

Name: Morris Bloom

Birth Date: July 12 1880 or June 17, 1880

Birth Place: Hirlau Romania

Heb. Name Date: Moshe b. Pinchas

Spouse: Tilly Aaronson

Birth Place Hirlau, Romania

Children: Lillian, David, Rose

Death Date: 11 Jul. 1958 23 Tamuz 5718

Death Place: Queens NY

Notes: He was first of Blum/Blooms to come to States. He arrived aboard the S.S. Friesland on July 11 1900. His brother Solomon had a Dept. store on 332 Jackson Ave (not Central Avenue in Jersey City, NJ). Jackson Ave address is from Sylvia Bloom Paul. Central Ave is I believe from Lillian Bloom.) Bloom Bros. where later immigrants came to work. Went bankrupt in depression. (Sylvia Bloom Paul maintains that it was not depression but rather other financial difficulties.) First to change names from Blum to Bloom, though not before 1910 according to passport application of Tillie Blum. Morris became a citizen on July 5, 1906.

From letter of Lillie Bloom 5/30/94. In one of your letters you mention Halpern. This is where that name comes in. My grandmother, Tilly's mother, whose maiden name I do not know married David Aaronson. He died at the age of 32 years. They had 2 children, my mother Tilly and Yetta. My grandmother then married a Halpern (or Halperin) who had 4 children. Now, together, they had 2 [according to Sylvia Weinberg 4] children. I believe they are all deceased

From Passport Application of Tillie Blum, wife of Samuel Blooms first cousin, Morris Bloom

I Tillie Blum, the wife of Morris Blum who is a NATURALIZED AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, do hereby apply to the Department of State at Washington for a passport for myself and my minor child as follows; I was born at Harlau, Roumania on the 16 day of December 1886 and my child was born at Borough ? City of New York, County of Kings, State of New York on the

28th day of February, 1910 (Lil herself claims January) My child's name is Lillian Blum.

In support of the above application, I do solemnly swear that my husband was born at (rubbed out) in Roumania on or about the 17th day of June 1880; that he emigrated to the United States, sailing on board the S.S. Friesland from Antwerp on or about the 11th day of July 1900; that he resided 10 years uninterruptedly in the United States from July 11, 1900 to present at City of New York, State of New York, that he was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before this? Court of United States, Eastern District at County of Kings, Borough of Brooklyn City of New York on the 5th day of July 1906, as shown by the accompanying Certificate of Naturalization; that he is the IDENTICAL PERSON described in said Certificate: that he is domiciled in the United States, his permanent residence being at 108 McKibben Street, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York in the state of New York where he follows the occupation of dry goods salesman; that I am about to go abroad temporarily; and that I intend to return to the United States within two years, with the purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship therein. Oath of Allegiance. Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; and I well bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; SO HELP ME GOD. Notarized the 28th day of May 1910 by a Notary. Description of Applicant. Age 23 years Stature 5 feet 2 inches. Forehead Flat and ? eyes gray Nose; Narrow and Pointed. Mouth? Wide Chin; pointed Hair; Dark brown Complexion; medium Face; long narrow.

Morris' WWI draft card indicates a last name still Blum, an address of 112 Mckibben Street in B'klyn a birth date of July 12 1880, (differing from the date on Tillie's 1910 passport application. His occupation was as a manager for one M. Finkelstein who had a place of business on 51 Manhattan Ave, in Brooklyn. He was listed as being tall, of medium build with brown eyes and brown hair. The card is dated September 12, 1918-Local Board No. 74 Bushwick Ave and Seigel St. Brooklyn, NY.

According to their daughters Morris and Tilly were first cousins. Morris from Botoshani. In some way they were related. They knew each other before they came here. "My aunt had a house in Brooklyn (Max Aaronson's wife [according to Sylvia Weinberg her name was Yetta]) Moved into their house. The Uncle (Max Aaronson) on Tillie's side gave Morris a job in his "factory". Factory was 3 or 4 machines that made buttonholes. Ship's manifest from S.S. Friesland indicates that

Morris was coming to an Uncle Max Aaronson (Decaur Street according to Sylvia Weinberg a brownstone house) and was a tailor.

Bloom's Department store was started by Uncle Sam (Zalman) Blum and Solomon. Morris came a little bit later. After break up of store, (according to Lil and Rose, in time of stock market crash of 1929) Solomon opened store in Union City or West New York (actually North Bergen) Morris opened a store on Central Avenue in Jersey City. Lil and Rose lived in Jersey City till 1940. L & R talked of fact that in 30's the girls did not go to college and that Adele was the only one of all the cousins who went to college. Adele was very aloof-according to Lil & Rose when they would visit her family (Froyim's) Adele would go into her room and that was the end of it. perhaps studying. Your father (Sam) respected Dave (their brother, cause he was educated and went into teaching. He told Sam to take it a little bit easier on Norman, who was forced to practice long hours and that Sam heard the advice respectfully but did little about it. Lil tells of visiting Esther at the hotel a couple of days prior to the murder. went out to dinner tells of murder, spread through papers and never found out who did it. "That was it". Lil tells of visit of Norman, always talking about numbers-. Mendel had a little candy store across the street where I worked and I used to stop there all the time (Lil) I had recommended a tax man to do his taxes. The last day they weren't done, so I had to call and get them done. Lil and Rose substantiated family tradition that the family's origins were in Russia. Rose says she has a letter from Malvina Solomon about the origins of the name. (Blumovich?)

Frank Bloom, Clara and seven kids moved into Morris and Tilly's apartment, at 112 McKibben St. B'klyn, as they were moving to Jersey City. There were five girls and two boys in their family. Those first few nights we (Lil etc.) were still there and we all slept like sardines.

From letter of Rose Bloom Keller 2/12/95 2. Mr. Finkelstein-(listed on the draft card) was Dad's first employer. He owned a yard goods store and dad was his salesman/mgr. 3. When the family moved to Jersey City in 1920, Lil was 10 years old and had been in school in Bklyn for about 4 years registered as "Bloom" The Jackson Ave store had already been established as "Bloom Bros." so I would assume the transition to Bloom was around 1916/17.

Here's a bit of trivia for you; When my parents lived at McKibbon St. they befriended a young man Mr. Lupovich, who had first arrived in N.Y. He stayed with them a short time and Dad helped him find a job in the yard goods industry. Flash to the 1940's (During the war). Dad now in his 60's had lost the Central Ave store and was working for Mr. Lieberman, a yard goods store in Jamaica L.I.. One day, a man came to our home and left an envelope with approx. \$200. This was

from his old friend, Lupovick, who had built up a fine business in the wholesale dry goods line. During the war it was difficult to obtain materials and dad asked Mr. Lupovick to sell to his employer, Mr. Lieberman. He did, but insisted that dad receive the commissions and was taking no chances. -therefore it was delivered to our home! How about this parody on a passage from the bible to relate to this tale? "He who spreads bread on the waters it is said, Will be rewarded with a heck of a lot more than bread"

STATE OF NEW YORK
Affidavit for License to Marry
STATE OF NEW YORK

County of Kings -- City of New York
No ___

Morris Blum and *Toba Aronson*
Groom Bride

applicants for a license for marriage, being severally sworn, depose and say, that to the best of their knowledge and belief the following statement respectively signed by them is true, and that no legal impediment exists as to the right of the applicants to enter into the marriage state.

FROM THE GROOM

FROM THE BRIDE

Full name. <u><i>Morris Blum...</i></u>	Full name <u><i>Toba Aronson</i></u>
Color <i>White</i>	Color <i>White</i>
Place of residence <i>49 Manhattan Ave Bklyn Ave</i>	Place of residence <i>1308 Jefferson Ave</i>
Age 28	Age 23
Occupation <i>Clerk</i>	Occupation <i>machine operator</i>
Place of birth <i>Botuschan Roumania</i>	Place of birth <i>Botuschan Roumania</i>
Name of father <i>Pinco</i>	Name of father <i>David</i>
Country of birth <i>Roumania</i>	Country of birth <i>Roumania</i>
Maiden name of mother <i>Yetta Aaronson Karp</i>	Maiden name of mother <i>Sheindel</i>
Country of birth <i>Roumania</i>	Country of birth <i>Roumania</i>
Number of marriage <i>first</i>	Number of marriage <i>first</i>
Former wife or wives living or dead	Former husband or husbands living or dead

I Morris Schachter a Cantor residing at 25 Meserola St in the county of Kings and State of New York do hereby certify that I did on the first day of February in the year A.D. 1909 at Brooklyn in the county of Kings and State of New York solemnize the rites of matrimony between Morris Blum of 49 Manhattan Ave in the county of Kings and State of New York and Toba Aronson of 1308 Jefferson Ave in the county of Kings and State of New York in the presence of Moritz Finkelstein and Max Aronson as witnesses and the license therefor is hereto annexed.

Witness my hand at 1308 Jefferson Av. in the county of Kings this first day of February A.D. 1909

In the presence of

Morris Schachter

(Signature of Person Performing Ceremony)

Moritz Finkelstein

Max Aronson

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Signatures of Witnesses

First locations in Jersey City were Grant ave or Orient Ave.

License for marriage was issued on Jan 28th 1909. Officiant was Morris Schachter-a Cantor who lived at 25 Miscrola?? St and did the ceremony on Feb 1, 1909, with Moritz Finkelstein, Morris' first employer and still listed on his draft card 9 years later, and Max Aronson as witnesses. (Was he the same Schachter who married Samuel and Sally Bloom)? He and Mr. Finklestein were witnesses at the wedding of Morris and Tilly on Feb 1, 1909. It was to his uncle Max that Morris came to this country. He was also Tillie's uncle, Morris' mother Ita and Tillie's father David were brother and sister. Max was the third brother and thereby was the Uncle of them both. He had according to Rose Keller, Morris' daughter, a 4 or 5 sewing machine factory.

From a letter of Rose Keller Bloom 4/22/95

...Now for the pictures of the young lady in the gypsy-like costume and the older very mature one. If you need a clue, her initials are (s) stenciled into her skirt. [LB} The button holes on her shoes may have been punched and sewed in Uncle Max's (Aronson) "factory". I forgot to mention that was the nature of his business (button holes). If ever you see pictures of elegant ladies in high button shoes, there's always a chance old Max lent a helping button hole.

Too bad the 1870 copies are so poor but as you can well imagine, the originals are yellow and crumbling. (*Discharge papers of Max Meyer*), held together by taped seams. Max's name (*Meyer*) was carried along for two more generations, landing on my husband's head, middle name "Meyer".....

From letter from Rose Bloom Keller 7/20/95--Malvina and my mother were neighbors and best friends. (ed. note-Malvina Solomon appears in many family photos-friendship apparently spread to the other Blooms) One day Malvina told me that Pincus had two little white horses and he would hitch a wagon like vehicle to them and give them a ride. This slipped my mind and I never did ask my mother about it.

From a letter of Ruth Rosen; "I remember my grandparents very fondly. They were very kind, loving people, very soft-spoken and refined. When I was little, Grandpa would show up at our apartment every single Sunday morning to visit ME! I vividly remember bunches of lollypops covered in cellophane, c. 1951. Grandma prepared traditional Jewish dishes and a few Roumanian treats. I've been making Roumanian eggplant for years. My mother learned it from Grandma Tillie-it came to me through osmosis. I remember grandma reading to me when I was very young. I guess I had some fever because a cool breeze mixed with some stray raindrops came through the window and was very soothing. To this day I love the rain. It was always calm and pleasant when I visited-they rented in a private house and had the use of the yard (Queens Village) There were huge blossoms growing and it smelled wonderful. It was a very loving, nurturing environment, as was the Klein side of my family.

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Heinrich's Diary, Retranslated into Modern English September 1996 by Hilda Storch Goldberg Weiser, Robert Saul Sherins, Beryle Solomon Buchman.
A Diary by Heinrich Yesianu, June 1. 1900.

From; Entry for 4 June 1900. (P.16 of ROM-SIG News.

I went to Uncle Strul's home and told about it. Grandfather told me he had just found out that Mr. Blum's son was leaving for America this week and that he would be coming there to inquire when and how to go. At 6 o'clock I drank tea with Uncle Strul and Aunt Male. While I was sitting outside, the mail carrier brought me a post card from my brother Victor. Then grandfather arrived with Mr.

Blum and the son who is leaving. We introduced ourselves and were very pleased to have a companion on the journey.

A footnote for this paragraph notes that; Mr. Blum is "Mr. Pinchas Blum was a building entrepreneur whose three sons came to the United States. The one mentioned was probably Morris.

It was definitely Morris. His and Heinrich's name are listed on the ship's manifest of the SS Friesland, which sailed from Antwerp, June 30th, and arrived in New York, July 11? Morris' name (Moses) is #2 and Heinrich is #4. Both listed their age as 19; both listed their occupation as tailor; both said they were from Hirlau, though Morris' Hirlau was spelled Orlau, and Heinrich's was spelled Harlau; both final destinations were New York City. Morris listed his fare as being paid by his "uncle", (perhaps meaning his wife's uncle in New York City, though from Heinrich's diary, it would seem to have been his father, Pinchas who paid the freight, though perhaps not, and Heinrich's passage is listed as paid by himself. Morris was headed to his wife Tillie's, uncle Max Aaronson, and Heinrich to Jacob Goldenberg.

From; Entry for 7 June 1900

I got into the *birja* (carriage) together with Aunt Male because she had cause to accompany me until Frumusica. *jhb-Frumusica was where Pincu Blum's younger brother, Zalman (my grandfather) lived. It is not too much to suppose that they stopped to refresh themselves there.*

From; Entry for 8 June 1900

Around three o'clock we arrived in Mihaileni. *(a town directly on the border-jhb).* In the little town, as soon as they spotted a *birja* with people, everyone knew that they were emigrants.

We got off at a *kretchma* (inn). After taking down the valises, we dried up somewhat. Jews kept on coming up to us asking whether we have passports. If not, they could take us across the frontier...Mr. Blum *(we are led to assume that this is Pinchas, though it might be that Zalman accompanied them from Frumusica, but what is most likely is that Morris' father accompanied them to the border.-jhb.)* went to an acquaintance in town and engaged him for 15 *Lei* to take us across at once.....When all the arrangements were completed, we said good-bye to Mr. Blum...

The men took our valises on their backs, and the changers told us to walk after them to the other side of the frontier where a *birja* would be waiting for us to take us to the railroad station of Siret. They gave us a business card to be signed when we arrive at Siret in order to obtain the money arranged by Mr. Blum. After leaving the house, we followed the men, but a terrible rain-washed us for more than 10 minutes. We went down a hill. arriving at the bottom, we found ourselves in a narrow ditch into which water flowed like a rivulet. Thus we walked stumbling over stones along the way until the good God helped us, and we arrived at the Austrian side of the hill. When we reached the middle of the hill, we stopped. The men took a valise each, but one of them went without taking a valise. He left it and said that if Blum (Morris) and I would remain here, they and the other boy would go to the *birja*.. Then they would return for us.

Father: Pincu (Blum) Bloom
Mother: Ita Aronson Bloom

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