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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thu Nov 13 Meeting, San Mateo County Genealogical Society, Ampex
7:30PM Cafeteria, 400 Broadway, Redwood City
- Sun Nov 17 **Regular Meeting, Ruth Rafael**, Chief Archivist of the
1:00 PM Western Jewish History Center, Judah L. Magnes Memorial
Museum, **Jewish Genealogical Records from the West
ern States at the Archives**, Jewish Community Library,
14th Avenue at Balboa, San Francisco. (Research and net
working beginning at 11:00 AM. Bring a dairy lunch)
- Mon Dec 16 **Regular Meeting**, Congregation Kol Emeth, 4175 Manuela
7:30 PM Avenue, Palo Alto
- Sep 15 **Exhibit. In the footsteps of Columbus: Jews in**
through **America, 1654-1880**, Judah L Magnes Memorial Museum,
Dec 22 2911 Russell Street, Berkeley (510) 849-2710
- 1992** **Adventures in Jewish Learning- The Sephardic Leg**
acy, Thursdays, 10:15 AM-Noon, Auditorium of the Jewish
Community Center, 3245 Sheffield Ave, Oakland. For
information call Chairwoman Elaine Bachrach (510) 530-
7616 or Agency for Jewish Education, (510) 839-2900
- Jan 16 **The Making of the Spanish Diaspora**
Jan 23 **The Golden Age of Spain**
Jan 30 **Sephardic Culture in Film and Music**
Feb 6 **Latin American Jewry Today**
- Jul 26 **AJGS 11th Summer Seminar, New York Jewish**
through **Experience**
Jul 31 Vista Hotel at the World Trade Center

Notice to Members of SFBAJGS: The SFBAJGS is a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, Members of our society are eligible to receive copies of their newsletter, *Forum*. Send request to: FGS FORUM Distribution, P.O. Box 746, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-0746.

THE SOCIETY PAGE

The following Society officers were elected for two-year terms at the Society's August meeting. One third of the membership voted.

- **President:** Bob Weiss
- **Vice President:** Martha Wise
- **Recording Secretary:** Jerry Delson
- **Corresponding Secretary:** (Available)
- **Treasurer:** Sherrill Laszlo.

The office of **Corresponding Secretary** is open. If you would like to serve your Society on this capacity, please contact one of the above Officers. We are in the process of staffing the committees which will provide a full range of services for you, our members, and make this a "world class" Jewish Genealogical Society. Many of these positions involve only a few hours of work per month, and can be done in the comfort and privacy of your home. The following committees and projects are either on-going or will be started when we obtain volunteers.

- **Programs:** Chairpersons **Patrick & Ilyse Gordis**. Members **David Blumberg, Jerry Delson, Bob Weiss**, (can we list *your name* here?)

Each member is responsible for arranging one meeting during the year by contacting the speaker, preparing the publicity notice, confirming the facility, and introducing the speaker at the meeting. Chairpersons are responsible for assuring that we have one and only one program per meeting.

- **Membership:** Chairperson **Sita Likuski**. Maintains membership list and list of interested local persons, contacts members who did not renew, prepares and sends out new member information packets.

- **Library:** Chairperson **Armand Cohn**. Maintains Society reference materials, assures that library materials are available at meetings, searches for a permanent home for our library, recommends new materials for the library.

- **Newsletter:** Editor **Bob Weiss**. Contributing Editors **Judy Baston, Sharon Fingold, Gail Call** and **Jerry Delson**. Circulation **Jerry Delson**

- **Publicity:** (Available) Responsible for sending monthly meeting notices to the local press and Jewish institutions and publicity notices to news media.

- **By-Laws:** (Available) Responsible, together with the Board of Directors, for developing a new set of Society By-Laws.

- **Transportation:** (Available) Responsible for the arranging for car pooling for members needing transportation to meetings.

We are also seeking volunteers to assist in or lead a number of vital and interesting projects that the Society has undertaken, such as:

- **Jewish Genealogical Projects Register:** Chairperson **Sita Likuski**.

- **Cemetery Records Index:**

- **Shtetl Roots Project:** Chairperson **Jerry Delson**. Members **Bob Weiss, Floyd Kessler, Les Malkin**.

- **Local Jewish Resources Directory:** Requires Chairperson to coordinate collecting information on local archives, libraries, Jewish institutions, and compiling in format similar to directories produced in New York, Philadelphia, Los Angeles. Volunteers visit local research facilities and list materials of Jewish genealogical interest. Starter notebook is available.

- **Yizkor Book Index for the HCNC:** Requires Chairperson who can read some Hebrew and Yiddish to update index created by Bob Weiss. Chairperson should have computer and be willing to spend a few hours per month updating HCNC holdings.

- **Holocaust Oral Testimony Indexing Project:** Chairperson **Bob Weiss**. Indexers **Judy Baston, Bill Brown, Sita Likuski, Floyd Kessler**. Requires Chairperson to free Bob up for other duties. Chairperson must have computer and must interface with Oral History Project personnel in San Francisco.

REPORT ON SEPTEMBER SOCIETY MEETINGELECTRONIC QUERIES, SPEAKER BRIAN MAVROGEORGE

Our September meeting speaker was Brian Mavrogeorge, the system operator (SYSOP) of the ROOTS BBS in San Francisco who treated us to a wonderful introduction to the utility of the electronic bulletin board system (BBS) in Jewish genealogical research.

Brian presented a brief history of electronic mail systems and electronic bulletin boards (BBS) using commonly understood analogies. He then explained where they are located, how to access them, and enumerated some of the message areas (echos) that he carries in San Francisco. He then informed us of the common courtesies to be observed when using BBSs.

The message area of most interest to us is the Jewish Genealogy Conference (Jewishgen) moderated by Susan King in Houston, Texas. Brian showed us examples of the messages recently posted on this conference. (Bob Weiss usually has a bunch of the late messages to share at our meetings). In addition to the Jewishgen, the Jewish Family Finder is carried on the Roots BBS in San Francisco. If you don't get to our monthly meetings to research this computer printout you can conduct a search by phone.

Brian also carries the Tafel Matching System (TMS) of the National Genealogy Conference. This enables a searcher to enter a Tiny-Tafel, which summarizes an ancestral line and see if it matches any lines entered by others. Brian distributed an extensive handout with detailed information on genealogical BBSs. Ask for this handout at our next meeting.

The phone number for the Roots BBS in San Francisco is (415) 584-0697. They support 2400 Baud service, 8-bit word, 1-bit stop, no parity, Xon-Xoff handshake.

MATERIALS AVAILABLE FROM 3RD INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

Copies of a number of handouts and handwritten notes taken at the Seminar are available to members. They include the following:

- British Sources, Anthony & Judith Joseph: notes
- Introduction to the FHL, Jayare Roberts: list of US sources
- European Sources at the FHL, Dan Schlyter: list of sources
- Hamburg Archive Records, Jürgen Sielemann: notes
- New York Area Resources, Steven Siegel: notes, handout
- Russian Research, Harry Boonin: notes
- Poland: Routes to Roots: Miriam Weiner: notes, 2-pg handout
- Grimsted Made Easy: Harry Boonin: notes, 2-pg handout
- Translating Polish Documents, Alex Friedlander: notes, 6-pg. handout
- Rabbinic Genealogy, George Sackheim: notes
- Russian-Jewish Newspapers, Harry Boonin: notes, 1-pg list
- Holocaust Research, Gary Mokotoff: notes, 3-pg handout
- Lithuanian Records, Alex Friedlander: notes, 3-pg handout
- Relatives Lost in the US, Panel, Dan Peletz: notes
- Computers and Genealogy Resources, David Kleiman: 16-pg handout
- Research in Israel, Sallyann Sack: notes, 27-pp Avotaynu reprint
- Map-Jewish Communities in Romania

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SHTETL ROOTS PROJECT

On August 30th, during a visit to Leningrad (now St. Petersburg) Jerry Delson delivered the hundred **Shtetl Roots Requests** that we had received. They were given to the contact we had made through the San Francisco Bay Area Council for Soviet Jews. He was Mr. Léon Oransky, who said he would be pleased to work on the project and would start with the most promising requests first. We have already received some results. The material shown below in quotes is from his E-Mail message dated October 15th.

Medical Society Book Corrects Death Date

"**MENDEL TRACHTENBERG**, member of Imperial Medical Society of Vilna since 1838, died in 1890 (not in 1882 or 1883 as it was supposed. Source: a book about the Imp. Med. Soc. of Vilna published in 1896.)"

The requestor was Nicki Russler, who corresponds with our San Francisco Bay Area Society from Knoxville, Tennessee. Nicki has also helped us locate Polish records in the Suwalki area. In his conversations with Jerry, Léon said knowing the profession would be very useful in helping him find genealogical data. If you have more information concerning your requests, you may still send it in and we will forward it.

First Names Are Important!

"There are a certain number of **STRASHUNS** and a lot of **GINSBURGS** living in **St. Petersburg** (and in Vilna, too), but to establish who of them (if anyone) was related to **M. STRASHUN** or **J. E. ELIASBERG**, one has to know first names of M. Strashun's and M. Ginzburg's sons and grandsons and this is to be found in **Vilna** archives. If such data has been obtained during Mr. Delson's recent visit to Vilnius, ask him, please, to send me information about them, or about persons in Vilnius, who might have access to such information."

As Léon supposed, Jerry successfully made contacts in Vilnius both at the State Archive and at the Lithuanian State Jewish Museum. These people are also processing some of our request forms. When Jerry called Vilnius two weeks ago, they reported that a package of material on the Strashuns would be sent to us.

Variety of Sources Tapped

"The book 'Ir Vilna' by H. N. Maggid Steinscheider (Vilna, 1900) mentions two daughters of J. E. Eliasberg: Sarah-Hannah who married M. Strashun and Chaya, who married Meir Ginsburg. I could not find there any reference to J. E. Eliasberg's sons or brothers, but it mentioned that he originated from Jewish Community of **Yivvenets**,* near **Minsk (Byelorussia)**. I've found in some sources that a student of University of St. Petersburg in 1880's, named **Yankel Eliasberg** (1864-1902) was a son of **Yivvenetz** merchant **Saul (Shevel) Eliasberg**. Another Eliasberg, Yaacov (Isaach's son, 1857-1905) was a government official in **St. Petersburg**, but I have not yet found any data about his roots (also may be in Yivvenetz, and in this case a search in Minsk will be helpful)."

* Ivenets, Byel., 56 km WSW of Minsk according to *Where Once We Walked*

Miriam Johnson gets a Question Answered

"I can answer one of Mrs. Johnson's questions: **Bobuzhye**, very small village, where her mother was born, still exists (present name - **Pobuzhye**). Since a trip to **Gomel** is possible in near future, please try to get in touch with her and ask her some questions: What relation exists between the surname **KETAYN** and **FIDDLEMAN/FIDDLEBAUM** and **YEHIDIM**?"

Miriam was delighted to hear that the village where her mother was born still exists. She answered Léon's questions, and we E-Mailed a response.

Poland Yet To Be Tapped But We Have Contacts in Czechoslovakia

Requests 96-98 are related to territories that are now in Poland and will return the original...Please inform me therefore about results which may be achieved in Poland."

Although Jerry made some initial contacts when he was in Warsaw, arrangements for work with Polish data have yet to be established by the Committee. Les Malkin may have some contacts.

However, we do have connections for Czechoslovakia, both with the State Archives and the State Jewish Museum that were made by Jerry when he was in Prague. One of our members, Patrick Gordis, is willing to help process Czech requests, so please send them in. We are designing a new request form.

Headstone Photographs from Lithuania

Jerry brought back several hundred beautiful and clearly legible pictures of headstones in the Jewish cemeteries of Lithuanian towns. He made arrangements so that more will be coming. We expect several thousand. We hope to transcribe, translate and publish in four volumes pictures and text of all the remaining legible headstones in Jewish cemeteries in Lithuania. Enid Malkin will help with the translations and we would appreciate hearing from others who would be interested in this project.

Report prepared by Jerry Delson, October 23, 1991

Contribute to Your JGS's Publication and Reach a World-Wide Audience!

*Search, International Journal for Researchers of Jewish Genealogy, is celebrating its tenth anniversary, and will begin to provide an opportunity for members of Jewish genealogical societies to share in its achievements. Search is now read by researchers the world over in their homes and libraries, and in the foremost research institutions. Among its useful articles are those regarding authors' personal research experiences which demonstrate useful techniques and methodologies that others can apply to their own research. If you have recently written such an article for your local Jewish genealogical society's publication, you will now have the opportunity to see it also appear in Search. This will expose many more researchers to the information and your expertise. If the article is selected for inclusion, your JGS will also be mentioned along with your brief biography (if provided). Such an article (700 to 5,000 words) can simply be forward to: Search, P.O. Box 515, Northbrook, Illinois 60065-0515. If possible, information should be submitted on a computer disk (IBM [formatted low density], Macintosh or Apple [Pro Dos]) along with a printed copy. A letter-quality printout is acceptable if access to a computer is not possible. Appropriate photographs and illustrations may also be included. Please indicate in which issue of your JGS's publication the article will appear. **Deadline for the Spring 1992 issue: February 28, 1992.** Search will also continue to accept exclusive articles.*

EUROPEAN RESEARCH SOURCES

LITHUANIAN CULTURE LIBRARY

The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture Library in Chicago has launched a genealogy newsletter *Genealogija* for persons interested in discovering who their Lithuanian ancestors were or who want to learn about their immigration experiences. A genealogy question and answer column will be provided. To receive *Genealogija*, send a minimum \$10.00 donation to the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, 6500 South Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL 60629, ATTN: Genealogy Department. (*Forum*, Vol. 2, No. 3, Fall 1990)

GENEALOGICAL SOURCES IN THE JERUSALEM MUNICIPAL ARCHIVES

The Feb, 1991 issue of *Sharsheret Hadorot* (Israel JGS) provides a description of information located in the archives.

REGISTRATION RECORDS FROM PRE-WAR LEIPZIG

Pre-1935 Jewish registration records are available from Leipzig. Contact Herr Adlerstein, Israelitische Religionsgemeinde zu Leipzig, Lohrstrasse 10, Leipzig, Germany O-7010. (from *Yichus*, Vol. 6, No. 2, Winter 1990-1)

"BLACK DUTCH"

The term "Black Dutch" was used to denote Sephardic Jews who intermarried with Dutch Protestants to escape the Inquisition. The Sephardic Jews lived in Spain during the Middle Ages. "Black" referred to their dark or black hair and usually darker complexion due to their Spanish heritage. These people of Jewish origin moved through **Belgium** and the **Netherlands**, became Catholic, and then Dutch Reformed. Later they emigrated to America. (*Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Vol. 34, No. 1, Sept 1991 citing *Tri-State Trader*)

EASTERN EUROPEAN INFORMATION

The May-June, 1991 issue of the *Cleveland Kol* provides a list of names found on roll 722744 of the 1869 **Hungarian** Census. In the same issue, those who are interested in the **Czech** archives will find a description of the archives, including info on: fees, accessibility of records, location of archives and how to get there, equipment, hotel and rental car charges, etc.

JEWISH FIRST NAMES IN THE AUSTRIAN EMPIRE (1788-1836)

Shem Tov, June, 1991 (Vol. 7, no. 2) provides information on the laws that determined which first names Jews could use between 1787 and 1836. On January 1, 1788, all Jewish heads of families and all single Jews were required to take on a permanent family name and a German first name. During the following 50 years, the Austrian government issued various decrees and findings about the first names Jews could actually use. The article includes a list of permitted names and explains the limits put on Jews. In 1836, Jews were finally permitted to bear any German first name, including names used by Christians.

WRITING TO UNIFIED GERMANY

When addressing a letter to the former East Germany be sure to include an "O" in front of the ZIP code. Use a "W" in front of the ZIP code for the former West Germany. The correct name for the unified Germany is "Federal Republic of Germany" or "Bundesrepublik Deutschland". (*Mishpacha*, Summer 1991)

U.S. RESEARCH SOURCES

BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

The Bureau of the Census' Age Search function has moved from Pittsburg, Kansas to Jeffersonville, Indiana. Application for Age searches should be addressed to Bureau of the Census, P. O. Box 1545, Jeffersonville, IN 47131. Cost of the search is \$25.00. (*Cleveland Kol*, Vol. 5, No. 3, Fall 1991. A copy of Form BC-600 is bound in that newsletter)

FEE INCREASES FOR PASSENGER AND CENSUS RECORDS

The fees charged by the National Archives Records Administration for copies from Military records and Passenger Arrival records has been increased to \$10.00 per record, and copies of census records are now \$6.00. (*Morasha*, Vol. VII, No. 2, Summer, 1991 citing *Shawnee Newsletter*, Vol. 6, No. 10)

STATEWIDE DEATH INDEXES

California statewide death indexes in 10-year intervals are available as follows:

1905-1939 is in the State Library in Sacramento. The Library staff will check the index per mail inquiries at no charge.

1940-1986 indexes on microfiche may be found in all County Recorder offices.

Washington and **Oregon** also have statewide death indexes. (from *Cleveland Kol*, February, 1990)

The LDS Family History Library has an indexed register of Jewish Military Casualties in World War I (from *Cleveland Kol*, February, 1990)

OFFICE OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE REGISTRAR

The Office of the **California** State Registrar moved on July 1, 1990. The new mailing address is State Department of Health Services, Office of the State Registrar, 304 S Street, P. O. Box 730241, Sacramento, CA 94244 0241. On-site research time must be reserved in advance by calling (916) 445-2685. (from *FGS Forum* quoting *Genealogical & Historical Council of Sacramento Valley Newsletter* Vol 2, No. 5, Sept/Oct 1990)

GREAT REGISTERS OF CALIFORNIA

The Great Registers of voters in **California** are available through Interlibrary Loan from the California State Library in Sacramento. This voters' register contains voters' names, addresses, birth place, date of registration and occupation. (*San Mateo County GS Newsletter*, Vol 9, No. 8, Sept 1991)

GALVESTON'S SEAPORT MUSEUM—A NEW GENEALOGICAL SOURCE

The Seaport Museum in Galveston, Texas, scheduled to open on Oct 26, will have a database of immigrants who passed through Galveston. Visitors to the museum will be able to search for names of their ancestors through the computer. The database, constructed from ships' logs held by the National Archives, will cover the years 1840-1870 and 1895-1910. The years 1871-1894 are missing from the National Archives. "When completed, the database will contain 150,000 names." Visitors "will be able to bring in documentation on their ancestors and have the information added to the database." (*Houston Chronicle*, March 29, 1991. Thanks to Lillian Wurzel for sending in a copy of the article.)

KANSAS VITAL RECORDS

The **Kansas** Legislature passed a bill opening the Vital Records prior to July 1, 1911 held by city, town or county clerks. Birth and death records after 1911, marriage records after May 1, 1913, and divorces granted after July 1951 are available from the State Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Topeka KS 66620. (*Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Vol. 34, No. 1, Sept 1991)

NEW YORK STATE VITAL RECORDS

The new address for written requests for **New York** State vital records can be mailed to Bureau of Vital Records, 733 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207 (SD JGS *Discovery*, Vol. 6, No. 3 citing *Lineage* Spring 1991)

NEW JERSEY OBITUARIES

The Newark Public Library has a collection of northern **New Jersey** newspapers dating back to the 1870s. They are willing to do mail research for a reasonable fee. If you know the death date or year the first name researched costs \$5.00, with \$2.00 for each additional name. Write to New Jersey Division, Newark Public Library, P. O. Box 630, Newark, NJ 07101. (JGS of Philadelphia's *Chronicles*, Vol. 10, No. 2, Summer, 1991 citing *Mishpacha*, Summer 1991)

JTS LIBRARY PUBLISHES GUIDE TO ITS HEBREW MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION

The Jewish Theological Seminary Library has just announced publication of its *A Guide to the Hebrew Manuscript Collection of the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America*, compiled by Jay E. Rovner, Manuscript Bibliographer at the Library. Part 1 of the five-volume publication includes brief descriptions of 10,000 items, and Part 2 provides six indexes, by rabbinic number (corresponding to the *Brumer Catalog of Rabbinic Manuscripts*), title (arranged by Roman and Hebrew scripts), author, place, date, and topic. The manuscripts are also being integrated into RLIN, the national library catalog, for access to scholars throughout the country. (from *Between the Lines*, JTS, Vol. 4, No. 1, Spring 1991)

The JTS has, in addition to its Manuscript Collection, an Archival Collection. It preserves some 140 collections on all aspects of Jewish life in Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, and the United States, documenting the political, social, and intellectual life of Jews as individuals and as communities. Records of Jewish communities in Germany, France, and Italy are found in the Archival collection. (from *Between the Lines*, JTS, Vol. 4, No. 1, Spring 1991)

CANADIAN PLACE NAMES

To find a Canadian place name on a map, write Ministry of Energy, Mines and Resources, Surveys and Mapping Branch, **Canada** Permanent Committee on Geographic Names, Ottawa, Ontario K1A DE9, Canada (*Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Vol. 34, No. 1, Sept 1991 citing *Iowa Genealogical Society Source*)

EXCHANGE RESEARCH IN BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON D.C.

Carol Rombro Rider, President of the Jewish Genealogical Council of the Jewish Historical Society of Maryland offers to do exchange research for research on V. Rombro, who entered San Francisco in 1852. Contact her at 2707 Moores Valley Drive, Baltimore, MD 21209, Tel (301) 484-8159.

HOLOCAUST RESEARCH AND YIZKOR BOOKS

HUNGARIAN SURVIVORS SOUGHT

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) is currently investigating events which occurred in **Torokbalint, Hungary** between 1939 and 1945. Survivors from this area should contact Mr. Neal M. Sher, Director OSI, Criminal Division, 11th Floor, Bond Building, 1400 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington, DC 20530, Phone (202) 514-1346 or Joel Neuberg, Holocaust Center of Northern California, (415) 751-6040.

HCNC REFERENCE BOOK CIRCULATION

The Holocaust Center of Northern California (HCNC) circulates duplicate books to libraries that provide access to the information in them at the Center. Recently circulated books included *Gedenkbuch, Documents concerning the Fate of Romanian Jewry during the Holocaust*, and *Names of the Deported Jews from Hajdu County, Hungary*. Available for viewing at the HCNC, 601 14th Avenue, San Francisco are video tapes of last year's events, including speaker Yitzchak Kerem on "The Bulgarian Deportation of 1943: the Fate of the Jews from Bulgarian Occupied Territories of **Thrace, Macedonia, and East Serbia**" and Anna Elizabeth Rosmas on her experiences researching the Nazi past in her home town of **Passau**. (HCNC Newsletter, September 1991)

APPEAL TO HELP PRESERVE LITHUANIAN RECORDS

Some very important vital records were discovered in Lithuania by Alex Friedlander (see *Avotaynu* Vol. VI, No. 4, Winter 1990). YIVO Institute in New York has contracted to have them filmed, and the LDS Library in Salt Lake City is paying all but \$20,000 for the cost of the filming. Donations are being sought from everyone who understands the value of these records. Please send your contributions to our Treasurer, Sherrill Laszlo, 34 Craig Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611 and she will combine and forward them to YIVO in the name of our Society.

BOOK REVIEWS

The MaAyan book catalog lists Dr. David Kranzler's book *Japanese, Nazis and Jews*, about the 18,000 Jews who survived the Nazis in World War II, transplanted their communal institutions and built new lives in Shanghai, China. (KTAV paperback, 1988, \$22.95)

A limited number of syllabuses from the recent Federation of Genealogical Societies and Utah Genealogical Association's "Windows to the Past" Conference are available. The 537-page soft cover book containing lecture materials, notes, and bibliographies is available for \$22.50 postpaid from the Utah Genealogical Association, P. O. Box 1144, Salt Lake City, UT 84110. (from *Forum*, Vol. 2, No. 3, Fall 1990)

A list of 993 books in Polish and Russian giving histories of villages and regions (excluding Warsaw and Krakow) is being sold for \$10.00 plus \$2.50 PH by the Polish Genealogical Society, 984 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622. The catalog *A Historical Bibliography of the Histories of Polish Towns, Villages, and Regions* is indexed and has examples of English and Polish form letters requesting books. (SD JGS *Discovery* Vol. 6, No. 3)

LOCAL RESEARCH SOURCES

SANTA CLARA LDS FAMILY HISTORY CENTER UPDATE

Contributing Editor Gail Call informs us that the Santa Clara LDS FHC, and probably the other local branches, have the Feb 1991 edition of the Family History Library Catalog on microfiche.

Also, the Manhattan and Brooklyn (New York and Kings Counties) marriage certificates on film now go to 1937. These items were marked with a "+" on our list of local holdings in the Spring '91 *ZichronNote*, indicating that the library was then in the process of obtaining additional records. Note, however that the description of the holdings in both the microfiche and computer records indicate that the records through 1907, probably a typographical error. Richmond (Staten Island) bride and groom indexes and marriage records are available for 1897 through 1932.

While on the subject of FHL holdings, the following items were gleaned from *Discovery*, San Diego JGS, Vol. 6, No. 3:

The FHL has German Business Directories covering the years 1898-1939 covering parts of Poland and Austria. They are arranged by German State, and then alphabetically by city or town, catalogued as "Poland Directories", *Deutsches Reichs-Addressbuch für Industrie, Geverbe und Handel*. There are also German telephone books from 1937 to 1942 which also include parts of Poland and Austria.

There is also a 1938 German Jewish Census which is so new that it may not yet be catalogued.

HINTS

PRESERVING OLD BOOKS

The library of Congress zaps books they believe may house silverfish, lice or cockroaches in a microwave for 60 seconds on warm or low setting. The heat effectively kills the insects and any of their eggs. (*Diablo Descendants Newsletter* citing *Santa Clara Historical and Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Oct 1990)

MAIDEN NAMES ON DEEDS AND MORTGAGES

Check the lower left corner of most deeds and mortgages for signatures of two to four witnesses. The first one is usually from the husband's side and the next from the wife's side. This was to protect her dowry under law. In the 1880s and earlier it was traditional for the bride's father to either cover the loan or carry the note for his son-in-law. If you check who made the payment, 70% of the time it will be the bride's father. (*Morasha*, Vol. VII, No. 2, Summer, 1991 citing *Effingham County, IL GS Newsletter*, Feb, 1991)

HEADSTONE INSCRIPTIONS

Tayerer Landsman, the newsletter of the JGS of South Florida, has a list of books found in the University of Florida containing Hebrew headstone inscriptions. (*Tayerer Landsman*, Vol 1, No. 2, Sept. 1991). The May-June, 1991 issue of *Cleveland Kol* provides translations of Hebrew inscriptions, including terms, abbreviations, and dates.

MEMBERS' PAGES**EXCHANGE RESEARCH IN BALTIMORE**

Sara Verschleisser lives in Baltimore part of the year and has access to the Peabody Library, Annapolis records, and the Library of the Jewish Historical Society of Baltimore. She will do research in exchange for research in major libraries in New York, Florida, and Atlanta. Sara's address in Baltimore is 3200 W. Strathmore Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215, (301) 764-7777.

CHART OF CHASSIDIC DYNASTIES

An 18x32-inch two-color genealogical chart of major and minor Chassidic dynasties tracing back to the 14th century and showing the web of inter-relationships of these families is offered for sale for \$12.00 plus \$2.00 postage and handling by Computer Center for Jewish Genealogy, 654 Westfield Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07208.

INFORMATION FOR CLEVELAND RESEARCHERS

The May-June, 1991 issue of the Cleveland Kol provides useful info for researchers with Cleveland roots or branches. The issue has a list of Cleveland Jewish Congregations with English and Hebrew names, a list of Cleveland Jewish Cemeteries and their locations (this list was compiled in 1956), and a list of the people buried in the Anshe Emeth Beth Tefilo Congregation section of the Park Synagogue cemetery. The Fall, 1991 issue provides a list of people buried in the Zemak Zedek Synagogue section at the Park Synagogue Cemetery. The May-June issue also contains a history of Newburgh's Ohab Zedek Congregation and the Jewish residents of the Harvard-Broadway area (includes map).

The Fall, 1991 issue also provides info on the book *Leading Manufacturers & Merchants of the City of Cleveland & Environs: A Half Century's Progress - 1836-1886*, International Publishing Co., New York (located at the Western Reserve Historical Society). This book provides information about businesses and biographical sketches of business people.

FAMILY FINDER

Daniel L. Peletz, 2415 Kamloops Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95405, (707) 526-3445 seeking descendants of **Joe & Vera (KANTROW) HOROWITZ: Minna & Jack HOROWITZ**, one other son. Also daughters of **Joseph & Anna KANTROW: Sylvia, Francis, Juanita**.

Daniel L. Peletz, 2415 Kamloops Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95405, (707) 526-3445 seeking any descendants of **Berel (Ben) and Baylia (Bessie) TODRESIC**. Also any **TODRESIC** descendants anywhere.

Daniel L. Peletz, 2415 Kamloops Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95405, (707) 526-3445 seeking any information about **Kopyl (Kapulya) Byelorussia** families: **KANTOROWITZ, KANTROW, KENT, SINAI, SINAIKO, SINAGUB, SINAKIN, GRANAT, SIEGEL(OVICH), SUSSMAN, BRODKE (BESBARODKE), TODRESIC, PALEEV, LIFSCHITZ, LIFSON, ROGATINSKY, ROGIN, DAVIDSON**.

Daniel L. Peletz, 2415 Kamloops Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95405, (707) 526-3445 seeking any information about **Daugavpils (Dvinsk) Latvia** families: **PELETZ, SHOER, SHULMAN**.

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