

**An (incomplete) Family History
of
Elias Horowitz and Tillie (Baer) Horowitz
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Florence (Horowitz) Daks and Others
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The purpose of this document is to capture what little facts are known about the two young people who immigrated to the United States from Eastern Europe around the turn of the 20th Century, the family they left in Europe, and their first generation of children born in the U.S.A. Below is a picture of Elias and Tillie along with their four children, looking quite prosperous, though this belies the actual truth of the situation. But I am running ahead of my story. I'll begin by recounting what I could find out about Tillie and Elias and save any analysis for much later.



**Elias Horowitz, Simon (with ball), Florence (baby), Tillie, Joseph (seated), Irving
taken sometime in 1921**

Tillie Baer

Tillie Baer (nickname Toba), born in 1886 (though we have no record of the month and day) fled Poland to Canada when she was 18 years old in 1904. Her father had passed away, her mother re-married, and according to her "life in Jaroslaw¹, Poland offered her no future". That, plus the stories of how wonderful things were in America, caused her to leave home at a very tender age. With relatives in Montreal she went to Canada first, and eventually made her way to the US and to Brooklyn. Her contact in the U.S. was a cousin named Rose Lemanowsky, a widow, and Tillie lived with her for a time at 1350 43rd Street in Brooklyn. Tillie was very vague about her years in Poland, but she did recall that Franz Joseph was the ruler of Poland at that time.

¹ Jaroslaw is a town in southeastern Poland situated on the San River, see <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jaros%C5%82aw>; at the time of Tillie's birth it was part of the Austrian empire and it only became part of Poland in 1918



Tillie (Baer) Horowitz as a young girl and in 1952 at age 66 on the roof of her building at 762 E. 3rd St, Brooklyn

In an "Application for Registry of an Alien" which Tillie filled out on March 15, 1933, when she was about 46 years old, she stated that she arrived in New York on March 1, 1906 at the age of 20. Her description says fair skin, grayish, brown hair, gray eyes and 5'2" tall. She had arrived in the U.S. by train from Montreal, and she lists her occupation as "finisher". The application lists several residences, all of which are in Brooklyn. It is known that Tillie worked as a maid on Shore Road in Brooklyn before she got married.



The only known photo of Tillie's mother and sister; (sister's name unknown, year unknown)



Felicia Kochanska, Tillie's sister who lived in Ingolstadt, Germany

Above on the left is the only known photo of Tillie's mother and sister. There is some reason to believe that Tillie had two sisters, but the evidence is sketchy. To the right is a photo of one of her sisters, Felicia Kochanska. Apparently she avoided being killed by the Nazis because she was married to a German officer. She had no children and no one knew

she was Jewish. When she married the German soldier she was cast out of the family². She was buried in a Catholic cemetery near Ingolstadt³ Germany where she had lived.

Tillie also had a brother (or a step brother) named Heinrich Kelz, a tailor who had “done well” in Warsaw, Poland. He had two sons – Siegfried (Sygush) who became a dentist in Italy, and the younger one, Max Kelz who also lived in Warsaw. Siegfried’s wife, Paula (or Pola) Kelz was also a dentist, and both had a very comfortable life in Italy. Their daughter was named Many (or Manny), and she was 4 years old when Mussolini came to power. Mussolini forbade Jews to practice their profession, so Siegfried arranged to send money, via a ship’s captain to Tillie to save for him. They eventually fled to the U.S., Tillie returned the money, and they settled in Boston where he practiced dentistry in Brookline, Massachusetts with his wife Pola as his assistant. Sometime in the 1930s Tillie did make a trip back to Poland to see her mother, brother and his family, Sygush and his family, and Felicia. Unfortunately no details remain of her trip. Apparently Tillie had a disagreement with Siegfried Kelz and they did not keep in touch for many years until renewing contact sometime in 1961⁴.



**Heinrich Kelz,
Tillie's brother**



**Max Kelz
Tillie's nephew**



**Pola Kelz and Manny
Sygush's wife and child**

We don't know how Tillie met Elias, her future husband. In May, 1911 (exact date unknown) they were married, both were approximately 25 years old. Elias and Tillie had five children: Irving (born 01/26/1912, died 11/11/1981, age 69, blocked arteries), Joseph (born 03/25/1916, died 04/22/1983, age 67, a heavy smoker), Simon (or Si, born 02/20/1918, died 03/19/2001, age 83, cancer), Florence (born 2/13/1921, died 03/14/2022, age 101, of old age) and Ephraim(or Ephie, born 12/20/1924, died 12/26/94, age 70, brain tumor). During this time she lived at various residences in Brooklyn, NY. The final one was located at 762 East 3rd Street, Brooklyn, on the fourth floor

² A similar story to Chava who married the Russian Fyedka over Tevye's objection in *Fiddler on the Roof*

³ **Ingolstadt** is a city in the Free State of Bavaria, in the Federal Republic of Germany. It is located along the banks of the Danube River and is part of the Munich Metropolitan Area.

⁴ The Kelz' daughter Many was for a time a fellow at Tufts University in Boston. The Kelz' daughter Susan graduated from Barnard and obtained a Masters in English from Boston College. She is the author of several books that are available through amazon.com.

with no elevator. Tillie and Elias were married for 26 years before Elias died on July 30, 1937. Elias is buried in the Mount Judah Cemetery in Ridgewood, Queens. Tillie died on April 23, 1973, (no specific cause) and both are buried in Mount Judah cemetery in Queens⁵. She was approximately 87 years old when she passed away.



Three photos of Tillie; the two on the left have no date; the one on the right was taken sometime in the 1950s.

Elias Horowitz

Elias was born on March 14, 1883 in the city of Gomel in what is now Belarus, but at that time was simply part of Russia. His parents were Hirsh Horowitz and Froome nee Rabinowitz. Elias Horowitz was approximately 16 years old when he left Russia. Several years before, in 1898 Czar Nicolas II had barred Jews from living in major Russian cities. This was the same Czar who earlier had issued an edict demanding that all Jews had to settle within the so-called Pale of Settlement, an area bounded by Poland on the west, Belarus on the South, and Ukraine in the East. It gave rise to the shtetls and, of course, pogroms. *(lacking confirmation)*.



⁵ Tillie's grave <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/97389756>; Elias' grave <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/97062650>

Elias crossed into the US on October 21, 1906, on the S.S. Amerika⁶ which had sailed from Hamburg, Germany. He was processed through Ellis Island. His original home may have been Lemberg now Lviv, in western Ukraine, near the Polish border. The manifest from the ship included some basic facts about him.



Tillie & Elias holding newborn Irving, 1912

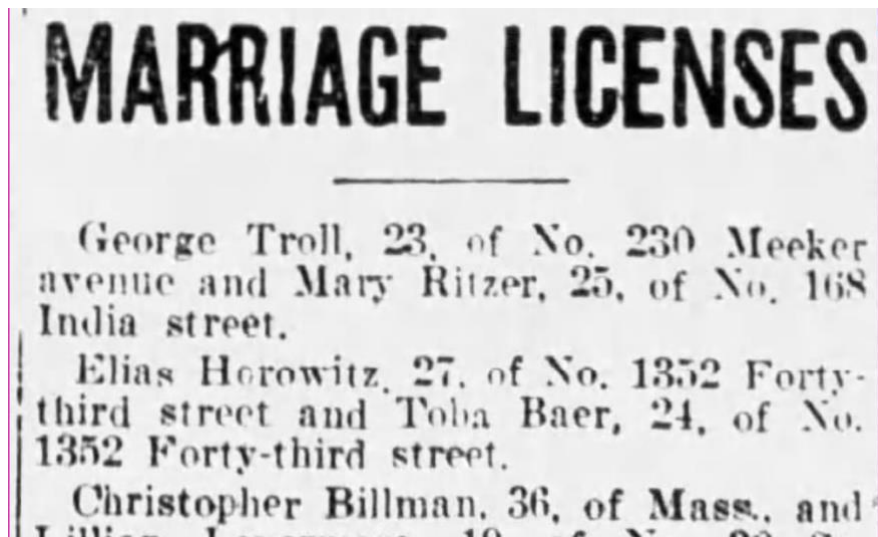


Two pictures of Elias Horowitz, taken with his daughter Florence in 1935, two years before his death⁷

⁶ There are several ships with the same name, though the one he took was likely the one that sailed between Hamburg and New York, see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SS_Amerika_%281905%29, and the picture below which was taken around the same time and is likely the same ship.

⁷ Elias and Tille spoke Yiddish to each other, but by the 1920s they were capable of speaking English fluently. Elias earned a living selling fruit, first off of a cart with a horse and later off of a truck.

When Elias arrived he was 20 (or 22) years old. He listed his last residence as Warschau though this was likely a temporary address as he moved through Europe. The relative he cited was Joseph Rosenberg (see Appendix A) though we have no further information about him.



Above is the announcement of the marriage of Elias Horowitz to Toba (Tillie) Baer on Sunday, April 21, 1912; He was 27 and she was 24. Both spoke only Yiddish

Above is a copy of the 1930 US census. It shows seven people living together:

Elias, Tillie, Israel (my father), Joseph, (can't make out the name, but it is Simon?), Ephraim, and Florence, who would have been 7 years old. Elias is shown as coming from Russia in 1904, speaks Yiddish and is proprietor of a fruit business. Tillie comes from Austria in 1906 and speaks Yiddish. My father Israel is listed as a Manager of the fruit business. He would have been 18 years old.

Above is a snapshot recording the obtaining of a marriage license for Elias Horowitz, age 27 to Toba Baer, age 24, the latter living at 1352 Forty-third street. Elias' driver's license from 1934 indicates that he weighed 115 pounds, was 5 foot 4 inches tall with grey eyes and black hair. Elias became a citizen in January, 1937. The primary language spoken between Elias and Tillie was Yiddish in the early years, but once the children were born and started school, the children answered in English and eventually both Tillie and Elias learned to speak English.

Elias was a fruit vendor, waking up each morning and going to the fruit market somewhere in Brooklyn, first with horse and wagon and later with a truck, and then re-selling the fruit to food stores in the local neighborhood. The 1930s was the time of the depression in the United States and life was generally hard. But things took a turn for the worst when Elias became sick with lung cancer (he was a big time smoker). He suffered from lung cancer for several years, and had a lung removed several years before his death. The disease probably accounts for his dour expression in both of the pictures above. The pictures were taken at 580 East 4th Street, Brooklyn in 1935. Elias' early passing was traumatic for everyone in the family, and put a burden on the older children to help support Tillie and their siblings. Elias died on July 30, 1937 at the age of 51 from the effects of lung cancer. As is Tillie, Elias is also buried in Mount Judah cemetery, nearby but not next to her.

The only known relative of Elias was George Garbe who lived in Canada, apparently at 711 Victoria Ave., West Mount, Quebec, Canada. Evidence indicates he was a cousin of Elias. There is a letter that Florence wrote to him in June, 1940, looking for jobs for Joe and Simon. George Garbe replied using the letterhead GENERAL CIGAR COMPANY LIMITED, for which he was employed. He suggested they contact Abe Freedberg, a possible cousin, but unfortunately Garbe and Freedberg were unable to help. A recent Google search (Sept. 2020) turned up an article from the 1949 issue of the Canadian Jewish Review, which offered these two lines:

Mr. and Mrs. George Garbe, Victoria Avenue, are leaving for their country home at Big Cedar Point, Ont., for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Guttman, Cote des Neiges Road, will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Garbe, Victoria Avenue, at Big Cedar Point, Ont.

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76		Florence	Daughter	EW 19 S 11th St	New York	Sam. Garbe	NOTE	Mr. 2d	Mr. 2d	11	40			PA 336 721	0	0	2	76
77		Frances	Son	M W 15 S 11th St	New York	Sam. Garbe	NOTE	Mr. 2d	Mr. 2d	11	40			PA 336 721	0	0	2	77
78		David	Son	M W 28 M 11th St	New York	Sam. Garbe	NOTE	Mr. 2d	Mr. 2d	11	40			PA 336 721	0	0	2	78

the 1940 census shows Elias, Joseph and Simon gone from the house. Israel is a radio mechanic and Florence a stenographer.



Photo of the George Garbe Family, Date Unknown

Children of Tillie and Elias Horowitz

Between the years 1912 and 1924 Tillie and Elias had five children: Irving, Joseph, Simon, Florence and Ephraim. The following paragraphs discuss each in brief.

Irving Horowitz



Irving (on right) and Joseph at a young age

NEW YORK CITY OF NEW YORK.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

STATE OF NEW YORK.
CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF BIRTH 2648

Name of Child *Isidore Horowitz*

Sex *male*

Color *white*

Date of Birth *January 26, 1912*

Place of Birth *1352 43rd St. Brooklyn*

Father's Occupation *at Vegetable*

Mother's Name *Tillie*

Mother's Name before Marriage *Tillie Bear*

Mother's Residence *Same*

Mother's Birthplace *Austria*

Father's Birthplace *Austria*

Father's Age *30 years*

Number of Children *none*

How many living in all *one*

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I attended professionally at the above birth and I am personally cognizant thereof; and that all the facts stated in said certificate and report of birth are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature *Solomon Heumann M.D.*

Residence *4903 141 Ave. Brooklyn*

DATE OF REPORT *January 30, 1912*

Irving, also called Irv, Izzy, or Isadore (born 01/26/1912, died 11/11/1981) grew up in Brooklyn and graduated from Erasmus Hall High School, probably around 1930. He attended one semester of college (school unknown),

but dropped out to help his father support the family. In the 1930s, in addition to helping his father, he also had a bookstore and repaired radios. He was self taught. Prior to joining the Army Irving worked for the U.S. Army, Philadelphia Signal Corps as an Associate Inspector. His ID listed him at 5' 7", weight 190 lbs, hazel eyes, and brown hair. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943 and served overseas.



Irving as a young man around 1936

65M.

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

The following is a copy of the Certificate of Marriage and Place of Marriage, and deliver them to the clerk who issued the license. The copy with the license and waver on the back is for the clerk, the other for the Bureau of Vital Statistics.

V. S. 77

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

CITY OR COUNTY OF Roanoke, Va. VOL. 5 PAGE 101 LINE 19

31147

FULL NAME OF GROOM Isidor Horowitz CLERK'S No.

PRESENT NAME OF BRIDE May Davis

GROOM				BRIDE			
AGE	RACE	SINGLE, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED	NO. TIMES PREV. MARRIED	AGE	RACE	SINGLE, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED	NO. TIMES PREV. MARRIED
27	White	Single		24	White	Single	
OCCUPATION <u>Radio Service</u>				MAIDEN NAME			
BIRTHPLACE <u>Brooklyn, N. Y.</u>				BIRTHPLACE <u>New York City, N.Y.</u>			
FATHER'S FULL NAME <u>Elias Horowitz</u>				FATHER'S FULL NAME <u>David Davis</u>			
MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Tillie Baer</u>				MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Ida Rosenberg</u>			
RESIDENCE P. O. ADDRESS (IF IN CITY ST. AND NO.) <u>Brooklyn, N. Y. 1429 - 48 Street</u>				RESIDENCE P. O. ADDRESS (IF IN CITY ST. AND NO.) <u>Brooklyn, N. Y. 4701 - 15th Avenue</u>			
Date of Proposed Marriage <u>Sept. 18, 1939</u>				Place of Proposed Marriage <u>Roanoke, Va.</u>			
Given under my hand this <u>18th</u> day of <u>September</u> , 19 <u>39</u>							
By <u>R. J. WATSON, Clerk</u> Deputy Clerk of <u>Hastings</u> Court.							
CERTIFICATE OF TIME AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE							
I, <u>W. J. Austin</u> , appointed by the <u>Hastings Court of the City of Roanoke</u> Church, or religious order of that name, do certify that on the <u>18</u> day of <u>Sept</u> , 19 <u>39</u> at <u>Roanoke</u> Virginia, under authority of this license, I joined together in the Holy State of Matrimony the persons named and described therein. I qualified and gave bond according to law authorizing me to celebrate the rites of marriage in the county (or city) of <u>Roanoke</u> Commonwealth of Virginia.							
Given under my hand this <u>18</u> day of <u>Sept</u> , 19 <u>39</u>							
Address of celebrant <u>Roanoke</u> <u>W. J. Austin</u> (Person who performs ceremony sign here.)							

Apparently there was a very brief marriage and divorce between Isidor Horowitz and May Davis as Isidor re-married in 1942



Irv in front of his radio repair store



Irving and Ruth Diamond courting in 1942



Irving and Ruth official wedding portrait, April, 1942

ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION HONORABLE DISCHARGE										
1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL HOROWITZ ISIDORE			2. ARMY SERIAL NO. 42 039 745		3. GRADE SGT		4. APP OR SERVICE CE		5. COMPONENT AUS	
6. ORGANIZATION HQ CO 1139 ENG CGP			7. DATE OF SEPARATION 2 NOV 45			8. PLACE OF SEPARATION SEP CEN FT DIX NJ				
9. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES 1781 E 16 ST BKLYN NY			10. DATE OF BIRTH 26 JAN 12			11. PLACE OF BIRTH BKLYN NY				
12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE RECEIVED SEE 9			13. COLOR EYES BLUE			14. COLOR HAIR BR			15. HEIGHT 5-5	
16. WEIGHT 175 lbs			17. NO. DEPENDENTS 2			18. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. RADIO REPAIRMAN 5-83,411				
19. MARITAL STATUS MAR			20. S.S. NUMBER 174			21. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE NYC				
22. DATE OF INDUCTION 16 SEP 43			23. DATE OF ENLISTMENT 7 OCT 43			24. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE 762 E 3RD ST BKLYN NY				
25. SELECTIVE SERVICE DATA 187			26. COUNTY AND STATE KINGS CO NY			27. MILITARY QUALIFICATION AND NO. CARBINE MCM 3 DEC 43				
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35. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE 0 9 0 1 3 26			36. HIGHEST GRADE HELD SGT			37. DATE OF DEPARTURE 18 OCT 45			38. DATE OF ARRIVAL 26 OCT 45	
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47. INSURANCE NOTICE 31 OCT 45			48. INSURANCE NOTICE 30 NOV 45			49. INSURANCE NOTICE 7-30			50. INSURANCE NOTICE X	
51. REMARKS (This space for completion of above items or entry of other items specified in W. D. Directives) LAPEL BUTTON ISSUED ASR SCORE 2 SEP 45 70 INACTIVE ERC FROM 16 SEP 43 TO 6 OCT 43			52. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Typed name, grade and organization, signature) J E WHITE JR			53. FINAL ENDORSEMENT COPY (Affixed to final edition of Service Record)				

Isidore Horowitz Army Discharge Form

Irv was a member of the 1139th Engineer Combat Group, Colonel Niles the Group Commander. In a letter dated February 9, 1945 from Chaplain Luther Fletcher to Irving's wife, Ruth, he assures her that Irving and his group are doing well,

"This Easter season in which we shall celebrate the Resurrection of a living and abiding Christ, although life has been accelerated, and the stress and strain accentuated, we are praying that in spite of the violence and strife incident to this war, you may have a deep and abiding peace which only a living Christ can give – the true meaning of Easter."

Irving's military papers listed him at 1781 East 16th Street, Brooklyn and said "Better known as Izzy and the operator of that wonderful machine the Odograph⁸ – always insisting riding in the ditches after dark."

⁸ A machine for registering the distance traversed by a vehicle



1943, Sgt. Irving Horowitz at Camp Beale⁹

Irving and the 1139th landed at Utah Beach in Normandy, France, and went on to Le Mans, Chartres, Fontainebleau, and then into Germany at Reims, Verdun Mainz, Frankfurt, Weimar, Regensburg, and finally into Austria Passau and Lambach (which is just outside Vienna). Their primary task was bridge building.

Below is one of the few pictures of some of the family members from 1944. In the front row, from left to right, are: Tillie, Ruth Horowitz, Ellis Horowitz probably about 1 year old. In the back row are Florence Horowitz, Jack and Sarah Weitz (Ruth's sister and brother-in-law), Joe Horowitz and his girlfriend (named Rose). The picture is taken in front of 1781 East 16th Street in Brooklyn, where Irv and Ruth lived in the early years of their marriage.



**1944, top row are Florence Horowitz, Jack Weitz, Sarah Weitz (Ruth's older sister), Joe Horowitz, Rose
Bottom Row, Tillie Horowitz, Ruth Horowitz (my mother), Ellis Horowitz (me, less than 1 year old)**

⁹ Camp Beale is located in northern California, 10 miles east of Marysville and Yuba City, 40 miles north of Sacramento.

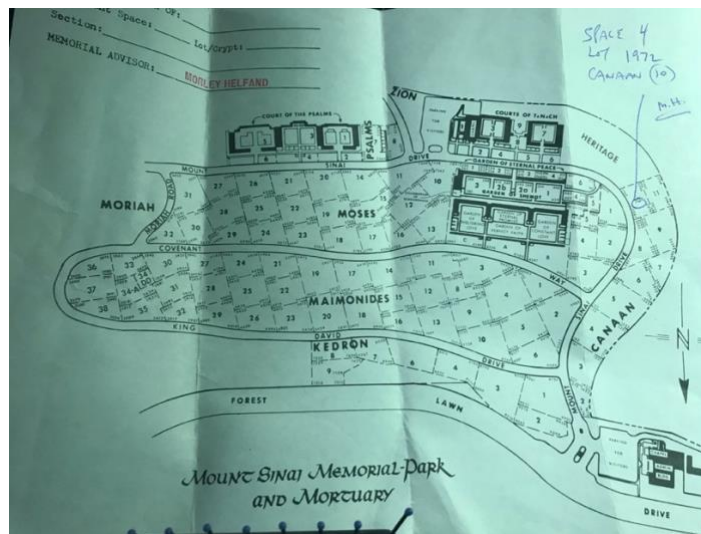


Simon, Tillie, Irving, Florence, Ephie probably taken in 1943 or 1944

Irving graduated Erasmus Hall High School and apparently went to college for one semester. But he was needed to help his father and did not continue his formal schooling. Irving had an early marriage which, as with Ruth, did not last very long. The only grounds for divorce in New York State was adultery. Irving met Ruth Diamond in the Catskills and they married on April 21, 1942 and lived at 1781 East 16th Street, Brooklyn. Ruth went as far as the 8th grade and then stopped. She had a few clerical jobs but was eventually encouraged by her sisters (as her parents had departed for Palestine) to get married. Her first marriage was brief and there are no details about the divorce.

Ellis was born on 02/11/1944 and Cecile on 10/13/1947. After the war Irv supported himself by repairing televisions. He occasionally had a small store, but more typically worked out of his apartment at 1775 East 17th Street, Brooklyn, NY. The apartment was over a grocery store. The building has since been torn down and is now a set of condominiums.

Life for Irving and family was difficult and compounded by the fact that Ruth contracted multiple sclerosis around 1954. Irving was committed to caring for her at home, and after a long decline Ruth eventually passed away on 11/31/1967 at age 57. Irving stayed on in Brooklyn after both Ellis and Cecile left home. After retiring in 1976, Irv moved out to Los Angeles to live with his son Ellis and daughter-in-law Maryanne. After suffering several heart attacks, the first one around the age of 60, he died of a heart attack due to arteriosclerosis, a stiffening or hardening of the arteries, on 11/11/1981. An angiogram before his death showed general blockage throughout and hence there was no opportunity for a bypass operation. Irving is buried in Mount Sinai Cemetery in Los Angeles. Ruth is buried in Mount Lebanon cemetery in Iselin, New Jersey, B#9445, Planted Grove, Section 1, Block 10, Lot 38-41, S/D "H", Grave #11



Irving Horowitz Burial Plot Location at Mt. Sinai Cemetery¹⁰

Take Mount Sinai Drive to Section 10
Grave #1972 in Section 10 about 5 rows up from the road

Joseph Horowitz

Joseph was born on March 25, 1916 and died on April 22, 1983 at the age of 67. The cause of death came from multiple sources including emphysema and diabetes. He was a serious smoker. As did his siblings he attended Erasmus Hall High School, but he did not graduate as he needed to work and contribute income to the family. He joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) an agency set up by President Franklin Roosevelt in the 1930s. It offered a job with a minimum monthly payment, an attractive offer since there were millions of men without jobs at the time. The CCC was an opportunity for young men who were living in cities to experience life in Western towns. Eventually he was drafted into the Army, and served for 3 ½ years. He was an airplane armament gunner at various American Air Force installations and participated in anti-submarine campaigns.



Joseph Horowitz at Harlingen Army Air Field¹¹, Harlingen, Texas, 1943

¹⁰ Isidore Horowitz grave <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/107546829>; Ruth Horowitz grave <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/273792236>

¹¹ With the outbreak of World War II in Europe in September 1940, the U.S. Government created a military airfield in Harlingen. The mission of Harlingen Army Airfield was to train aerial gunners. See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harlingen_Air_Force_Base



After the war he settled in Richmond, Virginia with his partner named Rose (shown before). Though they had no children of their own, they raised her niece's two children: Harry Watts and Roseanne Canterbury. A long time smoker he was constantly coughing and had a very hoarse voice. He suffered from diabetes and emphysema. He made a living as an air conditioner and refrigerator repair man. He also had some acreage in Montpelier, Virginia where he grew soybeans.

Simon Hurwit

Simon was born on 02/20/1918 and died 05/19/2001 at the age of 83. The cause of death was colon cancer. He never graduated High School, though like his siblings he attended Erasmus in Brooklyn. He enlisted in the New York National Guard on April 21, 1937 and was honorably discharged at the rank of Private on April 20, 1940. At some point afterwards he joined the US Military. Si's Honorable Discharge from the US Military lists several facts about his military service

- His rank was PFC, private first class
- His address was 762 East 3rd Street, Brooklyn NY (which was where his mother Tillie was living)
- Blue eyes, black hair, 5' 7" and 162 lbs.
- Occupation was heavy truck driver
- Battles and Campaigns included: Algeria-French Morocco, Ardennes, Central Europe, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Sicily, Tunisia
- Educational background indicated 3 ½ years of high school; apparently he did not graduate
- He was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for "heroic or meritorious achievement in connection with military operations" in Normandy, France on June 6, 1944.

Perhaps the most important battle Si participated in was the landing on Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He was a member of the 3rd Battalion Hq Co., 16th Infantry Regiment of the 1st Infantry Division, whose nickname was the "Big Red One"¹².

¹² The Big Red One is a nickname for the 1st Infantry Division of the US Army that served heroically in World War II. The name derives from the red numeral "1" on the Division's shoulder patch. Some of their exploits were recounted in a film made in 1980 of the same name starring Lee Marvin and Mark Hamill, see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Big_Red_One or <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0080437/>

After returning from the war, Si took up work in Gladys' father shoe store, located in Dorchester, Massachusetts. After some years Gladys joined him as a saleslady and worked with him for many years. He bought a house in Brockton, Massachusetts and raised his family there. After retiring he moved to Cape Cod and lived at 296 Scargo Hill Road, East Dennis, Massachusetts. Gladys and Si retired to Florida and still continued to sell shoes part-time in a shopping mall. Si died of cancer at the age of 83 and Gladys died at age 84 (or so) on 05/12/2007.



1941, Si and Gladys Hurwit

Si married Gladys (nee: Tattlebaum) and had two children: Ellen born on 02/04/1947, (died of pancreatic cancer on 08/2018), and Jonathan born on 08/26/1950. Ellen produced two children: Jennifer and Chris. Jonathan produced three sons: Joshua, Aaron, and ?

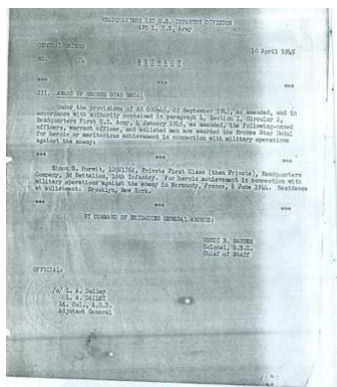
Recent Note: Joshua Hurwit, son of Jonathan married Alyson (Lifshitz) Hurwit on 11/13/2010 and as of 04/2015 they have two daughters: Alexa Hurwit, born 06/06/2012 and Emily Hurwit, born 05/24/2014. Joshua is a lawyer.



Simon Hurwit (in the middle) with Russian troops in Eger, Czechoslovakia, May 8, 1945



Si, Gladys, Ellis & Maryanne in Las Vegas to Celebrate US Army Reunion



Celebrating the Big Red 1

Ephraim (Ephie) Horowitz

The last of Tillie's five children, Ephie was born on December 20, 1924. He went to Erasmus Hall High School, but dropped out at age 17 and then went to N.Y. School of Printing¹³. He met Gloria Cohen when they were teenagers and after being drafted during World War II into the American Air Force, they were married on May, 10, 1944. He served in the United States, but was not sent overseas.



Gloria , Mrs. Cohen and Ephie



Tillie and Ephie



Ephie in military uniform

After World War II he worked as a salesman for stores selling infants and children's clothing. He had a keen sense of style and eventually became a partner in a large children's and menswear store located on Fifth Avenue in an area called Sunset Park, Brooklyn. While living in Brooklyn Ephie and Gloria had two children, Louise, born on 11/07/1947 and Michael on born 06/11/1950. Later they bought a home in Ridgefield, Connecticut. Ephie died on December 26, 1994 at 70 of a brain tumor and Gloria passed away at age 85 on 06/06/2008.

Florence (nee Horowitz) Daks¹⁴

Born in 1921, in Brooklyn, Florence (Flo) was delivered at home, the fourth child of Tillie and Elias Horowitz. Florence graduated from Erasmus Hall High School in 1938 when she was 17. Below is her graduation picture. She dreamed of going to college and being a teacher, but the US was in the middle of a depression, with long lines of people looking for work, and with no father she needed to earn money for herself and the family. Instead she went to Secretarial school and got a job for \$5/week. Her first job was working for the theatrical manager at the Nora Bayes Theater on 216 w. 44th Street. Her second job was at the Office of Price Administration, a New Deal agency created by President Roosevelt. It was located in the Empire State Bldg. Her third job was working for attorneys. After WWII, she got a job working for B'nai B'rith.

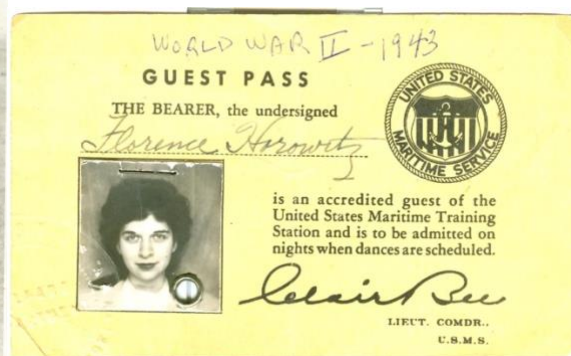
¹³ Founded in 1925, it is now called the High School of Graphic Communication Arts, see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High_School_of_Graphic_Communication_Arts

¹⁴ Florence died on 03/14/2022 at the age of 101. She is buried at Montefiore Cemetery, Block 81, Row 10R Grave 7R on Montefiore Ave, gate 255/N. Her husband Seymour who died on 07/13/1994 at the age of 73 is also buried there in Block 81, Row 10R, Grave 6R.



Florence's Graduation Picture from Erasmus Hall High School

Around 1952 to gain some independence Flo moved out of her mother's apartment into her own place. The apartment was located at 4455 Broadway and 192nd Street in Washington Heights on the island of Manhattan. Below are some photos of her as a single young lady.



Flo as a Young Girl

In 1953 Flo decided to take a vacation alone and she headed up to the Adirondacks in New York State and there she met a young man, Seymour Daks. Seymour immediately struck her as a warm and trustworthy person. As they were both attracted to each other they decided to continue to date once they returned to NY. By this time all of her brothers were married. After a year of courtship they were married on August 22, 1954, in a Syrian temple Ahi Ezer Congregation, in Brooklyn where Gloria Horowitz (Ephie's wife) father, Basil Cohen was instrumental in arranging the details for the wedding. Their only child, Martin, was born on October 13, 1956.

Seymour was brought up in the Bronx and had one older, married brother Joseph (see the photo below). Seymour graduated from DeWitt Clinton High School and went to Pace College for a while, though he did not earn a degree. He worked as an accountant, and when he met Flo he was working at the Gimbels department store¹⁵ and living with his widowed mother. In addition to being a warm and friendly person, Seymour had several hobbies, one of which was collecting Lionel train sets. Later on he developed an interest in photography and immediately became the family photographer. Unfortunately, Seymour was a smoker and at age 73 he died of esophageal cancer. Quoting Florence “the two of them had a wonderful relationship for 40 years”.



Brothers with a strong bond, Joseph and Seymour Daks (photo taken in 1985)

Flo had worked for B’nai Brith prior to getting married, but once married and becoming pregnant she didn’t work again until Marty was 4 or 5. Below are two photos of their wedding that took place on August 22, 1954.

¹⁵ <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gimbels>



Florence and Seymour, 1954



Florence, the Bride

As Marty grew older Flo resumed her working life. She started out at the Bronx Veterans Hospital, working part-time while Marty was in kindergarten. They were living in Washington Heights in upper NYC, but the neighborhood was not a good one, and they decided to move farther north to Yonkers around 1968. It was too far for Flo to commute to a job in Manhattan so instead she took a job working for Feuer Trucking in Yonkers. After working there for about five years she went to work for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Reform Synagogues, which was located on 65th street and Fifth Avenue, going back to Manhattan. She worked there for 8 years until retiring in 1986 at the age of 65.



Above Florence and Seymour in 1954, 1955, and then with Marty in 1958

For fifteen years thereafter, Flo worked one or two days per week as an executive secretary for a Jewish philanthropic couple until she finally retired (for good) at age 80. In her later years she continued to volunteer at Montessori school, PS 27, where she worked with pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten children helping to teach them to read. Mrs. Berger is the teacher she worked with, as Flo says, "a very religious woman, one of the most devoted teachers I ever came across." The kids would read to Flo out of their readers, and Flo would correct them if necessary or tell them the definition of a word.

Flo was a devoted family person. She had fine relationships with her brothers (Irv, Joe, Si and Ephie) and her sister-in-laws: Ruth (my mother), Gladys (Si's wife) and Gloria (Ephie's wife) and with her nieces and nephews.



Florence with the Daks side of the family, left-to-right seated: Flo, Seymour, Marty, Jonny; standing Herb and Esther Klein (parents of Karen Daks), Karen Daks, Mitchell Daks, Joseph Daks (photo: 1985)

In Flo's later years she moved out of her Yonkers apartment and into Country Meadows Retirement Community, located in Bethlehem, PA. This put her very close to her son Marty, who was now also living in Bethlehem (at 3840 Lehigh St). Marty was able to visit regularly, making sure that Flo had whatever she needed.

In 1976 Flo was taking classes at a local college. One of her assignments was to write her autobiography. Though she was only 55 at the time, she did her assignment writing eight chapters and earning a A grade. The document provides an interesting view of a poor Jewish family living in the depression, as well as Flo's very positive personality. The autobiography can be downloaded at

<https://horowitzfamily.com/familywebsite/Flo/FlorenceAutobiography.pdf>

Finally, one of the traits we all very much adored about Flo was her efforts to stay in touch with family. To that end she kept an address book that kept track of birth dates, marriages and (even) deaths. I convinced her to make a "clean" copy so we might have it for posterity. As this is a historical document I haven't tried to keep track of the current generation of cousins as they grow, get married and have children. However, a lot of them are mentioned in Flo's address book. I have uploaded it to the website, so if you are curious you can download it at <https://horowitzfamily.com/familywebsite/Flo/FlosAddressBook.pdf>

The War Years

The US entered World War II on December 7, 1941 after the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese. The four sons of Tillie Horowitz, Pfc. Ephie, Sgt. Irving, Pfc. Joseph and Pfc. Simon all served during World War II. For many of them it was an important lifetime event that they spoke about for many years afterwards. Si (Simon) was especially proud of his service, having landed on Normandy Beach on D-Day and earning a Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in the Normandy invasion.

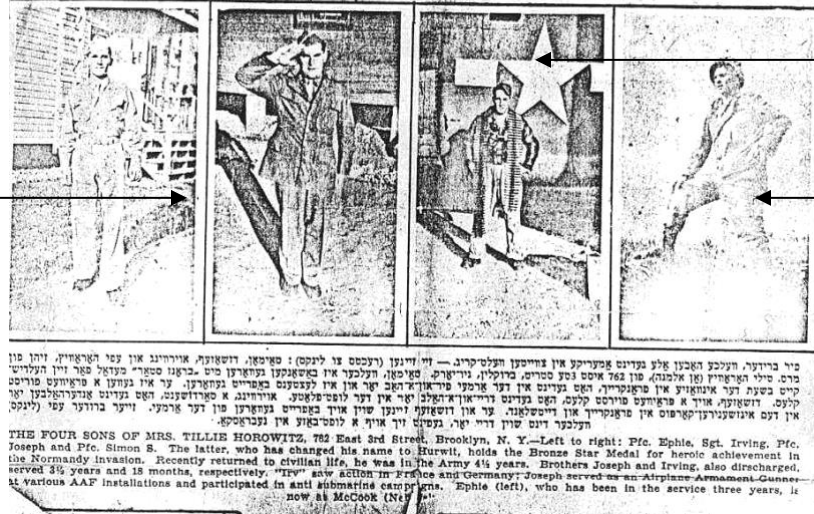
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 AMONG THE SONS OF FORWARD READERS WHO FOUGHT IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR

Ephie →

Joe

Irving →

Si



Article that appeared in the Daily Forward, a Jewish Newspaper

Epilog and some final thoughts

Recollections: I have met and known all of the people described above, except for the person I am named after, Elias Horowitz who died before I was born. As the oldest brother my father had significant feelings of frustration about all of them, which has likely contributed to my undertaking the task of summarizing what I could determine about their lives. The five children of Tillie and Elias were first generation Jews born in the early 20th century. They were neither Kohanim nor Levites, but solid Israeli stock. None were religious though they did send their boys to Hebrew School. None were college educated, and only two of them finished high school. Occupations included: TV repairman, air conditioning repairman, shoe salesman, children's clothing salesman and secretary. None of the siblings lived near another: Irving in Brooklyn, Joe in Virginia, Simon in Boston (Brockton), Flo in Washington Heights and later in Yonkers and Ephie elsewhere in Brooklyn. So they very rarely got together as an extended family. Money was a constant problem and there was a need for them to support Tillie who had no income of her own. Rather than cooperation, there was tension over her support. Florence made a sincere attempt to keep in touch with her brothers, but times together were rare. I suspect the spouses may have provided an extended family for the boys, but my family was not included. My own mother contracted multiple sclerosis and as a result we were isolated. It is important to remember that both Tillie and Elias lost their families early on and probably lacked the maturity needed to bring up children in a healthy way, despite good intentions. From what I have been able to gather, relations between (Irving, Joe, Si, Ephie and Flo) and their children were rocky. But I would be happy to learn that I am wrong.

From what little I know about the second generation, people have done a lot better. Most have gone to college, gotten degrees and moved into white collar careers. A lack of Jewish observance has continued and inter-marriage has happened as well. The post-war WWII period, say 1950 - 2000 in the US has been a prosperous one and all of us have been able to take advantage of the opportunities before us. So, in the end, let us remember Tillie and Elias whose bravery of departing their homeland and coming to the US no doubt saved us from annihilation and gave us an opportunity to live a full and rich life.

This document is a work in progress, biased by my lack of information and my inability or unwillingness to reach out to the current generations. My greatest failure is that I did not attempt to interview any of Tillie's grandchildren, my first cousins. Over the years I was growing up I either never met them, or barely had an opportunity to get to know them. As a result I have intentionally restricted my focus to the first generation born in the United States, to their parents and whatever I could learn about the families in Europe. Additional facts are welcome and can be sent to ehorowitz1@gmail.com

Appendix A: A copy of the manifest from the ship taken by Elias Horowitz to the United States.

It shows him as 20 years old (therefore born in 1886), single, a tailor by profession, of Russian nationality, and his last residence was Warsaw (Poland), 5 foot 8 inches in stature (though we believe this is incorrect, he was shorter). Apparently he had only \$18 in his pocket, and he was going to meet his Uncle Josef Rosenberg. Unfortunately we have no information on Uncle Rosenberg.

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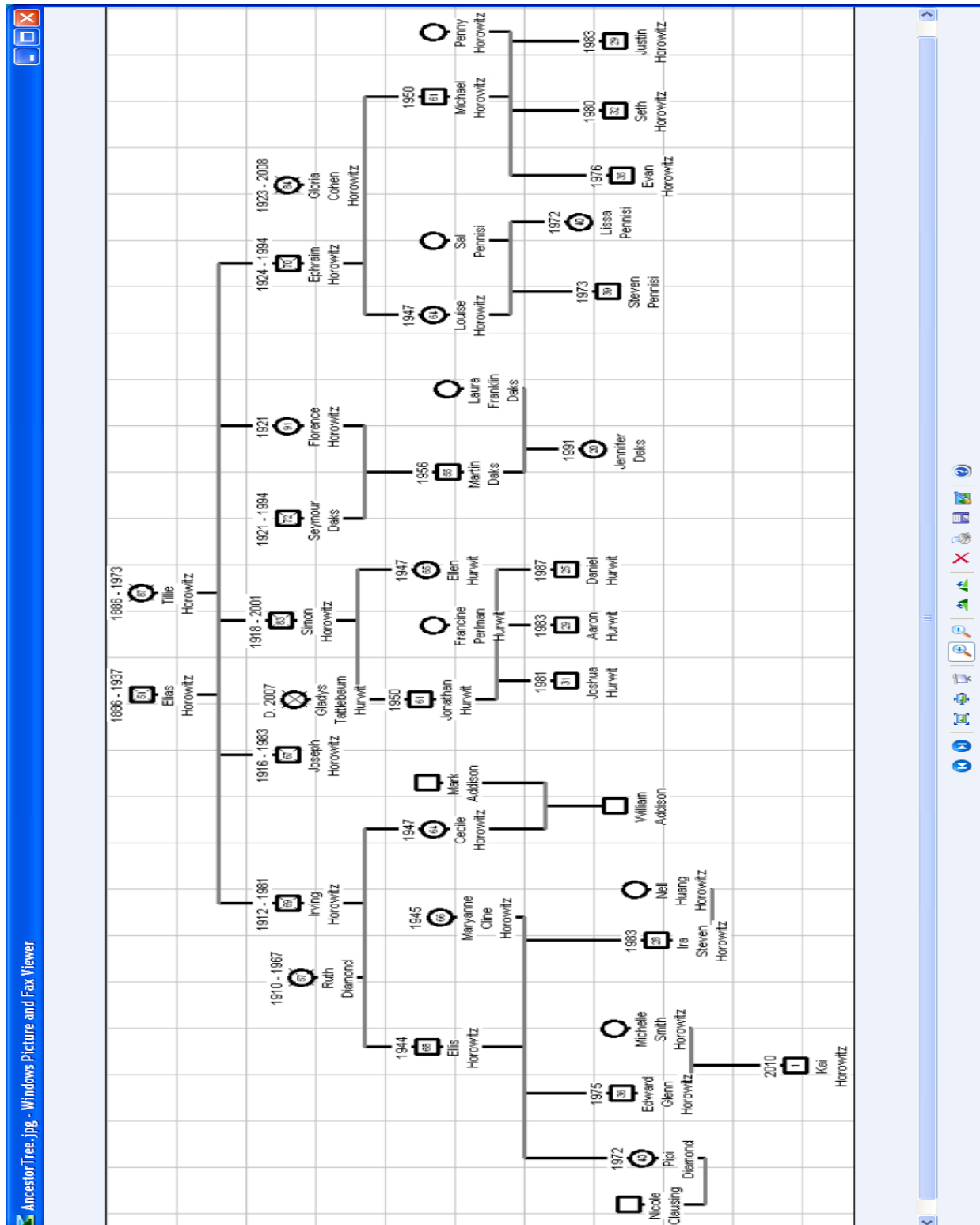
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S.S. AMERIKA SAILING FROM HAMBURG OCT. 10, 1906
ARRIVING AT PORT OF NEW YORK OCT. 21, 1906

No. on list	NAME IN FULL	Age Year/Mos.	Sex	Married or SINGLE	Calling or Occupation	Able to read or write	Nationality country of which citizen or subject	Race or people	Resid Last Residence country to
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Final Destination State, City, town	Whether Having a ticket to Destination	By whom was passage paid?	Whether in possession of \$5, and if less, how much	Whether going to join a relative or friend - if so, name and address	Height (P) foot-inches	Hair	PLACE OF BIRTH
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Appendix B: Family Tree for Elias & Tillie Horowitz, taken as of May 27, 2012

(updates/corrections can be sent to horowitz@usc.edu)



Appendix C: Ellis' thoughts about growing up in Brooklyn

At today's (Jan 19th) meeting the assignment was to "tell a brief story about a place significant to your life, how that place impacted your life, and whether that place still has significance in your life".

Here is my response.

The most significant place I can think of is 1775 East 17th Street, Brooklyn, NY where I spent the first 20 years of my life. I lived there with my father, mother, and sister. The apartment was located over a grocery store and my father would often say that it was "close to the food". What he didn't mention was that the apartment also came with cockroaches. As a teenager when I came home in the evening my job was to throw on the kitchen lights, run in and kill as many cockroaches as I could. They run very fast.

Once we had an attempted break-in, so my father rigged up two metal clamps on either ends of the door. Every night my job was to insert a steel rod between the two clamps so that the door couldn't be breached. My father slept with a Nazi sword by his bed, one he had brought home during his service in WWII.

My bedroom was at the end of the apartment with two walls to the outside and a non-working radiator. In the winter I could lie in bed and see my breath. In the morning I would wake up, grab my clothes and run into the kitchen. There I could hold my clothes over the gas stove so they would warm up before I put them on.

Since my mother couldn't walk, she had MS, my father rigged up a chair and some ropes so if there was a fire we could presumably lower her down to the street two floors below. There were no fire escapes so I am not sure what the plan was for us getting out. For years I had a recurring dream of hanging out my bedroom window and dropping to the ground. I didn't always land safely.

The apartment below us was occupied by a family of alcoholics, so one could never be sure of safely getting to our apartment without an encounter. The two flights of stairs were dark and creepy, and of course I was too embarrassed to bring friends home.

On a lighter side, my father's job was to repair TVs, so at any given time we might have two or three stacked up in our living room. At least one would be working.

All of this is many years ago. My father tried his best to take care of my mother and raise two children, all of which he did. I am grateful to have gotten through it.

Ellis Jan 2021

Appendix D: Elias Horowitz' Chauffeur's License and Citizenship Certificate

There is some confusion as the license says he was born in 1884, not 1896. Also, I never heard that he was a chauffeur. The license was issued in May, 1934, though he died a few years after in 1937.

The image displays three documents. Two are identical copies of a New York State Chauffeur's License issued to Elias Horowitz on May 31, 1934. The third document is an 'IMPORTANT' notice regarding license holders.

CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSE
STATE OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE—BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES
EXPIRES MIDNIGHT, MAY 31, 1935—NOT VALID AFTER THIS DATE
436021 MAY 31 1934
ISSUED BY THE IJ
STATE OF NEW YORK
SPACES BELOW TO BE FILLED IN BY APPLICANT
ELIAS HOROWITZ
City of Brooklyn, N.Y.
DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT AS STATED ON APPLICATION
DATE OF BIRTH: MAY 1884 SEX: M HEIGHT: 5'4" WEIGHT: 115 lbs
COLOR OF EYES: Grey COLOR OF HAIR: Black
SIGNATURE: Elias Horowitz
VALID UNTIL DATED AND REVERED BY ISSUING OFFICE

IMPORTANT
holder of this License may operate only the type of vehicle named on reverse side thereof. This license is valid only when operating a motor vehicle.
If you change your residence notify the Bureau of Motor Vehicles within 10 days. Failure to do so is a misdemeanor.
alteration or erasure made on this license, except a change of address, voids same.
Every operator of a motor vehicle involved in an accident resulting in a personal injury or death must report it to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and also to a police officer or the nearest police station at the time of the accident. Secure a blank form from police, town, city or village clerk or any office of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.
REPORT ALL ACCIDENTS
FAILURE TO REPORT AN ACCIDENT FORTHWITH IS A MISDEMEANOR
M.V. 3-A

One thing we can say for sure, he was a naturalized citizen, as below is his certificate of citizenship

No. 4144325

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO



QUICK RESPONSE

Added No. 218927

[illegible]

Chris Andrews

(SECURELY AND PERMANENTLY)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ELIAS HOROWITZ

DOO East Fourth Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

_____ District _____ The United States
_____ County _____

Brooklyn

January 19th 1937

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that as you have explained, and was entitled to be so admitted the court has recognized that the petitioner is admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.

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Clerk of the U. S. District Court.

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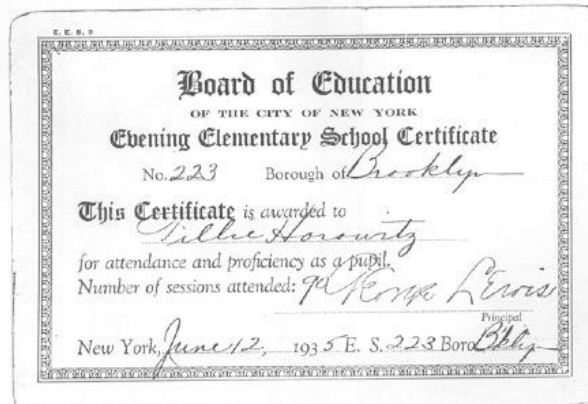
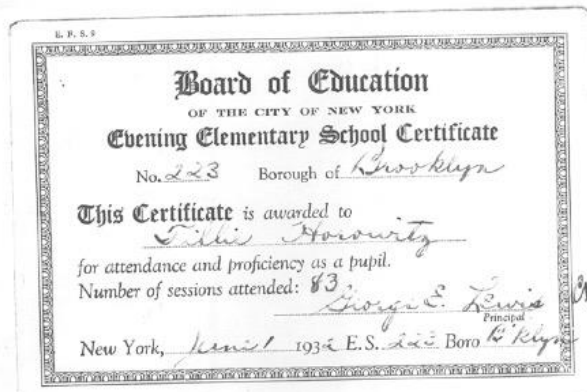


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Appendix E: Tillie Horowitz taking English Classes



APPENDIX F: The Kelz Family

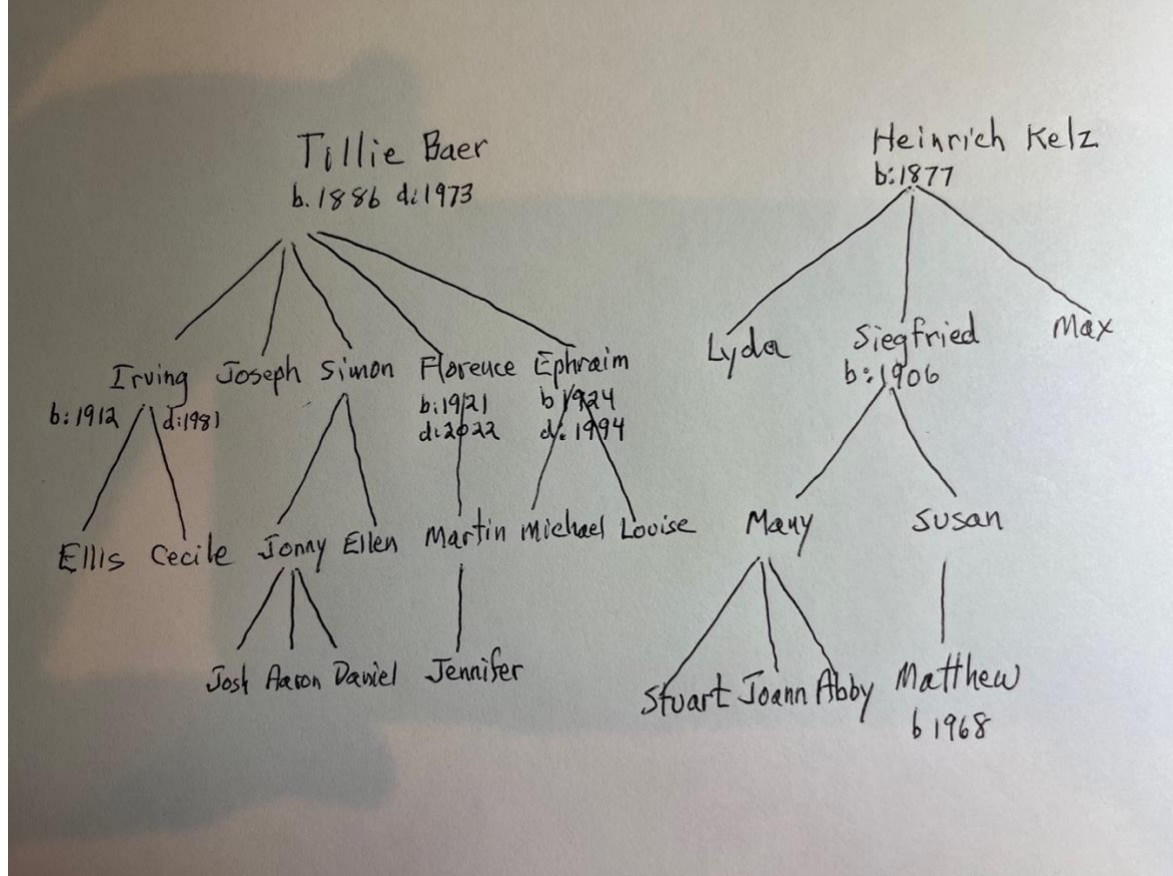
The material gathered here is devoted to the Kelz family. As noted in the letters below, Siegfried Kelz was related to Tillie Baer, but exactly how we don't know for sure. Heinrich Kelz may have been her brother, half brother, or step brother (see below). Much of the material below was provided by Abby Werman, a grandchild of Siegfried Kelz. The letters from Siegfried were provided by Florence Daks, daughter of Tillie. Of special significance are three videos (posted on YouTube) containing interviews of Siegfried and Paula. I don't know the year they were filmed. I understand that the interviewer is Susan Kelz' husband Allan. Here are the links:

[Sig & Paula Interview 1](#)

[Sig & Paula Interview 2](#)

[Sig & Paula Interview 3](#)

A MAJOR UNANSWERED QUESTION: Since Tillie and Heinrich have different last names, we are unsure of their relationship. We do not know the names of their parents. My understanding is that Tillie's father died and her mother re-married. If true, then Heinrich may be a half-brother or a step brother. In either case we know that they communicated with each other, though one lived in Brookline (MA) and the other in Brooklyn (NY).



Appendix G: Letters from Siegfried Kelz to Florence (Horowitz) Daks

SIEGFRIED KELZ, M.D., D.M.D.
1804 Beacon Street
Brookline, Massachusetts(46)

October 19, 1961

Dear Florence:

After all the years of your silence, it was quite a pleasure to receive your letter and to know that, most of all, your mother is Thank God pretty well.

Where we don't live in the same place and we keep so little in contact, one starts wondering about his only Aunt and asks himself a number of questions? You answered the basic one and all I wish to say is "Thank God" your mother is a worthy descendant of her own mother (meaning your and my grandmother), whom I may have seen last around the year 1926 or 1927(?)

So many years ago, having just graduated from high school (8 years of high school in Poland), and remembering her as an old-lady in her eighties. All I wish is to push away the past and to know whether my own father or mother should have graciously continued into old age if the Nazis would not have curtailed their lives.

The same question applies to my older sister LYDA and my younger brother Max. Well, such questions will remain unanswered for the rest of my life.

I am glad to know that your brothers are fine and I realize how difficult it is for Irving having to sustain the role of father and mother because of his Ruth's sickness. Thank God, too, that he was able, so far, to manage. Is there any wonder that he turns his eyes to the skies and asks "Why this punishment?", especially to a man of your brother's fine character. Here again there is no answer to such questions.

I am very happy to read that his son is a student of Brooklyn College. No wonder his son takes after him. I remember AUNT telling me how good a student Irving was in high school and had to give up his studies to find a job.

I am also quite glad to hear about Ephie and his family. From my own observation, I can say that Ephie is a lucky boy, having Gloria for his wife. She is a very, very fine person.

We visited Gladys and Si about 2 years ago in their own home in Brockton but haven't seen each other since. They used to come to our house with their children while they lived in Brighton.

Thank you for enclosing a picture of your boy. Without the benefit of knowing your husband, I would say that Martin Charles takes after his mother. This observation does not include the ice cream he is holding in his right hand since I do not know whether you like ice cream or not.

Now about my own family. Manny is now a happy mother of an 18 month's old child. His name is Stuart Martin. She(Manny) graduated from Wellesley College, the year after her marriage. Susan is now a Sophomore at Barnard College in New York. Paula and I have not been to New York for a number of years except a brief attempt to see Susan in College, rushing through to get to the ship for our planned visit to Europe.

That was on Sept. 22, 1960 and 48 hours later I suffered a stroke (on high seas) while vomiting due to sea-sickness. Here again I will never know whether I would have met with that misfortune while on land, and without vomiting, or was the sea sickness plus vomiting responsible for this cerebral accident, which affected my whole left side.

It was a nightmare when I recall the circumstances under which I was destined to suffer. I was placed in the ship's hospital and I must say that I had good medical care although the chief doctor asked Paula whether I am Catholic in order for the priest to give me the last sacrament.

Paula, who had always been the angel of my life, having faith and medical advice background kept insisting with the doctor that I am going to pull through. Sure enough, my writing to you now more than a year later, attests to it. After 2 months of hospitalization in Naples, we were so happy to fly home and rejoin our children.

I must add that I am a very lucky man, having been given a chance to see my daughters and grandchild again. I still am now under medical care and my physician keeps telling me that I am a healthy fellow. The problem I have now is how good a dentist can I be with only my right hand? I thought of some solution to each question but the answer won't be found for quite some time.

I thought of peridontology(--) or partial and full denture work (which I always liked) but precision bridgework is now out for me. Since 1-2 months, I have been seeing patients and doing as much as I am able to work (?) with assistance at the chair. I have never been sick, all along these bygone years, but if I needed any demonstration of loyalty on the part of my year long patients, it was and continues to be shown to me to a degree where my being grateful just would be almost meaningless. I had so far 2 dentists substituting for me (separate from each other), and one of them is still taking care of some patients, either by himself or helping me in some degree.

Please, Florence, don't mention to your mother not 1 word of what happened to me. There is no need to sadden your mother if it can be avoided.

Everything is now fine in our household. Susan is back at Barnard. Should you wish to call her up or see her, it would be very nice of you. She is happy being in College and otherwise a perfect stranger in New York. If you should wish to call her, she lives in Hewitt Hall of Barnard College. The full address is 3001 Broadway, New York 27, N.Y. I am going to write Susan your address too, and if I could know your husband's first name, I could give Susan your telephone number. To expedite this little problem, it would appear less complicated if you would call Susan.

With best regards to all of you, Sygush & Paula.

Love,

SYGUSH

ON FRONT OF CARD:

123-4567 (1234567890)

Manchester Drive

1234567890 Hill, MA 01234

Love again,

SYGUSH

NEW YEAR's CARD FROM
SYGUSH KELZ

9/20/85

Dear Florence, Seymour & Martin

I thank you very much for your welcome greetings.

We are all well except for Manny (Jeanette) whom you will remember as a young 4 year old girl. She has a neurological chronic ailment, since college age, named M.S., which has affected her right leg. She doesn't complain but has to use the aluminum 4-legged walker to ambulate. She is a very intelligent soul(?) of 49 years, knowledgeable in many fields, like romantic languages, Greek and Roman mythology, and became last year "a Fellow" at TUFTS UNIVERSITY, Boston, Ma.

Everybody in the family is o.k.

I was so glad that we are in touch.

Love,

SYGUSH

ON FRONT OF CARD:

MRS. MICHAEL (JEANETTE) WERMAN

37 Woodchester Drive

Chestnut Hill, MA. 02167

Love again,
SYGUSH

DR. SIEGFRIED KELZ
22 Chestnut Place
Brookline, Massachusetts 02146

7/14/86

Dear Florence:

Happy 65th Birthday with many happy and healthy returns surrounded by your own family, Seymour, Martin and hopefully his future wife to-be, and a grandchild or grandchildren. AMEN. Since you are a new Social Security member, may I suggest that you request medical insurance (Blue Shield protection) in addition to Hospital (Blue Cross Insurance).

When I became a Social Security member in 1971, I got that Blue Shield protection at my request. Maybe by now your Social Security grants also Medical (Blue Shield) protection as the Red, White and Blue card should read, so that it is good if you have both Hospital and Medicare protection.

MANY and her children and I thank you also for your expression of sympathy due to the death of Michael. It was a tragic and unexpected blow. MANY is a brave and strong woman, fluent in many languages. She occupies herself teaching at the Berlitz School of Foreign Languages, and in the Newton, Mass. school system.

Because of her knowledge of Greek and Roman mythology, she was nominated a Fellow of TUFTS UNIVERSITY after a series of tests, exams which she passed successfully.

I hope, dear Florence, that you will find your niche in your ambitious determination of working too. I agree with your desire to welcome a young lady as the wife of your Martin and a..... child or grandchildren.

It is great that you and your brothers meet occasionally, in a family get together as you did recently. MANY told me she will write to you to thank you for your condolence. I am....and rather a popular resident in this Hebrew circle a very worthwhile institution, and as a doctor quite welcome. T.V. people interviewed me for video-tape publication. I met here former patients who became residents as aged people. I also met my daughter's former pediatrician, who being alone and a bachelor became a resident here.

I eat well, don't sleep well, and as they say -lack of sleep never killed anybody. I miss Paula very much. There are people here of all kinds of background, all aged like I. People like me associate with congenial persons.

I am sure you will be successful in your determination to be employable. Congratulations and much good luck to you. Don't work too hard...Think of your health first. It was good to talk to you, not just when death occurs.

With best regards to Seymour and Martin, and love to you,

Your Sygush.

P.S. I would have answered you sooner, but my glasses broke (the
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frame) and I was unable to use them. A new vision examination is required and I will be getting new glasses with lenses. In the meantime Many's daughter found an old pair of my glasses yesterday. The frame is good but the lenses are weaker. This is more serviceable. I could not read or write until yesterday. In the meantime I am grateful to my granddaughter for finding the ones I can use even if the lenses are weaker.

There is a lot of anxiety about the future. I am sure that the future is bright and that we will be able to overcome all our difficulties. I am sure that the future is bright and that we will be able to overcome all our difficulties.

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July 24, 1986

Dear Florence:

"Happy 65th Birthday" and many more in constantly food health with your husband, Seymour, and your son Martin. May you live to see him married to a young and shapely lady, and may you see a few grandchildren too.

Your son is probably shy with women. He should be encouraged to join a nice Temple Congregation where as a member of the Brotherhood he would be invited to occasional dances and entertainments. There are many nice parents there who are anxious to marry off their daughters. Such an environment could be conducive toward his meeting a nice young girl to fall in love with him, and be serious toward marrying such a young person.

Hearing how to be romantic...maybe you, Florence, could guide him if he is willing to listen to you. I hope you don't mind my idea. I just could not think of a simpler way.

Many, her children and I thank you for your condolence letter due to Richard's sudden and premature passing. To pass over the difficult loneliness and she became a full time teacher at Berlitz School of Foreign Languages, where she teaches English, French, Italian and Spanish to students of foreign origin. She also passed with A markto become a Fellow of TUFTS UNIVERSITY, due to her profound knowledge of Greek, Roman and mythology. She will be teaching in the Newton, Mass. High school the above languages. It was helpful financially. Michael's mother is helping at present and so is my monthly allowance, which helps too.

Your interfamily occasional get-togethers with your brothers is wonderful and very welcome when you can share childhood memories of the bygone years. Personally I missed them because as an adult I lived in foreign countries, and only very seldom was I in touch with my sister or brother. Eventually they became victims of the terrible Nazi holocaust.

I hope, dear Florence, that you.....employment during your recent..... realizes and that you can be active as you desire. But don't overdue, be mindful of your health. I don't know when, but I hope that pretty soon Manny will thank you two for your condolence letter. With best regards to your husband and son, I am

With love,
Your Sygush

P.S. I would have answered sooner but the day I received your letter,the right arm broke off the area of the lenses. I could not write or read without the lenses and this made me furious. It took this long to have a new vision examination, new lenses and glasses. Now feel better. Please let me know whether I mailed to you a letter before this letter. Thank you. Be well. N.B. Please notice my room's new number. it is Room 311 not 313.

~~2/2/89~~ 1992 wedding

MATTHEW SPERLING IS A SON OF SUSAN (KELZ) SPERLING. HER FATHER WAS DR. SYGUSH KELZ OF BROOKLINE, MASS.

SUSAN HAD AN OLDER SISTER, MANNY KELZ, BORN IN ITALY.

I BELIEVE SHE BECAME QUITE ILL AS AN ADULT, AND PASSED AWAY.

~~I HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT MANNY.~~

SUSAN (KELZ) SPERLING IS A BARNARD GRADUATE-LECTURER - AUTHOR. SHE WROTE " BELLIBONESPOTLOLLIES", "WORDS OF LOVE" AND "TENDER FEET".

I MET SUSAN SPERLING AT A LECTURE AT A SYNAGOGUE IN YONKERS ABOUT SOMETIME IN 1988 or 1989.

I APPROACHED HER, INTRODUCED MYSELF AND MY HUSBAND, AND DIS SO BECAUSE SHE HAD USED THE NAME "KELZ" IN HER INTRODUCTION. SHE ASKED ME TO WRITE A SHORT BIO OF MY FAMILY, WHICH I GAVE TO HER OR MAILED TO HER, THERE WAS NO CONTACT FROM HER.

Grandson of Sygush Kelz
his mother - Susan (Kelz) Sperling

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Tony Contino
Katherine Lawyer and Matthew Sperling
Cathy Anderson

Katherine E. Lawyer to Wed in June

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Lawyer 2d of Rye, N.Y., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Elizabeth Lawyer, to Matthew Laurence Sperling, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan G. Sperling of Rye. A June wedding is planned.

Ms. Lawyer, 23 years old, graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She is the administrative assistant to the chief executive of the United States-Mexican Development Corporation, an international consulting concern in Ridgefield, Conn. Her father is the executive director of the Greenburgh Nature Center, a nonprofit educational center in Scarsdale, N.Y. Her mother, Sharon W. Lawyer, is a rehabilitation counselor at St. Vincent's Hospital in Harrison, N.Y.

Mr. Sperling, 24, graduated magna cum laude from Harvard and is a law student at Yale University, where he is an editor of The Yale Law Journal and The Yale Journal of International Law. His mother, Susan Kelz Sperling, is an author of three children's books on language. His father is a partner in the New York law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton.

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APPENDIX H: Formal Degrees Earned by Siegfried and Paula Kelz in Italy

