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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Monday  
Apr 15 7:00 PM. (*Note time change*) Peninsula Group Meeting in Palo Alto. **Genealogical Seminar, The World of Genealogy**, lead by **Ron Bremer**. Topics for beginners as well as experts include: Introduction and Organization, Speeding up your Genealogy, Little-known Sources, Laws and Rules of Genealogy. There will be a question and answer period, and Mr. Bremer will distribute free handouts and be selling publications. Congregation Kol Emeth, 4175 Manuela Ave, Palo Alto
- Fri., Apr 19  
Sat., Apr 20 Noon-8:00 PM,  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, California Genealogical Society's 6th Annual **Family History Fair**, St. Mary's Cathedral Conference Center, Gough St. & Geary Blvd., San Francisco. Admission \$7.00 per day at the door, \$5.00 per day pre-registered. Exhibits by genealogical societies, book dealers, computer software, archives, etc. 24 seminars and lectures at \$3.00 each. Our Society will have a table at the fair.
- Sunday  
Apr 28 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. **22nd Annual Genealogical Jamboree** sponsored by the Southern California Genealogical Society. The Pasadena Center, 300 East Greene Street, Pasadena, CA Info. (818) 843-7247.
- Sunday  
May 19 Regular Society San Francisco Meeting **cancelled** due to observance of **Shavuot**. Plan to attend our workshop on June 2.
- Wed-Sat  
May 29-Jun 1 **1991 National Genealogical Society Eleventh Annual Conference**, Oregon Conference Center, Portland, OR. For information write 1991 NGS Conference, 4527 17th Street, North, Arlington, VA 22207
- Sunday  
Jun 2 **Annual SFBA JGS Jewish Genealogical Workshop**, Jewish Community Library and Holocaust Center of Northern California, 14th Avenue & Balboa, San Francisco, 11:00 AM—3:00 PM. Bring dairy lunch.
- Sun-Thu  
July 7-11 **Third International Seminar in Jewish Genealogy**, Sponsored by the 39 Jewish Genealogical Societies through the Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies. Doubletree Hotel in Salt Lake City, UT. Information (201) 837-2700

## THE SOCIETY CORNER

### **CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION AND DAY**

Our March meeting was held at the Jewish Community Library on Sunday afternoon instead of the Sutro Library on Monday evening. Since the Sutro State Library now closes at 5:00 PM, members can no longer use the library facilities prior to our monthly meeting. We are attempting to obtain the Jewish Community Library on a regular basis for our odd-numbered monthly meetings and we would like to hear from our members how this time and location suits you. The Jewish Community Library is open Sundays from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM, and research can be done before our meeting. The Holocaust Library of Northern California with its yizkor books and oral history files is in the same building.

### **SOVIET RESEARCH AND SEARCH ASSISTANCE**

Our Society, in conjunction with the Bay Area Council on Soviet Jews (BACCSJ), is establishing a new service for the Jewish genealogical community, involving the ability to utilize a vast network of Soviet Jews to perform genealogical research and to search for relatives in the Soviet Union. The BACCSJ has an established electronic mail network with the VAD, an umbrella organization for Jewish organizations in the Soviet Union. A joint committee from the SFBAJGS and the BACCSJ is establishing protocols to govern the requesting of, and payment for, data from the Soviet Union. Typical projects include: archival and library searching; phone book, business directory searching; cemetery, house, and synagogue photography; contacting living relatives; obtaining books, brochures, or other printed materials, etc. We are looking for starter projects to be performed this coming summer. Call Jerry Delson 493-0404, Floyd Kessler 493-7780, or Bob Weiss 424-1622 (all area code 415) for questions, suggestions, or if you have a project you would like to submit.

### **JEWISH GENEALOGICAL REFERENCES AT SUTRO LIBRARY**

The SFBAJGS has been donating Jewish genealogical reference books to the Sutro Library in return for the use of their facilities for our meetings. The books are catalogued and are available to researchers during regular library hours. A card file of Sutro holdings of interest to Jewish genealogists is available at our San Francisco meetings. The following books have been recently donated:

The Unbroken Chain: Biographical Sketches and Genealogy of Illustrious Jewish Families from the 15th-20th Centuries Revised 1990 edition in 2 volumes, by Dr. Neil Rosenstein.

The Margolies Family, by Dr. Neil Rosenstein

The Jews of Oregon, 1860-1950, by Steven Lowenstein

Western Jewish History Center—Guide to Archival and Oral History Collections, by Ruth Rafael.

### **TRACING OF HOLOCAUST VICTIMS**

The American Red Cross has announced the opening of its Holocaust and War Victims Tracing and Information Center, located in Baltimore, MD. This new service simplifies the process of obtaining information about relatives who may have passed through or perished in the various Nazi concentration and forced labor camps. The center provides access to the vast Red Cross records held by the International Tracing Service in Arolsen, Germany, which have recently been augmented by Soviet records including nearly 70,000 Auschwitz death certificates, names of 130,000 prisoners used for forced labor, and 200,000 victims in other camps. Inquiries may be started at any local Red Cross office, where the proper forms can be filled out. The forms are sent to the Baltimore center, where they are translated into German and sent to Arolsen. Further information may be obtained by calling the Red Cross' toll-free number 1-800-848-9277. ( Huachuca Scout, January 24, 1991, sent by member Connie Vaughn from Arizona. More details may be found in an article by Miriam Weiner in the Jan-Feb issue of Ancestry Newsletter, Vol. IX, No. 1)

**U.S. RESEARCH SOURCES****ADOPTED CHILDREN**

The International Soundex Reunion Registry, P.O. Box 2312, Carson City, NV 89702 is a clearing house for information on adopted children and their biological parents. Children must be of legal age. If both parties are registered and want to find each other a match is made. Send SASE to request Soundex forms. There is no charge for this service. (San Mateo County GS Newsletter, Vol 9 Issue 1, Jan 1991, citing Ann Landers' column)

**NEWS FROM THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY IN SALT LAKE CITY**

**Ancestral File**, the new database of linked genealogies is being distributed to many LDS Family History Centers in the U.S. and Canada. Users type a name into the computer and quickly view a family group or pedigree chart. So far the file is limited to ancestors from English-speaking countries, but it will eventually be expanded to include worldwide data. Genealogists are invited to contribute their family history information to Ancestral File on floppy diskettes in GEDCOM (Genealogical Data Communication) format. The following software is GEDCOM compatible:

- Personal Ancestral File 2.2
- Roots II (Commsoft, Inc)
- Everyone's Family Tree (Dollarhide Systems, Inc)
- Family Roots (Quinsept, Inc)
- Family Ties (Computer Services)
- Family Tree Maker Exchange Utility (Banner Blue Software, Inc)
- Family Tree Print Utility (Common Sense Software)
- Generation Gap Plus (Flying Pigs Software)

Diskette copies should be sent to Ancestral File Unit, 2WW, Family History Dept., 50 E. North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84150. (FHL Newsletters of Jul/Aug and Sep/Oct)

The Family History Library has **British directories** from as early as mid-18th Century, although most are from the 19th Century. These directories provide useful information on occupation, rank or profession of ancestors. The directories are listed in the *Locality* section of the FHL microfiche catalog under *England, County Directories*, or *England, County, Town/Parish Directories*.

The FHL has a copy of the alphabetical index to all registered **deaths in Illinois** between 1916 and 1938. The March 1990 edition of the FHL catalog lists certificates from 1916 to 1930.

The FHL also has copies of the **Social Security Death Index** from 1937 to 1988. Four compact disks contain over 38 million social security claims records showing the names and addresses of beneficiaries to whom benefits were sent.

**LOCAL AVAILABILITY OF INDEX TO NEW YORK CITY BIRTH RECORDS**

Member Gail Call has ordered the index to **New York City Birth Records** for 1881-1892. The index will be available until the end of June free of any further charge at the Santa Clara LDS FHL, 875 Quince Avenue, Santa Clara. Ask for the Gail Call tape in the 6-Month File. You may locate the number of the certificate of interest and either order the actual certificate from the NYC Municipal Archives (see last issue of ZichronNote for cost and address), order the LDS tape with the certificate from your local FHL, or view the tape in Salt Lake City in July when you go to the Third International Seminar.

## JTS LIBRARY GOING ON LINE

Cataloging is complete of the entire **Jewish Theological Seminary Library's** collection of **Hebrew manuscripts**. Brief descriptions of some 10,000 manuscripts were formulated and entered into a computer in anticipation of its integration into the Library's Aleph system, a data management system handling both the Hebrew and English alphabets. The catalog descriptions were contributed to RLIN, a national library utility, so that researchers anywhere in the country can access the Library's manuscript holdings. The project was funded by the U.S. Department of Education. (from Between the Lines, Friends of the (JTS) Library, Vol 3, No. 2, Fall 1990)

## MICHIGAN RECORDS

Dr. Charles Dickson reports that ethnic and family roots in the state of **Michigan** for the Jewish Community are available at the Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills, Beth Shalom Synagogue in Oak Park, Temple Beth El in Birmingham, and the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. (Ancestry, September/October, 1990)

## CHICAGO RECORDS

The Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD)—Chicago Branch was dedicated on October 11, 1990 at Northeastern Illinois University, as a depository for local government records from **Chicago and Cook County**. Chicago city records include City Council Proceedings Files, 1833-1942, atlas and plat books from 1872, Sanborn Insurance Atlases 1916-1950, and the Record and Index of Persons Registered and of Poll List of Voters. Collections are at the Northeastern Illinois University, Ronald Williams Library, 5500 N. St. Louis, Chicago, IL 60625. (312) 794-6279. (Forum, Vol. 2, No. 4, Winter, '90)

## IMMIGRATION INFORMATION

The Immigration History Research Center, University of Minnesota, 826 Berry Street, St. Paul, MN 55114 collects, researches, and disseminates materials about the migration to, and experience in, America of twenty-four American ethnic groups, including Jews (East European), Albanians, Armenians, Byelorussians, Carpatho-Ruthenians, Croatians, Czechs, Estonians, Finns, Greeks, Hungarians, Italians, Latvians, Lithuanians, Macedonians, Near Easterners, Poles, Rumanians, Russians, Serbs, Slovaks, Slovenes, and Ukrainians. Write the Center for their current publications catalog. (from Forum, Vol. 2, No. 4, Winter, 1990)

## CONNECTICUT BIRTH CERTIFICATES

The State of Connecticut lost their case in court with the Freedom of Information Committee. It was ruled that birth certificates are not exempt from public disclosure. It is a violation of CT General Statutes for any registrar of vital statistics to dishonor a request. State of CT FOI Advisory #79. [Howard Siegel, National Classified BBS Stratford CT 203-377-6758]

## NEW JERSEY OBITUARIES

According to the person who answered the phone at the NJ Division of the Newark Public Library, it is possible to have obituaries found and copied for a small fee. The fee is \$5 for the first name, and \$2 for additional names. They have microfilm of many NJ newspapers going back to the 1870's. The address is: Newark Public Library, N.J. Division, P.O. Box 630, Newark, NJ 07101-0630 [Eric Simon, Kin Ships BBS (1:269/123)]

## SUMMARY OF PAST MEETING

### DECEMBER 17, 1990, DR. MACIEJ M. SIEKIERSKI, HOOVER INSTITUTION THE STANFORD UNIVERSITY HOOVER INSTITUTION'S POLISH COLLECTIONS AS A SOURCE OF RECENT JEWISH HISTORY AND GENEALOGY

Dr. Siekierski opened the lecture with a broad overview of the Stanford University Hoover Institution's East European holdings, reputedly the largest and most comprehensive collection of materials on 20th century Polish history outside of Poland. Three archival collections may be of particular value as sources of information on the fate of some 1.6 million Jews, permanent residents and refugees from other parts of Poland, who found themselves in the Eastern half of the country occupied by the Soviets in September 1939. Over 300,000 of these Polish Jews, together with nearly a million Polish Catholics, were deported, mainly to Soviet Central Asia. Upwards to 10% of these people were able to leave the Soviet Union through Iran with the Polish Army organized in the USSR in 1941-2 following the German attack on the Soviet Union in 1941. Shortly after leaving the USSR these soldiers and refugees were asked by Polish authorities to fill out questionnaires and make depositions regarding their experiences under Soviet occupation.

Dr Siekierski left with us a demographical study entitled The Jews in Soviet-Occupied Eastern Poland at the end of 1939: Numbers and Distribution. Dr Siekierski detailed some of the collections likely to contain information of interest to Jewish genealogists. Three major collections were obtained by the Hoover Institution in 1945, 1946 and 1959 comprising Polish Embassy collections from Washington, London, and Moscow, Near Eastern collections from Rome and Cairo, and Polish Ministry of Information, Foreign Affairs collections from Dublin Ireland.

The following are summary descriptions of some of the collections described by Dr. Siekierski likely to be useful to Jewish genealogists (marked with an asterisk), and other collections that this writer has culled from a summary (dated August 1990) of the Hoover Institution's archival holdings on Poland. Most of these documents are in Polish.

\*Poland. Ambasada (Soviet Union). Records. 1941-1944. Polish Embassy in the Soviet Union, 54 boxes, 1 folder, [ID: CSUZ45014-A]

Reports, lists, correspondence, testimonies, petitions, card files, maps, questionnaires. Polish Prisoners of War in the Soviet Union, deportation of Polish citizens to the Soviet Union, labor camps and settlements, relief records, evacuation of Polish citizens to the Middle East. Card files, names of Eastern Polish exiles who died in the USSR (Boxes 12-13); Lists (Box 14), lists of deaths after the 1942 Amnesty; Social Welfare records (Box 41); 2000 Adult Testimonies filed geographically by home province (Boxes 46-50).

\*Anders. Wladyslaw. 1892-1970. Papers. 1939-1946. 92 boxes, 17 card files, 1 oversize box [ID: CSUZ46004-A]

Card files, questionnaires, Polish citizens arrested and deported under German and Soviet occupation. Alphabetical card index (Boxes 1-34 and 93-107), names and biographical information; 18,000 Questionnaires (Boxes 35-68), specialized form for Jews, Boxes 57,59, 61); Subject Card Index (Boxes 89-92) , deaths in labor camps (Boxes 93-107).

\*Poland. Ministerstwo Informacji i Dokumentacji. Records. 1939-1945. Ministry of Information and Documentation of the Polish Government-in-Exile in London. 231 boxes, 8 envelopes, 13 microfilm reels. [ID: CSUZ47036-A]

Correspondence, reports, memoirs, questionnaires, relating to deportation of Poles to the Soviet Union. 100,000 certificates issued in 1941 in rough alphabetic (Cyrillic) order (Boxes 100-123); 12,000 Questionnaires (Boxes 130-188), Passport applications; Memoirs and diaries in English (Box 198), Jewish depositions in Jerusalem (Box 197).

- Claremont Graduate School. Oral History Program. Transcripts of oral history interviews, 1964-1966. 1 box [ID: CSUZ69076-A]  
Relates to the persecution of the Jews in German-occupied Austria and Poland.
- Dom Polskich Dzieci (Oudtshoorn, South Africa). Records, 1942-1947. Polish Children's Home, founded in 1943 for the care of Polish war orphans from Russia. 3 boxes [ID:CSUZ75068-A]  
Lists relating to the evacuation of the war orphans from Russia to Oudtshoorn, RSA.
- European Pictorial Collection, 1918-1968. 20 envelopes, 1 oversize folder [ID:CSUZXX772-A]  
Photographs depicting cities, prominent personalities, historical events in various European countries, especially in Eastern Europe.
- Poland. Ambasada (United States). Records, 1918-1956. Polish Embassy in the United States. 118 boxes, Indexed [ID: CSUZ45015-A]  
Reports, correspondence, memoranda, instructions relating to national minorities in Poland, Polish emigration abroad. Correspondence 1921-6, Galicia (Boxes 57-59); Correspondence on Jews (Boxes 63-66) particularly Box 65, Folder 1 relating to release of 60 Poles, many with Jewish names, interned in Shanghai in 1943.
- Poland. Konsulat Generalny (Chicago). Records, 1938-1945. Polish Consulate General in Chicago. 1 box [ID: CSUZ79038-A]  
Correspondence, memoranda relating to Poles in the U.S.
- Poland. Konsulat Generalny (New York). Records, 1940-1948. Polish Consulate General in New York. 7 boxes [ID: CSUZ76004-A]  
Correspondence, telegrams, lists, photographs relating to the German occupation of Poland and displaced Polish citizens after WW II.
- Poland. Ministerstwo Spraw Zagranicznych. Records, 1925-1945. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Polish Government-in-Exile in London. 534 boxes, 8 oversize boxes [ID:CSUZ59003-A]  
Correspondence, memoranda relating to deportation of Poles to the Soviet Union, Polish emigres, etc.
- Poland. Polskie Sily Zbrojne. Miscellaneous records, 1940-1945. Armed Forces of the Polish Government-in-Exile (London), 10 boxes, 22 envelopes [ID: CSUZ46036-A]  
Correspondence, reports, military orders, lists, personnel rosters, maps relating to the Polish Army in the East and in the Soviet Union, Polish civil and military personnel in the Soviet Union.
- United States Department of State. Office of International Information. Inside Soviet Slave Labor Camps, 1939-1942. 1 box [ID: CSUZ61022-A]  
An analysis of written statements by 9,200 former prisoners. Includes typewritten and printed copies and photocopies and typewritten translations of documents in the Anders Collection.

The Hoover Institution is open to the public 8:15 AM to 4:45 PM, Monday-Friday on an unlimited basis unlike the Stanford Green Library which limits free access to the public to a maximum of five days per year. The list "Hoover Institution Archives Holdings on Poland" as well as similar lists for their Russian holdings can be made available for the use of SFBA JGS members at SFBA JGS meetings by contacting Bob Weiss at (415) 424-1622 before the meeting.

**BOOK REVIEWS****ENCYCLOPEDIA OF JEWISH GENEALOGY, VOLUME 1**

The book (225 pages) consists of 4 parts, 3 chapters and many appendices. It comprises contributions from a variety of authors, and is edited and compiled by Arthur Kurzweil and Miriam Weiner.

Chapter 1 is on Immigration and Naturalization. It consists of 8 articles, containing hows and wheres of federal court records, passenger lists, steamship research, Hamburg lists, and various other tidbits.

Chapter 2 comprises the majority of the book (from page 15 to page 136). It is entitled "United States: Guide to Institutional Resources Arranged by City". Unfortunately, I feel that this is also the weakest part of the book. It would have been nice if this section was better organized. For some areas, only strictly Jewish sources were given, in other geographic areas, primarily civil are records given. I am also somewhat puzzled by the use of the suburb names. For someone not familiar with a given area, this could really be confusing. For example these "Cincinnati" areas are given individual (small) listings Norwood, Reading, and St. Bernard. There are also separate listings for the Cleveland areas Beachwood, Fairview Park, Kirtland, and Westlake. Some areas list congregations (but only selectively - I think there are probably more than 7 in Cleveland), some areas list cemeteries, some areas list LDS libraries, etc., but there is no consistency. Where appropriate, book reviews are given. Maybe it is my strange scientific mind, but I would have preferred that each area be organized by say, libraries, congregations, cemeteries, etc. in a consistent manner. Then I would at least know what I could reasonably hope to find in this book.

Chapter 3 (Canada: Guide to Institutional Resources Arranged by City, page 137 to 149) appears to be very similar to Chapter 2. Since I have no experience with Canadian research, I won't comment further on this.

The remainder of the book (pages 151-220) consists of 14 appendices. In my opinion, this is the best part of the book! There are directories of JGS's, JHS's, Federal Archive and Record Centers, and National Archive regional branches. There are also listings of towns for which the National Archives has aerial photos, and for which the Library Of Congress has town plans (Poland and USSR). I have not seen these useful compilations elsewhere. There are appendices which list specific Jewish LDS records, listed by city in France, Germany, Hungary, and Poland.

In spite of my wordy chastisement of chapter two, my overall recommendation is to get this book. It may duplicate some of what you already have, but most likely is a true mirror of the nature of genealogical research itself. Beneath many trivial details and entries could be a few real gems! [Bruce Kahn, Flower City Central BBS, Rochester, NY (1:260/204)]

**JEWISH GENEALOGY  
A SOURCEBOOK OF FAMILY HISTORIES AND GENEALOGIES, VOLUME II**

This second volume of David Zubatsky's bibliographic reference continues and expands the coverage of the highly-regarded initial volume.

**LITHUANIAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES**

This long awaited English translation of articles from the Hebrew language Yahadut Lita provides descriptions of Jewish communities in Lithuania between the World Wars. Information and stories are recounted by former shtetlach residents. Three appendices provide lists of towns with alternative spellings, of Lithuanian Jews, and of further sources for the study of Lithuanian Jewish genealogy. Available in April from Garland Publishing.

**MEMBERS' PAGES****Visiting, and Revisiting the Gdańsk/Danzig Jewish Cemetery.**

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Prior to World War II, I lived with my parents in Danzig, which was, at that time, an independent "Free State", and now is the city of Gdańsk, part of Poland. As a young boy, actually on the day of my scheduled (and postponed) Bar Mizvah, my mother died from cancer. I have very intense memories of my first major loss, including the funeral and, later, the placing of the monument, etc., at what was then known as the "Jüdischer Friedhof, Stolzenberg".

After surviving the war in England, I returned to Gdańsk for a visit in 1966. I hired a taxi (which in those days was much cheaper than renting a car) and asked the driver to take me to the Jewish cemetery, only to be told that he was quite sure that there was no such cemetery and none was indicated on any maps, or city directories at the time. Although it had been some 28 years, since I had last visited there, I felt that I could direct the driver to the cemetery from memory, and he obliged. However, when we arrived at what I believed was the location of the cemetery, there was no sign of it, only an empty field with waist-high weeds growing on it. I asked the driver to park his cab, and I walked into the field looking for any sign of what I clearly remembered as a beautiful cemetery with many tombstones, monuments, etc. I, suddenly, stumbled over a rock and fell to the ground. The rock clearly was a piece of black granite, polished on one side. Further search, on my hands and knees, produced several smaller pieces of granite, scattered within the weeds, some clearly marked with Hebrew letters. I knew I had found the right place. Unfortunately, that is all that appeared to remain of the, once extensive, Jewish cemetery. Subsequent enquiries all claimed that the Germans destroyed the cemetery, when they occupied Danzig during the war.

Last October I visited Gdańsk again. While giving a friend a tour of the city, I thought I'd show her where the Jewish cemetery was once located. This time, though I was driving a car, I made an incorrect turn, and wound up on a street behind the original cemetery site. I saw an old man walking on this street, and asked him whether there was a shortcut that would take me to the front of the cemetery. His answer surprised me. "Sure", he could show me how to get there, but if I wanted to see what was left of the cemetery, the only way to see it, was to park my car where it was, follow him to his house, and to take a path from there. My friend and I took his advice, walked the quarter mile to his house, and then followed him along a path winding steeply up a hill behind his home. Sure enough, at the top of the hill we came upon remnants of the Jewish cemetery. The graves had monuments that were lying on the ground, almost even with it, and dated from the late 18th century. This, obviously, was a much older part of the original cemetery, and adjoined the newer section, which I knew and which would normally be approached from the opposite side.

On returning to his home with our guide, we learned that he was a resettled Pole from the Ukraine, who had been living in this house since late 1945. He also told us that the cemetery survived the war without any significant damage. It was only some time after his moving to Gdańsk, possibly in 1947, or 1948, that there were some anti-Jewish demonstrations, and that the cemetery was destroyed by Polish communist hooligans.

Current street maps of Gdańsk, now identify the location of this cemetery site. It is at the intersection of the Stoczniowców and Cmentarna (pre-war: Grundgasse) streets.

## PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC SYNAGOGUE

Funds are being sought to save the **Vilna Synagogue** in **Boston, MA**, founded by immigrants from Vilna, Lithuania. This building has been in continuous use as a synagogue since its construction in 1919, and is the only synagogue in Boston listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Vilna Center for Jewish Heritage has been formed to raise \$800,000 for purchase and renovation of the building as a Jewish cultural center. If sufficient funds are not raised by September 1991, the existing purchase and sale agreement will expire and the building will be put on the open market. Although the exterior of the building is landmarked, the interior is not. Your contribution can help preserve this unique part of Boston's Jewish heritage. Tax deductible checks may be made out to "HBI Vilna Shul Fund", and sent to Barbara Levy, Vice President, Vilna Center for Jewish Heritage, 59 Oxford Road, Newton Center, MA 02159. Inquiries for more information may be sent to the same address. (Submitted by Sita Likuski)

## BOOKS OF GENEALOGICAL INTEREST SEEN LOCALLY

Auschwitz Chronicle, 1939-1945, From the Archives of the Auschwitz Memorial and the German Federal Archives, by Danuta Czech, Henry Holt & Co., New York, 1990. (Impressive volume with names, dates, and numbers, well indexed.)

Jews in Old China, Studies by Chinese Scholars, Sidney Shapiro, Hippocrene Books, New York. (The Li clan were Leviim, and bore the Chinese names Liewei or Li Wei)

History of the Jews in New Mexico, Hans Tobias, University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque, NM.

The Jews of the West—The Metropolitan Years, Moses Reschin, Ed, American Jewish Historical Society for the Western Jewish History Center—Judah Magnes Memorial Museum, Berkeley, CA, 1979.

The Jews of St. Petersburg—Excursions through a Noble Past, Mikhail Beizer, Jewish Publications Society, Philadelphia, PA and New York, 1989. (Directory, biographies.)

I Remember Rhodes, Rebecca Amato Levy, Sepher Hermon Press, Inc for Sephardic House at Congregation Shearith Israel, New York, 1987. (In English and Ladino)

My Generations, A Course in Jewish Family History, Arthur Kurzweil, Behrman House, New York, 1983.

A Dictionary of Jewish Names and Their History, Benzion Kaganoff, Schoken Books, New York.

Contact Bob and Bob Jewish Bookstore in Palo Alto for price and current availability.

**FAMILY FINDER**

L-10 Elaine Levy, 523 38th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121, Tel (415) 221-8827. Seeking **SHEPARDNITSKY** of **Vilna** or **Grodno**.

K-10 Brian R. Kaye, 3746 Kenmore Court, Castro Valley, CA 94546, Tel (415) 357-1303 (work). Researching **PODKAMINSKY/KAMINSKY** from **Korsun, Ukraine**, **RABINOWITZ** and **RAVINSKY** from **Korsun** and **Gorodische, Ukraine**. Also seeking relatives of **BEN (HERSHEL BERYL) BERMAN**. Came to **Cleveland, OH** in 1896 from **Suwalki Gubernia**. Married **DARA ARNOWITZ** on 10 Aug 1897. Died in **Loraine, OH** 9 May 1933. Also seeking **DAVID** and **HAROLD BERMAN**, children of **JULIUS BERMAN** and **INEZ WILSON**, last known in **Denver, CO**.

P-1 Miriam Pearl, 768 Trestle Glen Road, Oakland, CA 94610, Tel. (415) 893-1783. Seeking descendants of **HENRIETTA OPPENHEIMER**, daughter of **ROBERT & RACHEL MYERS**, sister of **JACOB MYERS, JENNIE GREIFF, MARY HARRIS & BERTHA SILBERSTEIN**. **HENRIETTA** was born in the 1800's in New York or in Germany. Also seeking descendants of **AUDREY KLEINBAUM** believed in New York in the 1920s.

*An error was made in the Spring 1991 ZichronNote attributing the **OPPENHEIMER** and **MYERS** families to Martha Wise. They are being sought by Miriam Pearl, not Martha Wise.*

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Family Finder queries are free to members of our Society. Nonmembers may place queries at a cost of \$5.00 each, limited to 25 words not including the name, address and phone number of the searcher.

Correspondence relating to items for publication and requests for back issues should be addressed to Editorial Board, c/o Bob Weiss, 3916 Louis Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303.

Meetings are usually held on the 3rd Sunday of each odd-numbered month, starting at 1:00 PM at the Jewish Community Library, 639 14th Avenue (at Balboa), San Francisco and on the 3rd Monday of each even-numbered month starting at 7:30 PM at Congregation Kol Emeth, 4175 Manuela Avenue, Palo Alto.

Membership is open to anyone interested in Jewish genealogy. Our membership year runs from August 1 through July 31, and dues are \$20.00 annually payable in August. Out-of-Area memberships are \$10.00 for those who reside more than 75 miles from our meeting locations. Membership checks may be made payable to "SFBA JGS" and forwarded to: Sherrill Laszlo, Treasurer, 34 Craig Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611.

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