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CALENDAR OF GENEALOGICAL EVENTS

Meetings of the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society

Please note: Unless otherwise indicated, the meeting schedule is as follows:

San Francisco: **Sunday, Doors open 12:30 p.m. Program begins at 1 p.m.**

Fort Mason Center, Marina Boulevard at Buchanan Street, Building C, Room 205

Palo Alto: **Monday, 7:30 p.m.**

Congregation Kol Emeth, 4175 Manuela (near Foothill Blvd. and Arastradero Road)

Sun. Mar. 21 **San Francisco:** *Using the Mormon Family History Center.* SFBAJGS members David and Jolene Abrahams, docents at the Livermore FHC, will familiarize us with the FHC collections and how to use them for Jewish genealogical research.

Note special day, time, and place:

Sun. Apr. 18 **Palo Alto:** *First-ever Peninsula Workshop on Jewish Genealogy*, co-sponsored by the SFBAJGS and Congregation Beth Am, 26790 Arastradero Road, Los Altos. Hours: 12:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. See page 6 for program and more information.

Sun. May 16 **San Francisco:** *TBD*

Mon. Jun. 21 **Palo Alto:** *Immigration and Naturalization.* The SFBAJGS' favorite speaker, David Abrahams, will acquaint us with the U.S. immigration and naturalization process, and how it has changed over time. In this preview of his lecture to be presented at the August Summer Seminar in New York City, we will learn what records were created by our immigrant ancestors and how to obtain the information they provide.

Sun. July 18 **San Francisco:** *TBD*

Mon. Aug. 23 **Palo Alto:** *Nuts and Bolts of Publishing.* If you've decided what to publish, don't know how to publish, or are intimidated by the whole process, don't miss this panel discussion. Learn the details about paper, printing, publishing photographs, binding, and more. *(Note date change)*

San Francisco

Sun. September 26 *(Note date change)*

Sun. November 21

Palo Alto

Mon. October 18

Mon. December 20

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President's Message

by Rodger Rosenberg

I know many of you made New Year's resolutions in January (I know I did), and now find yourself trying to remember just what it was you were going to do. So in the spirit of the last new year in this decade, we are pleased to present the top ten genealogical research resolutions:

10. Finally file that ever-growing box of letters, photos, and death certificates.
9. Catalogue grandmother's old photo album.
8. Visit my old Aunt Ray (who I never really liked) to talk about the family and her experiences growing up. You can get extra points for this one as it will be a mitzvah too.
7. Find a safer place to store my GEDCOM and backup diskettes than piled up next to my computer.
6. Join a special interest group (SIG).
5. Finally send for my grandfather's Social Security application (SS5).
4. Find a translator who can read a letter in Croatian to learn what cousin Yache really thought about my mother.
3. Update my family names in the JewishGen and SFBAJGS family finders.
2. Plan a family reunion.
1. Resolve to read all the JewishGen postings during the same month in which they arrive.

I hope everyone did have an enjoyable New Year's and will make an effort to intensify their research this year, especially in talking to your older relatives. As difficult as those dreaded visits with Cousin Moshe might be, we need to remember that as we enter into this new decade, the census, obituaries, birth and death certificates will always be there, but the people will not. Make a belated resolution, like mine, to visit that older relative whose company you may not have relished as a child, and get a chance to hear their stories.

This New Year also holds a lot of promise for new family connections, as we are compiling and will publish our Society's Family Finder. It has been two years since the last one was distributed, which resulted in a surprising number of members finding relatives within our own Society. I hope you carefully reviewed your listings, which were included in your dues renewal notice, and made sure to add all the new surnames and towns you've uncovered in the past two years. If you haven't yet sent in your renewal,

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SOCIETY NEWS

E-Mail Address Updates

Messages sent to the following people have bounced. Please advise us of your correct email address:

- Florence Bell
- Shirley Wasserman Hausafus
- Shirley Maccabee
- Margalit Modai
- Howard Oser
- Yvonne and Ernest Schneider
- Marika Wertheimer

If you have an email address but have not been receiving occasional SFBAJGS email messages, or your email address has changed, send a message to dLkurtz@ix.netcom.com so we can keep you up to date.

Welcome New Members

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Correction

In the November issue of *ZichronNote*, we incorrectly welcomed a new member: Apologies and a new welcome to Marlene Burak (not Burah) of Los Gatos.

Remembering Martha Wise (1912 – 1999)

by Judy Baston

Mrs. Martha Wise, our Society’s founder, recently passed away and with her closed a chapter in Jewish genealogy. We will miss Martha’s indomitable spirit, her integrity and her opinions – which she was never reluctant to share.

Mrs. Wise not only was a founder of our Society two decades ago, she was its president and for many years its vice president, and edited the society’s newsletter for many years. A review of past issues provides wonderful examples of the acerbic wit, frank opinions and basic wisdom of the appropriately named Mrs. Wise.

Not only did she provide her time and effort, but an early issue notes that the bank account had reached a “respectable balance” so that her loan to the Society establishing the account could finally be repaid.

Newer members may remember Mrs. Wise for delicious baked goods. In thanking Mrs. Wise for her refreshments, the newsletter noted: “She has not been reimbursed by the Society, but steadfastly declines to deplete our treasury in this way.”

Mrs. Wise recognized the social value of her cookies, apart from their deliciousness. She noted that the proper time for refreshments was after the meeting, and I recall earlier meetings in which she kept

napkins over the cookie plates so her sweets would not be eaten before or during the meeting. Mrs. Wise may not have called it “networking,” but she certainly recognized its contribution to genealogy.

“Too much is sometimes dismissed as idle chatter” she once wrote, stressing that “the chit chat before meetings and during refreshments will always yield something of value.”

But she went on to warn that “only novices expect joining a society to provide them with an almost instant family tree. Often they fail to realize that a genealogical society is basically a support group and is certainly not a research service. More seasoned researchers know better and are happy with a bit of helpful information every now and then. After all genealogy does require patience and persistence. Those who are unable to be patient and lack persistence will not get far.”

The following excerpt reminds me of the first time I ever telephoned Martha, who was listed on a leaflet as the contact person for the SFBAJGS. I asked for Ms. Wise. Although I received a long explanation of why she wasn’t Ms. Wise (not because she didn’t approve but because Wise was her married name and therefore she was Mrs.), she made it clear that Ms.

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More Genealogy Events

Local

Sat. March 20, **San Mateo County Genealogical Society, Finding Females "Grandma, Where are you?" with Sandra Leubking**. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sequoia High School, Redwood City. Tel: (650) 572-2929.

Fri. - Sat. April 9 - 10, **California Genealogical Society, CGS Family History Fair**. Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Tel: (510) 663-1358; Web: www.calgensoc.com. (See pages 18-19.)

Sat. April 10, **Silicon Valley PAF Users Group: Cyndi Howells of "Cyndi's List" of Genealogical Web sites**. Contact: Carol Harless, Tel: (650) 948-0477; Web: www.genealogy.org/~svpafug.

Sat. May 22, **Sonoma County Genealogical Society, Seminar with Dr. John Philip Colletta**. Luther Burbank Center, Santa Rosa. Tel: Lois Nimmo, (707) 537-1684; email: Loisnim@aol.com.

Regional

Sat. April 17, **Sacramento County Genealogical Society: Cyndi Howells, of "Cyndi's List" of Genealogical Web sites**. Contact: Sammie Hugdens, P.O. Box 265, Citrus Heights, CA. email: samihud@aol.com.

National/International

Wed. - Sat. May 12 - 15, **National Genealogical Society, Conference in the States**. Hosted by the Virginia Genealogical Society, Richmond, VA. Contact: NGS, 4527 Seventeenth St. North, Arlington, VA 22207-2363. Tel: (800) 473-0060; Fax: (703) 525-0052; email: 76702.2417@compuserve.com; Web: www.ngsgenealogy.org.

Sun. - Fri. August 8-13, **Jewish Genealogical Society (NY), 19th Annual Conference on Jewish Genealogy**. Write: JGS Inc., 600 West End Avenue, Suite 10F, New York, NY 10024. email: nyc99conf@aol.com; Web: members.aol.com/nyc99conf. (See pages 9 - 12.)

Wed. - Sat. August 11-14, **The Federation of Genealogical Societies, Meet Me in St. Louis - the People of Amercia**. Hosted by the St. Louis, MO Genealogical Society. Contact: FGS Business Office, P.O. Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940. Tel: (888) 380-0500; email: fgs-office@fgs.org; Web: www.fgs.org.

Are Your SFBAJGS Dues Overdue?

Have you paid your dues? Membership dues for 1999 were payable on January 31, 1999. If you have not yet sent in your renewal, please do so as soon as possible.

A yellow strip across the mailing label of this issue means we have not yet received your payment. The May issue of *ZichronNote* will be sent only to members in good standing.

Please send your check for \$20, made payable to "SFBAJGS," to:

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Your Help Wanted:

Newsletter Layout Assistance

We are eagerly seeking a SFBAJGS member who is interested in helping to put together this quarterly newsletter; doing the layout and perhaps incorporating your own flair into the design.

Writing and editing is not required unless you so desire. Time commitment is dependent upon your expertise, but should be no more than a few days each quarter.

Experience with desktop publishing software (or a facility for learning software) is preferred.

Please contact Dana Kurtz at: (415) 921-6761 or dLkurtz@ix.netcom.com if you are interested or would like more information.

WE NEED YOU!

Workshops Offered by the National Archives Pacific Region

All classes are held at: National Archives Pacific Sierra Region, 1000 Commodore Drive, San Bruno. Fees: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. To register or for more information, contact Rose Mary Kennedy, (650) 876-9009.

Passenger Arrival and Naturalization Records
Fri. March 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Military - Part I: Pre-Revolution to War of 1812
Fri. May 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Military - Part II: Civil War to World War II
Fri. June 11, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Success Story: Bender Hamlet, Winnipeg

by Morrie Ludwig

Eighty-seven year old Morris (Morrie) Ludwig, a SFBAJGS member from Sonoma, hopes that disseminating this *ZichronNote* article to Jewish genealogical societies around the world, will lead to information about the **LUDWIG** (or **LUDWICK** or **GOLDWIG**) Family of Winnipeg, Canada. There, six brothers, Hyman, Morris, Isaac, Nathan, Harry, and Sam, once resided. The Ludwig brothers came to Canada from Ukraine, as did Morrie's mother, Sarah or Sonia **SHATZ** Ludwig, perhaps from Vinnetsa, Yannov, Kiev or Nikolaiev. Morrie can be reached at 20951 Via Colombard, Sonoma, CA 95476; Lud@vom.com.

I've tried to give you a bare-bones history of my family since its arrival in Canada. Hyman and Sarah **GOLDWIG** and two children, Becky, an infant, and Abraham, three years old, arrived in Quebec City, Canada, nine days out of Liverpool, England, on July 31, 1899 aboard the S.S. Lake Ontario, in steerage class. I have been unable to locate any information about when the other brothers arrived, although some later moved on to the United States: Nathan to Los Angeles, Sam to Minneapolis and Harry to San Francisco.

Isaac and Morris stayed permanently in Winnipeg to become successful merchants. Their children and grandchildren are recognized there today in the fields of law and medicine. Most eminent was Joe **LUDWIG**, my contemporary, who came to California before World War II to complete his studies in medicine. His untimely death not long ago saddened the Jewish community and robbed the nation of a distinctive talent.

Hyman, my father, was a tailor in Winnipeg for the Eaton Company and the Hudson Bay Company. In 1907, he became a Canadian citizen and a daughter Etta was born in Winnipeg. About then, Hyman joined a group of immigrants gathered by a Jacob Bender to colonize the Canadian shtetl of Bender Hamlet, 65 miles north of Winnipeg, near Narcisse. The prairie proved rocky and unproductive. Many settlers, including my father, spent months of each year in Winnipeg, earning cash to support their families on the homesteads, where Albert was born in 1909. I (Morris) was born in 1911, followed by my brother Charles in 1913.

Gradually, the pioneers abandoned the homesteads because earning a living there became precarious. The Ludwigs finally left Bender Hamlet in 1917 for Winnipeg, where Hyman tailored at 320 St. Marys Avenue, Westminster Avenue and Portage Avenue. In 1923, encouraged by his brother Harry and wife Sarah **PINSKY**, Hyman, his wife and four children moved permanently to San Francisco. Two years later, Rebecca Ludwig, her husband Max **SHATSKY** and children Alice and Allen joined them.

Decades after leaving Winnipeg for San Francisco as a boy of 12, I became serious about my origin and roots. Before that, having been thrust into the real world during the Great Depression, scrambling for a buck was uppermost. By the time I had earned a bit of security, those who could have enlightened me were

gone. Searching for my roots, I returned to Winnipeg in 1960 at the age of 50. Manitoba officials had previously informed me by mail that no such place as Bender Hamlet had ever existed. Fortunately, at Narcisse, a farmer named Forlanski told me of a narrow dirt road that led to the site of a vanished "Jew colony." The remains of rock foundations were the only signs of former dwellings. A further walk through the surrounding woods revealed a small, walled-in cemetery containing several gravestones. So ended the search for my birthplace, which I had envisioned as a sort of incarnation of "Fiddler on the Roof," only to find an empty, deserted prairie.

Most of what I've discovered about Bender Hamlet was learned during the 1960s when my two sisters and I retraced our steps to Winnipeg. What I can only refer to as a "world class coincidence" opened the first door for us. My late sister Edna remembered that as a small girl at Strathcona School in Winnipeg, a teacher named Mr. Sisler had shown lantern slides of the Jewish colony, Bender Hamlet, at an assembly meeting. Being shy, she didn't own up to having once lived there, but never forgot the incident. I was already aware of this same Sisler on my first day at that school. Bewildered, frightened, knowing only Yiddish, I watched in terror as Sisler grabbed a boy by the ear and dragged him up the steps to the front door. I reacted as any red-blooded kid would; I peed my pants. So was my induction to the world of higher learning.

In 1960, I traced Mr. Sisler in a Winnipeg city directory. He had passed away several years earlier, but his widow, a most charming lady, gave my sisters and me access to his field records, among them much on Bender Hamlet. After more than a dozen visits to Winnipeg, research at local archives and meetings with Joseph Lavitt, grandson of an original settler and a founder of the Jewish Historical Society of Winnipeg, Bender Hamlet became meaningful again. I bought the parcel of land from the Jewish Colonization Association where our small home once stood. I periodically return for my prairie "fix," usually in early June, when the perfume of tiny wildflowers and native strawberries fills the air – a blissful experience unlike the days when the pioneers survived winter blizzards and windchill temperatures of minus 40 degrees.

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The First Annual SFBAJGS Spring Workshop Sunday, April 18, in Los Altos

The SFBAJGS and Congregation Beth Am of Los Altos Hills are co-sponsoring the first (of what will hopefully be annual) Spring Workshop. We hope the day will be enlightening, rewarding, and fun.

Date: Sunday, April 18

Time: 12:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Place: Congregation Beth Am, 26790 Arastradero Road, Los Altos Hills. (Very close to our regular meeting location at Congregation Kol Emeth.)

Cost: Free to members of the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society and Congregation Beth Am. Guests – \$3.

Program:

12:30 p.m. Doors open, registration, research facilities available

12:30 – 1 p.m. Translation assistance – Hebrew and German (Contact Jerry Delson for more information)

1 p.m. **Maps of Eastern Europe, 1634-1991.** Marc Seidenfeld, SFBAJGS Treasurer, will discuss how the frequent border changes affected the Jews. This presentation will be similar to the one Marc offered at the January JGS meeting in San Francisco.

2 p.m. **A Process Approach to Genealogy.** Bob Weiss, former SFBAJGS and IAJGS President, will offer a systematic approach to gathering data in the U.S. and abroad, and how to put it all together.

3 p.m. **Organizing an International Family Reunion in Curaçao.** Sita Likuski, SFBAJGS Membership Chair, helped to organize a 5-day gathering in Curaçao for a branch of her family that can be traced to the Spanish Inquisition. Sita used genealogical records to identify relatives from Holland, Spain, Panama, Curaçao, and the U.S. She will tell us how the dispersion, the centuries, and the diverse environment affected members of the family.

4 p.m. **Jewish Aspects in Genealogical Computing.** Long-time SFBAJGS member Jan Engel will reflect on how computers have assisted genealogists, the challenge of foreign alphabets and the special type of records needed for Jewish research. Jan designed his own program and used his research to reconnect survivors of his family who escaped from Poland.

Other Resources available during the Workshop:

- The new Beth Am library will be available for the entire session (see page 15)
- Computers and CD-ROMs available
- Study partners

Note: This Workshop replaces the regular April SFBAJGS meeting. The 4 p.m. lecture with Jan Engel will be formatted in the style of our regular meeting. All Workshop attendees are invited.

Questions? Call Jerry Delson (650) 493-0404

Genealogy Elderhostel

by Marcia Nord

Marcia's interest in genealogy started when her 92-year-old uncle handed over the family tree he started about seventy years ago. In the past few years she has discovered a family that her father had prior to his marriage to her mother and all of the descendants of her maternal great-grandfather's sister. This family had a reunion that coincided with a trip she made back east so she was able to meet most of the people who were on that branch of her family tree. Her primary research interests are for **GROSS** from Romania, **FELBER** from Frystak, Poland, **GOLDBERG** from Mytarka, Poland and **GREENHAWT** from Ternapol, Ukraine.

I had the opportunity last year to attend an elderhostel devoted entirely to genealogy. It was held at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah and I would highly recommend this program to anyone except the most advanced genealogist.

The primary subjects covered, in addition to genealogical research, were composing your family history and photo preservation. In the genealogy research class, emphasis was placed on the scientific method. This topic included the Mormon Ancestral Files and International Genealogical Index, county histories, family histories, vital records, church records, the federal census records, probate and court records, land histories and military records. In addition to these, there were about ten other types of records that might be helpful in doing research.

The class on photo preservation was not only very interesting but also very discouraging. Almost all of us in the class realized that everything that we have been doing with our photos was completely the wrong thing to do. In addition to learning how to preserve our photos there were many suggestions on how to arrange all of those pictures.

I have always been overwhelmed and confused about how to go about writing a family history. The instructor for this class made it seem so simple. In addition to his suggestions, the local bookstore has numerous books on every aspect of genealogy.

Brigham Young University has a very extensive genealogy section probably second only to the holdings of the Salt Lake City Family History Library. Having access to all of these records was wonderful. A one-day trip to the Family History Library was also part of the program. Not only did our instructors teach us how to use all the facilities at the libraries, but the library volunteers were willing to spend as much time as necessary to help us in any way that they could.

If you have ever been on an elderhostel program you will probably find this one a little more intensive. The instructors want all the participants to make the most of their time so we were kept busy either in class or doing research most of the day.

For those of you too young or for other reasons are unable to attend this program, BYU has an online genealogy program. You can get information about this program at <http://coned.byu.edu/is/>. Click on the words "personal enrichment."

Introducing The Peninsula Gang!

By Shirely Radding

At a special meeting in December, a "Peninsula gang" was organized to plan programs for the regular Palo Alto meetings, and perhaps coordinate some extra-curricular activities. As you can see by the calendar on the front page of this issue, the work has gone ahead rapidly. We have already planned three of the five meetings remaining for this year. Your suggestions for future meeting topics are welcome and encouraged. If you've got a particular speaker in mind, all the better!

The first extra-curricular event is the upcoming workshop at Congregation Beth Am on Sunday, April 18th (see facing page). SFBAJGS member Jerry Delson and his team have put together what will certainly be a great event. It will also be a wonderful opportunity

to get a first look at the new library at Beth Am, and its genealogical collection (see page 15).

Other ideas under consideration are field trips to the National Archives in San Bruno and to a Mormon Family History Center. How about a class in how to use a computer or how to use the Internet for genealogy? How about forming local special interest groups or finding a research buddy? Traveling and researching together give us an excellent opportunity to share tips and compare notes.

We'll keep working on these ideas, but we need your participation to make them happen. Besides - it's a great way to learn, help others, and keep the motivation high! If you're interested in joining us at our next get-together to discuss ideas, please contact me, Shirley Radding, at sradding@worldnet.att.net or SFBAJGS President Rodger Rosenberg at (415) 666-0188; eandr@ix.netcom.com.

San Francisco Bay Area Genealogical Consortium

by David Abrahams

During the past few months, representatives from several local genealogical societies have been meeting to determine how they might work together to further promote our hobby throughout the greater Bay Area, and even nationally.

On January 30, the second meeting was held in San Mateo. The folks in attendance included those from genealogical societies, the San Bruno branch of the National Archives, several Mormon Family History Centers (FHCs), and the California State Genealogical Alliance (CSGA). During this meeting, the name "San Francisco Bay Area Genealogical Consortium" was adopted. Purposes of the Consortium include:

- encouraging all societies and libraries in the greater Bay Area that deal with genealogy and family history to participate;
- focusing on marketing societies and repositories within the greater Bay Area;

- setting up a web page, linking all of these societies and repositories; and
- joining together to work on projects which will benefit not only Bay Area researchers, but visitors as well.

One such project well under way is to create a database of all repositories in the greater Bay Area holding U.S. Census Indexes. As of this writing, eight repositories have been inventoried, with more to go. Other suggested projects include publishing inventories of long-term holdings at the local FHCs; publishing inventories of city directories found in the various libraries; identifying genealogical libraries with online access; identifying and grooming new speakers; and providing a listing of local speakers of interest to our societies.

The representatives to the Consortium that I have met and know are extremely dedicated with wonderful ideas and know-how. We can support the Consortium by providing representation at the meetings and by volunteering to work on some of the projects that will benefit all of us.

Bender Hamlet, cont'd. from page 5

To honor the settlers' memory, Joe Lavitt petitioned government officials to declare Bender Hamlet a Provincial Historical Site. Several hundred descendants gathered in the summer of 1987 for the dedication and unveiling of a Provincial monument along with a stone cairn and brass plaques engraved with the settlers' names. In all, some fifty families are inscribed, many of whom took up residence after most of the first group departed. I list here only those whose names appear on an official survey map of Bender Hamlet dated May 1910, adding only the wives' names as they appeared on the monument (but rearranged in alphabetical order):

Max & Rifka Arber
Nathan & Fannie Arber
Moses & Fanny Brodsky
Isaac & Sarah Dixon
P. Fethers
Jacob & Jennie Gerber
Benjamin & Millie Gordon
Joseph & Ida Gordon
Morris & Julie Green
Joseph & Hanna Lavitt
Sholom Friedel & Kayla Lavitt
Hyman & Sonia Ludwig
Jacob & Mierna Melanchuk
Chaim & Esther Posen
Hyman & Sophia Warshawsky
Max & Esther Weinstock

Bender Hamlet is reached from Winnipeg by driving north on Highway 17 to Narcisse, where a highway sign alerts one to turn right to the site. I favor visiting during the month of June, before the summer humidity sets in, and before the famous, harmless garter snakes of Narcisse (a tourist attraction once featured in "Ripley's Believe It or Not") leave the prairie for their winter dens.

One year, on our way to the Gaspé Peninsula, I stopped to show my birthplace to my wife. It was a lovely, shining day in September, but the snakes were migrating to their underground dens, the highway was littered with them, and we skedaddled quickly, never even getting out of the car. Hardly more than a year ago, I was introduced to the computer and the mass of genealogical information available online. While browsing the Internet, I entered "Narcisse, Manitoba" into a search engine and found that Oregon University holds field trips to the area each year, recording data on the habits and life cycle of these reptiles (hardly a job for a Jewish boy!).

As I hope in June to be "double snowman" (88 in golf lingo), it's high time to circle the wagons and get serious before curfew done ring. I know enough about Winnipeg and Bender as I need – it's the Ukraine I want to tap into, where it was reputed my paternal grandfather lived to 104, had 27 children by two wives, and could toss off three fingers of whiskey with any man. Now, there's a gent worthy of commemoration!

**The Jewish Genealogical Society
invites you to attend**



New York...Gateway to America

**19th Annual Conference on Jewish Genealogy
August 8-13, 1999**

Marriott Marquis Hotel

Broadway & 46th Street, New York, NY

You don't want to miss the exciting schedule of workshops, lectures and meetings that is being planned for the 1999 conference in New York City. Whether you are just beginning your family research or have been researching your ancestors for many years and now consider yourself an advanced genealogist, you will find programs of interest *and* have the opportunity to check out New York's wealth of historical and genealogical resources.

And, while here, you will certainly want to take some time to explore and experience New York, a dynamic city of

- ... fascinating neighborhoods
- ... fabulous museums and galleries
- ... marvelous restaurants
- ... stupendous shopping
- ... Broadway and Off-Broadway Theater
- ... and so much more!

Please join us for an exciting week of educational programming, research opportunities, networking with genealogists from around the world, and a grand time in a great city.

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- European Archivists

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- County Clerk's Office - State Supreme Court (All Five Boroughs)
- Family History Center
- Jewish Theological Seminary of America
- Leo Baeck Institute
- National Archives–Northeast Region (NY)
- New York City Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Records
- New York City Municipal Archives
- New York Genealogical and Biographical Society Library
- New York Public Library
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- Yeshiva University
- YIVO Institute for Jewish Research at the Center for Jewish History

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BOOKSHELF

Migration From The Russian Empire – New Volumes

by Judy Baston

Many is the time I've heard researchers grumble about the many steps they must go through to find information about their ancestors who came to this country through the Port of New York after the turn of the century. First they have to turn the surname they're looking for into the National Archives Soundex Code. Then they have to look through the 800 microfilm reels of the Consolidated Passenger Index to the Port of New York 1903-1943, for the reel that contains their name's soundex code and hope they'll see listings for the ancestor they're seeking – or perhaps other relatives of the same name. And finally they have to convert the information on that listing into an entry on a passenger list which is on another reel of microfilm, and then search for that elusive ancestor on the ship or date or volume number listed in the index. But as much work as this can be, researchers seeking ancestors who came over in the decades immediately preceding the turn of the century – the decades in which the Eastern European Jewish migration really began – would be thrilled to have enough information to be able to go through all those steps.

For years, genealogists searching for passengers who arrived during that period had no index, no finding aid whatsoever. Researchers were faced with the choice of scrolling through every passenger list for a particular year, assuming that year was referenced on a subsequent federal census, or simply forgetting the whole thing. All that began to change with the publication of the series of books, *Migration from the Russian Empire* by Ira Glazer, which to a great extent has filled the gap of the un-indexed years. There are now six volumes in the series, and the library of the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society recently added Volumes 5 and 6 to the first four in the Society's holdings.

This means that researchers seeking their ancestors' New York passenger arrivals from January 1875 through June 1891 now have an extremely helpful finding aid. Each of the volumes contains an index for the period covered, listing passengers in alphabetical order and then referring to the page number on which the ship's list can be found. Each of the volumes contains hundreds of pages and thousands of names. As with the 800-microfilm reel index of New York passenger arrivals from 1903-1943,

the books in the *Migration from the Russian Empire* series do not necessarily list every immigrant that researchers believe should be in the list. One researcher who failed to find particular ancestors in the books concludes that if ancestors spent time in England between leaving Russia and arriving in the U.S., their arrival might not be included.

It should also be mentioned that the years covered in the first six volumes in many ways may seem of less specific genealogical value than subsequent passenger lists. The series currently spans the years 1875-91, when information collected on passenger lists was scant; passenger's name, country of origin, perhaps a few details of the voyage. But if a family was traveling as a group, the passenger list did list the entire group, including possibly heretofore unknown siblings or other relatives. We eagerly await subsequent volumes of *Migration from the Russian Empire*. In 1893, passenger lists began to include the name of the person in the U.S. to whom an immigrant was going. After 1907, (covered, of course, in the 800-reel microfilm index), additional information of genealogical importance including immigrant's birthplace and closest friend or relative in the country of origin, was also recorded.

The six volumes of *Migration from the Russian Empire* are currently among the volumes in the SFBAJGS collection available for research at monthly meetings. Between meetings the collection is available on the SFBAJGS bookcase at the Institute for Masonic Studies, 1111 California Street, San Francisco. The Institute is open Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you have any questions about the SFBAJGS collection, you may contact Librarian Judy Baston at jrbaston@aol.com.

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please take a moment to do so now. Our Society has grown a lot over these last two years, so don't let a chance like this pass you by.

This year will also be bringing some changes to our annual routines. The California Genealogical Society's Family History Fair will be held this year at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton (see page 18). I look forward to seeing some of our members there who don't often visit this side of the bridge, and hope there are a few of you willing to help host our table. Please contact me at (415) 666-0188 or eandr@ix.netcom.com, if you would like to volunteer for a few hours and enjoy our annual table buffet.

—Rodger

Martha Wise, cont'd. from page 3

was far preferable than “Martha” as a salutation from a stranger. As always in her writings, there is text and there is subtext that provides an important lesson.

“The era in which people knew each other well for 20 years without ever addressing each other by their first names, not to mention the instances in which wives never called their husbands anything other than Mr. Whomever, is long past and there is little need to sorrow over it,” she wrote. “On the other hand, the casual approach can also be overdone ... If you are hoping for genealogical help or information do not address a total stranger, who may be twice or three times your age, by their first name right off the bat.”

“Senior citizens are often put off by being addressed by their first name by a very young voice on the telephone belonging to someone who isn’t even a long lost relative. Wait a while and then ask them to call you by your name. If they don’t ask you to reciprocate, stick to a more formal address. You’ll get further.”

Mrs. Wise’s advice was well taken, but was she also prescient? Did she anticipate the way Jewish genealogy has developed – with worldwide research groups based on areas of ancestral origin, and with email contacts making the exchange of information potentially instantaneous?

“Contact not only with others close by, but with people in other cities and even in other countries can set up a network that can yield dividends,” she counseled. “At times, you know, the world is very small. The wider your contacts the better chance that through them you may unexpectedly stumble upon something. In trying to help someone else you may find a bonus for yourself such as finding that the person you are offering to help is actually a very distant relative.”

In an article entitled “Those Who Don’t Share,” Mrs. Wise aptly commented on the ready willingness of genealogists to help each other. And as with many of her writings in the society’s newsletter, I can hear her voice here: “Genealogists share so gladly they do not readily comprehend not sharing. Aren’t you glad to be a genealogist?”

Her prescience, however, was clearly outweighed by her technophobia in the area of computers: “We receive an ever increasing amount of mail regarding computers and computer use in genealogy which we are able to pass on to you only very sketchily since your editor knows nothing of computers and has no desire to change that,” she wrote.

Another time, she noted: “The charts below were compiled by member Bob Weiss who understands computers. Your editor does not and is grateful to

Strawberry Mansion: Jewish North Philly

by Allen Meyers

After writing a book on Jewish South Philly, I decided that for my next project I would explore the Strawberry Mansion area of North Philadelphia, an area where many Jewish families settled around the turn of the century. I am a graduate of Gratz Hebrew College and for the last twenty years have been a tour guide specializing in sites of Jewish interest in Philadelphia and South Jersey (including the Jewish farmer’s communities). Over the years I have observed many area residents becoming interested in learning more about the Jews of Philadelphia, the connections between Jewish families and how the original immigrants formed communities.

My next book, *Strawberry Mansion: Jewish North Philly*, will be released by Arcadia Press in September 1999 as part of the American Century Series. I hope to capture what the neighborhood called “The Mansion” was like: the landmarks, the trolley cars, businesses on 31st Street and York Street, the schools, Fairmount Park, the synagogues and community institutions, and family life. As with my previous book, I have been asking people around the country to share their reminiscences and photographs concerning life in the Strawberry Mansion area of Philadelphia in the 1930s, 40s, and 50s.

If you have any information to share, or would like more information, please contact me at: Allen Meyers, 11 Ark Court, Sewell, NJ 08080: Tel: (609) 582-0432; email: ameyers@net-gate.com.

have something useful to give you. Something that does not need to be explained to me since I don’t understand a line of it.”

In writing about offering rides to members who otherwise would not be able to travel to meetings, Mrs. Wise linked our pursuit of genealogy with traditional Jewish values.

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

Persistence of memory is of tremendous value to us as Jews and genealogists. We do a mitzvah by remembering, and listening to, someone who shared so much of herself with us.

SFBAJGS Family Finder Update

The surnames and towns being researched by our newest members are listed below. We hope to maintain this database for our membership. If you have a correction, update or new information you would like us to know about, contact: SFBAJGS, P.O. Box 471616, San Francisco, CA 94147, or send email to: dLkurtz@ix.netcom.com.

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Town, Country</u>	<u>Member</u>
Auster	Sokal, Ukraine	Blech, Ilan
Axelrad	Guzstyniek, Ukraine	Blech, Ilan
Diamant	Przemysl, Poland; Tarnopol, Ukraine	Blech, Ilan
Einstein	Anywhere	Half, Fred
Frank	Anywhere	Half, Fred
Frostig	Mosty Wielkie, Sokal, Munkacs (Mukacevo), Ukraine	Blech, Ilan
Goldstein	Przemysl, Rzeszow, Poland	Blech, Ilan
Greenstein	Russia	Schneider, Yvonne & Ernest
Grüner	Mosty Wielkie, Ukraine	Blech, Ilan
Half(f)	Hagenau, France	Half, Fred
Israel	Romanswiller, France	Half, Fred
Koller	Belz, Ukraine	Blech, Ilan
Krochmal	Belz, Ukraine	Blech, Ilan
Lapp	Belz, Ukraine	Blech, Ilan
Lichtbach	Przemysl, Poland	Blech, Ilan
Morx	Tarnopol, Ukraine	Blech, Ilan
Oppenheimer	Darmstadt, Germany	Half, Fred
Rapken	Mogilev, Belarus; Sydney, Melbourne, Australia; San Francisco, CA	Weiss, Katherine
Rich	Cleveland, OH	Half, Fred
S(e)idenberg	Wroclaw, Poland and vicinity	Half, Fred
Schneider	Russia? Germany?	Schneider, Yvonne & Ernest
Weiss	Hungary; San Francisco, California	Weiss, Katherine
Zimet	Warsaw, Poland; Kolomea, Ukraine	Blech, Ilan

Congregation Beth Am Library in Los Altos Hills

by Dick Hoffman

Congregation Beth Am is located at 26790 Arastradero Road, Los Altos Hills, and its library is available to members of the SFBAJGS. The library has a good, basic collection of Jewish genealogy books, most of which are classified as reference books, for use in the library only.

The best time to visit the Beth Am library is on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. when the religious school is in session. Diane Rauchwerger, librarian, is in the library during those hours. The library is also open most days and some evenings, but it may be in use for a study group or other meeting when you visit. For this reason, we recommend

coming in on Sunday mornings when the library is reserved for library use. The enlarged Beth Am Library is now in a new location as part of an expansion program. It presently has about 4,500 books with ample space for future growth. If you have any questions about using the Beth Am library, you can contact Dick or Caroline Hoffman by telephone at (650) 968-4202; fax: (650) 961-4909; or email: rmhoffman@aol.com.

The Hoffmans have prepared a list of library genealogy holdings which will be available at regular SFBAJGS meeting at Kol Emeth in Palo Alto.

COMPUTER/ONLINE NEWS

Ancestry.com

by Sita Likuski

Every few days I ask the Ancestry Web site (www.ancestry.com) to check more than 800 databases for me. I enter a name, sometimes just a surname, select "any locality" or perhaps a specific state, select all "databases with people's names" or maybe just the Social Security Death Index (SSDI). The Ancestry search engine goes to work, bringing up a list of every mention of that name in its databases. If the person I'm searching for appears in the SSDI, I can request a copy of his or her Social Security application. I click on the "write letter" option, and a letter – including the name, social security number, birth and death dates – appears, ready to print and send to the Social Security Administration. All I have to do is include my name and address and a check for \$7.

The Ancestry databases are wide-ranging. They include, for example,

- An 1890 directory of New York City
- Obituaries from the Palm Beach Post, 1998
- Biographical Cyclopedia of American Women
- Ancestry World Tree: submitted by Ancestry.com visitors, these GEDCOM files download instantly

Much of the information accessible at Ancestry.com is free. However, some databases are available only to members. One example is PERSI (Periodical Source Index), a genealogical subject index compiled by the Allen County (Indiana) Public Library. Searches can be made by surname, state, Canada or other countries. I entered a search for New York, keyword in title "Jewish," and subject "Cemeteries." Four references to articles in the American Jewish History journal came up, including "Oldest Jewish Grave Marker in New York City" published in 1891. Besides the American Jewish Historical Society, other repositories are listed.

Another members-only database is the UMI Obituaries, 1990-1997, which contain "the full texts of hundreds of thousands of obituaries reported in over 85 newspapers since 1990." The name requested is highlighted, so it's easy to find, say, a daughter Sarah Schulz within the obituary of her father Jacob Levinson.

Each day Ancestry.com posts three new databases and three historical maps. Their Daily News, available online and by email, lists recent additions; it also announces when one of the "Members Only"

databases will be free for a short time. Daily specials in the online store are highlighted.

Additional features include maps such as:

- The Growth of Russia 1300-1796
- U.S. Federal Circuit and District Courts in 1861
- Jerusalem (and Israel) in Historical Context, including a map of the twelve tribes of Israel

There's a lot to read:

- Genealogical columns
- Beginner's guides
- Selections from Ancestry Magazine and Genealogical Computing
- *The Source*, guidebook to genealogical sources
- Encyclopedia-style information for countries (maps, political divisions, diplomatic representatives in the U.S.)
- Email and chat rooms

If you need to order documents, there are fact sheets for the states and for the National Archives, which records are available, and where to send requests.

Occasionally this Web site can't access its own databases; this is probably because of heavy traffic, especially searches on the SSDI. However, it's worth trying again, as Ancestry.com is a valuable resource for genealogists.

Obituaries Online

Two JewishGen postings offer a quick way to search for published obituaries. Please keep in mind that such databases are rarely comprehensive. However, they do provide an excellent place to start.

Beth Wellington, JewishGen

If you are looking for recent obituaries, many large and small city newspapers have developed Web sites with searchable archives. The search is most often free, and in some cases there may be an online form you can use to order a hard copy of the notice (some newspaper may charge a fee for this service). Otherwise, once you have identified the newspaper and date of an obituary, you can obtain a hard copy by writing to the news organization or, if the paper is available on microfilm by reviewing back issues.

Yahoo provides a search engine for identifying newspapers both in the U.S. and abroad at dir.yahoo.com/News_and_Media/Newspapers/Browse_by_Region/U_S_States/. (Note that there are two underscores before the word "States.")

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Abbee Corb-Cinotti, JewishGen

"The Obituary Daily Times is an index of published obituaries across the world." Try the Obituary Daily Times Interactive Search at www.rootsweb.com/~obituary. According to the Web site, the database adds 1,500 to 2,000 index entries daily. Alternatively, you can subscribe to a daily mailing list. "The Obituary Daily Times mailing list is intended mostly (but not only) for Family Historians, researchers...."

You can search by keyword or have the search engine soundex the name for you and search on the code. Note that you will not find the actual obituaries online. However, regular volunteers are encouraged to assist each other in obtaining hard copies of desired notices.

ShtetLinks

by Chuck Weinstein

The ShtetLinks Project is designed to commemorate all Jewish communities around the world. In just two years, more than two hundred places have been memorialized, and currently, we are adding about eight new locations each week. This is a participatory project, so anyone with a modest amount of web experience and the desire to share information about their ancestral settlement should get involved.

"Shtetl" is defined as a Jewish settlement. The term often refers to small towns in Eastern Europe, but our project is not limited to that part of the world. Currently, our ShtetLinks Home Page Directory (www.jewishgen.org/ShtetLinks) lists places as far afield as Birobidzhan, Babylonia, Maxwell Street in Chicago, Crypto-Jews of the Southwest, and Khazaria. We encourage everyone from Sephardic or Mizrachi roots to post his or her pages, as well. The majority of our pages come from Eastern Europe, however, and each one is put up and designed by an individual or group having a research interest in that place.

I get mail from people asking for information about places on our page, or requests to please post towns that are not on our site, and I have to reply that we do no original research, but depend on our vast network of readers to help out. Our all-volunteer staff is spread out over the United States, and their towns of interest are all over Europe. We are definitely interested in diversifying our pages, so we are always looking for contributors. Guidelines for designing and posting a page can be found on the web at www.jewishgen.org/ShtetLinks/documentation/writing.htm. That page includes sample templates that anyone with an inexpensive web-composing program can use. Once the site is finished and a little

paperwork is handled, the site is posted for all to see on the net. Information found on our sites includes histories; pictures of life in various places, both yesterday and today; bibliographies; links to yizkor book material online; lists of people researching towns; and links to the JewishGen Family Finder and other databases. Those sites that are posted on our JewishGen server are not allowed to contain commercial links, and no commercial use may be made of these sites.

If you are interested in posting a town, check our home page to insure no one got there before you. Once you have done that, contact me at shtetl-help@jewishgen.org and let me know of your interest. JewishGen will undoubtedly offer a replay of our very successful "How to Design a Web Page for ShtetLinks" class in the future, so watch for it on the JewishGen newsgroup. If you have other questions, please feel free to contact me at cweinstein@jewishgen.org. We look forward to seeing you on ShtetLinks!

Chuck Weinstein has coordinated the ShtetLinks Project since June 1998. He is a member of the SFBAJGS and has been involved, both as a moderator and Project Coordinator with JewishGen, Inc., for three years.

Swiss Bank Account Lists

by Bob Wascou, President, JGS of Sacramento

We have all seen the news headlines that have exposed the duplicity of Swiss bankers and government officials profiting through their country's neutral status as money movers for the Third Reich. Lists have been released containing nearly 100,000 names.

My cousin, Mike Radel, answered a call by the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) to write a computer program to computerize these lists and then compare the names to lists submitted by genealogists. If a name on the list matches a name on a family tree, the IAJGS will notify the submitter. They will also provide information on how to institute a claim. Mike has scanned these names into a computer file. The list is organized by Surname, First Name, Account Number (if known), and Date of Birth (if known).

Volunteers are needed to help confirm the accuracy of the data entry by comparing the scanned image to the paper documents. Volunteers will be sent a computer file with the scanned-in data and a paper copy of the original data. The file can be sent via email or mailed on a floppy disk (any size).

If you are interested in helping to proofread this important data, please contact me at: robertw252@aol.com.

California Genealogical Society's 1999 FAMILY HISTORY FAIR YOUR INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE

Friday, April 9, 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 10, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton

For more information, call: (510) 663-1358, email: calgensoc@aol.com; Web site: www.calgensoc.com

Class Schedule - Fri., April 9

1 - 2 p.m.

- F1 Beginning Genealogy I - What to Look For
- F2 Skip New York? Techniques for Getting Around a Most Difficult State to Research
- F3 The French and the Wine Industry in Early California
- TC Using the Internet for Genealogy

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

- F4 Beginning Genealogy II - Where to find it
- F5 Using the Law Library as a Genealogical Research Tool
- F6 Immigrants Serving in the Civil War
- TC Vendor demonstration of genealogical products for computers

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

- F7 Collateral Research and its Importance
- F8 Newspapers - A Valuable Genealogical Source of Information
- F9 Photography as a Tool for Genealogy
- TC Genealogy on CD: Learn how this technology offers a more efficient and cost-effective method of storing and publishing your family history

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- F10 The Scots-Irish Came to America
- F11 Researching Eastern Germany and Western Poland
- F12 Taking Your Genealogy on a Trip
- TC Vendor demonstration of genealogical products for computers

Class Schedule - Sat., April 10

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

- S1 Quakers
- S2 Oral Histories
- S3 Scandinavian Research
- TC Vendor demonstration of genealogical products for computers

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- S4 Immigration and Naturalization
- S5 Genealogy in Land and Tax Records
- S6 Mennonites
- TC What's new for Eastern European Research: A Practical Workshop Using some of the Latest Databases

1 - 2 p.m.

- S7 Collateral Research and its Importance
- S8 English Research: When is it a Good Excuse to Travel to England
- S9 America Moves West
- TC Vendor demonstration of genealogical products for computers

3 - 4:30 p.m.

- S10 Leaping the Brick Wall: Ways of Getting out of your Research Quagmire
- S11 San Francisco Cemeteries
- S12 New England Research: A Genealogical Safari
- TC Using the Internet for Genealogical Research

***Technology Center (TC)** - Check the schedule in the Jockey Club Room for computer-related activities. Computer products will also be demonstrated here.

Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton; approximately 4 miles south of the intersection of Interstates 580 and 680. Directions:

San Francisco - Bay Bridge to I-580 east to I-680 south.

North Bay - I-580 across the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge to I-680 south.

Peninsula and San Jose - I-680 north to the Bernal exit east.

East Bay - I-580 east to I-680 south.

ALL: From I-680, take Bernal exit east (to the right off the ramp), turn left on Valley Avenue at the stoplight, then right into the parking lot, Gate 8. \$5 all day parking.

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Names of additional pre-registrants:

Classes are available to attendees paying the "Classes and Exhibits" admission fee. To help us in planning classroom space, please check the classes you plan to attend. A second form is provided for additional pre-registrants.

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F4	F10	S4	S10
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F6	F12	S6	S12

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 Make checks payable to CGS; no refunds

At Door Admission for classes and exhibits is \$25 for one day, \$35 for two days. Admission to exhibits only is \$10 per day.

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