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The Charney family from Pogost

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My great-grandparents, Rubin David Charney and Sarah (Levine) Charney, along with at least two of Rubin's brothers, Abraham and Morris and all their children, left Pogost and came to the US between about 1905 and 1912. The photo (right) shows my great-grandparents in their later years. They died a few months before I was born in 1961.

None of the family seem to have spelled the name 'Charney' upon arrival -- it was Czerne or Czerna or Czernaja-- but all appear to have changed to Charney in the U.S.

Although there are several places with similar names in Belarus, this particular shtetl was part of a larger region called Igumen (now Chervyn), and Igumen was part of the Minsk Gubernia.



Reuben David Charney and his wife Sarah (Levine) Charney



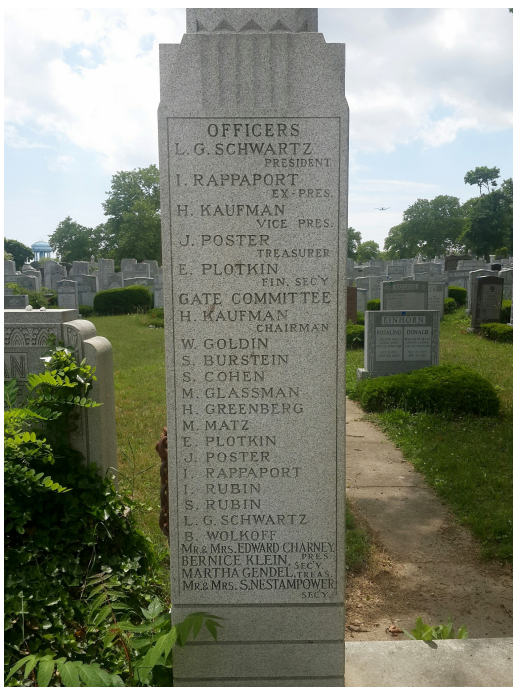
Inscription honoring Sarah Levine Charney, my great-grandmother

Maybe readers will be interested to know that there is a Pogoster Brothers cemetery plot at Beth David Cemetery in Elmont NY. I learned about recently, after my mother happened to find the original receipt for her grandparents' tombstone. I visited last summer and took the photos that you on this KehilaLink.

Please feel free to contact me - I welcome any and all information about the family and the shtetl!



Gateway, Pogoster Brothers plot, Beth David Cemetery, Elmont NY





Charney Family Gravestones in Pogoster Brothers plot at Beth David Cemetery, Elmont NY

