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LOCAL GENEALOGICAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dates in **Bold** type are meetings held or supported by the SFBA JGS
This will be the only notice of Society meetings until the May *ZichronNote*
Please transfer the dates to your calendar now, and plan to be with us.

- Wed Feb 8 East Bay Genealogical Society meeting. *Using the Oakland Family History Library*
10:00 AM The Mormon Center, 4780 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland. Call 510-532-5947 for info.
- Sun Feb 19 JGS of Sacramento Field Trip. *Tour of the Marysville Pioneer Jewish Cemetery.*
10:30 AM Tour starts from the home of Jane Paskowitz in Wheatland. Call Joan at 633-9557
- Mon Feb 20** **Regular Meeting.** Palo Alto. Congregation Kol Emeth, 4175 Manuela Avenue near
7:30 PM Foothill Blvd. and Arastradero Road, Palo Alto
- Fri Mar 10** C. G. S. Family History Fair. *Following Paper Trails Across the Continents*
Sat Mar 11 Fashion Center, 8th Street between Brannan & Townsend, San Francisco. (See Insert)
We'll have a table at this annual genealogical fair.
- Sun Mar 19** **Regular Meeting.** San Francisco. Members **Len Traubman** and **Gail Todd**
1:00 PM discuss how they created and published their new family history publications. (See p 3)
Jewish Community Library, 14th Ave. at Balboa, San Francisco
- Mon Apr 17 JGS of Sacramento meeting. *Preparation for Trip to Seminar and Research in*
7:30 PM *Washington D.C.* Iris Bachman. Albert Einstein Residence Center, 1935 Wright St.,
Sacramento
- Mon Apr 24** **Regular Meeting.** Palo Alto.
- Mon May 14 JGS of Sacramento Meeting. *25 Ways to Trace a Maiden Name*, Glenda Lloyd
7:30 PM Albert Einstein Residence Center, 1935 Wright St., Sacramento
- Sun May 21** **Regular Meeting.** San Francisco.
- Mon Jun 19** **Regular Meeting.** Palo Alto.
- June 25-29** Fourteenth Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy, Hotel Washington, Washington,
DC. Details JGS of Greater Washington, P. O. Box 412, Vienna, VA 22183-0412
- Sun Jul 23** **Regular Meeting.** San Francisco.
- Mon Aug 21** **Regular Meeting.** Palo Alto.
- Sun Sep 17** **Regular Meeting.** San Francisco.
- Mon Oct 23** **Regular Meeting.** Palo Alto.
- Sun Nov 19** **Regular Meeting.** San Francisco.
- Mon Dec 18** **Regular Meeting.** Palo Alto.

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Meetings Odd-numbered months— 3rd Sunday of each month, starting at 1:00 PM at the Jewish Community Library, 601 14th Avenue (at Balboa), San Francisco.

Even-numbered months— 3rd Monday of each month starting at 7:30 PM at Congregation Kol Emeth, 4175 Manuela Avenue (near Arastradero & Foothill), Palo Alto.

THE SOCIETY PAGE

About This Issue

This issue of *ZichronNote* features two major items relating to Jewish cemeteries. On the positive side, we reprint a progress report which appeared several months ago by Arline Sachs, who is organizing a monumental project to catalog and index Jewish burials throughout the world. Our Society started to support this effort, and made initial submittals relating to the Bay Area, but we have had no volunteer to replace Dan Peletz to focus our efforts.

On the negative side, we reprint an appeal from Florence Marmor, who has discovered a plan to cover over a number of 19th Century Jewish graves in the Mokom Sholom Cemetery in Queens, NY and to re-sell the plots. We reprint the list of burials in that cemetery to aid Florence locate relatives who might be able to preserve their relative's gravesite, and as an aid for readers to locate burial sites of relatives in New York.

A summary account is given of a recent meeting in Palo Alto on Hispanic Genealogy by two Hispanic genealogists from San Jose. Both told of family traditions and ancestral names which would indicate that they are descendants of *conversos* (Spanish Jews forcibly converted in the 15th Century). Another recent meeting dealt with Gaucher Disease, a genetic disease prevalent among Ashkenazic Jews. Our November article on the beta-thalassemia project was picked up by Gene Starn of the Orlando JGS and will be repeated in the Heritage Florida Jewish News. We received a warm thanks from Stanley Diamond who credits the genealogical networks for getting the word out about this important research. He also informed us of the recent formation of the JGS of Montreal.

We are reprint a useful article by Linda Cantor, President of the JGS of Long Island, originally printed in *Lineage*, and reprinted in *Mishpacha*, on how to obtain photographs of the early immigrant ships that brought our ancestors "across the pond".

Our book reviews include an original review by Bob Weiss of the new edition of the classic Jewish genealogy beginners reference *From Generation to Generation* by Arthur Kurzweil.

Our Genealogical Computing column gives instructions for computer tyros on how to establish service on JEWISHGEN, the Jewish genealogical bulletin board.

Member Irwin Keller sends us a translation of a brochure he picked up on a recent research trip in Berlin detailing the holdings of the Berlin Jewish Archives, and member Ruth Mayo sends us the 1995 National Archive workshop schedule.

Bob Weiss

Additions to Our Library

We have been actively acquiring reference and research materials for our library. Some of this material is purchased from your dues, but much of it is from member donations. An update to the Society's holdings appears below. Call our Librarian Dana Kurtz at 415-921-6761 at least 48 hours prior to a Society meeting if you wish to use or borrow any reference.

Title	Author or Publisher	Date	Pages	Publisher
Beginner's Guide to Hispanic Genealogy, A	Flores, N. & Ludwig, P.	1993	58pb	Western Book/Journal Press
Researcher's Guide to U.S. Census Availability	Hamilton, Ann B.	1992	165pb	Heritage Books, Inc, Bowie, MD
NYPL Book of How & Where to Look it Up	Harris, Sherwood, Ed.	1991	382hc	Stonesong Press
From Generation to Generation, Revised Edition	Kurzweil, Arthur	1994	388	HarperCollins, New York, NY
Memoirs of Glückel von Hameln, The	Lowenthal translation	1977	295pb	Schoken Books, New York
Handy Book to English Genealogy, The	Mellen, Rachael	1990	218pb	Heritage Books, Bowie MD
Newspaper Genealogical Column Directory	Milner, A. C.	1992	112pb	Heritage Books, Inc.
Conversation with My Father, A	Todd, Gail	1994	34pb	Gail Todd
Oreckovsky Family, The: From Russia to America	Traubman, Len	1994	315hc	The Oreck Foundation, San Mateo, CA

The last two books on the list have been generously donated by their authors to our library.

• *The Oreckovsky Family—From Russia to America*, published by the Oreck Foundation, 1994, donated by the editor, and Society member, **Dr. Len Traubman**

• *A Conversation with My Father—An Oral History of Fred Geyzer*, self-published by the author **Gail Todd** in 1994

Publishing Your Family History

March 1995 Meeting Announcement

Our March meeting in San Francisco will feature Len Traubman and Gail Todd, who will display their books and describe how they put them together and had them published. The scopes of their books differ, as do publication techniques. This will be an excellent opportunity for members to see examples of methods of preserving and displaying their family histories and to question others who have recently published to gain from their experiences.

National Archives—Pacific Sierra Region 1995 Workshop Schedule

Register in advance to guarantee a place in the class and save money. Cost is \$12.00 in advance, \$15.00 at the door. Contact Rose Mary Kennedy at 415-876-9009.

Sat **Feb 11**, 10:00AM-3:00PM, Volunteer Training—Not open to the public

Fri **Mar 10**, 9:00AM-1:00PM, Beginning Genealogical Workshop

Fri **Jun 30**, 9:00AM-1:00PM, Passenger Arrivals and Naturalization Records

Fri **Aug 11**, 9:00AM-12 Noon Military-Part I: Pre-Revolution to War of 1812

Fri **Sep 8**, 9:00AM-12 Noon Military-Part II: Civil War to World War II

Welcome New Members

We are very proud to announce that we ended last year with 180 members. We welcome our new members with the hope that you become active in the Society. Benefits of belonging are enhanced when you attend meetings and participate in our varied activities. Please communicate your interests, desires, and complaints to your officers. Make this YOUR Society.

Ronald E. Arons	Oakland
Hubert E. Dubb	Belmont
Lawrence & Harriet Fried	Palo Alto
Martin Gewing	Dublin
Stanley H. Judd	San Francisco
Bernard Kaufman, Jr.	San Francisco
William Keating	Palo Alto
Frieda Koppl	San Francisco
Myra Ann Lappin	Menlo Park
Lee F. Miller	San Francisco
Roy Ogus	Palo Alto
Irving Olender	Los Gatos
Evelyn Perl	San Jose
Alan M. Portis	Berkeley
Michael Poulin	Oakland
Jasmine Senyak	Oakland

Donations for Library Acquisitions

Our Society has recently acquired tax-free status as an exempt educational and cultural organization, and dues and donations may be considered as deductible contributions according to tax code. We would like to give special thanks to the following members who donated **above** their basic dues level to help acquire important publications for our Society library:

Sharon Fingold	Manfred Linder
Carol Hanig	Ruth Mayo
Merle Krantzman	Carol Morrison
Sherrill Stern Laszlo	Edward Tonovitz

PAST MEETINGS

Hispanic Genealogy—Sources of Interest to Sephardic Researchers

Norma Patricia Flores
Patsy Castro Ludwig

The subject meeting of the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society was held on December 19, 1994 in Palo Alto. Our speakers are Hispanic genealogists from San Jose, California, and are the co-authors of the book *A Beginner's Guide to Hispanic Genealogy*, reviewed in the November 1994 issue of *ZichronNote*. Our speakers are also staff members at the San Jose FHC on Thursdays, 6-9 PM. The FHC is located at 4977 San Filipe Road, San Jose, near Evergreen College.

Many of the records discussed by Norma and Patsy are found at the Mormon Family History Library, and are obtainable through local Family History Centers. The records are accessed through the Family History Locality Catalog under the locality of interest.

For each locality of interest one finds records of the Catholic Church. For Spain and Mexico one would not expect to find specific Jewish records, since after conversion the individual records would be found among the church records, and admission of Jewish practice would be fatal. For this reason, "converso" records cannot be found¹.

But Jewish ancestry has a way of bubbling up through certain family and given names and practices among Catholics. An example was given by Norma Flores. The names Daniel and Abraham have been in Norma's family for many generations, and her grandfather requested that she name her son Abraham. A unique kind of bread, *semitas* (Semitic bread) has always been eaten in her family during lent. So Jewish background persists and is evident in names and practiced customs, open or hidden². Talk about Jewish background is usually accompanied by a "shiss" and a whisper.

Many of the Hispanic families with whom Norma and Patsy come in contact talk quietly about the customs practiced secretly by their families. Frequently the meaning of these practices has been lost but they are still done as family traditions. Norma's mother has a "star of David" pendant which has been handed down through the family. When asked

¹ a *converso* is a Jew forceably converted to Christianity sometimes referred to by the derogatory term *marrano* (swine)

² "crypto-Jews" is the term applied to *conversos* who practice Jewish ritual secretly

where she got it she replies "I don't know". She has been told since she was a child never to eat meat and drink milk at the same time. And never eat blood. Her grandmother washed the chicken until there was no more blood in the meat. She never knew why. "That's just was the way it is." Other "give-away" customs are braided bread, circumcision, burning of candles in the closet, burial without a casket, signs on the doorpost, and washing before eating.

In areas such as New Mexico, where formal Catholicism took hold, practice was more devout, and the secret practices tended to die out. In other, less devout areas such as Nuevo Leon, Catholic practice and church attendance was more for appearance, and the secret practice of the crypto Jews persisted. These Crypto Jews were often of the business class, the females were educated and were teachers.

Names are the other indicators of Jewish background. A list of "typical" *converso* surnames was included in the extensive handout provided to members at the meeting. Castro and Flores, two of the speakers' family names, are Jewish names. When researching a Hispanic first name, always try to put a "Jose" or "Maria" in front of the compound name. Hispanics often have three first names and two surnames, and often used these common first names with their traditional names. Names were often changed before or after leaving Spain for the new land. There was a long discussion of Hispanic surnames which are on the meeting tape.

Familial names were often lost during mass baptisms, taking of baptizer's name, not carrying indigenous Indian names, and naming of bastard children.

There are many inquisition records available on microfiche in the FHL. These records often contain genealogical lines of the subject families. The major portions of these records have been copied and are available at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The Bancroft Library at UC Berkeley has many original inquisition records. Records document family bloodlines and the permission to leave Spain to come to North America. Many *conversos* came as soldiers and as ships' crews.

Prior restrictions on Spanish church records have recently been lifted, and these records may now be borrowed and viewed at local FHCs. Records are sparse from Baja California. Some mission and military records are available. Some records are catalogued in a confusing manner, and are hard to find. Military records are easy to find at Bancroft, but the Mormon equivalents are filed under Chihuahua. Part of this confusion arises because during the Colonial period military records were prepared and filed in triplicate, with one copy filed locally, one sent to the

capitanías generales (general captaincies—roughly the military headquarters for the area), and one to the colonial administrator in Spain.

Catholic church parish records contain birth, marriage, and death records. Some marriage records are accompanied by extensive family genealogies.

Mission records are found at the *Archivos de la Las Indias* in Seville, Spain. Research there is difficult. Before being allowed to do research one must have two letters of recommendation from the Spanish Consulate to prove that you are a serious researcher. On-location research in Mexico is the same. Records are not catalogued and records are stored in cartons, copying facilities are rare and abstracts must be made of the data. Spanish census records are excellent. The wife's maiden name is given.

Subsequent discussion included migratory patterns, racial mixing, reconversion, and personal experiences of *converso* families. Two films on the subject were highly recommended. The first, "El Santo Officio" is a film on the burial customs that distinguish the *converso*. It was shown in a European film festival, but is not available here. The second film is "The Last Marannos", a film on the clandestine practices of the Portuguese Jews.

The hand-out included the following materials:

- Meeting outline (1 page)
- The Long Road Back, by Patricia G. Snyder, reprint of article on *Conversos* (3 pages)
- Surname list of individuals tried by the Inquisition (1 page)
- Jewishness of Northeastern Mexican Culture, by Dr. Carlos Hidalgo (9 pages)
- European Origins, (4 pages)
- Montano, Francisco, notes on an early Sephardic Jew who was an officer under Cortes (2 pages)
- Alonso Nunez De Hinojosa, notes on an early Spanish officer in Mexico (2 pages)
- Directory of Ethnic Groups, race designations found in parish registries in the Americas (1 page)
- Pedigree chart blank form (1 page)
- Family Group Record blank form (2 pages)
- Book List (1 page)
- Publication list and order form, Sephardic House (2 pages)
- The Jews of Portugal, talk by Ambassador Colette Avital, June 6, 1993 (2 pages)
- Genealogical Research on Greek Jewry, notes on a talk by Dr. Yitzchak Kerem at SFBA JGS meeting (2 pages)
- miscellaneous abstracts on Sephardic research from *ZichronNote* (2 pages)

Copies of any or all of the above handouts are available on request. The recording of the meeting is available on a loan basis to members. Please call our

librarian Dana Kurtz at least 48 hours prior to a meeting. Copies of the tape are available for \$8.00.

Meeting minutes by R. Weiss.

Gaucher Disease

Kim Hart & Seymour Packman

Gaucher disease is a genetic disorder that comes in three varieties. The most common variety affects 1 in 450 Ashkenazic Jews whereas among all Americans only 1 person in 40,000 is affected. For those affected the disease may be serious, but it responds to treatment. For many, the disease is mild. Tay-Sachs, the better known Ashkenazic genetic disease is always fatal.

At our November 20, 1994 meeting in San Francisco, Kim Hart, Genetic Counselor and Seymour Packman, MD, from the University of California School of Medicine described the cause, effects, incidence and treatment of the disease.

In the presentation, we learned the locations on the chromosomes where the mutations may occur, and we learned the arithmetic of the spread of Gaucher disease. For a child to be affected, both parents must be carriers. Among Ashkenazic Jews, 1 person in 10 is a carrier. In the general population, 1 person in 100 is a carrier.

If not treated, Gaucher disease may result in a grossly enlarged spleen and liver and deterioration of the bones, particularly at joints. In serious cases, the person is completely disabled.

The biochemical problem created by the genetic mutation is expressed as a deformed enzyme. Enzymes are supposed to act as catalysts, but if deformed, they fail to act. A treatment that has become available and that is evolving is to give patients dosages of a replacement enzyme on a monthly or more frequent basis.

Couples planning to have children may consider genetic testing and counselling. An individual can be tested to see if he or she is a carrier, but neither of the speakers recommended this as a routine procedure unless there was a history of the disease in the family. The fetus can also be tested, but even if the mutation were present in the fetus the parents would be told that the disease would respond to chemical treatment. This complexity indicates the advantage of having contact with a genetic counselor such as Ms. Hart.

The study of the incidence of genetic diseases among Ashkenazic Jews and their Gentile neighbors in Eastern Europe indicates that there was not much admixture of the two populations for hundreds of years. This is a general conclusion that Jewish genealogists can examine in their own family trees.

Review by Jerry Delson

U. S. & CANADIAN RESEARCH

UPDATE ON U.S. CEMETERY PROJECT

From Arline Sachs

Date: Mon, 25 Jul 1994 12:59:31 -0500
From: Arline.Sachs@f302.n109.z1.cgsg.com
(Arline Sachs)
Subject: CEMETERY REPORT
Dear Genealogist,

I now have over 135 files of data representing over 2000 different cemeteries. I have available a retrieval program that will access the data using menus. This will work for DOS only. I have also created a program to enter the data at a cemetery. You can get a copy of the data, and the program to enter data by sending me a formatted disk (any size, but it must hold at least 400K), a return label, postage to cover the return mail and I will make you a copy.

The following is a review of the stages and where we are now.

Stage 1: Creating a master list of all cemeteries (including foreign ones). They can be all-Jewish cemeteries or any that have a Jewish section, or just some Jews, but please indicate it if not all-Jewish. In this list please include:

- name of cemetery
- location of cemetery
- street address
- city, state, country
- additional instructions about where it is
- years used
- contact person (This may be the caretaker, whoever has the key)

and how to gain access, (the society caring for it, the synagogue, or even the person submitting the data, who would help interested people.)

- phone number of contact person
- synagogue(s) who use(d) it
- approximate size (30 or 3000 graves)
- all-Jewish or not

Everyone may not be able to get all this information, so just send whatever you have. Do not use a tiny font to get more than 80 characters per line. It must be in a form that I can change to ASCII. WordPerfect is fine. There are no special field sizes needed for this.

Occasionally a book has been written about a cemetery and this information is also included if it has been sent to me.

Stage 2: Indexing of the contents of local cemeteries. Several projects of this type are already almost complete. The program that you can use is the JGSCMET that is on the disk mentioned

above. If you can use that it will make it a lot easier for me to put it all together later.

If you wish to use your own data base then the fields should be as shown below. It was important to limit the size of a record to 256 bytes (characters) so that it would be compatible with various programs and computers. The data should then be sent in a delimited format. Delimited means "marks around each field and a comma separating the fields".

Last name	15
First and other names	30
Death date	9 (yyyymmdd)
Place of death	15
Birth date	9 (yyyymmdd)
Birth place	15
Cemetery	25
Location in cemetery	20
Father/Mother	45
Informant/Relation	35
Comments	65
Funeral Home	15
Spouse	20

I have had a number of people send this information to me already, and I have about 40,000 names so far. However I do not have it in a format ready for distribution yet. My husband and I are working on putting this together in a reasonable format and hope to have it ready by the seminar next year. If you have data available please send it to me.

Stage 3: In this stage a master index of all the names of those in the cemeteries will be created. I expect that the master index will include:

- deceased's full name
- date of death (or burial)
- reference to cemetery and where find the full data base

Keep in mind that this is to be an INDEX of the data and not all the pertinent data will be in the index. Names will also eventually be included in the People Finder with reference to the cemetery. The names will be accessible via the spelling or via Soundex.

Please also contact any local (or not so local) Historical Societies. They may have already done some of this or may be willing to help with this project. Synagogues and funeral homes may also have some of this information.

Please submit data to me on an IBM-compatible floppy disk. I can read any size or density. Data may be in WordPerfect, Word, Lotus, DBase or any equivalent, or in ASCII. Just let me know which it is so I can figure out how to read it.

Remember that even if you don't have all the above info about a particular cemetery, please send

what you have. It will probably be more that the next person knows.

I have found someone to translate Mac disks, so if you have a Mac and were not participating for that reason, that is no longer an excuse.. (:-->)

Send DOS disks to: Mac users send disk to:

Arline Sachs	Dave Fox
6212 Thomas Drive	969 Placid Ct.
Springfield, VA 22150	Arnold, MD 21012
USA	USA

My phone number is 703-971-2092

My E-Mail address is:

NVSACHA@VCCSCENT.BITNET Please do NOT send me data via E-Mail because I cannot properly capture it. Use it for messages only. If it is just a small amount of data it can be sent on this BBS.

Dave can also give you the data that has been collected in Mac form, but without the program to access it nicely. You will get a copy of each individual file. In DOS the total is over 400,000 compressed, so keep that in mind if you send a disk(s) to Dave. If you write to me the data is automatically compressed on the disk and unpacked only as needed, so it currently still fits on a D5DD disk 3 1/2" disk or a HD disk.

HELP - HELP - I NEED SOME HELP AND SOME COMMENTS PLEASE

This project is mushrooming quickly and while I will continue working on it, I do need some help desperately. Specifically:

1. Subchairperson for various areas that would handle what I am doing, ie put together the data as it comes in. Joachim Mugdan in Germany has volunteered to do this for Germany and is currently working on that. How about volunteering for an area that you are already familiar with? It could be a state, city, or country, or whatever you suggest .

2. I wrote to the CCAR (Central Conference of American Rabbis) which is the umbrella organization for reform Rabbis. They put a notice into one of their newsletters and I had quite a number of responses from individual Rabbis who knew of out-of-the-way cemeteries around the country. I need someone to do this for the Orthodox, Conservative, and Reconstructionists. I just wrote to the Rabbinical Assembly, (conservative) but have not had an answer yet. I did not have a particular name to contact. PLEASE can someone contact the other two? or at least give me the addresses?

3. I asked some questions last time about how the individual data should be retrieved. As a result of those responses, we are retrieving on either the spelling or Soundex.

4. We do plan to have the Phase II information available for everyone at the seminar, but a question of distribution will need to be addressed. Does anyone out there know where one can get CDs made if the data is supplied? Probably 15 or 20 megs worth of data and programs by then.

5. The following statement has been suggested by a lawyer to be placed at the beginning of the retrieval program for the cemetery project. Please feel free to comment on this and/or to make suggestions, additions or deletions. I understand that there is no legal way we can prevent any conversions from this, but perhaps they will morally comply..

"This listing is donated to the public domain and may be freely copied. Under no conditions can this listing be sold or used in any commercial fashion or for purposes of proselytism."

6. Please send me your e-mail comments to nvsacha@vccscent.bitnet or by general mail to 6212 Thomas Drive, Springfield, VA 22150-1220 USA. If you are on internet and have trouble with my e-mail address you need to go through a gateway; therefore try this:

nvsacha%vccscent.bitnet@cunyvm.cuny.edu

P.S. I just spoke to someone at the United States Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad. I have been working with them and they will forward their material to me when they finish. They have a questionnaire about any cemetery. If you are going abroad and think you might be visiting any cemetery, they would like to have you fill out the questionnaire. You can get a copy by calling them at (202) 254-3824, or writing to 1101 15th St., NW , Suite 504 Washington, DC 20005. They will forward the questionnaire to you. Their emphasis currently is eastern Europe, Poland, Austria, etc.

New York City Burials

Flora and Herbert Gursky of Great Falls, VA have compiled a list of burials in the New York City area from the *landsmanshaften* societies of **Lysyanka** and **Tagancha** in Ukraine, and **Racioz**, **Sokolka**, & **Kuznica** in Poland. The information includes the name of the individual, and, when it is available, birth and death dates, ages, Jewish name and annotations of family relationships. For information concerning specific individuals write to: The Gurskys, 10201 Walker Lake Drive, Great Falls, VA 22066. Please enclose a SASE.

Washington DC Funeral Records

Rita Margolis, 301-530-3511 is directing the creation of a surname index from Danzansky-Goldberg funeral ledgers covering 1920-1970's. (*Mishpacha*

Relatives Buried in Mokom Sholom or Bayside Cemeteries, NYC?

JGS (New York) members David Gevertzman, Florence Marmor and David Prierer have researched a paper trail that suggests the existence of over 11,000 unmarked graves in the Mokom Sholom Cemetery in Ozone Park, Queens. Between 1881 and 1901 the Free Burial Fund Society of Congregation Derech Amuno, a Division of United Hebrew Charities and the original owner of Mokom Sholom, buried 11,132 persons too poor to pay for burials elsewhere. This information was found in records of the organization, to which these enterprising genealogists were led by findings of death certificates specifying that Jacob Finkelstone was the sole undertaker for all these burials.

It was not uncommon for free burial societies not to provide gravestones, and the families involved were typically unable to afford them. Furthermore, many of these burials were of children, and even if there were stones, they would be small ones. The ravages of time and vandalism could have caused these stones to disappear. Thus, although the northeast corner in the back of the cemetery has almost no stones, Marmor, Gevertzman, and Prierer believe this is the area where most of the 11,000 burials took place. They even have found a 1929 aerial photograph that has markings which appear to be headstones in this area.

The current management of Mokom Sholom is dubious as to the evidence in this matter, preferring to believe that the vacant area is the results of abandoned plots. While they have not shown much sympathy towards the issue, they also claim that they have no plans for new burials in the area. Although it is not against Jewish law to layer burials (According to the Code of Jewish Law Chapter CXCIX, Section 5 "One coffin should not be placed upon another unless six hand-breadths of earth intervene between them"-Ed), the intrepid JGS genealogists are concerned that the area be proved to contain these unidentified remains. The *Queens Tribune* gave the issue publicity in a lengthy article in their October 20-26 issue. Anyone interested in assisting in the effort to preserve this burial ground should contact Florence Marmor at 718-296-2269.

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According to Florence Marmor, the manager of Mokom Sholom Cemetery claims that the back area of the cemetery, which constitutes approximately one third of the total area of the cemetery, is virgin land, and he intends to pour earth over the area which has no monuments and then resell the land for graves. This amounts to approximately one half of the section. He also intends to pour earth over a ravine where there are free burial graves, and sell these graves. The only way to stop him is by voting as a plot owner against him.

The following is a list of persons buried in the area in question. Most of them were buried in the Hebrew Free Burial Section, which ran from 1866 to 1901. No burial records can be found between 1866-1881. Records of the United Hebrew Charities organization which ran this free burial in association with Congregation Derech Amuno of New York, NY show Jacob Finkelstone as their undertaker. All death certificates for Mokom Sholom Cemetery state that the person is interred in Bayside Cemetery. Anyone with information please contact Florence Marmor at 74-08 97th Avenue, Ozone Park, NY 11416, Tel. 718-296-2269.

The above information and list have been supplied to *ZichronNote* by Florence Marmor by E-mail

Dashower Society

Jennie Adler Row 1 Gr 3
Tsharneh daughter of Aharon died 4/1/11 age 28 wife and mother death cert #6877 Brooklyn, N.Y.

Rachel Popick Row 1 Gr 4
Ruchel daughter of Yeruchum Fishel died 1/3/13 24 Tevet 5673 age 34 wife and mother

Mollie Levine Row 1 Gr 6
Malke daughter of Zalman died 3/4/14 age 23 6 Adar 5674 mother death cert #4801 Brooklyn, N.Y.

Rebecca Fuchs Row 1 Gr 7
Rivka daughter of Nachman died 8/16/14 age 32 wife and mother death cert #16062 Brooklyn, N.Y. listed in index as Rebecca Fux

Bessie Poloman Row 1 Gr 8
Bailla daughter of Yosef died 3/16/16 age 72 mother death cert #7391 Brooklyn, N.Y. listed in index as Bessie Polowan age 65

Rosie Brook Row 1 Gr 10
Roiza daughter of Pesach died 3/11/17 age 27 mother death cert #6009 Brooklyn, N.Y.

Rosa Kalnitzky Row 1 Gr 11
Ruchel daughter of Yehuda Lev died 8/27/17 age 53 wife and mother death cert #5763 Bronx, N.Y. listed in index as Rose

Rosie Finkelstein Row 1 Gr 13
Raitzeh daughter of Chaim Eliezer died 10/17/18 age 30 wife and mother death cert #22263 Brooklyn, N.Y. age 28

Dora Tempelman Row 1 Gr 14
Devorah daughter of Yacov died 6/27/17 age 19

Anna Goldman Row 1 Gr 15
Chana Etta daughter of Meyer died 1/24/15 age 14

Haviv daughter of Arye Row 1 Gr 16
died 5/2/15 NOTE: In Hebrew. Lamb on top of monument.

Yetta Oxman Row 1 Gr 17
Yenteh daughter of Chaim Dov died 1/23/14 NOTE: Very old stone with lamb death cert #2730 N. Y. , N.Y. age 20 days

Sheindl Poltarak Row 2 Gr 1
Sheindl daughter of Leizer Yosef died 4/1/48 age 75 mother
 Notes: Jennie Poltarak died in Danbury Hospital, Danbury, Conn. See below William Poltarak, Row 4 Gr 15.

Sadie Adler Row 2 Gr 2
Shainah Yisil daughter of Moishe died 6/28/31 age 68 mother
 from I. J. Morris Funeral Parlor - Celia Adler buried 6/29/31
 death cert #14666 buried at Bayside Cemetery. Residence at
 time of death 945 Saratoga Ave. Brownsville, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sarah Smith Row 2 Gr 8
Sarah daughter of Schmucl Wolenski died 10/17/18 age 29
wife & mother. Monument says erected in memory of Sarah,
beloved wife of Frank Smith. death cert #22407 Brooklyn, N.Y.

Bettye Becker Row 2 Gr 11
Bayla Eti daughter of Moisha died 5/21/25

Naomi Asbyll Row 2 Gr 12
born 8/7/16 died as a child

Morris Gitche Row 4 Gr 5
Moishe son of Aharon died 5/22/17 son and brother
 death cert #11619 Brooklyn, N.Y. buried 5/29/17 age 12

Sandor Kolnitsky Row 4 Gr 6
Sandor son of Nachman HaCohen Kolnitsky died 7/25/17 age
62 husband and father

Emanuel Burshock Row 4 Gr 8
born 4/30/01 died 11/1/17 death cert #21280 Brooklyn, N.Y.
 listed in index as Emanuel **Burshak**

Sadie Adler bet. Row 3 & 4 behind grave 8
Shprintze daughter of Yonah died 5/23/21 age 37

Nathan Adler Row 4 Gr 10
Nachman son of Tsvi died 11/8/18 age 58 years husband &
father death cert #28686 Brooklyn, N.Y.

Moe Kirsch Row 4 Gr 11
Moishe Yitzhak son of Yochanon born 1/1/1898 died 1/27/19
 son death cert #3956 N. Y., N.Y. listed in index as Morris

P. Botkin Row 4 Gr 12
Pesach Zev son of Sholom HaLevi Botkilin died 4/24/20 age
 79 father death cert #14906 N. Y., N.Y. (9 was difficult to
 read)

William Taleisnik Row 4 Gr 13
Zev son of Ephraim died 4/23/22 age 25 years husband

Abraham Burshock Row 4 Gr 14
Avraham son of Chaim died 2/25/26 age 46 husband and
father

William Poltarak Row 4 Gr 15
Zev son of Asher Zelig died 7/6/20 age 45 husband and father
 Note: Wife is Sheindl (Jennie), row 2 Gr 1. death cert #20575
 N. Y., N.Y.

Private Burial, grave after Dashever Section

Jennie Delit Row 1 Gr 1
Sheindl daughter of Haiman born 4/12/1895 died 12/29/18
wife of Louis Delit death cert #11271 Bronx, N.Y., died
 12/29/18, married, born 4/12/1895, age 23 years, 8 months,
 17 days, born U. S. A., lived in N. Y. all her life, occupation
 housewife, father Herman **Davidson**, mother Kate **Kupfer-**
man, both Russian, died of influenza and bronchial pneumo-
 nia, undertaker S. Reich, 127 W. 116th St., N. Y., N.Y.,
 cemetery listed as Bayside. Died at 1039 Intervale Ave.,
 Bronx, N.Y.

Free Burial Section

Levi Wertheim died 4/23/1882, age 24 death cert #420360,
 age 44, tailor, from Galicia 2 years, 5 Hester St., N. Y., N.Y.,
 buried 4/26/1882, died 4/26/1882, undertaker Jacob
 Finkelstone, 328 W. 36th St., N. Y., N.Y.

Joseph Schnitzer Yosef son of Menachem ha-cohen died
 6/5/1884, death cert sent by Leonard Schnitzer, great-
 grandson, #493094, age 55, single, occupation peddler, birth
 place Germany, in U.S. 2 years, father's and mother's names
 unknown, place of death Bellevue Hospital E. 26th St., N. Y.,
 N.Y., residence before admission 8 Elizabeth St., N. Y., N.Y.,
 buried June 6, 1884, undertaker Jacob Finkelstone, 353 W.
 42nd St., N. Y., N.Y.

Mickael Max age 4 mos. death cert #512803 died 12/17/1884
 undertaker Jacob Finkelstone 58 St. Marks Pl., N. Y., N.Y.

Joseph Beck age 24 days, death cert #512804, died
 12/18/1884 undertaker, Jacob Finkelstone.

Camille Roos age 3 years died 12/19/1884 death cert
 #512884 undertaker Jacob Finkelstone, 58 St. Marks Place,
 N Y, N.Y.

Isabelle Frances age 4 death cert #512805 died 12/19/1884
 undertaker Jacob Finkelstone, 58 St. Marks Pl., N. Y., N.Y.

Joseph Beck age 24 days death cert #512804 died
 12/28/1884 undertaker Jacob Finkelstone, 58 St. Marks Pl.,
 N. Y., N.Y.

Joseph Keller age 1 year death cert #513750 died
 12/28/1884
 Jacob Finkelstone, 58 St. Marks Pl., N. Y., N.Y.

Henrietta Zorn 26 years death cert 513751 died 12/28/1884
 undertaker Jacob Finkelstone, 58 St. Marks Pl., N. Y., N.Y.

Jacob Kalensche age 2-1/2 yrs. death cert #513752 died
 12/28/1884 undertaker Jacob Finkelstone 58 St. Marks Pl., N.
 Y., N.Y.

Marks Rose age 4 mos. death cert #513753 died 12/28/1884
 undertaker Jacob Finkelstone, 58 St. Marks Pl., N. Y., N.Y.

Meyer Leib Zorn age 3 months death cert #516482 died
 1/26/1885 undertaker Jacob Finkelstone

Rosie **Simerman** age 1 year death cert #516573 died 1/26/1885 undertaker Jacob Finkelstone

Morris **Sarawsri** age 21 days death cert #516471 died 1/26/1885 undertaker Jacob Finkelstone

Dwose **Greenstein** age 47 years death cert #516470 died 1/26/1885 undertaker Jacob Finkelstone

Nathan **Bass** age 9 months death cert #516609 died 1/27/1885 undertaker Jacob Finkelstone

Jesse **Cahn** age 1 year death cert #516608 died 1/27/1885 undertaker Jacob Finkelstone

Renus Lea **Lorens** age 1 year death cert #516701 died 1/28/1885 undertaker Jacob Finkelstone.

Samuel **Lichtenstein** age 5 years death cert #516700 died 1/28/1885 undertaker Jacob Finkelstone

Heattie **Heolt** age 13 days death cert #516802 died 1/29/1885 undertaker Jacob Finkelstone, 58 St. Marks Pl., N. Y., N.Y.

Rebecca **Erlich** age 2 years death cert #516801 died 1/29/1885 undertaker Jacob Finkelstone, 58 St. Marks Pl. N. Y., N.Y.

Alexander **Bleier**, N. Y. City Death Cert #22873 Manhattan died 7/16/1888, age 33 years, 11 months and 3 days, N. Y., married, father Solomon Bleier, born Germany mother Scharlot **Rudnitz** born Germany, died at 41 Ridge St., N. Y., N.Y., undertaker J. Finkelstone, 343 E. 52nd St., N. Y., N.Y., From great-grandson, Howard T. **Cervantes**, Jr. buried 7/18/1888, wife Elizabeth **Rothman**, had children including grandmother of Howard Cervantes.

Esther **Price** nee **Bresinger** died 6/29/189? age 25

W ??? died 6/5/1890 at the other end of the alcove farthest grave with cement covering grave.

Sarah **Davis** 1892

Nathan **Greenberg** died 1892

? **Haber** died 1892 or 3

? **Hoffman** died 2/28/1892

Israel **Hoffman** died 2/28/1892

Rosa **Rosen???berg** died 3/11/1897 or 1892

Rebecca **Katz** died 3/18/1892

Rosie **Glassner** nee Mandel died 3/31/1892 or 7

? **Haber** died 6/13/1892

Simon E. **Nachman** died 8/22/1892

Sarah **Davis** died c. August, 1892

Juda **Brush** died 10/26/1892

Kreina **Lehman** died 1/9/1893

Ignatz **Fried** died 1/14/1893

Sally **Katz** enclosed by fence died 3/5/1893 infant

Ida **Mendelson** died 3/31/1893 age 38

Osiias **Frenzel** died 5/16/1893

Meyer **Platzner** died 5/25/1893 age 59

Henrietta **Moskowitz** died 7/10/1893 age 28

Sally **Stark** died 5/7/1894 age 24 sister

Ida **Schwartz** died 6/17/1894 age 65 grandmother

Samuel **Silver** died 6/18/1894 age 34, death cert #19928, died June 15, 1894, buried 6/15/1894, age 3 years 6 months, born U. S., father Moisha, mother Rachel, born Russia, address 466 E. 150th St., N. Y., N.Y. undertaker Jacob Finkelstone, 328 E. 52nd St.,

Max ? son of Baruch died 1894 poss. August

Schga **Greenstein** died 9/1894

Belga **Orenstein** died 9/24/1894

Isaac **Leventhal** died 10/23/1894

Lena **Schleimer** died 5/7/1895 age 22

Israel L. **Fausty** died 5/19/1895 age 54

Beila **Krigeler** (?) born 6/13/1884 died 7/1/1895

Solomon **Gewirtz** died 7/16/1895 ? father Eliezer death cert #24822 Manhattan, found in street dead at 225 Rivington St., N. Y., N.Y., coroner's case, died from carbolic acid poisoning, age 72, married, merchant, born Russia, in U. S. 4 years, 2 years N. Y., father Leizer born Russia, mother Sarah, born Russia, buried July 17, 1895 by Jacob Finkelstone, 328 E. 52nd St., N. Y., N.Y.

Bernard **Fraenkel** died 2/4/1896

Annie **Weinzweig** died 3/31/1896 age 37

Robie **Morganstern** died 6/2/1896 or 8 Reisel bas Arie b. 1852 mother

Pearl **Alexenberg** died 6/9/1896 age 29

Berpie **Bernheim** died 6/23/1896?

Moritz **Lampl** died 6/26/1896 writing in German

Esther **Wolf** died 7/7/1896 age 41 cert #710544

Joseph **Bernstein** died 2/19/1897?

Pessie **Schimmel** died 11/4/1897 age 34

Annie **Jackson** died 11/9/1897 age 29

Morris **Rosenfeld** died 2/5/1898 age 32

Ignatz **Schwartz** died 2/9/1898 age 48

Nathan **Schwartz** died 6/2/1899 or 8 age 26

Elka **Wolfman** died 6/12/1898 age 55

Mary **Beitler** died 11/8/1898 age 38

Herman **Schindler** died 11/24/1898 age 44

Abraham **Hornstein** died 11/28/1898 age 22

Rosie **Grushow** behind 2/1899 might be 1900

Max **Levinger** died 2/24/1899 age 60

Bernard **Fartig** died 3/15/1899 age 40

Tillie **Steinberger** died 4/1/1899 age 22

Harry **Marks** in the next row possibly 9/1899 or could be 1900

George **Rich** died 9/19/1899 age 35 or 85

Anton **Sattler** died 10/2/1899 age 69 father

Witz (?) **Greenberg** could be 1900

Abraham **Cohen** could be 1900

Sloime **Stern** death cert #27966 Manhattan, 8/28/00, died at 123 Allen St., age 2 months, father Jacob, born Roumania, mother Pauline, born Roumania, died from gastroenteritis, Jacob Finkelstone undertaker, 352 - 2nd Ave., N. Y. , N.Y.,

Abraham **Jaroshefsky** Row 2 Gr 3
died 8/31/1900 age 30 Father and brother death cert #27965 Manhattan, died at Bellevue Hospital of cerebral embolism, 8/30/00, not buried until 9/8/1900, age 30, married, occupation laborer, born in Russia, in U. S. and N. Y. for 6 years, father Michael, mother Ida, cemetery listed as Bayside, undertaker Jacob Finkelstone, 356-2nd Ave., N. Y. , N.Y.
Clara **Gluck** death cert #27967 Manhattan, died 9/1/00 at 76-1st St., N. Y. , N.Y., age 2 months and 2 weeks, father Max, mother Sadie, both Austrian, Jacob Finkelstone undertaker, 352-2nd Ave., N. Y. , N.Y.

Simon **Weiner** death cert #27968 Manhattan, died 9/2/00 at 302 Cherry St. of pneumonia, age 15 months, father Alter and

mother Katie born Russia, undertaker Jacob Finkelstone.

Minnie **Geiger** Row 2 Gr 2
Nee **Schon** Died 9/6/00 age 34 Wife and Mother
Death cert #28444 Manhattan, died 9/6/00, not buried until 9/9/00, death occurred at 335 E. 71st St., N. Y. , N.Y., age 30 years, 11 months and 18 days, married, born in Lippitz, Austria, in U. S. 10 years, 10 months. Father Joseph Schon born in Lippitz, Austria. Mother Barbara no last name. Cemetery listed as Bayside. Died of carcinoma of the heart, heart failure. Doctor Alfred Schwab, 182 E. 72nd St., N. Y. , N.Y., undertaker J. Finkelstone and Son, 356- 2nd Ave., N Y , NY

Moses **Sebey**

Leon **Srherner** (?)

Max **Levinger**

Isidore **Fine**

Anton **Sattler**

Leopold ?

Barbara **Ledeben** (?)

Elka **Wolf**

Moses **Lightig**

Ida **Mendelson**

? **Wolf**

Ida **Schwartz**

Nathan **Schwartz**

Private Plots at Mokom Sholom

Morris **Cohen** d 4/2/73 age 76 beloved father, grandfather

Helen **Cohen** (wife of Morris) died 5/9/87 age 90 grandmother and great-grandmother

Jeffrey **Cohen** grandson of above

Henrietta **Spier** died 4/19/1880 age 61 mother

Henry C. **Becker** died 7/22/64 born 1891

Abraham **Bender** died 1/31/64 grandfather

Jacob **Jonas** died 4/20/33 born 1912 beloved son

Tesia **Jonas** wife and mother died 2/4/41 age 54

Leopold M. **Baum** died 12/15/51,56, or 58

Herman **Mainwold**, Dr. died 1952 sent by Sy Mainwold, son,

copies of service order and bill #A11240 from Sprung Memorials, dated 9/18/53, showing burial in Sherman Society in Bayside Cemetery. Also shows exact date of death as October 3, 1952. Dr. Mainwold was a dentist. Also included are travel directions specifying Bayside Mokom Sholom Cemetery.

Goldie **Whitestone** beloved mother died 11/8/47 and husband

Nathan **Whitestone** died 12/21/46

Samuel **Ehrlich** died 12/16/49 age 64 brother

Picker or **Ricker** Appel died 9/16/45 or 46 age 55

Nathan **Kellerman** died 11/9/37 age 75

Bertha **Cosgrove** died 4/24/49 wife

Joseph **Hertzmark** died 1/6/37 and wife

Hannah **Hertzmark** died 10/26/50

Anna **Appel** died 1/15/35 age 54

grave #1 Mrs. Rivka daughter of Avraham died May 19, 1888 dear mother

#2 Charles **Nathan** died 7/31/1884 age 72

#3 Philip **Brody** no death date

#4 Mania **Mordecai** son of Avraham died 11/23/1878

#5 Jennie **Kline** born 6/15/1861 died 12/6/1883

#6 Simon **Peyser** son of Meyer born in Guesin (?), P... (?) 1863 died 10th of Kislev 5645, 11/20/1884

#7 Sarah Feigel **Lyons** died 1/27/1893

#8 Herman **Goldstein** (Tsvi) died 2/3/1885

#9 Gittel **Lippman** died 6/1/1876 age 74 Gittel daughter of Heri

#10 Aaron son of Louis and Mary **ton** (most of surname was illegible except for last 3 letters). Died ...r. (month abbreviated and 1st couple of letters missing) 00/8/1888

#11 Merjim Blum **Miryim** died 1885

#12 Rachel **Meyers** dear sister nee Stern died 9/25/1878 cert #301625

#13 Ida **Stahl** died 1885 or 1886

#14 Hillel Efraim son of Chaim **Fekoyski** or **Pekoyski** died 8/6/1885

#17 Esther **Wolfe** wife of Abraham Wolfe died 7/6/1875 age 29

#18 Rebecca **Braunstein** Rivka daughter of Avram Meier **Reuben** died 5/1886

#19 Yosef **Tuvin** son of Schmuel

#20 Joseph **Turner** born 9/28/1832 died 7/20/1888

#21 Sophie **Hirsh** born 10/2/1861 died 2/18/1886

#23 Nathan **Simon** husband and father died 11/25/1885 age 35

#25 David Isaac **Finberg** Duvid Yitzhak son of Moisha Meier died 5/19/1888

#27 Tsvi son of Dov **Miholivitsh** died 5/11/1880

#28 Joseph **Marks** ha-levi died 3/23/??

#29 Phillip **Minkus**

#33 Sarah **Goldstein** died 4/7/1888

#34 Joseph beloved son and brother

#35 Hershel S. **Goldstein** no death date

#38 Rosie Stark **Rokhshe** daughter of Zalman died 11/13/1882 stone has photo embedded

#40 Bertha **Wertheim** Braneh daughter of Yisroel wife of Kalman Wertheim died 12/8/1877 age 51 stone erected by daughter, Rebecca.

#41 Moses **Adler**

#42 "In memory of Israel beloved husband of Taube **Margonins**".

#43 Eva **Bernheim** died 5/10/1888 (?) age 76 (?)

#44 Veronica **Schrubhters** (?) born 9/12/1862 died 12/14/1876

#45 "In memory of my dear mother Rose **Kaliski**" died 10/2/1875 cer. #219282

#46 Chaie F. **Diament** wife and mother

#48 Baruch son of Yacov Ha-Cohen died 1876

#49 Dvashe daughter of Tsvi Aryah died 1/25/1885

#18 Harris **Levy** died 6/11/1888 (2nd Tammuz 5648) age 22 Tsvi Hersch son of Yakov Moisha **Levy**

513420 M Selig **Johns** 3 mos. 12/25/1884 N. Abraham 25 Allen

513397 **Harenilek** 7 mos 12/24/1884 Abraham Oberstein

- 513339 Wolf **Cohn** 5 years 12/24/1884 L. Levy 73-1/2 Essex
- 513272 Morris **Simon** 65 years 12/24/1884 A. Rothman 26 Norfolk
- 513093 Wolf **Weinfeld** 15 years 12/22/1884 I. Jacobson 139 E. Bdway.
- 513048 Mauritz **Vickel** 72 years 12/21/1884 M. Levy 135 E. 29th St.
- 513042 Gustave **Beck** 20 days 12/21/1884 S. Rimmer
- 513038 Mary **Moses** 27 years 12/21/1884 Isidore Beckstein 636 E. 9th
- 513025 Rosa **Harris** 3 years 12/21/1884 M. Philippe 394 E. 55th
- 513021 Henry **Weiss** 2 years 12/21 or 12/20/1884 Simon Schwartz 144 Suffolk
- 513407 Feila **Abrams** 55 years 12/22/1884 Hart Binder 842 3
- 512958 Abram **Weber** 85 years 12/21/1884 L. Levy 73-1/2 Essex
- 512932 Adolph **Zabupski** 68 years 12/21/1884 Freeboret B. 3rd Ave bet 122 & 123 St. 58 St. Marks
- 513444 Joseph **Weiner** 33 years 12/25/1884 Heebrahn 25 Allen
- 513445 Karolin **Schlesinger** 40 years 12/26/1884 David Pelte 175 Clinton
- 513492 Hanne **Alexander** 43 years 12/26/1884 A. Lisouer 6e Attorney St.
- 513673 Henry **Mayers** 32 years 12/28/1884 J. Bickstein E. 9th St.
- 513713 Taube **Leschiesky** 73 years 12/28/1884 Louis Brooks 33 E. Bway.
- 513741 Moses **Saphor** 8 months 12/29/1884 Sam Loader Bayside 132/18 Pine St.
- 513768 Kathie **Gensles** 57 years 12/29/1884 Sl. Czlyght 284 Phcap
- 513927 Jennie **Schen** 30 years 12/30/1884 Judas Juline Sarelan 27 Se?
- 516865 Joseph **Lyon** 3 mos. 1/30/1885 S. Katz 402 E. 8th
- 516786 Charles **Gluck** 1 year 1/29/1885 Joel Gottenhill Bayside Cem. 87 Columbia
- 516599 Solomon **Friedland** 3 years 1/28/1885 S. London 57 East Broadway
- 516674 Etta **Marcus** 4 years 1/28/1885 Meyer Phillips 344 E. 55th St.
- 516656 Sophie **Glucksman** 54 years 1/28/1885 A. Goldstein 136 ?
- 516598 Barney **Haft** 1 year 1/27/1885 N. Abrams 25 Allen
- 516377 Simon **Marks** 59 years 1/25 or 1/24/1885 I. Davidson 187 25th & 1st
- 513444 Joseph **Weiner** 33 years 12/25/1884 Heebrahn 25 Allen
- 512958 Abram **Weber** 85 years 12/21/1884 L. Levy 73-1/2 Essex

Postscript

We have recently received a copy of an extensive newspaper article Resting in Peace? by Deena Yellin, Correspondent for *The Jewish Week*, published in the December 16-22, 1994 edition. It gives more information on the subject and includes quotes on the issue from all of the interested parties, including: David Jacobson, the cemetery's chief executive and caretaker; Rabbi Elchonon Zohn, director of the Rabbinic Council of Queens' burial society; Ralph Perfuto, Director of New York State's Division of Cemeteries; early members of Derech Amuno; and genealogists Marmor, Gevertzman, and Prierer. If you desire further information, or plan to take any action in this matter, please obtain a copy of this very balanced and well-written article. Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Bob Weiss in care of *ZichronNote* for a copy, or pick one up at our next meeting.

Sacramento Cemetery Records

Dear Friends of History:

The Old City Cemetery at 10th and Broadway [Sacramento, CA] is going through changes. Please write to try to keep the Death Books in the Archives in Old City Cemetery. Many genealogical societies use them. Also encourage keeping the cemetery beautiful. In 1870 it was a park-like setting. Write or FAX to support adequate watering to: Sam Burns, Director Convention and Visitors Department 1030 15th Street, Suite 250 Sacramento, CA 95814 Tel: 916-264-8109, FAX 916-264-7687.

Your friend in genealogy, Dr. Patricia M. Stanford, 943 Commons Drive Sacramento, CA 95825, Tel: 916-929-5825

EUROPEAN RESEARCH

Berlin Jewish Archives by Irwin Keller

While in Berlin in September, I attempted to do some family history research. Some wild goose chasing led me to the new home of the *Gesamtarchiv der Deutschen Juden*, or at least its home address. It is physically held off-site (three hours away), and its index is off-site as well (only one hour away).

The archivist gave me an information sheet. Following is my best attempt at a translation:

"Information for Family History Researchers

Unfortunately we do not have at our disposal old membership cards of the Berlin Jewish Community or Jewish vital statistics index.

There is a printed edition of *Judisches Adressbuch für Gross-Berlin* [Jewish Address Book for Greater Berlin], published in 1929/30 and 1931. These address books are available for viewing at our in-house Jewish Community Library (open Monday 10AM-noon and 1-6:30PM and Thursday 10AM-noon and 1-4PM) or in the Community Center Library on Fasanenstrasse 79/80 (Monday through Thursday 11AM-8PM and Friday 11AM-3PM).

Beside it is a joint volume of *Judenburgerbücher der Stadt Berlin 1809-1851 mit Ergänzungen für die Jahre 1791-1809* [Berlin Jewish Citizen Books for 1809-1851, with 1791-1809 supplement] (pub. Berlin, 1962); as well as *Judische Trauungen in Berlin 1759-1813, mit Ergänzungen für die Jahre von 1723-1759* [Jewish Marriages in Berlin 1759-1809, with 1723-1759 supplement] (pub. Berlin, 1968).

The *Gedenkbuch für die Opfer der Verfolgung der Juden unter der nationalsozialistischen Gewaltherrschaft in Deutschland 1933-1945* [Memorial Book for Victims of the Persecution of Jews under the Nazi Tyranny in Germany, 1933-1945], two volumes, (pub. Koblenz Federal Archive, 1986) is available in the libraries as well. Unfortunately it has numerous errors and covers only Berlin and the old West Germany area. Currently, through a project of the Central Institute for Sociological Research at the Berlin Free University, an updated edition is being prepared.

On-site we have exit cards for the Berlin Jewish Community (from the 1870s) and an index of community members after 1945. Please understand that, for the protection of these individuals and this information, you cannot view the index itself. We instead request that you submit your questions in writing (with the most exact names and information of the person sought as possible) or set up an

appointment with us.

With advanced notice you can view copies of the *Verzeichnisse der wahlfähigen Mitglieder der Jüdischen Gemeinde zu Berlin* [Catalog of Selected (?) Members of the Berlin Jewish Community] for years 1883, 1886, 1889, 1892, 1898, 1904, 1907 and 1910.]

At the Berlin-Weissensee Jewish Cemetery, Herbert-Baumstr. 45, 13088 Berlin (Tel. 965 3330) is the complete index of interments from 1880 through the present. The associated files with further information regarding the burials and the deceased are currently being restored and filmed and are therefore not accessible. We foresee that microfiche of these files will exist by the middle of 1995.

Among the files of the *Gesamtarchiv der deutschen Juden* [Comprehensive Archive of German Jews], which we manage jointly with the federal archive, Potsdam division, and which currently are still stored off-site at the federal archive in Coswig, there are virtually no vital statistics records remaining.

The supplemental index of the census from May 17, 1939 (earlier known as *Sippenkartei* [Kinship Index]) is currently at the Federal Archive, Potsdam Division, Berliner Str. 98-101 (PO Box 600 447, 14404 Potsdam), Tel. 0331/3140.

You can find deportation lists (in combination with property confiscation prior to Deportations and from Emigrants) at the *Landesarchiv Berlin* [Berlin National Archive], Kalckreuthstrasse 1-2, 10777 Berlin. Also at the *Landesarchiv* is the Berlin Municipal Court registry of "Jews and Dissidents" for the years 1847-1874 as well as microfilms of some portions of the Berlin Jewish community.

After the introduction of the *Standesämter* [Registry Offices] on Oct. 1, 1874 in Prussia, all vital statistics information was directed there. For each Berlin district there is an independent Registry Office. The Berlin-Mitte district's Registry Office is located at Alexanderplatz 1, 10783 Berlin.

Answers to inquiries regarding reparations can be found at the *Landesverwaltungsamt Berlin* [National Administration Office/Berlin], Reparations Department, Potsdamer Strasse 186, 10783 Berlin.

Films of the Jewish vital statistics index can also be found in the *Deutschen Zentralstelle für Genealogie* [German Genealogy Center], Kathe-Kollwitz-Strasse 82, 04109 Leipzig, as well as in the Federal Archive, Potsdam Division, and in the Jewish Museum, Frankfurt am Main, Untermainkai 14/15 60311 Frankfurt/Main (for the new Federal lands and the former Eastern territory) as well as in the old Federal lands at any given time in the local State Archive.

June 1994, Barbara Welker Archivist"

GENEALOGICAL COMPUTING

Get On-Line With JEWISHGEN

Anyone with a computer, modem and access to Internet now also has access to a worldwide Jewish genealogy mail list called JEWISHGEN, recently formed by a joining of JEWISHGEN (Fidonet) with its Internet counterpart ISRAEL.GENEALOGY, forming a single large world-wide message base.

If you subscribe, all JEWISHGEN messages will be sent to your computer mailbox (sometimes as many as 25 in a group). Messages you send will be distributed to subscribers, usually within 24 hours. There is no charge for subscribing, however, you may be subject to local Internet send and receive charges, local phone charges, or time charges by your service provider.

It is easy to subscribe and unsubscribe (if you decide the mail list doesn't suit you). To subscribe, send Internet message to:

"listserv@israel.nysernet.org"

Write a single line message:

"sub jewishgen your-firstname your-lastname"

You will get a confirmation message. If you are getting charged by the message, it is suggested that you combine daily messages by replying to the confirmation message with the following single line:

"set jewishgen mail digest"

Address messages for posting to all subscribers to:

"jewishgen@israel.nysernet.org"

(From *Morasha*, newsletter of the JGS of Illinois, Vol. X No. 1, Spring 1994.)

Library of Congress On-Line

Computer users can now access 15 million records from Library of Congress Information Systems (LOCIS) catalogs via Internet free of charge (except for any local telephone charges). Services on LOCIS are available Monday through Friday 6:30AM to 9:30PM, Saturday 8:00AM to 5:00PM, and Sunday 1:00PM to 5:00PM EST. (*Reunions*, via *The Family Tree*, and *Lineage*, Summer 1994)

RESEARCH AIDS

Have You Seen Your Bubbe's Ship?

by Linda Cantor

From the Summer-Fall 1993 *Lineage*

Do you know the name of the ship Bubbe or Zaide came on to America? Do you have a photograph of that ship? Do you know where or when it was built, where it travelled, or how it ended its days? For example, the *Vaderland*, the ship on which my grandfather sailed to America in 1910, was the second ship with this name. It was built in

1900 in Glasgow, Scotland, sailed from Antwerp, Belgium, to New York for the Red Star Line, carried 1140 passengers, 600 of them in steerage, and was converted to a troopship, torpedoed and sunk during WWI. If this type of information intrigues you, then read on.

There are several excellent sources for obtaining information about, and photos of, these ships. Write to the following sources, asking if such photos are available for your family's ships. Be sure to provide the exact name of the ship, ports travelled to and from, and the date of the voyage (successor ships sometimes get the same names and you want to be sure to get the correct one.)

Peabody & Essex Museum, Ms. Kathy Flynn, Dept. of Photography, East India Square, Salem, MA 10970, 508-745-1876. They will send you a photocopy of the photo they have, along with some information about the ship, and the cost. (An 8x10 black and white photos cost from \$12 to \$20 plus \$2.50 postage, and \$10 more if a negative must be made.)

Hapag-Lloyd A.G., Postfach 102626, 2000 Hamburg 1, Germany. If the ship you are researching belongs to Hamburg-American Line of the Lloyd Line, the successor company, Hapag-Lloyd A.G. might be able to help you obtain a photo of the ship.

Deutsches Schifffahrts Museum, Van Ronzelen Strasse 285, Bremerhaven-Mitte, Germany, & **Museum für Hamburgische Geschichte** D2000, Hamburg 36, Holstenwall 24, Germany may be able to help you with information about ships of other German flag lines.

Lloyd's Shipping Register, Lead Librarian, Lime Street, London EC 3M 7HA, England. Some of the Lloyd's Shipping Register is in the New York Public Library as well.

The Mariners Museum, Ms. Charlotte Valentine, Assistant Archivist, Research Library and Archives, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, Virginia 23606-3759, 804-595-0368. If they have the photograph you're interested in, they will reply to your inquiry with the catalog number and a price list. The price of an 8x10 black and white photo is \$12; if you have to order a negative, add \$35 to the cost.

Steamship Historical Society of America Collection, University of Baltimore Library, 1420 Maryland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21201-5779, 410-625-3134. It has 60,000 ship prints, 30,000 negatives, 25,000 printed postcards, and an extensive collection of books on historic steamships. It is open Monday-Friday, 8-4, and is a wonderful library to browse. Copies of pictures may be purchased by mail. The SHSA charges \$10.00 for an 8"x10" black and white photo plus \$10 additional if a negative is required.

BOOK REVIEWS

From Generation to Generation by Arthur Kurzweil

This is a revised and updated edition of the classic beginner's manual for Jewish genealogy. Subtitled *How to Trace your Jewish Genealogy and Family History*, this update and reprinting has been long awaited in view of advances in the availability of data sources since its first printing in 1980.

The book, re-organized into nine major sections, is much more easily used by the beginning researcher than its predecessor. It is written in a personal way, and is easy to read—with frequent examples from the author's genealogical experiences. Some of the more contentious issues of the previous version dealing with women's role in Jewish genealogy and the shortcomings of a peer's book have been thankfully omitted. But deletion of the short section on Sephardic research leaves an important void.

I will structure my review along lines of the chapter headings of the book.

1. These Are the Generations: Climbing Up My Family Tree

Mr. Kurzweil relates the joys and satisfactions he derived from his genealogical research, and this first chapter is a delightful instructional and inspirational introduction for the beginning Jewish genealogist. The author wisely omits the 38 pages of readings on Jewish genealogy which were included in his previous edition.

2. How to Begin Your Search

This section remains an excellent prescription for the beginning genealogist, describing how to start with information available from family sources.

3. Checking the Records

Brief discussions of the major record sources include updated names and addresses of the National Archives Regional Archives. Reference to the book *The Archives: A Guide to the National Archives Field Branches* would have been relevant here. This omission illustrates a major flaw in the book. There are too few references to general research sources which are of great help to the Jewish researcher. Discussions of vital records without mention of *The Source* or *Ancestry's Redbook* does a dis-service to the beginning genealogist, Jewish or gentile. Any discussion of the use of public or university libraries for research should include a discussion of the inter-library loan (ILL) system as well as the means of searching the holdings of remote libraries through OCLC and RLIN.

4. Jewish Genealogy: The Basic Sources

This chapter, of some 160 pages, contains newly-added material which probably makes the revised edition worth purchasing. Although poorly organized, of uneven treatment, and already a bit dated, this chapter introduces the beginning Jewish genealogist to the sources and resources he will find of greatest use as he transitions from U.S. to European records.

Mr. Kurzweil presents a catalog of *Avotaynu* publications complete with (already outdated) prices and address. It is unfortunate that he does not mention that most of these materials are available for the use of beginning genealogists at most local Jewish Genealogical Societies.

He includes a selected index for the first eight years of publication of *Avotaynu* (an excellent research aid) and later refers to the several local JGS newsletters, "...most notably the Los Angeles Jewish Genealogical Society, the Jewish Genealogical Society of Cleveland, and the Jewish Genealogical Society of New York." These publications *Roots Key*, *The Cleveland Kol*, and *Dorot* are but three out of many of high quality publications, including *Mishpacha*, *ZichronNote*, *Llineage*, *Shem Tov*, *Chronicles*. The indexes to most of these publications may be found on the 24-microfiche set *Publications of the Jewish Genealogical Societies* also found at your local JGS meeting site.

Why use space to talk about *Toledot*, out of print for over ten years, without presenting an index to the "pleasing, popular, and useful" articles found in this publication? And the brief listing of special interest group (SIG) publications omits the grandmother of them all, *Landsmen*, publication of the Suwalk-Lomza Interest Group for Jewish Genealogists.

Six pages of Family Finder ads from the Spring 1993 *Avotaynu* are presented where one would suffice to illustrate this form of networking. The beginner should be advised to place an ad in the newsletter in the area his quarry lived.

One of the most useful additions to the revised version of Mr. Kurzweil's book is the slightly updated version of "Bibliography of Jewish Genealogy", by Rabbi Malcolm Stern z"l which appeared in the Spring 1991 *Avotaynu*. Mr. Kurzweil's updates from the 1991 version of this list consisted of adding Alice Eicholtz's *Ancestry's Red Book* and David Zubatsky's second volume to his *Jewish Genealogy* to the list, and in updating the publisher and date of his own book. He missed the fact that *Search* had gone out of print, that the 1920 census had been released, and that Mr. Zubatsky had also issued another wonderful reference, *Jewish Autobiographies and Biographies—An International Bibliography of Books and Dissertations*, in 1989.

Other omissions in referenced sources bothered this reviewer. The brief discussion of *mohel* books cites the collections at the Leo Baeck Institute and the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People, but not those of the Jewish Theological Seminary of New York and the Jewish National and University Library. These latter collections have been indexed by community in the May 1992 and Feb 1994 issues of *ZichronNote* respectively. The discussion of Hebrew subscription lists stops with the Kagen list, with no mention of "volumes two and three" by Shlomo Katzov, and of the work being done to augment these works by Patrick Gordis and Chiam Freedman.

The updated yizkor book list is a valuable addition to the book with its inclusion of bibliographical data on the references. Shtetl names and countries, however, do not correspond to current spelling and political boundaries, forcing use of *Where Once We Walked* to enable their location on modern maps. The list of collections of yizkor books is incomplete in two important respects. There is a substantial collection in the Price Library of Judaica, University of Florida which is available through interlibrary loan, making it valuable to researchers not near a large local collection. The other omission is of importance to our Northern California readers. The Holocaust Center of Northern California in San Francisco has a collection exceeding 600 yizkor and memorial books. And in indicating how to obtain yizkor books, the author omits purchasing from book dealers, such as Robinson, Dzialowski, Mass, Schreiber, etc.

The list of Jewish Genealogical Societies in this chapter is woefully out of date. Granted that it is an impossible task to keep up with the current addresses of JGSs that have yearly elections, one would think that a book copyrighted in 1994 could have a list more up to date than 1991. One third of the addresses are incorrect, 5 non-existing societies are listed, and 13 existing societies are not listed. Noteworthy is the existence of JGSs in Australia, Brazil, Russia, and Lithuania. This would have also been a good place to include the names of the JGSs' publications, since much of the networking the genealogist will be doing will be through this medium.

5. The Names in Your Family

This fine introduction was updated with a citation of two new references on Jewish surnames—one by Alexander Beider and the other by Heinrich and Eva Gugenheimer. The beginner should have been instructed as to how to use Beider to investigate location of his family as well as name meaning. It is a doubly-useful reference.

6. Holocaust Research: To Give Them Back Their Names

This chapter was slightly expanded from its original, mainly in the areas of availability of pages of testimony from the Yad Vashem, and the very valuable services of Batya Unterschatz of the Jewish Agency Search Bureau for Missing Relatives in Jerusalem. It should also have been upgraded with respect to using the local Red Cross offices to process International Tracing Service inquiries, the slowness of their response, and the availability of the ITS index in the Yad Vashem Archive. The chapter is, however, a good introduction to the subject.

7. Your Immigrant Ancestors

This chapter remains as it was, an excellent introduction to the history of immigration, related documents, and how to obtain them.

8. The Old Country

This chapter has been updated to reflect the publication of that magnificent tool for locating your relative's shtetl, *Where Once We Walked*. This would have been a wonderful place to show, by example, the power of the Daitch-Mokotoff East European Soundex to help locate the shtetl for which you have only a phonetic spelling, or a spelling no longer used. This knowledge would help the beginner better use Beider, the Russian Consular Records Index, WOWW, etc.

Other welcome updates include information on travel to Eastern Europe and obtaining records from archives of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

9. Jewish Cemeteries

This excellent chapter remains substantially unchanged. It is a good treatment of the subject, and includes details on translating Hebrew dates and some inscriptions.

Appendix: A Family History Workbook

The appendix presents excellent advice to the new researcher on organizing his research, with some forms which can be reproduced and used daily.

Dropping of the section on Sephardic research, history, and sources in the revision of this book was a mistake. But a much more grievous failing of the book is the ignoring of the benefits available in using a computer for genealogy. There is more to the subject than the selection of a computer, and *Avotaynu* is not the place to send a novice for advice in this matter. As a minimum the benefits should have been explained of using a computer for recording family

history data, for searching databases and library catalogs on-line, for networking with other genealogists, for sharing data through the Jewish Genealogical People Finder and the Beit Hatefutsoth Dorot Jewish Genealogical database, and for publishing your family history. If only one piece of advice was given in Mr. Kurzweil's book it should have been: Make sure that any program you use has GEDCOM capability.

I wholeheartedly recommend this book to new Jewish genealogists. Its scope and depth are good despite the failings mentioned above. Assuming that the novice associates with a JGS and starts using the available resources, he will quickly fill in the holes in the book. I would not recommend that the owner of the early edition purchase the revised version. The additions are available elsewhere in a more up-to-date state.

From Generation to Generation Revised Edition by Arthur Kurzweil, 1994, HarperCollins Publishers, New York, NY, 388 pages is available from the publisher for \$27.50, with volume discounts available if purchased through your local JGS.

Book Briefs

The August, 1994 issue of *The Kosher Koala* includes a three-page listing of books of interest to Jewish family historians. The listing covers books on Poland, Lithuania, Ukraine, Russia, Slovakia, Bohemia, Moravia, and Czechoslovakia.

Bridges to an American City: A Guide to Chicago's Landsmanshaften, 1870-1990 by Sid Sorkin (Peter Lang Publishing, Inc., 62 West 45th St., New York, NY 10036; 480 pp, \$68.85). Reviewed in *Mishpacha* Summer 1994.

TOURS & SEMINARS

Eastern Europe & Turkey Tours

Nob Hill Travel Service announce two upcoming trips of potential interest to readers. The first, *Explore Your Jewish Roots: Eastern Europe—Cradle of Modern Jewish Culture* is a 15-day tour departing July 9. The cost of this tour is \$3275 per person, double occupancy, and includes round trip air fare from the West Coast and most meals. The tour will include visits to synagogue sites, Jewish neighborhoods, and Holocaust sites in Warsaw, Krakow, Budapest and Prague. The tour will be led by Rabbi Steven A. Chester of Temple Sinai of Oakland.

The second tour announced is a trip to Turkey that will be led by Congregation Emanu-El's Cantor Roslyn Barak. The 12-day Jewish heritage tour

called *Turkey: 500 Years of Sephardic Life* departs on May 15, 1995. The trip, arranged by Nob Hill Travel Service, includes stops in Istanbul, Ankara, Sardis, Izmir, and Cannakale. Cost is \$2,995 per person, double occupancy in deluxe hotels and includes round-trip airfare from the West Coast and most meals. For information, call Estelle Alberts of Nob Hill Travel Service at (415) 391-8630.

Upcoming Genealogical Seminars

Mar 10-11 *Following Paper Trails Across the Continents*, California Genealogical Society's 10th Annual Family History Fair, **San Francisco, CA**. See enclosed brochure for details. Contact CGS, P.O. Box 77105, San Francisco CA 94107-0105, 415-777-9935 Wed, Thu, Sat.

May 3-6 *A Place to Explore*, National Genealogical Society and San Diego Genealogical Society at Town & Country Hotel, **San Diego, CA**. Contact NGS, 4527 17th Street N, Arlington VA 22207-2399, 703-525-0050

Jun 25-29 *D.C. Discoveries—Fourteenth Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy*, Sponsored by the AJGS and Hosted by the JGS of Greater **Washington, DC**. See enclosed brochure for details. Contact Roberta Solit, 9024 Falls Chapel Way, Potomac, MD 20854, 301-762-8199, FAX 301-251-6691.

Sep 20-23 *From Sea to Shining Sea*, Federation of Genealogical Societies Seminar, **Seattle, WA**. Contact FGS Business Office, P.O. Box 3385, Salt Lake City UT 84110-3385

Baltic Travelogue

The Golden Gate Geographic Society hosts travel movies narrated by the photographers. The Society will be hosting a film on the **Baltic** countries in March. The film will be shown on different days in all Bay Area counties between March 2 and 19. For information on the dates and times (and cost—about \$6) call the number for your area (between 9-3:30, M-F): San Francisco and Peninsula (415) 347-3636; Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Alameda, Contra Costa and Santa Clara counties call (800) 247-4447. (Submitted by Lillian Wurzel)

AVOTAYNU Address Change

Avotaynu, The Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, Gary Mokotoff, The Jewish Genealogical Family Finder, and the Jewish Genealogical People Finder have moved. Their new address and phone number are: 155 N. Washington Avenue, Bergenfield, NJ 07621. Voice phone 201-387-7200 and FAX 201-387-2855. Orders 1-800-AVOTAYNU.

READERS PAGE

Family Finder Ads Work

By Sharon Fingold

Looking for missing members of your family? Have you tried a family finder ad in this newsletter? I finally took advantage of a wonderful service our society offers free to members and at minimal cost to non-members.

I put three family finder ads in the last issue of our newsletter. I submitted an ad for three branches of my family that had California connections. In my ads, I listed parents' names and their children. I gave the names of in-laws too. I received responses to two of the ads and through those responses connected to new branches of my family. In both cases, I received a response because of the in-law names!

In one ad, I announced my interest in the GOLDENs of St. Paul, MN. My grandmother had lost touch with her Golden cousins 50 years ago. I mentioned that one Golden had married a SIPKINS. Luckily for me, Len Traubman was interested in the SIPKINS name. He gave me a call. After we talked he used his Minnesota connections to track down some Sipkins for me. He found one for me in Palm Springs. The person I talked to in Palm Springs turned out to be the cousin of a Golden relation and he was able to give me her phone number in Minnesota. Thanks to Len and the Sipkins cousin-in-law, I was able to connect with a Golden relative. We have shared information and I hope to learn lots more about that branch of the family. (Thanks Len!!)

In another ad, I announced my search for descendants of Louis and Lena EPSTEIN. I listed all of their children and I listed their daughters' married names. One daughter married a BARBANELL. Someone who read our newsletter saw the name Barbanell and called a friend with that name in San Francisco. Cliff Barbanell called me and told me I had listed his aunt! Cliff called his brother who was able to provide an Epstein name and phone number in Southern California. I called the Epstein number, found a whole new branch of the family and, after a number of phone calls to many Epstein relations, discovered a second cousin two times removed just 3 miles from my house!! (Turns out he and I had attended the same wedding 5 years ago!) The only "bad" thing I can say about the results of the Epstein ad is that I have tons of follow-up/thank you letters to write. Many thanks to the person who helped me connect to the Epsteins via C. Barbanell!

I had been thinking about submitting some ads ever since I became a member (4 or 5 years ago!),

but had procrastinated. I made excuses: "I'm too busy." "I don't have family in the area." "I've listed my names in the national family finder and haven't received one response, why would I get a response through a local ad." etc, etc. Don't wait!! Submit your ad now. You never know; you too may find whole new branches of your family!! And, if nothing else convinces you to do it, remember: Ads are FREE for members!

Dear Mr. Weiss:

The consolidated index arrived today. Thank you very much for doing the work, making it available, and sending it to me. Its format is clear and concise and useful, and its coverage is extensive. I am impressed!

I do think I will get myself a box of thank you notes and address them to you and the SFBA JGS because you are always providing assistance to me. (In between helping others, I hope you have time for your own research.)

Many Thanks.

Mary Tonya Young

Tonya:

You are very welcome. The 40-page Consolidated index of 13 years of the SFBA JGS Newsletters and ZichronNotes is available by mail for \$3.00, and at meetings for \$1.50. The complete archive with indexes has been microfiched by the LDS and should be available at local LDS Family History Libraries. Ask for Fiches #6075936 & 7.

Bob

FAMILY FINDER

Lillian Miller Bernstein, 104 Mandela Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94596, Tel. 510-935-1822. Searching for members of the **SMITH** family who arrived from **Boguslav** ("Boslev"), south of Kiev in Ukraine, at the turn of the century. The family included three girls: Birdie, Anna, and Millie. I have a picture of Millie dated October 31, 1926 with the note "Here I am on my 19th birthday". I believe the father of the family was the brother of my grandmother Mary/Merle/Miriam Smith **BRODSKY**. The Brodsky family lived in **Plymouth** and **Chelsea**, Mass.

Henry Birnbrey, 1501 Regency Walk Drive, Decatur, GA 30033, Tel 404-633-3564. Seeking information on **BERNSTEIN** family from **Stettin, Germany**. I believe his first name was **ALFONS** and the maiden name of either wife or mother was **BIRNBREY** or **BIRNBREI**. Emigrated to **San Francisco** about 1920-1930.

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