

## Londýnský kroužek Ostraváků Der Londoner-Ostrauerkreis Our Ostrava Group

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### Ostravak Gathering

We are delighted to confirm that HE Mr Michael Žantovský, the Czech Ambassador, will be our Guest of Honour and Evelyn McGilloway (née Rix) will play the piano for us. Libuše and Radan Salomonovic will join us from Ostrava and Prague and we hope to see very many of you as well.



**KINGSTON**  
Ostrava Scroll Group



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ק"ק כנסת ישראל

Cordially invite you to join them on  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2010 from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.**  
In the Synagogue, 33-35 Uxbridge Road, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 2LL

***Guest of Honour: H.E. The Czech Ambassador, Mr Michael Žantovský***

Evelyn McGilloway (née. Rix) who recently retired from her career as a concert pianist  
will play for us

There will be a presentation of some recent results from the Group with an exhibition of  
photographs and other documents.

Afternoon Tea will be served and there will be time to meet and chat.

RSVP to David Prager, 15, Mandeville Drive, SURBITON, Surrey, KT6 5DT  
00 44 20 8398 5901; email [dprager@aol.com](mailto:dprager@aol.com)

**£5**  
**Contribution**

Please let us know if you are coming, so that we can make the necessary arrangements for catering. Unfortunately, when we sent the previous notice out, we gave you the wrong email address for David Prager so your reply did not arrive.

Please, therefore, send your reply once again, to the correct email address:  
[drprager@aol.com](mailto:drprager@aol.com).

### ***Stolpersteine***

We have details of 31 *Stolpersteine* to be laid and Gunter Demnig has scheduled the laying for 10 and 11 June. Heinz Vogel is doing a superb job in organising everything and keeping meticulous records (he is a lesson to me!) and Libuše Salomonovičová is doing an absolutely incredible job in checking details and addresses and is even going

out to photograph each location (despite arctic weather in Ostrava). Heinz is liaising with Dr Sladovnik in the Mayor's Department in Ostrava and we are very grateful to Dr Sladovnik for his help and advice.

Each stone will cost £120.00 and cheques should be made payable to KSDS Cultural and Education Committee. If you prefer to pay by credit transfer, the bank details are:

Barclays Bank  
Barclays Business Centre  
6 Clarence Street  
KINGSTON UPON THAMES  
KT1 1NY  
Surrey  
UK

Sort Code 20-46-76

Account: KSDS Cultural and Educational Committee  
Account No: 70853909

Please let Heinz or David know if you are paying by credit transfer so that we can keep our records correct.

## Trip to Ostrava

Now that we have a final date for laying the *Stolpersteine*, we have fixed the dates and outline for our trip to Ostrava. We will arrive in Ostrava mid-day on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June, leave for Prague on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June and fly back on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July. All the details are on the attached sheet.

If you would like to join the trip, please let David Lawson know as soon as possible (and by the end of February at the latest). Please fill in a copy of the attached questionnaire for each member of your party and send a deposit of £50.00 per person (cheques payable to KSDS Cultural and Education committee) to David.

## Heirs sought

We have met David Lewin who is working with some Czech lawyers to identify heirs to properties in Ostrava.

Apparently, when the Nazis or the communists took over property in former Czechoslovakia in some cases they made a formal legal transfer of ownership to the State. In these cases, present day heirs to the original owner would have to claim restitution, and all such cases are now closed (claims had to be filed by 1995, I think). David is **not** involved in restitution cases.

However, in some cases, there was not a formal legal transfer of ownership and the original (pre-war) owner is still listed on the Land Registry. In such cases the heirs of the listed owner, if they can be found, can claim back the property. The Czech lawyers have searched the Registry and identified some properties of this sort and have asked David to try and identify the heirs of the listed owners.

If potential heirs are found, and if they are willing, the Czech lawyers will work to establish their rights to then help them sell (if they wish to). The Czech lawyers and David Lewin receive payment only when the property is sold, when they receive a commission (about 30% of the sales price) from the heirs.

David Lewin is looking for:

1. The JAVUREK family.  
In particular for the legal heirs of Bozena JAVURKOVA, born 26 Aug 1895. On 3 Dec 1959 Bozena JAVURKOVA left Ostrava to visit her brother Karel Javurek in West Germany. She never returned to Ostrava
2. Heirs of Dr. Julius KNOPFELMACHER, born 30 May 1868, died in Terezin on 1 Aug 1942. In this connection we seek Ing. Oskar KNOPFELMACHER whose last known address was in Abadan, Iran, in 1949
3. ROTH / ROHAN families originally from Ostrava. Rudolfina ROTH(ová) nee JOKLOVA, died on 22.4.1943. She had four children:
  - Dr. Lev Roth, who died on 13 Dec. 1942 formerly living at Kudrnova 144, Praha [Prague]
  - Herman ROTH, .Motol. Heřman, believed to have emigrated to Asuncion, Paraguay. He live there in 1946 and was a businessman
  - Alfred ROTH who was later named ROHAN. He died on 2 Nov 1963, last residence was in Kiriat Yam C, David Hamelech 2/5, Israel.
  - We do not know whether this was a boy or a girl, but we do know that it was the parent of :
    1. Bedriska ELKES(ova) who lived in Haifa no. 43 Massada Street in 1947
    2. Vera TRAMER(ová) , aparantly in Tel Aviv in 1947
    3. Katerina TRAMER(ova) in Kfar Rupin in 1947
4. Anna REISFELD(ova). She is the daughter of Katerina KRATOCHVIL(ova) who died in Auschwitz on 31 Oct 1940. Before the outbreak of World War 2 both ladies lived at Nádražní 47, in Ostrava. Anna REISFELD(ova) is known to have been at this address as late as 1941. I have found out that Anna Reisfeld - d.o.d. 9. Nov. 1967, burial 12. Nov. 1967 Cemetery: Baron de Hirsch - De la Savane Montreal QC, Canada
5. Erna IMMERGLUECK. She lived in Ostrava in the year 1910. Her home was confiscated by the Auswanderudgsfond fur Bohmen und Mahren in 1944. Her maiden name was WALLNER, and that she had been born on 5 May 1895. She perished in Terezin or Auschwitz in 1942  
  
Her son ZEEV IMMERGLUECK-ILANI died in Tel Aviv, He was born in 1915. His last address was 10 Sirkin str. Tel-Aviv. **He died** on the 2nd of June 2000. Buried in Yarkon cemetery, His i.d.number was 002667731.
6. Eliska KULKOVA [KULKA], Sister of Egon FARNK and of Richard FRANK. Their father Josef FRANK who had lived at Rynicka 30, in Ostrava, was declared dead on 22 April 1943. In 1947 Eliska KULKOVA [KULKA] was living in Herzliya III, Palestine. It is believed that she may also have lived in South Africa

Kulka Eliza bat Josef was born in 1900. She came to Israel in Aug. 1949 and lived in Hertzlija. Her i.d. 010059798  
 She left Israel in 1963 - possibly for South Africa

- Annemarie BEHOVA. Annemarie was from Prague. Her address was at Mayerhofstrasse 52, Muenchen 60, Germany. In 1959 her last known address was Planegg, Germany, Pasinggerstrasse C 3

If you know any of these people or have any other relevant information, please contact Monica or David Lawson. We will then put you in touch with David Lewin.

**NOTE.**

We have given this information, which we received from David Lewin, in good faith. Before you make any commitment to David Lewin or the Czech lawyers, you may wish to obtain your own independent legal advice.

## Terezin Memorial Concerts, in Israel (Raanana) and London

- Friday, 5 Feb 2010, 13:30  
 Raanana Music and Arts Center, 2a Palmach st.

### Transport to Freedom

Memorial Concert for the 65th Anniversary of the Salvation Train from Ghetto Theresienstadt to Switzerland In the presence of Holocaust survivors from this transport  
 Reception starts at 12:30

**Program:**

MP Ze'ev Bielski  
 MP Ophir Akunis  
 Swiss Ambassador in Israel, Mr. Walter Haffner  
 Yaacov Guterman - "Transport to Freedom"  
 Concert of the Raanana Symphonette Orchestra and the Israeli Opera's Opera Studio singers  
 Conductor: Omer M. Wellber  
 Arias of Freedom, Love and the Music played in Ghetto Theresienstadt  
 For tickets kindly confirm your participation at Tel. 09-7457773

### 2 Further concerts in London

**Wigmore Hall,  
 London.  
 19, 20 June 2010**

## News of Ostravaks

**Yehuda Bakon** has been awarded the Mordechai Ish Shalom Prize in Jerusalem, for his life's artistic work.

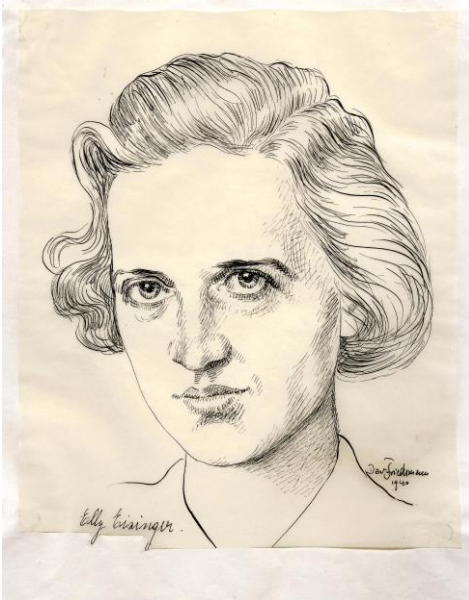
**Miriam Friedmann Morris** read about Alfred Buchsbaum's hairdressing salon in Newsletter #13 and wrote to tell us about hairdressers in her family:

“my father's brother Isidor Friedmann and his wife Sali were both hairdressers. - Isidor, b. 17.Nov.1897, Mährisch Ostrau. d. Oct.1942, Treblinka. Isidor was married to Sali, nee Schiffer, born 8.Jan.1902 in Krakau. Married: 16.May.1930 in Mor.Ostrava.

They had two children: Salomon, born 27. Feb.1931, Eugenie, born 21.Aug.1933.

All perished in Treblinka”

Miriam sent a copy of a drawing by her father (David Friedmann) of Ellie Eisingerova



*Eliška Eisingerová, nee Thibergerova, b. August 7, 1908, Bilsko.*

*Gustav Eisinger b. December 7, 1907 in Břeclav, was her husband. They wed in Mor. Ostrava on August 14.1938 Elly was deported from Prague to Terezín, March 6, 1943 with transport Cv and from Terezín to Auschwitz, May 18, 1944 with transport Eb.*

Elly's portrait found in the collection of confiscated art held by the Jewish Museum Prague

Gita Rind (geb. Thieberger) from Australia is related to Ellie and she and Miriam are now in contact to exchange family histories.

**Michael Gordy** has sent a photograph of a very striking body of young men. It is his grandfather's class dated 1920-21.



Heinrich Goldberger is 2nd from the right, bottom row) was born May 1907, His friend Leo Seifter is at bottom left.

**Can you recognize anyone?**



**Hana Muzika Kahn** has sent her family history with some lovely photographs:



Waldner family. l-r : Feigel, Teresie, Ružena, Amalie(Hana's mother) Jindrich (Lazy, February 1939)

**Alice Anson** is the daughter of Lt Otto Gross. Alice and Otto feature prominently in the military part of David's talk *"Steel and Schnapps, Sausages and Soldiers, Scrolls and Survival - the Story of Ostrava"*. Some of you might have heard it. Alice's husband, Colin (geb. Ascher) is an even greater military hero than either of them. His biography has just been published:

## **German Schoolboy, British Commando** **Churchill's Secret Soldier** **Helen Fry**

at £18.99, hardback ISBN: 978 0 7524 4996 8

**The amazing true story of a  
German refugee who  
fought with the British  
Commandos against the Nazis**

Claus Ascher's father, a German Jew, was one of Hitler's political opponents during the 1930s, which led to his arrest, imprisonment and murder in Dachau in 1937. Claus managed to escape to Britain where he joined the British Army and changed his name to Colin Anson. He was one of a few dozen Germans in the British Commandos in WW2.

**Tom Auber** sent a photograph of a painting by his father's cousin, Daniel Stamberger, who signed it "Walter Benjamin" or possibly "Benjamin Walter". It is entitled "Erev Shabbos" and is, Tom thinks, Holesov Synagogue. The young boy and the man in the centre are Walter and his Father (who Tom thinks was Daniel), and the man at bottom right, in a peaked cap and glasses, is also a self-portrait of Walter.



## More Ostravaks

**Ron Frank** was introduced to us by Michael and Peter Gordy (Goldberger). Ron writes from Australia:

My Grandfather Rudolf Goldberger was from Marish Ostrau now Ostrava he went to live in Vienna and eventually Perth West Australia. We had some family there and now the family has spread again to England, Israel, America, Sydney and of course Perth. My Aunts family still survive in Vien as well.

It is our turn to have the family over for new year's celebration so I will add more when they have left. I just opened the news letter and was compelled to add my bit.  
Shalom to you all

Our fame in Australia is spreading! **Ray Huppert (Heitlinger)** sent a fascinating email:

Dear Mr. Lawson,

I am writing to you re- your invitation of all Ostravaks in March in Britain.

In the past I got my information about Ostravaks via e-mail you sent to my daughter Lili Rose in Melbourne. It is pretty certain that neither my daughter nor myself will be able to attend the conference in March, therefore I would like to contribute the following :

My name is Otto Heitlinger, I am the brother of the late Henry Heitlinger, who passed away last February in Cheltenham, England. Our mother's maiden name was Huppert and she was born in Marianske Hory - Ostrava. She was one of 10 siblings and pre-war we had a very active family relationship with all the relatives in Ostrava although we did not live there. We lived in Trinec, a town well known for its big steel mill, some 40km east of Ostrava.

Unfortunately there were no survivors of the Huppert family after WWII, with the exception of my cousin Ruth Elias (nee Huppert), who passed away some 2 years ago in Israel, and our parents, my brother and I. Therefore I decided in 1980 to adopt and carry the name Huppert for the rest of my life, in order to show the world that the nazis did not succeed to eradicate us.

In one of your e-mails you mentioned a Gita Thieberger, a descendant of Ostravaks. Her married name is Rind. I knew her, her mother and her husband Jarous well and actually drove Gita to her wedding ceremony at the Bondi Junction synagogue in my car. We were very good friends particularly after my first wife Hansi passed away. Bondi Junction synagogue does not exist any more, it had to make way for a bus and train terminus because of its central location.

So much for today, my best wishes to you and all the Ostravaks.

Ray Huppert - Otto Heitlinger



At a recent talk we gave to the Association of Jewish Refugees in Oxford (*Steel and Schnapps, Sausages and Soldiers, Scrolls and Survival - the Story of Ostrava*) we met **John Fieldsend (geb Hans Heinrich Feige)**. He is not an Ostravak, having been born in Dresden and moved to Vitkov in the Sudetenland with his family and then was sent to England on a *Kindertransport*. His story is fascinating and he will be at the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, so you will be able to ask him about it. He sent this wonderful photograph of his first day at school in Dresden.

## 2010

The Salomonovic family sends greetings for the New Year:



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## Trip to Ostrava 27<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Fly with Czech airlines from London Heathrow to Prague and connect to Ostrava by air:

OK 653 SUN 27JUN HEATHROW TO PRAGUE DEP: 0735 ARR: 1030  
Connecting  
OK 24 SUN 27JUN PRAGUE TO OSTRAVA DEP:1120 ARR: 1220

Transfer from the Airport to the Hotel by coach

While in Ostrava we stay in the 4Star Imperial Hotel, in the centre of Ostrava. It is an old hotel (many of you will remember it) which has recently been modernized and renovated. It is very nice, comfortable and convenient.

We hope to arrange a meeting with Ing Petr Kaynar, the Mayor of Ostrava in the New Town Hall during the afternoon.

### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Tour of Ostrava by coach and foot, to see all the *Stolpersteine* and to see the main sights of interest to members of the group, but including the site of the synagogues, cemetery, Nisko Memorial, Jewish, Czech and German schools, Gestapo Headquarters, theatre etc.

We hope to arrange a visit to the Ostrava Jewish Community Centre

We hope to arrange a concert, trip to the opera etc , depending on the performance schedule

### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Choose:

Guided tour by coach to Auschwitz. Michal Salomonovic, who was a prisoner in Auschwitz, will join the group

OR

Guided coach tour of the Beskydy Mountains

OR

Free time in Ostrava

### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Morning free in Ostrava

Coach to the Airport; Fly Czech airlines to Prague:

OK 25 WED 30JUN OSTRAVA TO PRAGUE DEP: 1520 ARR: 1620

Coach from Prague Airport to the Hotel (Probably the President Hotel or similar) in the centre of town, close to the Jewish Museum and old Jewish ghetto area.

We hope to organise a guided visit to the Jewish Museum in Prague.

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Choose:

Guided coach trip to Terezin

OR

Free time in Prague

Coach to Prague airport: Fly to London

OK 652 THU 01JUL PRAGUE TO HEATHROW DEP: 1855 ARR: 2005

### Meals

All hotels are on bed and breakfast basis. Other meals are not included.

Kosher meals are available in Prague Kosher restaurants **but not in Ostrava.**

We suggest you buy frozen Hermolis or similar Kosher meals (at ca £12 each) from London for use in Ostrava. The hotel will store them in their freezer and heat them in a microwave.

### Cost (all costs are per person)

- The costs of the trip from London are (per person in a twin room) £568.00 plus £99.30 airport taxes i.e. £647.30
- Single room supplement is £180.00
- The cost of each trip (Auschwitz, Beskydy, Terezin) is ca.£50, depending on numbers.
- Concert/opera prices depend on the location, performance etc.
- If you make your own flight arrangements and join the party in Ostrava, there will be a reduction of £115.00 incl taxes.
- The above price includes:
  - i. Czech Airlines flights throughout, Economy Class as shown above
  - ii. Transfers on arrival from Ostrava Airport to Imperial Mamaison Hotel
  - iii. Accommodation at Imperial Mamaison Hotel, 3 nights on bed & breakfast basis in Twin or Single Room as required
  - iv. Coach tour of Ostrava
  - v. Transfer on departure from Imperial Mamaison Hotel to Ostrava Airport
  - vi. Transfer on arrival from Prague Airport to Hotel
  - vii. Accommodation in Prague Hotel, 1 night on bed & breakfast basis in Twin or Single Room as required
  - viii. Transfer on departure from Hotel to Prague Airport
  - ix. Hotel service charges and local taxes throughout

### Booking

Please fill out a questionnaire sheet, one per person in your party, and send them, with a deposit of £50.00 per person (cheques payable to KSDS Cultural and Educational Committee) to David Lawson as soon as possible and, in any event, **by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2010.**

The trip will not be viable with fewer than 15 people flying from London. In the event that the trip has to be cancelled, all deposits will be refunded in full

## Ostrava Trip – Personal details

<b>Family Name</b>	
<b>Given Name(s)</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Telephone number</b>	
<b>Email address</b>	
<b>Kosher meals?</b>	
<b>Single room?</b>	
<b>Will you make your own flight arrangements?</b>	
<b>Trip to Auschwitz?</b>	
<b>Trip to Beskydy?</b>	
<b>Trip to Terezin?</b>	
<b>Deposit sent?</b>	
<b>Other requirements or comments?</b>	

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