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Sarah Poewe (front) contemplates her fourth place finish in the 100 meter breast stroke in Sydney, Australia at the 2000 Summer Olympics. Behind Sarah is the gold medal winner, Megan Quann of the USA.

Olympic Dreams

Sarah Poewe did what probably no other descendant of **Miriam** and **Mordecai Schattil** have even thought about: competing in the Olympics.

Sarah came close to a medal by finishing fourth in the 100 meter breast stroke. She was narrowly beaten by fellow South African, Penny Heyns, who finished with the Bronze medal. Sarah made international news by finishing first in the semifinals.

Sarah also finished sixth in the 200 meter breast stroke and raced on the South African women's medley relay team and finished fifth.

At 17, Sarah has the 2004 and possibly the 2008 Olympics ahead.

Sarah was born March 3, 1983 in Cape Town, the daughter of **Lorrain** and **Reinhardt Poewe**. Her grandparents were **Minnie (Schattil)** and **Harry Stoch**.



Family Newsletter

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Up to 40 family members to meet at reunion

It's not too late to join the 30 to 40 relatives who will be attending the first reunion of the descendants of Mordecai and Miriam Shattil.

On October 20, 21, and 22, family members will descend upon Oakland, California to meet, renew acquaintances, exchange family lore, cavort among the redwoods, nosh delicious comestibles, and toast our ancestors, cousins, and descendants.

Four events scheduled over the three days will include time for a family portrait, story telling, demographic research, and sharing family photos.

Those planning to attend were mailed maps and schedules of the

activities. Last minute guests are welcome. For information on where and when the events will be held,

contact the Reunion Committee, c/o Ron Shattil, (510)482-0340, ron@shattil.com.

Is there a doctor in the House of Shattil?

You bet! There are enough of them so they could have their own reunion. Our count is ten, but it is possible we may have missed a few. If so, let us know.

You will meet several of them in Oakland later this month. We have highlighted those attending with an asterisk.

So let us introduce you to our international roster of Docs.

- Daniel Dubowitz**
- David Dubowitz**
- Gerald Dubowitz**
- ***Leslie Dubowitz**
- ***Victor Dubowitz**
- ***Phillipa Newfield**
- ***Norman Price**

Jean-Claude Poewe (pre-med student)

- ***Clive Schwartz**
- ***Sanford Shattil**

Victor Dubowitz becomes village chief



By Victor Dubowitz

As founder of the world muscle society in 1995 and currently still its president, I organized a special millennium fifth annual congress at Kruger Park in July, which despite numerous headaches on the way, proved a tremendous success in the end.

The local organizers, keen to do something unique, organized the banquet at a nearby Shangaan village presided over by the local chief. The first picture is of me with the chief. Things took a surprise turn in the course of the evening when the chief abdicated for the evening in favour of the president, and handed over his traditional leopard skin regalia. See second picture.

As pliny the elder said, *ex africa semper aliquid novi*.





Dan Shattil holding son Matthew.

Dan Shatil holding granddaughter Laya Elana.

Seeing Double Dans

By Dan Shattil and Dan Shatil

Last month, my sister Wendy received an e-mail from me. But it wasn't me. It was from Dan Shatil (one "t"). I'm Dan Shattil (two "t's"). This "other" Dan had heard about Wendy's web site and being curious about the name, contacted her.

"Until a few days ago I was sure that I was the only "Shatil" on the continent," he wrote.

"I have to admit that it was spooky to find there are other Shattils around, but to find that there is another Dan Shattil, I am not sure the world can take such joy!!"

Even though we haven't yet found a direct relation to us, the two Dans could well be distant cousins. The "other" Dan's ancestors came from just south of Lithuania, from Hoschtz, in the Volin district of the Ukraine. That would not be too far from where Mordecai and Miriam Schattil lived.

His grandfather was Eliyahu Schtil. He emigrated to Israel in the early 30's and made a slight change to the name to give it a Hebrew connotation to Shatil (meaning a young tree or a plant).

Coincidentally, the "other" Dan's father's name was Mordechy.

"My father had three sisters:

Shoshanah, Itah & Rivka. My Dad just passed away in February at the good old age of 90. Shoshana passed away a few years before and Rivka just joined him a month after his death. Itah is still alive and living in Afula.

"My Dad became a construction man on his arrival in Israel and was a pioneer in building many of the kibutzim and the whole infrastructure for the Izrael, Beit She'an and Jordan valleys.

"My mother Leah's family came from Rovno which is on the Russian side and part of Beulo Russia. Her maiden name was Kolkowski. She still has two sisters alive in Israel."

The Dan with two "t's" was born Sept. 3, 1955 in Chicago. His parents are Siegfried and Arlene Shattil. His grandparents were Julius and Ann Shattil.

The "other" Dan was born on Nov 11, 1942 in Afula, Israel (then Palestine). He attended the University of Western Ontario in London for six years obtaining a BA in Zoology (the plan was for him to get to veterinary school), BS in Anatomy, Health Sciences (majoring in human cytogenetics), a year graduate work in social sciences and finally getting a Masters degree in Environmental Engineering.

"I worked for the province of

Ontario in Canada in the Ministry of the Environment for over 25 years. Because of the right wing government and its anti-environmental policies, I took an early retirement to live on my 150 acre farm which I am turning into a nature reserve and hoping to develop as a retreat for people who seek more spiritual life and to be more harmonious with the natural environment."

The farm is close to the Niagara escarpment below the base of the Bruce Peninsula. Some of the headwaters for the Big Head river that flows to Meaford, on Georgian Bay, is on the property.

"Alon is my young son who was born in London, Ontario April 25, 1971. Sari Stone, his wife was born in London as well. They had a new baby daughter born last Jan 22 named after my mother, Laya, with a second name Elana (a female tree) to mark her part of the Shatil family and being born on the Tu Bishvat holiday, the special tree planting national day in Israel."

"My daughter Daleet was born on July 16, 1968. She is now married to Mitch Abramovitch (who was born in Montreal) and they live in New Market, just north of Toronto."

Both Dan's children's names are derived from the Hebrew meaning of "Shatil." Alon means an oak tree, Daleet is the tendril that provides support for the vines of the grape branches.

"I have two siblings: A brother, Uri (June 10, 1937) and a younger sister Hayuta (August 1, 1949). Uri is married to Tana, they have four kids: Irit with two children Amit (girl) & Aviv (boy); Ravit is married to David (Dudik) Klachuck with three daughters called: Tal, Ziv & Chen; Zohar who just finished a job in the Chicago area and returned to Israel; and a son Oren who just started working for El Al Airlines in Germany."

Uri lives with his family in Moshav Merhavia and operates a huge green house with flowers for export to Europe. Tana is a chief midwife at the regional hospital in Afula and helps greatly with the huge flower operation. They have about 20 Thai workers working for them on special arrangements with the government.

Hayuta lives with her partner

Moshe in Tiv'on with their daughter Na'ama. Hayuta is an environmental planner which she switched to from social work after a visit with me in Canada. She is now in private practice in an architectural firm. Moshe is a director of educational programs for the Israeli Ministry of Agriculture.

Dan Shatil's interests are in tuned with several other Shattils. He's been an avid Israeli folk dancer for over 40 years of which ten included international. He is now switching more to free style dancing and yoga. In the past four years he has danced in Israel every winter/spring for five-to-ten weeks at a time.

"After many years of being an 'environmentalist' and an activist in 'alternatives' (I was on the board of directors of the 'Canadian Society of Environmental Biologists,' the 'Solar Energy Society of Canada', and presided over an organization that I started myself called 'Ateed Center for Environmental Communities'), I realized that one cannot change the world, but one can change oneself and set an example for others.

"I spend a lot of time in contemplation and learning to be quiet and in peace with myself, nature and the people in my life. I see the farm as a land that I am a guardian for, a property that can provide a safe environment for myself and other people to go through transitions, to become more aware and feel satisfied with who I am and to learn to live with less and yet live fuller life, vibrational life, connected to God - nature - people.

"There is a large steel barn on the property and I hope to develop it into a retreat center, but not focused on generating income but to facilitate renewed awareness in natural healing and spiritual values. I am returning most of the farm into nature and plan to practice ecological gardening. I am vegetarian at home and open to other foods when I am off the farm."

We might investigate using DNA testing to determine if we're related. But no matter the results, both Dans can easily fit into this family.



Top: The Shatil siblings. From left, Uni, Hayuta and Dan. Aug. 1996.

Upper left: Daleet and Mitch holding Laya. Summer, 2000.

Middle right: Alon and Sari with daughter Laya Elana. Summer, 2000

Bottom right. Dan, right, with father, Mordechy. 1995.