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LOCAL GENEALOGICAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wed Aug 11
10:00 AM Meeting of the East Bay Genealogical Society. *How to do German Research using the Resources of the LDS Family History Center* Mormon Center, 4780 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland.
- Mon Aug 16
7:30 PM **Regular Meeting.** *Pathways Through Many Lands* —Recap of the 12th Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy in Toronto, by Society members who attended. Copies of the Syllabus will be available for review. Congregation Kol Emeth, 4175 Manuela Avenue near Foothill Blvd and Arastradero Road, Palo Alto.
- Wed Sep 8
10:00 AM Meeting of the East Bay Genealogical Society. *German Migration to the U.S. in the 19th Century*, Paul Hawkins, Mormon Center, 4780 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland.
- Sun Sep 19
1:00 PM **Workshop.** *Preparing for the 1984 Israel Seminar*, Update on the resources which will be available at the 1994 International Seminar on Jewish Genealogy in Jerusalem, and steps to be taken now in preparation for your research. Jewish Community Library, 14th Avenue at Balboa, San Francisco.
(In respect for the Fast of Gedalia there will be no refreshments at this meeting)
- Mon Oct 18
7:30 PM **Regular Meeting.** Yitzchak Kerem, Israeli-American scholar and lecturer will speak on a topic in his field of specialty, *History of Greek and Turkish Jewry*, Congregation Kol Emeth, 4175 Manuela Avenue near Foothill Blvd & Arastradero Road, Palo Alto.
- Sat Oct 23
Register 7:30 AM Seminar '93. *Tracing Your Family History Around the World*, Santa Clara Family
Keynote 8:15 AM History Center, 875 Quince Avenue, Santa Clara. Over 40 classes for all levels and
Classes 9:00-4:00 interests on Localities Research, Using Records, Computer-Related Topics, Local Sources, and Research Techniques, Phone 408-241-1449 for information.
- Mon Nov 15
7:30 PM JGS of Sacramento meeting. *Genetics and Genealogy*, Mark Lipson, MD and geneticist, Albert Einstein Residence Center, 1935 Wright Street, Sacramento
- Sun Nov 21
1:00 PM **Regular Meeting.** Jewish Community Library, 14th Avenue at Balboa, San Francisco.
- Mon Dec 20
7:30 PM **Regular Meeting.** Congregation Kol Emeth, 4175 Manuela Avenue near Foothill Blvd and Arastradero Road, Palo Alto.

THE SOCIETY PAGE

TWELFTH SUMMER SEMINAR ON JEWISH GENEALOGY, TORONTO, CANADA

Five of our Society members recently returned from the recent Summer seminar in Toronto. They include Martha Wise, Libby Greengard-Rosenfield, Patrick Gordis, Sharon Fingold, and Judy Baston. Judy was good enough to donate a copy of the lecture materials to our library. The following materials are available:

- Table of Contents (2 pp)
- Speakers' Bios (5 pp)
- Maps of the Eastern Europe in 1815 & Congress Poland (2 pp)
- Genealogical Research in the U.S. National Archive Regions, Hal Bookbinder (2 pp)
- Researching your Polish-Jewish Ancestry, Jeffrey K. Cymbler (5 pp)
- Holocaust Research, Jeffrey K. Cymbler (8 pp) (including Yad Vashem & Red Cross Forms)
- Unlocking the Secrets of 19th-Century Polish-Language Civil Records, Judith R. Frazin (3 pp)
- Literary Sources for Jewish Genealogy, Patrick Gordis (2 pp)
- On-Line Information Sources, Bruce Kahn (6 pp)
- Jewish Documents in the Central State Historical Archive of Ukraine, Alexander Kronick (1 pg)
- Personal Ancestral File, Lynn Morgan (2 pp)
- Gazetteers for Austro-Hungarian Research, Daniel Schlyter (3 pp)
- Jewish Genealogical Research at the Family History Library, Daniel Schlyter (6 pp)
- The Changing Map of Eastern Europe, Daniel Schlyter (1 pg)
- Jewish Surnames as a Clue to Genealogy, Malcolm H. Stern (2 pp)
- Tracing your Sephardic Roots, Malcolm H. Stern (2 pp)
- Update Concerning Research Requests to Russia, Patricia Eames (2 pp)
- Register and Maps of Genealogical Resources in Toronto (27 pp)
- Metropolitan Toronto Jewish Cemetery Guide (12 pp)
- Outdated list of Jewish Genealogical Societies (3 pp)
- Family Finder for attendees (34 pp) (by surname and town)
- List of Attendees (9 pp)

ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES NEWS

The AJGS annual meeting was held in Toronto in conjunction with the recent summer seminar. \$1700 was collected for the AJGS Gift Fund from member societies. \$3000 was donated to the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People in Jerusalem to expand their facilities to better accommodate researchers.

There are new procedures and a new form for submitting names to the Jewish Genealogical Family Finder. The new format will be standard letter-sized paper in a three-hole binder. The JGFF will be updated quarterly. The initial submittal will remain free for 16 entries with a \$2.50 charge for an additional 16 entries. Changes will be charged at \$2.50 per 16 changes/additions/deletions. The form with the new instructions are inserted in this issue of *ZichronNote* for use by our members.

The AJGS Board of Directors was expanded to eight persons. The new officers and board members are:

President	Gary Mokotoff	New York	Vice President	Laura Klein	Los Angeles
Secretary	Rolf Lederer	Canada	Treasurer	Freya Maslov	Illinois
Member	Scott Meyer	Illinois	Member	Hal Bookbinder	Los Angeles
Member	Renee Steinig	Long Island	Member	Jonathan Smith	Connecticut

A copy of a report to the U. S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad entitled *Survey of Historic Jewish Monuments in Poland* was distributed to member societies. The report covers cemeteries, synagogues, and death and concentration camps. Appendices include a list of synagogues and former synagogues in Poland and a list of cemeteries with an evaluation of their current condition.

Three new microfiches were added to our library:

- Four Indices to the 1784 Census of Alsatian Jews, 1993, Daniel N. Leeson
- Index to the Jewish Vital Statistics Records of Slovakia, 1993, Jordan Auslander
- Jewish Residents of the Maritimes in the 1901 Census of Canada, 1993, Glen Eker

IN MEMORIUM
DANIEL L. PELETZ
1944-1993

We were shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of active and beloved Society member Dan Peletz in Santa Rosa. Dan was suddenly taken ill on Saturday June 26, and died the following day at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Santa Rosa. Memorial services were held on July 2 followed by private interment in Santa Rosa Memorial Park in Santa Rosa.

Dan's maternal great-grandparents arrived in the Alexander Valley in the early 1880's, and his family has been involved in a century of Sonoma County progress. Dan's grandfather Floyd Bailey was Santa Rosa Junior College's first president. The Peletz Family has established a scholarship fund in Dan's memory through through the College. Donations may be made to the Daniel L. Peletz Scholarship Fund, c/o Santa Rosa Junior College Foundation, 1501 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95401.

Dan was active in his community, being involved in numerous projects throughout the city, involving the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce, City Council, Little League, and the business community. Dan loved his community and never stopped trying to make it better. One of his chief interests was the Bennett Valley School District, where his two children Drew and Rachel attended school. For years he had considered asking the city to make Mesquite Park, across a parking lot from Yulupa School, a part of the elementary school, according to his wife Judith. Yulupa School's playing field is in rough shape, and Peletz envisioned a better play area for the school. On the Friday prior to his death he talked at length with Gary Ryan, a former business employee, about his vision for the park. Ryan said that he is trying to form a committee to acquire the park, name it for Peletz, and create an educational area for students. A landscape architect has volunteered her services for the project. Donations may be made to the Daniel L. Peletz Educational Park at Yulupa School Fund, c/o Exchange Bank, 2727 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa CA 95405.

Our contact with Dan was through his genealogical activities. Dan was a frequent lecturer at seminars and meetings and he amassed an impressive Jewish genealogical library which he unhesitatingly made available to members and friends. Dan was an expert on family reunions and lectured and wrote frequently on that subject. He was the Co-Chairman of the SFBA JGS's Cemetery Committee and we never ceased to be amazed by his energy and positive attitude. Dan found a dozen people in the Santa Rosa area interested in Jewish genealogy, and was instructing them on research techniques, sharing his personal library, and leading them on research trips to local libraries and archives. Dan's last major article for *ZichronNote*, on the California State Library's California Section, appeared in our May 1993 issue. The San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society has set up a memorial book fund in his memory. Donations to acquire reference books for the use of the Society members may be sent to Daniel L. Peletz Book Fund, c/o Sherrill Laszlo, Treasurer, 34 Craig Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611. Reference books donated to the library in Dan's memory will have an bookplate with the donor's name.

Dan was only 48 years of age when he left us, leaving Santa Rosans and Jewish genealogists to ponder what good deeds may be left undone because he isn't here to do them. We'll all have to work a lot harder to make up for his absence.

SHTETL ROOTS COMMITTEE REPORT

ORIGINAL RESEARCH--In the May 1993 ZichronNote we presented an index of the Jews of Grodno Province in World War I, a list of about five-hundred Jewish soldier casualties. The list was prepared by our researcher, the late Léon Oransky. We received an inquiry about one of the names, and we forwarded the inquiry to Mrs. Oransky and her son Michael. They are prepared to continue Léon's work. If you have inquiries, we will be pleased to forward them.

NEWS FROM VILNIUS: THE ARCHIVES AND THE MERKINE CEMETERY

A meeting with Yale J. Reisner and Michael Ronn at the 1992 JGS Seminar in New York led to a cooperative effort, the publication of a cemetery list for Merkine (Meretz) Lithuania, which is about 50 miles southwest of Vilnius. Inscriptions were translated from the headstone photographs taken by the Lithuanian photographer, Mr. Gintaras Jaronis.

Last fall, Yale Reisner went to Moscow to help establish a Jewish Theological Seminary sponsored Judaica program at the Russian State Humanities University. We kept in touch by E-Mail. He completed his assignment, and on June 16th we received a FAX from Vilnius:

"Wow. I'm actually here. Yesterday, I was in Merkine for five hours. Jaronis only got about a quarter or fifth of the stones there. It's a big cemetery. I'm going back Sunday, God willing."

Some other items mentioned: *"The LIVA [Lithuanian State Historical Archives] has announced that vital stats (metricheskiye knigi) are off-limits to on-site researchers till 1995 or till they find funds for preservation or microfilming. Reasons are: 1) Fragility of books; 2) Privatization/lands claims research. The Archive will continue to respond to written inquiries (\$50 for initial research; \$10 per xerox or \$20 per photo of document) from afar. Thus, you can't just come and flip through records any more."*

"Galina Baranova has no problem with you; she's just backed up. You will yet hear from her she says" [She is the archivist who sent us records on the Strashun, Rubin and Trachtenberg families.]

"Do you know Isaac Zibuts? Is he connected with your project? He says Jaronis can't continue without film, funds..." [Isaac Zibuts is also photographing Lithuanian headstones.]

"My students and I are cataloguing Hebrew and Yiddish books from the Strashun Library as well as from YIVO, Telz and Ponevezh Yeshivas, etc. Wow. Yale"

Yale also met with Mr. Marek Web, Chief Archivist of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research (New York), who was in Vilnius negotiating on a project to microfilm Jewish documents. Web reported in the Spring, 1993, **YIVO NEWS** that the Bibliographic Center of the Lithuanian National Library houses Judaica from Jewish libraries, yeshivas and other educational institutions including 40,000 Yiddish and Hebrew volumes and manuscripts from YIVO's prewar archives.

HELPING IMMIGRANTS FIND AMERICAN RELATIVES Just before he died, Dan Peletz helped us locate relatives of a new immigrant. Martha Wise made the connection. When Martha received the inquiry, she recognized that the name was on Dan's list! We have had other successes and are continuing to meet each month at the archives in San Bruno. Several active searches under way. We coordinate our work with Mrs. Dorothy Friedman, a volunteer at the San Francisco Jewish Family Services, where requests have also been received. If you would like to participate, call Jerry Delson at (415) 493-0404 or E-Mail <jdelson@mcimail.com>.

EUROPEAN SOURCES

FEDERATION OF EASTERN EUROPEAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

As Eastern Europe's map continues to fragment and coalesce along old ethnic lines and political divisions, an increasing number of genealogists, recognize the need for an "umbrella group" to assist genealogist with the resulting new problems. Stemming from this problem, a new organization, the Federation of Eastern European Family History Societies (FEEFHS) was established in June of 1992. The founding President is Charles M. Hall, internationally recognized genealogist, author and Eastern Europe linguist.

The objective of FEEFHS is to serve all ethnic and religious groups researching ancestors in **Eastern Europe**. Primary focus will be placed on parts of the Eastern European land mass that has been controlled or settled by two or more ethnic groups. A few of the goals of FEEFHS include: 1) publish a newsletter (quarterly) dealing with new developments concerning genealogical research in Eastern Europe, and share information of interest to two or more ethnic or religious groups; 2) develop a database of pertinent genealogical organizations and resources; 3) maintain liaison with societies outside of the U.S. and Canada which have similar interests; 4) serve as a clearinghouse for information on member societies; 5) hold an annual bi-national conference.

The initial efforts of FEEFHS will embrace Albania, Austria, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechoslovakia (Czech and Slovak republics), Estonia, Germany (emphasizing former East Germany), Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldavia, Poland, Romania, Russia (including Siberia), Slovenia, Ukraine and Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

Founding memberships are still available to genealogical societies, organizations and individuals during 1993. Memberships fees include: \$10 for individuals, \$25 for organizations with less than 100 members, and \$50 for organizations with 100+ members. Sacramentan John D. Movius, VP of the Sacramento German Genealogical Society (founding society of FEEFHS) is 3rd VP of FEEFHS. For further information, contact John Movius, PO Box 13774, Sacramento CA 95853 (from an information sheet in the newsletter of the Genealogical & Historical Council of Sacramento Valley, Vol. 5 No. 2, Mar/Apr 1993)

GERMAN RECORDS

In *German American Genealogy*, the Spring 1993 quarterly of the Immigrant Genealogical Society, there is an excellent article on the records available in **Germany** (often from the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake). Author Gerda Haffner writes: "You frequently find information about internal migration when you go into the emigration records of the State Archives (of Pfalz). Even in the 1800's you find among all the listings of people desiring to emigrate to the U.S., "(So-and-so) desires to emigrate to Prussia". In Germany, when a person wanted to go from, for example, Hanover to Berlin, they had to go through the whole procedure of applying for a pass or being released of the old allegiance. Migration was dealt with in Germany like an emigration from one city to the next or one state to the next. When I was looking at the emigration records in Koblenz, one thick record dealt with a person who was leaving the Pfalz and going to a small place called Birkenfeld to marry. It was all of 10 miles! People had to get three or four papers to go from one state to another, whereas the person who was going to America had to fill out only one or two. Now you see how all the records came to be created in Germany". (*Newsletter, The Genealogical Society of Santa Cruz County*, July-August 1993)

The Winter 1992-3 issue of *Dorot* contains two detailed articles relating to German records. "Two Sources for Pre-war and Wartime **Germany**: 1938 Census, *Gedenkbuch* " details the material to be found in these two sources, and a review of a past meeting with Steve Siegel speaking on "Researching the Hamburg Passenger Lists" is a valuable aid in using these records.

GERMAN PASSPORTS

FHL has microfilmed records of German Passports issued between 1845-1920. The film number is 1,125,018. (*Quest*, March 1993 via *Scattered Seeds*, The Newsletter of the Jewish Genealogical Society of South Palm Beach County, Vol. 2 No. 1 Winter 1992-1993)

LONDON JEWS AND THE JEWISH WEST END PROJECT

David Abrahams, SFBA JGS member and President of the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, has volunteered to be a clearing house for Jewish-English research in this area. He publishes the following information in the *Livermore Roots Tracer*, Vol. XII, No. 3, Spring 1993:

The Jewish West End project has been formed to gather information, memories and memorabilia in order to provide a history of the background and everyday life of the Jewish community in London's West End from the late 1800's until recent times. The objectives are to hold a major exhibition, which will open in May or June of 1994, and to assemble a permanent collection of material within the Museum, and to produce a written account of the findings as an authentic record of life in the Jewish West End. (Popular interest of the history of the Jewish East End of **London** has burgeoned over the past decade. However, the existence of an equivalent Jewish immigrant community in the West End has been largely overlooked.) The area defined as the "West End" for the purposes of the Project lies within the boundaries of Euston Road - Grays Inn Road - Theobalds Road - New Oxford Street - Shaftesbury Avenue - Cambridge Circus - Charing Cross Road - Leicester Square - Regents Street - Oxford Street - Marble Arch and Gloucester Place.

A Research Committee has been established under the auspices of the London Museum of Jewish Life. Some of the members are historians, but most are West Enders, enthusiasts who are devoting many hours on a voluntary basis to research and capture the story of our heritage. This fascinating and rewarding project is being fueled by wonderful material from the West Enders in the form of photos and memorabilia relating to all aspects of life. The Research Committee is chaired by Mrs. Sally Fiber, 8 New Farm Lane, Northwood, Middlesex, HA6 1HD England. She would like to hear from anyone interested in contributing ANY family history information that can be used in the exhibit. Moreover, Mrs. Fiber is particularly interested in tracing all former Jewish West Enders who attended the Jews Westminster Free School, the West Central Boys Club (which was in Fizroy Square), and the West Central Girls Club (which was run by Lily Montagu).

David Abrahams has a personal interest in seeing that the Project goes forth, as his father's grandparents, Joseph and Rosa VICTOR and Solomon and Hannah ABRAHAMS, emigrated from Russia in the 1880's and were vibrant forces in this community. If any of you wish to contribute to the Project, David Abrahams, too, would be pleased to hear from you and offer guidance in preparation of materials to be sent to England. Contact David Abrahams, 737 El Caminito Livermore, CA 94550.

LEEDS JEWRY

The Spring 1993 *Shemot* (JGS of Great Britain) has an informative article on the early history of the **Leeds** Jewish community with useful genealogical information, especially for the period between 1840 and 1860. The article is written by Murray Freedman, a former President of the Leeds branch of the Jewish Historical Society of England, and includes detailed information on sources for further research (including synagogues in Leeds) and a bibliography. Mr. Freedman, the author of a booklet on this subject, also notes that he has extracted over 12,000 identifiable Jewish entries from the six censuses from 1841 to 1891. For contact information, see the listing of his booklet. (*Dorot*, Vol. 14 No. 3, Spring 1993)

UNITED KINGDOM: GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN GOVERNMENT RECORDS

An excellent overview of the records available for genealogical research in the **United Kingdom** appeared in the initial issue of *Shemot*, the newsletter of the JGS of Great Britain and was reprinted in the Spring 1993 issue of *Roots Key*, the quarterly of the JGS of Los Angeles. Section titles are: Civil Registration of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, Certificates, **Scotland**, **Ireland**, Census Records, and Wills.

HUNGARIAN CAMP LISTS

The first volume of a two-volume work, *Names of Jews Lost in Labor Battalions in the East*, by Szol A Kakas Mar (Assn. for Research of Hungarian speaking Jews), has been published. It covers 15,000 names, A-J of Jews who perished on the eastern (Ukraine) front after being conscripted during WW II for Hungarian forced labor battalions. Volume 2 scheduled for publication in Spring 1993, will contain names K-Z. (*Scattered Seeds*, The Newsletter of the Jewish Genealogical Society of South Palm Beach County, Vol. 2, No. 1 Winter 1992-1993 via *Illiana Jewish Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Summer 1993)

DO YOU HAVE HUNGARIAN ROOTS?

Were your ancestors farmers of the Great Hungarian Plain? Was one of your great grandfathers a soldier who fought against the Hapsburgs in the revolution of 1848? About 20 percent of the Hungarians were of noble class. Were yours? Did one have a Coat-of-Arms granted by the King? If you would like to know how and where to find the answers to these question, there is a newly-organized Hungarian/American Friendship Society of Sacramento. This Society has been established to aid people in the research of their Hungarian roots. Membership privileges include free help and advice during their research. Annual dues are \$5.00. For more information, contact Douglas P. Holmes, Director, at 916-489-9599. Professional research is also available. Area of expertise includes modern-day **Hungary, Slovakia and Romania.** (*Newsletter of the Genealogical & Historical Council of Sacramento Valley*, Vol. 5 No. 2, Mar/Apr 1993)

CZECH INFORMATION

Czech Passenger Lists, 1847-1869 may be ordered for \$17.85 from: Leo Baca, 1707 Woodcreek, Richardson, TX 75082

Access to **Czech** Archives: Prague Archives, Stani Ustredni Archiv V, Praze Karmelitska 2, Praha 2, Czechoslovakia. (*Mishpacha*, Spring 1992 via *Scattered Seeds*, *The Newsletter of the Jewish Genealogical Society of South Palm Beach County*, Vol. 2, No. 1 Winter 1992-1993)

RESEARCHING POLISH ROOTS

An excellent overview of the sources and techniques for researching your Polish-Jewish roots may be found in the Winter 1992-3 issue of *Dorot*. The article by JGS Vice President Jeffrey K. Cymbler summarizes the talk he gave at the November 1992 JGS meeting.

PLANNING A TRIP TO POLAND?

If you are contemplating a trip to **Poland**, remember the Jewish Information and Tourist Bureau, 12/16 Grzybowski Square, 00-104 Warsaw, Tel: 482 220 0556. This organization is on the premises of the Jewish Theatre. (*Shemot*, Spring '93)

POLISH RECORDS IN THE CENTRAL ARCHIVES IN ISRAEL

The Winter 1992-3 and Spring 1993 issues of *Roots-Key* contain a pair of articles by Los Angeles JGS member Herb Mautner on the Polish-Jewish records at the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People in Jerusalem. The first article dealt with the *Guide to the Sources of the History of the Jews in Poland in the Central Archives*, and contained a town listing. The second article describes materials relating to Jews in **Poland** generally, and information on records copied from various Polish archives.

GALICIA INTEREST GROUP

A Special Interest Group (SIG) for people with roots in **Galicja** is forming. Galicja, the territory which today is Southern Poland and Western Ukraine, was a province of the Austrian empire between 1772 and 1919. Susan Wynne, a founder and former president of the JGS of Greater Washington, will coordinate the SIG and edit its quarterly newsletter during its first year. Members can share information about travel, towns, family names, obtain records from **Poland** and **Ukraine**, locate hard-to-find yizkor books, exchange ideas for projects, stories about families etc. A SIG family finder is also planned. Annual membership fee will be \$15 to cover reproduction and mailing costs. If 25 people join by September, the first issue of the newsletter will be issued in late September or early October. Send a check or money order to Susan Wynne, 3128 Brooklawn Terrace, Chevy Chase, MD. 20815.

PLANNING A TRIP TO BELARUS?

Lucille Gudis, Executive Council member of the JGS (New York) describes her recent trip to Poland and Belarus in the Winter 1992-3 issue of *Dorot*. She gives many tips for those who may be planning such a trip. Separate sections describe her experiences in **Grodno, Sislevich, Porosova, Wolkowysk, Kryнки, Bialystok and Tykocin.**

BOOKS OF INTEREST

STEAMSHIPS AND IMMIGRATION

• *Ships of our Ancestors* by Michael J. Anuta is a compilation of photographs of the steamships that transported many of our ancestors to these shores. Photos of nearly 900 of the ships operated by the North German Lloyd, White Star, Cunard, Red Star, Inman, and Hamburg-American steamship lines are presented in this reprinting of the 1983 book. The 268-page paperback book is available for \$20.00 plus \$3.00 postage from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc, 1001 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202-3897, 800-296-6687.

• *Morton Allan Directory of European Passenger Steamship Arrivals—For the Years 1890 to 1930 at the Port of New York for the Years of 1904 to 1926 at the Ports of New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore* lists ship arrivals by year and by steamship company, and thereunder by port of entry. It lists the vessel name, date of arrival, and port of embarkation. The 380-page clothbound reprint of the 1931 classic is available for \$34.95 plus \$3.00 postage from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc, 1001 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202-3897, 800-296-6687.

• *American Passenger Arrival Records—A Guide to the Records of Immigrants Arriving at American Ports by Sail and Steam*, by Michael Tepper. This new edition of the classic work on passenger and immigration records, first published in 1988, features updated and expanded coverage on the following topics: colonial emigration records, finding aids and reference materials, National Archives microfilm programs and publications, current projects and new developments in immigration research, books and periodicals, and changes in location of archives and documents. Available for \$19.95 plus \$3.00 postage from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc, 1001 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202-3897, 800-296-6687. (If more than one publication is ordered from Genealogical Publishing in one order, only the first book requires \$3.00 postage. Subsequent volumes require only \$1.00 per volume.)

BIOGRAPHICAL INDEX

Biography and Genealogy Master Index, Edited by Miranda C. Herbert and Barbara McNeil, Gale Research Co., Detroit, MI 48226, \$575.00. Library Call Number R920/B614. This reference lists 3,200,000 names that are found in one or more of 350 biographical and retrospective dictionaries. When you locate a name that you're researching, reference is made to one of the 350 biographical dictionaries where you can find an article or entry or further reference. (submitted by Lillian Wurzel)

OUT-OF-PRINT BOOKS

UMI out-of-print Books on Demand is a service that reprints genealogy books no longer available. You may order a catalog of titles from UMI, A Bell & Howell Co., 300 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor MI 48106-1346 or call toll-free 1-800-521-3042. They have over 114,000 titles and the cost for paperback or hard cover is fairly reasonable. (From Ruth Betts on the Prodigy genealogy bulletin board, 01/12/93 via *The Livermore Roots Tracer*, Vol. XII, No. 3, Spring 1993)

HISPANIC RESEARCH

George Ryskamp's *Tracing Your Hispanic Heritage* is the most comprehensive genealogical manual available to the researcher with Hispanic ancestry. Using examples from throughout Spain and Latin America, *Tracing Your Hispanic Heritage* provides detailed information on record types, sources, and reference works encountered while researching in all major Hispanic countries. This excellent guide includes not only the basic research principles and techniques required to trace your Hispanic heritage, but also illustrates these techniques with extensive examples from actual Hispanic research experience. Research by correspondence, old handwriting, and Spanish names and dates are also discussed. Numerous documents have also been transcribed and translated and an exhaustive description of the geography and archives of Spain is included. Whether researching the United States, Spain, Mexico, or Latin America, you will use this book again and again as a guide and reference tool for tracing your Hispanic heritage. \$29.95 (Ancestry Research Club Members \$25.95) +\$3.50 s/h, 954 pages, hardbound. To order, call Ancestry toll-free 800-262-3787 (*Ancestry Newsletter*, Vol. XI No. 4, July-August 1993)

UPDATE ON RESOURCES IN ISRAEL—PART 1

by Robert Weiss

Bob Weiss is President of the San Francisco Bay Area JGS, and was in Israel to start his preparation for the International Seminar to be held in Jerusalem in the Summer of 1994. This article is derived from the notes for his talk at the Society's February meeting in Palo Alto, California. Portions of this account will appear in *Avotaynu* as part of a series of articles dealing with preparations for the Seminar. The SFBA JGS will be holding a Workshop on September 19 in San Francisco to prepare researchers for the Seminar by reviewing the sources and discussing what steps should be taken in the months prior to the Seminar. This first part covers resources in Jerusalem. Part 2, to be published in *ZichronNote* in November 1993, will cover sources outside of Jerusalem. It will also present a guide to the public transportation in Israel which can be used to get to the various sources.

My wife Penina and I manage to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem every four years or so, at which times we visit with our daughter Celeste, seek and visit cousins I have discovered in Israel since I started my genealogical research fifteen years ago, and utilize the inexhaustible resources found here. This trip had the additional goal of preparing for the upcoming International Seminar on Jewish Genealogy to be held here during the summer of 1994. The First International Seminar in Jerusalem in 1984 was a memorable experience and it is not too early to plan one's research for next year.

Basic Sources for Research in Israel

The basic source of information on the resources for Jewish genealogical research in Israel was *That We Remember, A Guide to Genealogical Research in Jerusalem*, developed by Naomi Levin Gershan and Sallyann Amdur Sack, PhD for the 1984 Seminar, and later expanded into the book *Guide to Jewish Genealogical Research in Israel*, Sallyann Amdur Sack, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1987*. This basic guide is still indispensable for doing research in Israel, but some of its data is obsolete, and one of my goals on this trip was to update some of the information for my own use as well as that of other participants in the conference. Other guides are available in the U.S. and should be consulted prior to one's trip, including:

- *Guide to the Archives in Israel*, Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People*
- *Guide to Jewish Archives*, World Council on Jewish Archives, Jerusalem, New York, 1981
- *Guides to the Unpublished Materials of the Holocaust Period*, Yehuda Bauer et al, Ed., Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 1972-1981**
- *Guide to the Sources for the History of the Jews in Poland in the Central Archives*, Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People, Hebrew University Center for the Research on the History & Culture of Polish Jews, 1988, (esp. *Polish Jewry: Bibliographical Series 4.*)

Updates to the Basic Sources

Since publication of Sallyann Sack's *Guide* in 1987, a number of *Avotaynu* articles were published as updates, and should be consulted.

- "Israel Revisited: A Genealogical Trip", S. Sack, *Avotaynu*, Vol. III No. 3, Summer 1987, pg. 14
- "Report from our Contributing Editors-Israel" E. Ramon, *Avotaynu*, Vol. IV No. 3, Summer 1988, pg. 21
- "Israel Trip Yields Additional Finds" S. Sack et. al., *Avotaynu*, Vol. VI No. 1, Spring 1990, pg. 9
- "In Pursuit of Zionist Ancestors", N. Rosenstein, *Avotaynu*, Vol. VII No. 1, Spring 1991, pg. 13
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* These references are in the SFBA JGS library and can be brought to meetings upon prior request of the Librarian, Dana Kurtz, 415-921-6761 no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

** These references may be consulted in the Holocaust Center of Northern California

Places Visited, Experiences, and Notes

I did not attempt to visit all of the resources in Israel in my short visit, but I will share my experiences with the ones I did visit. My personal interest is in my Lithuanian and Belarussian ancestors and in the branches of my family who emigrated to Palestine between 1925 and 1945. But many of my experiences should be of value to researchers in Israel who have different backgrounds.

The Jewish Agency Search Bureau for Missing Relatives

8 HaMaalot Street, Jerusalem. Phone (02) 231 606.

The Search Bureau has moved into new quarters and has a new phone number. Their mailing address remains P.O.B. 92, Jerusalem 91920, Israel

Batya Unterschatz once again provided requested family information with that wonderful, warm, personal touch for which she has become known. This trip I came away with information on arrival of my mother's first cousin from Lithuania in 1925, his two sons' birth and marriage dates, and spouse's names. Using this information I am able to find my mother's cousin's citizenship application at the Israel State Archives and the current addresses of my second cousins in the current telephone book.

Batya provided information on the death date and location and ID number of one of my grandmother's sisters. She then provided addresses and phone numbers of *Khevrot Kadisha* (burial societies) and *Batai Avot* (old age homes.) I was unsuccessful in finding the death certificate or place of burial from the *khevrot kadisha*, but I'll save that for my trip in 1994.

Batya maintains a file of names of people who make inquiries, filed by the name of the person sought. She searched this file but did not find anyone who was looking for the same people I was. I obtained the address and phone number of the woman who gave a page of testimony for my mother's first cousin and her family who died in holocaust in Lithuania. The woman would be in her nineties now if she is still alive. I will write her to try to set up a meeting on my next trip.

Batya then put a paid ad into a Russian-language newspaper seeking people who may have information on the family left in Lithuania during the War who may have survived. Batya gets a special rate from the newspaper because of the help she gives in locating relatives of new Soviet immigrants. Shortly after I arrived home I received a note indicating that someone answered the ad and may have some information for me.

And last, Batya translated a short Lithuanian document which I had obtained from YIVO last summer at the 11th Summer (International?) Seminar. Need I say more about Batya?

Yad Vashem Central Archives of the Holocaust and Jewish Resistance

Har HaZikaron, P.O. Box 3477

Jerusalem 91034, Israel

Hadassah Modlinger, Archivist

There are at least four locations at Yad Vashem that the Jewish genealogist should plan to visit: the Hall of Names for Pages of Testimony; the Archives for documents on the Holocaust; the library for *yizkor* books and other bound materials; and the book store. I visited two of these locations on this trip.

The Central Archives was in a different place from where it was when I last visited. On entering the lobby of the Administration Building you take the left-hand entrance straight ahead into Hadassah Modlinger's office and reading room. I was provided with a set of guides to the collections and a table at which I worked. The guides of most interest are: *Guides to the Unpublished Materials of the Holocaust Period*, especially Volumes 3-5, *Record Groups at Yad Vashem Archives Index* and Volume 6, *Moreshet Record Groups; Index and list of names of those giving testimony*

I found nothing on my Wolpert and Braude family names in Volumes 3-5, but found references to war criminals from **Kelme**, Lithuania (home of my grandparents and town where a branch of the family was lost in the Holocaust) in Volumes 3 and 5. I did not review any of the documents. There were many references to **Kovne** and **Siauliai** testimonies, two of which promise to have information on survivors. Documents are in Hebrew, Yiddish, French, and English.

I did not get around to reviewing the *Arolsen Records—List of Survivors* (Record Group M-8). Nor did time permit reviewing the attendees list of the Gathering of Survivors, Appendix C by town, or the Kunuichovsky records of oral testimony taken in Kaunas (Kovne) from Lithuanian survivors, (Collection 071). It may take up to a year to receive an answer from the Red Cross to a survivor search request. These and many other survivor lists will be available at Yad Vashem for Seminar participants.

Yad Vashem Book Store

Distribution by Rubin Mass Ltd.
 P.O.Box 990, Jerusalem 91009, Israel.
 Tel (02) 632 565, FAX (02) 632 719.

The Yad Vashem Bookstore is located just outside the Administration Building. I obtained a June 1991 list of Yad Vashem English-language publications with prices shipped to the US. Prices are approximately twice the cost of the same publications picked up in Israel. This is another good reason to attend the 1994 Seminar. If it's printed in Israel, buy it in Israel!

I poked around the shelves and list below some books of potential interest to Jewish genealogists with their prices in New Israeli Shekels (NIS) with approximate equivalent US Dollars as of January, 1993:

- *Names of the Departed Jews from Hajdu County, Hungary* (Hung, Hebrew, English), 110 pp. 50NIS (\$20)
- *Names of the Jewish Victims of Hungarian Labor Battalions* (Hung, Hebrew, English), 625 pp., 135NIS (\$54)
- *Pinkas Hakehillot, Latvia & Estonia*, Dov Levin, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, 1988, 400 pp. (Hebrew), 90NIS (\$36)
- *Pinkas Hakehillot, Poland, Volume 2, Eastern Galicia*, Danuta Dabrowska, Abraham Wein, Aharon Weiss Eds., Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, 1980, (Hebrew), 75NIS (\$30)**
- *Pinkas Hakehillot, Poland, Volume 4, Warsaw*, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, 1989, (Hebrew), 92NIS (\$37)
- *Pinkas Hakehillot, Poland Volume 5, Volhynia & Polesie*, Shmuel Spector, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, 1990, (Hebrew), 75NIS (\$30)
- *Pinkas Hakehillot, Yugoslavia*, Zvi Loker, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, 1988, (Hebrew), 75NIS (\$30)
- *Pinkas Hakehillot, The Netherlands*, J. Michman, H. Been & D. Michman, 1985, 75NIS (\$30)**
- *Pinkas Hakehillot, Germany Volume 2, Wuerttemberg, Hohenzollern, Baden*, Joseph Walk, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, 1986, (Hebrew), 562 pp., 75NIS (\$30)**
- *Pinkas Hakehillot, Germany Volume 3, Hesse, Hesse-Nassau, Frankfurt*, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, 1992, (Hebrew), 92NIS (\$37)

**Central Archives for the
 History of the Jewish People**

Room #13 in the basement of the Sprinzog Building
 Hebrew University Givat Ram Campus
 Hadassah Assouline, Archivist

The holdings of the Central Archives cover predominantly records of the Jews of Germany, France and Italy, but they do have scattered records from Eastern Europe. Records are catalogued by location on card files. The bulk of the microfilm holdings of Poland and Lithuania, my areas of research, are duplicates of the holdings of the LDS FHL in Salt Lake City.

In addition to microfilms of a large number of vital records from **Bialystok** from 1855 on, which are probably the same records I have seen in Salt Lake City, there are listed other materials of potential interest I did not have time to go through but noted for future research opportunities:

- Records of *Agudat Achim, Talmud Torah, Libat Hazedek* (PL112), Appeals 1900-1910 (PL113)
- Birth, Marriage, Death Records 1896-1939 (PL433)
- *Pinkas Khevera Kadisha* 1748 (RU82)
- Photos of Jewish Cemeteries 1850-1929, 350 photographs (PL619)

Kovne items of interest included:

- *Pinkas Makhberet Somekh Noflim ... 1862-1914* (from YIVO Archives) (HM/9814)
- Register of those coming to the *Khevera Kadisha* "Sayers of Psalms" founded in the year 1790, (from YIVO Archives) (HM/9816)

Another pinkas of interest is the Pinkas of the community of **Skud** from the 18th century (HM/467)

Israel State Archives
 Prime Minister's Office
 Hakiryia, Jerusalem 91919, Israel.
 Sigalite, Archivist

Apparently, records were being moved around, and the facility was under construction when we visited, but we were allowed entry to consult the index to citizenship applications in the small library downstairs. We were reminded to call ahead if we planned to use the facility in the future. Planners of the 1994 conference please note.

Searching the index again resulted in my finding reference to a cousin's papers (which I already had from a previous trip) but this time I also found potential references to other cousins from nearby towns in Lithuania. Photocopies of the additional records will be available by mail for 12 NIS (about \$5.00) per short record.

The Jewish National and University Library

The various libraries, archives, and reading rooms on the Hebrew University Givat Ram Campus have different hours, and it is wise to obtain a schedule at the beginning of your visit so as not to be disappointed. Many of the facilities are closed all day Friday. Those that are open, close at 1:00 PM.

This visit was devoted to viewing volumes 2 & 3 of Shlomo Katzov's index to Hebrew Subscription Lists, *Sefer Hakhatomim*. (Katzov considers Berl Kagan's *Sefer Haprenumeranten* to be volume 1.) The reference librarian was very helpful and gave me the author's address and phone number which I used to purchase a copy of the two volumes for a research project being undertaken by Patrick Gordis of the SFBA JGS. These references are made to order and those intending to purchase copies should contact Mr. Katzov at least two weeks in advance to allow him sufficient time to prepare the volumes.

Mr. Katzov expressed the desire to have the U.S. government contact the governments of the Commonwealth of Independent States to have those governments photograph and catalog the stones in the remaining Jewish cemeteries as reparations to the surviving Jews around the world. This is an interesting and worthwhile suggestion which might be discussed at a future AJGS meeting.

The Central Zionist Archives

The new location is at Zalman Shazar Blvd. #4 in its own new building next to the Binyaney Hauma, across from Jerusalem's main bus station. The Archive is closed Fridays. Tel (02) 526 155.

The Librarian Batya Leshem was not in on the Sunday I visited but I did obtain a 1993 *Guide to the Archival Section and Collections*. The person I spoke to was very negative with respect to the value to genealogists of this Archive, although other researchers have written of the specific records likely to be of value (see for example Carol Clapsaddle's 1991 *Avotaynu* update above.)

Khevrot Kadisha (Burial Societies)

General Khevra Kadisha
 11 Pines Street, P.O. Box 1463, Jerusalem

Office open 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM Sunday-Thursday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon on Friday.

There appear to be no central burial records for Jerusalem. Searches are made through pinkassim (record ledgers), card files, and computer. They were not able to find any records even when I knew the father's name, death date and resting place, and certainly would not be able to find a record without the death date and place. To perform a search you need to know the deceased's father's name and death year.

Sallyann Sack informs me that one of the services being arranged for attendees of the 1994 Seminar is to have the death records searched by an expert prior to the Seminar based on early submittal of the names and information with your application. The information would be available to you upon arrival. This service alone might make attendance at the seminar worth while.

BEZEK (Israel Telephone Company)

Jaffo #236, Jerusalem
 near the central bus station.

No trip to Israel is complete without a stop at Bezek, for a set of Israel telephone directories. They are an invaluable aid to genealogical research in Israel. In the last few years the directories have contained detailed street maps. One does have to read a little Hebrew to make use of this reference source.

U.S. AND CANADIAN RESEARCHLEAVE THE SEARCHING TO US

There are a number of services available to search various databases for you if you do not have access to them, or chose for convenience to pay someone to search for you. Typical of the searches available are those done by **Historic Resources, Inc.**, P.O. Box 329, Bountiful, UT 84011, 801-298-5446. The following is a sampling of the searches provided, with typical prices:

- U. S. Census 1880-1920: \$8.00 per household per census year per state plus \$5.00 for photocopy
- U. S. Census 1790-1870: \$5.00 per household per census year per state plus \$5.00 for photocopy
- Canadian Census, Ontario Province 1848 and 1850, 1871: \$5.00 per household per census year
- Early Marriage Records, Selected States, to 1850: \$5.00 per name per state per time period
- Family History Library Indexes (IGI, FGRA, AF, FRRS): \$5.00 per individual per index
- Phone Disk, 50.7-million households: \$8.00 for first 250 names, \$5.00 each additional 250 names
- Social Security Death Index: \$8.00 per individual.

Another source of searches is **Ancestry**, P. O. Box 476, Salt Lake City, UT 84110, 800-ANCESTRY, FAX 801-531-1798. The following is a sampling of their professional search services. Prices are for non-members of the Ancestry Research Club. Members are given a 10% discount on most searches.

- Phone Surname, 93-million households: \$10.00 first 250 names, \$5.00 each additional 250 names
- U. S. Census 1790-1920: \$10.00 per household per census year per state for indexed censuses
- U. S. Census 1880-1920: \$25.00 per roll of microfilm unindexed censuses
- Social Security Death Index: \$7.50 per individual
- Selected Statewide and County Vital Records, births, marriages, deaths: \$10.00 per individual
- Available County Cemetery Records: \$7.50 per individual
- Consolidated Index to Confederate Soldiers: \$7.50 per individual
- Civil War Pension Index (Union Army): \$7.50 per individual
- World War I Draft Registration Cards: \$10.00 per individual
- Filby's Passenger & Immigration List Index: \$10.00 per individual
- Port Index (except NYC 1847-1897): \$10.00 per individual, NYC 1847-1897: \$25.00/roll
- Wuerttemberg Emigration Index: \$7.50 per individual
- Naturalization Records: \$10.00 per individual per county per 5-year period.

Softcom, Inc., 5522 East Costilla Drive, Littleton, CO 80122 will search their compact disks (CDs) for marriage, death, and census information. They charge \$3.00 per name per search, with \$1.50 per surname variant up to five variant spellings. They provide an ASCII (text) file with names, dates, and counties. Send a diskette and a self-addressed stamped return mailer with your fee, or send an additional \$2.50 handling charge and specify what size and format (IBM or Mac) disk you would like. Orders of \$50.00 or more on SFBAJGS letterhead qualify for a 10% discount. Holdings mentioned in their May 22 mailing included:

- Marriage Records: AL, AR, GA, IL, IN, KY, LA, MD, MS, MO, NC, TN, OH, TX, VA
- 1850 Census Index: CT, DE, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
- 1860 Census Index: AL, AR, DE, DC, FL, IL, IN, LA, MS, MD, NJ, NY, NC, PA, SC, VA, WV

LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Are you planning to use the Los Angeles Public Library (433 South Spring Street)? The library is closed for the process of moving back to the remodelled and expanded facility at 630 West 5th Street. (*IGS Newsletter*, 3/93 via *Diablo Descendants*). The Library will re-open permanently in refurbished and expanded quarters on October 2. Inter-Library Loan is also suspended until the fall re-opening. (*Newsletter, The Genealogical Society of Santa Cruz County*, July-August 1993)

CANADIAN VITAL RECORDS INDEXES

According to *The Searcher* (Southern California Genealogical Society, Inc.) of April 1993, the LDS Family History Library has filmed the "Index Books" to the vital records of Ontario. Allowing for significant gaps, especially from 1869 to the late 1890's because vital events were not always registered, these 26 reels of microfilm cover: births from 1869 to 1896; marriages from 1873 to 1911; deaths from 1869 to 1921. The index contains information as to: surname and given name; place of event; exact date of event; year of registration; registration number; later changes to record. (*Newsletter, The Genealogical Society of Santa Cruz County*, July-August 1993)

NEW JERSEY VITAL RECORDS

The New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics has been experiencing an employment freeze and budget restrictions and has suspended the processing of all genealogy requests. This suspension of services will continue indefinitely. The New Jersey State Archives has the original vital records for the state for the period May 1848 to May 1878. The Archives continues to search these records for a fee of \$4 per record. The Archives has also begun to acquire the following vital records on microfilm: marriage records, June 1878 to 1940; death records, June 1878 to 1940; and birth records June 1878 to 1923. You may contact the Archives at 609-292-6260 to determine their current holdings. These microfilmed records are open for research at the Archives Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.; however, the Archives cannot search them by mail. If you are unable to use the facilities at the New Jersey State Archives, you may wish to consider utilizing the services of a professional genealogist. If you wish to use a professional genealogist, please write and request that a list be mailed to you. (*Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society Newsletter*, June 1993, Vol. 35 No. 9)

AND MORE ON MASONS

We have presented information in previous issues of *ZichronNote* on getting information on relatives who were members of the Masons. A definitive discussion of the Masons fraternal organization, its history, organization, and addresses of the Grand Lodges in each state is found in Vol. 8 No. 7, July 1993, of *Diablo Descendants* Newsletter of the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society.

BORO PARK RECORDS

Records of Boro Park area synagogues and yeshivot are in the archives of Boro Park Historical Society, 1558 45th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11219 (*Scattered Seeds*, Winter 1992-92 via *Illiana Jewish Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Summer 1993)

LOCAL RESOURCESMICROFICHE AVAILABLE IN THE PLEASANTON LIBRARY

- GENEALOGICAL HELPER "ROOTS CELLAR"
 - Computerized Family File Index, Vol. 1, 48 fiche, 6143 pages
 - Family Group Sheets, 203 fiche, 23,351 pages
 - Submitters' List, 3 fiche, 29,833 names
 - Ancestor List, 3 fiche, 1863 pages
- SUTRO LIBRARY CATALOG
 - Localities, 68 fiche
 - Surnames, 110 fiche
 - Miscellaneous, 4 fiche
- CALIFORNIA DEATH RECORDS
 - 1950-1959, 73 fiche
 - 1960-1969, 99 fiche
 - 1970-1979, 111 fiche
 - 1980-1986, 88 fiche
- CALIFORNIA MARRIAGE RECORDS
 - 1980-1985, 73 fiche for groom, 73 fiche for bride
 (from *The Livermore Roots Tracer*, Vol. XII, No. 3, Spring 1993)

SAN CARLOS PUBLIC LIBRARY

It was pointed out at the June meeting of the San Mateo County Genealogical Society (SMCGS) that the San Carlos Public Library is the genealogical repository for San Mateo County, much as the Santa Clara City Library serves this function for Santa Clara County. Holdings include Filby's German Passenger and Immigration Lists Index. These valuable indexes are being underwritten by the SMCGS. Contributions toward the purchase of the latest three volumes may be sent to the Filby Fund, SMCGS, P.O. Box 5083, San Mateo CA 94402-0083. The San Carlos Library is at 655 Chestnut Street, San Carlos, 415-591-0341. (Newsletter, San Mateo County Genealogical Society, Vol. 11 No. 6, July 1993.)

SAN FRANCISCO VITAL RECORDS

While all birth records prior to April 18, 1906 were destroyed (except those sent to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics between 1 July 1905 and 31 March 1906) most early death records are still available. The San Francisco Department of Public Health has these records. Microfilm copies are available through the Family History Centers:

- Book 1: 8 Nov 1865 to 30 Sep 1869(index missing)
- Book 2: 1 Oct 1869 to 30 Apr 1873 (index missing)
- Book 3: 1 Apr 1873 to 30 Jun 1889 (index missing, coroner's cases only)
- Book M: 1 Aug 1894 to 30 Jun 1896 (indexed)
- Book O: 1 Jul 1898 to 16 Mar 1900 (index only)
- Book P: 17 Mar 1900 to 22 Oct 1901 (indexed)
- Book Q: 23 Oct 1901 to 30 Jun 1903 (indexed)
- Book R: 1 Jul 1903- to 30 Jun 1904 (indexed)

Since 1 July 1903 all original birth and death certificates have been filed with the State Registrar in Sacramento. (*San Joaquin GS Newsletter*, Vol. 14 No. 3 via *Diablo Descendants Newsletter*, Contra Costa County Genealogical Society, Vol. 8 No. 7, July 1993)

CALIFORNIA STATE ARCHIVES GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES

1. ***CENSUS SCHEDULES** 1852 State, 1860 Federal, Filed alphabetically by county name. Includes names, age, sex, occupation, birthplace and last residence. 1852 D.A.R. Index on microfilm, 1860
 2. ***COMMON SCHOOL REPORTS** 1862 to 1960. Filed chronologically and alphabetically by county name. Includes school districts, student attendance figures, grades taught, length of school year, school finances, names of teachers and condition of schools.
 3. ***MILITARY RECORDS** 1850 to 1945. Filed by company name, type of document and chronologically thereunder. Includes organization papers, correspondence, election of officers, muster rolls, loyalty oaths and invoices relating to Independent Militia Units, Indian Wars, Civil War, Spanish American War World War I and World War II. Name index for Civil War Volunteers, 1861 to 1867, is available.
 4. ***PRISON RECORDS** 1850 to 1945. Filed numerically by inmate number and chronologically. Includes San Quentin and Folsom Prison Registers, inmate photographs, reward and commitment papers, inmate case files (samples) and pardon files. Prison registers have name indexes, 1850 to 1930.
 5. **SUPREME AND APPELLATE COURT CASES** 1850 to 1970. Filed numerically by case number. Includes transcripts and opinions. Plaintiff and defendant name indexes, 1850 to 1930, are available!
 6. ***ELECTION PAPERS** 1850 to date. Filed chronologically. Includes nomination papers, initiative petitions, election returns and campaign statements.
 7. ***ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION** 1850 TO 1960. Filed alphabetically by company name. Includes company name, purpose, place of business, names of officers and amount of capital invested. Business name index is available at the Secretary of State's Office.
 8. ***TRADEMARKS** 1861 to date. Filed numerically by trademark number and chronologically. Includes name of claimant, type of product, label specimen or written description and occasionally business address. Claimant and trademark name indexes, 1861 to 1910, are available. Secretary of State's Office has a trademark index which contains 1861 to date.
 9. **PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL STANDARDS EXAMINATION APPLICATIONS** 1885 to 1968. Filed by type of profession and alphabetically by name thereunder. Includes biographical sketches, correspondence, photographs and newspaper clippings (samples) relating to: Architectural Examiners, 1901 to 1947; Civil and Professional Engineers, 1930 to 1966; cosmetologists, 1928 to 1960; Dental Examiners, 1885 to 1959; Medical Examiners, 1902 to 1968 and Social Work Examiner, 1940 to 1967.
- *THESE RECORDS ARE AVAILABLE ON MICROFILM
(*Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society NEWSLETTER*, July 1993 Vol. 35 No.10)

HINTS

BASIC SOURCES AND RESOURCES

Experienced Jewish Genealogist David Einsiedler in Los Angeles has written an excellent list for the beginner of Jewish genealogical sources (mostly in English) and resources (places to go to find the sources). He covers: How-to Books, searching for names, searching for places, books describing resources, and a short list of some resources in Los Angeles. The article appears in the Spring 1993 issue of *Roots-Key* the newsletter of the JGS of Los Angeles.

PURCHASING MICROFICHE READERS

More and more research materials are becoming available on microfiche, and volumes of data can be packed into this compact and inexpensive form. The March 1993 issue of *Branches*, the newsletter of the JGS of Greater Miami has a good article on how to purchase an inexpensive microfiche reader for personal use. Various models are described in the \$150-\$200 range. Further information on the MR and 400 Series microfiche readers is available from Microforms Management Corporation, 3804 Burns Road, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410, 407-622-6400.

GENEALOGICAL NUMBERING SYSTEMS

The National Genealogical Society has recently published a booklet by well-known professional genealogist Joan Ferris Curran, called "Numbering Your Genealogy: Sound and Simple Systems." The author recommends that family historians avoid inventing a system. Rather she suggests they select from systems which have stood the test of time in the genealogical world. She describes and shows examples of two such systems for tracing descendants—the *Register Plan* and the *Modified Register Plan*, and two for tracing ancestors—the *Sosa-Stradonitz* and the *Multi-Surname* systems. The 16-page booklet is an adaptation of an article by Ms. Curran in the September 1991 issue of the *NGS Quarterly*. Copies of the booklet are available from NGS Publications, 4527 17th Street, Arlington, VA 22207-2399 for \$5.00 plus \$1.50 postage and handling. (*Gateway News*, 1993 edition, Volume 5, published by Gateway Press, Inc., 1001 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202)

TYPE SIZES

In the old days of typewriters, the width of all letters was uniform, and type size was measured by the number of letters or characters per inch of typing. The smaller of the common standards is **Elite** type, which contains 12 letters to the inch, and the larger of the common standards is **Pica** type, which contains 10 letters to the inch. Today, with computers being used for most word processing and desktop publishing new standards are being used to measure type size. Today's measure is based on so-called **point size** which measures the height of the type, not its width. There are 72 points in one inch of height. The type used in this paragraph is 12-point type, and there are $72/12=6$ lines of type per inch of text. (adapted from *Gateway News*, 1993 edition, Volume 5, published by Gateway Press)

PUBLISHING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

One of the benefits of attending genealogical shows and conferences is the possibility of contacting of professionals who can help you in aspects of your genealogy that exceed your capabilities to do yourself. One such contact I made at the March California Genealogical Fair was with Gateway Press, Inc., 1001 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, 410-837-8271. They followed up my visit to their booth with descriptive materials on how to prepare a family history for publication. I'll put their *Guide for Authors* pamphlet into the Society library for members' use. They will also loan their half-hour video introduction to the art of book publishing *Prepare to Publish* for a forthcoming meeting if there is sufficient demand.

FHL INTERNATIONAL MICROFILMS

There is a possibility of your not getting to see microfilms of international records at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City because the more infrequently used films are put in storage to make room for newer arrivals. Then if such a film is requested, it may take longer for you (and the staff) to access it than you had planned to stay in Salt Lake. It is suggested that you send, a month in advance of your visit, a list of the European or other overseas films that you plan to use. Use the indexes at the local LDS Family History Center. (*Newsletter, The Genealogical Society of Santa Cruz County*, July-August 1993)

PRESERVING NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

1. Mix 2 teaspoons of magnesium carbonate (available at pharmacies) and 1 quart of club soda.
2. Sandwich the clipping between two pieces of screen or pellon.
3. Soak the clipping for 30 minutes.

Blot up excess moisture and allow to dry overnight.

4. Store the clipping in an airtight plastic bag or sandwich it between clear contact paper. Lamination also works well. (*Tinley Moraine Genealogist*, May 1993 via *Illiana Jewish Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Summer 1993)

OVERSEAS PAYMENT PROCEDURES

Several articles in various JGS Publications in the past year have described methods of sending money overseas. One of the more convenient methods has a quirk that readers should be aware of. Ruesch International issues bank drafts (or makes wire transfers) in more than 26 currencies, and charges only \$2.00 per check (\$15.00 per wire transfer, payable by check, *if done through their Washington Operations Center*. However, attempting to follow this process directly through their New York office at 608 Fifth Avenue (49th St., in the Swiss Center lobby) may result in a requirement to pay \$5.00, cash only- no personal checks accepted. Ruesch International seems inconsistent about their policy, so it is advisable to call the New York office (212-977-2700) before going there. If the New York office will not agree to the more liberal policy, Call the Washington Operations Center (800-424-2923) to obtain the draft.

There is also a relatively convenient way to send payments in dollar denominations to Poland. Pekao Trading Corporation at 2 Park Avenue (between 32 and 33 Streets, 4th floor; 212-684-5320) will send payments for a handling charge of \$5.00, through the Polish National Bank in Danzig. Depending on the bank being used by the recipient in Poland, and additional \$3.00 might be required for the Danzig bank to process the payment on to the local bank. Pekao will take a personal check, and is open from 8:30 to 4:00. Pekao also has two offices in Chicago. (*Dorot*, Vol14 No.3, Spring 1993)

OUT OF PRINT BOOKS

The American Association of University Women Book Finders is a non-profit organization that will search the inventories of approximately 8,000 antiquarian book dealers for a specific title. The search usually takes approximately 100-120 days and is conducted at no charge. Write them at P.O. Box 8151, Corpus Christi, TX 78468 (*Pomona Gen. Soc.*, 2/93 via *San Mateo Co. Gen. Soc.* 4/93, *H.A.G.S.* INFORMER June 1993 via *The Livermore Roots Tracer*, Vol. XII No. 4, Summer 1993)

COMPUTER BITSHEBREW-ENGLISH VERSION OF WINDOWS

A bilingual Hebrew-English version of the Windows personal computer program has been announced by Glyph Systems of Andover, Massachusetts. Using Hebrew Windows, any PC capable of using the standard version of Windows will be capable of displaying and printing Hebrew without any additional hardware. Hebrew Windows includes Windows Write, a fully-bilingual Hebrew-English word processor with seven styles of Hebrew characters that can be displayed and printed in any desired size. List price for Hebrew Windows 3.1 is \$199, (\$89 for current owners of Windows 3.1). A Hebrew version of Microsoft Works 2.0 for DOS is available from Glyph Systems, 508-470-1317. (*Jewish Bulletin*, Mar 19, 1993)

A NEW GENEALOGY PROGRAM FOR THE MACINTOSH

A new program has been announced to augment the capabilities of other Macintosh genealogy programs. It converts GEDCOM files from Personal Ancestral Files (PAF) or other GEDCOM-capable genealogy programs into formats which can be read by word processors, databases, spreadsheets, and outline programs. Family history files can be created which can be incorporated into word processor documents and can be spell-checked. Database or spreadsheet files can be created which can be searched, sorted, or filtered. And outline files can be created which can be printed out as wall charts by outline programs such as MORE. GEDcompanion works under Systems 6.0.5 or later and 7. It is available with documentation for \$20.00 from developer Mark Taylor, PO Box 2034, Cupertino CA 95015-2034, 408-749-9720.

MEMBERS' PAGESVISITING OUR ROOTS IN KAMENETS PODOLSKIY
BY RHEA AND JULIAN TOOLE*(Conclusion of the account started in the May 1993 issue of ZichronNote)*

People seem to be suffering greatly from the introduction of the free market system and resultant inflation. Currently there is no anti-semitism, but the Jewish residents are guardedly taking a wait and see attitude.

Allie wanted to entertain us in her home and we were pleasantly surprised at her spacious, well-furnished and comfortable apartment. Conversation was lively, the atmosphere warm and friendly and the food abundant and graciously served. Aside from the overwhelming warmth and hospitality we experienced, everyone we met bestowed us with treasures—books, hand work, and medicines (I was suffering from the "tourista"). Allie and her daughter asked us to offer her hospitality to others who might come to search their roots.

Allie is one of the Jewish survivors who was resettled during the war. She is a mathematician, as was her father and grandfather, and she supplements her income teaching chess. Before leaving we accepted an invitation to participate in school opening ceremonies where parents proudly watch their children enter their new classes. The boys are dressed in suits, and the girls wear organdy aprons over their dresses and carry flowers to present to their teachers. It was impressive to see their commitment to education.

We made arrangements with our guide to search for family documents and then proceeded on our journey to Kiev to catch our boat. On our journey along the Dneiper we eagerly anticipated our arrival in Odessa where arrangements were made for us to visit my husband's family's roots. Despite contingency safeguards of a 2 car convoy, and armed guards, we were advised that the area was dangerous and our safety questionable as Grigoriopol and Dubassar were on the Moldavian border where sporadic fighting was erupting. Sadly, we cancelled our visit.

On our return to Kiev we had an interpreter come with us to the State Archives where we obtained the location of the area archives. We were told that Israeli genealogists were working in the building but the officials were not disposed to arrange a meeting with them as we requested.

On our travels we met a man and his children from Winnipeg on a pilgrimage to establish a memorial to his parents and entire family who were killed by the Nazis. The slaughter took place outside his village and he lay with the dead for 3 days before he dared to escape. This 11-year old boy survived in the forest. He told of his lifelong dream to honor his family and reported that hundreds of people from the area participated in the memorial service. We were also told of bus-loads of Israelis who came from the Ukraine and were visiting their ancestral graves and homes and also trying to reclaim property with the demise of Communism. In Kiev there were long lines of Jewish people outside the German Embassy where claims for restitution and relocation are being processed. Israelis are also returning to set up businesses to take advantage of the skilled labor force and low wages. We sensed that the younger people have the energy and enthusiasm to adapt to an open society. Those of middle age are understandably fearful and anxious.

Our last experience was to visit the monument at Babi Yar, where at least 100,000 Jews were slaughtered. It was a dramatic and sobering finish of our visit to the Ukraine.

ADDRESSES:

•Ukrainian Records: Main Archival Administration, Council of Minister of Ukraine SSR, 252601 Kiev 110 HSP, val Solmianska 24 UKRAINE

•Kamenets Podolskiy area Records: Central Archives of Kmelni Region, 280000 Kmelni City, Rose Luxembourg Street 87 UKRAINE

•Archives for Birth and Marriage, 281013 Kmelni City, Karl Libkneht 16

AN UNEXPECTED RESOURCE
LILLIAN WURZEL

The opening of the restored Ellis Island buildings and the new museum last year as well as the rebuilding of the Statue of Liberty were the largest private restoration projects ever undertaken in this country, costing well over 150 million dollars. Fund-raising was under the energetic chairmanship of Lee Iacocca.

One interesting fund-raising device was to sell plaques to be installed on the walls as the "American Immigrant Wall Of Honor". Small plaques are \$100 each while larger ones cost more. I contributed \$500 for 5 plaques—to my father, my mother, my aunt (father's sister) and my maternal aunt and her husband.

Visiting Ellis Island is high on my list of things to do, although I haven't gotten there yet. However, one of my cousins in New Jersey and his wife visited the museum last summer the second week it was open. Not only did they visit but they found the "Immigrant Wall Of Honor" and the plaques. They took pictures. To their and my surprise there were 3 other Wurzel plaques near my father's!

In an article in *Cleveland Kol* (quarterly of the Cleveland Jewish Genealogical Society), I read recently that the Foundation will forward one donor's inquiry to other donors but will not release other donors' addresses to you. That was fair enough and I appreciated their regard for privacy and confidentiality.

So I recently wrote Leslie Carter, Donor Services, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island Foundation, 54 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York NY 10017-3808, 212-883-1986, asking her to forward my inquiry to the three other Wurzels. She did, and sent me their names without their addresses. Three days later I had a phone call from a Howard Wurzel, Carteret, N.J. with whom I had a half-hour conversation. I have since sent him a long letter with background information on the family and he's promised to send me his family records. I haven't heard from the other two references, but maybe it's too soon to expect word. Then again, not everyone is interested in genealogy. "Who needs more relatives, anyway?" some ask. But it's an interesting resource and it worked for me.

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To get your genealogy into the Library of Congress you need only pay the postage to get it there, and your genealogy does not have to be copyrighted. Some research expenses can be deducted from income taxes when such a gift is given to the Library of Congress. They will send an acknowledgment describing your gift. Send your completed genealogy to: Library of Congress Exchange and Gifts Division, 10 First St. S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540 (St. Charles County GS, MO, Vol. 18 No. 2 via *San Mateo County Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Vol. 11 No. 5, June 1993)

PLACING FAMILY FINDER ADS IN RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE JEWISH NEWSPAPER

Family Finder ads can be placed in the Russian-language monthly newspaper *New Life* published by the San Francisco Jewish Community Center. The paper is mailed out to anyone interested in reading it, and has wide circulation among new Soviet immigrants. Basic 1-column-inch ad (2-3/4 by 1 inch) costs \$11.00 and 2-column-inch ad (4-3/4 by 1 inch) costs \$22.00. Text may be submitted in English and will be translated into Russian. Mail material to New Life, Jewish Community Center, 3200 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94118, 415-346-6040, extension 3075.

FAMILY FINDER

Bette A. Winik, 133 Cypress Street, Newton MA 02159, 617-527-6558.

Seeking information on my great-grand-aunt **Elizabeth FLEISCHMAN**, 1865-190, sister of **Estelle F. WOLF**, **Milton**, and **Martin FLEISCHMAN**, aunt of **Dr. Genevieve FLEISCHMAN GAFFNEY**, and great-aunt of **June GAFFNEY** (married name unknown). **Elizabeth** was a famous X-ray photographer in San Francisco from 1896-1905.

Martha L. Wise, 1990 20th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116, 415-564-9927.

Seeking information on the descendants of **Betty HESS**, born 1812 in **Hamburg, Germany**, and married to **Meyer EMDEN**. Also interested in any possible connection to **Anton EMDEN** who married the widowed **Henriette LEVY née BERG**.

Family Finder queries are free to Society members. Non-members may place queries for \$5.00 each limited to 25 words not including searcher's name, address and phone number

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