A GUIDE TO BROKEN HILL JEWISH CEMETERY

Although Broken Hill Cemetery cemetery was not formally dedicated until 1889, the first known burial is that of Cicero John Tully in the Anglican section on 10 June 1888. Each section was administered by the individual denominations until the 1970s when Broken Hill City Council assumed responsibility for the cemetery.

The Jewish section of the cemetery was consecrated on 17 May 1891 by Rev A.T. Boas from Adelaide. There are 38 known burials in the Jewish section, but apart from Louis Dias who has a headstone, the precise location of those buried in the early 1890s is unknown.

The first known burial was that of the infant Harris Joseph on 11 May 1892, and the most recent burial was that of Alwyn David Edelman in August 2005.

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B2: Harris JOSEPH (1889-1892) – the first known burial in the Jewish cemetery. Born in Broken Hill after parents Isaac JOSEPH and Rebecca GOLDSTEIN arrived in 1888-9. His mother was the daughter of Joseph David Goldstein (Minister to the Bendigo Hebrew Congregation). NSW indexes also record Harry’s sister Minnie’s death registered in Broken Hill in 1893 but she is not recorded as buried in the cemetery. By 1898 the family had moved to Coolgardie WA.

B4: Rebecca GORDON (c.1884-1945) - second wife of Leo Gordon (C4) and daughter of Lewis SYMONDS and Julia COHEN. Rebecca came to Broken Hill after marrying Leo in 1920, and carried on business in her own right after his death.

B5 and B6: Vivienne (1946-1947) and Eric/Gary DUBIN (1946-1946) - twin children of Warner DUBIN (DEMBINSKY) and Riva FONDA, were born in Broken Hill in 1946. Gary died before his brit milah (circumcision and naming ceremony) and thus does not have a headstone. Vivienne survived 10 months.
C2: Dobe SIMON (BUB) (c1878 - 1943) - wife of Simon BUB (Simonas BURBAS), daughter of Abraham Griff, and sibling to the many Broken Hill Griffes including Phillip, Frank, George and Annie Gordon. While her siblings name their mother as Deborah, Dobe's death registration gives her mother's name as Florence. Born in Zeddiku, Lithuania she arrived in Broken Hill in 1937 with daughter Dveire to join husband Simon and daughter Base.


C4: Leo Gordon (1879 – 1942) – son of Baruch GORDON and Leaha FISHER (E5). Born in Kovno, Lithuania, Leo arrived in Broken Hill in 1911. He married Annie Griff in 1912 and after her death moved to Sydney. He returned some time after marrying Rebecca SYMONDS. Leo had a grocery and mixed business on the cnr of Bromide and Beryl Sts.

C5: Isaac LAZARUS (c.1860-1920) – son of Lewis LAZARUS and Hannah RODRIGUES born in London.

C6: Albert EDELMAN (1877 – 1941) husband of Sarah GORDON and son of Louis EDELMAN and Sophia WACHMAN. Born in Viekšniai, Lithuania he arrived in Australia in 1889 with his father and brother Edward George. His first job was with Hirsch Krantz before he established his own grocery and drapery store. Founder of the Synagogue and member of the Chamber of Commerce.

C7: George HAINS (1877 – 1945) - son of John HAINS and Julia Louise CORONEL. A respected GP, George was born in Adelaide and moved to Broken Hill shortly after his marriage to Bertha MANNHEIM in 1901.

D3: Deborah Vera Griff (1915 – 1919) - infant daughter of Frank Griff and Sophy Gordon, died in the influenza epidemic of 1919.

D4: Annie Gordon (c1887 – 1915) first wife of Leo Gordon and daughter of Abraham and Deborah Griff.

D5: Rosa ROSANOVE (née Sternberry) (1877 – 1919) – wife of Benjamin ROSANOVE, born in Galatz, Romania arrived in Adelaide with her husband and son Emmanuel in 1902 and was in Broken Hill by 1905.

D6: Harry MARMOTT (MELAMUD) (1883-1939) – husband of Fanny and son of Aaron and Rosa MELAMUD, born Vinnytsya, Ukraine. Arrived in Melbourne in 1914 travelling as Adolph Marmutt. He started as a plumber in Lithgow, moved to Orange and became an electrical masseur. Fanny joined him in 1916 and they moved to Broken Hill 1936-7.

D7: George Griff (c1892 – 1956) son of Abraham and Deborah Griff. George was initially a draper and became a wool buyer.

E3: Arthur Phillip SOLOMON (1905- 1906) – infant son of Henry SOLOMON and Rosetta AARONS. This was a second marriage for Henry whose first wife died following the birth of their second child. With Rosetta he had Arthur and a daughter Phoebe.

E4: Leslie ZARKIN (1908-1908) – infant son of Morris ZARKIN and Sophy LUBER. The Zarkins were very involved both with the Synagogue and with the broader social life of Broken Hill.

E5: Leaha GORDON (c.1843 – 1928) – wife of Baruch GORDON and daughter of Joseph and Gladys FISHER. Leaha, widowed, arrived from Lithuania in 1916 to join her children.

E6: Sarah DRYEN (1897 – 1959) – wife of Leon DRYEN and daughter of Barnett GOULD and Yetta GORDON. Born in Limerick, Ireland arrived in Broken Hill in 1916. After some years in Adelaide he returned to Broken Hill to run a grocery business during the Depression.

E7: Joseph GOULD (1901 – 1933) – husband of Nessie ADELSON and son of Barnett GOULD and Yetta GORDON. Born in Limerick, Ireland he arrived in Broken Hill in 1916. After some years in Adelaide he returned to Broken Hill to run a grocery business during the Depression.
F1: Leon DRYEN (1885 – 1938) – husband of Sarah GOULD and son of Pinchas DRUYAN and Rachel HERSHOV. Born at Vesselaya, a Jewish agricultural colony in Ukraine he arrived in Broken Hill in 1908 reportedly after a time in Harbin. He established Dryen’s Stores in Argent St which son George further developed after his father’s death.

F2: Louis DIAS (1863 - 1895) – son of Mark Gomes DIAS and Caroline Victoria LEWIS. Born in Melbourne, Louis had been working at the Proprietary Mine at Jameison’s Cutting for only 8 days when he was hit by a runaway inclinator. He died from his injuries on the way to hospital.

F3 and F4: Sophia (1851 - 1903) and Louis EDELMAN (1846 – 1905). Sophia was the daughter of Samuel and Sarah WACHMAN, Louis the son of Jacob and Sarah EDELMAN. Born in Lithuania, Louis arrived in Australia in 1889 with his two oldest sons, Sophia and the other four children arrived in 1891.

F5: Israel GUREWITZ (c.1843 – 1918) – husband of Sarah Leah LEKUS (GORDON) and son of Abraham and Rachel GUREWITZ. Both the Gurewitz and Lekus families were from Novozlatopol Jewish agricultural colony in Ukraine.

F6: Alwyn David EDELMAN (1915 – 2005) – husband of Elva Jean DOWLING-SAMPSON and son of Albert EDELMAN and Sarah GORDON. Born in Adelaide and long-time resident of Broken Hill, it was Alwyn together with Sid Griff who ensured the preservation of the Synagogue by negotiating its sale to the Broken Hill Historical Society.

G3: Louis OBERMAN(N) (c1857 - 1905) – husband of Lena GREENBLAT and son of Jacob OBERMANN. Born in Lithuania, arrived in Australia in 1890 and settled first in Ballarat. Arrived in Broken Hill by 1895 and had a fruitshop.

G4: Annie GUREWITZ (c1913 – 1914) – infant daughter of Jacob GUREWITZ and Anna ROBIN (RABINOWITZ)

H3: Max (Manuel) GUREWITZ (d.1905) and H4: Sarah GUREWITZ (d.1908) – children of Barka and Leah GUREWITZ.

H5: Symon SHNUKAL (c1882 – 1931) – husband of Rachel Morgenstern and son of Yehuda Leib and Freida SHNUKAL. Twins Hannah and Sarah SHNUKAL, daughters of Symon and Rachel were born in Jun 1924 at Broken Hill. They died on in Jul 1924, and according to local records are buried in the Methodist Section M5, Broken Hill Cemetery

H6: David KING (KENIGSBERG) (1899 – 1935) – husband of Chaya (Helen) and son of Oriel KENIGSBERG and Riva KAPLAN. Born in Warszawa, Poland and arrived in Broken Hill in 1926 and joined by his wife and son Rachmil (Ray) within a few months.

I4: Leah ROSANOVE (1903 – 1908) infant daughter of Benjamin ROSANOVE and Rose STERNBERRY, born in South Australia.

I5: Samuel LANDI/LUNDY (c1878 – 1931) went to great lengths to distance himself from any family. All official documents name is LUNDY but headstone is LANDI. Owned Novelty Drapery Bazaar next to the skating rink and left his estate to charities in Palestine.

I6: Leopold NUROCK (c.1869 – 1895) – son of Bernard and Ethel NUROK. Born in Siauliai, Lithuania Leopold, an apothecary arrived in Broken Hill in 1891. His position in the cemetery is because his NUROK family were Cohanim.

George LEWIS (c1835 – 1893) – son of Isaac and Sarah LEWIS, arrived in Australia in the 1850s. Arrived in Broken Hill c1886 and had a pawnbroking business. Died after a fall from his cart returning from a visit to one of his claims at Maybell.

Moses GOLLETZKY (d.1893) – nothing known – surname possibly GOLENSKY

Samuel TOBIAS (c.1819 – 1894) a.k.a. Samuel MARKS, arrived in Broken Hill in 1889 together with Peter WALLACH to establish Wallach Bros. clothiers.