

# South African Shtetl



**ELI RABINOWITZ**

Eli was born in Cape Town and lives in Perth. He is involved in many Jewish community activities. He films, photographs, researches and lectures internationally on Jewish heritage and cultural history. He brought the Memories of Muizenberg Exhibition to Australia. He blogs about his extensive travels and Jewish life. Eli writes and manages 70 websites for JewishGen.org and arranges customised Litvak heritage tours.

## Litvaks on the move

Eli's entertaining and informative presentation takes us on a contemporary photographic journey back to the shtetl to explore our roots, and to unlock the mysteries of Jewish life in Lithuania, Poland and neighbouring countries.

**Dear SA SIGgers**

**Are you visiting Seattle for the IAJGS conference in August?**

**You're invited to a South African Tea Party on Saturday, August 6th from 2 to 5pm.**

**Our hosts are Bernice & Wally Kegel, members of the ex pat South African Jewish community in Seattle. Bernice is a volunteer at the conference.**

**The party will be held in the community room of their condo at 737 Olive Way, just a short walking distance from the Sheraton.**

**RSVP to [kegelfam@gmail.com](mailto:kegelfam@gmail.com) is required.**

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The gateway to South African Jewish Life:

- [South African Shtetl on Facebook](#)
- [Litvak Portal](#)
- [Litvak Portal on Facebook](#)
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<http://elirab.me/genealogy/researching-de-aar-it-is-a-small-world-after-all/>

<http://elirab.me/jewish/shalom-pinkasovitch-forgotten-chazan/>

<http://elirab.me/jewish/the-ponevez-shul-cape-town/>

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## **A TRAGIC ROMANCE AND ITS CONSEQUENCES:**

### **FROM ONE PHOTO TO JOURNEYS OF RESEARCH AND DISCOVERY.**

**Presented by Eli Rabinowitz**

All Eli ever knew was that he was named after his great Uncle Moshe, and that Moshe died in a motor accident in Cape Town, six weeks before his wedding.

Then a photograph given to him eighty years later changed everything!

This is the story of great Uncle Moshe and his fiancée Paula's ill-fated romance in the late 1920's, starting in Orla, Poland, and ending in Cape Town.

The photo was the start of Eli's intrepid detective work, which took him on the trail to South Africa, Poland, Belarus, the UK, Germany, Israel, USA, Canada and the Gitlin Library, in search of answers!

*Eli Rabinowitz presented this lecture at the 35<sup>th</sup> IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy in Jerusalem in July this year.*



Date: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015

Time: 5:30p.m. for 6:00p.m.

Place: Jacob Gitlin Library – 88 Hatfield Street, Gardens  
RSVP by 27<sup>th</sup> August

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