

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLETTER CHANGES

The Newsletter is going through a personnel change. Thanks to the work of Pete Tannen, we have had an excellent Newsletter for the past two years. Now Pete's "tour of duty" has ended, and we are trying to form a staff of interested individuals to continue in Pete's footsteps.

The Newsletter would like to expand with an inquiry section, book reviews, research tips and techniques, etc. To do this we need more than a crew of one. If interested, please inform a Board Member, or write the above address.

NEW BOARD ELECTED

At our last regularly scheduled meeting of August 10, a new two-year term Board was elected. The new Board Members are:

President	Carolyn Sherfy
Vice-President	Pat Futoran
Recording Sec.	Madge Perkel
Treasurer	Pete Tannen
Corresp. Sec.	Mary Thompson

Congratulations and welcome aboard to our new Board Members!

AUGUST MEETING'S GUEST SPEAKER

The Society is most grateful to the South Peninsula Jewish Community Center for co-sponsoring our August meeting in their facility in Palo Alto.

Our Society member, Dr. Jacob Rubin, introduced the guest speaker, Professor Pawel Korzec, by speaking on the life

and works of the Polish historian. Korzec's early years were spent growing up in Lodz, Poland, where he was involved as a youth in a Zionist group and worked in the weaver's trade.

Dr. Rubin told of Korzec's wartime experiences both in the Polish Army at Lodz, Warsaw, and Bialystock, and then his life in the Russian sector after Poland was partitioned. After the war Korzec returned to Lodz where he attended the University and later taught at the same University.

Professor Korzec, having been in the Russian sector during the war, and having been forced to declare Russian citizenship to save his life, was able by virtue of his Russian passport to research in the archives of Moscow, Leningrad, and Bialystock. Since the war and his return to Poland he has visited western European academic centers and special archives in the United States.

The last seven months Korzec's work has brought him to the Hoover Institute of War, Revolution, and Peace on the Stanford Campus which houses the papers from the World War II Polish government in exile. Professor Korzec now resides and does research at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris, France.

The Rubin/Korzec program gave us all a clear picture of the historic background of this area from which so many of our ancestors came, and the political situation in Poland leading up to World War II.

Thank you, Doctor Rubin, for presenting a fine program.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR TREASURER

As the new Treasurer of the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society, I would like to extend a special thank you to those members who have renewed their membership through August of 1983, and to those new members who have recently joined our Society for the first time. Twenty-four of our thirty-eight 1982 members have paid their pro-rated dues, thus continuing their membership until August 1983, and insuring that they will continue to receive our Newsletter.

If you are not sure of your current membership status, call me at 861-4045 (days or evenings). If your membership does expire, you will be reminded of this on the label of your Newsletter, and you will continue to receive the Newsletter only upon your membership renewal. The support of our membership will enable us to continue to produce and mail out our Newsletter and to continue to provide interesting programs for our Society.

Pete Tannen

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special "Thank You" to Jacob Atlas for his valuable help in translating from Russian into English some of the visa applications that we discovered during our research of the Russian Embassy Records of Breslau.

NEW SAN MATEO GENEALOGY SOCIETY FORMING

A San Mateo Genealogy Society (P.O. Box 5083, San Mateo, CA. 94402) was founded in July for the purpose of promoting genealogical activity in San Mateo County.

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month (except December) in the Ampex Cafeteria, 401 Broadway, Redwood City, California.

The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 13, at the Ampex Cafeteria. The program will begin at 7:45 p.m., with guest speaker Herb Garcia, Director of the San Mateo County Historical Association, on the topic "Genealogy Comes Alive Through History." There will be a question-and-answer and resource-sharing period from 8:45 to 9:30.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR VICE-PRESIDENT

"Thank you for your recent vote of confidence in electing me Vice-President and Program Chairman. I welcome any and all input from our members regarding our future meetings.

"If you have any ideas or suggestions as to what YOU would like to hear or have at our meetings, please let me know. It will be my endeavor to have stimulating and helpful programs. Call me, or drop me a note..."

Patricia Futoran

"SAN FRANCISCO-BAY AREA JEWISH GENEALOGY MEETING- Oct. 12"

The San Francisco-Bay Area Jewish Genealogy Society will hold its next meeting on Tuesday October 12th, 1982, at Peninsula Temple Shalom, 1655 Sebastian Drive, Burlingame. A short business meeting will be held at 7:30 pm. The program will start at 8:00 pm.

Rabbi Irvin Unger, spiritual leader of Temple Sholom, will be the featured speaker. His topic "Jewish Genealogy as a Link to Our People" should prove to be most interesting.

Rabbi Unger was ordained by the Academy for Jewish Religion in 1974. He served as Rabbi for Temple Sinai, Forest Hills, New York, prior to being named Rabbi of Temple Sholom two years ago. He received his B.A. from Washington and Jefferson College and was granted his M.A. from New York University.

For more information please contact Patricia Futoran, Program Chairman, 435-1713.

(At the October 12th meeting there will also be a hand-out titled "Selected Guide to Sources for Genealogy in the California Section of the California State Library in Sacramento.")

SPECIAL NOVEMBER MEETING

A special meeting will be held on November 3rd at 8:00 pm at Temple Beth Israel-Judea Congregation, 625 Brotherhood Way, Daly City, California.

Our special guest speaker will be Rabbi Malcolm Stern, who is known as the "Father of American Jewish Genealogy" and one of the foremost authorities on Jewish Genealogy in the United States. Rabbi Stern is also the author of First American Jewish Families, which consists of 600 genealogies from 1654 to 1977. The index contains more than 40,000 names.

Rabbi Stern is genealogist for the American Jewish Archives, 3101 Clifton Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio. We are most fortunate to have scheduled Rabbi Malcolm Stern to speak to our society.

Note: Rabbi Stern is tentatively scheduled at this point. Please contact a board member or watch the Jewish Bulletin for further information.