

Towards our meeting, “Tools for Genealogy Researcher” on Sept. 20th in Beth Volhynia, I went out to walk the streets of a most beautiful week in Drohobycz. The first day was full of experiences, I hopped from one familiar place to another. On Boryslawska street I wandered between the houses that I photographed in 2011, the street where my family had homes and businesses. I came upon the place of the bunker where the Mayers, Schwartzes, Kupferbergs and others were hidden. I went back to the Rynek and arrived at the law office of my uncles. I walked along Szaszkewicza st, where the home of my father, grandmother and uncle was. With a click of the mouse I got into the Tarasa Szewczenka St, the Judenrat House and the site of Bruno Schulz’ murder. I stood in front of the house of Gartenbergs. I skipped from one street to another, strolling on the same streets where my father, grandfather, uncle and my entire family worked and lived for generations. Then this morning I woke up and went out to just wander around aimlessly. I went around and got out of town. When roads were filled with triangle and square potholes, I easily skipped them. It was not difficult with a click of a finger. Later after breakfast I returned to Boryslawska St. Again I passed the houses of Drohobycz and Boryslawska St and through Rt 1415T I reached the outskirts and homes of Boryslaw (one can go on of course).

This entire journey can be turned on from one’s couch. By using interactive maps, one can actually identify houses and streets.

<https://www.google.co.il/maps/@49.3511713,23.5074319,3a,75y,232.93h,96.84t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1s-2TkLZ8b8Kt1Aeuyvtj71A!2e0!7i13312!8i6656>

We can start from the Rynek and navigate using the map on the left: forward and reverse by leaps and bounds. We can actually tour a house by moving over its image with a click of mouse. Endless possibilities.

<https://www.google.co.il/maps/place/Cathedral+of+the+Holy+Trinity/@49.3517863,23.5022821,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0xe65ace84499134!8m2!3d49.3503382!4d23.5056674>

Here is where I started my wandering.

- <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1GbezfkQTPXV7arSUQHLGlddIBVU>

Here is the map translated by Jacov and Mia. It will help us to identify houses that we met on our walk on the Google Map.

- <http://wikimapia.org/#lang=he&lat=49.347605&lon=23.507438&z=16&m=b&search=Boryslawska>

Wikipedia can help identifying the houses. Just click on the figure.

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