



My Search for Chaike Schechter

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First discovered in passenger list

Form 505-B
Bureau of Immigration and Customs
Department of Commerce

SALOON, CABIN, AND STEERAGE ALIENS MUST BE COMPLETELY MANIFESTED.

LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES

Required by the regulations of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor of the United States, under Act of Congress approved February 20, 1907, to be delivered to the collector of Customs at the port of arrival.

S. S. *BRITANIA* sailing from *LIVERPOOL* on *NOV 11 1907* -1 DEC 1907, 190

No.	NAME IN FULL	Age	Sex	Color	Calling or Occupation	Religion	Nationality (Country of which citizen or subject)	Place or People	Last Permanent Residence	The name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came.	Final Destination
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<i>X</i>	<i>Roche</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Brn</i>	<i>Chic</i>	<i>Chic</i>	<i>Russia</i>	<i>St. Petersburg</i>	<i>Russia</i>	<i>Odessa</i>	<i>New York</i>
<i>X</i>	<i>Chaike</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Blk</i>	<i>Chic</i>	<i>Chic</i>	<i>Russia</i>	<i>St. Petersburg</i>	<i>Russia</i>	<i>Odessa</i>	<i>New York</i>
<i>X</i>	<i>Margolin</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Blk</i>	<i>Chic</i>	<i>Chic</i>	<i>Russia</i>	<i>St. Petersburg</i>	<i>Russia</i>	<i>Odessa</i>	<i>New York</i>
<i>X</i>	<i>Rosenbaum</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Blk</i>	<i>Chic</i>	<i>Chic</i>	<i>Russia</i>	<i>St. Petersburg</i>	<i>Russia</i>	<i>Odessa</i>	<i>New York</i>
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Handwritten notes:
 - *34* (top left)
 - *3-11-1911* (circled around Chaike's entry)
 - *3-11-1911 - No C.D.* (circled around Chaike's entry)
 - *3-11-1911* (circled around Margolin's entry)

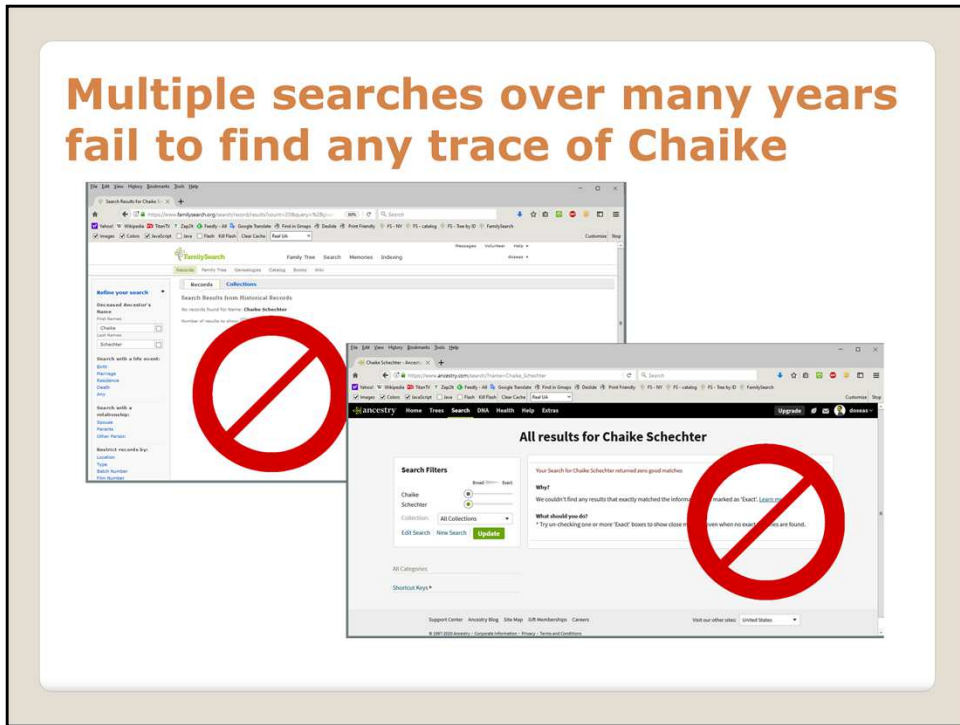
- Naturalization activity in 1941 (form 505)
- Wrong age to be Esther (born 1882, age 25)
- Who was Chaike?

Record discovered on 5/14/2005

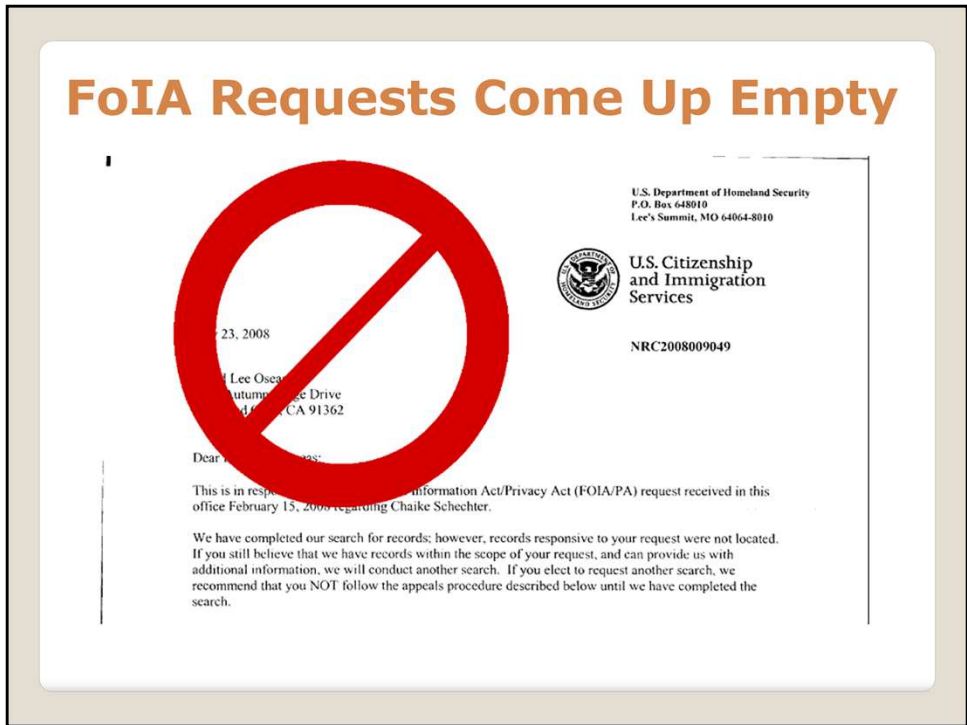
Important things to note:

- Handwritten notation indicates some naturalization activity in March, 1941
- X-marks to left of passenger names indicate that they were detained; look for Detained Aliens pages at end of manifest
- Post-1907 manifests are 2 pages; include name of contact in "old country" and who they are going to in US
- Passengers usually listed in chronological order, from oldest to youngest immediate family members, then others
- See JewishGen Manifest Marking Infofile (<https://www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/Manifests/occ/>) for details about CofA & Form 505

Multiple searches over many years fail to find any trace of Chaike



Not in any census, marriage or death record: looking for a single woman of her age, with surname resembling Schechter

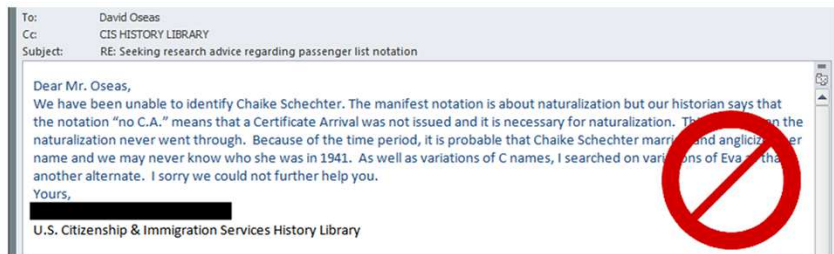


This request was on 2/2/2008, before USCIS Genealogy Program
I went ahead & subsequently paid for a USCIS Genealogy Program index search, with
same negative results

Notation on passenger manifest indicates that some sort of naturalization activity
took place in 1941

Even expert advice are dead ends

- May, 2013: Asked Marian Smith about Form 505
- February, 2016: Asked Marian Smith for advice in "Your Questions Webinar"
- November, 2018: Wrote to USCIS Librarian per Marian Smith's advice



I have asked numerous experts for advice about this case at conferences & society meetings...their answers did help to clarify issues or lead me to other avenues of research

I was fortunate enough to ask Marian Smith for advice on 3 separate occasions
USCIS's blanket "no CA" statement is not entirely accurate – the actual CofA situation is more complex (see slide #11)...

Discovered a brother

62 LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE U. S. IMMIGRATION OFFICER AT PORT OF ARRIVAL

Required by the Regulations of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor of the United States, under Act of Congress approved March 3, 1903, to be delivered to the U. S. Immigration Officer by the Captain of any vessel having on board upon arrival at a port in the United States

Sailing from: Ham/Burg Arriving at Port of: New York JAN 11 1907

No.	NAME IN FULL	Age	Sex	Marital Status	Place of Birth	Profession	Education	Religion	Color	Height	Weight	Complexion	Hair	Eyes	Signature	Remarks
1	Esther [unclear]	39	F	Married	Poland	Housewife	High School	Jewish	White	5' 0"	120	Light	Black	[Signature]	Admitted to U.S.	
2	[unclear]	38	F	Married	Poland	Housewife	High School	Jewish	White	5' 0"	120	Light	Black	[Signature]	Admitted to U.S.	
3	[unclear]	37	F	Married	Poland	Housewife	High School	Jewish	White	5' 0"	120	Light	Black	[Signature]	Admitted to U.S.	
4	[unclear]	36	F	Married	Poland	Housewife	High School	Jewish	White	5' 0"	120	Light	Black	[Signature]	Admitted to U.S.	
5	[unclear]	35	F	Married	Poland	Housewife	High School	Jewish	White	5' 0"	120	Light	Black	[Signature]	Admitted to U.S.	
6	[unclear]	34	F	Married	Poland	Housewife	High School	Jewish	White	5' 0"	120	Light	Black	[Signature]	Admitted to U.S.	
7	[unclear]	33	F	Married	Poland	Housewife	High School	Jewish	White	5' 0"	120	Light	Black	[Signature]	Admitted to U.S.	
8	[unclear]	32	F	Married	Poland	Housewife	High School	Jewish	White	5' 0"	120	Light	Black	[Signature]	Admitted to U.S.	
9	[unclear]	31	F	Married	Poland	Housewife	High School	Jewish	White	5' 0"	120	Light	Black	[Signature]	Admitted to U.S.	
10	[unclear]	30	F	Married	Poland	Housewife	High School	Jewish	White	5' 0"	120	Light	Black	[Signature]	Admitted to U.S.	
11	[unclear]	29	F	Married	Poland	Housewife	High School	Jewish	White	5' 0"	120	Light	Black	[Signature]	Admitted to U.S.	
12	[unclear]	28	F	Married	Poland	Housewife	High School	Jewish	White	5' 0"	120	Light	Black	[Signature]	Admitted to U.S.	
13	[unclear]	27	F	Married	Poland	Housewife	High School	Jewish	White	5' 0"	120	Light	Black	[Signature]	Admitted to U.S.	
14	[unclear]	26	F	Married	Poland	Housewife	High School	Jewish	White	5' 0"	120	Light	Black	[Signature]	Admitted to U.S.	
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39	[unclear]	1	F	Married	Poland	Housewife	High School	Jewish	White	5' 0"	120	Light	Black	[Signature]	Admitted to U.S.	
40	[unclear]	0	F	Married	Poland	Housewife	High School	Jewish	White	5' 0"	120	Light	Black	[Signature]	Admitted to U.S.	

Sailed with Esther's (future?) husband 'Eli' (Jechiel)

Passenger record discovered 10/25/2006
 I had previously learned of Alex's existence from Rochel & Ida's Detained Aliens entry

Found Alex's marriage record

11-1-1908
THE CITY OF NEW YORK.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

STATE OF NEW YORK.
No. of Certificate: 15250

CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF MARRIAGE

Alexander
Chas. Schachter and *Ida Olsberg*

Groom's Residence <i>95 Orchard St</i>	Bride's Residence <i>95 Orchard St</i>
Age <i>23 years</i>	Age <i>18 years</i>
Color <i>White</i>	Color <i>White</i>
Single, Widowed or Divorced <i>Single</i>	Single, Widowed or Divorced <i>Single</i>
Occupation <i>Business</i>	Married Name, if a Wife <i>Ida Olsberg</i>
Birthplace <i>Russia</i>	Birthplace <i>Russia</i>
Father's Name <i>Isak Schachter</i>	Father's Name <i>Joseph Olsberg</i>
Mother's Maiden Name <i>Rachle Schawitz</i>	Mother's Maiden Name <i>Ida Olsberg</i>
Number of Groom's Marriage <i>First</i>	Number of Bride's Marriage <i>First</i>

I hereby certify that the above-named groom and bride were joined in Marriage by me, in accordance with the Laws of the State of New York, at *88 Essex St* (Town) in the Borough of *Manhattan*, City of New York, this *15* of *Aug*, 1908.

Witnesses to the Marriage:
A. Gorman
Charles Kelly

Signature of person performing the Ceremony
D. J. Schick
Official Station
184 Henry St
Residence
115 Culloway St

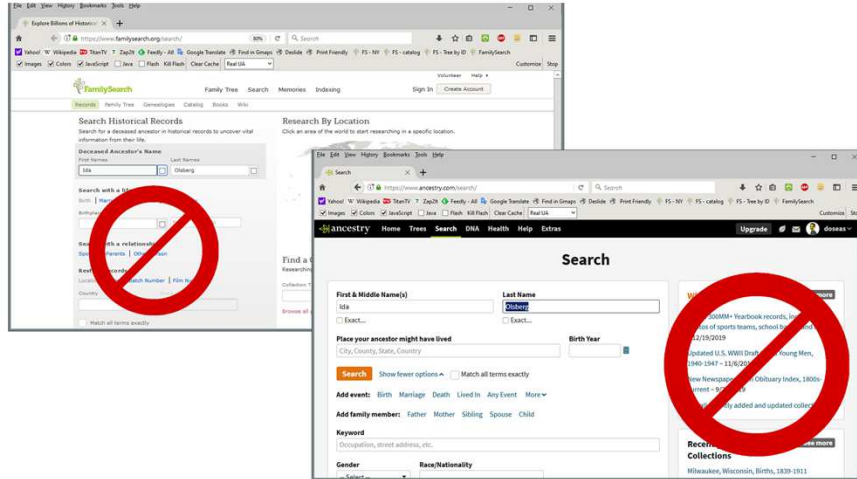
NO DUPLICATIONS WILL BE MADE.

Marriage record lists wife's maiden surname as Olsberg

marriage record discovered 10/24/2015

Marriage record lists wife's maiden surname as Olsberg

No results for Ida Olsberg



Marriage records of Alex's children

THE CITY OF NEW YORK. STATE OF NEW YORK. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF MARRIAGE, 1928		No. of Certificate
Groom: Max Schechter		18562
Bride: Beatrice Dreifuss		
Groom's Residence	544 Bedford Av	Bride's Residence
Age	22	Age
Color	W	Color
Single, Widowed or Divorced	S	Single, Widowed or Divorced
Occupation	Clerk	Occupation
Birthplace	N Y C	Birthplace
Father's Name	Alex	Father's Name
Mother's Maiden Name	Ida Rosenberg	Mother's Maiden Name
Number of Groom's Marriages	1st	Number of Bride's Marriages
I hereby certify that the above-named groom and bride were joined in Marriage by me, in accordance with the Laws of the State of New York, at the temporary city of New York, at the Borough of <u>Klvs</u> , City of New York, this <u>17</u> day of <u>Jan</u> , 1928.		
Signature of the Celebrant: Reuben Glaser		Signature of the Celebrant: Reuben Glaser
Witness to the Marriage: Harry Kauger		Witness to the Marriage: Harry Kauger

THE CITY OF NEW YORK. STATE OF NEW YORK. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF MARRIAGE, 1928		No. of Certificate
Groom: Nathan Rubinfeld		963
Bride: Beatrice Schechter		
Groom's Residence	469 E 98 St Bklyn	Bride's Residence
Age	29	Age
Color	White	Color
Single, Widowed or Divorced	Single	Single, Widowed or Divorced
Occupation	Salesman	Occupation
Birthplace	N Y City	Birthplace
Father's Name	Morris	Father's Name
Mother's Maiden Name	Anna Kreiner	Mother's Maiden Name
Number of Groom's Marriages	First	Number of Bride's Marriages
I hereby certify that the above-named groom and bride were joined in Marriage by me, in accordance with the Laws of the State of New York, at the temporary city of New York, at the Borough of <u>Brooklyn</u> , City of New York, this <u>17</u> day of <u>Jan</u> , 1928.		
Signature of the Celebrant: Gustav Eichhorn		Signature of the Celebrant: Reuben Moses Rofsch
Witness to the Marriage: Charles Halperin		Witness to the Marriage: E. F. E. Hausman

Surname listed as Rosenberg or Eisenberg

Children's marriage records discovered 4/26/2018
 Ida's surname listed as Rosenberg or Eisenberg

Which leads to finding naturalization of Alex's wife

ORIGINAL
(To be retained by Clerk of Court) js

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION
[Of a Married Person, under Sec. 310(a) or (b), 311 or 312, of the Nationality Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 1144-1145)]

No. 370911

To the Honorable the S. District Court of Eastern District at Brooklyn, N.Y.
This petition for naturalization, hereby made and filed pursuant to Section 310(a) or (b), 311 or 312, of the Nationality Act of 1940, respectfully shows:

(1) My full, true, and correct name is ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ IDA SCHECHTER formerly IDA EISENBERG
(Full, true name, without abbreviation, and any other name which has been used, must appear here)

(2) My present place of residence is 555 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn Kings, NY My occupation is Housewife
(Number and street) (City or town) (County) (State)

(4) I am 52 years old. (5) I was born on May 14, 1890 in Winkovitz, Russia
(Month) (Day) (Year) (City or town) (County, District, province, or state) (Country)

(6) My personal description is as follows: Sex fem. white, complexion fair, color of eyes brn, color of hair gray, height 5 feet 5 inches, weight 143 pounds; visible distinctive marks none; race white; present nationality Russian

(7) I am married; the name of my ~~wife~~ husband is Alex; we were married on August 15, 1908
(Month) (Day) (Year)

New York, New York; he ~~was~~ was born at Kishineff, Russia July 5, 1885
(City or town) (State or territory) (City or town) (Country, District, province, or state) (Country) (Month) (Day) (Year)

entered the United States at New York, N Y Dec. 18, 1907 for permanent residence in the United States, and now resides at 555 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, NY and was naturalized on June 7, 1923 at Brooklyn Kings, NY
(City or town) (State or territory) (Month) (Day) (Year) (City or town) (County) (State)

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Searching for Ida Eisenberg proves fruitful

Date of Alex's arrival is wrong on Ida's petition (actual is January 16, 1907)

Date of Ida's arrival on petition (not shown) is wrong (actual is December 8, 1907)

Chaike Schechter is found!

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

No. 2 R 848466

CERTIFICATE OF ARRIVAL 370911

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the immigration records show that the alien named below arrived at the port, on the date, and in the manner shown, and was lawfully admitted to the United States of America for permanent residence.

Name: Chaïke Eisenberg now Ida Schechter
Port of entry: New York, N. Y.
Date: Dec. 12, 1908
Manner of arrival: SS Lusitania

I FURTHER CERTIFY that this certificate of arrival is issued under authority of, and in conformity with, the provisions of the Nationality Act of 1940 (Pub., No. 853, 76th Cong.), solely for the use of the alien herein named and only for naturalization purposes.

SEP 24 1942

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate of arrival is issued

DEMUEL B. SCHOFIELD,
Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRY ISSUED

By *B. Salisbury*
Chief, Certifications Branch.

Form No. 220 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-15161

In this case, a Certificate of Registry was issued rather than a Certificate of Arrival. I was lucky that it was included with Ida's petition – some petition collections do not have CofAs.

Note that the date of arrival recorded on Certificate of Registry is wrong (actual is December 8, 1907)

Ancestry had only index card

No. 5598075

Name **SOECHTER Ida**

residing at **555 Bedford Ave B'klyn**

Age **53** years. Date of order of admission **June 29th 1943**

Date certificate issued **June 29th 1943** by the
U. S. District Court at Brooklyn, New York

Petition No. **370911**

x Ida Soechter
(Complete and true signature of holder)

A.R. #1317599

To find actual naturalization papers on FamilySearch, I needed Petition Number (370911) and court (Brooklyn, NY = US Eastern District of New York)

Note that the date on the index card is date of admission (date that oath of citizenship was taken); petition date (not shown) was February 24, 1943.

Conclusions

- Always do comprehensive searches
 - Name variations
 - Search without names
 - "Less is more"
- Repeat searches as more records are added
- Search databases on every site
- Beware the dreaded ditto
- Remember the FAN club
- Don't be discouraged by negative results
- Sometimes it pays to be lucky

Resources

- USCIS Index Search (\$65)
 - <https://www.uscis.gov/history-and-genealogy/genealogy/searching-index>
- USCIS Record Request (\$65)
 - <https://www.uscis.gov/history-and-genealogy/genealogy/requesting-records>
- Ancestry.com US Naturalization Record Index
 - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1192/>
- FamilySearch Final petition and citizenship papers (New York: Eastern District), 1865-1958
 - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/988724>
- JewishGen Info File on Manifest Markings
 - <https://www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/Manifests/occ/>