



FAMILY ARTICLE

TEACHER GUIDE

THE GUMPERTZES

WHO THEY ARE

The Gumpertz family lived at 97 Orchard Street in the 1870s and 1880s. At this time, the neighborhood was called Kleindeutschland or “Little Germany.” When the Gumpertz family began to struggle financially, they were able to reach out to their community for help. In 1874, when Julius deserted the family, Natalie received help from her neighbors and family. In addition to the community support around her, Natalie had to find work to pay rent and buy food for her children. By the 1880s, Natalie becomes a dressmaker in addition to helping maintain her home and family. As her children got older, they would have been able to help their mother out, too!

PRIMARY SOURCES

1 1870 Census

This document lists a selection of families, alphabetically, that lived in 97 Orchard Street in 1870. Highlighted in yellow is the Gumpertz family — Julius, Natalia (Natalie), Rosa, and Nanny. Age, sex, race, occupation, and place of birth are categories filled in for the individuals on this document.

Questions for Student Exploration

- *Can you find the Gumpertz family on the census? Who is part of this family?*
- *Where were Julius and Natalia (Natalie) born? Where were their children born?*
- *What are some of the jobs that people have listed on this census?*

2 United Hebrew Charity Ledger

Sometime in the early 1870s, the Gumpertz family and many others fell on hard times and reached out to their community for help. The United Hebrew Charities provided aid to the German Jewish community in New York City, and kept a record of those who requested help. This document lists the names, addresses, monetary gift, and situations of the families that reached out for aid.

Questions for Student Exploration

- *Why are some of these families asking for help?*
- *How do you think people felt asking for help from this charity?*
- *If you were the charity organization, how would you make a decision about who should get help?*



PRIMARY SOURCES

3 1880 Census

This document lists a selection of families, alphabetically, that lived in 97 Orchard Street in 1880. The Gumpertz family looks a little bit different, as an additional child was born, and Julius left. In addition, Natalie (Natalia) is listed as a dress maker.

Questions for Student Exploration

- *In what ways is the Gumpertz family different between the 1870 and 1880 census records?*
- *What do you think Rosa, Nancy, and Ulka do during the day?*
- *Now that Natalia (Natalie) is listed as a Dress Maker, who do you think is taking care of the house?*

READING ACTIVITIES

Comprehension Questions

- Where is Natalie from and when did she immigrate?
- What country were most people from that lived in the Lower East Side when Natalie moved in?
- How many daughters did Natalie and Julius have?
- Where did the Gumpertz family go for help when Julius couldn't find a job?
- What changed for the family in 1874?
- What job did Natalie do to earn money for her family?
- Why did Natalie decide to leave Kleindeutschland?

Your Turn / Thinking Questions

ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE

- What will Natalie's needs be when she moves to New York City? How can moving to Kleindeutschland help her meet those needs? Do you think there could be any disadvantages to living in Kleindeutschland?
- Is there anyone else you think Natalie and Julius could have asked for help?
- How did Natalie rely on her community to get help after Julius left?

ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE

- Have you ever had to ask for help? What does that feel like?



WRITING ACTIVITIES

- 1 Imagine you are Natalie. You'd like to write a thank you note to your community for helping you after Julius disappeared. You can use your imagination, but make sure to include information from the story, photographs and primary sources. Include the following information in your note:
 - *How did you feel after Julius left?*
 - *What was the first thing you worried about?*
 - *What are 3–4 specific tasks your neighbors helped you with?*
 - *How did you feel after you got help?*
 - *How are you doing now after the help?*

- 2 How does living in Kleindeutschland help Natalie build a life in the United States? In your answer, choose two different examples and use evidence from the text and primary sources.

GLOSSARY

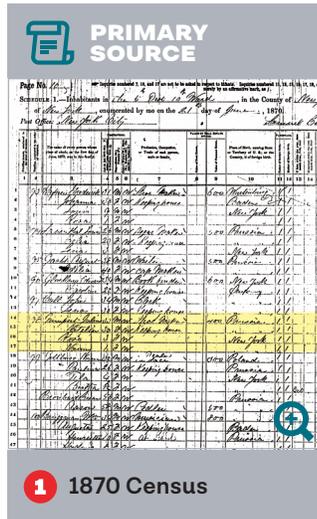
RESTRICT	(v.) to stop a person or people from getting something.
SALOON	(n.) a bar where you can buy drinks and food and hang out with friends.
JEWISH	(adj.) a word that describes a person or a practice that relates to the religion of Judaism.
SYNAGOGUE	(n.) a place of worship for Jewish people to practice the religion of Judaism.
ECONOMY	(n.) a system of managing community resources, including money.
CHARITY	(n.) an organization that provides help to people.
LANDLORD	(n.) a person who is in charge of an apartment building and collects rents from tenants.
DESERT	(v.) to leave or abandon.
LOAN	(v.) to give someone money with the expectation that they will return the money when they can.



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THE STORY

THE GUMPERTZES



A German Neighborhood

Natalie Gumpertz immigrated to New York City from a part of Germany called Prussia in 1858 when she was 22 years old. People were leaving Germany because there weren't enough jobs and many didn't agree with the government. Natalie came to New York before Ellis Island was open and before there were any laws that **restricted** immigrants from moving to the United States. After she sailed across the ocean for about six weeks on a ship, she entered New York through the bottom of Manhattan and made her way to the Lower East Side of Manhattan as soon as she could.

The Lower East Side of Manhattan at this time was called "Kleindeutschland," which means Little Germany. In this neighborhood, Natalie heard people speaking German, and saw German words on store signs. She might stroll through the market and see ingredients she recognized from home. From the shops and **saloons** she might smell pretzels, sausages, sauerkraut, and other German foods. Natalie was **Jewish** and there were **synagogues** to practice her religion. Natalie had two cousins that already immigrated to the neighborhood that helped her find somewhere to live and introduced her to people to build friendships. Not long after Natalie arrived, she met the man she would marry, Julius Gumpertz. Natalie and Julius built a family together at 97 Orchard Street in Kleindeutschland.

YOUR TURN What will Natalie's needs be when she moves to New York City? How can moving to Kleindeutschland help her meet those needs? Do you think there could be any disadvantages to living in Kleindeutschland?



Life in the 1870s

Natalie and Julius made a home for themselves and their three daughters, Rosa, Nanny, and Olga, in an apartment at 97 Orchard Street. The three girls were all under the age of ten and wouldn't start school until the age of eight. They were at home with their mother. The girls spent some time playing at home and some time helping Natalie take care of the home. In the Gumpertz family kitchen, there was no sink, no refrigerator and no stove that turned on automatically. Perhaps, on a summer day, Natalie and the girls went to the market in the morning to buy the ingredients for "heaven and earth," a dish of apples and potatoes. In German, she would tell 7-year old Rosa to take her baby sister, Olga, with her to the rear yard where she could rinse the apples and potatoes. Upstairs in the apartment, Natalie began to sweat as



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she started a fire with coal in the stove. Maybe she heated up her iron to iron some of the girls' clothes before Rosa brought the ingredients back to start cooking. At the same time, Natalie was trying to make sure 5-year old Nanny stayed out of the way of the hot stove.

While Natalie and the girls worked very hard at home, Julius earned money to make sure they had enough to buy food and pay their rent. Unfortunately, Julius was having a difficult time getting work that paid enough money. Many people in the United States were losing their jobs at this time because the **economy** was not doing well. The Gumpertz family needed to ask for help. They went to a **charity** called the United Hebrew Charities to ask for a little bit of money and were given 5 dollars, which at the time, was enough to help them pay their rent and buy food.

YOUR TURN *Is there anyone else you think Natalie and Julius could have asked for help?*

Have you ever had to ask for help? What does that feel like?



PRIMARY SOURCE

2 United Hebrew Charity Ledger.

A Difficult Time for the Family

In the year 1874, when Rosa was 7, Nanny was 5 and Olga was 3, their father, Julius disappeared. Natalie and her neighbors, including her **landlord**, searched all over for Julius, but they were unable to find him. Julius **deserted** the family and Natalie needed to figure out how to run the house and make enough money to live.

Getting Back on Their Feet

Who could Natalie turn to for help? Perhaps she knocked on the doors of her neighbors in 97 Orchard Street more often and asked them to look after her children while she cared for the home. Maybe her neighbors knew of Natalie's situation and offered her home cooked meals or to take a few pieces of her laundry while they did their own. Natalie's cousins might have helped as well by taking care of the children or even **loaning** her some money at first.



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Natalie also needed to find a way to make money for the family. Since she had young children, the best idea was to do something from home. Maybe Natalie went to the United Hebrew Charities again and asked for a sewing machine. Eventually, Natalie started making dresses to sell. In between cooking, cleaning, caring for the children, and dressmaking, Natalie slept very little. Perhaps during this difficult time, she watched her daughters play together with dolls she made from fabric scraps and felt inspired to keep working towards a more hopeful future.

YOUR TURN *How did Natalie rely on her community to get help after Julius left?*



PRIMARY SOURCE

3 1880 Census.

After 97 Orchard Street

In the year 1886, the family decided to move out of Kleindeutschland to another neighborhood in the Upper East Side of New York City, called Yorkville. By 1886, many Germans had left Kleindeutschland, and another group of immigrants were moving into the neighborhood. They were coming from Russia and Eastern Europe, and just like the German immigrants were looking for others who spoke their language and shared their culture and religion.

We have one photograph of Natalie Gumpertz that she took in the year 1890. It may have been the first photograph she ever took. After Natalie passed away, her daughters got married and had children. Then, those children had children, and their children had children. Today, the great-great-great grandchildren of Natalie are young adults!

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Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be asked in respect to all persons, and are to be answered merely by an affirmative mark, as follows:

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in the 5th Dist. 10th Ward, in the County of New York of New York, enumerated by me on the 21st day of June, 1870.

Post Office: New York City

1	2	3	4			7	9		10	11-15				
			4	5	6		8	9		11	12	13	14	15
Serial number of household	Family name	Name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family	Age of each person on the first day of June, 1870	Sex	Color	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female	Value of Real Estate owned	Value of Personal Estate	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth	Number of foreign birth	Number of foreign birth	If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	Estimated value of real estate owned
73	Wagner	Frederick	51	M	W	Shoe Maker	600		Prussia	1	1			
		Emma	36	F	W	Keeping house			Prussia	1	1			
		Joseph	9	M	W				New York	1	1			
		Rosa	1	F	W				New York	1	1			
74	Wagner	John	26	M	W	Shoe Maker	500		Prussia	1	1			
		Julia	20	F	W	Keeping house			New York	1	1			
		Anna	3	F	W				New York	1	1			
75	Wagner	August	38	M	W	Writer	500		Prussia	1	1			
		Natalia	40	F	W	cap. Maker			Prussia	1	1			
96	Glockner	Edward	54	M	W	Book binder	600		New York	1	1			
		Caroline	22	F	W	Keeping house			Prussia	1	1			
77	Wagner	John	34	M	W	Book			New York	1	1			
		Anna	30	F	W	Keeping house			New York	1	1			
78	Gumpertz	Julius	1	M	W	Shoe Maker	400		Prussia	1	1			
		Natalia	30	F	W	Keeping house			New York	1	1			
		Rosa	3	F	W				New York	1	1			
		Nanny	1	F	W				New York	1	1			
79	Glockner	Thomas	32	M	W	ind. labor	500		Poland	1	1			
		Paulina	26	F	W	Keeping house			Prussia	1	1			
		John	4	M	W				New York	1	1			
		Brother	7	M	W				New York	1	1			
		Brother	5	M	W				New York	1	1			
		Brother	5	M	W				Prussia	1	1			Oct
		Baron	58	M	W	Police	500		New York	1	1			
100	Wagner	Wm	34	M	W	American	800		New York	1	1			
		Augusta	25	F	W	Keeping house			Prussia	1	1			
		Hansetta	10	F	W	at school			Prussia	1	1			
		Hedwig	8	F	W				New York	1	1			
		William	6	M	W				New York	1	1			
		Christian	4	M	W				New York	1	1			
101	Wagner	Wm	48	M	W	Shoemaker	300		New York	1	1			
		Caroline	40	F	W	Keeping house			New York	1	1			
		Charles	20	M	W	Shoemaker			New York	1	1			
		John	17	M	W				New York	1	1			
		William	13	M	W				New York	1	1			
		John	7	M	W				New York	1	1			
		Robert	3	M	W				New York	1	1			
		Robert	1	M	W				New York	1	1			
102	Wagner	Wm	30	M	W	Shoemaker	700		England	1	1			
		Caroline	25	F	W	Keeping house			New York	1	1			
103	Wagner	Wm	45	M	W	Shoemaker	200		New York	1	1			

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For the Address of 97 Orchard Street

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5	Laventhal, Louis	26	M	W	Segar Maker		500	Prussia				
6	Celia	23	F	W	Keeping House			Prussia				
7	Lena	3	F	W				New York				
8	Garbe, Edward	38	M	W	Waiter		500	Prussia				
9	Adelia	40	F	W	Cap Maker			Prussia				
10	Glockner, Edward	34	M	W	Bookbinder		600	New York				
11	Caroline	22	F	W	Keeping House			Saxony				
12	Cull, John	34	M	W	Clerk			Saxony				
13	Lena	30	F	W	Keeping House			Saxony				
14	Gumpertz, Julius	33	M	W	Shoe Maker		400	Prussia				
15	Natalia	30	F	W	Keeping House			Prussia				
16	Rosa	3	F	W				New York				
17	Nanny	1	F	W				New York				
18	Gottberg, Norman	32	M	W	Dealer in Lace		300	Poland				
19	Pauline	26	F	W	Keeping House			Prussia				
20	Tila	4	F	W				New York				
21	Bertha	8/12	F	W				New York				
22	Brouhard, Susan	56	F	W				Prussia				
23	Aaron	58	M	W	Peddler		500	Prussia				
24	Bruggman, William	34	M	W	Musician		800	Prussia				
25	Augusta	25	F	W	Keeps House			Baden				
26	Henrietta	10	F	W	At School			Prussia				
27	Hadwig	8	F	W				Prussia				
28	William	6	M	W				Prussia				
29	Christina	4	F	W				Prussia				
30	Schafer, Adolfus	48	M	W	Keeps Shooting Gallery		300	New York				
31	Evelin	40	F	W				New York				



1871 Feb 3 NY 175	Galland Isaac & Meriana	
1871 Sept 5 NY 233	Goldsmith Sol. & Hansche 185. Livingston St.	
1871 Aug 1 NY 715	Goldstein Friele 77 Grand St. husband in Sanj's Enj	
1871 May 2 NY 414	Glasser Sarah W. 768 8 th Avenue 773	
1871 Feb 27 NY 61	Glynsky Aaron & Blume 66 Grand St.	
1871 July 3 NY 72	Gilbat Nathan & Hannah 224 8 th St. 90 Rulpa St. immigrant	
1871 Jan 1 NY 391	Gumpertz Julius & Rosalia 97 Orchard St. assist only occasional	
1873 Aug 1 NY 706	Goldsmith Morris & Annie 36 Clinton St. have been sent here from England 5 children, poor & need assistance	
1873 Oct 2 NY 709	Goldstein Dina 62 Baxter St. Woman sickly & child deserted by husband, recommended to assist	
1873 Oct 6 NY 709	Goldstein Leopold & Sarah 13 Forsyth St. have just arrived in the County recommended to give them \$4. to buy some notion, to give them a shield	
1873 Aug 1 NY 715	Goldberg David Leo 25 E. Broadway have a boy with 9 months with dropsy have spend everything before applying for charity, very respectable and deserving	
1873 July 3 NY 720	Goldstein Hyman & Sarah 33 Forsyth St. man sick on M. I. Hospital very respectable, deserves assistance until well, able to get boy if well	
1871 Feb 27 NY 274	Greenblatt Sarah 106 Delancey St. deserted by husband, deserve assistance	
1871 Feb 27 NY 61	Gilberman Fiea 76 Eldrige, at Mulberry St. came here to look for husband & child from and deserve assistance, immigrant	
1872 July 3 NY 72	Silman Phoebe & Marx 46 Forsyth St. 2 1/2 floor man taller, supported his family became crazy, distract every thing and run off, 8 children 10. 7. 4. 2. very poor & helpless, deserves assistance	
1871 Jan 1 NY 391	Goldberg Isaacman 109 Canal St. one daughter with heart exam- \$14 - per week, fix as to old to work deserve assistance	

Sometime in the early 1870s, the Gumpertz family and many others didn't have enough money to survive and needed help. The United Hebrew Charities provided help to the German Jewish community in New York City. They kept a record of all the people who asked for help, which we can read now.



Portion of UHC ledger, 1870-1873

Name	Address	\$	Comments
Gallard Isaac + Meriana			
Goldstein Friede	77 Bayard St		Husband in Sing Sing
Goldsmith Sol. +Hansche	185 Rivington	5	
Gullman Sarah Wd	E 45th St.		
Glasgow Sarah Wd	8 5 Avenue 773	2	
Glazinsky Aaron + Blume	66 Bayard	1	
Gilbert Nathan +Hannah	90 Ridge St.	4	<u>Investigate</u>
Gumperts Julius + Rosalia	97 Orchard St.	5	Assist only occasionalle
Goldsmith Marvis + Anni	36 Clinton St.	4	Have been send home from England 5 children, poor, need assistance
Golden Dina	62 Baxter St.		Woman sickly + child deserted by husband recommend to assist
Goldstein Leopold + Sarah	13 Forsyth St		Have just arrived in the country recommend to give them \$4 to buy some (ration?) to give them (a start?)
Goldberg David Leo	25 E. Broadway	5	Have a Boy sick 9 months with surgery have spend everything before applying for charity, very respectable and deserving.
Goldstein, Hyman + Sarah	33 Forsyth	5	Man sick in M S Hospital 3 children very respectable deserves assistance until well, able to get along if well
Greenblatt Sarah	106 Delancey	2 - 4	Deserted by husband, deserve assistance
Gilberman Fiza	76 Eldridge	4	Came here to look for husband, 4 children, poor and deserves assistance. <u>Investigate</u>
Gilman Phoebe + Marx	46 Forsyth St.	3	Man Tailor, supported his family. Became crazy, destroit everything and run off, 8 children 10.4.6.2.8.6.3.2 very poor and helpless deserves assistance
Goldberg Herman	49 Canal St	3	One daughter sells haute corn \$4 per month, he is to old to work deserve assistance



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5	Blum, Jacob	W	M	34		X		Kapp Maker									Russia
6	Ester	W	F	32		X		Keeping House									Russia
7	Max	W	M	14	X			Cash Boy					X				Russia
9	Annie	W	F	12	X			At School					X				N.Y.
10	Nettie	W	F	10	X			At School					X				N.Y.
11	Frieda	W	F	6	X												N.Y.
12	Sarah	W	F	4	X												N.Y.
13	Louise	W	F	2	X												N.Y.
14	Cohn, Cicilia	W	F	60			X	Keeping House									Prussia
15	Solky, Edward	W	M	26	X			Engraver									N.Y.
16	George	W	M	22	X			Book Keeper									N.Y.
17	Solky, Bertha	W	F	23	X			Cook									Prussia
18	Menke, Alen	W	M	27		X		Tailor									Prussia
19	Johanna	W	F	24		X		Keeping House									Prussia
20	Hatty	W	F	16	X												N.Y.
21	Braun, Eva	W	F	19	X			Keeping House									Prussia
22	Grunbrag, Minnie	W	F	25	X			Keeping House									N.Y.
23	Rosa	W	F	23	X			Dress Maker									N.Y.
24	Finkelstein, Rosa	W	F	50			X	Keeping House									Prussia
25	Sarona	W	F	16	X			Tailor Operator									Prussia
26	Lippmann, Izydor	W	M	24		X		Tailor							X	X	Prussia
27	Mina	W	F	28		X		Keeping House									Prussia
28	Leo	W	M	5	X												N.Y.
29	Rosa	W	F	1	X												N.Y.
30	Gumpertz, Natalia	W	F	45			X	Dress Maker									Prussia
31	Rosa	W	F	13	X			At School					X				N.Y.
32	Nancy	W	F	11	X			At School					X				N.Y.
33	Ulka	W	F	8	X			At School					X				N.Y.



This is a picture of 97 Orchard Street where Natalie lived with her family.



The Gumpertz kitchen. There was no sink, no refrigerator and no stove that turned on automatically.



The Gumpertz parlor or what we would call a living room. Natalie used her parlor to make dresses to sell.



Natalie Gumpertz in 1894.



Natalie's daughter, Olga.



Natalie's granddaughter, Natalie.



Natalie's great grandson and great great grandson.



Natalie's great great great grandchildren!