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DECEMBER MEETING

Surnames--so many and so varied.... Have you ever thought about how they originated? If you have, then you must attend our next meeting.

"Surnames and their Origins" will be the topic of Rabbi Theodore Alexander's talk on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1982, at 7:30 pm.

Rabbi Alexander of Temple Bnai Emunah, San Francisco, has been interested in genealogy for many years, working on his own family tree. He is an historian and his expertise lies in European geopolitics.

This meeting will be held at the California Federal Savings and Loan, 1900 Noriega Street, San Francisco, at the corner of 26th Avenue.

A short business meeting will start at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information please contact Pat Futoran, 435-1713.

RABBI MALCOLM STERN SPEAKS

We are so very grateful to have had Rabbi Malcolm Stern speak before us on the topic "What's New in Jewish Genealogy." It was a most fascinating speech. Thank you so much, Rabbi Stern. We also wish to express our appreciation to Temple Beth Israel-Judea Congregation, Daly City, Calif., and Rabbi Herbert Morris for their gracious hospitality. Highlights of the speech follow:

Rabbi Stern was on his way, after his Bay Area Visit, to Salt Lake City to initiate a grant proposal to the Mormon Church. Rabbi Stern would like to organize and microfilm over 250,000 case files of recently found Czarist Russian Consular records, housed at Suitland, Maryland. These will be of tremendous value for so many apply to Jewish immigrant families, i.e., applying to visit relatives in Czarist controlled countries, applying to get relatives to the U.S., and so on. We wish Rabbi Stern success in this venture.

There is a new updated 1982 Federal publication titled, "Where to Write for Vital Records, Birth, Deaths, and Marriages." The publication number is 82-1142. More information can be obtained by calling the Government Book Store at the Federal Building in San Francisco.

There is a free catalogue available from the 1910 Census Publication Sales Branch, National Archives, Washington, D.C., 20408. The catalogue lists the 1910 population schedules and their microfilm numbers plus the 1910 Soundex/Miracode indexes for 21 states and their microfilm numbers. The complete 1910 Census should be in the San Bruno Federal Archives by the end of January.

Rabbi Stern requested that we support the separation of the National Archives from the General Services Administration. This will give the Archives

autonomy and authority, and hopefully upgrade the National Archives system. Please write your Senator supporting SB 1421 or your Congressman supporting H.R. 6894.

There is a three day conference coming up next summer, sponsored by the Federation of Genealogical Societies, in Hartford, Conn. There will be research information on states from Maine to New Jersey. Two experts on New York City research will attend. Also planned are tours and activities for the family if you wish to make vacation plans. The conference will be held July 14, 15, and 16. Write the Federation of Genealogical Societies, 300 East 71st Street, New York, N.Y., 10021, for more information.

NUMBERING MISTAKE

A mistake was made numbering the last newsletter. The last issue should have been Vol. 2 No. 1, as we start a new year with the September/October issue. This issue is then Vol. 2 No. 2.

SOME CONFUSION

There was some confusion regarding the new San Mateo genealogy group. This is a general genealogy society and does not specifically deal with Jewish genealogy, though certain programs can be of value to Jewish researchers.

ENGLISH CENSUS RECORDS

The Genealogical Society of Utah, 50 East North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84150, has purchased microfilm copies of the 1881 English census. Volunteers are now cataloging the films. Portions of County Kent and much of London have already arrived.

The films are being spliced and will be available in the near future. The remainder of the films are coming by the order of the registration district number.

-- Thanks to "The Genealogical Helper"

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

The San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society is seeking new members. The Society is currently meeting bi-monthly, and future workshops and guest speakers are planned.

One year memberships are available for \$10.00. Please send your check to:

Pete Tannen, Treasurer
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COMPUTERIZED RESEARCH DIRECTORY

At our special meeting in October, Rabbi Malcolm Stern, our guest speaker, invited our members to send information about the family names and the towns that they are researching to the Jewish Genealogical Society in New York. They have previously compiled a research directory for their members. One of their members has offered to computerize and expand this directory.

If you are interested in participating in this Research Directory, follow these instructions: Provide your information on 3 x 5 index cards. On each card list one surname and one or more place names (town, province, country), or list one place name and one or more surnames. Please do NOT list multiple surnames and multiple place names on the same card. Be sure to write your name and address on EACH card. If you are a member of the Jewish Genealogical Society of New York and have previously submitted this information, it will be included in the Research Directory. However, if you have submitted this information, but not as described (on 3 x 5 index cards), please resubmit it. Please do not send more than EIGHT surnames.

If you have any questions, please call our Treasurer, Pete Tannen, (861-4045). The index cards should be sent to:

Jewish Genealogical Society
300 East 71 St., #5R
New York, NY 10021

... Pete Tannen

COMPILATION PUBLISHED

The Jewish Genealogical Club of Tidewater announces publication of "The East European Jewish Immigrant in America: A Compilation of the 1900 Norfolk Census", by Irwin M. Berent. This 26-page work lists each entry found in the 1900 Federal Census of the city of Norfolk, Virginia, relative to Russian, Lithuanian, and Polish Jewish immigrants, their spouses, children, members of their extended families, and Jewish boarders and servants. Over 500 Norfolk Jewish residents are listed among over 100 families.

Each entry gives the person's name, relation to head, sex, date and place of birth, place of parents' birth, number of children bore and number living, marital status, number of years married, date of arrival in America, naturalization status (naturalized or alien), occupation, number of months unemployed, number of months in school, ability to read, write, and speak, and whether home is rented or owned.

The Compilation is available from the author, 560 Roland Drive, Norfolk, VA, 23509, for \$4.00 plus postage. This is a non-profit service of JGCT.

VISA APPLICATIONS FOUND AND TRANSLATED

By popular request I have been asked to publish some of the information that members of the board "uncovered" during their research at the Hoover Institute, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

Much of this information was in Russian, Polish, German, and English-- lists of names, and information pertaining to Jews were copied by Madge Perkel

and myself. I will make an attempt to publish more names and information in future newsletters.

The following Visa applications were located in papers and correspondence of the Russian Imperial Consulate at Breslau, Germany:

A travel permit issued to Martha Baer; 27 May 1908.

A visa for Lothar Golzbek dated 15 Feb. 1908 granting permission to visit relatives in Lodz.

A permit allowing Ustice Mendelson to stay in Kielce, dated 2 Jan. 1908.

German citizen Dr. Richard Weingert was granted a permit to stay in Lodz, 30 Nov. 1910.

A police permit granting Ludwig Alfred Krigt to travel to Russia, 3 April 1908.

A visa for Klara Feyerstein (Clara Feierstein), a German citizen to visit her brother in Russia for 2 months, granted 18 Jan. 1908.

A permit to travel to Warsaw was issued to German citizens Stanislaw Galinek and Sharlotta Galinek and their grandchildren, Ernest and Ulza Mainlok, 23 March 1910.

Permit granted to Alice Kolker to visit Wausaw 14 Sept. 1909.

Permit allowing H. Aschkowitz to visit Russia for one month, 18 Mar. 1910.

Permit allowing L. Frenkel to visit Russia, 11 Aug. 1908.

Visa granting Dr. Alexander permission to go to Russia to treat the sick for 2 weeks, 1 May 1908.

Permit allowing Hungarian citizens Rosa Brul, born 21 Jan. 1888, and her sister Clara Brul, born 30 June 1886 in Pressburg, to travel to Minsk.

The above information was randomly selected from Box #8, Files 55-59, dated 1903-1910, entitled "Circulars, Communications of the Police Department Regarding Passports, Visas, and Criminal Elements." These papers, in Russian or German, were selected because of their "Visa/Permit" stamps.

Should anyone be interested in seeing the original document, which may contain additional information, please contact Patricia Futoran, 435-1713.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Ruth Rafael, archivist of the Western Jewish History Center of the Judah Magnes Museum, will be the guest speaker at the bi-monthly meeting of the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Geneological Society to be held on Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Museum at 2911 Russell Street, Berkeley.

"The Western Jewish History Center offers an invaluable resource in tracing the roots of Jews in the West, and we are delighted that Ms. Raphael will give us a guided tour of some of the material in these extensive archives," said Caroline Sherfy, president of the Geneological Society.

Ms. Rafael, who will also explain techniques for doing historical research, has been the project director for "San Francisco Secular Jewish Institutions, 1849". She was co-project director for "San Francisco Jews of Eastern European Origin, 1880-1940", a community oral history project, and is on the editorial board of the Western States Jewish Historical Quarterly. A lecturer on Western Jewish History, she has been a participant in two conferences sponsored by the WJHC, one on the Jews of the West, in 1979, and a recent one devoted to the life of Judah Magnes. She is also co-author of a book of poetry titled, "Relatively Speaking," written with Julia Spicer Davies and Arabella Woogmaster.

The meeting is open to members and their guests as well as other people interested in geneology.