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OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER 1983
TIME: 7:30 P.M. - 9:45 P.M.
PLACE: OAKLAND PIEDMONT JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
3245 SHEFFIELD AVENUE
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
PROGRAM: CLOTHING AS A CLUE IN DATING OLD PHOTOGRAPHS
SPEAKER: ADRIENNE MARTINE-BARNES

Our featured speaker for October will be Adrienne Martine-Barnes, an expert on costume dating. This program should be a great help with all those unidentified photographs. After her informative lecture Mrs. Martine-Barnes will help you date your photos. She asks that we limit it to three photos apiece or I am sure we would keep her busy until dawn. She also says the subject must be more than just a head shot. Adrienne traces one of her own lines to a Sephardic family in Spain during the Inquisition.

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING: Take the MacArthur Freeway (Hwy 580) to the Fruitvale turnoff. FROM THE NORTH, turn left on Fruitvale, go about 3 blks, (FROM THE SOUTH take Montana St to Fruitvale, turn right) then left on MacArthur Blvd., go about 5 blks. and turn left on Sheffield. Use the driveway to the right of the building to reach the parking lot in the back.

DUES DUE AGAIN

Annual dues are due once again. They are \$15.00 plus \$1.00 for the FGS Fund for the National Archives (Rabbi Malcom Stern's pet project). This makes a total of \$16.00 per year to be a member of our society and receive the newsletter. We also invite new members. Send your dues to our treasurer, Peter Tannen at the address on our letterhead.

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. Schlyter
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

A serious problem for a number of members and would be members is transportation. There are those who can drive but have no car, those who cannot drive, those who cannot drive at night because of poor night vision and those who fear to be out alone at night in this violent day and age.

The Mitzvah no longer is as important in Jewish life as once it was but I think the average Jewish person still understands the word to mean a good deed, a kindness, a righteous act. A mizvah will make you feel good as well as making the recipient happy so think of it as a Mitzvah and if you live close to someone in need of a ride do offer one.

If you are willing to offer a ride at times but do not know who might need one contact me or the Regional Director of your area and we will help. We may compile a list of members who need rides and would be members who have not joined because they have no ride. Please do not feel that offering a one time ride obligates you to take the passenger to each and every meeting. If we have enough volunteers we will have a pool and when one is not going to a meeting perhaps another will be.

EDITORS NOTE: (It would also be a good idea to form car pools from each area which share the driving. Those who can never drive could chip in for the gas and other driving expenses.)

At our last meeting a by-laws committee was formed from volunteers. They are David Ach, Beatrice Kirshenbaum and myself, Martha Wise. The by-laws committee met recently and hammered out a simple set of rules the committee hopes will meet with approval. The committee itself was pretty much of one mind on most subjects and had no serious disagreements on anything. It is the fondest hope of the committee that the membership will be equally harmonious in ratifying it.

If there are subjects you would like to hear discussed why not let the society know so we can try and find someone to talk on that subject. If you know of a possible speaker do tell us. Remember though that our sole income is from dues and that means we are not in a position to pay a speaker. We realize that not every speaker is willing to speak without remuneration but until such time as someone leaves us an endowment and we are not holding our breath until that occurs since Haley's Comet will no doubt return first, that is the way it must be.

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR: CAROLYN SHERFY

You may have noticed we have a new president. Please give her as much co-operation as you have given me in the last two years. Joan is very enthuseastic and I know she will take us on to bigger and better things.

We also have a new or should I say returning Vice President. Martha L. Wise has been elected to serve as second in command.

We do still need a recording secretary. Won't you please step forward and help.

I want to thank all of the officers who have served under me for the past two years. They have all done excellent jobs. I also wish to thank two people especially: First, Peter Tannen, our treasurer, membership chairman and my extra right hand, for I could not have done as much as I did without him; and secondly, my friend, Martha Wise who brought refreshments to almost every meeting without once being reimbursed and who has always helped me to find meeting places and speakers.

December Meeting

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.

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.

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.

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 "Carolyn" (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.

Y-1 Tonya Young, 1737 22nd Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122. (415) 664-3329. Seeking all decendants Meyer (Myer, Maier) Moscovitz. First wife Clara Seltzer Moscovitz, second wife Dora Moscovitz. Children: Sarah, Pearl(ie), Leo(n), Bessie, Oscar and Annie. Family moved to San Francisco from Great Falls, Montana, 1916-1917. Also all decendants of Benzion Young who left Lithuania for South Africa. Children: Frank and Aaron Young. Grandchild: David Young. Johannesburg, South Africa.

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

WE HAVE A NEW MAILING ADDRESS

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