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President's Message Thoughts on Passover and Genealogy

By Jeremy Frankel, SFBAJGS President

I am writing this message at the time of year we celebrate Passover, when we recall the time our ancestors left the land of Mitzraim and spent 40 years wandering around the desert before entering the Promised Land. Some people might view our passion for genealogy the same way; we take leave of our senses, spend many years lost in thought, and eventually (hopefully) we reach a satisfactory conclusion.

Much happens along the way: we get stuck, we get lost, we retrace our steps. We lean one way, then another as facts are tested, discarded, and new ones take their place. Passover asks four very important questions. Oh, how I wish genealogy were so simple! Just four questions! In genealogy there *are* no answers, only questions, questions, and more questions.

Moses received the Ten Commandments. We should be so lucky to find ten documents from our family. The people made a golden calf and worshipped idols. That would be nice, but we learn not to trust anything. As I have been heard to say, I disregard half of what I hear and the other 50 percent I take with a pinch of salt.

Our promised land isn't so much Eretz Yisrael, but Poland, Lithuania, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, and Romania. Our dream is to be able to walk down the streets our ancestors once walked — to breathe the air, to see the same views upon which our ancestors once looked out.

Just as Passover never goes away, nor does genealogy and the pursuit of our family history, our family heritage. Family doesn't go away. It may sometimes be hard to find. We may not know who we are seeking. But somewhere, out there, is our promised land and we won't cease until we reach it.

Chag Sameach,

Jeremy G Frankel

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The SFBAJGS is looking for a member volunteer to join the Board of Directors as chair of publicity. Serving on the Board is a way to make wonderful friends and to learn a great deal about Jewish genealogy. Please contact Jeremy Frankel at jfrankel@lmi.net for more information.

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Obituary: Jacob Rubin (1919 - 2007)

By Jerry Delson

Jacob Rubin, an active member of SFBAJGS, died October 24th. He was born in Wloclawk, Poland in 1919. In 1939, he left Poland to attend the University of California in Berkeley. Although he was thus spared, his parents and immediate family were killed in the Holocaust. Jacob served in the U.S. army in World War II and at Berkeley received a Ph.D. in soil physics. In 1949 he moved to Israel and was a pioneer in water infiltration theory at the Volcani Agricultural Research Institute in Rehovot. In 1963 the United States Geological Survey brought him to Menlo Park to direct their studies on underground water movement. The USGS honored him in 1995 with the Rubin Symposium on Soil Science, Solute Transfer and National-Scale Water Quality Assessment.

Jacob also applied his scientific skill to genealogy. He traced his and his wife's family history back a dozen generations. He invented a method of presenting large amounts of data in a useful, easily understood manner. Instead of a flat chart or a pamphlet that jumps from page to page, Jacob's charts unfold from the center. This makes it easy to connect early generations with later ones. He showed how he did this at the SFBAJGS Workshop held at Congregation Beth Am on April 18, 1999. Jacob was outgoing, friendly and always ready to teach and to show his results. I will miss our get-togethers.

SFBAJGS Counts Prominent Experts Among its Members

By Beth Galleto

What's in it for you as a member of the SFBAJGS? One good reason to join and to maintain your membership is that the Society includes a large roster of experts in various facets of the study of Jewish genealogy, and they are generous in sharing their expertise with other members. Many of them speak at genealogical societies around the country and make presentations at the annual International Conference. We are fortunate to have them here with us.

A partial listing includes the following: (Please don't consider this to be a complete listing of resident experts. I am sure I have left some people out.)

- Ron Arons, expert on Jewish criminals and particularly those who were ever inmates of Sing Sing Prison. His book, "The Jews of Sing Sing," is scheduled to be published this spring.
- Judy Baston, member of Board of Directors of Jewish Records Indexing Poland (JRI-Poland) and Litvak SIG (Special Interest Group), volunteer librarian at Jewish Community Library and moderator of One-on-One Genealogy Sessions at the library.
- Jeremy Frankel, expert on genealogy research in England.
- Steve Harris, expert on genealogy research in New York.
- Vivian Kahn, member of Board of Directors of Hungary SIG.
- Rosanne Leeson, member of Board of Directors of French SIG and ROM SIG (Romanian). Received the IAJGS Award for Outstanding contribution via Print, 2001, for the Index to a volume of 5000+ Alsatian marriage records deposited with Notaries in Alsace, France, 1701-1791. One of her stories, originally published in *Avotaynu*, was chosen to be republished in their new Book, "Every family has a Story."
- Robinn Magid, member of Board of Directors of JRI-Poland.
- Steve Morse, creator of One-Step pages to assist in searching numerous databases as well as other helpful facilities on his website, **stevemorse.org.**
- Roy Ogus, vice-president of South African SIG, expert on genealogy research in South Africa.

Genealogy Events

Regional

Sat., May 17, 10:30 a.m. San Mateo County Genealogical Society. "Federal Land Records." Rose Mary Kennedy, genealogy specialist at the National Archives in San Bruno will discuss these resources. Silicon Valley Community Foundation, 1700 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo. www.smcgs.org.

Wed., <u>June 18</u>, 7:30 p.m. **San Mateo County Genealogical Society.** "Best Bet Internet Websites," presented by SFBAJGS' own Ron Arons. Silicon Valley Community Foundation, 1700 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo. **www.smcgs.org**.

State and National

Sun., May 18, 10 a.m. Jewish Genealogical Society of Sacramento. Judy Baston, a member of SFBAJGS and board member of JRI Poland will discuss Polish ancestral research. Albert Einstein Residence Center, 1935 Wright Street, Sacramento. For more information visit www.jgss.org or leave a message at (916) 486-0906 ext. 361.

Wed., May 21, 7:30 p.m. **Jewish Genealogical Society of Los Angeles.** "Discover Your Sephardic Ancestors and Their World," by Dr. Jeffrey Malka. Sephardic Temple Tifereth Israel, 10500 Wilshire Blvd., L.A. **www.jewishgen.org/jgsla.**

Mon., June 30, 7:30 p.m. *Jewish Genealogical* **Society of Los Angeles.** "The Jews of Sing Sing," lecture and book signing by Ron Arons. Sephardic Jewish Federation Board Room, 6505 Wilshire Blvd., L.A., www.jewishgen.org/jgsla.

Mon., <u>July 12</u>, 7:30 p.m. **Jewish Genealogical Society of Sacramento.** Schelly Talalay Dardashti, Jewish genealogist and writer of the genealogy blog "Tracing the Tribe," will speak. Albert Einstein Residence Center, 1935 Wright Street, Sacramento. For more information visit **www.jgss.org** or leave a message at (916) 486-0906 ext. 361.

NARA Holds Workshop Series

The National Archives and Records Administration offers a workshop series for genealogists. NARA Pacific Region (San Bruno), is located at 1000 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066. All workshops take place Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Remaining workshops this season include:

- E-VET Records Research, May 16.
- Military Part I: Revolutionary War to the Civil War, June 13.
- Military Part II: Spanish American War to the Vietnam War, June 27.
 - Federal Land Records, July 18.
 - Preserving Your History, August 8.

To register or for more information contact Rose Mary Kennedy at (650) 238-3488, or e-mail rosemary.kennedy@nara.gov. The fee for each workshop is \$15, payable in advance.

One-on-One Help with Your Family Tree

Take advantage of the Jewish Community Library's extensive reference collection and Internet connection, along with one-on-one guidance from a crew of veteran researchers from the SFBAJGS. Remaining sessions before summer break will be the first Sundays of May and June, May 4 and June 1. For information call (415) 567-3327, ext. 704. Sessions take place from noon to 2 p.m. at the Jewish Community Library, 1835 Ellis Street, San Francisco.

So. Cal. Offers Genealogy Jamboree

The 39th Annual Southern California Genealogy Jamboree takes place Friday through Sunday, June 27-29, at the Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank, California. The speaker list includes over 30 nationally and internationally recognized genealogists and family history lecturers including experts on topics related to Jewish genealogy. To register email jamboree@scgsgenealogy.com or call the Southern California Genealogical Society at (818) 843-7247.

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

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

Jewish Community High School, 1835 Ellis Street. Jewish Community Library open on second floor. Free parking: enter parking area from Pierce Street.

Los Altos Hills: Monday, Library opens at 7 p.m. Program begins at 7:30 p.m. Congregation

Beth Am, 26790 Arastradero Road.

Berkeley: Sunday, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Berkeley-Richmond Jewish Community Center,

1414 Walnut Street, North Berkeley.

The Search for Lady Rose

By Jeff Lewy

Jeff Lewy, treasurer of the SFBAJGS, is a retired airport consultant who became interested in genealogy to make sense of family photos going back four generations in the U.S. and to learn about the people in the photos. Most of his family lines had settled in Chicago by 1870 (having arrived in the U.S. in the 1840s and 50s) after living in Alabama. His family tree keeps growing and now extends back six generations in some cases. Jeff is interested in **Kahnweilers** in Rhineland Pfalz, **Lewys** in Ostrow (now near Poznan, Poland), **Loewys** in Bohemia and **Loewenthals** in Mecklenburg.

Genealogists' fantasies sometimes drift into wishing we were related to royalty, even though we know better. The nearest thing in my family lore was that we were related to a titled Englishwoman, "Lady Rose." Unfortunately, no one seemed to remember her last name. As interesting to me as her title, Lady Rose was supposed to have been born a Lewy, and to have had a hand-written family tree going back several generations, connecting my family in Chicago to some of its roots in Germany.

Learning the story

I remembered hearing about Lady Rose when I was a teenager, but didn't even know who in the family passed on the story about her. And I only began to think about trying to learn more about her when I began working on family history after my mother's death in late 2003. I made a long list of questions to follow up "someday," and Lady Rose went on the list.

After some of the other "hot" questions began to succumb to research, I decided to learn more about Lady Rose. As I asked about her among my living relatives in 2004, my first cousin John Lewy told me about his effort to find Lady Rose in the early 1970s, based on some information he got at the time from our "Uncle" Bob Lewy¹. Bob was a generation closer in relation to Lady Rose, and in the 1970s knew she was still alive and living in London. At that time she was a widow, had no children, and was probably in her 80s. John was able to track her down. He contacted her a few weeks before a trip to London, eager and excited to meet her and learn about the family tree.

When John and his wife Roz arrived at the appointed place and time in London, they found Lady Rose gone, and her apartment empty. It appeared that she had died in that short interval since their contact. No one at the apartment building knew anything about what had happened to Lady Rose and whoever took over the apartment had gotten rid of her belongings, including the family tree. So John returned to the U.S. frustrated and empty-handed. Neither John nor Uncle Bob ever re-established connections with Lady Rose's family.

Weak family links across the ocean

Most of my relatives had come to the US by the 1850s, and three of my four great-grandmothers were born in the U.S. My family also assimilated rapidly. So there was little contact with the old country, and the two world wars and the Depression kept people apart. In fact, my grandfather made a trip to Europe in early 1920, including Germany, despite the fact it was still "occupied territory" under control of the French after World War I. In his journal of the trip, there is only one mention of meeting a relative, an elderly woman who might have been his second cousin, once removed.

By the time my parents were adults, the links to Europe had been lost. In the 1960s I remember asking them if we had lost any relatives in the Holocaust, and they said they did not know of any. Because there were no first-generation immigrant relations who came or were brought over to the U.S. after the turn of the century, there was no knowledge of relatives still in Europe in the 1930s, and thus no knowledge of relatives who might have been in jeopardy. My parents did participate in helping other Jews who fled Europe, and as a child, I remember a number of "interesting" accents among my parents' friends and colleagues — but no relatives.

What we knew about Lady Rose

According to the lore, Lady Rose had been a "Jane Addams of London," setting up a settlement house in the East End in the early 20th century to help immigrant Jews from continental Europe make a new home in London. Jane Addams was a pioneer in social work and the settlement house movement in Chicago where my family lived, so she was an obvious parallel to Lady Rose.

Settlement houses were an important element in immigrants' lives in England and the U.S. during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, when both countries were desirable destinations for Jews leaving Central and Eastern Europe in response to conscription, anti-Semitism, and economic hardship. Settlement houses, run largely by immigrants of earlier generations, helped new arrivals find jobs,

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learn English, and learn how to adapt to city life and to English or American customs. They provided education and recreation for immigrant parents and children.

There were several other disconnected parts of the family lore about Lady Rose. One part said that a street near the settlement house had been renamed for her. Another said that she had done the work worthy of the title, but that a title "couldn't be given to a woman," so her husband got to be "Sir X," so she could be "Lady Rose." Yet another tidbit was that she had attended an annual garden party given by the Queen for those who had received titles, and typically for Lady Rose, who was not one to put on airs, she had gone to the event by bus. This story related that she had fallen while getting off the bus on the way home, broken her leg or hip, and this had led to her decline and death. This tale was not linked to John's story of attempting to meet her. John and I had no idea what the truth might be.

In 2005, I saw John and quizzed him about the story again, and all he could add was that her married name was "Hendrickse or something like that" and the trip to England was "in the early 70s." He said she had a very English accent, so he expected she was born in England and was not an immigrant herself.

Beginning the search

I tried a variety of Google searches, hoping she was famous enough to be found without a last name. This was truly a foolish hope. I searched for "Lewy/Hendrickse," "Lady Rose settlement house London," "history settlement house England" and the like — and came up with nothing.

Other genealogy searches online also yielded nothing. I didn't know enough to know where to look - or even to recognize success if I did find something! I tried to find microfilm records for England through the LDS Family History Library that would help, but most of those records were organized by date, not by alphabet, and were so large that I would have to order many microfilms just to browse through the birth, marriage, and death indexes, without really knowing what I was looking for. I tried online English genealogy sites including FreeBMD, which has indexed vital statistics for England and Wales from 1837 to nearly 1920, and found one marriage record for a Rosalie Lewy in 1901. I sent away to the British General Register Office for a copy of the record, but she and her husband didn't seem to fit.

I tried the online index to the London Gazette, where all the Honours Lists granting knighthoods and other decorations by the Queen are published,

but found no Lewy and no Hendrickse.

Finding a way to find the name

So I was just as stumped as cousin John. Then Jeremy Frankel, our illustrious — and English — SFBAJGS President, mentioned in conversation that the entire index of English births, marriages and deaths from 1837 to 1985 or so was on microfiche at the LDS Family History Library Church in Menlo



Louis Loewe, Lady Rose's grandfather

Park, only 30 miles away. So at least I could browse the records in one place!

I began to ponder my search strategy. The Menlo Park microfiche filled more than a half-dozen file drawers, representing thousands of pages — way too many for a "brute force" search from beginning to end. I knew that Lady Rose had probably died in the early 1970s (based on John's story), her first name was Rose (or Rosa, Rosalie, etc.), and that her married name began with "Hen..." or maybe "Hin...." The microfiche are in alphabetical order by quarter of each year, so a five-year search for deaths within the two groups of names ("Hen"... and "Hin...") would mean "only" about 40 to 50 microfiche sheets.

So I began sifting. In about two hours I had gone through the five-year bracket, and found only a half-dozen candidates, from Rosa Hendrick to Rose Hinrich. But one stood out — Rose Louise Henriques.

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With the specific names and dates of death I went home with my fingers crossed. I Googled Rose Henriques, and immediately found several pages about her.² The Internet pages described her careers in social work and refugee assistance, her maiden name – Rose Louise Loewe, her husband, Sir Basil Henriques, and their long service to the Oxford and St. George's Settlement House and the Jewish community in London.

I confirmed her maiden and married names with a copy of her death certificate, which I obtained in about two weeks from the British General Register Office, using the volume and page number listed in the microfiche index.

Rose and her family

The truth, as usual, was even more interesting than the family lore.

Her full maiden name was Rose Louise Loewe (pronounced Lów-ee) and she was born in 1889 in the district of Stoke Newington in London, England, about two miles north of the Tower of London. She was gifted in the arts and studied the piano in Breslau in Germany before the First World War. She was also an accomplished painter in oil, charcoal and watercolor.

Her father, James Henry Loewe, was also born in England and her mother, Emma Immerwahr Loewe, was born in Beuthen, Silesia (now Bytom, Poland). Her grandfather, Louis Loewe, was born in 1809, in Zülz, Silesia (now Biala Prudnicka, Poland), and immigrated to England in 1839 to work in Oriental Languages for the Duke of Sussex.

Louis Loewe was quite a "worthy" individual – he taught Oriental Languages (Hebrew and several others) and was an examiner in the College of Preceptors for university graduates in that field. Louis also had a close relationship to Sir Moses Montefiore and acted as his secretary and interpreter on a number of missions to the Middle East and Europe. Louis also taught at the Lady Judith Montefiore College, a Sephardic yeshiva in Ramsgate, England, established by Sir Moses.

Basil and his family

Rose's husband, Basil Lucas Quixano Henriques, was born in the Paddington district of London, England in 1890 and came from a large and well-educated Sephardic family. The spelling of the name indicates that they probably originally came from Portugal. English census records show that Basil's grandfather, Jacob Quixano Henriques, a merchant, was born in Jamaica and came to England before

1851, when his son³ was born in London. Like a number of other families, it is likely that they went from Portugal to England (perhaps with intermediate stops) and after being "denizened" (similar to naturalization) in England, went to the colonies (in their case, Jamaica) to find better opportunities than they might find in England itself.

Basil and Rose

Basil went to Harrow and Oxford. When he "came down" from Oxford University in March 1914, a few months before the start of World War I, he founded a boys club on Cannon Street Road called Oxford and St George's. ⁴ Rose began to help out at the club



Wedding of Basil Henriques and Rose Loewe, 1916. Photo credit: digital image@Jewish Museum, London

shortly after it opened. In 1915 Rose started a parallel girls club.

Basil and Rose married in 1916 while Basil was in military service. During this time Rose directed both clubs and the settlement attached to them. She also became a nurse at Liverpool Street Station. Captain Basil Henriques returned from the war after a distinguished term in the Tank Corps.⁵

As members of established families, it was unusual Continued on next page

for them to be concerned about the problems of new immigrants. But like many of that generation who had seen the horrors of World War I, they were

determined not to settle into the old ways of Edwardian England but to change things for the better. The East End was home to a large immigrant population, including many Jews, in crowded tenement conditions.

Their motivation was to Anglicize the children of these immigrants and keep them out of mischief. Their dedication was such that they lived on the settlement premises and ran their pioneering clubs from there. They also provided opportunities in the summer for the children to spend time out of the city, camping in the countryside.

The settlement houses

In 1919 Basil and Rose started the St. George's

Jewish Settlement and the St. George's Settlement Synagogue in a vacant hostel at 26a Betts Street in London's East End.

In 1929 they moved to a former school in Berner Street in Stepney in the East End. The premises were called the Bernhard Baron Settlement for the benefactor⁶ who donated £65,000 for the building's purchase. The building had 125 rooms equipped for welfare work and recreation.

Their official titles as the heads of the settlement house were "Warden," but Basil and Rose were known

as "The Gaffer" and "The Missus." They ran the Bernhard Baron Settlement until 1947 and continued to live there after their retirement.

World War II and after

During World War II, Rose was an ambulance officer and later an Air Raid Warden. In 1943 she joined

the Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad (JCRA). As Head of the Germany Department, she was involved in planning for the post-war relief effort.

The JCRA established the Jewish Relief Unit (JRU), an active service unit that carried out welfare work the surviving among European Jews in Germany. The JRU worked to help those had been concentration camps (known as Displaced Persons). In July 1945 Rose arrived with a JRU team in Celle, near the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. She was among the first to enter Bergen-Belsen after liberation. Bergen-Belsen became the central Jewish Displaced Persons' camp in the British zone of occupation. She undertook welfare work with Displaced Persons in the British Zone until Bergen-Belsen was closed in 1950.



Rose (in girls' club uniform) and Basil at summer camp, 1926

Lady Rose broadcast for the BBC on life in Stepney and other subjects. She was treasurer of the Whitechapel Art Gallery and she had a solo

exhibition, Stepney in War and Peace, in 1947.

The Pilgrim Trust later bought a collection of her Stepney sketches for the London Museum and the Whitechapel Art Gallery.



Bernhard Baron settlement building

Honours and later life

As reported in the London Gazette, the British near-equivalent of the U.S. Congressional Record, Basil was granted the CBE in 1948 as part of the King's New Year's Honours List⁷ and a

knighthood in 1955, as part of the Queen's Birthday Honours List⁸, "for services to youth welfare."

After Sir Basil died in 1961, Lady Rose took over the presidency of the Bernhard Baron St George's

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Jewish Settlement and its synagogue. She succeeded Basil as Vice President of both the National Association of Boys' Clubs and the London Federation. She was also Vice President of the National Association of Girls' Clubs for many years. She also held office in many other Jewish and non-Jewish organizations. She was President of the League of Jewish Women and Executive Member of the British Council for Aid to Refugees. She brought Jewish student nurses from Morocco, Iran and elsewhere to train at the London Jewish Hospital.

In 1964 Lady Rose was honored with the Henrietta Szold Award.⁹ She was awarded a CBE of her own in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for 1971¹⁰ "for services to the community in East London."

She died in 1972.

And the family lore was accurate about the street naming. Berner Street was renamed Henriques Street in honor of Sir Basil and Lady Rose.

Other connections to my family

Once I knew Rose's and Basil's names, and how to spell them, I was able to find out still more about their connection to my family.

When I found out that Lady Rose was born Loewe, not Lewy, it changed but did not break the connections to my family. I already knew there were three other Loewe women who married into my Lewy family tree, but at the start I did not know whether, or how, they were related to Lady Rose or to each other.

Thanks to my research on Lady Rose, I found an online family tree maintained by Martin Kurrein, Rose's first cousin, once removed. This tree showed the connections of all four Loewe ladies to the Lewy family. One of Rose's great aunts married a Lewy in Chicago, as did one of her first cousins from England, and a second cousin from Germany.

So clearly, the Loewe clan and the Lewy clan were in touch, whether in Germany, England, or the U.S., at least until World War I.

Sharing the story

In January 2007, I saw John and Roz again in Washington, D.C. and shared what I had learned. John was delighted, and I was pleased to be able to answer some of the questions he had pondered all those years! I'm glad I found the answers when I did, because John died just a few months later in April 2007 at the age of 71.

Living relatives of Lady Rose

Having gotten this far, and using an online London phone book, it was not hard to find living Loewe relatives in London. And during a stay in London in May 2007, I met and had tea with David Loewe, Rose's nephew. During our tea, he explained that the family name is pronounced "low-ee," not "low," and showed me some of the more recent family trees. He told me that Rose had not actually died when John and Roz tried to meet her, but had been moved to a nursing home in Surrey. He also set my mind at ease about the family tree John hoped to see — he said it wasn't very accurate or well-documented, and was unlikely to have any information that by this time I didn't have. He is a delightful man, and we are in touch from time to time.

Other connections to Sir Basil and Lady Rose

There are two footnotes to this story. In August 2007 I was discussing genealogy with Rabbi Camille Angel, the rabbi of Sha'ar Zahav synagogue in San Francisco, and I happened to mention my efforts to find Lady Rose. She was astonished when I mentioned Basil Henriques. And I was astonished, in turn, when she said that her father had worked at the Berner Street Settlement House when he was young!

Lady Rose is related to my father's side of my family. On my mother's side, a number of the women were active in settlement work. Madeleine (Mrs. Clarence) Low was active in the College Settlement in New York. Clarence Low was my mother's first cousin, once removed. While looking for articles about Basil Henriques in the New York Times, I found an article dated 1 Mar 1926, reporting that Jane Addams and Basil Henriques spoke to the College Settlement on 28 Feb 1926 at the home of Mrs. Clarence Low in New York City. So Basil and Rose touched both sides of my family, about five years before my parents met.

As I expected, my family relations do not extend to royalty — but they do include some interesting people!

Footnotes

- 1. Bob was actually my second cousin, once removed.
- 2. To find out more about Basil and Rose, including some photographs, follow these links online:

Exploring 20th Century London:

www.20thcenturylondon.org.uk/

Jewish East End of London:

www.jewisheastend.com/settlement.html

The Oxford & St. George's Clubs: http://web.ukonline.co.uk/lawrence.rigal/stepney/settlement/ostg.htm

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- 3. Basil's father, David Quixano Henriques.
- 4. Oxford from the university and St George's from the area of East London where the club was situated.
- 5. Basil was a member of the 3rd Battalion East Kent Regiment and distinguished himself in the Tank Corps on the Western Front. He took part in the Battle of Cambrai the first time tanks were used en masse in World War I.
- 6. Bernhard Baron was a major shareholder in Gallagher's Tobacco Company.
- 7. King's Birthday Honours List, 10 Jun 1948, as published in the London Gazette of same date.
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<u>Surname</u>	Town, Country	<u>Member</u>
ABRAHAM	Wielen, Poland	Shur, Maxine
SLOTNICK	Chmielnik, Poland	Levin, Howard & Gloria
WOLFF	Wielen, Poland	Shur, Maxine

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Sun. May 18, San Francisco: Preview of Chicago presentation by Ron Arons. Ron has put together the life of a criminal who lived, at least for a time, in Chicago. If you loved the musical "Chicago" and Ron's previous talk about Bugsy Siegel and Meyer Lansky, you will adore this presentation.

Sun. June 15, Berkeley: *The Jews of Sing Sing.* Ron Arons presents stories of gangsters and other shady characters from his book about Jewish criminals who served time at Sing Sing Prison.

Mon. June 16, Los Altos Hills: *South African Research.* Presented by Roy Ogus, a member of the SFBAJGS who is on the board of the South African Special Interest Group (SIG).

Sun. July 20, San Francisco: German Research. Presented by Carol Baird.

Mon. Aug. 4, Los Altos Hills: My Grandmother's Suitcase. Presented by Jim Van Buskirk.

Sun. Aug. 31, Berkeley: *Post Conference Review.* A panel reports on the highlights and revelations from the Annual Conference of the IAJGS in Chicago.

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