

SAMUEL GLUSBERG

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Samuel Glusberg was born in Chisinau, Bessarabia, in 1898. He was one of 6 children. The family arrived in Buenos Aires in 1905. Father died in 1914, of TB. Samuel attended an elementary school starting at age 5. The language spoken at home was Yiddish, that's why Samuel acquired his Spanish at school. There was not an organized Jewish school in the community yet. Samuel graduated from the Normal School, becoming thus an elementary school teacher, and then he continued another 3 years to be able to teach literature in high schools. He worked in the Teachers' Library. Samuel went later on to visit an uncle who was very influential in his life. The uncle lived in Chile. Samuel ended up marrying his cousin and lived in Chile for the next 30 years. He had one child, Leon. Eventually, he returned to Argentina.

Glusberg, at age 20, was a witness in the "Tragic Week" in Argentina, when a pogrom of the Jews ensued. Sometimes, he used a pseudonym: Enrique Espinoza

Writer, journalist, historian, editor, essayist, secretary of the Writers' Guild, one of the founders of Hebraica, a Jewish cultural and sports center.

Yiddish newspapers mentioned: "Di Yiddishe Tzaitung" and "Di Presse". Popular magazines mentioned: "Sur" and "Davar".

Because of his many endeavors in the different fields named above, Glusberg knew or befriended many writers, activists, poets and politicians known world-wide and, of course, in Argentina. A list follows:

Mariat

Leopoldo Lugones (poet, and active in the intellectual section of the League of Nations)

Ruben Dario

Americo Ghioldi

Fermin Estrella Gutierrez

Alberto Gerchunoff

Angel Gallardo

Leon Kibrik

Salomon Resnik

Juan B. Justo

Sebrelli

Mario Bravo

Aaron Beilis

Pinie Wald

Arturo Cancela

Jose Ingenieros

Horacio Quiroga

Manuel Bronstein

Gabriela Mistral poet, and active in the intellectual section of the League of Nations)

Luis Franco

Edmundo Guibur

Gonzalez Herrera

Julio Cortazar

Arturo Capdevila

Ezequiel Martinez Estrada

Borges

Cesar Tiempo

Grunberg

Felix Lima

Pablo Neruda

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