FAN Club

Rabbi William Kronowith

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What is a fan club?
- technique used to solve harder problems
- requires research of people besides your direct ancestors, including unrelated people
- collection of facts, rather than of people (main reason for keeping in separate doc, rather than family tree program)
Why use a FAN Club?

• break through brick walls
  – where you can’t find any info
  – where you find too many possibilities
• separate identities of two similar individuals
  – prove relationships
• resolve conflicting evidence
• expand timelines
Isidor “Izzy” and Kate “Kitty” (Hyman) Klein

Celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary
A very memorable evening

Yours, truly (age 6) conducting Lawrence Welk’s orchestra
Izzy & Kate’s marriage performed by Rabbi Kronowith
Other family weddings as well
Possible family connection

Rezi “Rose” (Rosenberg) Klein’s mother’s maiden name is Kronovicz
How to use a FAN Club

- use a spreadsheet or online note-taking app (Evernote or OneNote)
  - spreadsheets allow ease of reorganization and re-sorting
  - online spreadsheets (Google Docs or Excel online) give access from anywhere
- include name, event, role, date, place and notes/relationship

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Rabbi Kronowith’s Shul


Shul description in “Jewish Community Register, 1917-1918”
Ahavath Achim Anshei Hungary
| Event       | Birth | Marriage #1 | Arrival | Daughter born | Wife #1 died | Declaration | Marriage #2 | US Census | Petition | NY Census | US Census | Wife #2 died | Marriage #3 | US Census | US Census | US Census | Death | Headstone photo |
|-------------|-------|-------------|---------|---------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-------|-----------------|
| Have record | ×     | ×           | ?       |                | ✓           | ✓          | ✓          | ✓         | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓         | ✓          | ✓         | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓     | ✓               |
| Year        | 1863  | 1890        | 1892    | 1893          | 1893       | 1900       | 1900       | 1905      | 1910     | 1915     | 1916     | 1920       | 1930       | 1930      | 1930     | 1930     | 1930    |      |                 |
# Timeline/Records of Daughter Dorothy

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Next steps

• Track down missing records
• Confirm possible records/relationships
• Research in “old country”
  – Birth record
  – Census records
  – Marriage record
  – Occupational records
• Contact living descendants
References/Sources used for presentation

- Personal photos/ephemera
- FAN club articles
  - https://www.genealogyexplained.com/research/cluster-fan-club/
- Google Books: https://books.google.com/
- Google Maps: https://maps.google.com/
- NYC 1940s Tax Photos: http://nycma.lunaimaging.com/luna/servlet/
- PropertyShark: https://www.propertyshark.com/mason/
- Records: https://www.familysearch.org/

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