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BUKOLINK

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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to announce the first edition of **BUKOLINK**, The World Organization of Bukovina Jews and Descendants new monthly digital newsletter.

On February 6, 1948, the British Government, still governing in Palestine, allowed the Organization of Bukovinian Jews to publish a weekly newspaper called "The Voice of the Immigrants", or in German, "*Die Stimme Des Oleh*". Known now as, "*Die Stimme*", (The Voice). The newspaper was a bridge founded to deepen the connection between Bukovinian Jews in Israel and in the Diaspora; to speak to them in their own language, to share memories from "there"..., based on their culture, to update on matters concerning their community.

Since then, sixty-eight years have passed, and we must adapt ourselves to modern times and the technologies that come along with them. **BUKOLINK** will not replace the monthly printed "*Die Stimme*" in German; rather help to reach the world stage at large, including the second and third generations, using the Internet.

The goal of **BUKOLINK** is to establish and strengthen connections between the future generations and ourselves and amongst themselves; sharing information, educating, updating, informing and even for personal pleasure. **BUKOLINK** will appear on a monthly basis and will deal with a wide variety of important subject matter like heritage, history, culture and the legacy of Bukovina Jews: what is new in our community, humor, recipes from grandmother's kitchen, etc.

I call on all of you, to take part in the design and format of **BUKOLINK** by contribution of interesting articles, stories, pictures, special experiences connected to our community, and any other topic you may feel is relevant. I look forward to your participation and wish you all enjoyable reading!

Yochanan Ron-Singer; Chairman of the Board of Directors and President



The World Organization of Bukovinian Jews and Descendants

?What is New? What is happening? What is Going On

We are very active at the **OUOR**, (United Organization of Romanian Jews) and we have Four Board members on OUOR's board

OUOR's Yad Vashem committee Headed by Yochanan Ron accomplished two major achievements through their actions on the topic of commemoration of the Holocaust of the Romanian Jewry. Until recently, the Holocaust of Romanian Jewry did not find adequate expression at the museum at Yad Vashem. Therefore In cooperation with the **OUOR**, the following events took place

Yad Vashem Museum:

1. After years of non-stop pressure on Yad Vashem to display, as much as possible a realistic picture of the tragedy of the Holocaust of the Romanian Jews, the museum's management responded to our demands and the setting of the display was changed. We are working to continue to complete the transformation to our complete satisfaction

2. For the first time since the founding of the State of Israel the main ceremony commemorating the Holocaust of the Jews of Romania was held on July 19.2016, in the amphitheater of Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Lau, Chairman of Yad Vashem, praised the Romanian Jewish community and blessed the six hundred attendees. Additional speakers included the Romanian Ambassador to Israel, Madame Pasternak, The Chairman of the Federation of Jews in Romania, Dr. Earl Weiner, The Chairman of **OUOR**, Mr. Micah Harish, and Mr. Yochanan Ron, Chairman of the Yad Vashem Committee and President of the World Organization of Bukovinian Jews and Descendants.

The Holocaust Memorial Ceremony for Romanian Jews will be, from now on, an annual event.

Other events:

- A seminar took place at The Hebrew University in Jerusalem on the topic of Community, Culture and History in Bukovina - the "MULTI-KULTI" region of Romania.
- A memorial ceremony at the "Struma" museum in Beer Sheva, 74 years after the intentional sinking of the ship which had 769 immigrants on its board.
- A trip to the "Nili" Memorial Museum in Zichron Yaacov, founded by Romanian immigrants in 1882. The museum was originally the family home of the Aaronson's where Sara Aaronson took her own life when Turkish soldiers came to arrest her. "Nili" was an Underground movement that fought against the Turkish occupiers of Palestine on the eve of WWI, assisting the British Army.
- On August 3, 2016, 75 descendants participated in a tour of the Naval Museum and illegal immigration in Haifa.

Planned Events:

On Nov. 6, 2016, "The World Organization of Bukovinian Jews and Descendants" annual memorial ceremony will take place at the Tel Aviv Museum.

STORY CORNER: "The Jew and the Landowner"

A Jew from Bukovina came to visit his Landowner and found him sitting having a bite to eat: bread, bacon and wine.

"Sit and dine with me", invited the Landowner.

The Jew refused: I cannot eat your food since it is not kosher.

The Landowner finished eating and poured two glasses of wine, one for himself and one for the Jew.

Again, the Jew refused: I cannot drink the wine since it is not kosher.

Surprised, the Landowner said:

Even if in the middle of your travels, you run out of bread and water- you would rather die of hunger and thirst instead eating and drinking from ours.

The Jew replied:

Only in the case, it is a matter of saving a life, and saving a life is more important than everything else is.

Immediately, the Landowner jumped up, took out a gun from his pocket, aimed it at the heart of the Jew and cried:

If you drink - *better for you* - and if not - here you will meet your death!

Terrified, the Jew - drank. After he had drunk, the Landowner said to him:

You are not angry with me. I just pulled your leg!

The Jew mumbled and replied:

Angry? Whatever for?

Better - if you had pulled my leg sooner - while serving the bacon!

RECIPE FROM THE BUKOVINIAN KITCHEN: Poppy Seed Cookies

Each time we have a board meeting, Yulku (Joseph Klein), arrives with something sweet from his wife Bruria's kitchen; the taste like the taste "from back home". Bruria, as a young bride, learned how to cook in the kitchen of Yulku's mother... In Bukovina, they used to serve these cookies at the four o'clock meal (called 'Jause') with a cup of coffee or tea.

Bruria's cookie recipe:

Ingredients

2 - Cups flour

½ - Cup sugar

½ - Cup oil

¼ - Teaspoon baking soda

1 - Tablespoon vinegar

1 - Egg

50 - Grams ground poppy seeds (in Bukovina they were prepared with un-ground poppy seeds)

- Mix the ingredients together well; flatten the dough to a height of at least 4 mm.
- Form small circles, using a small glass.
- Lay on lightly greased covered baking sheet,
- Bake at 160 degrees for 20 minutes or until lightly browned.
- Cool and keep in sealed container.
- Makes approximately 30 cookies.