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Join us at the 2010 Dokshitsy Diaspora Reunion, August 20 to 22.

Deadline August 12th

Memories of the lost Jewish communities of Eastern Europe, including Dokshitsy, live within us, and embody a shared past that continues to unite their descendants across the globe. Between the 1880s and the 1930s, thousands of Jews left Dokshitsy to seek better lives in the wider world. From Abelmans and Alloys to Warfmans and Ziskinds, they created a Dokshitsy Diaspora that extends to 6 continents.

We are reaching out to all those who either descend from the Dokshitsy Jewish Community or have expressed an interest in its history. We invite you to the Dokshitsy Diaspora Reunion, from Friday, August 20, 2010 to Sunday, August 22, 2010 at the Radisson Hotel Providence Airport in Warwick, Rhode Island. Present at the reunion will be members of the following families: **Adelson, Cirlin, Ginsburg, Kusinitz, Alperovitz, Kabakoff, Kopelevich, Katz, Raichelson, Hodosh, Raskind, Friedman, Katzowicz, Hutkin, Rosoff, Drutz and Svirsky**. Will your family be represented?

The Reunion will give us a chance to share our past and our present in the company of fellow Dokshitsy descendants. Our program, which we continue to refine based on your on your input, will allow us to learn about the experiences of our ancestors and landsleut, both in Dokshitsy and in the wider world to which we have migrated. And we *have* migrated—east to Russia, south to Israel, South Africa, Australia and South America, and west to Western Europe and North America; to cities and towns large and small.

The Reunion starts on Friday evening August 20, 2010. We will gather for with welcoming, candle lighting, brief services, and supper. Saturday morning we will begin at 10 AM (preceded by breakfast and optional Shabbat services) with talks about Dokshitsy history, the immigration process and the early years in our new lands.

For lunch, we will be honored with [Eva Fogelman](#) speaking about "The Psychology of remembering your Dokshitsy roots." Eva's father, Simcha Fogelman, a Holocaust survivor, was born in Dokshitsy. Eva is a well-known researcher of the Righteous Among the Nations. I am often asked why am I so obsessed with Dokshitsy. Eva will help to put the answer into words.

On Saturday afternoon, we will remember the Holocaust and its effect on our families. We will also devote time to writings about Dokshitsy. This will be followed by discussing the recent restoration of the Dokshitsy Jewish cemetery, including a visit by 14 descendants and family members, some of whom will be present. Among those present will be a woman born in Dokshitsy who joined the Partisans in 1942. You will also meet **Joel Alpert** who created a [web site](#) about Dokshitsy and also completed the English translation of the [Yizkor book](#) and posted it online, among many other accomplishments.

Scattered throughout the weekend will be time to just schmooze and to share what we know about our own families. This will give all of us a chance to meet descendants of other Dokshitsy and Parafianov families who we may have heard of from our parents and grandparents.

After a break, we will join for a closing banquet.

There will also be lighter moments, such as Dokshitsy trivia and kvelling about (and poking some fun at) celebrities with Dokshitsy roots. On Sunday morning we will have breakfast together. For the genealogy-minded, we hope to have a speaker from the National Archives, and also learn from Dokshitsy descendants how to conduct genealogical research.

The **Radisson Hotel Providence Airport in Warwick, RI** still has rooms; good deals may still be found online. To reserve directly, call 1-800-395-7046.

Warwick is 10 minutes from Providence, 20 minutes from the village of Wickford, 30 minutes to Bristol and Newport (one of the communities of the Dokshitsy Diaspora), and approximately 1 hour from downtown Boston. As a native Rhode Islander, I can assure you that you will be in tourist heaven.

Your help will be needed to underwrite this event. Please support this event, even if you are not attending. And please

share this announcement!

I look forward to meeting you and to sharing and celebrating our mutual heritage.

Aaron

PS: If you are interested in an optional excursion to Newport, RI, please indicate at the bottom of registration form. Consider extending your stay in the area by one night.

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Program:

Friday, August 20 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM Sign in , introductions, and networking. 7:15 candle lighting and brief Service; supper from 7:50-8:50 pm

Saturday, August 21 8:45 AM – 9:45 breakfast buffet (optional religious service 8-10 am)

10:00 AM Welcome and mutual introductions

10:15 AM- 10:50 Dokshitsy – a talk about a vanished world, geography, history,

11:05- 11:45 The Dokshitzers who left – how a small shtetl gave rise to the Dokshitsy Diaspora Why did they leave, where did they go?

11:45 – 12:25 PM speaker from National archives.

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch

1:30- 2:15 PM Eva Fogelman on "The psychology of remembering your Dokshitsy roots" followed by questions and discussion of this topic.

2:15- 3:15 PM The Dokshitzers who stayed between WWI and WWII– the Holocaust in Dokshitsy; some specific stories. Remembering and understanding. Visiting Dokshitsy, The monument from the 1960s; the Dokshitsy Cemetery Restoration Project; future remembrance projects

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM or later Family Presentations

4:15 PM – 7:00 PM Break (there will be some programming during the break discussing How to research your Dokshitsy history and other topics TBA such as Dokshitsy cemeteries both there and in the US). schmoozing

7:00 PM- 11 PM informal sharing of experiences and family stories Pre-dinner presentation; slide show; collage of photographs 7:30- 8:30 Banquet speaker TBA

Sunday, August 22 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM breakfast and goodbyes

Sunday afternoon-Monday optional excursion to Newport, RI

DOKSHITSY DIASPORA REUNION REGISTRATION FORM *Deadline August 12th*

August 20-22, 2010 at the Radisson Hotel Providence Airport Warwick, Rhode Island

Friday: Check-in and Reception (6:00- 7:00 pm 7:15-7:45 candle lighting and brief service. 7:50 supper We can continue connecting until 10:00 PM

Saturday: All-Day program (10:00 am - 4:00 pm) preceded by Breakfast, Luncheon

Saturday evening:Banquet (7-11pm)Sunday:Breakfast including Bagels & Lox (8-11)

Number of adults entire event (includes 5 meals Fri. night-Sun. morning) _____	@ \$155.00=_____
Number of adults Saturday only (lunch and dinner).....	@75 each=_____
Number of adults Saturday (breakfast, lunch and dinner).....	@100 each=_____
Number of adults Saturday lunch or dinner (not both, please specify).....	@\$50 each=_____
Number of children under 10 (5 children's meals Fri. night-Sun. AM)._____	@\$75 each=_____
Number of children under 10 Saturday (lunch & dinner children's meals) ._____	@\$40 each=_____
No of children under 10 Saturday (breakfast, lunch, dinner children's meals)_____	@\$58 each=_____

Number under 10 years old Saturday lunch or dinner (children's meal).....	@\$35=
Number of adults Sunday add breakfast.....	@\$25=
Number of children Sunday Under 10 years add breakfast	@\$18 each=
Additional contribution (consider even if not attending).....I suggest at least \$65pp = __65+_____	
Total enclosed_____	
Indicate how many of each adult entree selection for your party:	
Friday evening Baked Haddock _____or Grilled Tofu with Mediterranean Quinoa _____	
Saturday evening New England Style Baked Scrod with Lemon Butter Sauce _____ or Polenta Napoleon with spinach and Romesco Sauce _____	

Mail check & form to Dokshitsy Reunion c/o Aaron Ginsburg 9 Silver Hill Lane #19 Natick,MA 01760 or email form & pay using paypal to aaron.ginsburg@gmail.com You must pay fee.
Names of all attending:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Send check Dokshitsy Reunion c/o Aaron Ginsburg 9 Silver Hill Lane #19 Natick, MA 01760.

Tell us something about yourself and your family:

Make suggestions:

Offer assistance:

I can speak about:

Interested in extending your visit to Sunday evening for a group excursion to Newport?_____

I would like some travel tips for visiting Rhode Island_____