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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 17
1:00 PM **Regular Meeting.** Jewish Community Library, 14th Avenue at Balboa, San Francisco.
- Jun 15
7:30 PM **Regular Meeting. *An Index to the Census of Jews of Alsace, 1784*, Dan Leeson,** Congregation Kol Emeth, 4175 Manuela Avenue, Palo Alto. The 1784 census of Alsatian Jews is one of the most valuable genealogical sources for those searching Jewish ancestors in Eastern France, but the lack of an index has always made it difficult to use. Leeson has created four indexes to be made available on microfiche through Avotaynu
- Jul 12
11:00 AM **ANNUAL WORKSHOP,** Ron Bremer, from Salt Lake City, author of the *Compendium*, will lead this year's workshop at the Jewish Community Library, 14th Avenue at Balboa, San Francisco.
- Jul 26-31 **AJGS 11th Summer Seminar, NY Jewish Experience** Vista Hotel at the World Trade Center, NYC. Programs, classes, archival research, historic sites. Contact JGS, P.O.Box 6398, New York NY 10128.
- Aug 17
7:30 PM **Regular Meeting.** Congregation Kol Emeth, 4175 Manuela Avenue, Palo Alto.
- Sep 20
1:00 PM **Regular Meeting.** Jewish Community Library, 14th Avenue at Balboa, San Francisco.
- Oct 26
7:30 PM **Regular Meeting.** Congregation Kol Emeth, 4175 Manuela Avenue, Palo Alto.
- Nov 15
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- Dec 21
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THE SOCIETY PAGESWELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

David Abrahams	Livermore
Ishmael Arredondo	San Jose
David Baerncopf	Menlo Park
Kathryn E. Farmer	Daly City
Stanley F. Kaisel	Portola Valley
Dana L. Kurtz	San Francisco
Irene O'Ryan	San Jose
Harold & Joy Pergamit	Menlo Park
Laurie Siperstein-Cook	San Rafael
Leigh L. Touriel	Orinda
Daniel & Janis Tuerk	Palo Alto
Joan Viola	Saratoga
Michael Witkin	San Francisco

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We hope that you join us regularly at meetings and take advantage of the resources our organization. We encourage you all to submit your family names and shtetls to us for listing in our Society's Family Finder, and to the AJGS in Teaneck for listing in **the Jewish Genealogical Family Finder**. We now have the latest update at our meetings.

JEWISH COMMUNAL RECORDS FOR BOHEMIA AND MORAVIA

The San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society has obtained permission from the State Jewish Museum and Central State Archive in Prague to distribute copies of the inventory of Pre-World War 2 Bohemian and Moravian records from the periodical *Judaica Bohemiae* described in the February 1992 issue of *ZichronNote* and in Volume VII, No. 3 of *Avotaynu*. The set of three microfiches were produced by member Patrick Gordis and are available for \$10.00 (incl postage and handling) from the Society.

AMSTERDAM MARRIAGE REGISTRATIONS, 1598-1811

Friend of the Society and recent speaker Rosanne Leeson has obtained a copy of the two-volume *Trouwen in Mokum 1598-1811 Jewish Marriages in Amsterdam*. The register contains Ashkenazic and Sephardic betrothals recorded with the civil authorities in Amsterdam, and is indexed by bride's and groom's patronymic, mothers' names, witnesses names, and widows' first husbands' names. For Sephardim, the Spanish Christian, Spanish Jewish, and Dutch names are sometimes given. (See description in the February 1992 *ZichronNote*, Volume XII, Number 1).

Rosanne has agreed to search these valuable volumes for family names of members of the Society. Contact her at 1820 Granger, Los Altos, CA 94024, Tel. (415) 964-9657. Please send a SASE for your response.

APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE

Your Society is looking for volunteers to assume three extremely important and rewarding positions. Contact Bob Weiss 415-424-1622 for further information.

Program Chairperson, to coordinate the Society's future programs,
Librarian, to catalog and maintain the Society library,
Local Resource Directory Editor, to compile reference guide.

SHTETL ROOTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Shtetl Roots Report: The Strashun Family

The Shtetl Roots Project has gotten me more deeply involved in tracing my own family. Only in 1989 did I discover my grandfather's mother's maiden name. I learned from my father's cousin, Eli Delson, that she was Hannah Gittel Strashun. Like himself he said she had blonde hair and blue eyes but was a "real Lithuanian Jew". Eli told stories of the Strashuns using camel caravans to trade with Persia and receiving a "patent" from the King of Sweden to carry on this trade. Matatiyahu Strashun (1817-1885), Hannah's uncle, was a renown rabbi and community leader in Vilna (Vilnius). His extraordinary book collection was the basis for Strashun library, which remained in operation until it was looted by the Nazis. Part of the collection had been recovered and is at the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in New York. Their research librarian, Dina Abramowicz, put me in touch with other members of the Strashun family and sent me a collection of articles, including a genealogy of a connected family, the Harkavys.

In 1990, Rhoda Oppenheimer of Leicester, England, saw my Strashun listing in the JGS Family Finder. She sent me the address of members of the family living in Vilna. The family, Shimon Alperovich, whose mother was Rosa Strashun, his daughter and her husband invited me to visit and served as my hosts in August of last year. On that trip I carried with me a hundred Shtetl Roots requests from members of our San Francisco Bay Area JGS and have been receiving material back from time to time. The material I am including here is evidence of the Jewish records of genealogical interest stored in the Lithuanian archives. *I received 104 birth, marriage and death records that mention Strashuns, but these records identify a greater number of individuals.* For example, the 1855 "birth of Mendel, the son of Chaim-David Simcho-Matysowicz Strashun and Gena-Dvora Mendeliovna Ratner" even gives the grandfather's names. I dropped patronymic endings, sorted by approximate birth date, and used spelling as received. Some equivalents are:

Matys is the same as Matatiyahu or Mathew; Leiba is Leib (German for lion); Leizer is a short form of Eliezer; Girsh and Geshel are forms of Hersh, Hirsh, or Hershel (German for deer); Chackel is Yechezkel; Yosel is Yosef or Joseph; Elijah is Elias, Eliyahu or Elijah; Mendel can be the Yiddish form of Menacham but also refers to one who mends; Shimel is related to Shimon or Simon; Yankel to Yakov or Jacob; Shmuel to Samuel; Shlemo to Solomon; Moishe to Moses; Yudel to Judah; Raisa to Rose; Roca to Rachael.

The charts are made from the table, some of the lines that show connections are my inferences. The ten pieces (I to X) leave out four women, Lines 3, 4, 15, and 16, probably wives of Strashuns, whose husbands were not identified.

I added to the table Sarah the daughter of David (Line 1), who married Shmuel (Line 2). Léon Oranski, our Shtetl Roots researcher in St. Petersburg, found that she died March 8, 1886, three months after her husband. Some articles on Rabbi Matatiyahu (Line 20) state that he died childless. Our table shows he had two daughters, Lines 85 and 94, who may have died before he did. An obituary that Dina Abramowicz found describes the public donation of his books and rare manuscripts and also states that his personal beneficiary was his niece, who he adopted. I believe she can be identified as Chana in Line 101 on Chart II. Her mother, Rocha (Line 44), was the sister of Rabbi Matatiyahu's wife, Sora Chana (Line 26). Both women were daughters of Joseph Elijah Eliasberg, but it appears that Rocha died sometime between 1847 and 1854 after bearing her husband, Shimel Strashun (Line 42) two sons and the daughter Chana. By starting this search, I have now met Strashuns, found a connection to my friends the Eliashbergs and have been shown by my new cousins in Lithuania the Ponary woods outside of Vilna where 40 members of the family were shot by the Nazis. Now, this is all part of my life.

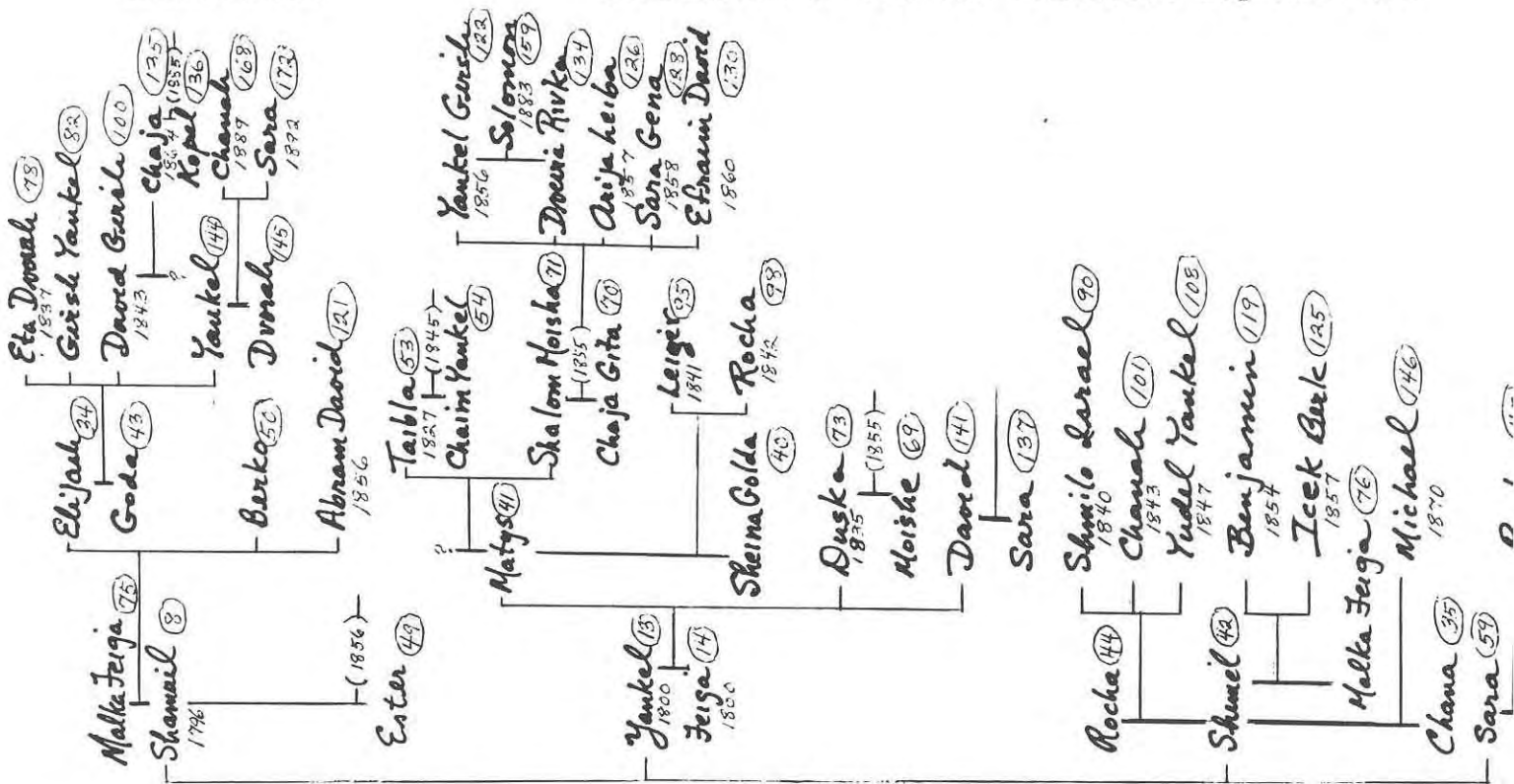
ID	BORN	NAME	DIED	FATHER	PARENTS	MARRIAGE	ID	BORN	NAME	DIED	FATHER	PARENTS	MARRIAGE
1'	1758	David	1842	Matys			50'	Berko	1856	Shimel			
2'	1774]	Shmuel	1872]	Yosef ¹			51°	Chaja		Boruch*			52'
3°	1785	Basia	1855	Chaim(*)			52'	Izrael Matys		Chaim			51°
4°	1786	Fruma	1856	Boruch(*)			53°	1827 Taibla		Matys			54'
5'	1786	Abram David	1855	Yudel			54'	Chaim Yankell ⁶		Yudel*			53°
6'	1790	Leizer	1840	Shliomo			55°	Rivka		Boruch*			56'
7'	1793	Gindela	1838	Girsh(*)			56'	Kalman		Girsh			55'
8'	1796	Shamuil		(Abram David)?	5'?	75°?/49°1856	57°	Beila		Judel*			32'
9'		Chaim					58'	1828 Note Elijahsh	1844	Zelik			
10'	1798	Moisha	1843	David			59°	Sara		Abram			61'
11'	1798	Zelik	1858	Nosel			60°	Chava		Elijahsh Kivel ⁷			30'
12'		Morducho					61'	Abram*		Israel ⁸			59°
13'	1800	Yankel	1845	Abram David			62°	Chana		Leiba*			63'
14	1800	Feiga	1845	Abram(*)			63'	Leiba		Moisha			62°
15°	1800	Sherka	1840	Yeruchim(*)			64'	1831 Grunia	1911	Shimel*			47'?
16°	1801	Sara	1856	Moisha(*)			65°	Leja		Chaim*			37'
17'		Girsh		David		/22° 1843	66'	Moisha		Kalman			68°
18'		Leiba		Menachom		/45°	67°	1834 Chana		Leizer Judel*			19'
19'	1816	Peisach Moisha	1856	Chaim	9'	67°	68°	Kreina		Shimel ⁹			66'
20'	1817	Matys	1885	Shmuel	2'		69'	Moisha		Abram ¹⁰			73°
21°		Chena*				25'	70°	Chaja Gita		Efroim David ¹¹			71'
22°		Drezel		Abram ²		17'	1843	71'	Shalom Moisha	Matys			70°
23'		Leizer		Boruch		27°		72'	Shimel Yankel ¹²	Tadrys*			74°
24'		Zusman		Girsh		/33° 1842	73°	1835 Dushka		Yankel			69'
25'		Yankel		Girsh		21°	74°	1835 Chana Gita		Zelik			72'
26°		Sora Chana		Josel Elijahsh*		20'	75°	Malka Feiga*					8'?
27°		Chaja		Moisho*		23'	76°	Malka Feiga*		Aron*			42'
28°		Chana Raiza*					77°	Gena Dvora ¹³		Mendeli*			80'
29'		Shmuel		Chaim		31°	78°	1837 Eta Dvorah		Elijahsh	34', 43°		
30'		Simcho Matys		Morducho	12'	28°/60°	79°	1837 Chaim		Leiba	37', 36°		
31°		Bella*				29'	80°	Chaim David		Simche Matys	30', 28°	77°	1854
32'		Shimel		Chaim		57°	81°	1837 Shifra Rosse		Yankel	25', 21°		
33°		Sara		Leizer*		24'	1842	82'	Girsh Yankel	1839	Elijahsh		23', 27°
34'		Elijahsh		Shmuil		43°		83'	1838 Boruch		Leizer		
35°		Chana		Zelman*		42'		84'	1838 Girsh	1856	Leizer Zusman		
36°		Malka		David*		37'		85°	1838 Gita		Matys	20', 26°	
37'		Leiba Moisha		Girsh		36°/65°		86°	1838 Doba		Yankel	25', 21°	
38'	1822	Moisha		Josel ³		46°	1844	87'	1839 Benjamin		Shmuel	29', 31°	
39'		Matys	1843	Leiba				88°	1839 Pesia		Simcho Matys	30', 28°	
40°		Sheina Golda		Leiba*		41'		89'	1840 Gdalya		Leiba	37', 36°	139°
41'		Matys		Yankel		40°		90°	1840 Shmilo Israel		Shimel	42', 44°	
42'		Shimel		Abram David		44°/76°/35°		91'	1840 Leiba		Shmuel	29', 31°	
43°		Goda (Godes)		David Girsh*		34'		92°	1840 Sara		Simcho Matys	30', 60°	
44°		Rocha		Josel Elijahsh ⁴		42'		93°	1841 Genendel		Leiba	37', 36°	
45°		Liba		Chackel*		18'		94°	1841 Eta		Matys	20', 26°	
46°		Gita		Leiba		38'	1844	95°	1841 Leizer		Matys	41', 40°	
47'		Moisha		Girsh		48°/64'?		96'	1842 Shmiulo Matyz ¹⁴		Leiba	37', 36°	
48°		Elka Chaja		Girsh*		47'		97'	1842 Morduch Osher ¹⁵		Leiba	37', 36°	
49°		Ester		Michel ⁵		8'	1856	98°	1842 Rocha		Matys	41', 40°	

ID	BORN NAME	DIED	FATHER	PARENTS	MARRIAGE	BORN NAME	ID	BORN NAME	DIED	FATHER	PARENTS	MARRIAGE
99°	Beila		Simcho Matys	30°, 60°		Samuil	148'	1876		Moisha David	123', 129°	
100°	David Girsh		Elijash	34', 43°		Abram	149'	1877		Moisha David	123', 129°	
101°	Chana		Shimel	42', 44°		Braina	150'	1878		Gdali	89', 139°	
102°	Menachum		Leiba	18', 45°		Jacov	151'	1879		Gdali	89', 139°	
103°	Yudel		Simcho Matys	30', 60°		Isaak	152'	1880		David	141', 137°	
104°	Ester Reizel		Zusel	24', 33°		Malka	153°	1880		Geshel	132', 131°	
105°	Shilome Zelman		Simcho Matys	30', 60°		Leiba	154'	1880		Israil	113', 133°	
106°	Tobiasch		Moisha	47', 48°		Malka	155°	1882		Gdali	89', 139°	
107°	Boruch		Israel Matys	52', 51°		Mirla	156°	1882		Geshel	132', 131°	
108°	Yudel Yankel		Shimel	42', 44°		Etlia	157°	1882		Israel	113', 133°	
109°	Meer Leizer		Simcho Matys	30', 60°		Girsh	158'	1883		Moisha David	123', 129°	
110°	Matys		Kalnan	56', 55°		Solomon	159'	1883		Yacov Girsh	122', 134°	
111°	David Girsh		Shimel	32', 57°		Gena	160°	1884		Moisha David	123', 129°	
112°	Elimelech		Simcho Matys	30', 60°	133°?	Josiph	161'	1885		David	141', 137°	
113°	Israel Josel		Leiba	37', 36°		Samuil	162'	1885		Gdali	89', 139°	
114°	Yenta		Simcho Matys	30', 60°		Fruma	163°	1885		Morduch	140', 138°	
115°	Rocha		Abram*	61', 59°		Matys	164'	1887		Moisha David	123', 129°	
116°	Musa		Leiba	63', 62°		Moise	165'	1888		Morduch	142', 143°	
117°	Yudel Kalman		Leiba Moisha	37', 65°		Rivka	166°	1888		Morduch	140', 138°	
118°	Meer Motel		Peisah	19', 67°		Abram	167'	1889		Morduch	140', 138°	
119°	Benjamin		Shimel	42', 76°		Chana	168°	1889		Yankel	144', 145°	
120°	Mendel		Chaim David	80', 77°		David	169°	1890		Abram Shmerel	142', 143°	
121°	Abram David		Shmuel	8', 75°		Eiga	170°	1891		Moisha David	123', 129°	
122°	Yankel Girsh		Sholom Moisha	71', 70°	134°	Pera	171°	1892		Moisha David	123', 129°	
123°	Moisha David		Yakov Leiba	80', 77°		Sara	172°	1892		Yankel	144', 145°	
124°	Sender		Chaim David	80', 77°		Kalman	173'	1896		Morduch	140', 138°	
125°	Ioek Berk		Shimel	42', 76°								
126°	Arija Leiba		Sholom Moisha	71', 70°								
127°	Abram		Simcho Matys	30', 60°								
128°	Sara Gena		Sholom Moisha	71', 70°								
129°	Chaja		Abram Leiba*	71', 70°	123'							
130°	Efrain David		Sholom Moisha	71', 70°								
131°	Feiga		Israil*		132'							
132°	Geshel		Shimel (Shyshel)		131°							
133°	Gita		Shlomo*		113'?							
134°	Dveira Rivka		Abram Aron*		122'							
135°	Chaja ¹⁶	1864	David									
136°	Kopel		Michael ¹⁷									
137°	Sara		Icho*		141'							
138°	Chana		Kalman*		140'							
139°	Fruma		Moisho ¹⁸		89'							
140°	Morduch		Monus		138°							
141°	David		Yankel		137°							
142°	Abram Shmerel		Shlomo		143°							
143°	Chana Mina		Shmuel Yankel*		142'							
144°	Yankel		Elijash		145°							
145°	Dvora		Sholomo*		144'							
146°	Milchail	1870	Simon	42', 35°								
147°	Chaim	1876	Geshel	132', 131°								

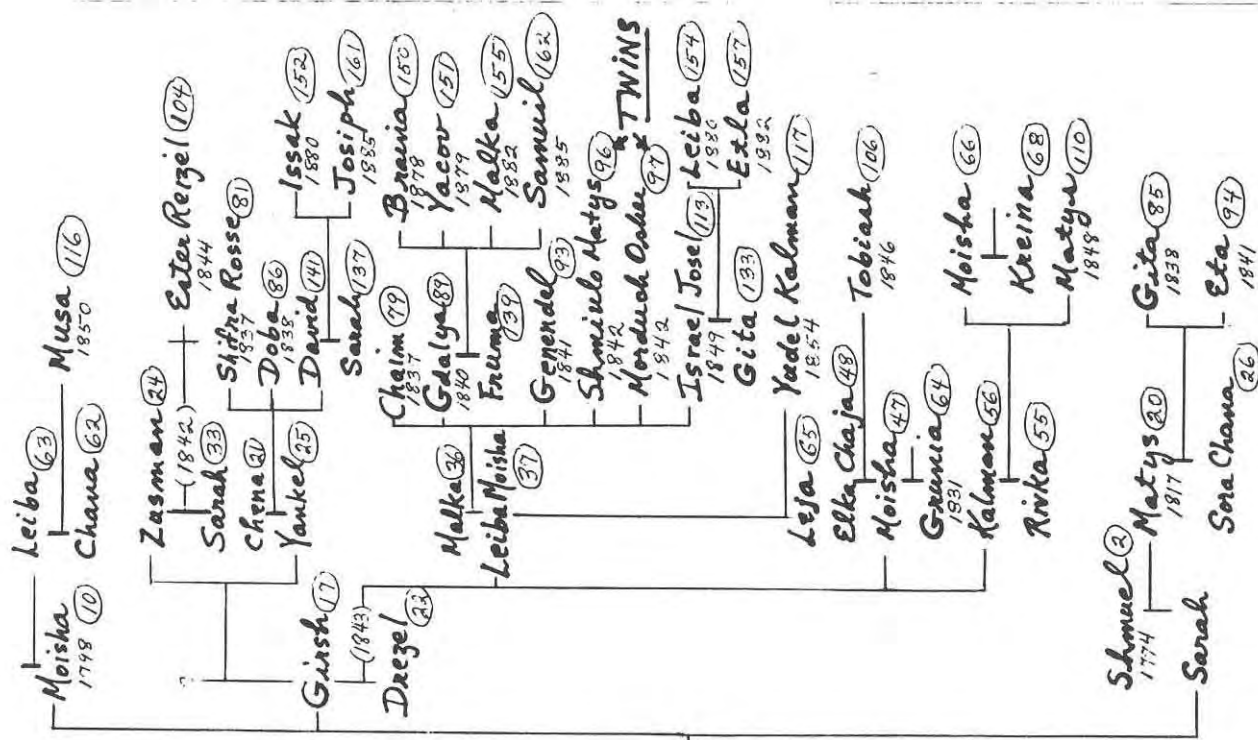
Data from the birth, marriage and death rabbinical records of Vilno (Vilnius).

SYMBOLS:
 (') Male
 (°) Female
 (*) Family name *not* "Strashun"
 (/) Subsequent marriage

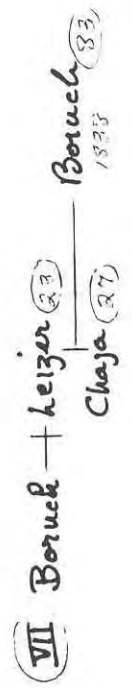
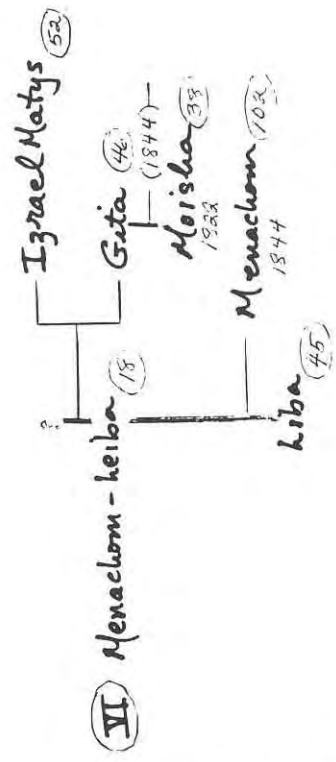
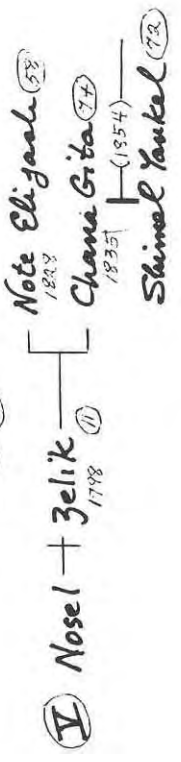
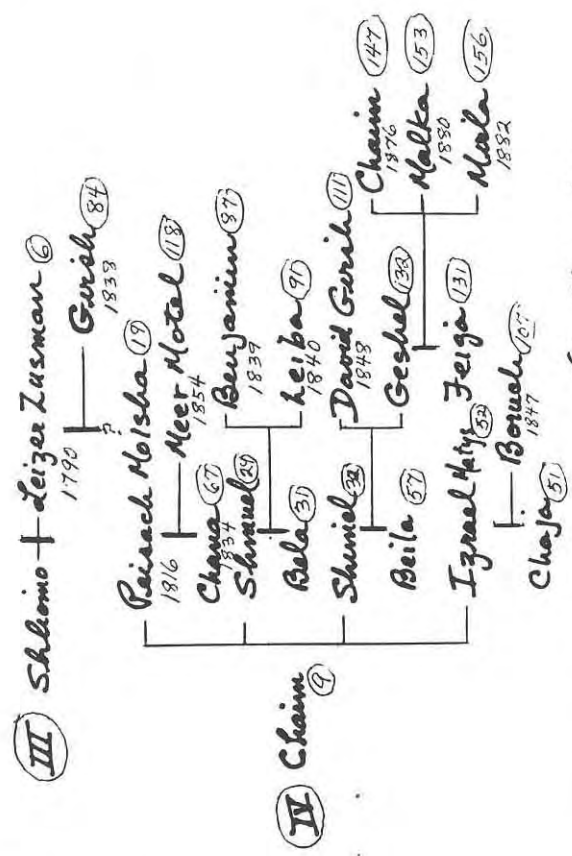
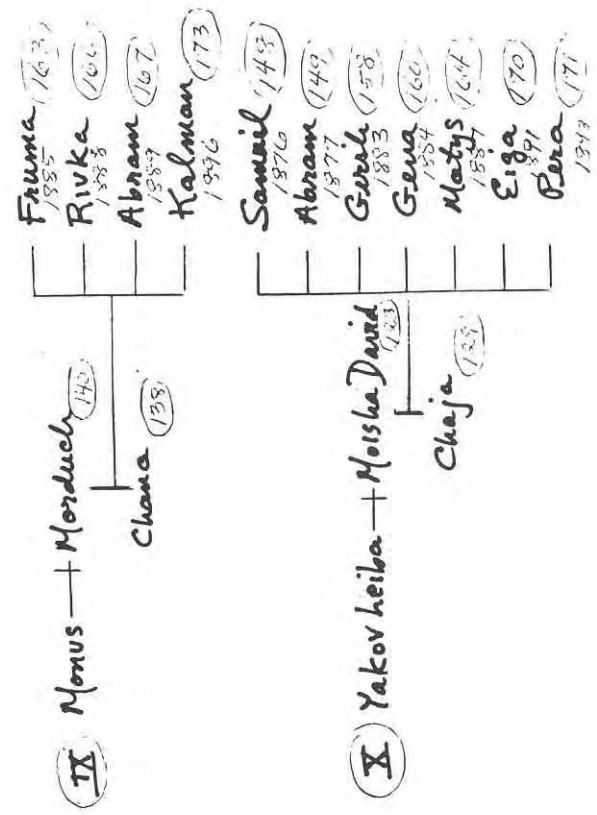
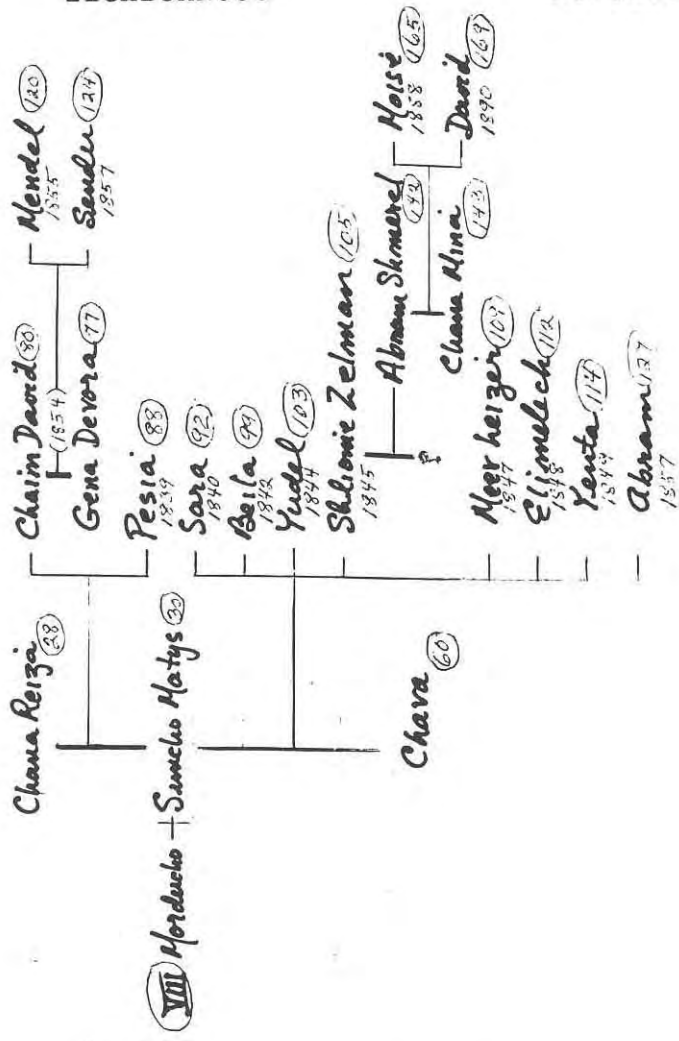
NOTES:
 1. Originally called "Zaskovitzer", which refers to the place of his birth, Zaskovitz, Shmuel adopted the surname of his father-in-law, David Strashun.
 2. Vilkomirshaja
 3. Razeton
 4. Ivanickaja
 5. Zetel
 6. Freidengeim
 7. Kamen
 8. Abram b. Israel Gordon
 9. Bialostok
 10. Katz
 11. Efron
 12. Tspkin

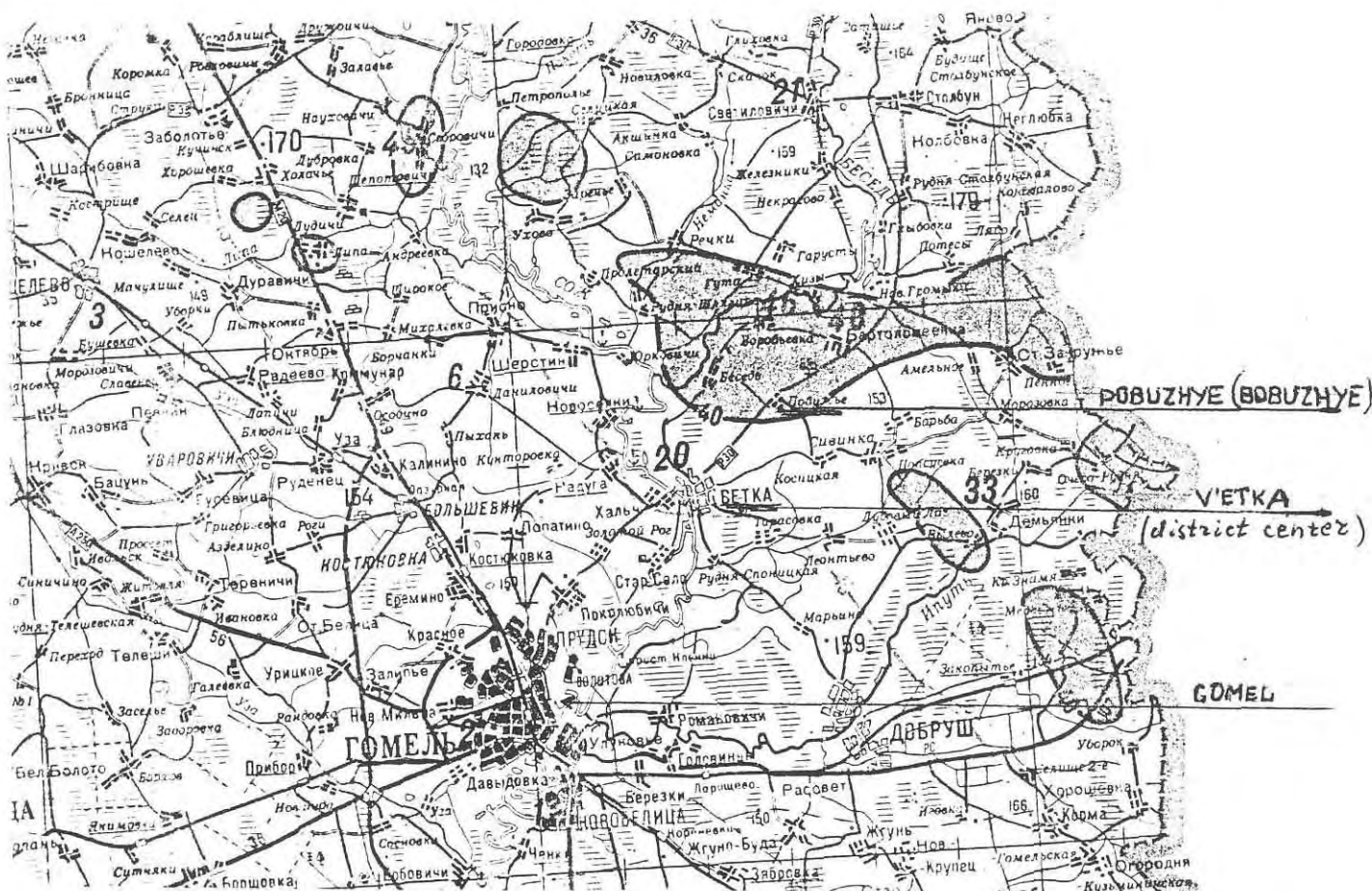


II Yudel (1786) → **Abraham David** (1786) (5)



I Matys (1750) (1)





=>> Other Shtetl Roots News: Léon Oranski has been convalescing from an eye operation, but is now resuming his investigations. He would like to prepare an Index to Jewish Birth, Death and Marriage Records in St. Petersburg (1864-1916), but the Archive building is currently being repaired. He sent a map showing the radioactive contamination near Gomel and Pobuzhye, the town he found that is the birth place of Miriam Johnson's mother. JERRY DELSON.

HOLOCAUST RESEARCH AND YIZKOR BOOKS

HOLOCAUST CENTER OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Recently received at the HCNC: *Sharit Ha-Platah*, Volume I Revised. An extensive list of survivors of Nazi tyranny published so that the lost may be found and the dead brought back to life. Published by the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in Bavaria, Munich, Germany, 1946.

REQUESTING A SEARCH OF YAD VASHEM'S PAGES OF TESTIMONY

Per *Roots-Key*, Fall/Winter 1991 issue, Yad Vashem has established a fee schedule for searchers of the Pages of Testimony. For info on the in-person search fees, refer to the article. Here is the info on mail searches. Search requests by mail should include the first and last name and residence prior to WWII for each victim. Mail requests can be handled only for specific individuals. The fee for each record found is \$1.00. (Submitted by Sharon Fingold)

VERONOVA MEMORIAL BOOK

Names indexed from **Voronova** memorial book. Contact Joseph Fibel, 84 Beverly Road, New Rochelle, NY 10804. Include a SASE. (*Scattered Seeds*, Vol 1, No 1)

EUROPEAN SOURCES IN NEW YORK

A GUIDE TO THE HEBREW MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION OF THE LIBRARY OF THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA

Our Society has obtained a copy of the recently-published 5-volume guide to the JTS Library (JTSL) Hebrew Manuscript Collection. The Collection includes items from all areas of Jewish civilization. The Guide lists over 10,000 items, and includes indexes by title, author, place, date and topic.

Of particular interest to this genealogist are the *pinkasim* or record books. The following is a list of the record books and registers found in the Guide. Each item is annotated with the location, dates, number of pages and JTSL Manuscript Number, often referred to as the "Microfilm" or "UMI" Number. Most, if not all, of these manuscripts have been microfilmed as part of the indexing project under a grant by the U. S. Department of Education.

This list of *pinkasim* is being published in *ZichronNote* in time to provide visitors to the New York 11th Seminar in July with another potential research source for their genealogical research. See *Genealogical Resources in the New York Metropolitan Area*, Estelle M. Guzik, page 43ff for information on the location of the JTSL and accessibility of the manuscripts.

Type	Scope	Location	Dates	Pages	Access
Record	Gemilut Hasadim	Alatri, ITA	1887	10	3919.2
Record	Mohel	Alsace, FRA	1823-1835	10	3609
Record	Mohel	Alsace, FRA	1794-1862	57	3707
Memor Buch	Community	Alsace, FRA	1786	18	3869
Memor Buch	Community	Alsace-Lorraine, FRA	1700-1799	42	3808
Pinkas	Hevra Kadisha	Alsace-Lorraine, FRA	1799-1815	16	3873
Pinkas	Community	Amsterdam, NET	1806-1859	79	3860
Pinkas	Soc. Menahem Avelim	Amsterdam, NET	1826	8	3933
Pinkas	Community	Amsterdam, NET	1700-1722	39	3963
Pinkas	Hevrat Menahem Avelim	Amsterdam, NET	1825-1859	18	4016
Pinkas	Hevra Kadisha	Ashkenaz ?	1729-1782	9	8537
Pinkas	Community	Asti, ITA	1619-1634	38	3695
Pinkas	Community	Avignon, FRA	1720-1723	114	3904
Receipt Book	Rabbi Abraham Rice	Baltimore, MD	1800-1899	143	8484
Memor Buch	Community	Bamberg, GER	1798	26	3805
Pinkas	Community	Bayreuth, GER	1775-1846	304	3711d
Pinkas	Hevra Shas	Bialystok, POL	1865	11	3968
Record	Mohel	Bohemia, CZE	1760-1826	29	3613.1
Record	Mohel	Bohemia, CZE	1835-1866	8	3861
Pinkas	Community	Boskovice (Boskowitz), CZE	1500-1699	26	3683
Pinkas	Bet Din	Brody, POL	1800-1817	91	4037
Pinkas	Community	Buda, HUN	1769-1776	96	8336
Pinkas	Community	Carmagnola, ITA	1772-1839	41	3899
Record	Mohel	Carpentras	1743-1772	4	3610
Pinkas	Community	Casale, ITA	1740-1759	79	3954
Pinkas	Community	Casale, ITA	1590-1782	98	3956

Pinkas	Community	Casale, ITA	1811-1812	40	4006
Record	Mohel	Central Europe	1791-1810	8	9584
Ketubot		Central Europe & Yemen	1630-1868	83	3969
Pinkas	Community	Corfu, GRE	1700-1799	225	3980
Record	Mohel	Csanad, HUN	1834-1855	37	9644
Memor Buch	Community	Dornach, GER	1798	13	3811
Record	Yeshiva Contributions	East Europe	1910-1911	22	9103
Record	Circumcisions	Egerszasz?, HUN	1856-1875	58	8409
Pinkas	Hevra Kadisha	Eisenstadt, Bohemia, CZE	1775-1869	8	3874
Pinkas	Community	Ferrara, ITA	1717-1735	195	3955
Pinkas	Community	Finale, ITA	1600-1699	25	4026
Record	Mohel	France or Germany	1791-1820	80	8853
Pinkas	Community	Frankfurt am Main, GER	1700-1773	47	3967
Memor Buch	Community	Frankfurt, GER	1770-1799	142	3672
Pinkas	Community	Friedberg, GER	1536-1680	162	3684
Pinkas	Gabrielshule	Fürth, GER	1706-1791	78	3868
Pinkas	Hevra Mikra	Gabin, POL	1700-1799	75	4035
Pinkas	Hevra Mikra	Gabin, POL	1700-1799	137	4036
Register		Germany		24	2656
Record	Mohel	Germany	1834-1870	28	3700
Record	Mohel	Germany	1831-1878	24	3701
Record	Mohel	Germany	1823-1870	22	3706a
Record	Mohel	Germany?	1700-1899	6	3780
Pinkas	Community	Goschlik(?)	1800-1899	137	3970
Pinkas	Burial & Charitable Soc.	Greishaber?, GER	1733-1825	66	4018
Pinkas	Community	Hanover, GER	1785-1814	108	3549
Pinkas	Community	Hanover, GER	1829-1839	39	3608
Record	Jews	Hechingen, GER	1800-1899	8	9290
Pinkas	Names of Departed	Heidingsfeld, GER	1700-1899	40	4014
Pinkas	Community	Heidingsfeld, GER	1653-1744	102	8588
Record	Mohel	Holland	1800-1899	3	8509
Pinkas	Hevra Kadisha	Ihringen, GER	1791-1823	103	9370
Pinkas	Community	Israel	1700-1899	79	3852
Pinkas	Community	Israel	1700-1899	58	3853
Record	Mohel	Italy	1810-1869	69	3560
Record	Mohel	Italy	1500-1699	91	3830
Pinkas	Havura Gemilut Hasadim	Italy	1730-1803	164	3876
Record	Mohel	Italy	1666-1734	19	3882
Record	Synagogue Donations	Italy	1800-1899	28	8506
Record	Circumcision	Italy	1700-1799	20	8508
Record	Mohel	Italy	1794-1809	12	8852
Book	Yahrzeit Dates	Ivancice (Eibenschitz), CZE	1800-1899	60	3797
Record	Deaths & Burials	Jungholtz?, FRA? & Vic.	1787-1892	131	3932
Memor Buch	Community	Jungholz, FRA	1766	42	3807
Pinkas	Hevra Kadisha	Keczepéklen, CZE			9606
Pinkas	Soc. for Hakhnasat Orhim	Kiev, UKR	1893-1919	36	4038
Register	Birth	Kornerd?, HUN	1878-1891	61	9741
Pinkas	Tailors' Guild	Kornik, POL	1700-1899	109	3902
Pinkas	Community	Kornik, POL	1700-1899	151	3903
Register	Birth	Koszeg (Guns), HUN	1852-1885	21	9737
Register	Wedding	Koszeg (Guns), HUN	1851-1885	50	9738
Pinkas	Hevra Kadisha	Krotoschin ?, POL	1772-1840	12	4028
Record	Divorces	Leghorn, ITA	1706	48	9367
Pinkas	Hevra Kadisha	Lissa, POL	1833-1854	35	3872

Pinkas	State	Lithuania	1877	142	8824
Pinkas	Bet Din	London, ENG	1834-1855	65	3584
Notebook	Shohatim	London, ENG	1802-1845	50	3585
Book	Bet Din Memorandum	London, ENG	1809	37	3788
Pinkas	Hevra Kadisha	Louisville, KY	1892	45	9286
Record	Burial, Tombstone Inscript.	Lugo, ITA	1680-1825	83	3960
Pinkas	Hevra Mikra	Madi, HUN	1809-1810	56	8499
Record	Sale Mitsvot Bereshit	Mantua, ITA	1740-1846	50	3803
Pinkas	Mikhirat Mitsvot	Mantua, ITA	1841-1845	60	3978
Pinkas	Community	Mantua, ITA	1582		3983
Pinkas	Nedarim	Mantua, ITA	1762	24	3984
Pinkas	Nedarim	Mantua, ITA	1753	22	3985
Pinkas	Community	Mantua, ITA	1659-1676	150	3987
Pinkas	Community	Mantua, ITA	1725-1740	121	3988
Pinkas	Community	Mantua, ITA	1787-1789		3991
Pinkas	Community	Mantua, ITA	1787-1789		3992
Pinkas	Community	Mantua, ITA	1787-1789		3993
Pinkas	Community	Mantua, ITA	1787-1789		3994
Pinkas	Community	Mantua, ITA	1787-1789		3995
Pinkas	Community	Mantua, ITA	1787-1789		3996
Pinkas	Community	Mantua, ITA	1787-1789		3997
Pinkas	Community	Mantua, ITA	1787-1789		3998
Pinkas	Community	Mantua, ITA	1787-1789		3999
Pinkas	Community	Mantua, ITA	1787-1789		4000
Pinkas	Community	Mantua, ITA	1787-1789		4001
Pinkas	Congregation	Mantua, ITA	1695-1701	117	9204
Memor Buch	Community	Metz, FRA	1754-1849	125	3666
Pinkas	Community	Metz, FRA	1721-1823	115	3670
Pinkas	Community	Metz, FRA	1738-1739	52	3789
Pinkas	Women's Charitable Comm.	Metz, FRA	1817-1821	22	3943
Pinkas	Community	Metz, FRA	1600-1799	50	3945
Pinkas	Community	Metz, FRA	1700-1799	82	3951
Pinkas	Women's Society	Metz, FRA	1800-1899	79	3953
Pinkas	Synagogue	Metz, FRA		7	8475
Record	Weddings	Metz, FRA	1750-1760		8476
Pinkas	Community	Neustadt a Warthe, POL	1837-1877	41	3962
Pinkas	Community	Neustadt, GER	1810	75	8543
Pinkas	Community	North Africa	1700-1899	110	3843
Record	Jewish Community	Oberbrunn?, (Bamberg?), FRA	1840-1885	46	8540
Pinkas	Community	Obrebron?, Alsace, FRA	1822	28	8511
Pinkas	Community	Odratzheim?, Alsace, FRA	1740-1889	136	3834
Pinkas	'Ezrah Be-Tsarah	Osthausen? GER	1856	46	8512
Memor Buch	Community	Ostroda (Osterode), POL	1770-1832	44	3671
Pinkas	Bikur Holim Soc.	Ostrog, UKR	1800-1899	133	3942
Register	Soc. Secours Mutuel ...	Paris, FRA	1800-1899	143	3944
Pinkas	Soc. Polish Jews	Paris, FRA	1800-1899	63	3949
Pinkas	Polish-Jewish Community	Paris, FRA	1800-1899	155	3950
Pinkas	Polish-Jewish Community	Paris, FRA	1871-1877	128	3989
Pinkas	Polish-Jewish Community	Paris, FRA	1891-1897	137	3990
Record	Names called to Torah	Persia	1800-1899	8	1529
Pinkas	Community	Pesaro, ITA	1700-1799	88	3928
Records	Burial	Pesaro, ITA	1693-1810	35	3947
Pinkas	Community	Pforzheim, GER	1747	41	8582
Record	Mohel	Poland	1600-1699	28	3881

Receipt Book	Hochsynagogue	Prague, CZE	1915	150	8514
Memor Buch	Community	Prerov (Prerau), CZE	1865	18	3813
Pinkas	Community	Reggio, ITA	1788-1809	81	3893
Record	Mohel	Saldus (Frauenberg, E. Prussia), LAT	1819-1874	38	3698
Register	Birth	Sarvar, HUN	1887-1939	35	9740
Register	Jews	Sarvar-Szombathely, HUN	1807	22	9742
Memor Buch	Community	Speyer, GER	1641-1831	125	3554
Pinkas	Hevra Kadisha	Sulzberg, AUS	1825		8510
Memor Buch	Community	Swabia, GER	1727-1737	12	3569
Pinkas	Community	Swarzedz, POL	1706-1758	222	3652
Pinkas	Hevra Kadisha	Swarzedz, POL	1773-1803	15	4031
Pinkas	Community	Szentgyorgy, HUN	1873-1939	92	3940
Pinkas	Community	Sziget, HUN	1884-1921	181	8601
Pinkas	Community	Tarnow, POL	1759-1818	46	3796
Record	Divorces	Thessaloniki, GRE	1800-1899	26	3814
Pinkas	Community	Tiberius, ISR	1791	82	3890
Pinkas	Hevra Kadisha	Trimbach?	1700-1990	95	8513
Pinkas	Community	Tunis, TUN	1769	176	8142
Pinkas	Community	Turkey?	1880-1899	51	3879
Record	Mohel	USA	1835-1865	18	3592
Pinkas	Synagogue	Venice, ITA	1611-1833	96	3594
Record	Mohel	Venice, ITA	1718-1728	41	3880
Record	Payments	Venice, ITA	1575-1734	171	8593
Pinkas	Community	Venice, ITA	1644-1728	102	8594
Account book	Community	Vilna, LIT	1828	26	8956
Memor Buch	Community	Wahlhausen, GER	1711	10	3737
Pinkas	Community	Wangen, GER	1822-1860	328	3941
Record	Mohel	Western Europe	1700-1799	48	3706
Record	Mohel		1725-1791	26	3781
Record	Births & Deaths		1700-1799	18	8503
Record	Mohel		1822-1873	8	9643

HEBREW FREE BURIAL ASSOCIATION (NEW YORK CITY) INFORMATION AVAILABLE

The Hebrew Free Burial Association's burial records and client applications have been copied onto microfilm. One set is available at Mount Richmond Cemetery on Staten Island and another is available at HFBA, 1170 Broadway, NY, NY 10001 (212) 686-2433. (From *Yichus*, Vol. 7, No 1)

NEW YORK CITY PERSONNEL RECORDS

The NYC City Department of Records, Municipal Archives (31 Chambers St, Manhattan) has the annual Civil Lists from 1883-1969 on microfilm. The Civil Lists are rosters of city employees and include job title, department, dates of employment, salary, residence, SS#, and pension number. The Municipal Reference Library (same address) has the microfiche copies of the 1970-1989 lists. (*Sacramento JGS*, January 1992)

JEWISH COMMUNITIES

The Jewish Communities Handbook, 1991 by the Institute of Jewish Affairs for the World Jewish Congress. Can be ordered from the World Jewish Congress, 501 Madison Ave, NYC, NY 10022. Booklet includes a list of Jewish communities in 98 countries. Includes brief historical information and names of Jewish organizations around the world. (*Avi Avot*, January, 1992)

EUROPEAN SOURCES

FAMILY SEARCH IN FRANCE

The Cercle de Genealogie Juive publishes a quarterly newsletter, and its Editor has invited members of other JGSS to place one free query in their periodical. Submissions need not be in French—they will translate it for you. Write to the Cercle at Centre Edmund Fleg, 8bis Rue de l'Eperon, F75006 Paris, France (Newsletter of the Illiana Jewish Genealogical Society, Spring 1992 quoting Dorot, Vol. 13, No. 1, Autumn, 1991)

ENGLISH JEWISH RECORDS

The Court of the Chief Rabbi (London Beth Din) is recognized as the authority in England which supervises conversions to Judaism and religious divorces. It also investigates the backgrounds of those seeking to have their Jewish status confirmed either for religious purposes or as a prerequisite to Orthodox Jewish marriage. The Beth Din provides centralized access to Jewish communal records.

The London Beth Din has formed a research unit to handle genealogical inquiries. If you require searches to be made of British sources you may write to the Registrar, Beth Din, Adler House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HP, England Tel: 071 387 5772, FAX: 071 383 4920. Full details as to the likely costs involved will be sent. The records held by the London Beth Din include: Proceedings Books 1876-1938 and 1940 to present; Case files relating to adoptions, conversions, divorces, Jewish and marital status ca. 1945 to date.

The Offices of the United Synagogue, Woburn House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 0EZ, Tel 071 387 4300, FAX 071 383 4934 has printed annual lists of members arranged alphabetically by congregation 1885-1939; Registers of defunct synagogues including the Great Synagogue, Hambro Synagogue, New Synagogue, and Bayswater Synagogue 1770-1965; Registers of closed burial grounds 1796-1872.

The Burial Society of the United Synagogue, Woburn House, Upper Woburn Place, London, ENG WC1H 0EZ, Tel: 071 387 7891, FAX: 071 383 2582 maintains burial records 1872 to date. Only inquiries connected with recent burials and erection of tombstones should be addressed to the sexton at this address.

Marriage authorizations 1845 to date are maintained by the Marriage Authorization Office, Office of the Chief Rabbi, Adler House, Tavistock Square, London, ENG WC1H 9HN, Tel: 071 387 1066, FAX: 071 383 4920. Only inquiries connected with forthcoming marriages and the correct form of Hebrew names placed on tombstones should be addressed to the Marriage Authorization Officer at this address.

1938 GERMAN CENSUS OF NON-GERMAN MINORITIES

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois reprinted the list of towns included in the census. The census records are located at the LDS Family History Library. Census put an emphasis on Jews. You can check the list of towns in the Spring, 1992 issue of *Morasha* (Vol. VIII, No. 1).

BOOK REVIEWSSFBA JGS BOOK DONATIONS TO CONGREGATION KOL EMETH LIBRARY

The San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society (SFBA JGS) meets every second month in Classroom #7 at Congregation Kol Emeth. Meetings are open to all, and are free of any charge. The current Society President is Congregation member Bob Weiss. In appreciation for the use of the facility, the SFBA JGS donates books and other materials to the Synagogue Library. Among the books recently donated are the following:

- *Jewish Life in Germany—Memoirs from Three Centuries*, Monika Richarz, Editor. Translated by Stella P. Rosenfeld and Sidney Rosenfeld, Sponsored by the Leo Baeck Institute, Published by Indiana University Press, 1991. This collection of 51 autobiographical documents by German Jews who lived between 1780 and 1945 is a translation from a three-volume edition containing 126 accounts from the archives of the Leo Baeck Institute.

- *Polish Jews in Paris—The Ethnography of Memory*, by Jonathan Boyarin, Indiana University Press, 1991. This study is based on interviews of Polish Jews in Paris who are associated with Polish *landsmanshaften*, the organizational core of the Polish Jewish community in Paris.

- *The Emancipation of the Jews of Alsace—Acculturation and Tradition in the Nineteenth Century*, by Paula Hyman, Yale University Press, 1991. This study includes a selected bibliography of primary and secondary archival documents, many of which will be useful to researchers of the Alsace area. Includes census, marriage, police, civic records, *pink-assim*, *yizkor* books, etc. found in national, Departmental and municipal archives, the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People, JTS, Leo Baeck Institute, etc. Name index.

- *The Jews of St. Petersburg—Excursions through a Noble Past*, Mikhail Beizer, Jewish Publication Society, 1989. Contains biographies, a directory, information on the Jewish institutions and research sources in St. Petersburg.

BOOK REVIEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY

Forgotten Worlds, six moving stories of Eastern European shtetl life, by Abraham Soyfer, translated from Hebrew by Rebecca S. Beagle and Rebecca L. Soyfer, recently published by Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell Street, Berkeley, CA 94705.

Jewish Heritage Travel—A Guide to Central and Eastern Europe, Ruth Ellen Gruber, John Wiley & Sons, paperback, \$14.95 was published in February. Designed to emphasize accessible landmarks, synagogues, cemeteries in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria. (Los Angeles Times, Sunday, April 19, 1992)

Jewish Museums of North America, Nancy Frazier, John Wiley & Sons, paperback, \$12.95, 1992. Among its local entries are: Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell Street, Berkeley CA 94705, 415-849-2710; The Elizabeth S. Fine Museum of Congregation Emanu-El, Arguello Boulevard & Lake Street, San Francisco CA 94118, 415-751-2535; Levi Strauss & Co. Museum, 250 Valencia Street, Levi's Plaza, San Francisco CA 94120, 415-565-9160

A Brotherhood of Memory, Jewish Landsmanshaften in the New World, Michael R. Weissner, Basic Books for Cornell University Press, Ithaca, NY, 1985.

A revised edition of *Ancestry's Red Book, American State, County & Town Sources* has been announced. This comprehensive resource covering American record holdings in every county of the US, is edited by Alice Eicholz with maps by William Dollarhide. It is available for \$39.95 (\$33.95 to members of Ancestry's Research Club) from Ancestry, Inc., P.O. Box 476, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-0476, phone orders 1-800-531-1790.

BOOKS REVIEWED IN ROOTS-KEY, FALL/WINTER 1991 ISSUE

Submitted by Sharon Fingold

Do People Grow on Family Trees? Genealogy for Kids and Other Beginners by Ira Wolfman (Workman Publishing, \$9.95, softcover).

Lithuanian Jewish Communities by N and S Schoenburg (NY Garland Publ. Co, 1991, \$60.00).

Yidishe Shtet, Shtetlekh un Dorfishe Yishuvim in Lite biz 1918 (Jewish Cities, Towns and Villages in Lithuania until 1918) by Berl Kagan (NY Berl Kagan, 1991, \$35.00 including postage, Yiddish). You can obtain this book by writing to Berl Kagan at 2350 64th St, Brooklyn, NY 11204.

Out of the Shadows A Photographic Portrait of Jewish Life in Central Europe Since the Holocaust by E. Serotta (Birch Lane Press, 1991, \$50).

In Search of Your German Roots by A. Baxter (Baltimore Genealogical Publishing Co, 1991, \$10.95). Includes a section on Jewish records.

The Comprehensive Hebrew Calendar by Dr. A. Spier (Feldheim Publishers Jerusalem, NY, 1986, 3rd edition). Reviewed in *Chronicles*, Winter, '91.

A Tale of One City Piotrkow Trybunalski, Ben Giladi, Ed. (NY Shengold Publishers, Ince, \$32.50). Translation of portions of the yizkor books about Piotrkow Trybunalski. The publisher's address is 18 West 45th St, NY, NY 10036.

Russian Language Documents from Russian Poland A Translation Manual for Genealogists by J. D. Shea (Genealogy Unlimited, Inc., PO Box 537, Orem, UT, 84059-0537, \$12.00). Review of this book is in the March, 1992 issue of *Shem Tov*.

Generations The History of America's Future 1584-2069 by W. Strauss and N. Howe (William Morrow and Co Inc, NY, 1991, hardback, \$22.95). Book covers the four types of generations which repeat, plus cycles. Reviewed in *The Live Oak*, Vol XI, No 6.

Founders and Followers, Johannesburg Jewry 1887-1915 by M. Kaplan (Vlaeberg Publishers, Cape Town, PO Box 15015, Vlaeberg 8018, 1991, Rand 120.00 (Approx. \$60.00). Reviewed in *Shem Tov*, December 1991.

Address Book for Germanic Genealogy by E. Thode (Genealogical Publishing Co, 4th edition, 1991, \$24.95 plus \$2.50 shipping). This book can be ordered from the publisher at 1001 N. Calvert St, Baltimore, MD 21202 (800)727-6687. [We have purchased a copy of this reference for use by our members-Ed]

U.S. RESEARCH

(submitted by Sharon Fingold)

NEW INFORMATION AT THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

Here are new items of general interest, listed by subject heading in the FHL catalog:

- California-Naturalization. US District Court, California Southern District, General Card Index to Naturalized Citizens, 1915-1978 (microfilm).

- California-Genealogy-Indexes Calif. Information File, 1846-1986 (microfiche). This card index from the State Library includes citations to California periodicals, newspapers, manuscript collections, county histories, and biographical sources.

- California-San Francisco-Newspapers. San Francisco Newspaper Index, 1904-1959 (microfiche).

- Connecticut-Military Records. Military Census Questionnaires, 1917-1918 (microfilm).
(From *Roots-Key*, Fall/Winter 1991)

BOSTON PASSENGER SHIP LISTS AND DOCUMENT PRESERVATION

The Spring, 1992 issue of *Mass Pocha* provides detailed articles on Boston passenger ship lists and document preservation.

COURTHOUSE RESEARCH

Techniques for performing courthouse research are described in two issues of *The Live Oak* January/February, 1992 and March/April, 1992. Includes info on how to take inventory, using a log sheet, searching and copying records, types of records available, etc.

MASSACHUSETTS JEWISH CEMETERIES

Jewish Cemetery Association of Mass. provides a "Guide to Jewish Cemeteries" for a small donation. Write to JCAM, 1340 Centre St, Newton Centre, MA 02159. (*Scattered Seeds*, Vol 1, No 1)

1920 CENSUS LOCAL AVAILABILITY

The 1920 Federal Census and Indexes are available at the Pacific Sierra Branch of the National Archives in San Bruno. Member Gail Call informs us that the catalog with the microfilm numbers is available at the Santa Clara Family History Center and may soon be in many local Public Libraries. Sutro will not have the census in the near future because of budget limitations. The Family History Library (FHL) has pre-ordered the census but it will take several months to process and make it available for borrowing from the local Family History Centers (FHC). Processing will be done state by state and FHCs will be notified twice per month which states are available and the appropriate film numbers. The 1920 Federal population census will not appear in the 1992 microfiche version of the Family History Library Catalog. It is anticipated that the entire census will be available for short-term, long-term and indefinite loans by September 2, 1992. Lillian Wurzel informs us that the Pacific Sierra Branch of the National Archives at San Bruno is open on the second Saturdays of each month.

The Fall/Winter 1991 issue of *Roots-Key* (LA JGS) lists the naturalization indices held by the various National Archives Regional Branches.

MEMBERS' PAGES

LOCATING COUSINS WITH MAILING AND PHONE LISTS

Written by Eva Joy Lamm Ruben, Fremont, CA

At a meeting of the Mid-Peninsula Roots3 Users Group, Ann Turner talked about locating cousins through mail lists available from various companies. One of the companies makes their list available on CD ROMs and their service is available at some public libraries, eg: the Redwood City Public Library.

My family was very anxious to locate a relative that we knew lived in Milano, Italy 30 years ago. We also knew that a nephew of hers lived in New York City at about the same time.

While growing up in Los Angeles my brothers and I often heard the name of Elliot and his mother, our father's cousin. Thus my ears perked up when Ann mentioned that the CD ROM listed almost every person in the U.S. and I asked if maybe this would somehow help open the door for finding the relative in Italy.

Two days later I went to the Redwood City Public Library and found only one listing in the entire U.S. and that person lived in New Jersey. The listing gave an address and a phone number. Being brave, I called the number but found no Elliot. I called New Jersey information, was given another number, and tried again. A lady answered, and when I asked her if her husband was the son of Max and Margot, she responded "yes" and had me speak with him. Our Elliot was located.

Unfortunately, Elliot knew nothing of his Italian aunt, but had a cousin in New York with whom he had not talked in a long time. He remembered that she worked for the United Nations. I called the U.N., found Ruth's phone number, left a message on her answering machine, and hoped for the best. In an hour Ruth returned my call, said she knew nothing current about the Italian aunt, goes by the name Lori (her middle name), was retiring in two weeks after 30 years with the U.N., and invited me to stay with her if I ever was in New York.

It so happened that my daughter and I together with my brothers and their families were going to New York on Thanksgiving weekend to attend the Bar Mitzvah of a relative on our mother's side of the family. My brothers and I decided to meet Elliot and his family. We met for lunch and learned the following: He is a month younger than my twin brothers, his wife is 11 days younger than one brother's wife, he and one of my brothers could easily be mistaken for twins, he is a lawyer specializing in labor, and one of my brothers is a Professor of labor relations.

Two days later, on the first day of her retirement, Lori and her mother met us in New York, and we exchanged a lot of genealogy information about that branch of our family. She also commented that in the material that I had sent her I listed her uncle in France as deceased but she hadn't heard that. I said I didn't know but no-one knew anything about him. She was so interested in what I was trying to do that she invited me to join her the following day to visit the Leo Baeck Institute.

Upon meeting the next day she informed me that she had called information in Paris, France, got her uncle's phone number, and learned from him that the relative in Italy no longer lived in Milano, but was living in another town. Spending the afternoon at Leo Baeck was worthwhile for both of us. She found the announcement of her birth in the town newspaper, and I found a book which mentioned four times my grandfather, Dr. Strauss of Mannheim, and had a description of him written by his daughter, my aunt. I also found references mentioning the Lamm family in Erfurt, Germany.

Upon returning home I called my brother and his wife (she was born in Paris) and they spoke to our French relative whom they hope to meet next summer when they are in France. The relative also asked that I send them any information I have on the Lamm family for additions and corrections.

Thanks, Ann Turner!

ABOUT RESEARCHERS IN RUSSIA

(experience that supports Gary Mokotoff's warning)

Submitted by Sharon Fingold

In many of the JGS newsletters, I read articles about a woman in Florida who knew a researcher in Byelorussia. The articles told interested people to write to her. She in turn would forward the requests to the researcher--YACOV GUTMAN. I wrote to the woman and eventually received a response from Yacov via his daughter who lives in Brooklyn. In his letter, Yacov explained that he has access to Byelorussian archives and can extract genealogical information from the records (he sent a photocopy of a sample record). His fees were \$350.00 for researching one family and he offered no guarantees. If interested, I was told to send \$100.00 in advance. Needless to say, I did not!!

HELP YOUR COUSINS FIND YOU--LIST YOUR GENEALOGY IN THE JGPF

Submitted by Marian Rubin

Many genealogists have at least one family "lost branch". Imagine this scenario: Forty years from now your thirty-year-old cousin, from a branch of your family you've not been able to locate, begins his genealogical search. Will your cousin have access to your research enabling him to link his family with the 125 years or more of genealogy that your work covers? He will if you submit your genealogy at no cost to the Jewish Genealogical People Finder (JGPF), a Jewish family tree database that will eventually be available on microfiche around the world. Developed by Gary Mokotoff, publisher of Avotaynu, the JGPF was introduced in July at the International Seminar on Jewish Genealogy in Salt Lake City.

At least two members of the SFBA JGS have submitted their family trees on the required IBM-compatible diskettes in GEDCOM format to the JGPF. Sita Likuski and Marian Rubin have received their printouts from JGPF confirming their inputs. In addition to the satisfaction of knowing that our research will be preserved and available to future generations of relatives, we believe that we have increased our chances of cousins' finding us much sooner than the forty-year scenario.

DUBROVNIK SYNAGOGUE

Member Lillian Wurzel sends us two articles about the third oldest synagogue in Europe, in Dubrovnik, Croatia, (formerly Yugoslavia). The synagogue, 3 zulica Zudioska (Jew's Street) was established in 1352 by families who came from Spain 140 years prior to the expulsion. Dubrovnik was then an independent republic allied with Venice. The caretaker Emilio Tolentino, who descends from one of the synagogue's founding families, lives in the building adjoining the Synagogue. The building looks like any of the Medieval houses in the Old City. Inside the sanctuary is an oblong room divided by three arches and panelled in dark wood. The ceiling is painted blue with gold stars, and Florentine candelabra hang from the beams. The delicately-carved pulpit in the center and the ark, flanked by slender wooden pillars, are of Baroque design. Torah scrolls date from the thirteenth century. One of the unique treasures of the Synagogue is a thirteenth century Moorish carpet which is said to have been a gift from Queen Isabella of Spain to her Jewish physician when he was sent into exile. (from *Travellers' Guide to Jewish Landmarks in Europe*, Bernard Postal and Samuel Abramson, Fleet Press, NY, 1971)

Dubrovnik has been caught in the middle of the nationalistic turmoil affecting the former Yugoslavia in the last few months. Not since the Great Earthquake of 1667 has this walled city, often called the Venice of the Adriatic, been subjected to such destruction. The Synagogue was restored in the Baroque style after the earthquake. The 1000-year old Adriatic sea port city was assaulted by the Yugoslav army in October 1991, and the Old City was singled out for specific coordinated land and sea attacks in November and December. Significant damage to the walls, ceiling, and roof was recorded to houses and Synagogue on Boskovic Street. All of its windows were broken.

FAMILY FINDER

Martha L. Wise, 1990 20th Avenue, San Francisco CA 94116, 415-564-9927. Seeking any descendants of **JACOB HEYMAN HESS** (died 1814) and his wife **JETTE SAMUEL**. They lived in **Moisling (near Lübeck), Germany**. Many family members later moved to **Hamburg**.

Bob Weiss, 3916 Louis Road, Palo Alto CA 94303-4541, 415-424-1622 seeking relatives or descendants of **RABBI AARON BRAUDE**, practicing Rabbi in **New York City** in 1907, residing at 187 Henry Street. Also seeking name of the Synagogue which may have been located at 209 Madison Street, NYC.

Bob Weiss, 3916 Louis Road, Palo Alto CA 94303-4541, 415-424-1622 seeking any information on Midwife **SADIE KREINDLER**, residing 173 Norfolk Street, **New York City** 1903-1907. Also seeking any information on where surviving midwife records may be found.

Lillian Wurzel, 2930 Roma Court, Santa Clara CA 95051-6848, 408-984-3718 seeking descendants of **MAX** and **JOSEPHINE (RUSHA) TRAXLER**, or of his brother **JOE TRAXLER** all of **Milwaukee WI**, and sister **NETTIE (TRAXLER) KLEIN** of **Bridgeport CT**

Family Finder queries are free to Society members. Non-members may place queries for \$5.00 each, limited to 25 words not including searchers name, address and phone number

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