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<td><strong>Regular Meeting. Program Electronic Queries with Brian Mavrogeorge</strong>, Sysop of the ROOTS Electronic Bulletin Board will discuss on-line message services, the Tiny Tafel System, and on-line searching of the Jewish Family Finder. Jewish Community Library, 14th Avenue at Balboa, San Francisco</td>
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<td><strong>Family History Seminar</strong>, Sponsored by the LDS Santa Clara Family History Branch Library. Classes, Workshops, Computer Demonstrations, Consultants. 850 Quince Avenue, Santa Clara. $8.00 in advance, LDS Library Seminar, PO Box 70057, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. $10.00 at the door.</td>
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**VILNA IN 1939**

The Bureau of Jewish Education of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties has a 10-minute videotape *Jewish Life in Vilna*, offering a glimpse of prewar Vilna, the spiritual center of European Jewry. Significant sites of the city are explored, including the Polish Theater, Jewish Quarter, Gaon Street, Vilna Shulhoyn, and YIVO. If there is demand to see this tape at a meeting we will borrow it.
MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

Your Society Board of Directors met on July 9, 1991 in Salt Lake City together with eight Society Members. The following slate of officers was suggested for consideration by the Membership for the two-year period commencing September 1991:

- President: Bob Weiss (Martha Wise was nominated from the floor at our July meeting)
- Vice President: Martha Wise
- Recording Secretary: Jerry Delson
- Corresponding Secretary: (open)
- Treasurer: Sherrill Laszlo.

Additional nominations from members are solicited and will be accepted by mail or at Society meetings until the August 18 election meeting.

In addition, certain committee chairpersons and members were recommended to work on the key committees:

- Programs: Patrick & Ilyse Gordis
  - Members: David Blumberg, Jerry Delson
- Membership: Sita Likuski
- Library: Armand Cohn
- Newsletter: Bob Weiss
  - Members: Judy Baston, Sharon Fingold, Jerry Delson
- Jewish Genealogical Projects Register: Sita Likuski.
- Publicity: (available)

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

- Cemetery Records Index
- Shtetl Roots Project
- Local Jewish Resources Directory
- Yizkor Book Index for the HCNC
- Holocaust Oral Testimony Indexing Project.

Annual dues to our Society are payable at or before the August meeting. You will find a membership renewal form bound in with this ZichronNote, with your election ballot on the reverse side. Please return it with your check for $20.00 to our Treasurer Sherrill Laszlo, 34 Craig Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611, or better still, bring it with you to our next meeting. Please provide your 9-digit ZIP code. (It is on your utilities bill.)

NGS GENEALOGICAL PROJECTS REGISTRY (JGSs please note)

The Genealogical Projects Registry of the National Genealogical Society (NGS) is a database for genealogical projects in process, covering indexing, abstracting, and transcribing of records manually or by computer (no family histories.) NGS will make the information available as to what projects are being worked on, what kind of help project organizers require, and when and in what format the completed projects will be available to researchers. Sita Likuski has offered to assist NGS by compiling registrations for Jewish genealogical projects. She will forward the project summaries to NGS and index the information for distribution to Jewish Genealogical Societies. Projects registration forms should be requested from Sita Likuski, 4430 School Way, Castro Valley, CA 94546. Questions about the registry should be directed to Kay Ingalls, 77 Mahogany Lane, Sunnyvale, CA 94086, (408) 737-7149.
EUROPEAN RESEARCH SOURCES

NEW MICROFICHE INDEXES AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS
The Society has obtained copies of the new set of microfiched indexes from the JGS of Greater Washington. Use them at our next meeting.

- Towns and Administrative Districts in Galicia, 1877
- Index of Jewish Applications for Emergency U. S. Passports, 1915-24
- U. S. Citizens Registering at the Consular Post in Jerusalem, 1914-18
- Jewish Names, U. S. Department of State Decimal File Series, Protection of Interests of U. S. Citizens in Germany, Poland, and Romania, 1910-1939
- Jewish Names from the U. S. Department of State Decimal File Series, Protection of Interests of U. S. Citizens in Austria Hungary, 1910-1939
- Jewish Names from the U. S. Department of State Decimal File Series, Protection of Interests of U. S. Citizens in Russia, 1910-1939
- Old Section Burials, Washington Hebrew Cong. Cemetery, Wash, DC
- Burials in Adas Israel Cong. Cemetery, Washington, DC, 1870-1919

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF POLISH VILLAGES
A Historical Bibliography of the Histories of Polish Towns, Villages, and Regions lists 993 books in Polish, German, Russian that provide a history of Polish towns, villages and Regions, (excluding Warsaw and Krakow). An index is provided. This is a translation of a Polish work that served as a price list for bookstores in Poland during the 1970s. The 103-page book also provides examples of English/Polish form letters requesting books and general book research. The book is offered for $10.00 (+SH) by the Polish Genealogical Society, 984 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622. (from FGS Forum, Vol. 3, No. 1, Spring, 1991)

BAVARIAN STATE ARCHIVE, SCHWABEN

RESEARCH IN ENGLAND
For Sephardi archival information, contact The Spanish and Portuguese Jewish Congregation, 2 Ashworth Road, London W91 JY, England, Telephone 071-289-2573.
For Ashkenazi information contact Charles Tucker, Chief Archivist, Office of the Chief Rabbi, Adler House, Tavistock Square, London WC1, England. Mr. Tucker charges $12.00 per hour plus costs incurred (in advance) for historical and genealogical research. Estimates are free. His charge for checking for un-indexed birth and marriage documents is $75.00. (from Yichus, Vol. 5, No. 4, Summer 1990)

HOLOCAUST RESEARCH AND YIZKOR BOOKS
The Brooklyn Center for Holocaust Studies, Documentation and Research will transfer its archives of taped interviews, photographs, documents and artifacts to the Living Memorial to the Holocaust–Museum of Jewish Heritage, to open in 1992 in lower Manhattan. (Emunah Women of America newsletter Lest We Forget, Vol XI, No. 3, December 1990)
BOOK REVIEWS

The following descriptions of recent publications of potential Jewish genealogical interest were abstracted from the Judaica Book News, Vol 21, No. 1, Fall/Winter 1990.


Chrzany: The Life and Destruction of a Jewish Shtetl, Mordecai Bochner, Translated by Jonathan Boyarin (Co-Author with Jack Kugelmass of From a Ruined Garden), Solomon Gross, Roslyn Harbor, NY under the auspices of the Chrzanower Young Men's Association, $35.00. The original Yiddish text is translated into English, and new photographs of the townspeople are added.

The Last Jews of Iberian Soil: Navarrese Jewry 1479-1498, Benjamin Rabbi, Gampel, University of California Press, $32.00. A detailed look at the lives of the last Jews in Navarre, Spain utilizing hundreds of unpublished records and documents found in archives in Pamplona and Tudela.


Lodz Ghetto: Inside a Community Under Siege, Alan Adelson and Robert Lapides, Editors, Viking Press, $29.95. Source book for the documentary film of the same name. This is a companion volume to Lucian Dobroszycki's The Chronicle of the Lodz Ghetto 1941-1944, which is the ghetto's abridged archival history. This volume, although it includes some official documents, represents the voices of the people.

Ketubah: Jewish Marriage Contracts of the Hebrew Union College Skirball Museum and Klau Library, Shalom Sabar, Jewish Publication Society, $65.00. Presents more than 150 ketubot ranging from the Islamic world to 15th century Italy, to 20th century America. Has name index listing all the individuals and localities mentioned.

Daydreams and Nightmares: Reflections of a Harlem Childhood, Irving Louis Horowitz, University Press of Mississippi, $18.95. Community of Eastern European Jewish shopkeepers in New York's black Harlem in the 1930's.

Inside Looking Out: The Cleveland Jewish Orphan Asylum, Gary Edward Polster, Kent State University Press, $32.00. Study of the efforts to Americanize some of the 3500 orphan immigrants from Eastern Europe over the 50-year period (1868-1918) of operation of the Cleveland Jewish Orphan Asylum.


Lvov Ghetto Diary, David Kahane, University of Massachusetts Press, $24.95. Translation of the original Hebrew memoir, covering the period from July 1, 1941 when the Nazis occupied Lvov to July 27, 1944, when the city was liberated.

U.S. RESEARCH SOURCES

NATIONAL ARCHIVES—PACIFIC SIERRA REGION
SAMPLING OF MICROFILM HOLDINGS

The following is a sampling of the holdings of the local branch of the National Archives, 1000 Commodore Drive, San Bruno that might be of interest to our members. The films may be viewed in the Research Room weekdays 8:00 AM-4:15 PM, and until 8:15 PM Wednesdays. (415) 876-9009.

Federal Population Censuses, 1790-1910

- M637 1790 Census Original Schedules
- T498 1790 Census Printed Schedules incl. List of 1840 Pensioners
- M32 1800 Census
- M252 1810 Census
- M33 1820 Census
- M19 1830 Census
- M704 1840 Census
- M432 1850 Census
- M653 1860 Census
- M593 1870 Census
- T132 1870 Census

- T9 1880 Census (T734-T780 1880 Index)
- M407 1890 Census (M496 1890 Index)
- M123 1890 Special Schedules Union Civil War Veterans

- T623 1900 Census (T1030-1083 1900 Index) (T1210 Enumeration District Plans)
- T624 1910 Census (T1259-T1279 1910 Index) (T1224 Enumeration District Plans)
- T655 1850-1880 Mortality Census Schedules

State Censuses

- M158 1885 Colorado State Census
- T1175 1857 Minnesota State Census
- M352 1885 Nebraska State Census (Part, ask at Reference Desk)
- M846 1885 New Mexico Territory Census

Passenger Arrival Records

- M1410 1893-1953 San Francisco Passengers (M1389 Index 1893-1934)
- M1411 1954-1957 San Francisco Passengers & Crew
- M1413 1903-1918 San Francisco Customs Passengers
- M1436 1896-1921 San Francisco Alien Crew
- M1439 1930-1949 San Francisco US Citizens List
- M1416 1905-1954 San Francisco Crew Lists

- San Francisco Vessels List (M1437 Index 1882-1957)
- New Orleans Passengers (T618 Index 1900-1952)
- Galveston Passengers (M1357 Index 1896-1906)
- Philadelphia Passengers (M360 Index 1800-1906)

Border Crossings

- M1462 1895-1924 Small Ports in Vermont, Alphabetic Index
- M1463 1924-1952 St. Albans, VT, Canad. Pacific, Atlantic Ports, Soundex
- M1465 1929-1949 St. Albans, VT, Canad. Pacific, Ports, Manifests

Naturalization Records

- T1220 1852-1928 Selected Indexes Northern District Courts
LOCAL RESEARCH SOURCES

Member Sita Likuski notes that the Encyclopedia of Jewish Genealogy and Where Once We Walked are available at the Oakland Family History Center.

Member Gail Call informs us that the Santa Clara Family History Center owns four tapes which are part of the New York City Grooms' Index for certain letters of the alphabet for 1866-1893. The films are 1522995, 1523042, 1523078 and 1523079. Use the computerized or the Microfiche version of the Family History Library Catalog (New York State, around card #9, under New York, New York- Vital Records) to determine if your query is on those tapes.

Gail reminds us that the indexes are arranged in three-year groups under one letter before listing the next letter. For example, A's for year 1, A's for year 2, A's for year 3, B's for year 1, B's for year 2, etc. Not knowing this it might be easy to search one list of A's and, not having found your name, make the assumption that you have searched all three years.

Gail Call also writes us about the Hamburg Police Records, containing passport records for Hamburg citizens as well as nonresidents between 1852 and 1929 (Germany, Hamburg- Emigration and Immigration) and the Registers of Non-Citizen Workers, 1834-1890 (Germany, Hamburg, Hamburg- Occupations). Gail informs us that there is an index at the end of each reel. Some reels had an index in the middle of the reel. Information available in these records includes full name of the registrant, date of birth or age, place of birth, occupation or status, former residence, place of employment, sponsor's verification of identity, and physical description.

The San Bruno LDS Family History Center specializes in 1890 Federal Population Census substitutes, according to John Ryan, Director of the Center. The Center is next door to the Pacific Sierra Branch of the National Archives, and does not intend to duplicate their holdings. Most of the 1890 Federal Population Census was burned, but other data are available which can be used to provide information for that period, and the San Bruno FHC is collecting those records.

Local access to the Social Security Death Index is afforded by those Family History Centers which have the compact disc program. This index lists 39.5 million deceased persons who had social security numbers and whose deaths occurred between 1962 and the end of 1988. By typing in the person's name and approximate date of death the following information is displayed: Surname, Given Name, Year of Birth as reported by Applicant, State that issued SSN, Year of Death, State of Residence at time of Death. Optional information that is available is Full Birth Date, Month and Year of Death, Social Security Number, State to which Benefits were sent.

Knowing the date and place of death enables you to obtain a death certificate which can be used, together with SSA Form 1-977, "Social Security Number Record, Third Party Request for Abstract or Photocopy" and $7.00 to obtain the original Social Security application. This original application shows the address of the applicant, date and place of birth, father's name, and mother's maiden name. Form 1-977 is available at local SSA offices, and inquiries are sent to Social Security Administration, 4H8 Annex, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235. (from FGS Forum, Vol. 3, No. 1, Spring 1991)
Recently three seemingly unrelated pieces of information came to me which have opened up a new avenue for my genealogical investigations.

In the Summer, 1991 ZichronNote article on the Polish Collections of the Hoover Institution was the following:

"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."

I speculated as to whether this was a home for Jewish or Gentile orphans, and resolved to find and publish the lists if they dealt with Jewish children. A few weeks later I was reading a two-month old issue of Hadassah magazine and came across the following in a travel article on Capetown, RSA:

"The town of Oudtshoorn, RSA, once called the Jerusalem of Africa. A five-hour drive from Cape Town this spot in the semiarid Little Karoo is home to the Jewish-based ostrich industry. Until World War I ostrich feathers represented the height of chic in certain fashionable circles. And ostriches thrive around Oudtshoorn.

Afrikaners were the first to farm the wild, flightless birds, but it was the Jews—primarily from Shavli and Kelme [incorrectly written "Chelm" in the original article—Ed] in Lithuania—who turned the feather trade into a multimillion-dollar operation.

Morally supported by the religious Afrikaners—in an instance where they acculturated to Afrikaner rather than English society—the Jews, far more than their counterparts in other small communities, sought to live traditionally. Since they couldn't agree on a definition of "traditional," however, even in this tiny spot, they divided. When the first synagogue, a sturdy brick structure on Queen Street, was deemed too Anglicized, the newer, less sophisticated immigrants from Kelme built their own St. John Street Synagogue.

For it, they lovingly reconstructed the elaborate, onion-domed Ark from their synagogue in Kelme. While the original Ark and synagogue were destroyed by the Nazis, when the St. John Synagogue fell into disuse, the Oudtshoorn model was exactly transferred, along with other synagogue items, to the Jewish Gallery in Oudtshoorn's C. P. Nel Museum.

The museum also features displays on the ostrich trade, the town, and widely fanciful houses built by feather merchants. But the best fun comes from visiting an ostrich farm—including the Safari Ostrich Farm run by the Lipschitz family, where one can watch the big birds race—and even ride them." (From "Cape Town" by Phyllis Ellen Funke, March 1991 Hadassah Magazine)

This link of Oudtshoorn with Jews from Kelme, Lithuania was especially interesting to me as my maternal ancestors were from Kelme. A few days after reading the above article I queried my mother on our South African relatives. All she could recall was that "Our South African relatives were in the ostrich feather business." My next steps are to write to the Nel Museum, research the Hoover collection, and place a Family Finder ad in this issue of ZichronNote.
The LDS Library has a series of microfilm reels filed under LITHUANIA-CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS (1939-1944). The 56 reels are numbered consecutively from 1,364,501 to 1,364,556. The material contains data from Lithuania, Poland, Germany, and Austria. The first three reels are now on permanent loan at the LDS San Jose FHC at 2175 Santiago Ave., San Jose (401) 251-3962.

The data consists of individual registration pages for prisoners, starting with #011000. There are three registration numbers at the top of each page. The middle one runs in serial order with each page, and may be a tattoo number. Next is a surname, maiden name for women, and given name. The occupation, place and date of birth follow.

Nationality is listed under STAATSANGEH. Parents' names are listed under ELTERN, including the date and place of birth and the mother's maiden name. Next is listed the wife, under EHEFRAU, with her parents and similar vital statistics. Finally the children are listed under KINDER. Physical characteristics of the prisoner are included in handwritten script with four item in the lower left hand corner.
A photograph is invariably included with the prisoner holding up a registration number on a card, held across his chest. A sample record is reproduced here. The material is more legible on the microfilm reader than the reproduction indicates, however, the photos are frequently dark and unrecognizable. The names of the prisoners and their parents in the small sample of the first three reels I have screened so far do not appear Jewish. The prisoners so far appear to be from the city of Lemberg or its surrounding region. I hope that further interest in this potential source of Jewish Holocaust information will lead to assistance in the screening of these reels. Without help it will take a long time to screen and record even the prisoner's names from each page.

I have not seen this file mentioned or reviewed in any genealogy reference. If any general indexing or name list of this material is known, it would be greatly appreciated for accessing the material without screening every page individually.

**FAMILY FINDER**

Karol Franks, 470 California Terrace, Pasadena, CA 91105-2419, (818) 578-1191 searching for information regarding MAX HOBERMAN (aka GOBERMAN) born in Vilna, Lithuania around 1880. Emigrated in 1908 to New York. Lived many years in Minnesota. Also seeking information on his wife FANNY (FAGA) BERNSTEIN, also from Vilna.

Daniel L. Peletz, 2415 Kamloops Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95405, (707) 526-3445 seeking INEZ (GARDNER) PARR and ALMA (GARDNER) DANIELS, daughters of JOSEPH and FLORENCE (SERLIN) GARDNER, also child(ren?) of NORMAN LOEWENSTEIN, son of ANN GARDNER LOEWENSTEIN.

Daniel L. Peletz, 2415 Kamloops Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95405, (707) 526-3445 seeking families of JOE and TAMMA DAVIDSON's children NATHAN, HENRY and MAURY DAVIDSON.

Daniel L. Peletz, 2415 Kamloops Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95405, (707) 526-3445 seeking WILLIAM G. GRANAT, son of Rear Admiral WILLIAM and HELENA (GRIFFEN) GRANAT. Also children of HAROLD LUSTIG (worked for Hughes Aircraft in Southern California.)

Daniel L. Peletz, 2415 Kamloops Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95405, (707) 526-3445 seeking DAVID BAUMEL (Las Vegas?), son of JOE and LILLIAN BAUMEL. Also families of HENRY and MARSHALL SHAPIRO, sons of ABE and GOLDIE (KANTOROWITZ) SHAPIRO.

Denise Selleck, 1469 20th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94122, (415) 731-1474 Seeking information about or descendants of AARON DAVIS of Exin, Prussia and CAROLINE HARRIS DAVIS of Gnesen, Prussia. Also information or descendants of MARCUS LESSER of Nakel (Naklo), Prussia and YETTA LESSER and JACOB SUELLECK of Prussia. All settled in San Francisco in the late 1880s.

Robert Weiss, 3916 Louis Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303, (415) 424-1622 Would like to contact persons with knowledge of families living in Oudtshoorn, Republic of South Africa originating in Kelme, Lithuania (On the road between Shavli and Tavrig). Specifically seeking information on the BRAUDE/BROIDA and WOLPERT families in RSA.
ZichronNote is published quarterly by the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society. It is free to members. Back issues are $2.00 each.

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

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 S. Laszlo, Treasurer, 34 Craig Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611.

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