Getting Started as a Town Leader A Ukraine SIG InfoSheet

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Thank you for considering the position of Ukraine SIG Town Leader. Basically, as a Town Leader you will serve as a central coordinator for all activities relating to your town. The Ukraine SIG InfoSheet titled "Town Leader Tasks" describes some of the activities you might consider. You can work on as many, or as few, of these as you wish. It is your choice. Ukraine SIG will help you begin and structure your projects. We have a pool of volunteers who will assist you if you wish. We also will help you create a JewishGen fundraising project if you need funds to acquire documents and/or hire translators. What you do, and how quickly you do it, is your choice. There is no time pressure, except of course, that we would like projects to begin and to produce datasets as quickly as possible.

If you already have a KehilaLinks website, it probably is packed with useful information. This information and the personal names within it are relatively unknown to researchers who haven't visited your site. This is why Ukraine SIG encourages KehilaLinks Owners to create personal name indexes to the information on their websites. If you do not yet have a KehilaLinks site, the first thing you should do is to create one. Ukraine SIG and JewishGen will help you do this.

Once your site is operational and has some content, there are three tasks that should be done next:

- 1. First, create a name index for all the names on the KehilaLinks website. The Ukraine SIG InfoSheet titled "Indexing Personal Names on KehilaLinks Websites" explains how to do this. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you need volunteers to assist you.
- 2. Databases on your website should be formatted to JewishGen's standards so that they can be submitted to the JewishGen Ukraine Database (previously known as the All-Ukraine Database). This database is a repository for datasets that contain information about Jews from Ukraine. We will help you with this task when you are ready.
- 3. We should prepare lists of the Document Collections and Projects that are on your KehilaLinks website so that they can be added to your Town Page on Ukraine SIG's website. This will increase exposure of the wonderful materials that you have placed on your site.

There are many other projects you can do. Which you choose to do is up to you. Just be assured that Ukraine SIG will help you with whatever you choose.

Best wishes,

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Researching DOCTOR (DIOKHTER), VARER, AVERBAKH, KORENFELD ... all from Kremenets, Oleksinets, Yampol, Vishnevets and KAZDOY (KOSODOY), DUBINSKI, DUBOWSKY ... all from Kiev, Uman, Odessa