

Fuchs Family History **by Morton (Miksa) Fuchs, June 1984**

My name is Morton (Miksa) Fuchs (Mordechay Yehuda ben Yechezkel). I was born in Tokaj, Zemplén county, Hungary on June 30, 1911.

My father's name was Fuchs Henrik (Yechezkel ben Mordechay Yehuda). He was born in 1867 in the town of Mocsonok which in those days was part of Hungary in the county of Nyitra. My father died in 1941, the day after Shavuot, in Tokaj and he was buried there.

My father's father, my grandfather, was Fuchs Miksa (Mordechay Yehuda ben H.R. Binyomen Zev). He died in 1911 in Tokaj and he was buried there.

My grandfather's father, my great grandfather, was Fuchs Benjamin (H.R. Binjomen Zev Ben ?—not noted on his gravestone whose son he was.) He was Rabbi in the town of Lovasberény in Fejér county, Hungary. Later he was elected Chief Rabbi sometime later in Vág-Szered. He died in 1870 and is buried there. After his death, his son Fuchs Mór (H.R. Moshe Hirsh ben Binjomen Zev) inherited his position. Fuchs Mór was born in 1843 in Lovasberény and at 26 years of age he took his late father's vacant place. In 1882 he was invited to be the Chief Rabbi in Nagyvárad, Bihar county, in Hungary in those days, where until his death in 1911 he served in this capacity. Fuchs Miksa, my grandfather, was his older brother.

After his death, his son, Fuchs Benjamin (H.R. Binjomen ben Moshe Hirs) filled his vacant position of Chief Rabbi until the end of his life. He died in 1936.

My great grandfather, H.R. Fuchs Benjamin, had ten children, two boys and eight girls. The oldest son was Fuchs Miksa who was my grandfather. His other son was Fuchs Mór, the Chief Rabbi of

Nagyvárad. His eight sons-in-law were: Ringvald Eizik, Ringvald Volf, Ringvald Naftule Hercz, Grosz Israel, Miller Jichok, Kecskeméti Naftule Hercz, Rubinstein Majer, and Ehrenfeld ? [first name unknown].

The names of the daughters are not listed in the chronicles because in those days the women and girls did not count, and in the old Jewish writings they did not appear unless they distinguished themselves in some extraordinary way.

My grandfather Fuchs Miksa had three sons and I believe several daughters, but I only know about one of them. I don't remember her name. Her husband was Gersohn Stern who was Rabbi in the city of Maros Ludas, Hungary. I knew him well. He came to my parents' house often, when I was 8-10 years old. I remember his warm smile and kindly fine words.

My grandfather's three sons were Fuchs Henrik, my father, of Tokaj; Fuchs Mór who lived in Homona, then also part of Hungary; and Fuchs Vilmos who was the Principal of the Jewish School in Szeged, and the director of the Temple choir there.

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