CALENDAR OF GENEALOGICAL EVENTS

Meetings of the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society

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Please note: Unless otherwise indicated, the meeting schedule is as follows:

San Francisco: **Sunday, Doors open 12:30 p.m. Program begins at 1 p.m.**
          Fort Mason Center, Marina Boulevard at Buchanan Street, Building C, Room 205

Palo Alto: **Monday, 7:30 p.m.**
          Congregation Kol Emeth, 4175 Manuela (near Foothill Blvd. and Arastradero Road)

Mon. Dec. 18   **Palo Alto**: *Travels to Ancestral Towns*. SFBAJGS Treasurer Marc Seidenfeld will share the experience of his summer travels to Ukraine and elsewhere. Marc is an excellent speaker, well known to SFBAJGS members. Other members are also expected to talk about their summer genealogical expeditions. This promises to be a fascinating and moving presentation.

Tentative Dates for 2001

San Francisco	Palo Alto
Sunday, January 21	Monday, February 26
Sunday, March 18	Monday, April 16
Sunday, May 20	Monday, June 18
Sunday, July 22	Monday, August 20
Sunday, September 16	Monday, October 15
Sunday, November 11	Monday, December 17

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President's Message
"A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME...."
by Rodger Rosenberg

As genealogists our role is to collect names, dates, places and events. In my opinion, the stories (true or not) are what count most. They are the things that teach us most about our ancestors. One of the things we do as genealogists is try to find out whether we can corroborate the stories. When we can, we are delighted! When we can prove the story was wrong – or fabricated – we learn even more. A recent story I heard reflects this sentiment very well.

At 39, Russell and his aging father had what could be best described as a "friendly" relationship. The elder rarely spoke, and only when it was absolutely necessary. One day his father asked Russell if he knew how his name was chosen. Russell hung on his father's every word as his father described his beloved Uncle Russell. Russell, it was explained, was a very quiet man who lived most of his life as a hermit. The only time anyone recalled him interacting with the family was when he brought out his violin. Russell's father described the beautiful, almost magical sounds that came from that instrument, and how he loved him. In his entire life, Russell could never remember hearing his father utter those words to anyone. As his father told the story, Russell felt a rare bonding with his father.

Years later after his father's death Russell began to record the family history. And it was to his shock and disbelief when his aged aunt told him that there was never any Uncle Russell. Russell didn't bother to look for this Great-Uncle Russell's birth or death certificate. It seemed that his father had made the whole story up. But rather than be angry with his father, Russell smiled. That story had allowed the father to express his love for his son through a fictitious uncle.

We all have stories of Ellis Island family name changes, conscription by the czar, and pogroms. Research sometimes imposes an historical accuracy on the stories, perhaps diminishing their impact or allure. But that does not matter. They often reflect the perceptions of those who passed on the stories, and are no longer with us. Their stories are part of our legacy.

Russell later learned that his father had been diagnosed with inoperable cancer shortly before he shared the story about Uncle Russell. His father never told anyone about his illness, and Russell treasures his father's indirect expression of love for his son.

I would like to extend a belated L'Shana Tova to everyone, and hope that in this coming year all your stories are precious ones.

Rodger

SOCIETY NEWS

E-mail Address Updates

Please note the following updates to e-mail addresses listed in the SFBAJGS Membership Roster.

Linda Carrion	Lindyalogy@aol.com
Hillary Farkas	hillarystan@home.com
Dan Leeson	leeson0@attglobal.net
Howard Oser	howardoser@prodigy.net
Jan Rosenberg Potts	pottsmama@email.com
Rochelle Schwartz	rochelle_schwartz@hotmail.com
Malcolm Singer	macsinger@aol.com

If you have an e-mail address but do not receive occasional SFBAJGS messages, or your e-mail address has changed, send a message to dLkurtz@ix.netcom.com so we can keep you up-to-date.

Welcome New Members

Beth Galleto	Corte Madera
galleto@pacbell.net	
Sharon Lambie	Berkeley
sLambie@sirius.com	
Sally Moses	Alameda
jhtm5486@aol.com	
Phyllis Schneider	Sonoma
pjs@zuckerfamilynetwork.net	

E-mails to the following members have bounced:

Judy Kelly	Howard Miller
Sheila Radman	Peter Schattner

Please advise us of your correct e-mail address.

SFBAJGS Family Finder Update

The surnames and towns being researched by our newest members are listed below. This database is maintained for our membership. If you have a correction or update you would like us to know about, contact: SFBAJGS, P.O. Box 471616, San Francisco, CA 94147, or send e-mail to: dLkurtz@ix.netcom.com.

In the August issue of *Zichron*Note, the Family Finder listings for new members Lora Levin, Susan Goldsmith and Joseph Waxsman were incomplete. Their additional entries are included below.

Surname	Town, Country	Member
Agress	Bialystok, Poland	Beth Galleto
Bolker	Svinarin, Kovel, Ukraine	Beth Galleto
Cohn	Cirak, Hungary	Beth Galleto
Cukierkorn	Lublin, Warszawa, Kaluszyn, Poland	Phyllis Schneider
Fischel	Anywhere	Sally Moses
Gelb	Rimavska Sobota, Slovak Republic	Beth Galleto
Goldstein	Chernovtsy, Ukraine	Sally Moses
Kobrinsky	Anywhere	Sharon Lambie
Kohn	Cirak, Hungary	Beth Galleto
Levitin	Pochepy, Russia	Beth Galleto
Moses	Anywhere	Sally Moses
Moskowitz	Piatra, Romania	Sally Moses
Osheroff	Staradub, Russia; Klimovichi, Belarus	Beth Galleto
Tobias	Schverzen, Zaverezhe, Belarus	Goldsmith, Susan & Waxman, Joseph
Velkovsky	Pogar, Russia	Beth Galleto
Velonsky	Jurbarkas, Lithuania	Sharon Lambie
Waldman	Glivee, Russia; Omaha, NE	Levin, Lora
Waxman	Poland	Goldsmith, Susan & Waxman, Joseph
Zakarenik	Suraz, Russia	Beth Galleto
Zucker	Canada	Phyllis Schneider
Zuckerkorn	Lublin, Warszawz, Kaluszyn, Poland	Phyllis Schneider

CALENDAR, cont'd.

More Genealogy Events

Local

Thu., November 16, 7 p.m. **Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society, Missing Relatives and the Canada Connection**, speakers Mike McDermott and Charlotte Scoble. Community Room, Santa Clara City Central Library, 2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, www.katpher.com/scchgs/

Fri., January 12, 7:30 p.m. **San Mateo County Genealogical Society, Transcribing and Abstracting: The Techniques and Legalese**, speaker Christine Rose. Belmont Central School, 525 Middle Road, Belmont. Refreshments at 7 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m., Tel: (650) 572-2929, genealogy.org/~smcgs/

Fri., February 9, 2001, 7:30 p.m. **San Mateo County Genealogical Society, How To Plan A Research Trip**, speaker David Abrahams. Belmont Central School, 525 Middle Road, Belmont. Refreshments at 7 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m., (650) 572-2929, genealogy.org/~smcgs/

Regional

Sun., November 19, 10 a.m. **JGS of Sacramento, Review of Naturalization Records**, speakers Judy Persin and Allan Bonderoff. Arts and Crafts Room, Albert Einstein Center, 1935 Wright Street, Sacramento, Tel: (916) 486-0906, www.jewishgen.org/ajgs/jgs-sacramento

Sun., December 17, 10 a.m. **JGS of Sacramento, How I did My Genealogy (before the advent of personal computers)**, speaker Les Malkin. Arts and Crafts Room, Albert Einstein Center, 1935 Wright Street, Sacramento, Tel: (916) 486-0906, www.jewishgen.org/ ajgs/jgs-sacramento

National/International

Sun. - Fri., July 8-13, 2001, **JGS of Great Britain, 21st International Conference on Jewish Genealogy**. Intercontinental Hotel at Hyde Park Corder, London, e-mail: info.london2001@talk21.com; www.jewishgen.org/london2001 *(see page 9 for more information)*.

The Ellis Island American Family Immigration History Center

thanks to Lillian Wurzel

The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc. is developing The American Family Immigration History Center. Information about people who immigrated through the Port of New York between 1892 and 1924 will be made available onsite at the Ellis Island Immigration Museum and accessible through the Internet. The expected completion is Spring, 2001. Some of the records to be included are:

Immigrant Arrival Records

Data from ships' passenger manifests (also available on microfilm from the National Archives and Records Administration) are being digitized and entered into an electronic database. Specific information may include:

- immigrant's given name;
- immigrant's surname;
- ship name;
- port of origin;
- arrival date;
- line number on manifest;
- gender;
- age;
- marital status;
- nationality; and
- last residence (town and country).

A printout of the available data, a scanned reproduction of the manifest entry for an immigrant, and a picture of the ship will be available for a nominal fee.

Living Family Archive

Visitors to the Center are invited to contribute their own family history documents, records, and photos to the Living Family Archive, which can be updated as new information is discovered. State-of-the-art computers and electronic scanning equipment will be made available.

Immigration History Exploration

In addition to the information on specific immigrations, an overview presentation on immigration patterns from specific countries and regions will be presented.

For more information, write to: The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 5200, New York, NY 10163-5191, or see the Web site at **www.ellisisland.org/**.

The Next Step
by Marc Seidenfeld

Marc Seidenfeld is the Treasurer of the SFBAJGS and an attorney in private practice in the Bay Area. His research has taken him to Poland, the Ukraine, and Salt Lake City, among other places. This article was motivated by Marc's experience at the Jewish genealogical conference in Salt Lake City last summer, where he was able to make successful use the results of the efforts of other Jewish genealogical organizations.

The Jewish genealogical movement has been gathering steam for several years now, with thousands of new researchers all around the world joining those who have been searching for their roots for some time. In some ways we have reached "critical mass" as new sources of information have appeared, previously unavailable records in eastern Europe are being filmed and made widely available, and genealogical groups are engaged in projects to make their local records available to the wider Jewish genealogical community. In New York, Brooklyn naturalization records are being indexed and published on JewishGen. In Chicago and Boston, marriage and other records have been indexed and placed on JewishGen. Yizkor books are being translated into English and being placed on JewishGen. Many groups and individuals are engaged in these and similar efforts.

These efforts help all of us because our families are spread all over the world. While we may not live in Brooklyn, Chicago, or Boston today, some of us did live in those places and many of our ancestors lived in those places. Genealogical records from those cities are therefore of interest to us. Similarly, records from the Bay Area would be of interest to researchers around the world.

This raises several questions. What are we in the San Francisco Bay Area doing to assist in this effort?

What are we doing to make our local records available to researchers outside the immediate area? The Bay Area has a Jewish population estimated to be between 200,000 and 250,000, and Jews have been a part of the community since the Gold Rush. While many of us come from elsewhere, thousands of Jews have been born here, naturalized here, married here, died here and are buried here. The records of those events – in Jewish and general newspapers, in synagogue records, in funeral home records, in cemeteries and elsewhere, full of valuable genealogical information, are all here, waiting to be gathered, indexed and made available to the wider world. Who is going to do this if not us? Who is going to start, if not us?

The next step for us as a genealogical "society" worthy of that name is for us to begin doing this work. It simply is not enough for us to spend all of our effort on our individual research if we are truly a "society" dedicated to Jewish genealogy. Our membership is large and there is no lack of projects worthy of consideration. Shall we work with birth records? cemetery records? marriage records? What about city directories? The possibilities are endless.

Your input and assistance are requested. Contact any officer of the Society with your comments and suggestions. We should begin now.

E-mail Marc Seidenfeld at seidenfeld@bigfoot.com.

Planning a Reunion?
by Lillian Wurzel

If you're thinking about organizing a family reunion, there's a wealth of published material (online and in hard copy form), to help you make it a success. Several friends who've planned such events have told me it takes planning – and hard work! Here are a couple of items that might help you tackle this big job.

- *Reunions* magazine has a useful web site and a quarterly publication. As of October 2000, a sample copy of the publication was available for free, and a special offer of a one-year subscription for $3.95, and the workbook and catalog for $10, was available on the Web site. The regular subscription price is $24. Contact: Reunions, P.O. Box 11727, Milwaukee, WI 53211, (414) 263-4567, **www.reunionsmag.com**.

- Reunion Research's Web site includes the first three chapters of their book *Family Reunion Handbook* and other excellent information. A hardcopy of the book ($14.95 plus shipping) can be ordered at (800) 289-0963. Other products and publications are also available. Contact: Reunion Research, P.O. Box 12, Auberry, CA 93602, (559) 855-2101, **www.reuniontips.com**.

- Here's a tip from one of my friends: take copies of those unidentified photos to the reunion. Post them on a large board, and be surprised when someone at the reunion identifies the couple or family in your pictures!

Want more ideas? See "The Judd Family Reunion" by Stan Judd, in the May, 2000 issue of Zichron Note.

NATIONAL RESOURCES

If Not Through New York, Then Where?

by Barbara Krasner-Khait. Reprinted with the permission of *Family Chronicle Magazine*, March/April 2000, www.familychronicle.com

Family Chronicle magazine has a wonderful article on immigration. The information included may help those who ask at which port their families arrived. In the 100-year span from 1820 to 1920, 24 million immigrants came into New York, 2 million to Boston, 1.5 million to Baltimore, 1.2 million to Philadelphia, 710,000 to New Orleans, 500,000 to San Francisco, 130,000 to Key West, FL, 120,000 to Portland-Falmouth, Maine, 110,000 to Galveston, Texas, 80,000 to Passamaquoddy, Maine, 40,000 to New Bedford, Massachusetts, 40,000 to Providence, Rhode Island, and 20,000 to Charleston, South Carolina.

Why Different Ports?

Boston – From 1847 to 1854 about 20,000 immigrants, mostly from Ireland, entered Boston. Boston was the terminus for Britain's Cunard steamship line and rates were subsidized by the British government so even the poor could afford the ticket.

Baltimore – Baltimore provided immigrants an entryway to the American West. An 1867 agreement between the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and the North German Lloyd Steamship Line made it possible to buy and use a single ticket for passage to Baltimore and then by train to the west.

Philadelphia – Five-foot thick ice ridges along the Delaware River seasonally prohibited easy entry and a continuous flow of immigrants. In 1873, the American Line and Red Star Line began operations in Philadelphia and emigration grew rapidly. The Red Star Line, with its main embarkation point at Antwerp, and a run between Hamburg and Philadelphia, brought massive numbers of Jews and Poles from Russia and Austria-Hungary. Often people who were rejected in New York, either due to lack of funds or the fear they might become a public charge, could come in through Philadelphia.

New Orleans – This Mississippi port enjoyed its brief heyday before the Civil War. Cotton ship captains in search of return cargo for their routes, accepted Irish, German, and French immigrants from the ports of Liverpool, Havre, Bremen, and Hamburg. Throughout the 1800s it was one of the few cities to attract substantial numbers from Spain and Latin America. It also drew groups from the Mediterranean, especially Sicily. These immigrants found opportunities working on the plantations and farms because they were skilled at delicate fruit handling. New Orleans offered no protection from major infectious diseases like cholera and yellow fever, and soon fell from the ranks of the most-traveled ports.

San Francisco – The 1849 gold rush, which coincided with the potato famine and major economic and political upheavals in central Europe, made San Francisco a major port. Most immigrants were from southern and eastern Europe, including Portuguese, Greeks, Polish and Russian Jews, and Italians. It was also the major port of entry for the Chinese.

Canadian Ports – Emigration from the British Empire was encouraged, and subsidized, during the colonial period. Canada welcomed nearly three million immigrants between 1896 and 1914. Restrictions were enacted in 1891 in the U.S., and in 1924 the U.S. adopted a quota system. Montreal inspectors reported that about 40% of all passengers arriving in Canada were actually bound for the U.S. The Hansa Line carried passengers from Antwerp, Hamburg, and Liverpool. Working with the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Hansa Line offered passage to the U.S. through Canada to many who would have been denied access from any port: polygamists, the poor, and the diseased.

Brooklyn Voter Registration Records

Anita Frankel, Arlene Parnes, JewishGen

Question: I have been trying to obtain voter registration records for Brooklyn but am stymied by the need for AD (assembly district) and ED (election district) numbers.

The best years to find a voter would be presidential election years (e.g., 1920, 1924, 1928, etc.). But the only sources I know of for ED/AD information (Brooklyn maps) correspond to the dates of the New York State census (1905, 1915, 1925). There seems to be a wide disparity in district numbers from year to year. Is there another source of AD/ED numbers?

Answer: Write to the Board of Elections, Brooklyn Borough Office, 315 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. I wrote a letter including all the years' addresses I had, and received information about my grandfather and one of his sons in 1919. The cost to me was $3, paid by money order, per year, per address. You may wish to check with the Board of Elections to see if the cost has changed.

The Internet Beyond JewishGen
by Rodger Rosenberg

The purpose of making this list of sites was to show how many other excellent avenues there are for genealogy research on the Internet, aside from JewishGen (**www.jewishgen.org**), which is certainly one of the best. My goal here was be as imaginative as possible in looking at how best to utilize the Web when conducting genealogical research. Hopefully, this will encourage you to be your most creative when Web surfing.

I found numerous helpful methods that taught me many things when conducting research on the Web that I would like to share. For example, when you find a helpful site, check the links from that site. You may be pleasantly surprised at what you find. Also, when researching a town or surname, enter it into a search engine. Another useful tool, if you are using Netscape as your browser, is to try the "what's related" feature found in the upper right hand corner. Finally, do not limit yourself to sites that are specifically Jewish in nature.

My thanks to everyone who shared their "web treasures" with me. I would also like to apologize for the sites submitted which are not included. There were so many responses, that I was forced to edit this list.

Specifically Jewish Genalogical Sites

www.avotaynu.com
  Avotaynu publishing

www.avotaynu.com/csi/csi-home.html
  Avotaynu Consolidated Jewish Surname Index

www.JewishWebIndex.com/
  Links to a multitude of web sites with Jewish genealogical information -- search by country or specific subject

genforum.genealogy.com/jewish/
  Jewish Genealogy Forum

huc.edu/aja/collect.htm#gen
  American Jewish Archives genealogical resources

www.routestoroots.com
  Jewish resources for family history research

www.pitt.edu/~meisel/jewish/surdict.htm
  Jewish genealogy links, surname and given name dictionaries, and resources

www.dvjc.org/history/genealogy.shtml
  Dallas Jewish Historical Society – genealogy page

www.genhomepage.com/jewish.html
  Jewish genealogy – sponsored by Family Tree Maker

Genealogy – General

www.cyndislist.com/
  Cindy's List -- more than 81,000 genealogy links!

www.genealogydatabase.com/
  Genealogy resource – sponsored by Generations and Heritage Quest

www.geneanet.org/
  Genealogical Database Network -- various resources

genealogy.about.com/hobbies/genealogy/mbody.htm
  Genealogy -- various resources and topics

www.familysearch.org/
  Family History Library – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

www.rand.org
  RAND genealogy club -- links and information

vitalrec.com/
  Vital records sources in the U.S.

www.genealogy.tbox.com/genealogy.html
  Helm's Genealogy Tool Box – links and information

www.rootsweb.com
  Roots Web – one of the largest sites for discussion groups and general information

www.familytreemaker.com
  World Family Tree project – sponsored by Family Tree Maker

www.genealogysearchengines.com/
  Search many genealogy search engines at once

Databases

ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/CACulman/MultiGen.htm
  Multi-genealogical site database

userdb.rootsweb.com/ca/death/search.cgi
  California death and birth indexes

www.cimorelli.com/safe/shipmenu.htm
  Ship listings and information, soundex converter

www.jgsny.org/database/sample_1.html
  Kings County (Brooklyn, NY) naturalization index

www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/inddbs/3173.htm
  Search the *Dictionary of Jewish Surnames in the Russian Empire*

www.rootsweb.com/~obituary/
  Obituary Daily Times

www.infobases.com/ssdi
  Social Security Death Index

www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/vital/ssdi/main.htm
  Social Security Death Index

www.interment.net/
  Some cemetery records and resources, contact information

Surnames

www.familytreemaker.com/ifftop.html
  Family Tree Maker Family Finder

rsl.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/rslsql.cgi
  RootsWeb Surname List

www.surnameweb.org
  Surname Web

International

www.chez.com/genami/english/anglais.htm
  GenAmi – French genealogical site

www.haruth.com/JewsPoland.html
  Harry Leichter's Jews of Poland -- includes articles, photos

www.feefhs.org
   Federation of Eastern European Historical Societies

www.khazaria.com
   Ukrainian Jewish community

www.uni-marburg.de/archivschule/deuarch1.html
   German archives

www.fjc.ru/index2.htm
   Federation of Jewish communities in the Commonwealth
   of Independent States; comprehensive index of more
   than 270 affiliated Jewish communities in the CIS

www.jhcwc.mb.ca/index.shtml
   The Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada

www.zeta.org.au/~feraltek/genealogy/
   Jewish genealogy and Australia

ciuw.warman.net.pl/slf/archiwa
   State Archives of Poland

www.familysearch.org/sg/WLPolish
   Polish genealogical word list

www.cjc.ca/archives.htm
   Canadian Jewish Congress National Archives

www.coe.neu.edu/~mnosonov/maz/
   "Matzevot Page" – Tombstones in Jewish cemeteries in
   Eastern Europe

U.S. Archives

www.nara.gov
   National Archives and Records Administration

www.spertus.edu/Archives.html
   Chicago Jewish Archives

www.redcross.org/intl/trace.html
   International Red Cross Tracing and Social Services

www.archives.nysed.gov/pubs/jewish/additional.htm
   Jewish history resources in New York State, from the
   New York State Archives and Records Administration

Immigration and Naturalization

www.nara.gov/publications/microfilm/immigrant/
   immpass.html
   National Archives Immigrant and Passenger Arrivals
   catalog of microfilm publications

www.albany.edu/~rws32/gog240/atlas.html
   Atlas of American Immigration

www.hamburg.de/LinkToYourRoots/english/welcome.htm
   Hamburg passenger lists – searchable database
   (incomplete)

www.ins.usdoj.gov
   Immigration and Naturalization Service

lstg.rootsweb.com
   Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild – volunteers
   transcribe passenger lists and publish online

www.ellisisland.org
   Ellis Island Immigrant Wall of Honor and American
   Family History Center

www.familysearch.org/sg/
   Family History Library's Foreign Source Guides and
   Research Outlines

Atlases and Maps

mapping.usgs.gov/www/gnis/gnisform.html
   USGS Geographic Names Information System – locate a
   town, cemetery, lake, school, or other "feature"

www.mapquest.com/
   MapQuest – enter location name for mapping

maps.expedia.com/pub/agent.dll?qscr=mmfn
   ExpediaMaps – enter location name for mapping

www.lib.utexas.edu/Libs/PCL/Map_collection/map_sites/
   map_sites.html
   The Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection at the
   University of Texas at Austin

Libraries

www.loc.gov
   Library of Congress

sfpl.lib.ca.us/
   San Francisco Public Library home page

www.leobaeck.org/
   Leo Baeck Institute – German-Jewish genealogy

www.yivoinstitute.org
   YIVO Institute for Jewish Research

History and Museums

www.ushmm.org
   U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

www.ajhs.org/
   American Jewish Historical Society

www.yad-vashem.org.il
   Yad Vashem

www.jewish-heritage.org/starte.htm
   History and culture of the Jewish people in the Russian
   Empire and the USSR

Judaism

www.hum.huji.ac.il/dinur/
   The Dinur Center for Research in Jewish History

www.shamash.nysernet.org/trb/judaism.html
   Judaism and Jewish resources

www.wzo.org.il/cza/
   Central Zionist Archives – Israel

www.sites.huji.ac.il/archives/
   The Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People – Israel

Language Assistance

www.languages-on-the-web.com/links/link-yiddish.htm
   Yiddish links

www.elite.net/~runner/jennifers/language.htm
   Dictionaries, grammar, and other online language resources

Directories

www.yellow.com/
   U.S. and international yellow pages

www.switchboard.com
   U.S. white/yellow pages, international, e-mail lookup

www.555-1212.com
   U.S. white/yellow pages, reverse directory, government,
   international

2001 Summer Seminar to be Held in London
by Arlene Beare, JGS Great Britain

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain will host **London2001**, the 21st International Conference on Jewish Genealogy in London, July 8-13 2001 at the Intercontinental Hotel at Hyde Park Corner, overlooking the Park on one side and Buckingham Palace Gardens on another. Discounted hotel rates and airfares are available. For more information, visit our web page: **www.jewishgen.org/london2001**, or send e-mail to info.london2001@talk21.com.

London2001 promises a catalogue of events as varied and as exciting as London itself. The really exciting news is that our location allows us to present a platform for speakers from all over the world, including Eastern Europe. London2001 will provide unequivocal first-hand information, advice, and research opportunities, as well as a jumping-off point for travel around the U.K. and to Europe and beyond.

Our speakers are archivists, librarians, historians, geneticists, and expert genealogists. See below for an appetizer. Lectures, seminars, panel discussions, special interest group and birds-of-a-feather meetings, and workshops for beginners and experts alike will all be featured.

Archival resources (a few highlights) are guided tours to the Public Record Office, Family Records Centre, Metropolitan Records Centre, Mocatta Library, Mormon Family History Library, and the British Library.

Side trips of Jewish interest in and around London include visits to the East End (London's old Jewish quarter); the Imperial War Museum's new permanent Holocaust Exhibition; films and theatre; and regional tours to provincial England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

London highlights include the Tate Modern and the Millennium Bridge, Tate Britain, Courtauld Museum, Wallace Collection, Jewish Museum, British Library, Shakespeare's reconstructed Globe Theatre, the classic tourist destinations of Tower Bridge and the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey and Big Ben, music, dance, theatre, Royal Parks, shopping, and restaurants (it's true, London is now one of the food capitals of the world).

Tours for conference participants will link them to Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Belarus, Ukraine, Provence, Alsace, Morocco, Tuscany, Romania, Hungary, and Israel – ShtetlSchleppers London2001. See www.jewishgen.org/ShtetlSchleppers/2000.html, or send e-mail to shtetlschleppers@jewishgen.org.

Expected speakers include:

- Aubrey Newman — *Patterns of Migration and Transmigration*
- Karen Franklin (New York) — *Leo Baeck Centre/German Jewish History Center*
- Paul Armony — *History of the First Jewish Settlements in Argentina*
- Laima Trasviate (Director), Galina Baronova (Head Archivist) — *Lithuanian State Historical Archives*
- Vitalije Gircyte (Head Archivist) — *Newly Discovered Holdings in the Kaunas Archives*
- Ilana Tahane — *Illustrated Hebrew Manuscripts in the British Library*
- Peter Nash (Australia) — *China: European, Russian, and Sephardic Communities*
- Vivian Moses — *Genetics, Genealogy, and Jews*
- Michael Alpert — *Crypto-Jews and Inquisition Records*
- Dr. Anthony Joseph — *The Jews of Birmingham*
- R. Ferber, I. Veinberga (Head Archivist), R. Bogdanova, H. Polovceva (Archivists) — *History of the Jews of Latvia*
- Stanley Diamond — *Jewish Record Indexing – Poland*
- Ezra Kahn — *Genealogical Sources at Jews College Library*
- Frederick E. Cohen — *Jews in the Channel Islands during the Nazi Occupation*
- Anton Felton — *Jewish Carpets: Genealogy of the Carpet Makers*
- Michael Gandy — *Jews in Non-Jewish Records*
- Susan E. King — *JewishGen, Inc.*
- Miriam Rodrigues-Pereira — *Bevis Marks Records*
- Bill Williams — *Jewish Communities of Manchester and Salford 1728-2000*
- Shirley Flaum — *Sources of Jewish Records of Lodz*
- Henry Wellisch — *Canadian Records of Jewish Interest*

INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES

British 1901 Census Release

Roots-Key, JGSLA, Spring 2000 (orig. Newsletter, LA Westside Genealogical Society, Feb. 2000; et al)

Mark your calendar. The British Public Records Office (PRO) is planning for the release of the 1901 Census for England and Wales on January 1, 2002. The Family Records Center near London has seen such an increase in visitors that plans are underway to make digitized copies available on the Internet. The PRO is negotiating with a private company to digitize the 1.5 million pages. An appropriate fee will be required.

Records from L'viv, Ukraine

Roots-Key, JGSLA (also JewishGen)

Information has been received that it is possible to request copies of birth, marriage, and death certificates for ancestors in the L'viv area of Ukraine, in English. Requests may be directed to Dr. Orest Y. Matsuk, Director of Archive, the Central State Historical Archive of Ukraine, City of L'viv, Soborna sq. 20a, L'viv, UA-290008, Ukraine.

Argentina JGS Database Searches

Rob Weisskirch, Latin America SIG

The Argentine Genealogy Society (AGJA) will perform fee-based searches for surnames in the databases in its possession or of its associates. The lists published correspond to burials in the cemeteries of Bancalari, Ciudadela, and Liniers, and matrimonial acts or ketubot of the ceremonies performed in the Shalom Community Synagogue of Buenos Aires. The data are not necessarily comprehensive. The charges follow:

- $15 for a search of five names in the 11 cemeteries of Buenos Aires, and in other data. Additional name searches are $3 each to a maximum of $45.
- $15 for the 20 or more cemeteries from the interior of the country with the same conditions as above.
- $25 for a search in all the cemeteries for up to 10 names of the deceased without charge, with a maximum charge of $60.
- $30 for a search in all the other databases without a limit or additional charges.
- $60 for a complete search in all databases for 30 entries and an additional $2 for each additional name up until a maximum of $90 without a limit on the number of entries.

Send e-mail genarg@infovia.com.ar for more information and to arrange the form of payment.

Indices to Jews in Canadian Censuses, 1851-1901

Hal Bookbinder, JewishGen

The following is a listing of Canadian census indices, which are available at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Canadian census records through 1901 have been made available.

Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, NW Terr.

- *Jewish Residents of Western Canada in the 1870-1901 Censuses of Canada*, Glen Eker, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, 1994.

Newfoundland

- *Index to Jewish Residents in the 1921, 1935, and 1945 Censuses of Newfoundland*, Glen Eker, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, 1996. (Note: Canada's censuses are taken once each decade in the year ending with "1." Although the above name is not consistent with this information, such a listing does exist in the catalog. It may be that there were additional provincial censuses, but this has not been verified.)

New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island

- *Jewish Residents of the Maritime Provinces in the 1871-1901 Censuses of Canada*, Glen Eker, Avotaynu, Teaneck, NJ, 1995.
- *Jewish Residents of the Maritimes in the 1891 Census of Canada*, Glen Eker, publication location and year not cited.
- *Jewish Residents of the Maritimes in the 1901 Census of Canada*, Glen Eker, Guelph, Ontario, 1993.

Ontario, Quebec

- *Index to Jewish Residents in the 1851 and 1861 Censuses of Upper Canada and the 1861 Census of Lower Canada*, Glen Eker, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, 1996.
- *Jewish Residents of Greater Ontario and Quebec Provinces excluding Greater Toronto, Montreal, and Quebec City in the 1871-1901 Censuses of Canada*, Glen Eker, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, 1994.
- *Jewish Residents of Montreal and Quebec City in the 1871-1901 Censuses of Canada*, Glen Eker, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, 1993.
- *Jewish Residents of Toronto in the 1861-1901 Censuses of Canada*, Glen Eker, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, 1993.

The Dog Park as a Continuing Source of Genealogical Connections
by Rodger Rosenberg

Rodger Rosenberg is in his second term as President of the SFBAJGS. The dog park, setting of this article, has provided Rodger with many genealogy leads and has been a source of new members for the JGS!
Rodger's areas of research include Boston, New York, Chicago, and Lomza Poland. The surnames he is researching include **ROSENBERG**, **KANTER**, **BLOOM**, **NEIBURGER**, and **RATCHKOFSKY**.

As many of you may know, some of my biggest inspirations in both my own research as well as in my role as President of this Society are related to my dog, Shayna. A recent occurrence proved this fact. The beginning of this event was recounted to me by my wife Elaine.

Elaine, who is a knitting enthusiast, was speaking with a woman from whom she was contemplating buying a spinning wheel. As they we discussing the pros and cons of different models available, our dog Shayna began to make a fuss. Shayna does not often bark, but for some reason she began barking. Elaine yelled for Shayna to be quiet. The woman commented to her that the name Shayna seemed unusual for a dog of an owner who is Japanese-American. Elaine told her that I had named her, and that her "official" name was Shayna Rosenberg. The seller commented that she knew someone by that name when she attended high school. The seller then asked Elaine where I was from, "the East Coast ..." Elaine replied. The woman remarked that she too was from the East Coast as was the Rosenberg she knew. The conversation continued, as each time a statement was made, the woman continued to say, "yeah ... me too." In the end Elaine learned that the woman had actually grown up in the same town I had, and in fact had gone to school with my mother.

For those of you who are not familiar with my background, I began my genealogical research after finding my natural father. My mother died when I was five months old, and I was raised by my maternal grandparents. I never had any contact with my natural father until I began doing my research and "found him." So when I learned, by sheer coincidence, of someone who actually knew my mother, we decided to pay her a visit in Napa County.

Three days later we met this woman whose first comment to me was "you look just like your mother." We spent the evening reveling in the woman's stories of her high school years and distant memories of her friend, my mother. She told me about little things that she recalled: the name of a boyfriend, the styles of clothing she liked, etc. More importantly I learned about my mother's personality, dreams, and aspirations. At that moment I felt closer to my mother than I ever have. The woman apologized for not remembering more, but it was these small details and fragments which were so precious to me.

When we arrived home, I gave Shayna a big hug and privately thanked her for making such a fuss, which had lead to that evening's events. I smiled to myself too, remembering that when I had considered naming her, it was a choice between Shayna or "Bogger Nose" as she has a speckle of white under her nose. I was never so happy I had chosen the "right" name.

Spelling of Names on Tombstones

Lois Sernoff and Shimon Barak, JewishGen

A question about the spelling of names on tombstones was posted on JewishGen. Among the numerous replies was this response. What do you think?

Question: The gravestone of my grandmother is broken. The top section has toppled and cannot be repaired. On the original stone the surname is spelled incorrectly. Now, the great-grandchildren have volunteered to erect a replacement stone if I will handle the details. Do I correct the spelling of the surname or do I have it engraved in the same way as the original?

Response: I am using the reply to your e-mail as an excuse to express my view on the subject of surnames and their spelling. My surname (and that of my parents, brothers, and children) is Barak. I have cousins named Barack, Barck, Bark, Barg, and Berg, to name but a few of the variations. The fact that the "original" surname was Barag or BAR"G is not important from any other point of view but the genealogical. I am known as Shimon Barak by several thousands in Israel and abroad and hope (until 120!) that I'll be buried under that name. I have the feeling that our North American brethren give too much emphasis to the correct spelling of their names. This is an Anglo-Saxon custom (e.g., Smith, Smythe) and not so important in other places of the world. When my maternal great-great-grandfather came to Argentina under the name "Takhman" (in Yiddish spelled tet-aleph-khaph-mem-aleph-nun) he changed the spelling at once to "Tajman" to keep the sound of his name (much more important then the spelling of it!). If I were you I would use the original spelling of the name as it was inscribed in the original stone and, in parentheses, the surname by which your grandmother was known to her friends and neighbors.

1930 Federal Population Census

Federation of Genealogical Societies, FGS Forum, Summer 2000
*National Archives Records Administration Web site at **www.nara.gov/genealogy/1930cen.htm**.*

On August 1, 2002, the 1930 census and all existing soundex indexes will become available at the National Archives Building, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20408-0001, and at regional facilities in 13 major cities. This particular date is chosen because it ends the statutory 72-year restriction on access for privacy reasons (92 Stat. 915; Public Law 95-416; October 5, 1978). The census day was April 1, 1930.

Microfilmed Indexes

Only twelve states are fully or partially indexed. Indexes using the soundex indexing system exist for the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky (part), Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia (part).

Counties that are indexed in the two partial states, Kentucky and West Virginia, are: Kentucky: Bell, Floyd, Harlan, Kenton, Muhlenberg, Perry, and Pike; West Virginia: Fayette, Harrison, Kanawha, Logan, McDowell, Mercer, and Raleigh.

Questions Asked on the Census

The 1930 census asked 32 questions about each person:

Place of Abode
1. Street, avenue, road, etc.
2. House number (in cities or towns).
3. Number of dwelling house in order of visitation.
4. Number of family in order of visitation.

Name
5. Name of each person whose place of abode on April 1, 1930 was this family.

Relation
6. Relationship of this person to the head of the family.

Home Data
7. Home owned or rented.
8. Value of home, if owned, or monthly rental, if rented.
9. Radio set?
10. Does this family live on a farm?

Personal Description
11. Sex.
12. Color or race [White (W), Negro (Neg), Mexican (Mex), Indian (In), Chinese (Ch), Japanese (Jp), Filipino (Fil), Hindu (Hin), Korean (Kor), other races spelled out in full].
13. Age at last birthday.

14. Marital condition. [Single (S), married (M), widowed (Wd), divorced (D)].
15. Age at first marriage.

Education
16. Attended school or college any time since Sept. 1, 1929.
17. Whether able to read and write.

Place of birth
18. Place of birth – Person.
19. Place of birth – Father.
20. Place of birth – Mother.

Mother Tongue (or Native Language) of Foreign Born
21. Language spoken in home before coming to the United States.

Citizenship, etc.
22. Year of immigration to the United States.
23. Naturalization.
24. Whether able to speak English.

Occupation & Industry
25. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, salesman, riveter, teacher, etc.
26. Industry or business, as cotton mill, dry-goods store, shipyard, public school, etc.
27. Class of worker.

Employment
28. Whether actually at work yesterday (or the last regular working day) – Yes or No.
29. If not, line number on Unemployment Schedule.

Veterans
30. Whether a veteran of U.S. military or naval force – Yes or No.
31. What war or expedition? [World War (WW), Spanish-American War (Sp), Civil War (Civ), Philippine Insurrection (Phil), Boxer Rebellion (Box), Mexican Expedition (Mex)].

Farm Schedule
32. Number of farm schedule. [Farm schedules no longer exist.]

How to Get Information Before April 2002

For information about yourself or a deceased person from the 1930 or later censuses for legal or other purposes, obtain Form BCC-600 from the Bureau of the Census Age Search Service and return the form with the required fee to that agency. Forms are also available by writing to: U.S. Census Bureau, National Processing Center, 1201 East 10th Street, Jeffersonville, IN 47132.

CD-ROMs in the SFBAJGS Library - Available for Home Use

The SFBAJGS library's collection of CD-ROM items is listed below. The Board has decided to make them available for borrowing by our members, and has therefore drafted a set of rules and procedures, for doing this. The same rules and procedures will pertain to our cassettes, as well.

A CD may be obtained by contacting our President, Rodger Rosenberg (415-666-0188, eandr@ix.netcom.com) no later than one week before a meeting. Rodger is responsible for bringing the requested materials to the appropriate meeting. At that time you will be asked to sign a Borrower's Agreement. The terms of the agreement are that the item must be returned by the agreed upon date, no more than four week later, and that the borrower will be responsible for the costs of replacing any damaged or lost item. All future borrowing privileges will be forfeited until such costs are paid in full.

Materials may be returned at the SFBAJGS meeting in the following month, should the borrower choose to attend. Or they may be returned by mail to the SFBAJGS mailing address: P.O. Box 471616, San Francisco, CA 94147. Return postage is the responsibility of the SFBAJGS member. Naturally, if you are finished with the borrowed materials sooner than the four-week period, a quick return to the JGS would be very much appreciated!

Jewish Genealogy and other CDs

Family Tree of the Jewish People
IAJGS Cemeberty Project
Avotaynu (57 back issues of the publication with search engine)
LDS Emigrant Roster and Voyage History (1840-1869) by Filo Infobase

Broderbund/Family Tree Maker CDs

Location	Title	Year(s)	CD#
AL	Marriage Index: Selected Counties AL, GA, SC	1641-1944	3
AL	Land Records: AL, AR, FL, LA, MI, MN, OH, WI	1790-1907	255
AR	Marriage Index: Selected Counties AR, MO, MS, TX	1766-1981	5
AR	Marriage Index: Selected Counties Arkansas	1779-1992	6
AR	Marriage Index: Selected Counties AR, CA, IA, LA, MN, MO, OR, TX	1728-1850	227
AR	Land Records: AL, AR, FL, LA, MI, MN, OH, WI	1790-1907	255
AZ	Marriage Index: AZ, CA, ID, NV	1850-1951	225
CA	Marriage Index: AZ, CA, ID, NV	1850-1951	225
CA	Marriage Index: Selected Counties AR, CA, IA, LA, MN, MO, OR, TX	1728-1850	227
Canada	Census Index: Ontario, Canada	1871	116
Canada	Canadian Genealogy Index	1600s-1900s	118
CT	Family History: Connecticut Genealogies #1	1600s-1800s	179
DE	Military Records: Revolutionary Patriots, MD & DE	1775-1783	133
DE	Church Records: Maryland and Delaware	1600s-1800s	178
FL	Land Records: AL, AR, FL, LA, MI, MN, OH, WI	1790-1907	255
GA	Marriage Index: AL, GA, SC	1641-1944	3
GA	Marriage Index: Selected Counties AL, GA, SC	1641-1944	3
GA	Marriage Index: Selected Counties of Georgia	1754-1850	226
GA	Census Index: Georgia (1870 Census Bundle)	1870	291
IA	Marriage Index: Selected Counties AR, CA, IA, LA, MN, MO, OR, TX	1728-1850	227
ID	Marriage Index: AZ, CA, ID, NV	1850-1951	225
ID	Census Index: Idaho (not comprehensive)	1910	335
IL	Marriage Index: IL, IN, KY, OH, TN	1720-1926	2
IL	Marriage Index: Selected Counties IL, IN	1790-1850	228
IL, Chicago	Census Index: Baltimore, Chicago, St. Louis	1870	288
IN	Marriage Index: IL, IN, KY, OH, TN	1720-1926	2
IN	Marriage Index: Selected Counties IL, IN	1790-1850	228
Ireland	Census Index: Selected Counties of Ireland	1831, 1841	197
KY	Marriage Index: IL, IN, KY, OH, TN	1720-1926	2
KY	Family History: Kentucky Genealogies #1	1700s-1800s	185

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KY	Marriage Index: Selected Counties KY, NC, TN, VA, WV	1728-1850	229
LA	Marriage Index: Selected Counties of Louisiana	1718-1925	1
LA	Marriage Index: Selected Counties AR, CA, IA, LA, MN, MO, OR, TX	1728-1850	227
LA	Land Records: AL, AR, FL, LA, MI, MN, OH, WI	1790-1907	255
MA	Military Records: Massachusetts Civil War Soldiers and Sailors	1861-1865	134
MA	Marriage Index: Massachusetts	1633-1850	231
MA	Census Index: Massachusetts	1870	284
MD	Marriage Index: MD, NC, VA	1624-1915	4
MD	Military Records: Revolutionary Patriots, MD & DE	1775-1783	133
MD	Church Records: Maryland and Delaware	1600s-1800s	178
MD	Marriage Index: Maryland	1655-1850	224
MD, Baltimore	Census Index: Baltimore, Chicago, St. Louis	1870	288
MI	Land Records: AL, AR, FL, LA, MI, MN, OH, WI	1790-1907	255
MN	Marriage Index: Selected Counties AR, CA, IA, LA, MN, MO, OR, TX	1828-1850	227
MN	Land Records: AL, AR, FL, LA, MI, MN, OH, WI	1790-1907	255
MO	Marriage Index: Selected Counties AR, MO, MS, TX	1766-1981	5
MO	Marriage Index: Selected Counties AR, CA, IA, LA, MN, MO, OR, TX	1728-1850	227
MO, St. Louis	Census Index: Baltimore, Chicago, St. Louis	1870	288
MS	Marriage Index: Selected Counties AR, MO, MS, TX	1766-1981	5
NC	Marriage Index: MD, NC, VA	1624-1915	4
NC	Family History: Kentucky Genealogies #1	1700s-1800s	185
NC	Marriage Index: Selected Counties KY, NC, TN, VA, WV	1728-1850	229
NC	Census Index: NC, SC	1870	289
New England	Family History: New England Families #1	1600s-1800s	117
New England	English Origins of New England Families	1500s-1800s	181
NJ	Family History: New Jersey Genealogies #1	1600s-1800s	182
NV	Marriage Index: AZ, CA, ID, NV	1850-1951	225
NY	Military Records: Selected NY Revolutionary War Records	1775-1840	132
NY	State Index: Upstate NY Newsletters & Journals Series	1685-1910	160
NY	Family History: Genealogies of Long Island Families	1600s-1800s	173
NY	Early Settlers of New York State	1760-1942	183
NY	Census Index: New York City (not comprehensive)	1870	287
NY	Marriage Index: Selected Areas of New York	1639-1916	401
NY	Marriage Index: New York #2	1740s-1880s	402
OH	Marriage Index: IL, IN, KY, OH, TN	1720-1926	2
OH	Land Records: AL, AR, FL, LA, MI, MN, OH, WI	1790-1907	255
OH	Marriage Index: Ohio	1789-1850	400
OR	Marriage Index: Selected Counties AR, CA, IA, LA, MN, MO, OR, TX	1728-1850	227
PA	Census Index: Western PA	1870	285
PA	Census Index: Eastern PA	1870	286
RI	Family History: Rhode Island Genealogies	1600s-1800s	180
SC	Marriage Index: Selected Counties AL, GA, SC	1641-1944	3
SC	Census Index: NC, SC	1870	289
TN	Marriage Index: IL, IN, KY, OH, TN	1720-1926	2
TN	Family History: Kentucky Genealogies #1	1700s-1800s	185
TN	Marriage Index: Selected Counties KY, NC, TN, VA, WV	1728-1850	229
TX	Marriage Index: Selected Counties AR, MO, MS, TX	1766-1981	5
TX	Marriage Index: Selected Counties AR, CA, IA, LA, MN, MO, OR, TX	1728-1850	227
VA	Marriage Index: MD, NC, VA	1624-1915	4
VA	Family History: Virginia Genealogies #1	pre1600-1900s	162
VA	Virginia Vital Records #1	1600s-1800s	174
VA	Family History: Kentucky Genealogies #1	1700s-1800s	185
VA	Family History: Virginia Genealogies #2	1600s-1800s	186

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VA	Marriage Index: Selected Counties KY, NC, TN, VA, WV	1728-1850	229
VA	Census Index: VA, WV	1870	290
VA	Census Microfilm Records: Virginia 1850 (6 CDs)	1850	309
WI	Land Records: AL, AR, FL, LA, MI, MN, OH, WI	1790-1907	255
WV	Family History: Kentucky Genealogies #1	1700s-1800s	185
WV	Marriage Index: Selected Counties KY, NC, TN, VA, WV	1728-1850	229
WV	Census Index: VA, WV	1870	290
	African Americans in the 1870 Census	1870	165
	Birth Records: United States/Europe	900-1880	17
	Census Index: Colonial America (not comprehensive)	1607-1789	310
	Census Index: United States Selected Counties	1790	311
	Census Index: Unites States Selected Counties (not comprehensive)	1880	312
	Census Index: United States Selected Counties	1819	313
	Census Index: United States Selected Counties	1820	314
	Census Index: United States Selected Counties	1830	315
	Census Index: Unites States Selected Counties (not comprehensive)	1840	316
	Census Index: Unites States Selected Counties (not comprehensive)	1850	317
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	Census Index: United States Selected States/Counties	1870	319
	Census Index: United States Selected States/Counties	1880	320
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	Compendium of American Genealogy	1600s-1800s	200
	Complete Book of Emigrants (and, *In Bondage)	1607-1776	350
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	Family History Collection: 217 Genealogy Books		113
	Family Pedigrees: Everton Publishers	1500-1990	15
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	FamilyFinder Index Version 4.0		N/A
	Genealogies of Mayflower Families	1500s-1800s	171
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	Social Security Death Index: United States	1937-1996	110
	Veterans' Schedules: U.S. Selected States	1890	131
	World Family Tree Vol. 1	pre1600-Present	1WFT
	World Family Tree Vol. 2	pre1600-Present	2WFT
	World Family Tree Vol. 3	pre1600-Present	3WFT
	World Family Tree Vol. 4	pre1600-Present	4WFT
	World Family Tree Vol. 5	pre1600-Present	5WFT
	World Family Tree Vol. 6	pre1600-Present	6WFT
	World Family Tree Vol. 7	pre1600-Present	7WFT
	World Family Tree Vol. 8	pre1600-Present	8WFT
	World Family Tree Vol. 9	pre1600-Present	9WFT
	World Family Tree Vol. 10	pre1600-Present	10WFT
	World Family Tree Vol. 11	pre1600-Present	11WFT
	World Family Tree Vol. 12	pre1600-Present	12WFT
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	World Family Tree Vol. 14	pre1600-Present	14WFT
	World Family Tree Vol. 15	pre1600-Present	15WFT

BOOKSHELF

The Jewish Victorian: Genealogical Information From the Jewish Newspapers 1871-1880

by Jeremy Frankel

It is difficult to know just where to begin in lauding the author. Many a genealogist who has wrestled with English ancestry, knowing that English Jewish newspapers are a veritable goldmine will have had their enthusiasm more than dampened by the thought of having to plow through issue after issue, year after year, in order to extricate the nuggets contained within.

Doreen Berger deserves our heartfelt thanks for having taken on and tackled not one but three Jewish newspapers of the period 1871-1880: the *Jewish Chronicle*, the *Jewish Record*, and *Jewish World*. Only the *Jewish Chronicle*, however, spanned the whole decade reviewed.

As stated in the acknowledgements, the book began as an index to a branch of her husband's family and all the notices they had submitted. The lure of the research and indexing was such that she decided to index all the entries. Not content with just the births, marriages, and deaths, Berger went back to include all the obituaries. While doing so she thought she "might as well put in the stories regarding the individuals from the inside the pages of the newspapers. This was the most interesting and challenging work of all ...."

The index is alphabetical by last name of the person, whether mentioned in a paid announcement or a newspaper article. Any other person connected is listed after each entry as a reference to follow where the individual would appear in the alphabetical listing. The chronological listing for each individual permits the researcher to follow all the stories or announcements for that person for the whole decade.

I can relate to just a little of what Berger went through as I have spent countless hours going through many years of the *Jewish Chronicle* turning up almost 500 entries of announcements for several of my families. The Koenigsbergs alone submitted 136.

The book proved its worth to me twice during the first week I owned it. During this summer's International Conference at Salt Lake City, I asked a fellow genealogist if she had seen the book as the Mormon Library had a copy on the British Isles floor. She replied that it was highly unlikely there were any relatives of hers to be found during this decade. Needless to say, she was most surprised (and pleased) to discover her Hyamson relatives listed.

For her efforts, Doreen Berger became the first recipient in England of the Rabbi Dr. Bernard Susser award, for a book promoting Jewish genealogy. Fortunately for genealogists, this is not the end of the story. The index to the 1860s decade is almost ready for printing and Doreen has been getting many requests for her to index the 1880s, a period when many of us with English roots had relatives living in England.

Finally, I have to admit that the Doreen is not exactly unknown to me because she is married to David Berger, who is a also a Koenigsberg descendant and my second cousin once removed.

The Jewish Victorian: Genealogical Information from the Jewish Newspapers 1871-1880. Transcribed and edited by Doreen Berger. Published by Robert Boyd Publications, England, 1999.

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  Canadian white pages
www.markt.nl/dyp/index-en.html
  Dutch yellow pages
www.paginegialle.it
  Italy yellow pages
etv.eunet.ch/cgi-bin/etvq
  Switzerland white pages
www.eyp.co.uk
  United Kingdom yellow pages

www.whowhere.lycos.com
  Database of e-mail addresses and telephone numbers
www.iaf.net
  "Internet Address Finder"
www.infobel.be/infobel/infobelworld.html
  Phonebooks from around the world
www.gendex.com
  Gendex - over 2.5 million names

Search Engines

www.google.com	www.alltheweb.com
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COMPUTER/ONLINE NEWS

A History of New York Ports

Joan Breslow, JewishGen

An excellent site for learning more about the history of immigration through New York is presented at **members.tripod.com/~L_Alfano/immig.htm**. Entitled "The Immigration Experience," the site gives a good introduction to New York City ports, including Castle Garden and the Barge Office, both of which pre-date the Ellis Island facility. The text provides a timeline for understanding immigration laws and a guide to which immigration station was in use at a particular time.

The site also features links to interesting articles on the immigrant experience including a discussion of the burial of immigrants and the experience of detainees. Many of the articles are period pieces from New York publications (including the *New York Times*) addressing subjects such as "How Food is Sold at Ellis Island" published in 1894. Fascinating photographs are presented, and a link to postcard photos offers additional views.

Angel Island, California's "Immigration Station," is included, featuring a piece reproduced from a book published in 1917. Grosse Ile, a major Canadaian port of entry is also referenced.

Lending authority to the information provided is the acknowledgement to Marian Smith, Historian of Immigration and Naturalization Service, for her review of the original page.

New York Times Paid Death Notices Online

Dick Plotz, JewishGen

The New York Times Premium Archive includes paid death notices (along with most published articles – no photographs). Although this archive currently goes back only to 1996, this is a great resource. The first two (long) lines of a death notice are shown in the index listing and often contain useful genealogical information. Searching the Premium Index is free. The full death notice costs $2.50 and can be ordered online.

Use the search engine on the New York Times home page at **www.nytimes.com** and enter your search criteria, selecting a search of the Archives (as opposed to "Latest News"). In subsequent searches you can narrow the range of years searched and select a sort preference such as displaying the most recent article/notice that matches your search first. Perhaps entries prior to 1996 will someday be added.

City Directories Online – For a Price

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Primary Source has posted the microfilm images of many city directories for a wide range of years, online at **www.citydirectories.psmedia.com**. The search result is an image of the actual page from the particular directory you've searched. However, a search of only six of these directories is free (each from 1859), but they include New York, Philadelphia, and Chicago. An annual subscription to access the entire database costs a steep $149 per year.

It has been pointed out that it would likely be more cost efficient to order the specific microfilms in which you are interested through a Family History Center at $3.50 per microfilm reel. Other JewishGen postings noted that some public libraries and libraries specializing in regional, local, or family history have subscribed to the site, providing free access to patrons.

Many but not all of the directories are business directories. A look at the listing of available volumes shows:

- 39 for Philadelphia, 1785-1921;
- 29 for Boston, 1789-1917;
- 6 for Brooklyn, NY, 1840-1910;
- 23 for New York, NY, 1840-1920; and
- 14 for San Francisco, 1850-1921.

You can search any word, name, or phrase, in one or several directories at the same time. Not every U.S. city is represented and not every year is available. To try the free search of 1859 directories, select "Free Search" from the home page, which returns the list of the free directories. Click "Continue," then select city, state, or year and the specific city/state/year. If you've chosen "state," a list of all available directories will be displayed. Check the one in which you're interested and click "Add to List."

On the next page, select the particular directory again and click "Search." You can then enter the surname or search criteria you wish. On the subsequent page, scroll down past the list of free directories to see your chosen directory, the number of hits, and page numbers.

Note: other than the high cost, keep in mind that the results presented are images of the microfilmed pages. Thus, the results load very slowly.

Migration from the Russian Empire – CD-ROM version

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Avotaynu has received numerous inquiries about the status of additional volumes of the work, *Migration from the Russian Empire*. There will likely be no more printed volumes, however there will be a CD-ROM version that will include years not covered by the six volumes already in print. Genealogy.com will produce the CD and the first version will appear no earlier than 2001. What years will be on the initial CD has not yet been determined.

Migration from the Russian Empire is an index of Russian immigrants to the U.S based on passenger arrival lists. The six volumes in print cover the years 1875-June 1891. They can be purchased from Avotaynu at www.avotaynu.com/catalog.htm.

[The San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society library holds all six volumes published to date.]

Krakow Ghetto Register online

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Gesher Galicia is pleased to announce that the Krakow Ghetto Register is now online at **www.jewishgen.org/databases/KrakowGhetto.htm**. The computerization of these 18,000+ records was a cooperative effort by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and Gesher Galicia.

The information for the database comes from the Document Archives of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. The collection consists of registration forms for the Jewish inhabitants of Krakow, Poland, which were created under the direction of the Jewish community in Krakow in response to a Nazi order, mostly during July and August, 1940. No forms were made for children under the age of 15.

The database is a finding aid to the registration forms. Copies of individual registration forms will be provided in response to requests sent to the Museum at registry@ushmm.org. It is important to note that the registration forms do not contain information on the ultimate fate of the Krakow residents.

Romania: Online Database and Discussion Group

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Earlier this year, ROM-SIG (Romania special interest group) launched a Web site for the old Kingdom of Romania, including regions of modern-day Romania, Moldova, and Southwestern Ukraine, covering: Moldavia, Transylvania, Wallachia, The Banat, Bessarabia, Bukovina, Dobruja, and The Maramures.

At their Shtetls of Romania site, **www.jewishgen.org/romsig/Shtetls/Romania.htm**, a nicely organized search feature allows you to search for a town, county, or region. When a location is selected, the latitude and longitude are given, as well as links to various JewishGen databases and features, which allows you to search quickly for additional relevant material. A list of surrounding shtetls is also provided – something everyone should keep in mind as our ancestors were quite mobile!

The SIG also maintains a discussion group. Hosted by JewishGen, the discussion group will be of interest to anyone interested in Jewish roots in the locations listed above. You can subscribe online or via e-mail. Online, click "Special Interest Groups" from the JewishGen home page (www.jewishgen.org) and select the "Subscribe" button. The online webform will take you through the process of signing up. By e-mail, send a message to: listserv@lyris.jewishgen.org and enter "subscribe rom-sig <your first name> <your last name>" in the body of your message.

Jewish WebIndex

by Sita Likuski

Do you need an online translation service for Ukrainian? Need to know the time in Prague? Wondering what the name Fanny means? Want to know how to borrow newspaper microfilms from New York State, like the Jewish Recorder for the year 1894?

Ted Margulis wants to help! At JewishWebIndex, **jewishwebindex.com/**, he has put together a Web site with several major links: Countries; Books/Newspapers/Libraries; Emigration; Family Pages; Genealogy; Holocaust Index; Language Translations; Names; and Time, Dates, Currency. The link "JewishGen and similar sites" is not just general information about JewishGen. Ted has created his own index to JewishGen menu items, such as the Eastern European FAQ and the JewishGen-hosted SIGs. The links to similar sites include the adoption

Web site Birthquest and Jewish-American History on the Web. This year, the site was awarded Ancestry's "Family History Favorite Award."

Ted says, "You will find each link provides easy, one-click accessibility to a multitude of web sites that I have previously viewed and found to offer Jewish genealogical information – either by country or by a specific subject. The main purpose of this Web site is to make it easy for you to do your own research ... and make it fun to do ... both at the same time."

This is a work in progress, and links will constantly be "under construction." It is easy to use. When you are finished with a Web page you can easily return to the main links, as they appear at all times in a frame to the left of the screen.

Ted, "enjoying retirement in Palm Desert, CA" encourages us to make suggestions for new links. He writes, "Every day that I can, I keep adding more and more information so if you see I've missed a favorite site of yours, please let me know. Contact me at support@jewishwebindex.com."

RootsWeb

Gary Mokotoff, Avotaynu, Nu? What's New?

It is remarkable how many Jewish genealogists are totally focused on Jewish genealogy Internet sites and are unaware of other sites for genealogy. The most popular site for American genealogy is RootsWeb.com. It has many features comparable to JewishGen. Where JewishGen has the Family Tree of the Jewish People, a database of family trees; RootsWeb has its WorldConnect Project. JewishGen has the JewishGen Family Finder, a database of ancestral surnames and towns; RootsWeb has RootsWeb Surname List. JewishGen has ShtetlSeeker; RootsWeb has U.S. Town/County Database. JewishGen has mailing lists primarily oriented toward Special Interest Groups; RootsWeb has more than 19,000 mailing lists.

RootsWeb has much information that might be useful to Jewish genealogists. Of particular interest is the International (non-U.S.) Home Page which links to subsections by country at **www.rootsweb.com/ ~websites/international.htm**. Start at this page and browse the various countries. For example, there is a set of excellent maps of pre-World War I Hungary at **www.rootsweb.com/~wghungar/Maps/ maps.html**.

National Archives of Canada Database Online

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Some immigration records held by the Canadian Archives are now online at **www.archives.ca/exec/ naweb.dll?fs&020118&e&top&0**. Note that for most years, the Canadian passenger lists are not indexed. While there were only a few ports, and thousands rather than millions of immigrants, the search can still be daunting. The site does indicate exactly which records have been indexed.

The database currently covers the years 1925 to 1935. The information provided gives name, age, country, ship, microfilm reel, etc. The database is searchable by surname or ship name as well as Canadian ports of arrival, including New York, Boston and Providence, RI for immigrants whose destination was Canada.

Information is also provided that discusses accessing other years of immigration and related information. Other Canadian locations that have microfilm available are cited.

However, if you're trying to determine if your ancestor immigrated to Canada before coming to the United States, you may be able to do so by researching either the "St. Albans Indexes and Lists" or the "Detroit Border Manifest Cards." Both are available on microfilm, and record immigrants to the U.S. coming from Canada. The records may (or may not) provide the details about how and when the immigrant crossed the Atlantic. The St. Albans Lists cover several border crossing cities, one of which was St. Albans, VT. The microfilms can be obtained through an LDS Family History Center and at some regional branches of the National Archives and Records Administration.
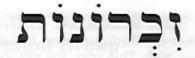

Increased Fees for Copies of NARA Records

On November 13, 2000, that National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) will institute a new fee schedule for copies of records, whether made by patrons onsite at NARA (in Washington, D.C. or at a regional facility), or by NARA staff in response to a research request. A complete listing of the new fees is available online at **www.nara.gov/nara/ newfees.html**.

The last increase in these fees was instituted in 1991. Since then, the number of requests for copies of documents held by NARA has increased dramatically, especially as the interest in genealogy has grown. Additionally, the costs to NARA for staffing and related efforts have increased.

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