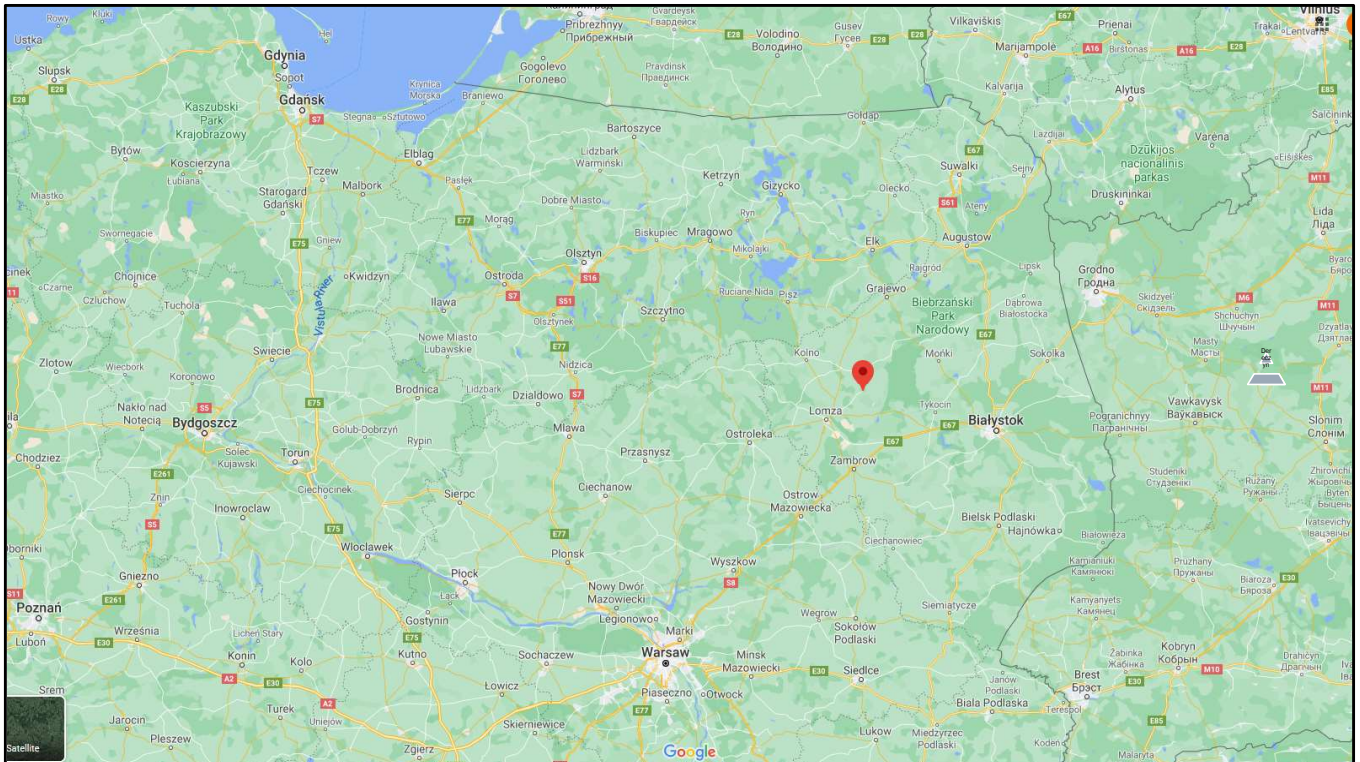




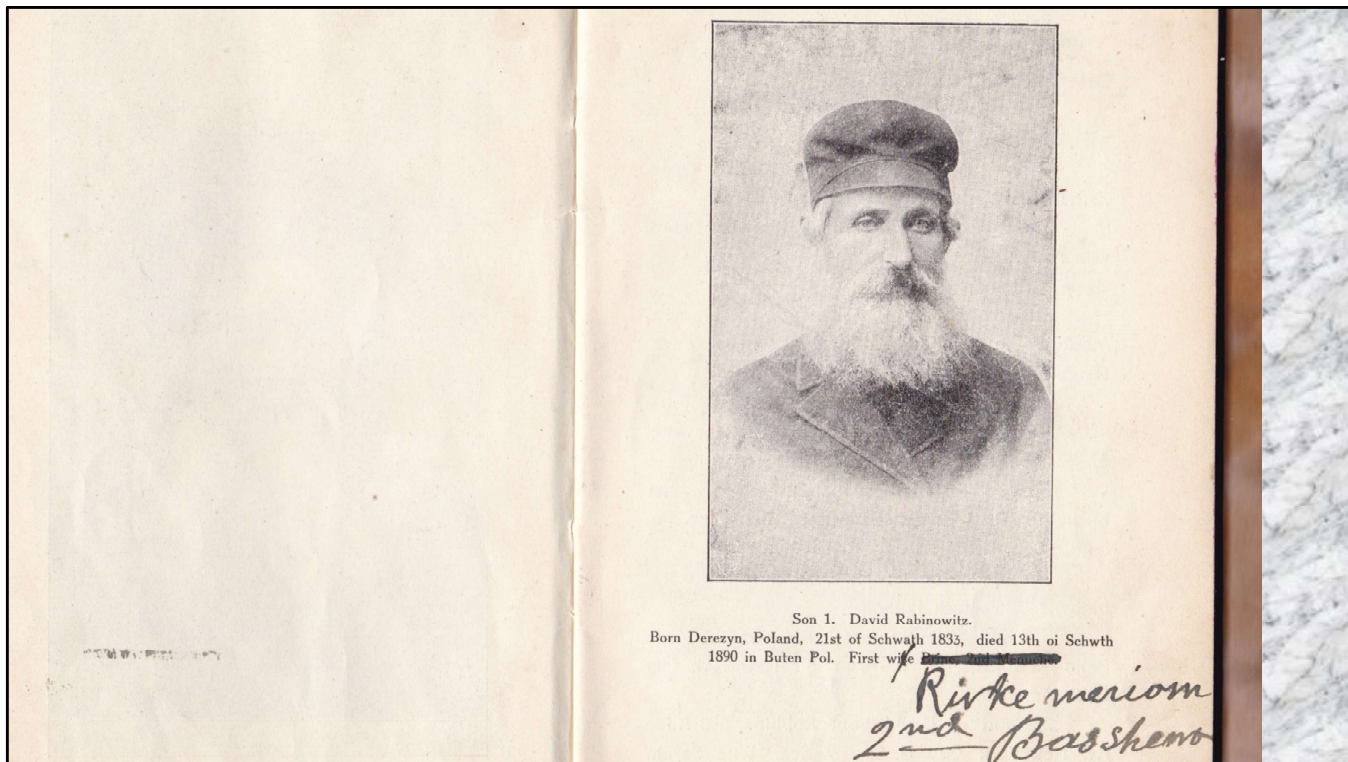




This is a photo of the Patriarch of the family Rabbi Moses Rabinowitz. He was born on 23<sup>rd</sup> of Teiveis 1817 and died on 16<sup>th</sup> of Sivan 1893 in YEDWABNO Poland.

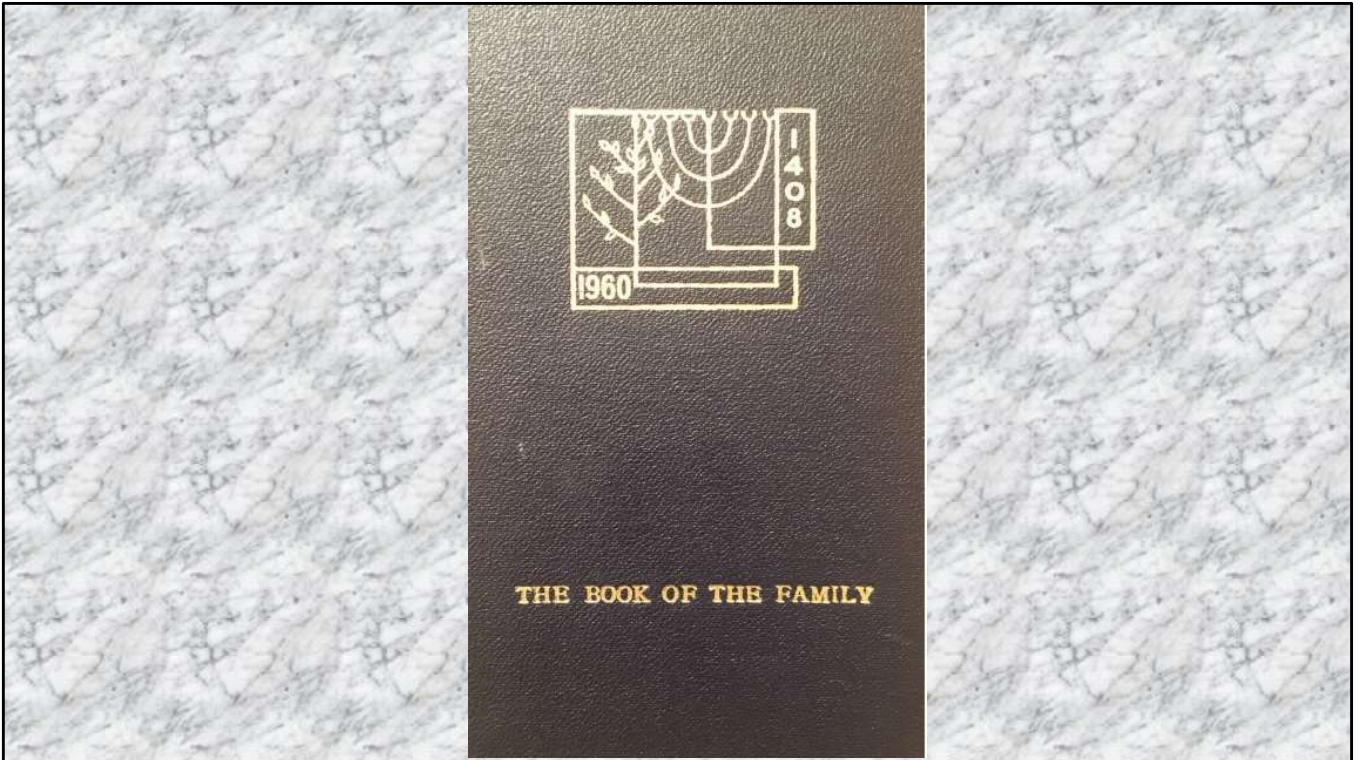


Just out of interest – and having discussed this with my learned friend David Prager - Yedwabno spelt on Google maps as starting with the letter J and ending in an E, is almost certainly a village in North Eastern Poland. It's shown on the map by the red marker and is just over half way between Warsaw and the northern border of Kaliningrad, a Russian province sandwiched between Poland and Lithuania along the Baltic Coast. The place called Derezyn now spelt Dereczyn – and also mentioned in these slides - is a village some 120km to the east that had a significant Jewish population before the holocaust. It was part of the Nowogródek Voivodeship of Poland before 1945 but is now in the Grodno Region of Belarus.



I am a direct descendant of Moses's 1<sup>st</sup> born son David Rabinowitz and here is his photo. David was my **great great great grandfather** and he was born in Derezyn Poland on 21<sup>st</sup> Shevat 1833 and died on 13<sup>th</sup> Shevat 1890. He was only 57 years old. It is a purely a coincidence that I am also called David and am a 1<sup>st</sup> born son (that is according to my late father Stanley).





We now turn to the next booklet produced in 1960 called THE BOOK OF THE FAMILY

PREFACE

*The Book of The Family*

THIS BOOKLET was suggested by my father Solomon Sherwood of London, who is referred to in the Genealogy as Solomon, son of Schprintze.

The Genealogy is the "Yichus Brief" which has been in the possession of our family for many years and the Introduction is contained in the publication "Book of the Children of Moses" produced in 1928 by Mordecai Rabbinowitz of Tel-Aviv.

The translations from the Hebrew were made by Rabbi J. Heshel of Edgware, Middlesex.

As the original documents were written in an unusual style care was taken in the translation and editing in an attempt to ensure a result, not only accurate in fact, but faithful to the style of the original authors.

The footnotes are to a large extent based on information found in the Jewish Encyclopaedia and the charts are drawn mainly from the Genealogy and the "Book of the Children of Moses".

The main chart, the lettering of which was drawn by the Scrivener of the College of Arms,

London, traces the family from Judah Mintz of Padua, Italy (born about 1408). The line is traced through Rabbi Moses Rabbinowitz (born 1817) then through his son David and including all the descendants of David Rabbinowitz down to the third generation.

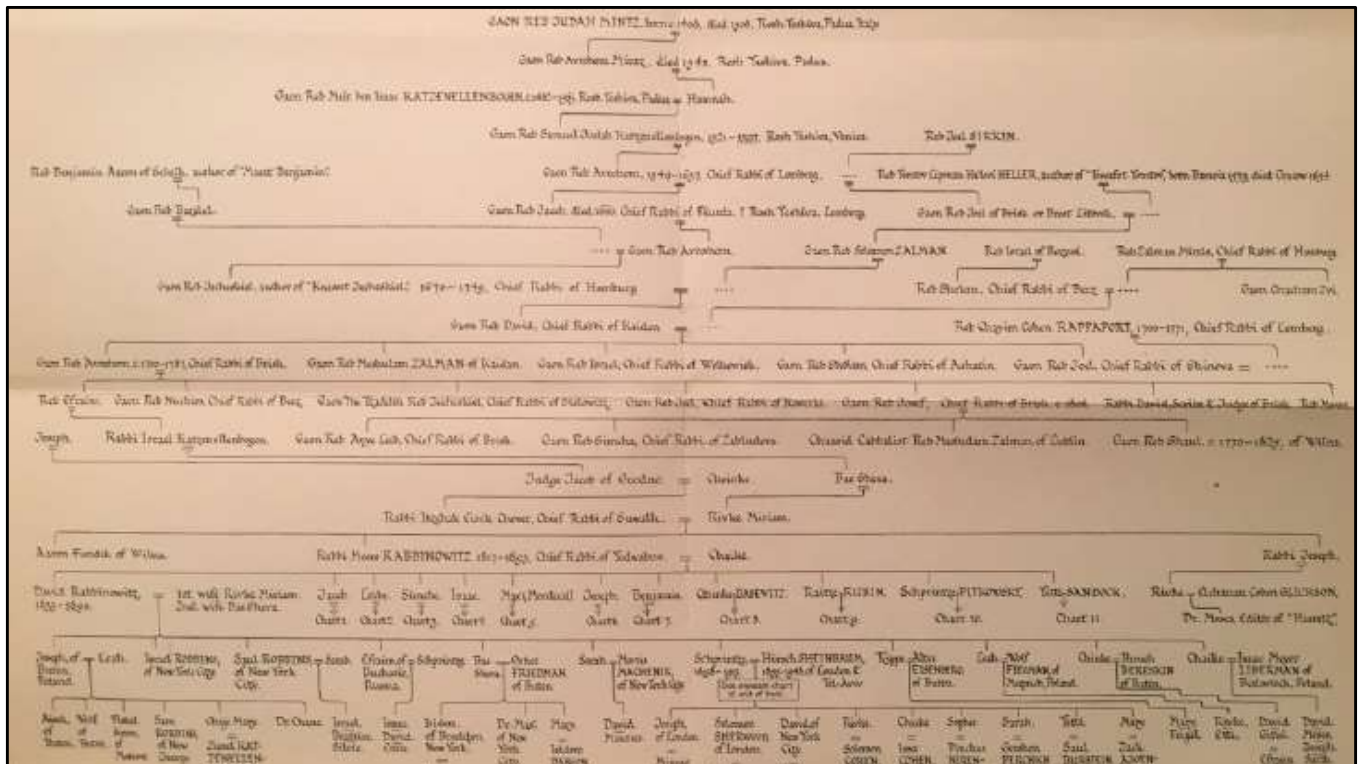
The eleven small charts include the descendants to the third generation of each of the other children of Rabbi Moses Rabbinowitz.

The final chart includes all the descendants until today of Hirsh Sheinbaum (born 1855) and his wife Schprintze (Rabbinowitz).

LONDON, 1960.

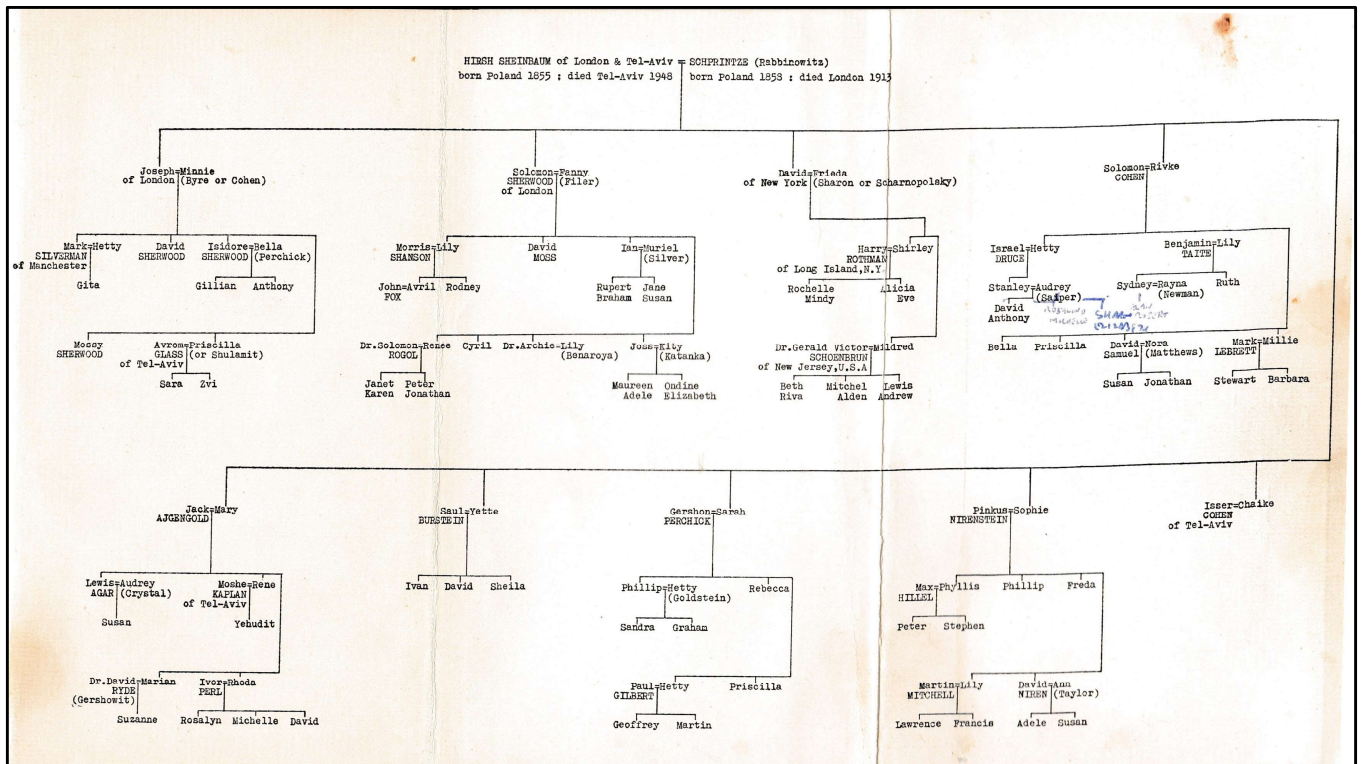
Cyril Sherwood

I'm going to read to you the short Preface of this 1960s booklet written by Cyril Sherwood. This will help us understand the reasons behind the compiling of this book.  
[READ THE TWO PAGES]



So here are the generations as per the beautifully laid out document which is part of the 1960s booklet produced by Cyril Sherwood. This main chart, the lettering of which was drawn by the Scrivener of the College of Arms, London, traces the family from Judah Mintz born around 1408 in Padua, Italy. The line is traced through Rabbi Moses Rabinowitz (born 1817) and then through his son David down to the third generation.

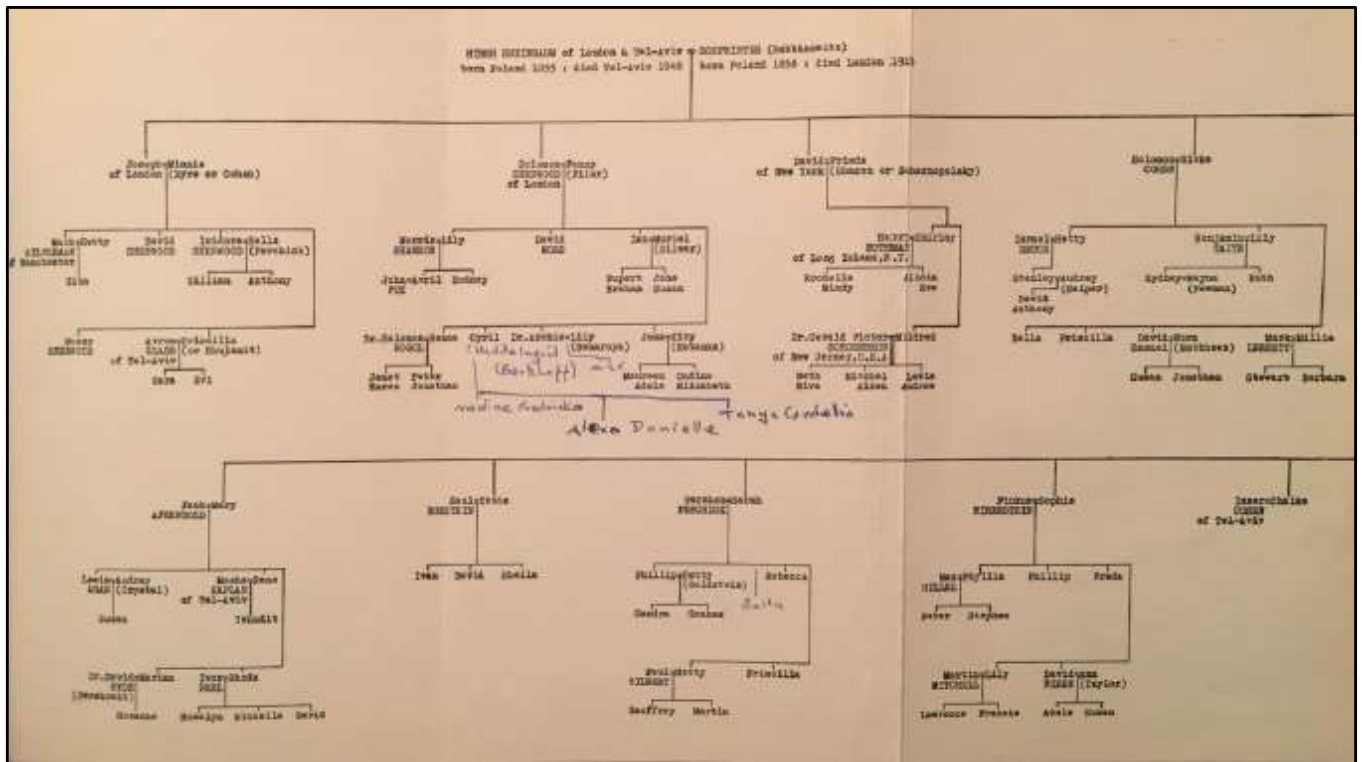




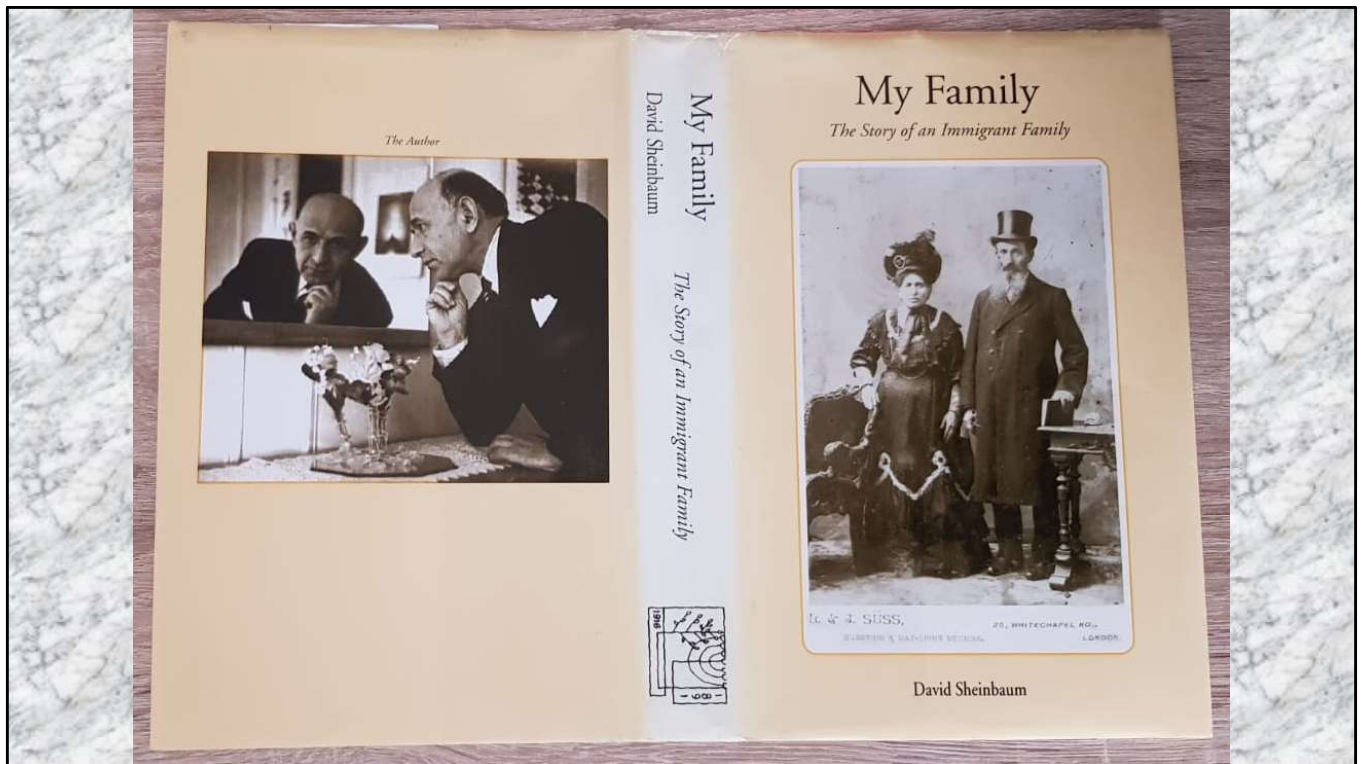
The booklet also contains 11 small charts that show the descendants to the third generation of each of the other children of Rabbi Moses Rabinowitz. They are not included in this presentation because of time limitations.

This is my copy of the Final Chart – see above – (hence the written additional data next to my name where my dad has added the names of my 2 sisters Rosalind and Sharon.).

This includes all the direct descendants of Hirsch Sheinbaum who was born in 1855 and his wife Schprintze born in 1858 who was one of David Rabinowitz’s daughters.



This copy of the final chart was downloaded from the website called [www.cyrilsherwood.com](http://www.cyrilsherwood.com) and as you can see, members of his family have been added manually either by him or his daughters. During the past week and as a result of preparing this presentation, I have made contact with several of my cousins including Alexa, one of Cyril's daughters, who looks after the [cyrilsherwood.com](http://cyrilsherwood.com) website. I have never met some of the cousins but through the wonders of modern technology, some are joining us this evening. These include Mitchell from San Francisco who is the grandson of David Sheinbaum.



We now move on to the third item, the hard back book called MY FAMILY The Story of an Immigrant Family. The book was produced and printed by Cyril Sherwood in 1996 but written by David Sheinbaum his uncle between the years of 1947 and 1966. David was born in 1891 and died in New York in 1975 and his photo is on the back cover. Hirsch Sheinbaum and his wife Schprintze are pictured on the front cover.



AS THE NINETEENTH CENTURY drew to a close a mass emigration westwards from the Poland/Russia/Lithuania area of Eastern Europe took place. Most emigrated to the USA but some to England where they settled in the East End of London. This is the story of one such family.

The book describes their life during the latter part of the nineteenth century in 'Der Heim' (The Homeland), and their trials and tribulations during the first sixteen years of the twentieth century when they settled in London, in a Jewish East End that is no more.

It is the story of our family, seen through the eyes of one of its sons. He tells us of their simple way of life in the primitive villages and towns in the wide open spaces adjoining the Pripet Marshes; of their hardships on the journey to England; and how they adjusted their lives to living in the cramped, dismal, slum streets of East London. And how his amorous adventures forced him to face up to the clash between the traditional religious and social culture of "Der Heim" and the new culture he met in England.

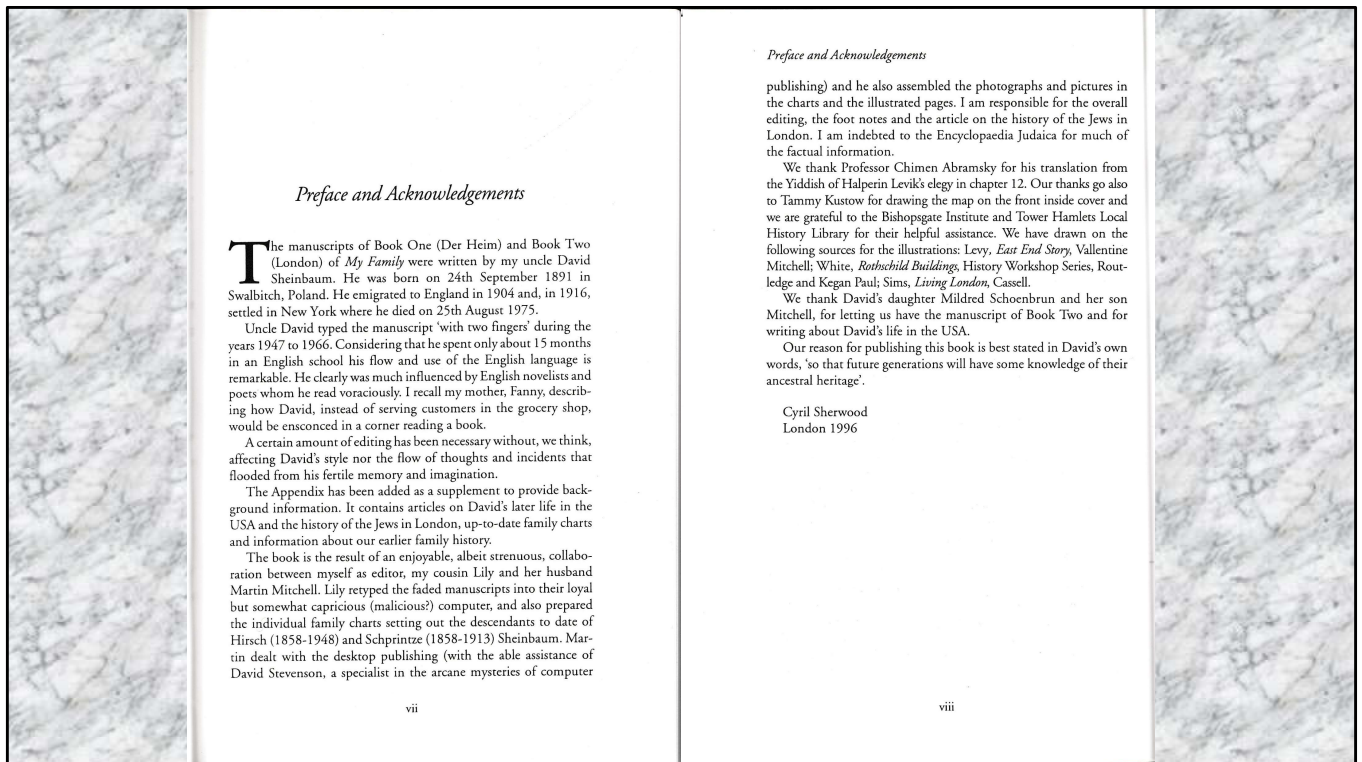
David Sheinbaum wrote this story so that "future generations will have some knowledge of their ancestral heritage".

DAVID SHEINBAUM WAS BORN IN Poland in 1891, emigrated to England at the age of 13 in 1904, lived in the East End of London for 12 years and, in 1916, left for New York where he lived until his death in 1975.

In Poland he had an intensive education in the orthodox Jewish religion. By contrast, his formal education in England lasted only fifteen months before he began working in the family grocery shops. Driven by a desire to gather knowledge he acquired a remarkable fluency in the English language.

In England and the USA he studied a wide range of secular subjects and developed his generous philosophy of life that is so warmly reflected in this chronicle of a generation of immigrants.

I'm going to read to you the flyleaf to the cover of this book. [READ SEPARATE PRINTED FLYLEAF]

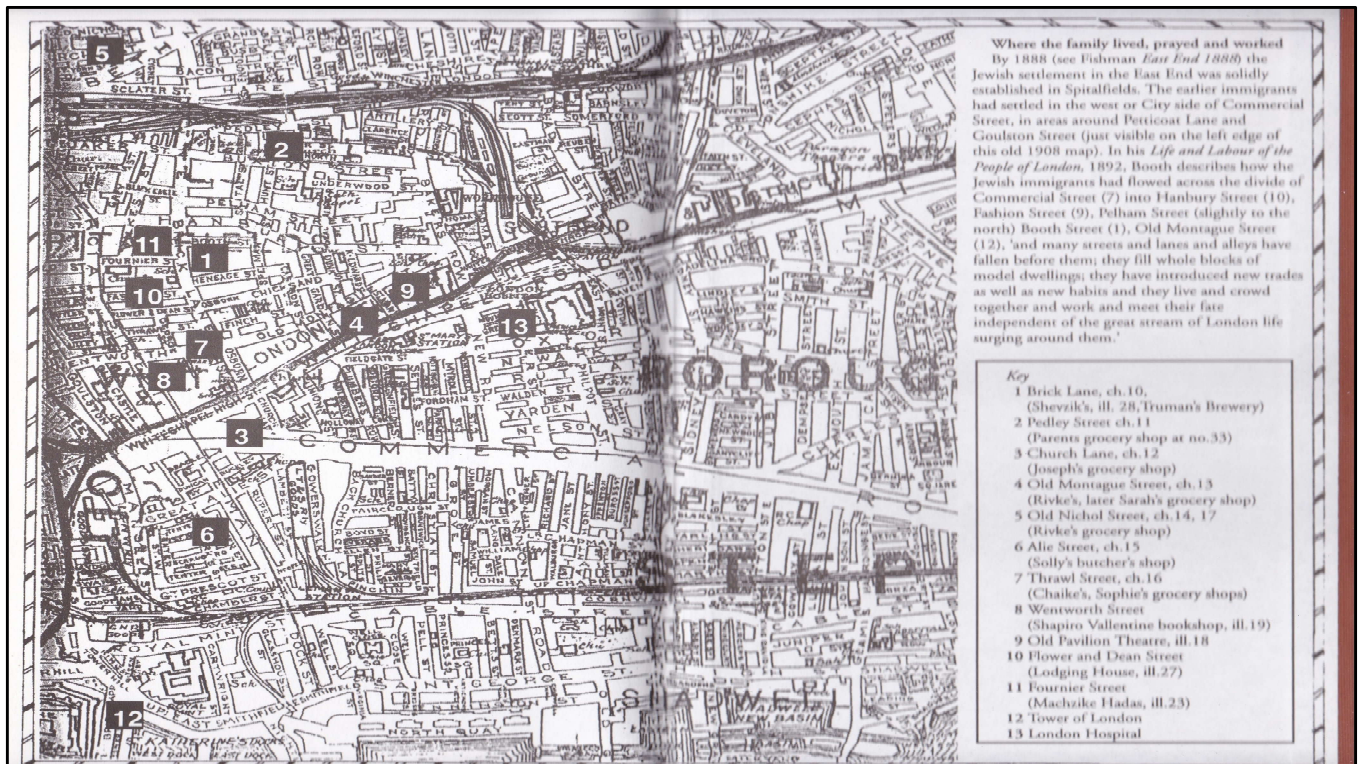


I would also like to share with you the preface of this book written by Cyril Sherwood in 1996 which helps us understand the character of his Uncle David. [READ SEPARATE PRINTED PREFACE]

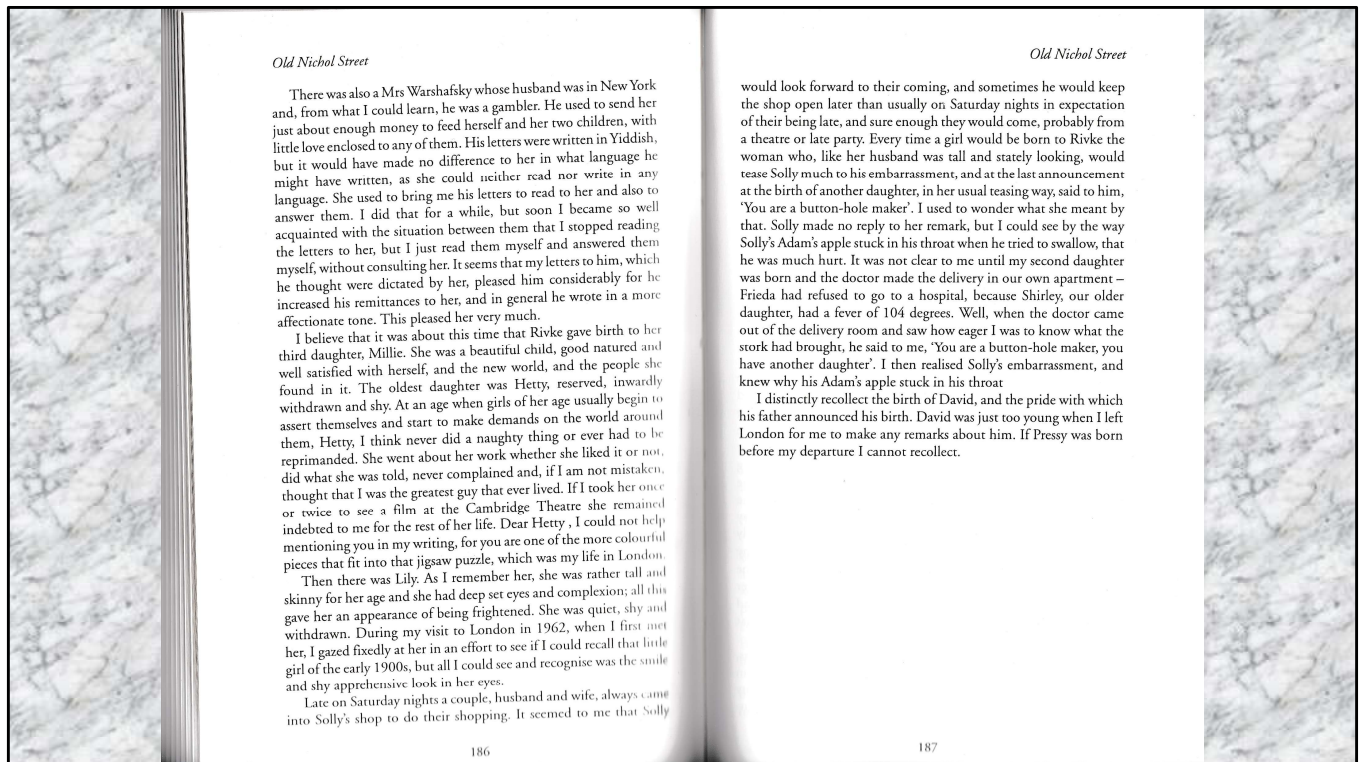


This map which is inside the front of the book shows the route David Sheinbaum took when travelling to London. It also shows where the Pripet Marshes are located.

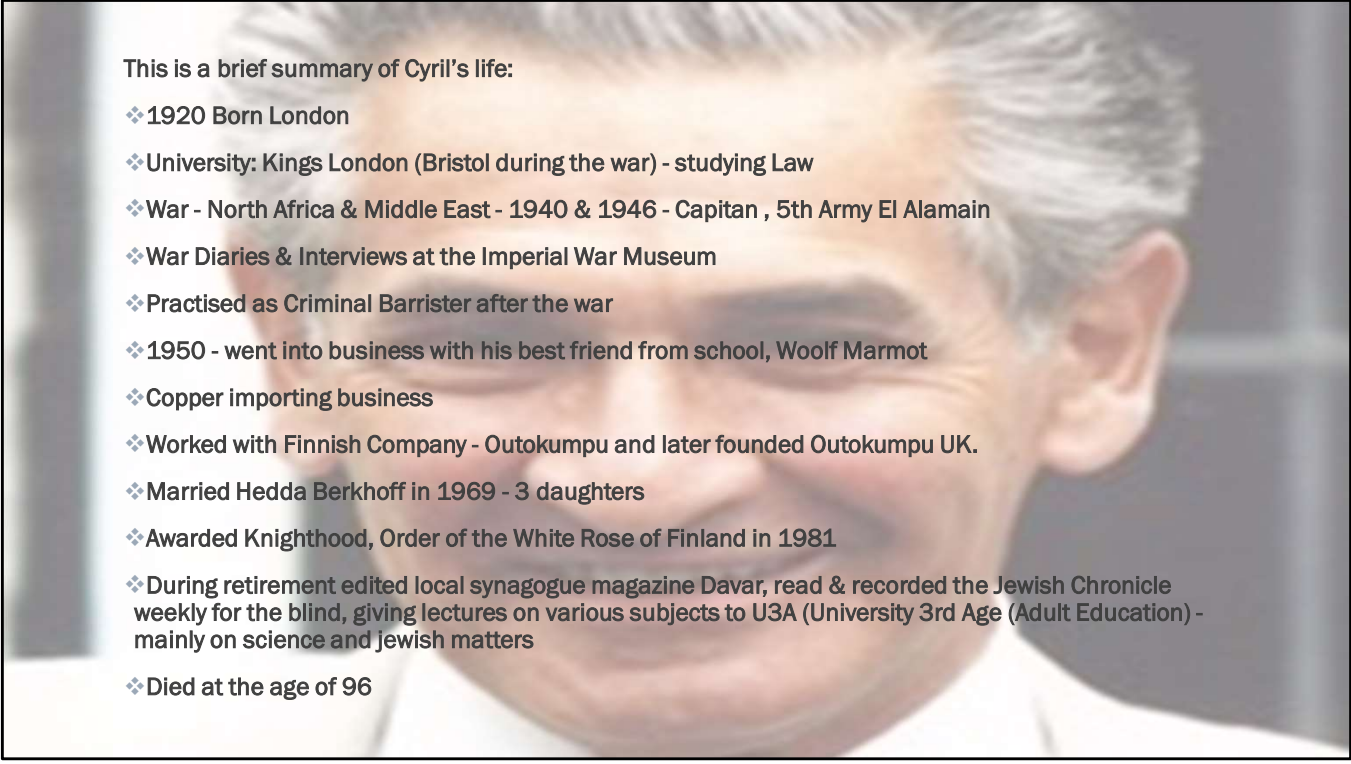




This map which is inside the back of the book shows in detail where the family lived in the East End of London. . [READ SEPARATE PRINTED REAR MAP EXPLANATION]



To give you a flavour of the book's style and content, I have selected a small section to read to you on pages 186 and 187 which refer to my grandma Hetty and her siblings. [READ SEPARATE PRINTED PAGES]

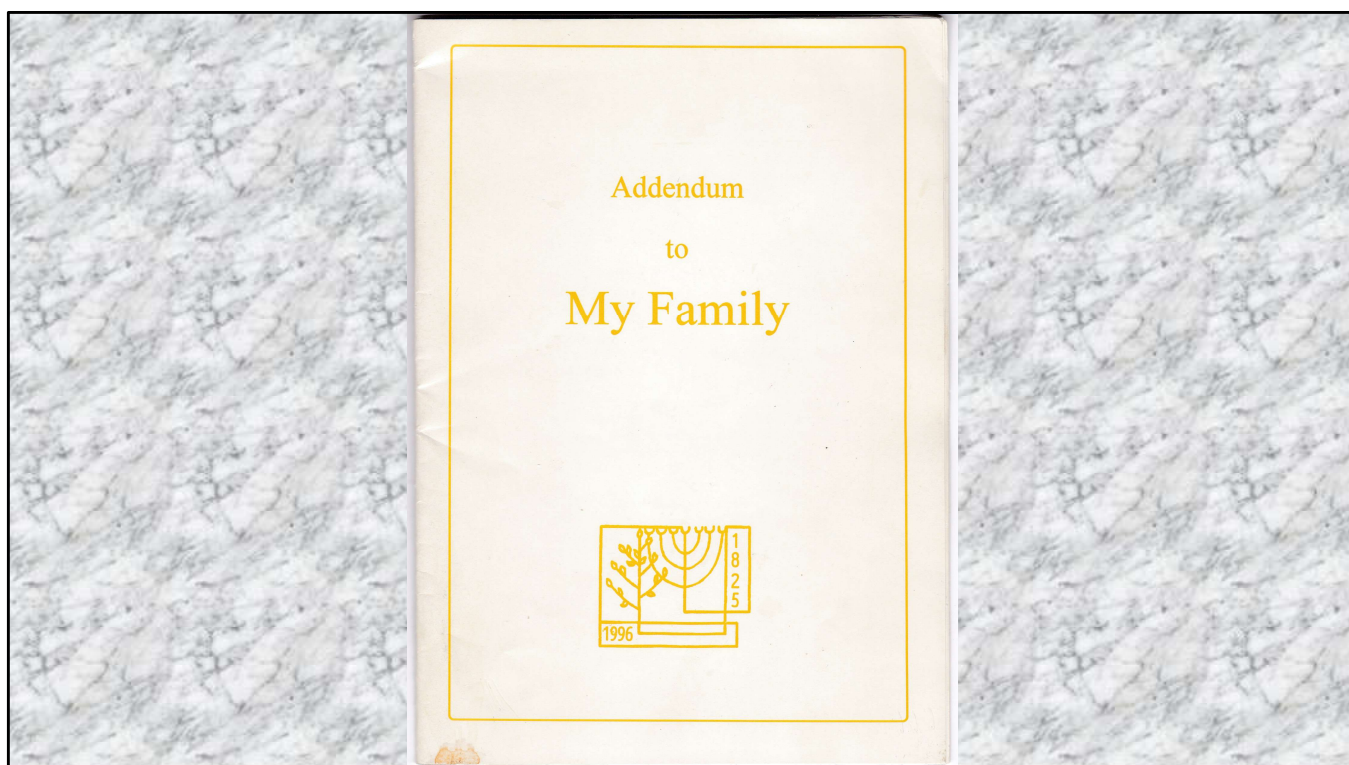
A close-up portrait of an elderly man with grey hair, smiling slightly. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

This is a brief summary of Cyril's life:

- ❖ 1920 Born London
- ❖ University: Kings London (Bristol during the war) - studying Law
- ❖ War - North Africa & Middle East - 1940 & 1946 - Capitan , 5th Army El Alamain
- ❖ War Diaries & Interviews at the Imperial War Museum
- ❖ Practised as Criminal Barrister after the war
- ❖ 1950 - went into business with his best friend from school, Woolf Marmot
- ❖ Copper importing business
- ❖ Worked with Finnish Company - Outokumpu and later founded Outokumpu UK.
- ❖ Married Hedda Berkhoff in 1969 - 3 daughters
- ❖ Awarded Knighthood, Order of the White Rose of Finland in 1981
- ❖ During retirement edited local synagogue magazine Davar, read & recorded the Jewish Chronicle weekly for the blind, giving lectures on various subjects to U3A (University 3rd Age (Adult Education) - mainly on science and jewish matters
- ❖ Died at the age of 96

Before I show you the final booklet, there is one person whose name is constantly mentioned throughout this presentation that deserves a special mention and that is Cyril Sherwood himself. Without his hard work over many months, the last 3 documents would simply not exist and so I am extremely grateful to Alexa, one of his daughters, for providing me with a short biography of Cyril which I will share with you now.





The 4<sup>th</sup> and last booklet is entitled Addendum to My Family. This book was also produced by Cyril Sherwood in 1996 and lists the descendants of the brothers and sisters of Hirsch Sheinbaum.

### Preface

The book MY FAMILY refers in detail to the lives of Hirsch Sheinbaum (b. 1855 in Poland, d. 1948 in Israel), his wife Schprintze (née Rabbinowitz, b. 1858 in Poland, d. 1913 in London), and the early lives of their sons and daughters. The book also includes charts setting out their known descendants to date.

The purpose of this Addendum is to include charts setting out the descendants to date, as far as is known, of the brothers and sisters of Hirsch Sheinbaum who emigrated to England, and also the known descendants of the families of spouses of Hirsch and Schprintze's sons and daughters.

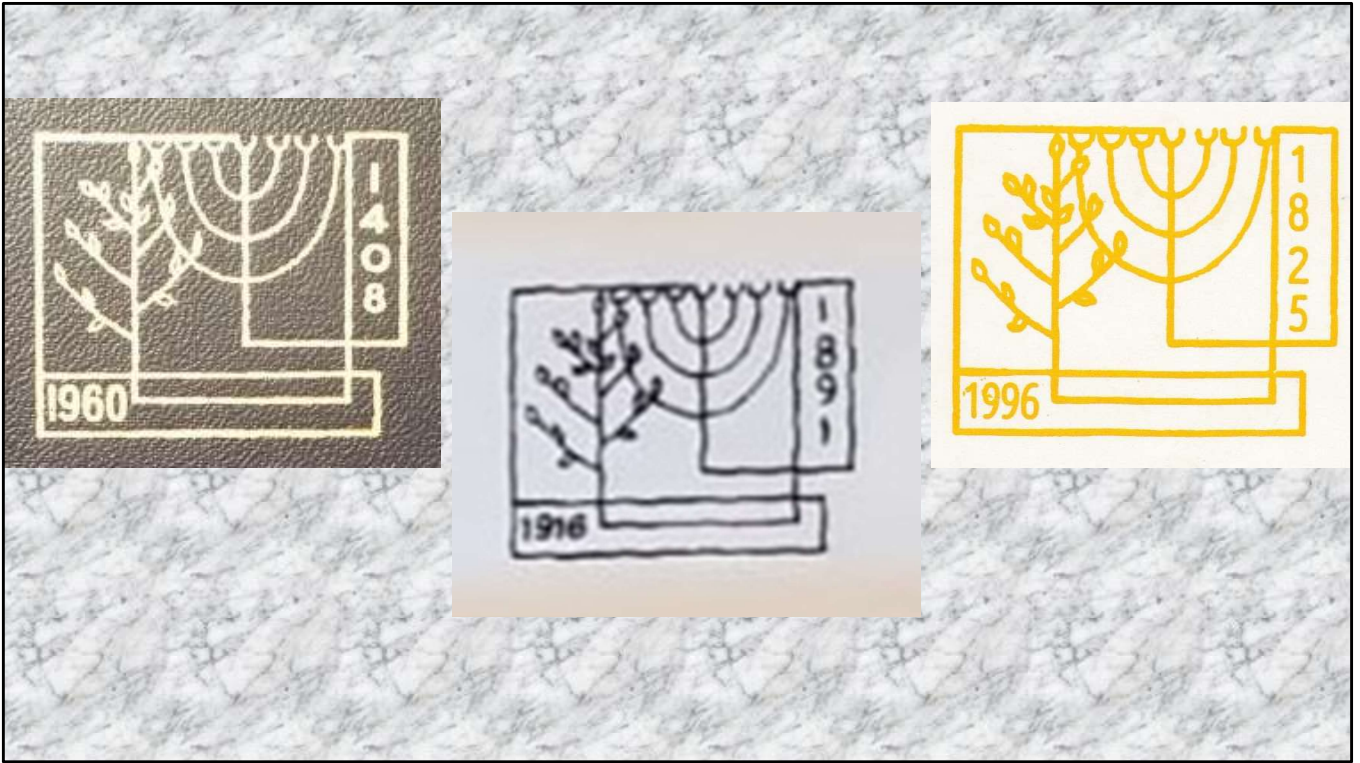
The brothers and sisters of Schprintze who left Poland all emigrated to the Americas, mainly to the USA but also to Canada and Argentina.

On Charts 1 to 4 the generation numbers at the side are numbered successively from Solomon Sheinbaum of Bereze, Poland (born c. 1825) and his wife Bas Sheva. On the other Charts, 5A to 5E, the generations are numbered in order from the person at the head of the particular chart.

I should like to thank those relations of mine who kindly assembled the information on which these charts were drawn, and also my daughter, Alexa, who fed the information into her computer to produce the charts.

Cyril Sherwood  
London 1996

I would like to share with you the preface of this Addendum which explains why this booklet was produced. [READ SEPARATE PRINTED PREFACE]



I am finding out who created these beautiful logos but to date this information is still outstanding.



The background of the slide is a rectangular area filled with a marbled paper pattern. The pattern consists of intricate, swirling, and cellular-like designs in shades of light gray, beige, and off-white. The overall effect is a classic, textured paper look.

***The End***