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FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: 17 FEBRUARY 1983

TIME: 7:30 P.M

PLACE: JUDAH L. MAGNUS MEMORIAL JEWISH MUSEUM
2911 RUSSELL AVENUE, BERKELEY, CA

Take Pine Street north 1 block off Ashby Ave

PROGRAM: Ruth Rafael, Archivist of the Western Jewish History Museum will speak on the holdings of their libraries. She will also give us all a tour of the facilities. This is our chance to get to know about these wonderful resources for Jewish Genealogists

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We Have regreably had two resignations from our Board of Directors. Madge Perkel has had to give up being our recording secretary as she will be accompanying her husband to San Diego for several months. Pat Futoran has retired her position due to an increase in her duties at work. Their places will be difficult to fill. Mary Thompson has shifted to cover the Recording Secretary position and Susan Sherman has taken her place as Newsletter Editor.

YOUR SOCIETY, The San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society desperately needs your help. Because of the two resignations we have had from the Board this quarter we are really hurting. We need a Program Chairman. Please won't you step in and help? This means you our members We can't progress without you Duties for the position are:

Program Chairman: Sets up speakers and other programs for our meetings from suggestions offered by our membership. Coordinates meeting place and program with the Publicity Director and the Newsletter Editor. When possible tapes lectures and takes photographs of speakers at our meetings.
Call our President for more information

Our society meets bi-monthly at various places around the Bay. We are initiating a new policy of having regional meetings during the months when the full society does not meet. Each area will have a Regional Director who will be responsible for setting up the meetings in their area. The format, place, time and content of these meetings will be up to the membership of their area San Francisco Area will start having these meetings in January. Martha Wise has volunteered to be Regional Director for San Francisco. If you live in her area she will be contacting you to let you know when and where the first meeting will be held. The other areas will organize as soon as someone shows an interest in having meetings in their area. Call a board member to express interest

The Society is looking for a logo We urge each member to think about a symbol they would like to see represent our society. Make up one we can use on membership cards, letterhead paper, our Newsletter heading and etc. Bring it to our next meeting and we will vote from amongst those submitted.

LOGO NEEDED FOR SFJGS

At the last meeting of the SFJGS, members were requested to submit ideas for a logo. To date, we have had two designs submitted:

If you still have not sent in your logo, please have it ready at the next meeting, February 17, 1983.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 17, 1983 ... SFJGS Meeting

April 1, 1983 ... Deadline for SFJGS Newsletter

April 13-16, 1983 ... 3rd Annual Conference on Genealogy, Fort Worth, Texas

April 23, 1983 ... California Genealogical Society Spring Seminar, San Lorenzo Adult School.

April 25 - 30, 1983 ... Ancestral Tour of Salt Lake City, sponsored by the California Genealogical Society

April 28, 1983 ... SFJGS meeting

July 31 - August 4, 1983 ... 3rd Summer Seminar, Los Angeles Jewish Genealogical Society

September 24 - October 8, 1983 ... Jewish Roots Tour to Russia

ORGANIZING THE NEWS

A Jewish roots tour of the U.S.S.R. has been tentatively planned for September 24 - October 8, 1983. The idea for this trip was first announced at this past summer's Jewish Genealogy Seminar in Washington, D. C. The proposed itinerary includes: Moscow (Kremlin, Coral Synagogue, theater performance); Minsk, Vilnius (Vilna, Lith.); Kaunas (Kovna, Lith.); Riga (Latvia); and Leningrad. This tentative program includes several genealogical tours, subject to Soviet approval.

The estimated cost from New York is \$1,720 person, double occupancy, which includes all transportation, hotels, meals, sightseeing, theater performances and the cost of your visa.

For more information, write to Barbara Suit, Travel Mate, Rosslyn Center, 1700 North Moore Street, Suite 807, Arlington, VA 22209.

The California Genealogical Society will co-sponsor with the San Lorenzo Unified School District an all-day Spring Seminar. The Seminar will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, 1983 at the San Lorenzo Adult School, 820 Bockman Rd., San Lorenzo. Free coffee and donuts will be served during registration from 8:15 - 9:00 a.m. A no-host box lunch will be offered in the cafeteria during the noon break. Several classes will be offered each hour by many Bay Area and a few out-of-town genealogists (the full schedule has not been announced but classes will include Computers in Genealogy, Immigration and Passenger Lists, Naturalizations, What to Take on a Genealogical Trip, 1910 Census and Bay Area Resources). To attend, send \$15.00 to CGS, 2099 Pacific Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94109 before April 15, or pay \$20.00 at the door.

Many of you have not been successful in locating shtetls on available maps. FREYA MASLOV, map specialist of the JGS of Illinois, has a vast collection of European maps, some dating back to 1790. If you would like a detailed map with your shtetl highlighted, send the following information, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope (#10 business) and \$2.50 (made payable to the JGS of Illinois) for each town you want located, to: Mrs. Freya Maslov, JGS of Illinois, 5819 W. Keeney St., Morton Grove, IL 60053.

PLEASE PRINT 1) the phonetic spelling of the town; 2) if uncertain of the spelling, list as many ways you know that it might have been spelled; 3) approximate area to be searched - province, gubernia or district; 4) the name of the largest town or other towns near it.

Please allow 2 - 3 weeks for delivery. If your shtetl cannot be located, your \$2.50 will be refunded to you, and in future issues of the society's newsletter, the readership will be asked for assistance.

ALSO, for a \$0.37 SASE, you will be sent a copy of maps and locations of Jewish cemeteries in the Chicago area.
(From SEARCH, JGS of Illinois)

A YIZKOR BOOK FOR BABIYAR is now available from Yiddish Club, David Newman Center, 6600 Bustleton Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19149. The price of \$3.00 is to defray costs and postage.

PINKASSIM FOR MINSK are now available at YIVO Institute. For further information, contact Dr. Marek Web, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, 1048 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10028.

PINKASSIM FOR SLUTSK from 1679 TO 1924 is available at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Contact Harry Boonin, 112 Pocasset St., Philadelphia, PA 19115 for further information.

Free inquiries from those searching for families may be sent to THE JEWISH CHRONICLE OF LONDON, 25 Furnival St., London EC4A 1JT, England. Another widely-read publication running ads from throughout the world is THE JEWISH NEWS, 17515 W. Nine Mile Rd., Suite 865, Southfield, MI 48075.

(From Roots-Key, Los Angeles JGS)

RESEARCHING YOUR ANCESTORS IN NYC can be a real headache if you don't know where to look or how to deal with the local civil servants. The JGS OF NEW YORK CITY is beginning a new feature in its newsletter devoted to answering questions about research in NYC. They will not be able to perform the actual work, but can point you in the right direction. Send your queries to: Ms. Donna Balopole, JGS Newsletter, 300 E. 71st Street, #5R, New York, NY 10021.

WHO'S WHO IN GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY, vol. 2, is in the compilation process. This volume will contain listings of genealogists not included in vol. 1. Anyone wishing to be considered for inclusion should request a questionnaire from the compilers: Who's Who in Genealogy and Heraldry, 8944 Madison St., Savage, MD 20763.

Anyone who makes a family tree should deposit a copy with the WESTERN JEWISH HISTORY LIBRARY OF JUDAH MAGNES MUSEUM in Berkeley. Carolyn Sherfy is developing a surname file of the charts in the library's collection so that genealogists and other interested persons can connect family lines that they have in common. Another institution that would like to have a copy of your family tree is AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES, 3101 Clifton Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45220.

LOCAL MEETINGS

Those of you present at our last meeting in December may remember the suggestion put forward by our president, Carolyn Sherfy, that we make use of the alternate months between our regular meetings for local get-togethers. She felt that there might be a need for people to have an opportunity to exchange experiences and ask, or answer, questions, as well as to come to know those in our own areas better.

The San Francisco members were invited to attend a meeting at the home of Sheva Eisenberger on January 20 and brought with them their charts, pictures, books, etc. which were of interest to those who participated.

DUES INCREASE

Effective immediately, annual dues for the SFJGS will increase to \$15.00 plus \$1.00 to be sent to the Federation of Genealogical Societies to be used for making finding aids for the National Archives. You may recall that Rabbi Stern spoke of this project.

SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE

Genealogical Research: 1) Eugene P. Hoffman, 3601 Kings Hwy., Brooklyn, NY 11234 - research in the NYC area; 2) Shorashim Genealogical Services, P. O. Box 6586, Jerusalem, Israel - comprehensive research in Israel;

Translators: 1) Ken Blady, 4003 24th St., San Francisco, CA - Yiddish; 2) Yiddish Unlimited, Ms. Gella Schweid-Fishman, P. O. Box 842 Cooper Station, New York, NY 10276 - Yiddish; 3) George Dargiewics, 81 Gates Street, San Francisco, CA - Polish.

Courses: 1) Vista College is offering two classes of interest to genealogists free of charge. They are BASIC METHODS OF ORAL HISTORY, Feb. 8 - April 19, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at 109 Morgan, U.C. Berkeley - and - LIFE HISTORY, Feb. 7 - June 6, 1983, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Home for Jewish Parents, 2780 26th Ave., Oakland, CA. Call 841-8431 for further information.

Maps: International Maps, 3930 69th St., Des Moines, IA 50322 has sectional maps for Germany, Austria, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia; a reprint of Deutschland und der Osterreich Kaiserstaat (1846) @ \$28.00; Rheinreise (1849) @ \$10.00; HOW TO FIND MY GERMAN ANCESTORS AND RELATIVES by Dr. Heinz F. Friederichs (1969), 16 pps @ \$2.00.

There is a \$2.00 minimum postage and handling per order and delivery may take anywhere from one week to three months.

JEWISH FAMILY FINDER

With this issue of the Newsletter, we are initiating our query column. You may send your queries to Mrs. Warren (Martha) Wise, 1990 20th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116 for inclusion in a forthcoming issue. Please limit your queries to fifty words, not including your name and address.

As we exchange newsletters with other Jewish genealogical societies, your query will go beyond the Bay Area.

R-1. Rafael, Ruth, 141 Carmel St., San Francisco, CA 94117 (415) 564-7857. Seeking information on the SPEISER, SPICER, SPEICER family from Zbarsh, Galicia, Austria (later Poland).

S-1. Sherfy, Carolyn, 918 Willow St., Alameda, CA 94501 (415) 521-8593. Seeking all descendants of Moshe and Alta Esther GHEDALE or GIDAL; Fred Ephram SCHWARTZ and Carolin Chaya LENDER.

S-2. Sherman, Susan, 3918 Savannah Ct., S. San Francisco, CA 94080 (415) 878-0190.

Druskininkai, Russia: ALPERT, ORANSKY; Lazdijay, Poland: MITNICK; Sejny, Poland: BERNSTEIN; Suwalki, Poland: APPLEBAUM, AUSENBERG, ZEMANES; Taurage, Lith.: SCHARFE, ZEMAN, ZEMANES.

S-3. Sherman, Susan, 3918 Savannah Ct., S. San Francisco, CA 94080 (415) 878-0190.

Jonava, Russia: GOLDBERG, PATTERSON, PETROFF; Smorgonie, Russia: KAGANO-VITCH; Swenciany, Russia: GINSBERG; Vilna, Russia: CHEKENSKY, GINSBERG.

S-4. Sherman, Susan, 3918 Savannah Ct., S. San Francisco, CA 94080 (415) 878-0190.

Kiev, Russia: KRASNER, KRASNEY, LEMBER-SKY; Poltava, Russia: KAPLAN, GINSBERG; Posnen, Poland: Freiman, Klaar, Scheiman; Yalivset, Russia: DOBROVOLSKY.

T-1. Tannen, Peter S., 289 States St., San Francisco, CA 94114 (415) 861-4045. Researching WOLARSKY FAMILY from Mlawa, Poland. Family members have lived in New York, London, Israel and St. Louis. Also researching SIRLUCK from Rovno, Ukraine and STARADUPSKY and NEMEROVSKY from Ukraine.

W-1. Wendruff, Alan, 1028 De Haro St., San Francisco, CA 94107 (415) 285-4417

Vilshana, Russia: WENDROFF, VENDROVSKI; Czechoslovakia: BECK; San Francisco: CORINSON.

W-2. Wise, Mrs. Warren, 1990 20th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116 (415) 564-9927. Searching for descendants of Heymann Jacob HESS who died 1797, and his son Jacob Heymann HESS who died 1814. Family lived in no. Germany near Lubeck, and in Hamburg. Also SEIDENBERG from Mohilev, Ukraine (on Dneister Berman) and Landes, Ukraine. Would like to hear from anyone researching Denmark.