



JEW'S OF ODESSA

**ON THE WAVES
OF CHANGE**



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INTRODUCTION

The circle of time...

Do we create it, or does it create us?

The events that prompted "ours" to move to this city, their fates, happiness and tragedy ... are hardly remembered but what for?

**To learn important lessons, to know that the promised awaits us ...
"everything will be fine".**

There is no single book with a story about Jews who were born in Odessa, lived, and then ..., as life has decided, some stayed, others dispersed around the world, remaining Odessans, missed and even yearned for Odessa, and forever became its inseparable part. Their life stories, not static data, born, studied, married, died ... but stories, interesting cases and facts, and everything that we can find about their life ... So that they serve as an example for us and the future.



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IDEA

The project is about the Jews of Odessa from its origin, as a city after joining the Russian Empire (but probably we will find earlier traces) to the present day, and then going into the future... The main events of that time are set out in the book (many Odessans are well known) from Alexander Deribas' book "Old Odessa".

However, this book is generally about the first periods of our city's life and important events from the author's point of view.

The author did not have a specific goal, and even in general, if he knew such facts, he would not single them out separately ... I mean the role and significance of us - Jews in the formation of Odessa as a city of trade, politics and culture.

We are interested in the highlighted fragments of history, in which the role of Jews can be traced... After all, it was from the Jews that our well-known Odessa sayings originated, with inserts from Yiddish, and the construction of phrases and words.

Descendants of those who filled the spirit of Odessa. Descendants of those who were part of a legend called Odessa.

We do not want to reduce the roles of other nationalities that have flooded into Odessa and taken root here. All of them gave their blessed fruits... their descendants will just think about them, and we want to tell our reader about our own)

We want to preserve memory, facts and everything related to it! Not in a dusty closet, and not under a faded archival number, but on the pages of the book available to everyone anywhere in the world...



INVITATION

Quite often, interesting stories from people's lives are published online...

Have you come to it? Friends forward, sharing their impressions.

Sometimes you find out with absolute surprise that you are "known to everyone" and would never think about him ... and that he is from our people ... it turns out that yes!

There are a lot of such stories, a lot has been told, but even more has already been lost or forgotten...

Here you can't do without an example, here is one of the stories that was sent quite recently.

Busya Goldstein

There was once such a famous violinist Busya Goldstein. Sample of the Odessa school. In 1934, he was 12 years old, and in the Column Hall of the House of Unions in Moscow, the All-Union warden Kalinin himself awarded him the Order for winning the international music competition.

Column hall of the House of Unions in Moscow, a 12-year-old boy, just before the ceremony, his mother calls him and says: "Beause, when Grandpa Kalinin sends you the order, you say loudly: "Grandpa Kalinin, come to visit us." Busya says, "Mom, it's uncomfortable." Mom says firmly and persistently: "Busya, you'll say!" The ceremony begins, Kalinin attaches the order to him, an obedient boy says: "Grandpa Kalinin, come visit us!" And immediately from the hall a well-placed voice, a wild cry of Busina's mother: "Busya, what are you saying? We live in a communal apartment!" Do you think they got an apartment in a month? The next day!

Boris Goldstein 1937. A virtuoso violinist who began his concert activity in early childhood, devoted his entire life to performing arts. As a teenager, he had already conquered Europe, and in adulthood - the whole world.

A book about the Jews of Odessa, the history of lives full of successes and falls is being prepared for publication. Share with us stories known to you, documents, photos in any way convenient for you. We are in touch! www.jewsfromodessa-book.site/#contact



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