

Rein, Avremele survivor

Description: of Micháleshik

Source(s): Urke Blacher 22 Nov 1991 Interview with Dovid Katz

Urke Bliakher, Letters/Essays for *Yizkorbukh – Tishebov in Michalishik; Tishebov Lamentation*

Berl Klor, *Map of Michaliszki 1939* – No 112.

Esther Katz Livingston, *Michaliszki Names*, p. 7

Dovid Katz records, on-line *Yizkor Book for Micháleshik*

Katz: Avreml Rein is the only-known-Micháleshiker Jew to remain in the Micháleshik region of western Belarus, settling, after liberation, in Lyntupy. When Dovid Katz first visited Micháleshik in December 1990, he inquired whether any Micháleshiker Jews remained in the region and learned about Avreml Rein. Shortly before Katz' visit, Avreml had removed from Lyntupy to Minsk and was then in Minsk awaiting the necessary paperwork to make his *aliyah* to Israel. Katz was able to contact Avreml by telephone and Avreml agreed, if transportation could be provided, to return to Micháleshik to show Micháleshik to Katz. So, Katz and the several colleagues with whom he was traveling, drove to Minsk and brought Avreml back to Micháleshik to guide Katz's videotaped tour. [About that videotaped tour Urke wrote in a ca. sep 1993 letter to Dovid Katz, that Avreml had misidentified many of the Micháleshik homes.]

Little is known [by this compiler] about the life of Avreml Rein other than he (and his wife) was listed on the Lyntupy ghetto list dated 27 May 1942. Among his archives, Dovid Katz has a yet-to-be-digitized tape of his interview with Avreml and on his on-line *Yizkor Book for Micháleshik*, there is a one-page letter from his daughter Rive Rein telling of how her daughter had recently given birth to a male child who was named for her (Rive's) father Avrom.

Urke Blacher 22 Nov 1991 Interview with Dovid Katz: Avremeke Rein was mentioned a number of times by Dovid Katz during the interview.

Tape 1, Side A, p. 16, between 12:21 and 13:18 minutes: DK states that Avremke Rein identified the girl who Yankele Weinstyn and Itske, son of Chone fought over, as Etke, the daughter of Leyzer.

Tape 1, Side B, pp. 66-7, between 16:52 and 17:46, In a discussion about Motke Kwitses, the boy who used to set houses in Michalishik on fire, DK states that Avremke Rein had told him that he (Avremke) once asked Motke why he set fires and Motke replied *because it was merry*. Slightly thereafter, DK mentioned that according to Avremke Rein, Faivel [Javitch] had written *whole books* about the fight between Yankele Gubersky and Itske, son of Chone.

Tape 2, Side B, pp. 85-86, between 21:46 and 24:22 minutes: When talking about the videotape made of his first visit to Michaleshik, DK mentions *there talks Avremi – Avremke Rein* about the houses at Michaleshik and tells UB and BK that Rein is now in Israel. UB talks about how Avremke was involved/was the supervisor of a brewery in Lyntupy but it is unclear whether this was before or after the war.

Tape3. Side B, p. 99 between 23:05 and 25:28 minutes: Berl Klor, who was present for the interview, mentions that he (Berl Klor) and Avremke Rein served in the same partisan (Soviet) group.

Yizkorbukh: Sometime after his Nov. 1991 interview, Dovid Katz sent Urke a copy of the videotape of his visit to Micháleshik and Urke often played it. Urke comments on the videotape with Avreml Rein in several of his letters to Katz.

Michaliszki Names: House 112a, Rein, Avrom. Had two children. Another family lived here by the name of Alper, Avrom and his family. He was a shoemaker.

1926 Polish Government Register of the Citizens of Michalishik certified 28 Dec 1926: pp. 604, 639-40 Register I-No. 681, Rejte, Giese, head, 1882 <44>, housewife, before WWI housewife; No. 682, Zeldá, daughter, 10, b. Michaliszki; No. 683, Szejne, daughter, 14, b. Michaliszki; No. 684, Mowsza,

son, 1906 <20>, b. Michaliszki, unemployed; No. 685, Rein, Abram, son of Giese, 1907 <19>, b. Michaliszki, unemployed.
Register III-Nos. 73 thru 76, duplicate entry of above except surname is spelled Rejn

JewishGen LitvakSig Records:

Passport & Personal ID Applications: [Archive/Fond/Inventory LCVA/55/3a/2293, page 118]
Passport 961084/382, dated 17 Mar 1925: Applicant Gessia Rejn [Rein] of Daugeliszki, Svencionys, Poland, born 1881 in Mikhaliski, Vilnius Uyezd, the daughter of Shepsel, married, mother, housewife, mother's name Sheina Rudnicka/[Rudnitsky] with two daughters also of Daugeliszki: Sheina, age 12, single; and Zelda, age 8, single.

Lithuania Marriages & Divorces:

On 12 Oct 1934 at Maisiagala, Vilnius, Vilnus, Mowsza Rejn [Rein] age 28 of Mikaliskes, the son of Icko and Gesa (nee Popiszki/[Popishki] TO, Eta Anolik, age 29 of Maisiagala, daughter of Tewel and Mina (nee Fraj [Frai]). [Record 1, Archive/Fond/Inventory/File LVIA/1817/1/176]:

On 1 May 1938 at Mikaliskis, Vilnius, Vilnius, Yakov Arotskier, 28, of Smarhon, son of Shepsel & Chaya Sara, to Sheyna Reyn, 26, of Mikaliskis, daughter of Yitshak & Gesya. [Record 10, Film Link 2205057, Item 3, Image 663, Archive/Fond/Inventory/File LVIA/728/3/1522].

Lyntupy Ghetto List in the Ghettos of Oshmyany, Svir, Svencionys Regions dated 27 May 1942 [citing LCVA/R-743/2/5601 p. 434 (Abrom) & p. 435 (Riva):

Rein, Avrom, head, born 1907 in Mikailiskes, Svieriu aps./[Mikhalishki, Svir county], primary school education, kind of work-tannery worker, place of work-Lyntupy state farm;

Rein, Riva, wife, b. Nov. 1910 in Lentupis, Svieriu aps./[Lyntupy, Svir county] primary school education, kind of work-seamstress, laborer, place of work-Lyntupy state farm.

JewishGen On-Line Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR): Rein, Avraham, son of Yitshak, d. 14 Feb 1992, 85 years, buried Afula Cemetery, Afula, Northern District, Israel.

Yad Vashem Central Database of Shoah Victims:

Rein, Avrom. He was married. Prior to WWII, he lived in Michaliszki. [testimony of Esther Katz Livingston]

Reyn, Gesia, the daughter of Sh, born 1880 [list of persecuted persons e.g. list of murdered people from Lyntupy in 1942]

Reyn, Ryva, b. 1910, to Yankel [list of persecuted persons e.g. list of murdered people from Lyntupy in 1942];

Reyn, Rive, b. to Yakov. She was a merchant and married to Avrom. Prior to war she lived in Lyntupy. During the war, she was in ghetto [testimony of Leonid Leonovich Pora, researcher]