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TRANSLATION

FROM Russian

Extract from Register of Births of the  
District of Mezyreck for the year 1888.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

No.121.

It occurred in the city of Mezyreck on the twenty third day of September one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight at ten o'clock past midnight. There appeared before me the citizen of the city of Mezyreck Chaim Hersh <sup>Greenberg</sup> ~~Greenberg~~, a ~~shoemaker by trade~~, aged twenty seven, in the presence of the citizens of the city of Mezyreck Sucher Rosenzweig, aged sixty and Israel Pismanter, aged thirty nine and presented to us a male infant with the declaration that the same had been born in the city of Mezyreck on the sixteenth day of September of the current year at three o'clock past midnight by his lawful wife Feige-Beila, aged twenty seven. At circumcision, the infant was given the name Jacob. The foregoing statement has been read to the declarer and to the witnesses by us and they affixed their signatures thereto. ~~The father is illiterate.~~ Signed Sucher Rosezweig. Signed Israel Pismanter. Official in charge of Register of Civil Status /Signature illegible/,

The genuinness of the foregoing extract is hereby attested.

Seal of the City Court  
of Mezyreck

Canceled stamp tax  
1 zloty.

Dues collected:  
Chancellery dues 2 zl.  
Entry dues 1 "  
Total 3 zl.

Registr. No.46/37  
Mezyrec, the 23d April 1937  
EQUITABLE TRANSLATION SERVICE Seal of the city  
EQUITABLE BUILDING Court of Mezyrec.  
SUITE 3653-54



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CERTIFICATE OF COMPARISON AND ACCURACY.

HARRY J. SCHUMAN, being duly sworn, deposes and says:  
That he is an official interpreter in the Domestic Relations  
Court in the City of New York. That he is familiar with the  
Russian and English languages. That he has translated the  
foregoing document from the original Russian document hereto  
attached. That the same is a true and accurate translation of  
the same.

Bernard Eiler  
Notary Public Kings Co.  
Certified in Bronx Co.,  
Term exp. 3/30/39

Harz Pilman

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June 30, 1937

Honorable Homer M. Byington  
American Consul General  
Montreal, Canada

My dear Mr. Byington:

Mr. Jakob Grynberg, a native of Poland, who has been residing in this country temporarily for some time, will shortly appear before you to make application for a visa.

If and when he does appear and you find his papers to be in order, I will greatly appreciate it if you can and will find it possible to issue the necessary clearance papers so that Mr. Grynberg may be permitted to enter this country at an early date.

Thanking you for your kind consideration of this request, I am

Sincerely yours,

JOSEPH F. GUFFEY



COPY MRS ZLABOVSKY WILL CALL -- DJ  
THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY  
TELEGRAM RECEIVED BY TELEPHONE

Form 3385-B

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OFFICE FROM

DATE

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IRVING YAUERBAUM ( CONFIRMATION COPY)

1015 NORTH 16 ST HARRISBURG PENN

ADVISE BY WESTERN UNION MRS ZLABOVSKY 1016 OLIVE TO WHICH CONSUL  
YOU SENT PAPERS

YAKOB GRYNBERG

SIGN DJ	TELEPHONE NUMBER M 8579	CLASS OF STATION SUB	SPECIAL INFORMATION
SUBSCRIBER'S NAME MRS ZLABOVSKY		SENDER'S NAME	



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TELEGRAM RECEIVED BY TELEPHONE

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OFFICE FROM

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ELPASO TEX JUL 31 1937

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IRVING YAUERBAUM (CONFIRMATION COPY)

1015 NORTH 16 ST HARRISBURG PENN

SEND PAPERS DIRECT TO ME MR GRYNBERG WILL PRESENT THEM  
IN PERSON

MRS FRANK ZLABOVSKY

SIGN	TELEPHONE NUMBER	CLASS OF STATION	SPECIAL INFORMATION
DJ		COLLECT	
SUBSCRIBER'S NAME		SENDER'S NAME	



IRVING YAVERBAUM  
HARRISBURG  
PENNSYLVANIA

August 1, 1937

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
1016 Olive  
El Paso  
Texas

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

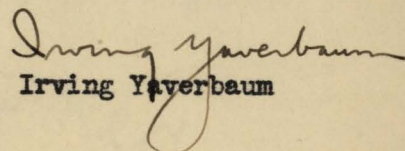
I enclose herewith the following papers concerning my Uncle, Mr. Jakob Grynberg:

1. Affidavits of relatives guaranteeing his support and assuming responsibility for his not becoming a public charge.
2. Birth Certificate.
3. Police Record.
4. Letter of introduction from The Honorable, George H. Earle, Governor of Pennsylvania, to the Consul General at Montreal.
5. Copy of letter from Senator Joseph F. Guffey, to the Consul General at Montreal.
6. Extension of stay in this Country to August 9, 1937.

If there is anything further necessary, please be good enough to communicate with me immediately.

I wish to take this opportunity to convey my sincere thanks for your kind efforts in my Uncle's behalf.

Yours sincerely,

  
Irving Yaverbaum

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IRVING YAUERBAUM  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT  
STATE THEATRE BUILDING  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA  
August 1, 1937.

Mr. Jakob Grynberg  
1016 Olive  
El Paso  
Texas

My dear uncle:

I have not been able to secure a letter of introduction to the Consul in Mexico from the Governor, as he has already left for Europe.

If you think it necessary, however, I shall immediately communicate with Senator Joseph F. Guffey and Congressman Guy J. Swope, and they will be only too glad to furnish you with these credentials.

I might say that Congressman Swope has undoubtedly been very favorably impressed by you.

I feel certain that you will make a splendid citizen of this Country, and for this reason, I pray that the Consul grant you an immigration visa to enter here.

With every good wish for success in your efforts, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Your nephew,

Irving Yaverbaum

*Irving Yaverbaum*



BY DIRECT WIRE FROM

# WESTERN UNION

## CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable symbol above or preceding the address.

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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LC = Deferred Cable
NLT = Cable Night Letter
Ship Radiogram

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El Paso, Texas,  
August 5, 1937.

Mr. M. L. Yaverman,  
1623 North 3rd Street,  
Harrisburg, Pa.

Why hasn't Irving answered Zlabovsky telegrams. I must have money today. Application so far is unfavorable for lack of proof of the two thousand dollars finances which I claim to have. Unless Irving helps with influence I will not get what I seek. Wire care Mrs. Zlabovsky.

Jakob Grynberg.

Collect: Day letter.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE



August 5, 1937.

Miss Cecelia Razovsky,  
221 West 57th Street,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Razovsky:-

Please let me know by airmail whether or not you have anything in your files on a Mr. Jakob Grynberg, age 49. He is a Polish subject and has been in the United States since May, 1936 on a visitor's visa. Among his relatives in the United States are Irving Yaverbaum of Harrisburg, Pa., and a Sam Yaverbaum of New York City, both of whom are C.P.A's and holding fine positions.

I would appreciate your immediate response.

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

LG:3



August 6, 1937.

Mr. Irving Yaverbaum,  
1015 North 16th Street,  
Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Mr. Yaverbaum:-

Your uncle Mr. Grynberg, made a formal application yesterday, with the American Consul, in Juarez, Mexico. Mr. Shaw was not favorably impressed. Mr. Grynberg's statement that he has \$1600 in merchandise and accounts receivable and \$300 in cash were not backed up by documentary evidence and therefore could not be accepted.

The affidavits you sent was sorely criticized because none of them were worded to read "that we guarantee the applicant against ever becoming a public charge". Besides the wording left doubt in the mind of the Consul of the sincerity in back of it.

Another phase is that if the Consul admits Mr. Grynberg, it means the entry of seven more members of the family, and how can Mr. Grynberg support that large a family on his small possessions, even if he can bring documents in support of his claim.

The extension expires on August 9th. You will therefore have to get another extension on the ground that his application is pending (for permanent entry). You will have to secure high powered affidavits and political influence to get your uncle through at this port. Your uncle's finances at this stage is \$40.00 in cash, and his hotel bill is not yet paid. If we are successful in having his application accepted, he will have to go through the legal procedure to get into Mexico as stated to you in my last letter, because the Mexican authorities are becoming very suspicious of Foreigners crossing their border. There, please send money.

Thanking you for your prompt attention, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.



August 2, 1937.

Mr. Irving Yaverbaum, C. P. A.,  
State Theatre Bldg.,  
Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Mr. Yaverbaum:-

Acknowledging receipt of the papers, for your uncle Jakob Grynberg, I am amazed at the inefficiency and incorrectness of some of the documents. Any competent lawyer should have known that all papers presented to an American Consul Abroad must be made out in duplicate, and all foreign documents should have photostatic copies. The translations have Mr. Grynberg's name misspelled, and there is no statement of your uncle's personal finances, which carries more weight with the American Consul than any other document, also he must show police certificates for the time he is in the United States.

In my telegram to you this morning, which was sent at the suggestion of your uncle to expedite matters, I stated that a deposit of \$2,000 should be placed to his account in a bank. I would suggest that that is taken care of immediately and that you send documentary evidence to support such deposit for your uncle's use when he is permanently admitted into the United States.

The laws of Mexico demand that a bond of 500 pesos (equivalent of about \$140-American Money) should be made by any citizen going into Mexico for the purpose of seeking a visa from the American Consul of that Country. In addition to that he will have to pay for a Mexican visa about \$20.00 because he is a Polish subject. However, I will try to overcome the difficulties connected with Mexican laws if I can get the rest of his papers in order and present them before the expiration of his extension.



Mr. Irving Yaverbaum,  
#2.

I have today arranged to have duplicates and photostatic copies made of all documents for presentation. I cannot use the copy of the letter from Joseph M. Guffey. The Consul does not accept a copy without the original. Also, I fail to see any connection ~~as~~ the case of affidavits made by Morris H. Sternlight. Perhaps you have a missing document in your files.

Letters from the Senator and the Congressman to Consul Shaw will carry weight, and a letter from you to the Consul stating why Jakob Grynberg did not present his papers to the American Consul in Canada as originally planned is also necessary, but send that letter to me and I will put it together with the file for presentation.

Please rush these papers, and oblige

Yours very truly,

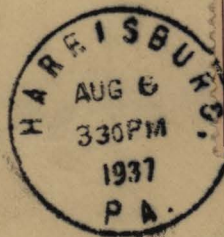
Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.  
Field Executive.

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IRVING YAUERBAUM  
Certified Public Accountant  
State Theatre Building  
HARRISBURG, PA.

AIR MAIL



Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
1016 Olive Street  
El Paso  
Texas

FEE CLAIMED BY OFFICE  
OF FIRST RECEIPT

*925*  
*Special delivery*

*Mr. J. J. Zlabovsky*  
*Sara Flom*  
*1259 Central Park*  
*Chicago*



August 7, 1937.

Mr. Irving Yaverbaum,  
1015 N. 16th Street,  
Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Mr. Yaverbaum:-

I am in receipt of your airmail, and wish to call your attention to the fact that we know our Consuls abroad, and deplore the Honorable Swope's lack of such knowledge. For your information, Consul George P. Shaw, while living in El Paso, Texas, is stationed in Juarez, Mexico, and it is to him that all cases are presented at this Border. Consul General Stewart is a little over 2,000 miles away from this border, and your uncle could not have reached that Consulate with the \$40.00 he had in his pocket.

Therefore I am returning the papers because they are incorrect. Your personal letter would carry no weight unless it has an affidavit attached as per my notations. A police record is usually signed by a Police Chief and not by a Mayor of the City.

Your uncle with the knowledge that he has gained during his short stay in El Paso has decided to go to Chicago and get the necessary papers. He left last night. I gave him a letter of introduction to Mrs. Elsa Weinshenk, 824 S. Halstead, Chicago, who is our Chicago representative, and who is well versed in the preparation of documents for aliens who wish to change their status.. I would advise that you take a trip to Chicago and let Mrs. Weinshenk advise you since you seem reluctant about following my advice. In-the meantime get letters of appeal properly addressed to the Honorable Consul, George P. Shaw, Juarez, Mexico, from your Congressman and Senator, and any other high powered politician who will carry wight.



#2. Irvin Yaverbaum.

It may interest you to know that all public libraries can give you the information about Consuls abroad, and that El Paso, Texas, U.S.A., adjoining Juarez, Mexico, the State of Chihuahua is the largest inland port of entry in the United States, and we have hundreds of cases sent to this border from all over the world, not including the native Mexican who knocks at the door of the United States for entry.

Therefore please get busy and help this case, first getting the extension, and then the aforementioned documents. Do not overlook that it takes money to get into the United States and to travel, so help your uncle.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

Public Library  
This is merely a suggestion:  
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The

#2.  
Irvin Yaverbaum.



IRVING YAVERBAUM  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT  
STATE THEATRE BUILDING  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA  
TELEPHONE 8154

August 6, 1937

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
1016 Olive Street  
El Paso  
Texas

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

In your letter of August 2, 1937, you suggested that letters to "Consul Shaw" be secured for my uncle's use. I can find no record of any party by that name who is connected with the Mexican Consulate General. In answer to my request, Congressman Swope wrote to Honorable James B. Stewart, American Consul General, Mexico City, Mexico, and a copy of that letter, which is self-explanatory, is enclosed. Would you please advise me concerning the connection of "Consul Shaw" with the case.

I am also enclosing a copy of my letters of August 5, 1937, addressed to American Consul Shaw in accordance with your directions, and to American Consul General Stewart in accordance with Congressman Swope's precedent.

A police certificate of the City of Harrisburg is enclosed.

I have written to Senator Guffey requesting that he write to Consul General. I have not yet received a copy of his letter, but have every reason to believe that he will do his utmost toward our end.

With kind personal regards, and assurances of my deep appreciation of your efforts, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Irving Yaverbaum*  
Irving Yaverbaum

IY:EL



COPY

August 6, 1937

Honorable George P. Shaw,  
American Consul,  
Ciudad Juarez,  
Chihuahua,  
Mexico

My dear Mr. Shaw:

Mr. Jakob Grynberg, a native of Poland, who has been residing in this country temporarily for some time, will shortly appear before you to make application for a visa.

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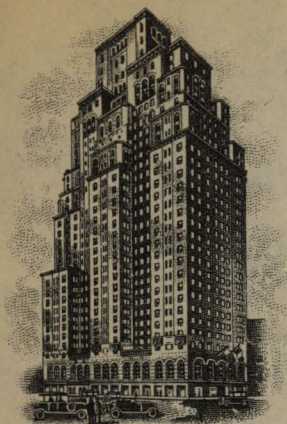
With appreciation for your cooperation, I  
am

Sincerely yours,

JOSEPH P. GUFFEY

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COPY TO MR. YAEVERBAUM





# HOTEL GOVERNOR CLINTON

7TH AVENUE AT 31ST STREET

OPPOSITE PENNSYLVANIA R.R. TERMINAL  
BALTIMORE & OHIO MOTOR COACHES STOP AT DOOR

NEW YORK CITY

CABLE ADDRESS "GOVCLINTON", N.Y.  
TELEPHONE: PENNSYLVANIA 6-3400

Aug 7, 1937

Mrs Frank Zlabowsky  
1016 Olive St.  
El Paso Texas

Dear Mrs Zlabowsky -

I am enclosing herewith two copies  
of affidavits of Bank of Manhattan Company, New York City,  
to the effect that \$2,000.00 has been deposited to the account  
of Jakob Grynberg.

I trust that the enclosures together  
with the other papers that have already been sent will  
complete all the required data necessary to satisfy the  
Consul # so as to permit his entrance here permanently.

I certainly thank you for all the  
trouble you have gone through in my uncle's behalf.

With kind personal regards, I am

yours sincerely,  
Irving Yaverbaum

1200 ROOMS WITH BATH, SERVITOR, RADIO, CIRCULATING ICE WATER

TWO DELIGHTFUL RESTAURANTS AND COFFEE SHOP.

SPACIOUS SAMPLE ROOMS



August 8, 1937.

Mr. Jakob Grynberg,  
%Mrs. Sarah Flom,  
1259 S. Central Park,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Grynberg:-

I received the enclosed documents from Mr. Samuel Yaverbaum. The idea of the \$2,000 with a string tied to it is not going to make any impression on the Consul.

The documents received from Irving Yaverbaum were returned to him Saturday because they were incorrect, and unless corrected could not serve their purpose.

When you see the various members of your family put this question to them, "Will any one of you be willing to sign a \$1,000 bond in the event that the Immigration Department makes that demand for my entry?" Should any of them agree see that they give you an affidavit to support that bond. Also that \$2,000 deposit above mentioned must be made in your name to satisfy our Consul. This money is for your use upon your entry into the United States to establish yourself in business.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

FZ:LG



IRVING YAVERBAUM  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT  
STATE THEATRE BUILDING  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA  
TELEPHONE 8154

August 10, 1937

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
1016 Olive Street  
El Paso  
Texas

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letters of August 6 and 7.

I enclose herewith copies of police record and my affidavit. Congressman Swope will forward a letter to Consul Shaw.

Please be assured that I am endeavoring to cooperate with every request you make, and I am certainly appreciative of your efforts in my uncle's behalf. You are doing a splendid piece of work in this case, and you may be sure that it will not be forgotten.

If there is anything further required, please do not hesitate to communicate with me.

Yours sincerely,

*Irving Yaverbaum*  
Irving Yaverbaum

IY:EL

P.S. *Extensum* has been granted until Sept 9, 1937  
Other affidavits have been returned  
here from Chicago and will be  
made correctly



# NATIONAL COUNCIL JEWISH WOMEN.

DEPARTMENT OF SERVICE FOR FOREIGN BORN  
824 S. HALTED STREET  
HAYMARKET 4593

MRS. ELSA M. WEINSHENK  
Field Secretary

August  
12  
1937

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

Re: Jakob Grynberg

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

The foregoing called at our office the other day with your letter of introduction and he certainly is beset with difficulties.

We went over all the affidavits and made the necessary changes and suggestions. We were rather startled to find that you had not requested an extension of stay when he was in your office, for by the time he called on us, his extension had expired the day previously. We immediately made an extension and forwarded it to the port of arrival air-mail, special delivery.

Today Mr. Grynberg called at our office with your letter of August 8. He will try to get the necessary letter indicating that he has \$2,000.00 on deposit in his own name. However, we have never been called upon to make an affidavit for a thousand dollar bond and are wondering just how such an agreement should be worded and for what length of time this money will be outstanding.

We would appreciate receiving a reply to this question by air-mail and we would also like to know whether Mr. Grynberg made an unfavorable impression in Juarez and just what his chances for getting a visa are.

Very truly yours,

*Elsa M. Weinshenk*  
Elsa M. Weinshenk  
Field Secretary

CS: ZL

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SECTION



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Re: Patent Infringement

The reason I don't say it is that

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August 13, 1937

Re: Jakob Grynberg

Mrs. Elsa M. Weinshenk  
824 S. Halsted Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Weinshenk:

The reason I didn't ask for an extension is because while in El Paso, we use the parole system and I did not know he was leaving for Chicago until the afternoon of the day he left. I therefore wrote to his nephew to take care of the extension. I hurriedly wrote the note to you knowing that you could help him and this man certainly needs plenty of help.

The two thousand dollars would have to appear as an outright gift to him by his relatives. The man made a very poor impression, in fact so unfavorable that the consulate would rather not admit him at this port. However he said that if a relative would be willing to guarantee the thousand dollar bond and if a relative with plenty of money would sign a gilt-edge affidavit he would then consider the case. The thousand dollar bond should be incorporated in the affidavit to read, "That I agree to furnish if necessary a bond of one thousand dollars." After the bond is *made* then sent from here for signature, that bond cannot be released until he becomes an American citizen unless he can bring influence to bear.

Mister G. has further complicated matters by making it impossible for him to enter Mexico without the requirements of the Mexico law, which is a visa costing eleven dollars and a five hundred peso bond.

If you can help me untangle this mess please do so.

With kindest regards,

Cordially,



SAMUEL L. YAVERBAUM  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT  
55 WEST 42<sup>ND</sup> STREET  
NEW YORK  
BRYANT 9-0795

August 16, 1937.

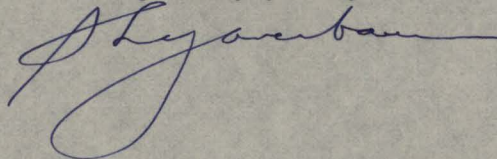
Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
1016 Olive Street,  
El Paso Texas.

Dear Madam;

I am herewith enclosing the corrected affidavit in behalf of my uncle Mr. Jakob Grynberg in whose interest you are so nobly interceding. The original papers had been sent to me from Harrisburg Pa. for correction.

I join with the other members of the family in extending my appreciation and thanks to you for your work and service in the case of my uncle.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Yaverbaum", with a long, sweeping underline.

SLY/SC  
ENC.



811.11--Grynberg, Jakob  
HKP/LMD.

Extra copy for the Honorable  
Guy J. Swope

Ciudad Juárez, México,  
August 17, 1937.

My dear Mr. Swope:

Reference is made to your letter of August 11, 1937, regarding the application for an immigration visa at Ciudad Juárez, México, by Mr. Jakob Grynberg, a citizen of Poland. You state that the nephew of Mr. Grynberg is a resident of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and a close personal friend of yours, and that you desire to recommend the case of his uncle to the attention of this Consulate.


The writer is pleased to inform you that due attention is being given to the application of Mr. Grynberg, and that his case is still pending in this office awaiting the presentation of certain documents required by the Immigration Act of 1924.

Sincerely yours,

Philip P. Williams  
American Vice Consul

(Sent in duplicate)

The Honorable  
Guy J. Swope,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

A true copy of  
the signed original.  






# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

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August 20, 1937

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

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

We have checked very carefully  
the files of the National Coordinating Committee  
as well as those of the National Council of Jewish  
Women, and we could find no record of Mr. Jakob  
Grynberg.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Perlman  
in Miss Razovsky's absence

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Washington, D.C.,  
August 25, 1937.

Mr. Irving Yaverbaum,  
State Theatre Building,  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Dear Irving:

I enclose copy of the response received this morning from Mr. Philip P. Williams, American Vice Consul at Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, with respect to your uncle, Mr. Jakob Grynberg. I trust that your uncle may be admitted very soon.

Sincerely yours,

*Guy J. Swope.*  
Guy J. Swope.

S-t  
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September 1, 1937

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky                      Re: Jakob Grynberg  
National Council Jewish Women  
1819 Broadway  
New York, New York

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

We are still attempting to gather up the necessary documents for the foregoing.

In the meantime we are enclosing herewith the following documents:

1. Financial statement of Jakob Grynberg
2. Letter of deposit for Jakob Grynberg
3. Certificate of Morality
4.       "       "       Police
5.       "       "       Birth
6. Affidavit of Support - I. Greenberg
7. Letter from Mr. Swope (House of Representatives)
8. Copy of letter from Vice Consul at Juarez

The affidavit from Mr. Irving Yaberbaum was returned to him at his request for further change. He will send it directly to you

We understand that other relatives sent their documents directly to you. Please go over all of the papers and advise what further documentary proof is required.

Mr. Yaverbaum is not willing to change the letter regarding the \$2,000 deposit and as we have used this type of letter in Canada, we are wondering whether it might not be acceptable in Mexico.

We have not as yet succeeded in having a relative state that he would be willing to post a bond for one thousand dollars. However as Mr. G's personal financial statement is now improved, perhaps the consul will not demand the bond. In the event that the bond is requested, the family will no doubt come to the rescue at that time.

Will you be able to take care of the requirements regarding the Mexican visa as well as the 500 peso bond or should this be done here?



Mr. Grynberg was granted an extension of stay until September 9th, 1937. As he had his passport extended until January 1938, we again requested an extension of two months but do not know as yet whether it will be granted.

In the event that we do not succeed in completing this matter by the 9th and further extension is not granted, should Mr. G go to Mexico and wait there until this can be finished?

Thanking you for any further suggestions that you can offer, we are

Sincerely yours,

*Elsa M. Weinshenk*

Elsa M. Weinshenk  
Field Secretary

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Enc.



September 8, 1937.

Mrs. Elsa Weinshenk;  
824 S. Halstead St.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: Jakob Grynberg.

Dear Mrs. Weinshenk:-

I presented the papers on the above case to Vice-Consul Pangburn, and he is most discouraging. The affidavits are not convincing and he refuses to consider the case favorably unless he receives an absolute guarantee of support from the relatives.

I am returning to you the affidavit of I. Greenberg of Harrisburg. This affidavit says nothing on which to base an approval. The Bradstreet statement was not signed, nor is his financial statement notarized. The statement of Mr. Jakob Grynberg is not accompanied by any documentary evidence to show his assets abroad.

Would it be possible for you to draw up an affidavit that would be more convincing and in better form, sending same to I. Greenberg to sign and demand signatures (notarized) on the documentary evidence which he has attached to the papers I am sending to you.

In-the-mean-time will you please get another extension, or if you think you could advise him to return to Poland, he would perhaps fare better with a Consul in Europe than he can at this Border. If he is refused a further extension, they would admit him to Mexico on a five hundred peso bond for two months. That bond can be arranged at this port of entry, providing he has the money, and also about \$200 American money to show for his maintenance while in Mexico.

I will be glad to assist in any way possible.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.



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September  
21  
1937

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky Re: Jakob Grynberg  
National Council Jewish Women  
1016 Olive Street  
El Paso, Texas

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

On the 14th of September we sent a detailed affidavit to Mr. I. Greenberg of Harrisburg and suggested that he mail it to you properly signed and notarized.

Yesterday, we received word from Mrs. Floom, sister of the foregoing, that the relatives in New York were willing to post a bond for \$1,000.00.

As soon as you receive the affidavit from Mr. I. Greenberg, we would appreciate your taking it to the Consul, in order to ascertain what further proof is needed.

Mr. Jakob G is traveling on business at present. He expects to go to California and upon his return will stop in El Paso. We can secure his exact address from his sister in Chicago at any time.

Thank you for your splendid work on the Beck case. They have returned to the city very happy, singing your praises.

Sincerely yours,

*Elsa M. Weinshenk*

Elsa M. Weinshenk  
Field Secretary

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*Seasons Greetings - E.M.W.*



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September 27, 1937.

Re: Jakob Grynberg.

Mrs. Elsa M. Weinshenk,  
824 S. Halstead Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Weinshenk:-

To date I have not received the affidavit mentioned in your letter of the 21st inst., and with reference to the \$1,000.00 bond we would require an affidavit setting out the relatives willingness to post such a cash bond.

I am at a loss to understand why Mr. Grynberg is roaming around the country instead of trying to clear his case, which is far from being an easy one to handle. There is still a doubt in my mind whether or not I will be able to get him back into Mexico even with the 500 peso bond that is usually required. I appreciate your helping me in this case.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

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Sept. 30, 1937.

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
1016 Olive St.,  
El Paso, Texas.

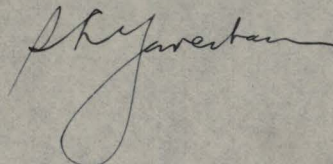
Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky,

About ten days ago, my aunt from Chicago, advised us that her brother, Jakob Grynberg, had informed her that a bond for \$1,000.00 would have to be posted in addition to all the other affidavits and the \$2,000.00 deposited to his account. All the necessary information, I believe, has now been assembled and I hope that you found them in order.

I have made inquiries at several sources relative to procedure for filing this bond. To-day, I called on the immigration authorities at Ellis Island. The information they gave me is that there is no necessity for the filing of this bond. I was also informed that the immigration authorities request the filing of a bond for immigrants entering ~~on~~ temporary stay but not for permanent residence. Since the affidavits that the family submitted indicate that my uncle will not become a public charge, I fail to see the necessity of posting such a bond. Moreover there is a deposit of \$2,000.00 to his account, which the officials of Ellis Island assured me was more than sufficient.

There is no desire on our part to delay matters or cause any further hardship. Will you inform me at once whether this is obligatory and how to proceed in the matter?

Very truly yours,



SLY:SC



October 3, 1937

Samuel L. Yaverbaum  
55 West 42nd Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Yaverbaum:

Replying to your letter of September 30th, I wish to say that I did not receive the corrected affidavits, but on receipt of them, I will again appeal to the American Consul for your uncle's visa. The question of your \$2,000 deposit: The Consul criticised it because it seems to have strings attached.

If we can get your uncle's favorable acceptance of his application from the American Consul in Juarez, Mexico, we will have no difficulty with the Immigration Department at this port of entry. The difficulty that faces us, is convincing the Consul, and a further difficulty is in getting him into Mexico without the required 500 peso bond demanded by the Mexican Government. In addition to the bond, they also require that the person entering their country, must show at least \$200 American money for maintenance.

In my experience, I have had cases where bond for permanent entry was demanded; in fact a few months ago, the bondsman had to pay the \$500 bond on a family that was admitted through this port of entry eight years ago. To satisfy the American Consul, I would suggest that you make a simple affidavit incorporating your willingness to give such a bond, if and when the department demands, also assuring the Government that you are able and willing to guarantee Mr. Grynberg against ever becoming a public charge. Affidavits must be accompanied by documentary evidence of your financial status.

We are very anxious to help you bring about a favorable termination of the case.

Yours very truly,

Nation Council of Jewish Women

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Oct. 8, 1937.

F. Slabovsky  
1016 Olive St.  
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Friend Mrs. Slabovsky:-

I am enclosing money order for ten dollars which I owe you. I would have sent you this money sooner, but after leaving you, I was taken sick on the road.

I am now in Los Angeles at the Rosslyn Hotel, fifth and Main sts. where I want you to write at once by special deliver airmail, definitely everything that I have to do. It is important that I hear from you immediately, as I will wait for your answer.

Thanking you ~~in~~ for past favors and assuring you that everything is more than appreciated, I am

Yours truly,

Jacob Greenberg

*J. Greenberg*



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October 9, 1937.

Mr. Jakob Grynberg,  
Hotel Rosslyn,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Grynberg:-

I seem to be unable to get your family to send the required documents. When I received the affidavit and other documents from Mrs. Weinshenk of Chicago, I immediately went to the American Consul in Juarez and appealed your case, but he did not find sufficient evidence to entertain a favorable acceptance of your application. I immediately returned the papers to Mrs. Weinshenk calling her attention to the Consul's criticisms. About 10 days ago I received a letter from Mrs. Weinshenk, telling me that your relatives will send the corrected affidavits direct. Up to date I have not received the aforementioned affidavit.

Last Sunday I received a letter from your nephew in New York asking the outcome of your case. I immediately answered giving a full explanation, asking him to get the documents to me at once, but I have not heard from him this entire week.

I am really anxious to help you to the best of my ability, but I can do nothing without the evidence demanded by the Consul. Upon receipt of this letter will you please wire your brother I. Grynberg to rush the corrected affidavits and other documents to me?

The American Consul refuses to accept your financial statement, or the facts set out by you that you have a homestead in Poland, or that your wife has the money you claim. Unless you can furnish documentary evidence to support those statements, your document will be useless.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky



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MRS. ELSA M. WEINSHENK  
Field Secretary

October  
13  
1937

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

Re: Jakob Grynberg

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Mrs. S. Floom, sister of Mr. Grynberg just telephoned and advised us of your wire, urging Mr. Grynberg to come to El Paso at once. We immediately dispatched a wire to Mr. Grynberg, c/o New Rosslyn Hotel, Corner Main & Fifth Streets, Los Angeles, California, giving him your message which we hope he will receive.

In the meantime we wish to advise that although we requested another extension of stay on August 26th, (his last extension expired on September 9th,) we have had no reply to this request. On September 29th we wrote to Anna Kaufman of our New York Section, advising her of this fact, asking her to have an investigation made at Ellis Island. Miss Kaufman replied by wire as follows:

"Forwarded request for extension to Washington, August 26. No cause for alarm unless Grynberg expects to change status immediately. Requesting Washington direct, to make decision as soon as possible".

We have had no further word regarding this request for extension and should you wish to communicate with Washington direct, his government file number is 99362/650.

Trusting that our efforts will not be in vain and that you will meet with success, we are

Sincerely yours,

*Elsa M. Weinshenk*  
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October 16, 1937.

Re: Jakob Grynberg.

Mrs. Elsa M. Weinshenk,  
824 S. Halstead Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Weinshenk:-

Your letter of the 13th came as a complete surprise to me because I had sent the telegram which Mrs. Floom received to Mr. Grynberg in Los Angeles.

This morning I received the following telegram: "JUST ARRIVED RECEIVED MESSAGE I HAVE TO GO TO NEW YORK VERY IMPORTANT IF YOU NEED ME I WILL BE THERE MONDAY MORNING" Signed Jacob Grynberg.

It is hard for me to understand what he means by coming if I need him. If he wants his case cleared, it is up to him to co-operate and not for me to have to shoulder responsibilities for him.

Last Monday I received the affidavit signed by the brother and immediately presented them to the Vice-Consul. He asked that Mr. Grynberg appear before him with his other documents, and I sent the wire to Los Angeles, as above stated. Why Mr. Grynberg has to roam the Country instead of trying to get himself legally admitted into the United States is beyond my comprehension. Unless he comes this coming week, I will be unable to give him service, because in the absence of the Consul and Vice-Consul I can get favorable adjustments with the assistants now in office. Upon the Consul's return, which will be about the 25th, Mr. Grynberg's case will not be such an easy matter. I wired Mr. Grynberg this morning to come at once.

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.



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MRS. ELSA M. WEINSHENK  
Field Secretary

October  
18  
1937

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

Re: Jakob Grynberg

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Replying to your letter of October 16, Mr. Grynberg left Chicago for El Paso on Sunday, October 17th and we hope he has arrived by this time.

Due to the haste with which he departed, he did not have sufficient money to take with him so we are enclosing herewith check for \$500.00, should bond etc be required. The relatives ask that special care be exercised in the expenditure of this money.

Please end our anxiety as soon as you have satisfactory word from the consul.

Yours sincerely,

*Elsa M. Weinshenk*  
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October 21, 1937.

Mrs. Elsa M. Weinshenk,  
824 S. Halstead St.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Weinshenk:-

Re: Jakob Grynberg.

This will acknowledge receipt of check for \$500. As to the special instruction as to the expenditure of this money, I am in no position to tell Mr. Grynberg what he should do with money sent to him.

I succeeded in getting him into Juarez, Mexico without legal procedure. That was because I felt so sorry for him. However, the man is penniless, but for this check, and he must use part of this money for expenses, such as cables, telegrams, visas, head-tax and Hotel expenses, besides incidentals. It was just thru a streak of luck that I succeeded in getting his case approved. Fortunately for him, the big shots are out of office for the next week or so. Expect to get the reply to the cable today.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovskv.



October 23, 1937.

Dear Mrs. Weinschenk:

Your opinion about Mr. Grynberg has been ours since first meeting him. It is just thru a trick of good luck that I was successful, and am truly glad that he is on his way to Chicago, but he is not the worst we have had.

Now about the Swi case. You would be surprised how conversions in religion are unfavorably looked upon by both the Consuls and Immigration Department. They seem to feel a lack of character and principle in the make-up of a man or woman who changes their religion like they do their clothes. In most of our cases where the applicant was a Catholic of Jewish birth, they show that baptismal took place in early infancy, and their religion was beyond their control, but in this case, it is looked upon as a means to an end, and not an avowed faith.

I presented this case to the Consul yesterday, just in the course of conversation, and he immediately questioned the relationship of Miss O'Neal, and suggested that her interest cannot be merely platonic. If the young man were to marry an American citizen, his change of status would be simplified, or if he is studying for the Priesthood, he can with the assistance of the University apply for a 4-D status.

I am not criticizing your efforts in trying to change him back to the Jewish faith, but I wonder if it is worth while.

Many thanks for the compliments.

Sincerely yours,



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October  
27  
1937

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

Re: Jakob Grynberg

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Our mutual friend Mr. Grynberg called at the office the other day. He is indeed happy that he received his quota number.

Mr. G stated that he is to receive a document giving him permission to travel throughout the Western Hemisphere. We did not understand whether this was to come from you or from the consulate office in Juarez. We would appreciate your advising us on this matter.

Again thanking you for your excellent work on this case, we are

Very truly yours,

*Elsa M. Weinshenk*  
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November 1, 1937.

Mrs. Elsa M. Weinshenk,  
824 S. Halstead St.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Weinshenk:-

Inclosed you will find card for Mr.  
Grynberg. Will you please send it to him?

My reason for sending it to you is  
to acquaint you with the new identification  
cards issued by the Immigration Department.

Thanking you, and with kindest  
regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
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*Papers incomplete. Need originals from senator <sup>and congressman</sup> written to Consul. Please air mail. ~~with~~ <sup>make</sup> duplicates of affidavits ~~concerning~~ <sup>need</sup> Police certificate from Harrisburg and ~~New York~~ <sup>Chicago</sup>. Also ~~a~~ bank account can ~~you~~ <sup>arrange</sup> for a deposit for him in the bank.*

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