

## PLACES IN “THE BIG STORE”

Gastronom Odessa  
Sidewalk café and social club

Golden Key  
1067 Brighton Beach Avenue  
Russian market with fancy old world candies

The National  
273 Brighton Beach Avenue  
Fancy restaurant with performers, fancy, gold and glamour, expensive, Russians-only, floor show, “queen for the evening” contest

Café Arbat  
306 Brighton Beach Avenue  
Been around forever, old guy knows everybody

Rasputin  
2670 Coney Island Avenue  
BYOB, drunken antics, cheap women in fake diamonds and fake tans, DJ Pushkin, owned by Zilber

Chicken masters  
1204 Avenue Z  
Chicken shack

Astoria Federal Savings and Loan  
489 Neptune Ave

Gravesend Auto Enterprise  
2522 W 3rd St

Ogoz Ozkal, Barber  
189 Neptune Ave

Friendly Cleaners  
8089 Avenue X

[Efin Berezhansky Barber Shop](#)  
3072 Brighton 2nd St

Marina's Magic Clothing Maintenance  
3085 Brighton 5th St

Super Tan  
2685 Coney Island Avenue

Boardwalk Pest Control  
60 Brighton 11th St

Neptune Shell service station and garage  
359 Neptune Ave

[Guarino Matteo Funeral](#) Home  
2625 Harway Ave

LF Auto Corporation  
2831 W 8th St

The Marlboro Projects, Brooklyn, to the north

## **ORGANIZATSIYA**

Marat Balagula, in Lewisville Federal Penitentiary in PA

Monya Elson, The Boss  
Oleg Zapinakmine, Elson's bodyguard

Benjamin Nayfeld, Soviet Olympic team, picked a guy up and dropped him on his knife in front of 18 witnesses, lunatic.

Boris Nayfeld, superstitious Russians say his eyes are pure white – possessed by the devil

Vyacheslav Lyubarsky, small time jewel thief and chronic gambler

Igor Roizman, associate in charge of gas tax fraud

Detective-Investigator Kevin Turner, NYPD 60<sup>th</sup> Precinct, runner, bodyguard, and bag man  
Sergeant

Sergeant Tappan Romaine, NYPD 60<sup>th</sup> precinct, bought and paid for

## **ZILBER'S MOB**

Vladimir Zilber, shotgun wound to the face, brain damaged, sits on the boardwalk, live-in whore  
Owns RASPUTIN restaurant, gaudy and expensive

Igor Porotsky, sidekick loyal to Marat, eager to bring down Balagula, runs things

Sheldon Levine, American jewish thug and informant  
Emile Puzyretsky, scariest enforcer, 12 years in GULAG, loves his knife, loyal to Zilber

## **THE ITALIANS**

"Joe Glitz" Glizia, Genovese crime family liaison with Russians  
Danny pagano, soldier  
Laurence Galizia, his son and a up and coming soldier

Dr. Larissa Blinkin, saved Evsei Agron's life in 1984

## **GOLDBERG GANG**

Free wheelin outsiders, dangerous lunatics

Boris Goldberg, Israeli army veteran and gangster  
David "Napoleon" Shuster, best pickpocket in Brighton Beach  
Tonia Biggs, Goldberg's penthouse girlfriend

Rainbow Amusements in Brooklyn, kiddie rides  
Heroin importer

## **CON MEN**

Two Russian emigre brothers, Michael and David Smushkevich  
Medical fraud, mobile wellness vans, billing Medicaid for bogus tests. Millionaires.

## **CRIMES**

A cell phone scanner to collect cell phone numbers from cars passing on their way to JFK, 80K phone numbers

Protection/Extortion

Jewelry theft

Gambling, Off track betting scams, illegal three card monte and dice

Money laundering

Prostitution/international sex trade

Auto theft

A collection of Ukrainians and Western Russians specializes in auto theft. Younger members steal vehicles and take them to chop shops operated by older members. Stolen auto parts are used to reconstruct cars bought from salvage yards. Vehicles are often taken out of state and re-registered, or are shipped out of the country through Newark NJ, and other cities where they are sold for huge profits in Europe and Russia.

Confidence games/boardwalk grifting/short con

Drug smuggling

Counterfeiting

Credit card fraud

Insurance and Medical fraud

Fuel tax fraud

\* Various fuel fraud schemes have been run by Russian and Ukrainian gangs. The operations involve the control of diesel fuel wholesale distributors and independent filling stations, watering down fuel sold to the public and skimming profits, and complex fuel tax frauds, including falsifying state and federal tax forms by means of sham companies.

## WORDS TO KNOW

Shabashniki: Self-employed. Criminal entrepreneurs.

Vor V Zakone: Thieves-in-Law, career criminals with a code.

Organizatsiya: Jewish-Russian mob in Brooklyn

Fenya: Thieves' cant, secret language

Bychara: Redneck

Suka: Bitch

Mudack: Dumbass (Moo-Duck)

Yeb vas: Fuck off!

Pidar Gnoinyi: Man willingly used as a woman

Pizdetc: Utter fiasco

Prostrat: To lose, lose a game

Svoloch: bastard

Eb Tvoju Mat: I have fucked your mother

Ment: Cop (don't say it to his face unless he's tied up)

Na Khuy: To hell with it

Ne Ebet: I don't give a fuck

Khueplet: Dick-weaver

## CODE OF THE VOR

- Forsake his relatives -- father, brothers, sisters...
- Not have a family of his own -- no wife, no children; this does not however, preclude him from having a lover.
- Never, under any circumstances work, no matter how much difficulty this brings; live only on means gleaned from theft. Violent crimes and sex crimes are strongly frowned upon and may endanger a *vor's* status. Arms smuggling and drug trafficking are considered a form of commerce and are therefore incompatible with the status of a thief in law.
- Help other thieves -- both by moral and material support, utilizing the commune of thieves.
- Keep secret information about the whereabouts of accomplices (i.e. dens, districts, hideouts, safe apartments, etc.).
- In unavoidable situations (if a thief is under investigation) to take the blame for someone else's crime; this buys the other person time of freedom.
- Demand a convocation of inquiry for the purpose of resolving disputes in the event of a conflict between oneself and other thieves, or between thieves.
- If necessary, participate in such inquiries.
- Carry out the punishment of the offending thief as decided by the convocation.
- Not resist carrying out the decision of punishing the offending thief who is found guilty, with punishment determined by the convocation.
- Have good command of the thieves' jargon ("Fenya").
- Not gamble without being able to cover losses.
- Teach the trade to young beginners.
- Have, if possible, informants from the rank and file of thieves.
- Not lose your reasoning ability when using alcohol.
- Have nothing to do with the authorities, not participate in public activities, nor join any community organizations.
- Not take weapons from the hands of authorities; not serve in the military.
- Make good on promises given to other thieves.

## EASTERN EUROPEAN JEWISH SURNAMES

Aaronovitch	Goldstücker	Rosen
Abramson	Goudsmidt	Rosenblatt
Almond	Gould	Rosenfeld
Baron	Gryngras	Rosenman
Barton	Hecht	Rosenstock
Baumgart	Heller	Rosenthal
Baumgartner	Henrya	Rosenzweig
Berg	Herxheimer	Rosett
Bernstein	Holitscher	Rubin
Biberman	Holland	Sachs
Birnbaum	Kalisch	Safran
Blumberg	Katzman	Scher
Boyewsky	Kaufmann	Schick
Brandys	Kazimierz	Schiff
Buber	Klempel	Schirwindt
Burstein	Kolikov	Shenkar
Chodorkov	Krasner	Shenkin
Creizenach	Kuttner	Shklover
Crystal	Lachmann	Shlonsky
Dartar	Lasal	Slezak
Diamond	Laski	Slonim
Dorfman	Lewandowski	Slutsky
Eger	Lipschitz	Smolensky
Eichenbaum	Loeb	Soloveichik
Einhorn	Mandel	Spector
Erlich	Meier	Stein
Feldman	Milstein	Steinberg
Fijman	Minkowski	Steiner
Frankenberg	Moneystein	Steinthal
Frankenthal	Moscheles	Stieglitz
Galker	Moszkowski	Trachtenberg
Gold	Nadson	Trakiner
Goldberg	Neuman	Trupin
Goldberger	Nussbaum	Twersky
Golden	olshemennikov	Unger
Goldenthal	Pienionzek	Usyshkin
Goldenweiser	Pinsker	Wachsmann
Goldenweiser	Plotkin	Wasser
Golding	Podolski	Wenitzuits
Goldmann	Pust	Wiznitzer
Goldmark	Rabinowitz	Zolanvari
Goldschmidt	Rappaport	Zucker
Goldstein	Rein	

## UKRAINIAN SURNAMES

Adamczak	Dolinski	Kohut	Maruska	Shevchuk
Adamovich	Dolinsky	Kolanko	Maslak	Shostak
Aksamit	Dombrowsky	Koltun	Mastel	Sosna
Anastas	Domitrovich	Komar	Matey	Spivak
Andrich	Dragan	Kosakowski	Matula	Stadnik
Andrick	Dragon	Kosko	Mazur	Starkovich
Antonich	Duch	Kossak	Mazurek	Stasiuk
Archacki	Duda	Kostenko	Medved	Stellmach
Babiak	Dudas	Kostiuk	Michal	Stelmach
Babich	Dudek	Kostyk	Michalko	Stepaniak
Babin	Dudik	Kotlyar	Mihal	Stepanovich
Babyak	Dunay	Koval	Mihalik	Stepanski
Bagan	Dutka	Kovalenko	Mihalko	Stepka
Bazan	Dutko	Kovalik	Mihalovich	Stupak
Bazar	Dzik	Kovalski	Mikita	Sukut
Benko	Dziuba	Kovalsky	Murin	Taran
Bereza	Dziuk	Kowalchuk	Novosel	Taras
Bilak	Evancho	Kozak	Obuchowski	Tkach
Bilicki	Evanko	Kozel	Olejnik	Tkachuk
Bilik	Fallat	Kozlovsky	Olesky	Tokar
Bilinski	Fedak	Kozuch	Olshansky	Tokarski
Bily	Fedor	Krajnik	Ontko	Truss
Bilyk	Fedora	Kramar	Orel	Turchin
Boback	Fedorchak	Kurylo	Orlik	Tutko
Boczar	Fedorka	Kushnir	Osika	Umansky
Bodak	Fedorko	Kuzma	Ostrovsky	Urban
Bodnar	Figura	Kuzmich	Paley	Urbaniak
Bogdanovich	Filas	Kuzminski	Palko	Valis
Bogus	Filipovich	Lach	Panas	Van
Boiko	Franko	Levitsky	Panasuk	Varga
Bomba	Galey	Lipa	Panfil	Vasko
Bondar	Gleba	Lipka	Panko	Vitko
Bondarenko	Gura	Mach	Pasko	Volk
Borsch	Gurka	Machnik	Pasternak	Voloshin
Borsuk	Hawrylak	Macik	Pavelko	Wasco
Bortnick	Hawryluk	Macko	Pavlik	Wasik
Borys	Holda	Mak	Pavlovich	Wasil
Boyko	Holub	Makar	Pavlovsky	Wasko
Bozek	Hudzik	Makowski	Pawluk	Wayda
Brodsky	Iwanicki	Makuch	Pelech	Witko
Buchko	Jangula	Malinowski	Perun	Wolinski
Bucko	Janko	Malinski	Petrenko	Wolinsky
Bula	Kabat	Malinsky	Petrik	Wolsky
Bunda	Kachur	Malis	Petrovich	Wozniak
Burak	Kaluzny	Malko	Petrowski	Wozny
Burda	Kapinos	Marchuk	Poleski	Zaleski
Chaplin	Karliik	Marko	Polsky	Zalesky
Chaplinski	Karmazin	Markoski	Poltorak	Zaretsky
Choma	Karpenko	Markovich	Popik	Zelinski
Chudy	Kazan	Markowski	Rudy	Zlotnik
Chunko	Kitko	Martinka	Rusak	
Chura	Klocko	Martinovich	Ruschak	
Czyz	Klukas	Martyn	Senko	
Demchuk	Kogut	Marusak	Shevchenko	

## RUSSIAN SURNAMES

Abramov	Bushuyev	Kharlamov	Nekrasov	Tarasov
Abramowicz	Buturlin	Khovansky	Nesterov	Tchaikovsky
Afanasyev	Bykov	Kirillov	Nikitin	Terentyev
Afinogenov	Chebotarev	Kiselyov	Nikolayev	Tereshchenko
Agafonov	Cherkasov	Klimov	Nikolsky	Tikhomirov
Akimov	Chernoff	Kobrin	Novikov	Tikhonov
Aksyonov	Chernov	Komarov	Orlov	Timiryazev
Alexandrov	Chernyshyov	Konovalov	Orlovsky	Tkachyov
Alexeyev	Chesnokov	Konstantinov	Osipov	Tokarev
Andreyev	Czajkowski	Kornilov	Ovchinnikov	Tretyakov
Annenkov	Danilov	Korolenko	Ozerov	Tuchkov
Antokolsky	Davidov	Korolyov	Panin	Ulyanov
Antonov	Davydov	Korovin	Pavlov	Uspensky
Apfelbaum	Demidov	Korsakov	Petrenko	Vasilyev
Apraksin	Denisov	Kozlov	Petrov	Vavilov
Argunov	Dmitriev	Kravchenko	Petrovna	Vinogradov
Arkhipov	Dubinin	Krinov	Pirogov	Vishnevsky
Babushkin	Durnovo	Kruglov	Platonov	Vladimirov
Balabanov	Fedotov	Krylov	Pletnyov	Vladimirovich
Barad	Fokin	Kryuchkov	Pokrovsky	Volkov
Baranov	Fomin	Kudryavtsev	Polyakov	Von
Baranowski	Frolov	Kulikov	Ponomaryov	Sternberg
Batusanschi	Fyodorov	Kurakin	Popov	Vorobyov
Baykal	Gagarin	Kuzmin	Prokhorov	Voronin
Bazhenov	Gavrilov	Kuznetsov	Prokofiev	Voronov
Beketov	Gerasimov	Larionov	Rasputin	Vorontsov
Belkin	Glazkov	Lavrov	Repin	Voskresensky
Belousov	Golovin	Lazarev	Romanov	Yablonski
Belov	Golubev	Lebedev	Rumyantsev	Yakovlev
Belyayev	Goncharov	Leontyev	Ryazanov	Yakovleva
Benois	Gorbatov	Losev	Ryzkhov	Yashin
Berezutskiy	Gorbunov	Makarov	Saltykov	Yefimov
Bestuzhev	Gorshkov	Malinovsky	Samoylov	Yegorov
Bobrov	Gorsky	Maltsev	Seleznyov	Yershov
Bogdanov	Grigoriev	Markov	Semyonov	Yudin
Bogoraz	Grigorovich	Martynov	Sergeyev	Yurievsky
Borisov	Gusev	Maslov	Shchedrin	Yuryev
Borodin	Ibragimov	Matveyev	Shcherbakov	Zakharov
Botkin	Ignatov	Maximov	Shubin	Zamenhof
Boyarsky	Ignatyev	Maykov	Sidorov	Zaytsev
Braginsky	Ilyin	Medvedev	Simonov	Zhdanov
Brainin	Ivanov	Melnikov	Slutsky	Zhukov
Brodsky	Izmaylov	Mikhaylov	Smirnov	Zinoviev
Brody	Kabulov	Mironov	Sobolev	Zubov
Brusilov	Kalinin	Mordvinov	Sokolov	Zuyev
Bulatov	Kamenev	Muravyov	Solovyov	
Bulgakov	Kashin	Musin	Sorokin	
Bunin	Kazakov	Naryshkin	Stepanov	
Burago	Kharitonov	Nazarov	Suvorov	

## MALE NAMES

Адам	Adam	Кирилл	Kirill (Cyril)
Адриан	Adrian	Константин	Constantine
Аким	Akim, Joachim	Лев	Lev, Leo
Александр	Aleksander (Alexander)	Леонид	Leonid
Алексей	Alexei	Лука	Luke
Анатолий	Anatole	Максим	Maxim
Андрей	Andrei (Andrew)	Матвей	Matthew
Антон	Anton (Anthony)	Михаил	Mikhail (Michael)
Аркадий	Arkady	Никита	Nikita
Артём	Artyom	Николай	Nikolai (Nicholas)
Артур	Arthur	Олег	Oleg
Афанасий	Athanasys	Павел	Pavel, Paul
Болеслав	Boleslav	Пётр	Peter
Борис	Boris	Порфирий	Porfiry
Вадим	Vadim	Родион	Rodion
Василий	Vasily, Vassili (Basil)	Роман	Roman
Виктор	Victor	Ростислав	Rostislav
Виссарион	Vissarion	Руслан	Ruslan
Владимир	Vladimir	Рюрик	Rurik
Владислав	Vladislav	Святослав	Svyatoslav
Вячеслав	Vyacheslav	Семён	Simon
Георгий	Georgy (George)	Сергей	Sergei, Sergey
Григорий	Grigory (Gregory)	Станислав	Stanislav
Даниил	Daniel	Степан	Steven, Stephen
Денис	Dennis	Фёдор	Fyodor (Theodore)
Дмитрий	Dimitry	Филипп	Filip (Phillip)
Евгений	Yevgeny (Eugene)	Фома	Foma (Thomas)
Иван	Ivan, John	Эдуард	Eduard (Edward)
Игорь	Igor	Юлиан	Yulian (Julian)
Илья	Ilya (Elijah)	Юрий	Yuri, Yurii
Иосиф	Joseph	Яков	James, Jacob
Ярослав	Yaroslav		

## FEMALE NAMES

Авдотья	Avdotya	Лидия	Lidia
Александра	Alexandra	Лора	Lora
Алёна	Alyona, Alina	Любовь	Lyubov (Love)
Алла	Alla	Людмила	Lyudmila
Анастасия	Anastacia	Мария, Марья	Maria, Marya
Ангелика	Angelika	Марфа	Marfa (Martha)
Анна	Anna	Надежда	Nadezhda (Hope)
Валерия	Valeria	Настасия, Настасья	Nastacia
Варвара	Varvara (Barbara)	Наталия, Наталья	Nathalia (Natalie)
Вера	Vera	Нина	Nina
Виктория	Victoria	Оксана	Oxana
Галина	Galina	Ольга	Olga
Дарья	Daria	Прасковья	Praskovya
Ева	Eva (Eve)	Пульхерия	Poolkheria
Евгения	Evgeniya (Jane)	Радмила	Radmila
Екатерина	Ekaterina (Catherine)	Роза	Rosa (Rose)
Елена	Elena (Helen)	Роксана	Roxana
Елизавета	Elizaveta (Elizabeth)	Светлана	Svetlana (Claire)
Жозефина	Josephine	Софья, София	Sofya, Sofia (Sophie)
Зоя	Zoya (Zoe)	Тамара	Tamara
Илона	Ilona	Татьяна	Tatyana
Ирина	Irina (Irene)	Шарлотта	Charlotta (Charlotte)
Каролина	Carolina (Caroline)	Элеонора	Eleonora
Кристина	Christina	Эмма	Emma
Ксения	Xenia	Юлия	Yulia (Julia)
Лариса	Larisa		