



SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: THURSDAY, 29 DECEMBER 1983
TIME: 7:30 P.M. - 9:45 P.M.
PLACE: CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL
1575 ANNIE
DALY CITY

PROGRAM: SEPHARDIC AND ASHKENZIC CUSTOMS OF INTEREST TO
GENEALOGISTS
SPEAKER: RABBI HAYYIM KASSORLA

Our December 29th meeting is scheduled to be held at Congregation B'Nai Isreal, 1575 Annie Street, Daly City. This is the same place we held our meeting in June and we thank our member, Rabbi Cohen, for allowing us to meet in his lovely and intimate facilities. Our speaker will be Rabbi Hayyim Kassorla speaking on the subject of Sephardic and Ashkenzic Customs Of Interest To Genealogists.

SEMINAR TAPES

QUALITY cassette tapes were made of all the classes at the Third Annual National Summer Seminar in Jewish Genealogy. We have them and YOU can borrow them at regular meetings by paying a refundable deposit equal to replacement cost of the tape plus a \$1.00 per month rental fee. Below is a list of the tapes available:

Tape #	Class	Instructor
1 a & b	Researching Rabbinic Genealogy	D. Einsiedler
2	Non-Ashkenazic Jewish Genealogy (History & Culture Including Sephardic, N. African, & Oriental Communities)	M. Lazar
3 a & b	Jewish Genealogy For Novices	Rita Botwin
4	Yizker-bikher: A Treasure Trove Of Social, Cultural, & Family History	J. Kugelmass
5	Research Procedures For Jewish Eastern European Genealogy	D. Schlyter
6	The L.D.S. Genealogical Library & The Jewish Genealogist	D. Schylter
7	World Zionist Organization Family Heritage Project	D. Baxter
8	Writing & Editing As The Key To A Successful Family History Project	J. Kugelmass
9	Problem-Solving Panel (For Experienced Genealogists)	M. Schwartz, S. Siegel, D. Schlyter
11	Tracing Your Jewish Roots In New York City	S. Siegel
12	Tracing Your Jewish Roots West of the Mississippi	W. Kramer
13	Techniques For Successful Interviews/Oral History	T. Levine

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A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT: MARTHA L. WISE

Our request in the last newsletter that those in a position to do so consider offering a ride to others who lacking a ride might be unable to attend a meeting, drew two responses from different areas. We would like to express our gratitude to those who responded. A ride can mean so much at times. Thank you for your generosity.

In addition to our bi-monthly meetings we have now established two local groups, one in San Francisco and one in the East Bay as you possibly have noticed in previous newsletters.

A third one has not yet met but is forming on the peninsula. That still leaves areas without a local group such as Marin or southern Alameda but we hope to see that remedied.

These smaller meetings do not compete with the larger general meetings. They meet in the odd numbered months while the regular meetings are held in the even numbered months. They are small and tend to be informal gatherings in homes. For some these local meetings are all they can attend, for others they are an adjunct to the main meetings.

If attending a meeting is simply not possible for you because you live at too great a distance to come to meetings in the Bay Area, have you ever considered forming a society of your own? You can belong to more than one society you know. Many of us belong to societies hundreds or thousands of miles away as well as to this one.

New Jewish Genealogical Societies are springing up all the time. There are now about fifteen across the country unless a few new ones have come into being since the last list I saw. All of this grew from the first one established in New York less than five years ago. The societies keep in touch with New York and often with each other as well. Everyone benefits from this growth, so if you are many hours away from the Bay Area try forming a society yourself. It takes enormous patience and it takes perseverance but those are two essentials for success in genealogy anyway. It can be done. If we can offer any help or advice we will be happy to do so. We will also publish your intention in the newsletter.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR - CAROLYN SHERFY

I feel I need to explain the reason for the tardiness of this newsletter. There is really no very good reason except I have not had the time to do it. For this reason and because I feel guilty and pressured when I am unable to perform my society duties, I am resigning as newsletter editor effective immediately. Therefore, unless someone can step forward to take over soon we will have to do without the newsletter.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our founder and vice president, Martha Wise for helping me to prepare and mail out the September and November issues of our San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society Newsletter. I don't know what I would have done without her help. I also wish to thank Peter Tannon for preparing the mailing labels. That also is an immense help.

BAJGS FAMILY FINDER

You may send your queries to Mrs. Warren (Martha) Wise, 1990 20th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116 for inclusion in a forthcoming issue. Please limit your queries to fifty words, not including your name and address. As we exchange newsletters with other Jewish genealogical societies, your query will go beyond the Bay Area.

R-1 Marian Rubin, 2364 Pacific Ave. #1, San Francisco, Calif. 94115
(415) 547-1470

Seeking information on Mr. Rubin (first name unknown), born circa 1825, Arrived US 1858 with brother, Avram Chaim Rubin. Sons of Eliyahu Rubin of Rzeszow, Poland. He is said to have "settled in Texas for awhile, then moved north." Avram Chaim lived in San Francisco from 1868 till his death in 1897. Related to Wohlfeld (Wolfeld, Warfield) and Garren families.

W-2 Martha L. Wise, 1990 20th Ave. San Francisco, Calif. 94116 (415) 564-9927

Seeking information on the Epstein family originally from Schwarza, Kreis Schleusingen, later in Halberstadt. 1800s. Also Jacoby from Nauen in 1800s and 1900s. All towns currently in East Germany.

Y-1 Tonya Young, 1739 22nd Ave. San Francisco, Calif. 94122 (415) 664-3329.

Seeking all descendants of Meyer (Myer, Maier) Moscovitz. First wife Clara Seltzer. Second wife Dora Skala. Children: Sarah, Pearl(ie), Leo(n), Bessie, Oscar and Annie Moscovitz. Family moved from Helena to Great Falls, Montana and then in 1916-17 to San Francisco.

NY-JGS' COMPUTERIZED FAMILY FINDER

The Computerized Family Finder which is the new project of the Jewish Genealogical Society in New York has turned into an immense success. There are nearly 4,000 entries representing 2,000 different surnames in 1,300 towns and 44 countries.

The Jewish Genealogical Society in New York hopes we will benefit from their project but they cannot distribute the print out to individual members, therefore they have sent one to each society and recommend we announce its availability in our newsletter so that persons can review the Family Finder at our next meeting. It may be a useful way to increase attendance at our meetings.

If any errors are found they hope we will send corrections to the JGS, c/o Data Universal Corp., 1485 Teaneck Road, Teaneck, New Jersey 07666. The most significant problem they had was that persons did not follow directions and consult atlases to determine the correct spelling for the town or even the correct country. Therefore, editing was required to cause entries to merge on the listings. This editing process was not perfect.

We encourage those members who did not participate in the program to send in their entries (See the May 1983 issues of our newsletter). The lack of a surname on the list does not necessarily indicate no one is researching the name. It could mean that two persons who failed to contribute are doing the same research.

The JGS in NY will be sending us updated listings from time to time as the needs require. We have just received the 3rd update of the listing and it will be available at our meeting in the East Bay on October 27th.

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C-1 Charlotte Curlin, P.O. Box 9246, Auburn, CA. 95603, (916) 637-5157 Searching for decendants and ancestors of Isaac Altman, born about 1820 Sroda, Poland, and Teresa Seidenberg, born about 1819 Sroda, Poland.

S-1 Carolyn L. Sherfy, 918 Willow St., Alameda, California 94501 (415) 521-8593. Need information on decendants of Fanny "Freda" (Schwartz) Bomberg who moved to Portland, Oregon from San Francisco before 1910. Her parents were Efraim "Fred" and Chaya "Carolin" (Lender) Schwartz from Romainia. Her father died in Portland sometime after 1910. Her sons were Alfred and Harold. I don't know her husband's first name.

S-5 Joan Morgenstern Simms, 1424 Harker Ave., Palo Alto, California 94301, (415) 326-0600. Seeking all descendants of Boruch (Bernard) SHATZKIN whose children were Joseph, Molly, Ida, Reva Leah, Saidie and Michael and Hattie (twins). Also any information on A.M., Samuel, Nathan, Moses and Sol Lesser. All born in Kopyl (Kopolia) Lith. Some of these people lived in the Bay Area during the first half of this century.

W-2 Martha L. Wise, 1990 - 20th Ave., San Francisco, California 94116, (415) 564-9927. Searching for information on the LIEBERSOHN family in the Ukraine, probably Berdichev, in the early 1800's and before.

Y-1 Tonya Young, 1737 22nd Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122. (415) 664-3329. Seeking all decendants of David and Celia Seltzer, Harry, Oscar and Leo A. Seltzer, who lived in Portland, Oregon 1910 and later. Also information and/or family of Isaac and Yetta Young Alexander; daughter Rosalind Frances Alexander who died in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1979 & Edith (Ethel) Young who lived in Winnipeg, Canada.

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NO MORE NEW QUERIES WERE RECEIVED.....WHY NOT? SEND YOURS NOW! THEY ARE FREE TO MEMBERS.

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San Francisco, Daly City Group

The next gathering of this group will take place Thursday Nov. 17 1963
at 8 P. M. in the home of Beatrice Kirshenbaum 2518 Gough St. San Francisco

The subject for discussion will be Using printed forms & devising one's
own systems of record keeping and chart making.

This gathering should not be confused with the regular meetings of the
entire San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society which meets in
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This home is not visible from the street. You enter a walkway with a
large solid wooden gate at the end. Proceed to the gate and glance to
your left where you will see both the number and the bell fairly high
up on the grey board fence. The gate is opened from the house and once
inside you will see the house to your left.

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The next gathering of this group will take place Thurs. Jan. 19th 1984
at 8.00 P. M. in the home of Martha L. Wise 1990 20th Ave. San Francisco
The subject for discussion will be Family recollections versus actual
records. Can we benefit from balancing the two?

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The next gathering of this group will take place Thursday March 22 1984
at 8.00 P. M. in the home of Mr & Mrs Louis Shawl 65 San Lorenzo Way
The subject for discussion will be Methods of record keeping, available
types of forms and devising com's com when necessary.

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San Lorenzo is a very short street in St. Francis Wood between Santa Clara and Santa Paula.

Please bring any forms you might care to discuss.