

Bull family

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Barukh Bull, born c.1620 in Nikolsburg.

I. **Elkhanan Bull**, born c.1640 in Nikolsburg.

He married **daughter Gimpel**, (daughter of **Gimpel**).

A. **Moshe Bull**, born c.1670 in Nikolsburg, died 1714 in Prague.

1. **Eizik Bull**, born c.1700 in Nikolsburg.

a. **Shlomo Zalmen Bull**, born c.1720 in Amsterdam, Holland.

(1) **Dov Ber Bull**, born c.1740 in Amsterdam, Holland.

Presumed connection between the Bull family of Amsterdam and that Levenhoff (Livani) and Dvinsk (Daugavpils), Latvia.

(a) **Ruban Bull**, born c.1760.

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Theoretical connection to Zeev Wull Bull.

[1] **Abram Bull**, born 1787,¹ resided 1858 in Dvinsk (Daugavpils), Latvia.¹

Appears in the 1858 Revision List of Dvinsk in the household of his brother Mordekhai.

[A] **Yehudah Bull**, born 1829.¹

1. **Meir Bull**, born 1851.¹

[B] **Moshe Bull**, born 1846,¹ resided 1858 in Dvinsk (Daugavpils), Latvia.¹

1. **Yehudah Bull**, born 1854,¹ resided 1858 in Dvinsk (Daugavpils), Latvia.¹

[2] **Zeev Wulf Bull**, born c.1800, died before 1848 in Levenhoff (Livani), Latvia.

[A] **Nakhum Dov-Ber Bull**, born 1821/1822 in Levenhoff (Livani), Latvia,¹ resided in Dvinsk (Daugavpils), Latvia.

he 1858 Revision List in Dvinsk records him as Nokhem Wulfovitch Bull aged 36.. In his household appear his brothers Efraim (drafted 1849), Wulf aged 30 (name must be an error as he could not have borne the same name as his father), and Aba aged 20 (with his wife Lea aged 22), his wife Rokhlya aged 37, his daughter Hanna.

The 1875 Family List of Dvinsk records him as Nakhman Wulfovitch Bull. Appears in 1872 in Hamagid as a donor in a list of Jews living in the 'Alt Plan' part of Dvinsk as 'Ber Bull'. In the same list appears 'Yehuda Leib Bull' who may have been his brother.

He married **Rakhel (Rokhlya)**, born 1831.¹

1. **Khanah Beila Bull**, born 1846.¹

See family history by Patricia Levinsky.

2. **Mordekhai Zev (Max) Bull**, born 1848/1853 in Levenhoff (Livani), Latvia,¹ died 1931 in London, England,ⁱⁱ occupation Furrier, resided in 73 Evering Road, London.

According to the 1889 list of Jews who settled in rural areas of Ludza district, Mordekhai was born in Levenhoff, moved to Dinaburg (Dvinsk, Daugavpils), then moved to Korsovka (Karsava) in 1881. Date of birth recorded in Latvian records conflicts with the 1901 London census and the age on his tombstone.

Proprietor of "M. Bull and Sons" furriers in Kingsford Road, London.

Biography: see "The Pen and the Blade" Chaim Freedman, Israel 1992.

Married 1872 in Dvinsk (Daugavpils), Latvia, **Rivka/Rashka (Rebecca) Dimantshtein**, born 1852/1856 in Polotsk, Belarus, (daughter of **David Dimantshtein** and **Keila Tsirel Unknown**) died 1934 in London, England.

Rivka/Rashka: Date of birth recorded in Latvian records conflicts with the 1901 London census and the age on her tombstone.

- a. **Yehudah Leib (Leon) Bull**, born 1873/4 in Dvinsk (Daugavpils), Latvia,¹ died 1955 in London, England, occupation furrier.

He married **Betsy**.

- (1) **Dinah Bull**, born c.1900 in London, England.

She married **John (Janek) Dorf**, died 1953 in London, England.

John: Original surname Stalheim.

- (a) **Leonora Dorf**.

Wrote biographies of several members of the Bull family.

She married **Collins**.

[1] **Caroline Collins**.

[2] **Joanna Collins**.

[3] **Charles Collins**.

- (b) **Barbara Dorf**.

- (2) **Rosie Bull**.

She married **Sasha Lipman**.

- (a) **Michael Lipman**.

- (b) **Max Lipman**.

- (3) **Doric Bull**.

She married **Alfred Muller**.

- b. **Haska (Sarah) Bull**, born 1876 in Dvinsk (Daugavpils), Latvia,¹ died 1975 in New York, N.Y. USA, emigrated 1928 in New York, N.Y. USA.

She married **Eliyahu (Elias) Germain**.

- (1) **Yehudah Leib (Leo) Germain**, born 1900 in London, England, died 1975 in New York, N.Y. USA.

He married **Sue**.

- (a) **Ronald Germain**.

- (b) **Mark Germain**.

- (2) **David Germain**.

- (3) **Alfred Germain**.

He married **Cele**.

- c. **Avraham (Ephraim) Bull**, born 1877/80 in Dvinsk (Daugavpils), Latvia,¹ died 1974 in London, England, occupation furrier.

Date of birth recorded in 1889 Latvian records conflicts with the 1901 London census. Worked in the family furrier firm "M. Bull and Sons."

He married **Rose Gunzburg**.

(1) **Harold Bull**.

(1) He married **Clare**.

(2) He married **second wife**.

(2) **Montague Bull**, died 1989 in Toronto, Canada,ⁱⁱⁱ emigrated 1949 in Toronto, Canada.

He married **Sarah (Cissie)**, died 1994 in Toronto, Canada.³

(a) **Gloria Bull**.

(b) **child Bull**.

(c) **child Bull**.

(3) **Alma Bull**.

She married **Simon Green**.

(a) **Phillip Green**.

He married **Tina**.

[1] **Brandon Green**.

[2] **Cloe Green**.

(b) **Elizabeth Green**.

She married **David**.

[1] **Ephraim**.

[2] **George**.

[3] **Simon**.

(4) **Annette Bull**.

She married **husband**.

(a) **Roger**.

d. **Mendel (Emanuel) Bull**, born 1881/1884 in Korsovka (now Karsava), Latvia,¹ died 1971 in London, England.

Date of birth recorded in 1889 Latvian records conflicts with the 1901 London census.

(1) He married **Breina**.

(2) He married **Slava**.

(3) He married **Lottie**.

(1) **David Bull**, (son of **Mendel (Emanuel) Bull** and **Breina**).

(2) **Donald Bull**, (son of **Mendel (Emanuel) Bull** and **Breina**) born 1913 in London, England.

Writer, filmographer. Wrote the television series "Dr. Finlay's Casebook" 1962.
<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0119964/>.

He married **Mary**.

(a) **Richard Bull**.

He married **Judith**.

- (3) **Esther Bull**, (daughter of **Mendel (Emanuel) Bull** and **Breina**).

She married **Earle Birney**.

- (a) **Bill Birney**.

He married **Marsha**.

[1] **Christopher Birney**.

[2] **Earle Birney**.

- (b) **child Birney**.

- e. **Leah (Lena) Bull**, born 1881/5 in Korsovka (now Karsava), Latvia,¹ died 1945 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

Date of birth recorded in 1889 Latvian census was 1881 which conflicts with her age in the 1901 London census and family information that she was born in 1885.

Married 1906 in London, England, resided (family) 1901 in London, England, **Yitskhak-Yaakov, Super**, born 1881 in Lutzin (now Ludza), Latvia,^{iv} (son of **Shmuel Super** and **Khaya Minna Dobrin**) died 1961 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia, buried in Fawkner, occupation Rabbi, Shokhet.

Yitskhak-Yaakov,;

Written by his granddaughter Jane Berliner's husband Chaim Freedman on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of his birth in 1981. Published in the Australian Jewish News, August 7, 1981)

Rabbi Yitskhak Yaakov Super served the Melbourne Jewish community for half a century of its religious life. Many passed through his hands from Brit Milah through Cheder to Barmitzvah and benefitted from his meticulous and relenting supervision of Kashrut.

Born in Lutzin (Ludza) Latvia, a community known as "Jerusalem of Latvia" to a family of merchants, scribes, and butchers, Rabbi Super was educated at local Yeshivot and then received certification as a Shokhet at the young age of seventeen. He served in that capacity in several small towns in Latvia until he was obliged to flee from the threat of military conscription which, in Tsarist Russia, was the scene of violent anti-Semitic persecution of Jewish recruits. He arrived in London in 1899 where his services were eagerly sought by the United Synagogue which appointed him as minister to several congregations including Yarmouth and Croydon.

In 1906 Rabbi Super married Lena (Leah) a daughter of Reb Mordekhai Zev (Marks) Bull, one of the first Chabad Chassidim in England.

In 1911 he gave up ministerial duty to serve the London United Shechitah Board in the village of Evercreech, Somerset.

In 1914 Super was sought out by Rabbi Jacob Danglow who had been sent on a mission by the Melbourne community to find a Chief Shokhet for the Melbourne United Shechitah Board. The candidate recommended by Chief Rabbi Joseph Hertz was Yitskhak Yaakov Super.

Arriving in Melbourne on August 17th, 1914, Super immediately acquainted himself with the then inadequate Kashrut facilities. The early years were not without conflict and turmoil as he strove to provide strict control over the standard of meat. Many anecdotes are related of his zeal in raiding butcher shops which he suspected of evading the regulations.

Yitskhak Yaakov Super is remembered by numerous families for his services as Mohel which often took him to provincial communities. Likewise he served as a Hebrew teacher and his soundly based European learning enabled him to raise the standard of Jewish knowledge which he imparted to a generation of Australian children. He was also responsible for the training of Shochtim interstate and in New Zealand. At the Chief Rabbi's request he wrote a report on the state of Kashrut in New Zealand.

In 1929 he was appointed a member of the Melbourne Beth Din under Rabbi Israel Brodie (later Chief Rabbi of the British Empire). Super continued to serve as one of the Dayanim (judges) of the Beth Din for the duration of his life under Rabbis H. Freedman, H. Stransky, and I. Rapaport. He participated in the conferences of the Australian Rabbinical Council and submitted a paper on Kashrut.

He was often vocal through the Jewish press when he felt the need to raise his voice to condemn lapses in religious observance. He was an active and enthusiastic supporter of the Zionist cause and visited the State of Israel in 1956.

In 1944 Super completed thirty years of service to the community and British Chief Rabbi J. Hertz conferred upon him Semikhah (rabbinical ordination) in recognition of his learning and contribution to the community.

In 1949 Rabbi Super retired from active service and was presented with a testimonial by the community. But his drive to serve Kashrut would not let him rest and he soon came out of retirement to accept the appointment in 1950 of Mashgiakh Rashi (Chief Supervisor) for the Kashrus Commission of Victoria, a body he fought for many years to have established, even to the extent of personal financial support.

This position gave him ultimate authority over the State's kosher meat supply, Matzah production and all catering establishments carrying the Kashrut Commission license. In this capacity he often resorted to seeking the support of Chief Rabbi Brodie in England on contentious issues.

In his later years Rabbi Super was associated closely with the St.Kilda Hebrew Congregation. At his nearby home in Crimea Street he and his wife Lena Super (until her untimely death in 1945) held open house to the congregation. Hardly a Shabbat passed when he did not bring home a guest for Kiddush. There he held a regular Shiur on a Shabbat afternoon.

Super continued to function as a Shokhet until his last days, despite failing health, assisted by his son-in-law Rev. Phillip Berliner, husband of his daughter Edna.

He passed away on June 28, 1961 (Tamuz 14th 5721).

Rabbi Isaac Jacob and Lena Super were the parents of seven children including Rabbi Dr. Arthur Saul Super of South Africa and Israel, and Melbourne solicitor and communal personality Newton Super.

(1) **Susman David (Cecil) Super**, born 1907 in Great Yarmouth, England, died 1981 in Arad, Israel, occupation furrier.

(1) He married **Becky Nissan**, died 1988 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

(2) He married **Nancy Zumpner**, resided in Melbourne, Vic. Australia, died 1997 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

(a) **Freda Super**, (daughter of **Susman David (Cecil) Super** and **Becky Nissan**) born 1932 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

Resided (family) in Melbourne, Vic. Australia, **Victor (Srulovic) Searle**, born 1927 in Uzhgorod, Czechoslovakia, occupation real estate agent.

Victor: Arrived in Australia 1948.

[1] **Mark Searle**, born 1955 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia, occupation engineer; specialist energy conservation.

He married **Deborah Belinda Goldenberg**, born 1957 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia, (daughter of **Feibish (Phillip) Goldenberg** and **Beck Cohen**) occupation teacher.

[A] **Jeremy David Searle**, born 1985 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

[B] **Phillip Rodney Searle**, born 1987 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

[2] **John (Daniel) Searle**, born 1958 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia, occupation barrister at law.

He married **Ginette (Gitel) Diskin**, born 1959 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia, occupation Psychologist.

Ginette: Executive Director, State Zionist Council of Victoria, Australia.

[A] **Rivka Sarah (Becky) Searle**, born 1991 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

[B] **Yaakov Moshe (Jake Dillon) Searle**, born 1993 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

[C] **Elisheva Khana (Ellie) Searle**, born 1995 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

[D] **Yishai Shlomo (Jesse) Searle**, born 1999 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

(b) **Davina Super**, (daughter of **Susman David (Cecil) Super** and **Nancy Zumpner**) born c.1947, resided in USA.

(2) **Avraham Shaul (Arthur Saul) Super**, born 1908 in Great Yarmouth, England, died 1979 in Kfar Saba, Israel.

(1) Divorced **Sally Berko**.

(2) He married **Tilla Hyams**, died 1987 in Haifa, Israel.

(a) **Shmuel Dov (Bernard) Super**, (son of **Avraham Shaul (Arthur Saul) Super** and **Sally Berko**) born 1935 in Montreal, Ont. Canada, occupation scientist.

He married **Devorah ?**, born in Israel.

Devorah: Devorah had a son Yariv by a previous marriage.

[1] **Yael Super**, born 1956 in Beit Oren, Israel.

[2] **Boaz Super**, born 1962.

(b) **Stacia Super**, (daughter of **Avraham Shaul (Arthur Saul) Super** and **Tilla Hyams**) born 1946.

adopted by her stepfather Arthur Saul Super.

(3) **Nakhum (Alfred Newton) Super**, born 1910 in Croydon, England, died 1980 in Sydney, NSW. Australia, occupation lawyer.

He married **Sylvia Rothstadt**, occupation barristor, born 1901 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia, died 1999 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

(a) **Sandra Super**, born 1940 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

She married **Gary Marx**, occupation accountant.

[1] **Andrew Marx**, born 1964 in Sydney, NSW. Australia.

[2] **Brett Marx**, born 1970 in Sydney, NSW. Australia.

(b) **Richard Lawrence Super**, born 1941 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

Divorced **Edytta ?**, born in Israel.

[1] **Gidon Super**, born 1973 in Sydney, NSW. Australia.

[2] **Yael Super**, born 1976 in Sydney, NSW. Australia.

- (4) **Adolf Super**, born c.1912 in Evercreech, England, died 1914 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.
- (5) **Edna-Yenta Super**, born 1916 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia, died August 6, 2008 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia, buried in Fawkner cemetery, Melbourne.

In 1941 Edna married the late Reverend Phillip (Pinchas) Berliner, London born graduate of English and Eastern European Yeshivot who narrowly escaped the Holocaust and arrived in Australia in 1940. Edna was educated at St.Kilda Park State School and Melbourne Girls High School. Her Jewish education she received at Sunday school and basked in the rich tradition and love of Yiddishkeit of her parents.

Widowed at the age of 43 Edna was faced with the awesome task of bringing up three daughters, Muriel Kleerekoper (Sydney, deceased), Lena Pose (Melbourne) and Jane Freedman (Israel). Edna contributed ably to her father and husband's communal activities. In her youth she acted as secretary to the late Rabbi Dr. Joseph Abrahams who spent his last years living with the Supers and treated Edna lovingly as if she was his daughter. She was active in the National Council of Jewish Women and the women's auxiliary of South Caulfield Shule where she attended after nearly a half century living in Crimea Street, St.Kilda and attending St.Kilda Shule with which her father and husband were associated.

Edna was a wealth of information about communal history, particularly Carlton, and loved to talk about old times, people, Shule and Beth Din intrigues. She was interviewed by historians for material for their books.

Edna had a wide circle of friends who appreciated her keen sense of humour, warm hospitality, home wisdom and common sense.

In particular she staunchly maintained her love and allegiance to her father's and husband's Yiddishkeit. She read voraciously and diligently reviewed Parshat Hashavuah each week in preparation for Shabbat. She attended Shule every Shabbat until her health no longer permitted. Such was her inspiration in this respect that kind members of the congregation came to her home to blow Shofar, to bring her Lulav and Etrog and invited her to eat in their Sukkah. Deprived of the male role in the home after the death of her husband and father, she took on the task of making Kiddush, Zemirot, Benching and Havdalah, ever a staunch advocate for women's equality in Judaism. Her habit of being ready for Shabbat and Chagim several days in advance was a source of good humour for her family.

Edna's life was fraught by many illnesses that she coped with in courage and determination. She was like a cat with nine lives twice over and considered every day that she was spared as a blessing. In her latter years she was handicapped in her mobility but was determined to retain her independence and continue to live in her own home in dignity. Her last years were spent at Montefiore Homes.

She was scrupulous in account keeping and one of her typical sayings was "I hate owing money". She loved shopping and would tell the shopkeepers "I'm looking for my daughter". Despite her incapacity she diligently carried out her exercises and persisted to walk up her drive to collect the mail until she was no longer able and accepted the help of her neighbors with whom she maintained warm relationships. She was a determined lady and typical was the occasion when visiting Israel and unable to find other transport to the Kibbutz where her daughter and son-in-law were staying, joined them hitchhiking, even when it involved clambering into the back of a van. On the Kibbutz she insisted in pulling her weight and spent the time of her visit there working in the communal kitchen and exchanging opinions with the ladies in a variety of languages. She traveled to Israel five times by herself and was daring enough one trip to book a tour and get her hair cut in Athens.

The highlight of one of those trips was her reunion in Israel with her brother the late Rabbi Dr. Arthur Saul Super, whom she had not seen for 51 years.

Edna always maintained contact with her many longstanding friends and made phone calls to enquire about their health and the wellbeing of their families.

She was very much part of Australian culture being the first of her parents' children to be born in Melbourne. So she liked her little flutter on the Melbourne Cup. She was a fun loving parent who read and composed stories to her children when they were young

and was not above playing "skippy" with them on a Shabbat afternoon. She liked a dip in the sea and took the children to St.Kilda beach on a Friday morning. In summer she would arise at 5 AM, get Shabbat prepared and thus have the whole day to take her daughters out. She was modest and would say, "I can always learn from my daughters". She liked a good joke even if it was a bit risqu? and had an infectious rollicking laugh.

Edna loved the movies and music. She had a number of favourite songs such as "Danny Boy", "Roses Whisper" and "Esah Einei", although her singing voice was ever a source of amusement for her family.

She used to jokingly say that she would come to Israel to help her daughter do the mending. She hated wastefulness and would save pencil ends, envelopes, jars and plastic bags. She loved her garden and had "Green fingers". Her garden was a riot of colour and fragrance, winter and summer. Even when she had to walk with a frame she was determined to potter amongst her plants.

Always interested in current affairs at one time she worked voluntarily for a radio station collecting news items. Similarly she combed the newspapers and sent clippings to her family in Israel.

Edna was a proud grandmother and great-grandmother and called her extended family her "treasure". She loved to entertain and cook them their favourite dishes. Her greatest pleasure she derived from being surrounded by her loving family. In particular her grandchildren and great-grandchildren after whose welfare she constantly enquired, despite them being spread over four continents.

She was loved and respected by her sons in law whom she treated as if they were her own sons.

She married **Pinkhas (Phillip) Berliner**, born 1916 in London, England, (son of **Emanuel (Mynyle) Berliner** and **Sheindel (Jane) Szymkowicz**) died 1959 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia, buried in Fawkner cemetery, occupation Shokhet, Chazan, teacher.

Pinkhas: Pinkhas (Phillip Berliner)

(Written by his son-in-law Chaim Freedman in "The Pen and the Blade, Super Family" 1992).

Pinkhas (Phillip) Berliner was born in London, England in 1916, the youngest son of immigrants from Lodz, Poland. He attended Yeshivah Etz Chaim in London where he learned under the prominent Lithuanian leaders of English ultra-orthodoxy at the time, Rabbis Eliya Lopian and Eliyahu-Eliezer Dessler. He was such an excellent student that his teachers selected him to join a group which went to study at the recently established Gateshead Yeshiva in 1931 under Rabbi N.D.Landinsky.

In the mid 1930's a proposal was made by the rabbis of Etz Chaim and Gateshead to further the higher religious education of English Yeshiva students at prominent eastern European Yeshivot. Pinkhas Berliner was selected to join a group of about ten students who went to Mir Yeshiva in Poland (now Belarus) and to Telz (Telsiai) Yeshivah in Poland. The group included Rabbi Nakhum-Zev (Velvel) Dessler, Josh Chinn, Rabbi Shlomo Davis, Rabbi Koppul Rosen, Rabbi Chaim Gutnik, Montie Moore, Rabbi Shmuel Bloch, Rabbi Dovber Silver and others who became leading orthodox rabbis and scholars, mainly in the United states. Details are to be found at <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~rkimble/Mirweb/YeshivaStudents.html> .

Pinkhas Berliner studied in Mir under the renowned Rosh Yeshivah Rabbi Eliezer-Yehudah Finkel and the Mashgiakh Rabbi Yekhezkel Levinstein. On the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939, the foreign students fled Poland, by order of the Rosh Yeshivah, the day before the Germans invaded Poland. For several months the group wandered backwards and forwards through Latvia and Estonia since they had inadequate papers. During this period of extreme physical deprivation and exposure. Pinkhas's health suffered irreparably. Eventually visas were obtained through a Jewish member of the Latvian parliament, Rabbi Mordekhai Dubin, and the group settled in Lithuania at Telz Yeshivah under the soon to be martyred Rabbi Avraham-Yitskhak Bloch.

After nine months in Telz, in February 1940 Pinkhas rejoined Mir Yeshiva which had been relocated in Keidan, Lithuania. There he was finalizing his studies to qualify for Semikhah (rabbinical ordination) when the Soviet Army invaded the Baltic States. The Yeshivot were constantly harassed by the Communist regime and as the Germany army hovered in nearby Poland, the future looked ominous.

The British Government finally arranged a means of evacuating British and other foreign nationals. Travelling on visas issued by the famous Japanese consul in Kovno (Kaunas) Sugiharo, the group was sent eastwards via the Trans Siberian Railway to Vladivostok.

From there they went to Hong Kong but were unable to continue to America due to hostilities at sea. Instead the group travelled to Brisbane, Australia. After several months of futile attempts to establish a Yeshiva in Melbourne, most of the group made their way to America and were amongst the founders of Mir, Telz and Lakewood Yeshivot. Some returned to England after the war.

Those remaining in Australia were Rabbi Dovber Silver, Rabbi Chaim Gutnik and Pinkhas (now Phillip) Berliner. Although he had a visa for America and had been accepted to Yeshiva Mesifita Torah Vadaat in New York, Phillip remained in Australia. He taught briefly in Sydney until he went to Melbourne in 1941 to marry Edna, daughter of Rabbi Yitskhak Yaakov and Lena Super. They had three daughters Mirel-Shulamit (Muriel) Kleerekoper, Leah-Nekhama (Lena) Pose and Sheindel (Jane) Freedman.

In order to support his family Phillip learnt Shekhitah and joined his father-in-law at this arduous vocation. He also taught religious classes for the United Jewish Education Board and was assistant Chazan at the St.Kilda Hebrew Congregation. In 1946 he was granted the title "Reverend" by Rabbi Jacob Danglow in recognition of his services to the congregation.

Phillip Berliner was widely respected throughout the community. He approached his vocation with a deep sense of dedication and his sincere enthusiasm for Judaism inspired his students, in particular a small group that studied with him. One of these, Professor Louis Waller wrote to Phillip's daughter Jane Freedman:

"Your father was a generous teacher in terms of time and energy. He drilled us rigorously in formal Hebrew grammar, introducing me to the patterns and paradigms which became ingrained. Though he was not a scientific linguist, he was very knowledgeable and very determined that our foundations in structure would be well laid. He invited Max Jotkovitz, Sonja Black and me to your home in Crimea Street on Saturday afternoons in the latter part of 1948 and 1949 for revision of the set books and lightening like parsing, declension and conjunction. Your mother would give us tea and cake to sustain us, and your grandfather viewed us with a bemused but benevolent eye. In addition to the biblical set books, grammar and history, we also studied a tractate of Mishnah, Baba Batra."

Berliner's work as a Shokhet was very taxing, both from the long work hours and the nature of the work. As recalled by Waller: "I asked your father about his work as a Shochet. He showed me his Khalef (blade) which he carried in a case in his breast pocket. I have an impression, but not a strong one, that he found his work in the slaughter house not only physically but also mentally very demanding."

Reverend Berliner had regular duties to perform for the St.Kilda synagogue. Aside from services, in particular reading the Torah and teaching, he had to attend weddings, funerals and other occasions in the life of the congregants. In this way he built up a wide circle of people who held him in respect for his mild manner and friendly disposition. Professor Waller, in a memorial to Rabbi Danglow (St.Kilda Hebrew Congregation Chronicle, March 1981), mentions Berliner both as his teacher and paints a picture of the Bimah at the St.Kilda synagogue whilst Rabbi Danglow conducted the Neilah service:

"It is Neilah. On the Almemar stand Reverend Kowadlo and Mr. Berliner - as always. Each is enveloped in white Kittel and woolen Tallit. But both are at the back of the Almemor, in their respective corners. At the desk stands the Rabbi. He is davening Neilah."

Berliner's communal duties were not without considerable aggravation, as was common among the Melbourne synagogues, internal politics often claimed innocent victims, in this case Phillip Berliner. His health was never the best, he suffered severely

from asthma, and the machinations of several members of the Board of his synagogue wounded him deeply.

On Shabbat, 20th Keshavn 5720, November 21, 1959 Phillip Berliner died suddenly following a severe asthma attack. The entire community was shocked that this man, beloved by so many, had been struck down in his prime at the age of forty-three.

Phillip's widow Edna was faced with the awesome task of bringing up their three daughters.

- (a) **Mirel-Shulamit (Muriel) Berliner**, born 1943 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia, died 1981 in Sydney, Australia.

She married **Zev Shmuel (Victor) Kleerekoper**, (son of **Yosef Mishoel Kleerekoper** and **Leah (Lily) Biber**) occupation journalist.

- [1] **Sharon Chana Kleerekoper**, born 1967 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

She married **Moshe David Weinstock**, born in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

- [A] **Mirel Shulamit Weinstock**, born 1987 in Jerusalem, Israel, resided 2008 in Jerusalem, Israel.

Married 2008 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia, **Yoel Chaim Kemeny**.

- [B] **Avraham Yeshayahu Weinstock**, born 1990 in Adelaide, SA. Australia.

- [C] **Yehudah Leib Weinstock**, born 1991 in Adelaide, SA. Australia.

- [D] **Batsheva Weinstock**, born 1993 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

- [E] **Rakhel Leah Weinstock**, born 1997 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

- [F] **Yokheved Sarah Weinstock**, born 1999 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

- [G] **Yaakov Yisrael Weinstock**, born 1999 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

- [H] **Rivka Sheindel Weinstock**, born 2002 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

- [I] **Meir Simkha Weinstock**, born 2004 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

- [J] **Sheindel Weinstock**.

- [K] **Reuven Yosef Weinstock**, born 2008 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

- [2] **Pinkhas Ephraim (Phillip) Kleerekoper**, born 1967 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

He married **Gittel Miriam (Gail) Isaacs**, born 1968.

- [A] **Mirel Shulamit Kleerekoper**, born c.1997 in Monsey, N.Y. USA, died c.1997 in Monsey, NY. USA.

- [B] **Yehudis Mirel Kleerekoper**, born 1999 in Monsey, NY. USA.

- [C] **son Kleerekoper**, born 2000 in Monsey, NY. USA, died 2000 in Monsey, NY. USA.

[D] **Yosef Simkha Kleerekoper**, born 2001 in Monsey, NY. USA.

[E] **Elazar Barukh Kleerekoper**, born 2003 in Monsey, NY. USA.

[F] **Moshe Kleerekoper**, born 2005 in Monsey, N.Y. USA.

[3] **Yitskhak Mordekhai (Ian) Kleerekoper**, born 1973 in Sydney, Australia.

He married **Rivki Davison**.

[A] **Yisroel Tzvi (Zuli) Kleerekoper**, born in London, England.

[B] **Yosef Mishoel Kleerekoper**, born in London, England.

[C] **Khava Mirel Shulamit Kleerekoper**.

[D] **Khaim Tuviah Kleerekoper**, born 2002 in London, England.

(b) **Leah-Nekhama (Lena) Berliner**, born 1947 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

She married **Harry Pose**, born 1946 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

[1] **Deborah Khana Pose**, born 1978 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

Married 2007 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia, **Moshe (Matthew Lee) Lazerow**, born 1975 in Cape Town, South Africa.

[2] **Karyn Talya Pose**, born 1981 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

Married 2006 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia, **Jonatham Krywicki**.

(c) **Sheindel (Jane) Berliner**, born 18 March 1952 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

Graduated from Melbourne University with a Bachelor degree in Science. Geneticist at Beilinson Hospital Cytogenetics laboratory. Communal and voluntary activities.

Her father, The Reverend Pinkhas (Philip) Berliner (1916-1959), a graduate of Etz Khain and Gateshead Yeshivot in England, and Mir and Telz Yeshivot in Poland and Lithuania, was a Shokhet, teacher and Khazan in Melbourne. Sheindel's maternal grandfather, Rabbi Yitskhak Yaakov Super (1881-1961) was a Dayan on the Melbourne Beit Din for fifty years, responsible for Kashrut.

Married 19 December 1972 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia, **Khaim Koppel (Keith) Freedman**, born 13 December 1947 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia, (son of **Yaakov-Reuven (John-Ronald) Freedman** and **Tybel (Tessie) Komesaroff**) resided in Petah Tikvah, Israel.

Khaim: Matriculated Mount Scopus College, Melbourne. Administrator in fashion and in tertiary education in Australia. Emigrated to Israel in 1977. Administrator in a public housing body of the Jewish Agency in the fields of budgetary monitoring and computers.

Chaim is a noted genealogist having lectured at numerous genealogical and historical conferences including The International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, Jerusalem 1984, 1994 and 2004. He has published his research in Avotaynu, Sharsheret Hadorot, Search, RootsKey and the Journal of the Australian Jewish Historical Society.

Edited "Jewish Personal Names: Their Origin, Derivation and Diminutive Forms" by the late Rabbi Shmuel Gorr, published in 1992 by Avotaynu. Wrote several books about his immediate family, "Our Fathers' Harvest", a history of the Komisaruk and other families involved in Jewish agricultural colonization in the Ukraine, and "The Pen and the Blade", a history of the Super family.

Chaim Freedman's major work "Eliyahu's Branches, The Descendants of the Vilna Gaon and His Family" was published in 1997 by Avotaynu. The book is the culmination of thirty years of research of the Vilna Gaon, and includes 20,000

names with valuable biographical and historical details. His particular expertise in Rabbinical genealogy was published in 2001 in his book "Beit Rabbanan, Sources of Rabbinical Genealogy". His presentation of Rabbinic genealogical sources has been published in Avotaynu's "Guide to Jewish Genealogical Research" (2004).

Acted as a consultant to Beit Hatefutsot's exhibition on the Vilna Gaon in 1998. He provided material for Beit Hatefutsot's 1983 exhibition "The Jewish Agricultural Experience in the Diaspora".

Lectured to the Israeli Genealogical Society in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv and to the Jewish Family Research Association in Tel Aviv and Petah Tikvah. Many of his compositions appear on the Internet:

[1] **Avigayil-Khana Freedman**, born 10 February 1980 in Petah Tikvah, Israel.

- (6) **Shlomo Meir (Montague/Monty) Super**, born 1920 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia, died 1939 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia.

Killed in an automobile accident.

- (7) **Zalmen Ber (Albert) Super**, born 1922 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia, died 1977 in Melbourne, Vic. Australia, occupation lawyer.

Used his deceased brother Montague's name in order to enlist in the Australian army.

(1) Divorced **Patricia Garland**.

(2) He married **Romaine Anne Sutherland**.

- (a) **Michelle Super**, (daughter of **Zalmen Ber (Albert) Super** and **Patricia Garland**) born 1955.

- (b) **David Bentzion Super**, (son of **Zalmen Ber (Albert) Super** and **Romaine Anne Sutherland**) born c.1964.

He married **Julianna Cooper**.

[1] **Alexander Super**, born 1994.

- (c) **Rachel Anne Super**, (daughter of **Zalmen Ber (Albert) Super** and **Romaine Anne Sutherland**).

(2) Married 1989, divorced 1990, **Vincent Gusman**.

(3) Married 1983, divorced ?, **Barry Lichfield**.

[1] **Sarah ?**, (daughter of **Rachel Anne Super**) born 1982.

- f. **Khaya (Annie/Amy) Bull**, born 1883/5 in Korsovka (now Karsava), Latvia,¹ died 1972 in London, England.

Date of birth recorded in 1889 Latvian records conflicts with the 1901 London census.

She married **David Gold**, died 1944 in London, England.

(1) **Sylvia Gold**.

(2) **Newton Gold**.

He married **Phyllis**.

(3) **Yehudah Leib (Louis) Gold**.

He married **Stella**.

(a) **Paul Gold**.

He married **Jill**.

[1] **Lydia Gold**.

(4) **John Gold**, occupation actor.

He married **Una**, occupation actress.

(a) **Louise Gold**.

Actress and singer. Puppetress with the "Muppets".

(b) **Max Gold**, occupation actor.

(5) **Danny Gold**, occupation Opto-electronic engineer.

He married **Renee Bart**.

Renee: Sister of singer Lionel Bart.

(a) **Vivien Gold**.

She married **John Wilkinson**.

[1] **Thomas Michael Wilkinson**.

[2] **Lizzie Wilkinson**.

[3] **Davina Julia Wilkinson**.

(6) **Tony Gold**, born 1915 in London, England, died 1966 in London, England.

Musician, violinist, "Bach Busker", actor. Colourfull character. See biography by his brother John Gold.

g. **Elka (Alice) Bull**, born 1884/1887 in Korsovka (now Karsava), Latvia,¹ died 1969 in London, England.

Date of birth recorded in 1889 Latvian records conflicts with the 1901 London census.

(1) She married **John Felkov**, died c. 1930 in London, England.

(2) She married **Simon Mindel**.

(1) **Muriel Felkov**, (daughter of **John Felkov** and **Elka (Alice) Bull**).

She married **Abe Gross**, occupation physician.

(a) **Anthony Gross**.

(b) **John Gross**.

Theatre critic of the London Daily Telegraph. Editor of the Times Literary Supplement. Author of a number of books including "Shylock".

He married **Miriam**.

[1] **Susanna Gross**.

[2] **Thomas Gross**.

(2) **Betty Felkov**, (daughter of **John Felkov** and **Elka (Alice) Bull**).

She married **Allan Miller**.

(a) **Susan Miller**, resided in Israel.

(b) **Estelle Miller**, resided in Israel.

- (c) **June Miller.**
 - (3) **Joy Felkov**, (daughter of **John Felkov** and **Elka (Alice) Bull**).
She married **Abe Lowy**.
 - (a) **Anne Lowy.**
She married **Tom Glum**.
 - [1] **Joshua Glum.**
 - [2] **Rachel Glum.**
 - (b) **Ruth Lowy.**
She married **Emile Lawy**.
- h. **Eliezer/Leizer (Lazarus/Laurie) Bull**, born 1889 in Korsovka (now Karsava), Latvia,¹ died 1975 in London (?).
 - (1) Divorced **Bessie Stitchin**.
 - (2) He married **Anna Phillips**, occupation singer.
 - (3) He married **Margaret Leizer**.
 - (1) **Vera Bull**, (daughter of **Eliezer/Leizer (Lazarus/Laurie) Bull** and **Bessie Stitchin**) born 1916, died 1924.³
- i. **Dora Bull**, born 1892 in Korsovka (now Karsava), Latvia,^v died 1985 in London, England.
Age recorded in 1901 London census.
She married **Moshe (Maurice) Sagon**.
 - (1) **Betty Sagon.**
She married **Cyril Collick**.
 - (a) **Jonathan Collick.**
 - (b) **Judith Collick.**
She married **Jacob**.
 - [1] **Flora.**
- j. **Moshe (Maurice) Bull**, born 1895 in Korsovka (now Karsava), Latvia,⁵ died 1980 in London, England, occupation teacher.
Age recorded in 1901 London census.
Married 1920, **Brownie Segal**, born 1894, died 1879.
 - (1) **Joan Bull**, born 1921.
 - (1) She married **John Horrocks**.
 - (2) She married **Laurie**.
 - (2) **Patricia Bull**, born 1928 in London, England.
Wrote history of family which included socio/psychological analysis of their character and actions.
Married 1947, **Jacob Levitsky**, born 1924.
 - (a) **Michael Levitsky**, born 1947.

He married **Jacquie**.

[1] **Daniel Leon Paul Levitsky**, born 1978.

[2] **Jeremy Levitsky**.

(b) **Naomi Shira Levitsky**, born 1961 in Tel Aviv, Israel.

She married **Karim Jadwat**.

[1] **Sam Jadwat**.

[2] **Louis Jadwat**.

3. **Tzemakh Bull**, born 1854/58 in Levenhoff (Livani), Latvia,¹ resided 1880 in Dvinsk (Daugavpils), Latvia.

He married **Mashka**, born 1858.¹

a. **Sarah Bull**, born 1887 in Dvinsk (Daugavpils), Latvia.¹

4. **Yitskhak (Itzig) Bull**, born 1860/1866 in Levenhoff (Livani), Latvia,^{1,5,vi} died 1926 in London, England,³ occupation 1891 machinist,⁶ occupation 1901 Clobberer and Draper shopkeeper,^{vii} occupation furrier.

Immigrated to England about 1881, since his eldest child was born in London in 1881.

He married **Rachel**, born 1861, died 1953 in London, England.³

a. **Rebecca Bull**, born 1881 in London, England.⁶

b. **Annie Bull**, born 1889 in London, England.⁶

c. **Lily Bull**, born 1893 in London, England.^{viii}

d. **Manuel Bull**, born 1895 in London, England.⁸

e. **Judah Bull**, born 1897 in London, England.⁸

[B] **Efraim Bull**, born¹.

Drafted 1849.

1. **Wulf Bull**, born 1846.¹

[C] **Aba Bull**, born 1836/1839.¹

He married **Leah**, born 1836.¹

[D] **son Bull**, born 1828.¹

1858 family list records his name as "Wulf" which cannot be correct as that was his father's name.

[3] **Pinkhas Bull**, born 1806, died 1852 in Dvinsk (Daugavpils), Latvia.

[A] **Avraham Bull**, born 1834.¹

[B] **Leib Bull**, born 1839/38,¹ resided in Dvinsk (Daugavpils), Latvia.

Appears in the 1882 Family List in Dvinsk.

He married **Etka**, born 1843.

1. **Avsey Bull**, born 1872.¹

2. **Haska Bull**, born 1869.¹

[4] **Mordekhai Bull**, born 1819,¹ resided 1858 in Dvinsk (Daugavpils), Latvia.¹

Appears in the 1858 Revision List of Dvinsk.

[5] **David Bull.**

[A] **Rakhmiel Bull**, born 1839.¹

[B] **Yisroel Bull**, born 1830.¹

[C] **Simie Bull**, born 1842.¹

[6] **Yitskhak (Itzig) Bull.**

[A] **David Bull**, born 1826,¹ resided 1858 in Dvinsk (Daugavpils), Latvia.

He married **Tamara**, born 1828.¹

¹ Latvian State Archives, Riga, census and family lists, researched by Aleksanders Feigmanis, Riga.

ⁱⁱ Tombstone, Edmonton Cemetery, London.

ⁱⁱⁱ Jewishgen Online Worldwide Burial Registry.

^{iv} Latvian State Historical Archives, Researcher Feigmanis, Alexander. 1897 census in Korsovka, Latvia: not recorded, since he was away studying in Yeshiva and then worked as Shokhet. Not listed to evade the army.

^v London Census 1901.

^{vi} London Census 1891.

^{vii} London Census 1901, lived at 65 Cable St.

^{viii} London Census 1901.