

From Bessarabia to North America – The Tulchinsky – Kogan Family Saga

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Only 7 years ago we did not know anything about each other branches of the family. In Kogan's Family book there was a line about Khova Tulchinsky, wife of great grandfather Peysach and a photo of the couple. Now there are 6 pages with family information and photographs and also memoirs of Isaak Tulchinsky. How this could happen? We met at JewishGen! We will tell you how this happen.

The Tulchinsky family originated in Tiraspol in the Kherson Gubernia of Russian Empire, later lived in Tarutino, Akkerman district, Bessarabia and the Kogans came originally from Akkerman, Bessarabia, and in late 19c moved to Kaushany, Bessarabia. Tiraspol was a small town on the left side of Dniester River, and Akkerman was also a town on the Dniester Liman, not far from Black Sea. Tarutino was a former German colony, where Jews were allowed to settle at the end of 19c, and Kaushany was a shteitl, and all these places had substantial Jewish population.

We will talk how we found information about our families, what documents we acquired. Many of the documents are now part of JewishGen.

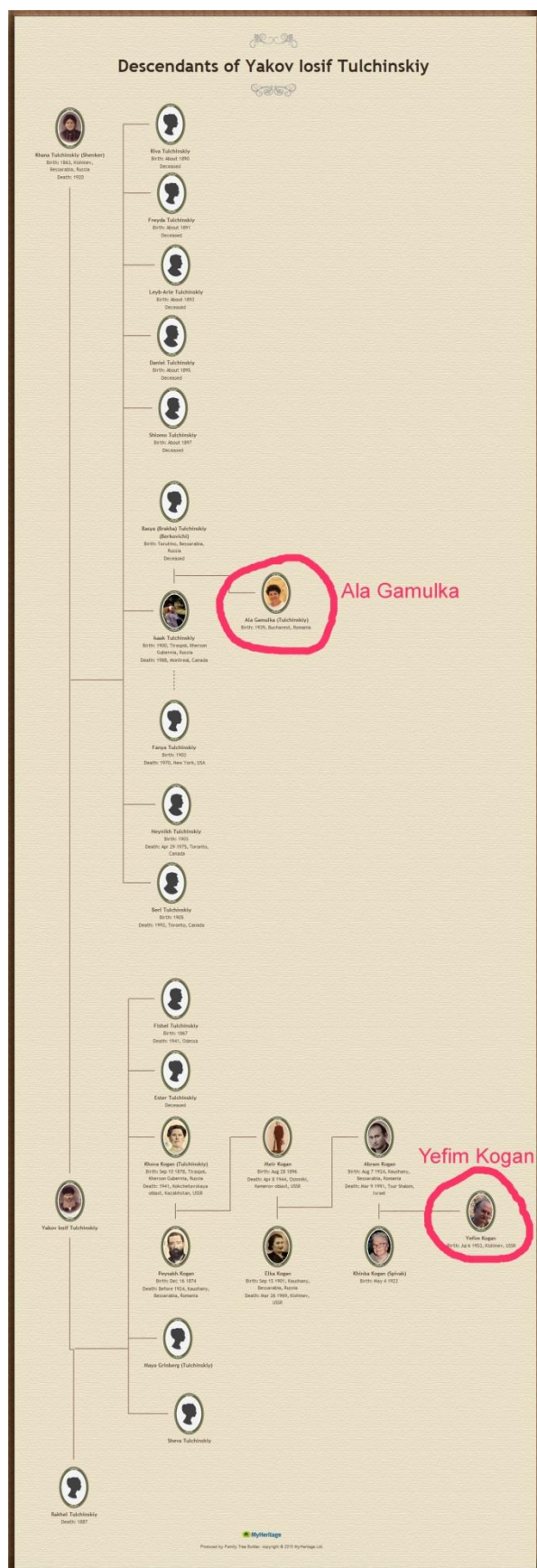
How are related: Yefim's great grandmother and Ala's father were half siblings in a family of 13 children, see family chart on the next page.

World Wars I and II left their impact on the lives of these families. Some members stayed behind the Iron Curtain while others managed to escape and rebuild their lives in their new countries.

Yefim and Ala continue to share their data and family connections and both strive to trace their ancestors to this day.

Today, descendants of the two families can be found in Israel, Canada, United States, France, Australia and Russia.

Ala and Yefim are very much involved in Bessarabian research. Yefim Kogan is the Coordinator of Bessarabia SIG at Jewishgen.org and Ala Gamulka is a member of its Board. They are both highly involved in research and translation.



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