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The Leader

BORENSTEIN BROS.

DEPARTMENT STORE
SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO

April 4, 1930.

Dear Pola:

Received your letter and if all is well, I hope to be in El Paso Sunday afternoon. Will see you and talk to you about everything in detail. Hope this finds you well. With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Rosa Borenstein

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The Leader

BORENSTEIN BROS.

DEPARTMENT STORE
SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO

April 15, 1930

Dear Pola:

I know you are anxious to know how things are coming out. Since I saw you a week ago Sunday, my lawyer received a wire from Washington, saying everything possible is being done. Now, we are waiting to hear just what can be accomplished. Like everything else, those things take a little time, so we must have a little patience. Just as soon as I hear something definite, I will write you. If we are not able to work it the way we have planned, I will send the papers to Washington. Received a letter from your sister, asking me to hurry things along, but this is not entirely up to one individual and we cannot rush these things as much as we would like to.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Rosa Borenstein
Rosa Borenstein,

RB:MC

Pola please destroy my letters.

The Leader

BORENSTEIN BROS.

DEPARTMENT STORE

SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO

April 28, 1930

Dear Pola:

Received your letter and was just going to write to you to tell you that we are not able to work things the other way, and I have written to New York for Abe's birth certificate papers, and as soon as these arrive, we will forward the papers to Washington. It won't be so very long now and everything, I hope, will be straightened out.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely
Rosa Borenstein

Mrs. Sophie
Jarmulowsky
1500 Boston Road
Bronx n. y.



May 4th, 1930.

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky,

Abe showed me your letter written April 26th and promised me that he would answer you immediately. However, I fear he hasn't kept his promise; he is so irresponsible and child-like I sometimes wonder if he will ever grow up. I wrote Pola recently that Abe had written to New York for his birth certificate, and as soon as they arrive the papers will be sent to Washington and Pola will come in. On my last visit to her I was quite impressed with her, and feel sorry for her. However, the time is not far off when she and her sister will have a happy reunion.

When Pola is ready to leave for New York I will give her \$25.00 to help defray her expenses, and will also try to see her before she leaves. I appreciate your interest in this case, and am sure you will do as you promised. Will write you just when the papers are sent, so you will know when to expect an answer, and would appreciate a note from you when you do receive the notice.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Rosa Borunstein

In reply refer to
File No. 811.11
WBD/NLS

~~Copy~~

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. May 17, 1930.

Mr. Abe Borenstein,
Silver City,
New Mexico.

Sir:

Your wife, Mrs. Pola Borenstein, recently called at this office and applied for an immigration visa to enable her to enter the United States. Although Mrs. Borenstein presumably is entitled to enter the United States as a non quota immigrant because of her relation to you, it will be necessary for you to have her status approved by the Department of Labor at Washington, and it is suggested therefore that you complete Form No. 633 in duplicate and forward them to the Commissioner General of Immigration at Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Borenstein informs the Consulate that you already have some of these forms. When the petition has been approved by the Department of Labor it will be returned to this office and your wife's application for a non quota visa will be taken.

Very respectfully yours,

WILLIAM B. DOUGLASS, JR.
American Vice Consul,
Charge Quota Visas.

July 23, 1930.

Cecelia Rasovsky,
625 Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Rasovskyt-

Re- Weichselbaum - Wasersuk
Max Phillipowsky-Pola Gershbein
Borenstein - Families

The Weichselbaum family is still in Juarez awaiting first priority on an agricultural number. Our Consul has again asked for the numbers for this family, as well as for the Wasersuk family.

A first preference quota has been assured to one, Max Phillipowsky, whose American wife lives in Omaha, Nebraska. This number is issued for November, so I have very little hope for the Weichselbaum family getting in prior to that time. These are all Polish quotas.

We are expecting the return papers on the Pola Gershbein Borenstein case, who will be admitted as a non-quota, due to her husband being an American citizen. These papers are now before the Commissioner General in Washington for his approval.

Yours very truly,

Chairman,, Service for Foreign Born.

FZ:LG

Aug. 13, 1930

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky,

I arrived at my sister's home in New York yesterday, safely. Please let me know if Mrs. Borusta was here and if so, what did she say. Nothing more to write and I am very glad to be at my sister's home at last, and thank you from the bottom of my heart for the ^{great} interest you took in me

Sincerely yours,
Miss Pola Hershbein

Brookl., N.Y. - 1500 Boston Road

August 1941, 1940.

THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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September 10, 1930.

Mr. Abe Borenstein,
Silver City, N. M.

Dear Mr. Borenstein:-

On August 14th, I wrote your mother as follows:

"I regret to hear that you have not been well, and hope by this time your health has improved.

With reference to Pola, I wish to state that I received your check for \$100.00 on Saturday at noon, and Pola left on the 6:50 P. M. for New York on the same day. The \$100.00 covered her ticket and pullman.

I drew on the Council of Jewish Women for the sum of \$18.50; \$10.00 Visa, \$8.00 Head Tax and 50¢ taxi service. During our last conversation you stated that you would finance her coming across, and therefore would appreciate your check to the Council of Jewish Women for this amount. Pola left Juarez indebted to the Weichselbaum's for the sum of \$40.00. However, she promised to send this amount from Chicago.

Do not think you will have any further difficulties with this case. I have in my possession her marriage certificate and Abe's birth certificate, the only two papers of value which might be of any service to you. If there is any further information desired, I will be glad to serve you further in this case."

and to date have received no reply from her. No doubt this was an oversight, and would appreciate it if you would take care of this matter.

Thanking you to give this your prompt attention, I am

Yours very truly,

Chairman, Service for Foreign Born.
1016 Olive St.,
El Paso, Texas.

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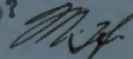
FROM Merle Henoeh

DATE September 16, 1930

TO Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky

SUBJECT Pola Gershbein Borenstein

You will be interested in New York's report on the above case. However they did not seem to check up Pola's story with your story told us on August 19th. Do you know why it is that she is so evasive and uncommunicative?



MH:G
Encl.

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December 10, 1930.

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
El Paso Section,
National Council of Jewish Women,
1016 Olive Street,
El Paso, Texas.

Re: Pola Gershbein Borenstein

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

We understand that you are interested in the above named.

Mrs. Borenstein came to us in great distress, requesting our advice about her problems. Mrs. Borenstein has not heard from her husband directly since she came to New York City. She has had a letter from the young man's mother, requesting that she allow Mr. Borenstein to divorce her. Mrs. Borenstein is fond of her husband and is extremely unhappy over the situation. She would favor a reconciliation and feels that her husband himself might be inclined in this direction also.

However, it seems the young man is greatly influenced by his family and is being compelled to abide by their decision.

We would be interested in knowing first of all what the Borensteins object to in Pola and why they do not favor a reconciliation. We should like you to interview Mr. Borenstein personally away from his family and find out exactly what his attitude is in the matter and what he would wish if his family's objections could be over-ridden.

We feel ourselves handicapped in planning for this woman because we are ignorant of the actual details of the story. Will you try to get us a full report about how the marriage occurred and why Mr. Borenstein has not written to his wife.

Thank you very much for any help you may be able to offer us in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Augusta Mayerson
AUGUSTA MAYERSON
Director.

Shaffer/AS

January 7, 1931

Miss Augusta Mayerson
National Council of Jewish Women
1122 Forest Avenue
New York N.Y.

Re: Pola Gerschbein Borenstein

Dear Miss Mayerson;

Replying to yours of Dec. 10th the above case has caused us a great deal of unpleasantness but we felt after Pola reached New York that the case would be closed. We are glad to give you a resume of this case which is as follows:

Pola came to Juarez, Mexico from Mexico City with a letter of recommendation from the BS nai Brith to our section. The young man (Abe Borenstein) called on this department asking for our assistance. He wished to marry this young lady. The boy seemed very much in love with the girl and very honorable in his intentions. We went to Juarez to witness the legal marriage of this couple.

They informed us that the marriage would not be consummated until they would go through a Jewish ceremony. The young man left immediately for his home in Silver City, New Mexico. The case received a good deal of newspaper publicity because of the romantic aspect.

When Mr. Borenstein's Mother heard of this marriage she was infuriated and at that time her objection to the girl was that she was a foreigner and she would lose her social prestige if she introduced this girl among her gentile friends.

She put every obstacle in the way of filing the petition for this girl's entry into the U.S. even going so far as to try to bribe the Council into forcing a divorce for her son but since that failed and with further pressure brought to bear we succeeded in getting the papers filed and the girl as you know was legally admitted.

Mrs. Rosa Borenstein (the Mother) would not permit Pola to go to Silver City and when we received a wire stating that Pola's sister in New York was ill we wired to said Mrs. Borenstein and also to the Young lady's husband. They sent her \$100.00 and their consent that she go immediately to the bed side of her sister.

In the meantime Abe Borenstein disappeared from home and when next heard from was in jail in Denver, Colorado, for forgery. The Mother made good the check of some \$300. He was released and his whereabouts are unknown or if known his family refuse to divulge it.

Mrs. Pola Borenstein should consider herself very fortunate that this marriage was never consummated because upon further investigation we find an insanity streak in this family and this boy is a psychopathic case. We would advise that she secure a divorce at the earliest possible moment. It is known to us that Mrs. Rosa Borenstein is a wealthy woman and we feel that she should be forced to pay for all divorce proceedings. Her address is:

Mrs. Rosa Borenstein
Silver City, New Mexico

If I can serve you further in this case please advise.

Yours truly,