

# Descendants of Saul Bistritzky

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## Generation 1

1. **SAUL<sup>1</sup> BISTRITZKY** was born in 1844.

Notes for Saul Bistritzky:

From today's work at Zhitomir Archive (150 km from Kiev) with documents of Ruzhin Kagan for 1908-1910 we see that in The book for realty's taxes there is Shevel (Saul) Bistritzky, being born in 1843 he was still alive at 1910 and had a wooden house in Ruzhin. There were no information about lehuda Leib or Mordechai.

Saul Bistritzky had the following children:

2. i. **YEHUDA LEIB<sup>2</sup> BISTRITZKY**. He died in 17 Tamuz - they may be buried in Lvov. He married **MIRIAM SHEINDEL**. She was born in Skvere Russia. She died on 25 May 1936.
3. ii. **MEIR BISTRITZKY**. He married **CHANAH NOTT**.

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## Generation 2

2. **YEHUDA LEIB<sup>2</sup> BISTRITZKY** (Saul<sup>1</sup>). He died in 17 Tamuz - they may be buried in Lvov. He married **MIRIAM SHEINDEL**. She was born in Skvere Russia. She died on 25 May 1936.

Notes for Yehuda Leib Bistritzky:

He was in the Bean business. he used to buy beans from Russia and sell it to Dansk and???  
Once he couldnet go on a business trip so he sent Opi at the age of 16.

After escaping Russia they lived with they're son Yisroel Levine in Lemberg.

Notes for Miriam Sheindel:

She passed away on 4 Sivan Tof Raish Tzadik Vov.

Yehuda Leib Bistritzky and Miriam Sheindel had the following children:

- i. **MORDECHAI (OPI)<sup>3</sup> BISTRITZKY** was born in 14 Tevet Skvere Russia. He died in 17 shevat. He married Schifra Lagovier, daughter of Levi Lagovier and Ruchma Senderovna Krieger in 1924 in Bad Hamburg maybe Antwerp (13 Sivan). She was born on 14 Jul 1901 in Moscow 11 Av 1901 On Shabbos at 7pm. She died in 1997 in Israel (27 cheshvon).

Notes for Mordechai (Opi) Bistritzky:

Opi's teacher at home was Reb Shlome Telegater.

When they left Russia they went to Lemberg (Levov) where his father was staying by his brother Yisroel. He left his parents there and went to Trondheim, Norway.

He started dealing in Fish Oils and some exotic fish such as sea lions etc. that the fisherman cought and he would sell them to zoo's.

For Shabbos he would go to Copenhagen to Rabbi Winkler or the Kahn's or the Bambergers.

He heard that there were some Russian jews in Bad Hamburg so he went there for Passach. He stayed at the Goldschmidt Saniterium which was owned by Mrs Abramof (Aunt) Douighter in law. Mrs Abramof was the sister of Ruchama Lagovier and a sister of Uncle Hershel Kreiger and that where he met Levi Lagovier.

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Once Levi Lagovier was going on a train and met the Chernovitzk Rebbe which was a son of the Pachad Yitzchok from Beyan and they discussed the idea of Opi marrying Omi.

- ii. SHMUEL LEVINE HALF BROTHER BISTRITZKY. He died in 9 Kislev. He married SARAH.
- iii. YISRAEL BISTRITZKY.

Notes for Yisrael Bistrizky:

He lived in Lemberg. Yehuda Leib left Russia on a business trip and ended up staying there with him. Opi and his mother Miriam Sheindel later traveled to Lemberg to meet there.

3. **MEIR<sup>2</sup> BISTRITZKY** (Saul<sup>1</sup>). He married **CHANAH NOTT**.

Meir Bistrizky and Chanah Nott had the following child:

- i. **JACOB JAN<sup>3</sup> BISTRITZKY** was born in 1920. He died in 2008 in Israel.

Notes for Jacob Jan Bistrizky:

Jacob J. Bistrizky, founder of the Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition and its director for many years, has passed away.

Jasha died at the age of 88, after many years of extensive activity in the field of the arts in Israel, and above all, in the International Piano Master Competition named after his friend Arthur Rubinstein.

J. J. Bistrizky is with us no more

The Arthur Rubinstein International Music Society and the Executive Committee mourn the death of Jan Jacob (Jasha) Bistrizky, founder of the Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition and its director for almost 30 years, who passed away on August 22, 2008.

In the 1970s, Bistrizky persuaded his friend Arthur Rubinstein to create a piano competition in the Maestro's name and in 1974, having gained Rubinstein's support, established the competition. In 1974 and 1977, the first two years of the Competition, Arthur Rubinstein presided as Chairman of the Jury.

During the thirty years that Bistrizky directed it, the Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition became one of the most prestigious piano competitions in the world.

Bistrizky was born in Poland, studied arts in Warsaw and specialized in piano studies and theater. In Warsaw, he directed the Frederyk Chopin Institute and the Chopin Piano Competition, where he first met Arthur Rubinstein. In 1971, Bistrizky immigrated to Israel as a Zionist and modern socialistic ideologist. He strongly believed that the State of Israel should support the arts and artists, promote them and by doing so, help create a better world.

Bistrizky organized and directed the Arthur Rubinstein Competition with resolute and single-minded professionalism. He made contacts with well-known figures and received their wide support. He had an amazing capability of recruiting volunteers for his cause, and was highly appreciated by government bodies and public figures.

Jasha was a Polish gentleman in the classical meaning of the word and remained

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as such up until the end. He did not give in to compromises, had inexhaustible energy and possessed the extraordinary gift of executing his goals even if they seemed impossible to achieve.

In April 2008, Bistrizky was awarded the "Gloria Artis" Medal by the Ministry of Culture of Poland, the highest honor given by the State of Poland in the field of culture.

He will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace.

In photo from left to right: Jasha Bistrizky, Idith Zvi (Director, Arthur Rubinstein International Music Society) and Roman Rabinovich receiving Second Prize at the 12th Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition