FROM BESSARABIA TO NORTH AMERICA- THE SAGA OF THE KOGAN-TULCHINSKY FAMILY

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### Bessarabia



# Tiraspol (Wikipedia)

- Tiraspol (IPA: [tɪ'raspəl]; Russian and Ukrainian: Тирасполь, Romanian pronunciation: [ti'raspol]) is internationally recognised as the second largest city in Moldova, but is effectively the capital and administrative centre of the unrecognized Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic (Transnistria). The city is located on the eastern bank of the Dniester River. Tiraspol is a regional hub of light industry, such as furniture and electrical goods production.
- The modern city of Tiraspol was founded by the Russian generalissimo Alexander Suvorov in 1792, although the area had been inhabited for thousands of years by varying ethnic groups. The city celebrates its anniversary every year on October 14.

## Yaakov Yosef Tulchinsky



# Yaakov Yosef Tulchinsky and Rivka Leah Kogon

- Married 1866
- Children: Fishel, Esther, Maya, Hova, and Sheva

#### Fishel's Arrest

•1922 •WIFE-HANNAH •CHILDREN: •RIVKA FIKS ROSA KOFMAN •YUDIS •SRUL-PHARMACIST IN **KHARKOV** •OVSHEY(YEHOSHUA)-PHARMACIST IN ODESSA •ABRAM-ACCOUNTANT IN ODESSA •MEIR

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### Maya Tulchinsky

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#### • CHILDREN:

- FANYA REISS
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- YITZHAK
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- MEIR(MYRON)

### Grinberg Law – Naphtali Grinberg



### Hova Tulchinsky-Kogan



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- Hova (Hava) Kogan (Tulchinsky) (September 10, 1878, Tiraspol – 1941, Kokchetav oblast).
- Peisach Kogan (December 16, 1874 1928) was a manager at landowner's estate 12

**Hova Kogan**, Page of Testimony at Yad Vashem written by her son, **Arie (Leon) Kogan**, Israel

Born in 1876, In Tiraspol, At the beginning of war lived in Kaushany, Bessarabia

Profession: sales person

Died in 1941

Husband: Peisakh Kogan, died 52 years old (in 1928)

Written December 24, 1956



# About family Kogan

Father of **Peisach Kogan – Boris (Berl) Kogan** (~1840(?) – before 1924), was a manager at landowner's estate Mother of **Peisach Kogan – Entel Kogan** (May 10, 1868? – after 1924)

Father of **Berl (Boris) Kogan – Moisha Kogan** (~1810(?) - ?)

# About family Kogan

Birth record for Ios Mendel Kogan, brother of Berl Kogan (1876-?)



It says in the record: "Akkermanskiy Meschanin" (Middle Class, registered in Akkerman)

## More about Kogan's family

• According to Roza, Peisakh's niece, Berl was a good winemaker in Kaushany in the beginning of 20c, he also was a manager of a landlord's estate. When the landlord went bankrupt Berl's family bought the whole estate. After the death of Berl, estate was distributed to all four sons of Berl: Joseph Moishe, Pesakh and Zalman.



1935, Kogan's estate Standing: Boris, Roza, Menikha (daughter of Inda's sister Molka) Sitting: Inda, Nyoma and Moishe (brother of Peisakh)



# About family Kogan

One more mystery to solve: I know from my father that we are not cohanim, even though usually the surname Kogan was given to a cohen.

The reason my father remembered from his father and grandfather that at some point in the 19 century the original surname was changed to Kogan, most likely by Moshko in 1850s.

Someone did not want to go to Tsar Army...

How to find an original surname?

## Hannah Shenkar and Yosef Tulchinsky

•Married in Kishinev on 17/04/1888



#### Children of Yosef and Hannah Tulchinksy

- RIVA
- FREYDA
- SHLOMO
- ARYEH LEIB
- DANIEL
- ISAAC
- HANOCH(HARRY)
- BERL

### Aryeh Leib Tulchinsky



### Rafael Tulchinsky



### Dr. Boris Tulchinsky



## **Tulchinsky Brothers in Canada**

 Berel, Mary, Harry, and Anne



## Isaac Tulchinsky

 Isaac Tulchinsky and his daughter, Rita



### Rita and Israel Freundlich (Yedidya)

- Children:
  - Daniel (married to Shoshi)
  - Tali (married to Yehuda Gul)



### Bracha, Isaac, and Ala

#### • My parents and I





### **Escape to Palestine**

#### • Mircea – our boat



### Escape to Palestine – The Route



# Atlit Detention Camp (maapilim.org.il)

- Gamulka Alexandra (Ala, Kiki)
- Full Name: Gamulka Alexandra (Ala)
- Maiden Name: Tulcinski
- Means of Immigration: Journey by sea
- Date of Arrest : 20.5.1942
- Place of Birth: בוקרשט, רומניה /Bucharest, Romania
- Ha'apala by/from: Mircea
- **Detention Camp:** Atlit
- Date of Release : September 1942



### Montreal

- Ala and Larry Gamulka
- April 12, 1962



### Montreal

- Our Children:
  - Daniel
  - Beth
  - Jonathan



# Grandchildren

- Beth and Wally:
  - Jonah
  - Benjamin
  - Talia
- Daniel and Jennifer:
  - Eliana
  - Avi
  - Noam





## **Questions**?

- English
- French
- Hebrew
- Russian