

The following letter was written to Issy Gevisser some 25 years ago. Despite every effort, no trace can be found of SHLOMO. His letter was written in Yiddish and translated in Durban. Although his letter was dated the 3rd May 1965 and received towards the end of that month, unfortunately it was not replied to until the 30th November of that year, which letter from Jennie Gevisser included a request "not to tell us any more and not to open the wounds of the past". No reply has ever been received from SHLOMO, despite every effort to trace him. According to Boris Kantor in Israel, he appears to be living in Warsaw. For the record, his address was as follows.

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WARSAW,
3rd MAY 1965.

My dear friend Israel,

You cannot imagine how pleased I was to receive your letter. Finally, I have found you and you got in touch with me immediately.

May god bless the lady, Helen, and the circumstances which brought us together. Unfortunately, she did not know how to explain to you who I am. To tell you the whole story in one letter is impossible - it is a long and tragic story.

However, a few years ago, a friend in Israel asked me to write about your sister "PESSIAH'S family. I did write but unfortunately I did not have your address & I don't know if you received my letter. Now I will tell you the whole story in a series of letters, as I understand that this is very dear to you and you should know everything that happened.

I did not know your brother MORRIS, nor did I know your elder brother BEREL-LEIB before he left for Africa. I came into your family after your visit to your sister PESSIAH, (in 1929). They always spoke about you.

Now I can tell you who I am. Your sister was my mother-in-law. In 1935 I married her eldest daughter DVORAH and we lived together with the whole family. My wife was very dear to me and to this day (I am a writer). I use the pen-name "D.GINSBERG"

In 1936 my wife gave birth to a daughter and we called her "BEBELE". We were very happy in those days.

Your sister had 5 children - my wife DVORAH, two other daughters LUBA & ETELE, and two sons - YOSSEL & MOTELE. Yossel had a weak heart and when