

P.S. our letters crossed you should get one at Home.

KING DAVID HOTEL



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Hi!

BOB GERTNER

28 August

Your letter of the 25th was most interesting. The Gertners that came to the U.S.A. did very well. One of my N.Y. optical suppliers gave me the address of a Gertner on 42nd St. - has a clothing store. It also saw a sign in Lincoln Center of a Gertner mid. I spoke to both parties it seems as tho their parents came from Roumania but were deceased and they knew nothing - didn't know the city or could remember uncles aunts etc.

I was very active in Bonefrenchal V.F. and Jewish War Vets. I was Commander of my local Post State Commandant held a Regional + Nat'l office in S.W.V. about a year ago I noticed in a Nat'l magazine a Gertner from Texas (Houston) in the Christmas business who was a Post Commander. I dropped him a line similar to yours to California but I received no response. There is also a Gertner ^{mid.} in Miami Beach but I haven't looked him up. There is one conclusion
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Ghertners were as numerous in Roumania
as Cohens are in this country.

My son, the professor (Michael) is the
real historian, not me, du fait last
year the Linguistic Society of America
communicated with him while he was
in Israel they had called me & I gave
them Bob's address on Clumbled & they
wrote him an offer of a job in Bucharest
doing research & teaching but it was
only for 9 months & the offer from the Un.
of Cincinnati was for 2 years with better
future prospects. We wanted him to take
the offer from Roumania but he chose
the other for many reasons. Michael had
the unique privilege of turning down 3
jobs while many PhDs in his field are still
looking for jobs for more than a year.
A word to the wise - touring & seeing Israel
is much more interesting than looking for
relatives particularly to the women & kids so
when your time is so limited,
all the Gertners originally spelled it Ghertner
without the "h" in Roumanian, Michael says it
it is pronounced "g".

Best Regards
Ben