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CALENDAR OF GENEALOGICAL EVENTS

Meetings of the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society

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.**
Jewish Community High School, 1835 Ellis Street. Jewish Community Library open on second floor. **Free parking: enter parking area from Pierce Street.**
- Los Altos Hills:** **Monday, Library opens at 7 p.m. Program begins at 7:30 p.m.** Congregation Beth Am, 26790 Arastradero Road.
- Berkeley:** **Sunday, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.** Berkeley-Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut Street, North Berkeley.

2007 SFBAJGS Membership Dues Now Payable

All members were mailed a membership renewal letter and form. Please review the renewal form to make sure we have your correct information and make any updates to your Family Finder information. We are planning to issue an updated SFBAJGS Family Finder in 2007. Send us your \$23 membership renewal — and a donation if desired — before the end of 2006 to take advantage of the 2006 tax deduction. For those who have already sent in their renewals and contributions, a big thank you.

Tentative Programming for 2007

Meetings are held in San Francisco on the third Sunday of every other month. On alternate months meetings are held in Berkeley on the third Sunday and in Los Altos on the following Monday. Revised dates are planned when holidays or other events interfere with this basic schedule. An updated list of programs and dates will be posted on the SFBAJGS website.

Sun. Jan. 14, San Francisco: *Beyond JewishGen and Steve Morse's "One-step" Websites. Using the Internet for Jewish Genealogy*, by Ron Arons.

Sun. Feb. 11, Berkeley: *Beyond JewishGen and Steve Morse's "One-step" Websites. Using the Internet for Jewish Genealogy*, by Ron Arons.

Mon. Feb. 26, Los Altos Hills: *A Trip to Prague*, by Jerry Delson. Includes video and an interview with Czech genealogy specialist Dr. Julius Muller.

For the latest program information visit www.jewishgen.org/sfbajgs

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President's Message
No Substitute for Face to Face

By Jeremy Frankel, SFBAJGS President

The year is almost over and it has been a truly wonderful (if slightly exhausting) 25th anniversary year. I didn't realize until I sat down and figured it out, but there were 17 Society meetings, four Board Meetings, and the Anniversary Luncheon, which added up to 22 events. If we include the joint One-on-One sessions (see more about this below), this means that there was (statistically speaking) an event held by the Society more than every two weeks throughout 2006! With this kind of enthusiasm, we obviously cannot rest on our laurels. We want to maintain the interest and enthusiasm through 2007. The Board is looking at some new projects that we hope to unveil in 2007.

The One-on-One Genealogy sessions we have participated in as a co-operative venture with the Bureau of Jewish Education's Jewish Community Library have been amazingly successful; no small thanks to Judy Baston for organizing them. And a big thanks as well to the Society stalwarts, such as Beth Galleto, Dana Kurtz, Marian Rubin, Jeff Lewy, Larry Burgheimer and Stephen Harris, who show up and share their expertise.

If there is one thing these sessions prove, it is that there is no substitute for face-to-face meetings. There is much to be said for e-mail and online databases, but the opportunity to explain genealogical methodology to newcomers, why we recommend certain databases and what they can expect to find, helps them overcome any fears and gets them on their way. It's also a great way to recruit new members!

This is also why we still think that the monthly Society meetings are definitely a worthwhile proposition, offering an opportunity in convivial surroundings to hear speakers who are at the top of their fields. While Rosanne Leeson and I search out new speakers or new topics, we are always open to suggestions from members. Just recently a cousin of mine, George Frankel, introduced me to Dr. Neil Risch, a leading statistical geneticist at UCSF. I hope to have Neil talk to us next year about this very important topic of Jewish genetics. I think you will all agree that the \$23 membership is extremely good value, especially when you consider what tickets to entertainment events in the Bay Area usually cost.

In closing, on behalf of the Board, I would like to wish everyone a safe and joyful Holiday Season. And remember, make sure you take a pad and pencil with you to all those family gatherings. There's bound to be a relative or two whom you haven't interviewed. We'll see you in 2007!

Jeremy

SOCIETY NEWS

Welcome, New Members

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Registration Now Open for 2007 International Conference

Registration is now open for the 2007 Conference in Salt Lake City, scheduled for July 15 through 20 at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center.

Visit the conference website at **www.slc2007.org** to register, submit speaking proposals (through December 31), book rooms at the Hilton, plan your travel and learn more about what the conference and Salt Lake City have to offer. The website will be updated with scheduled speakers, computer workshops, SIG luncheons and much, much more.

The conference will include a special showing of "Lives Remembered: A Shtetl Through A Photographer's Eye," an exhibit of photography that has been displayed internationally. It depicts the vibrant and modern life in an Eastern European shtetl from 1898 to 1939.

SFBAJGS Joins CSGA

Jeremy Frankel, SFBAJGS President

Most of the members of the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society are familiar with other Jewish related genealogical societies. Some of you may also be aware of local county genealogical and historical societies such as the California Genealogical Society, based in downtown Oakland (**www.calgensoc.org/web/cgs/cgshp.nsf?Open**), or the San Mateo County Genealogical Society (**www.smcgs.org/**). However, not many of you may have heard of the CSGA, which stands for the California State Genealogical Alliance. Just as the IAJGS is an umbrella organization for Jewish genealogical societies, the CGSA does similar work for genealogical and historical societies in California.

As well as a number of projects to identify and index official records in San Francisco, they also monitor state and local political activity to ensure that genealogical and historical societies and individuals can gain access to the records they need to do their work. Earlier this year the SFBAJGS Board recommended that we join the CSGA so that we can be kept abreast of developments taking place within California. The CSGA maintains a web site at **www.csga.com/** where you can find out more about how they can serve our needs, and how we can help them with their objectives.

Contact Us for Paper SFBAJGS Roster

An updated roster of members of the SFBAJGS is nearly ready for delivery to all members. The roster will be sent by e-mail as a .pdf document to all members. Any members who prefer a paper roster should notify Dana Kurtz at **dlkurtz@ix.netcom.com**, or call Beth Galletto at (415) 464-9718.

In Memoriam: Ruth Hersh Mayo

The SFBAJGS has received the sad news that our member Ruth Hersh Mayo recently passed away in Baltimore. She was buried here in California, next to her late husband. Mrs. Mayo was an extremely generous donor of her entire — very large — library when she left the Bay Area, and a copy of her family history was donated to the Sutro Library. The SFBAJGS was very important to her, and she to us.

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More Genealogy Events

Regional

Sun., Jan. 16, 7 p.m. **Santa Clara Historical & Genealogical Society. One-Step Webpages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools.** Dr. Stephen P. Morse will describe the range of tools available on his one-step web website and give the highlights of each one. Started as an aid for finding passengers in the Ellis Island database, Morse's website has continued to evolve and now includes over 100 web-based tools in 12 categories ranging from genealogical searches to astronomical calculations to last-minute bidding on e-Bay. Santa Clara Public Library, 2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara. For information visit www.rootsweb.com/~cascchgs/

Wed., Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m. **Marin County Genealogical Society. Lists, Indexes, and Special Collections.** Cath Madden Trindle CG will explain the types of lists and indexes available, where to find them and how to use them — including how to avoid the pitfalls. She will also discuss special collections, where to find them, what they might contain, and how to access them. Marin Family History Center, 220 North San Pedro Road, San Rafael. For information call (415) 479-2200 or visit www.maringensoc.org

State and National

Sun., Jan. 21, 10 a.m. **Jewish Genealogical Society of Sacramento. From Shtetl to Hester Street.** How did your relatives make their way to a new life in America? The January meeting of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Sacramento will focus on how Jewish immigrants traveled from Eastern Europe to America. Many left from the ports of Hamburg, Bremen, Rotterdam and Libau. Hear from Allan Bonderoff about the various routes they took for their journeys before embarking on a new life in this country. For more information, visit www.jgss.org, e-mail the JGSS at jgs_sacramento@yahoo.com or leave a message at (916) 486-0906 ext. 361.

Sun., Mar. 11, 1 to 4 p.m. **Jewish Genealogical Society of Los Angeles. Where Once We Walked: Travel to Ancestral Shtetls.** A panel discussion including SFBAJGS member Karen Roekard, along with Mark Heckman, Andrea Massion, and Lois Rosen. University Synagogue, 11960 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles. For more information visit www.jewishgen.org/jgsla

One-on-One Help Sessions Continue

One-on-One Help With your Family Tree will be held January 6, February 4 and March 4, 2007 at the Jewish Community Library, 1835 Ellis Street, San Francisco (on the campus of the Jewish Community High School of the Bay).

Participants are urged to arrive promptly at noon to get maximum benefit from the discussion. Bring your materials and take advantage of the Jewish Community Library's extensive reference collection and Internet connection to countless searchable databases, together with one-on-one guidance from experienced genealogists. Veteran researchers from the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogy Society will help with brainstorming and problem-solving.

There is free parking in the building on Pierce Street, between Ellis and Eddy Streets. Registration is requested but not required. Call (415) 567-3327, ext. 704. For more information e-mail library@bjesf.org

Samberg Family History Program Seeks Teen Participants

The Center for Jewish History in New York City is currently seeking outstanding high school teens to receive fellowships to attend the Samberg Family History Program, an academic summer fellowship for high school students. Every participant receives a full-tuition scholarship.

Participants will embark on a personal journey through their past and into their future. They will visit New York City's most historic and remarkable institutions while creating their own family trees and learning about Jewish history.

All high school students are eligible. No previous experience is required. Program dates are July 2 through 27, 2007. For more information e-mail samberg@cjh.org or call (212) 294-8324. Applications may be made online at www.cjh.org/education/samberg.php.

The program is co-sponsored by the American Jewish Historical Society.

Utah Genealogical Association Holds Institute in January

The Utah Genealogical Association will hold its 2007 Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy on January 8 through 12, 2007 at the Radisson Hotel in Salt Lake City. Registration may be done online at www.infouga.org or by mail. A registration application can be accessed on the organization's website. For additional information e-mail info@infouga.org.

PAST MEETINGS



Researching Ancestors Through HIAS Resources



Valery Bazarov, director of the Location and Family History Department at the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) made a well-attended presentation November 20 at Beth Am in Los Altos as part of the SFBAJGS 25th anniversary celebration.

Bazarov took the audience step by step through HIAS' 125-year history. In an entertaining style he then presented a number of mysteries that he was able to solve by consulting HIAS records for particular individuals.

According to Bazarov's materials, the Location and Family History Service can locate family members or friends here or abroad by searching its records of immigrants who arrived in the U.S. under the auspices of HIAS. The organization can also work with a network of affiliated agencies worldwide.

Among the HIAS resources is a collection of arrival cards, including cards for Holocaust survivors who migrated from displaced persons camps to the U.S. The archives contain arrival index cards for the years 1909 through 1985, for immigrants who arrived at ports of entry all over the U.S. The cards list such

information as arrival port and date as well as the first names of each family member, birthdates and country of birth, occupation, sponsor and sponsor's address.

Other finding aids include: Master Card Index-Central Files Cases (1938 to 1979), Cross Reference Index-Central Files Cases (1955-1982), a computerized index accessible to HIAS staff (1980 to the present), Holocaust Arrivals (1935 to 1953), and Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) index cards, (1946 TO 1949).

A HIAS Location Service search may be initiated by completing a Location Service Search Form or an Arrival Card Request Form, available on the HIAS website at www.hias.org/programs/findfamily.php

Other contact numbers are:

Telephone, 800-hias-714

Address, 333 Seventh Avenue

New York, NY 10001-5004.

Location requests can take anywhere from a few days to more than a year. HIAS charges \$30 per inquiry.

Researchers cannot conduct searches themselves at HIAS' offices, but they can view microfilms of the index card sets listed above at the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in New York.

Morse Adds Gold Form to Ellis Island One-Step Site

By Beth Galletto

The exciting news in Dr. Stephen Morse's December 10 presentation in honor of SFBAJGS' 25th anniversary was the announcement of his gold form, a new one-step search form for New York immigrant arrivals that makes his blue and gray forms obsolete.

Morse's presentation combined discussion of the gold form and other Ellis Island search forms with a presentation on how to use his one-step forms to navigate the New York censuses of 1905, 1915, and 1925 "with fewer tears."

He started by reminding genealogy old-timers of the excitement with which they first tried to access the Ellis Island website when it came online in April, 2001. Morse called to mind those early days when the EIDB repeatedly crashed because of the vast numbers of searchers trying to access its inadequate servers.

The site's search engine required repeated searches to locate a particular passenger because each parameter had to be searched separately, with long waits for the search engine to find the data. Dedicated genealogists did much of this work at 3 a.m., when demand on the site was lower. Morse knew he could improve on this performance. This was the origin of his one-step website, stevemorse.org.

He first developed his white form, which could search the Ellis Island site for several parameters at once. Many searches led to a dead end because the Ellis Island site provided an incorrect link or no link to a particular manifest, and Morse responded with his Missing Manifest form.

Morse took the audience of about 30 through the continuing evolution of his one-step site. With assistance of Michael Tobias he was able to "mine"

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Anniversary Celebration Lunch Sunday, October 29, 2006



Nearly 70 Bay Area Jewish genealogists convened to celebrate the SFBAJGS's first 25 years at the Anniversary Lunch held at the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco. They enjoyed renewing acquaintances with old friends and meeting new ones. Displays of genealogical research done by several members were very popular, and some even connected with possible relatives through examination of their displays.

Speaker Paul Hamburg, Curator for the Judaica Collection at the University of California at Berkeley, made a presentation on the topic of "Is the Library Obsolete for Jewish Genealogy?" (Hamburg's answer: It's not. New technology has only made the old-fashioned library better and more efficient.)

Photos by Beth Galletto and Hy Ramm



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SFBAJGS President Jeremy Frankel Photo BG

Event Chair Shellie Wiener was in charge of advance organization and kept the program running smoothly.

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Vice President Rosanne Leeson

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Keynote speaker Paul Hamburg Photo BG



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A lively question and answer period followed the presentation.

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Background Information from Napoleon's Early Campaigns in Poland

By Janice Sellers

I have been involved in publishing for more than 20 years. I freelance — editing, indexing, and translation — for several small-press companies. A friend of mine helped start a company to publish military history books from original source material and asked if I would like to do work for the firm, which led to my recent work on a book about the military campaigns of Napoleon's 3rd Corps. Along with other work, I created the book's index.

Napoleon's Finest: Marshal Louis Davout and His 3rd Corps: Combat Journal of Operations 1805–1807 is a translation (unfortunately, a very literal, stilted one) of Davout's combat journal and of military reports and orders between him and many other men in Napoleon's army. It covers the campaigns and battles of Ulm-Austerlitz, Auerstädt, Prussia, Poland, Czarnowo, Pultusk, Golymin, Jegothien, and Eylau. The last chapter deals with events leading up to the peace treaty at Tilsit between Napoleon and Emperor Alexander of Russia. The original publication was assembled and published by Davout's nephew in 1896 and had a decidedly pro-French slant.

When Napoleon attempted to invade Russia in 1812, it was not the first time that his *Grande Armée* had marched through that part of Europe. His army had traveled through most of the same territory during the campaigns discussed in this book. During this time period, when an army campaigned, it took supplies with it; it also relied heavily (*i.e.*, imposed) on the towns it passed through. Men were sent to forage for food in the neighboring countryside. They went into towns and asked for or demanded support from the local residents. This support could range from food and supplies to quarters for troops. It could also include information. If the support was not given when first requested, threats and imprisonment were often used as incentives for cooperation. An example of this is an order from General Charles Étienne Gudin to General Claude Petit on April 7, 1807:

“The mission for your reconnaissance is to conduct a large forage in Przykop, Wuttrienen, Balden, and Kaletka. ... You will collect as many carts as possible, in addition to the ones from the corps, in order to bring back all the forage and the food that you will find. You will do the same for all the animals you will find. The mayors of the villages you will go through, or some of the prominent inhabitants, will be arrested and taken to the Marshal's [Davout's] headquarters.”

Many towns are mentioned in this book, but no individual from any of the towns is named. The reports refer only to positions, such as burgomeister and bailiff. Two specific references to Jews, however, are made in the chapter on Pultusk and Golymin. Both appear in orders from Claude-Marie Hervo, Davout's Assistant Chief of Staff, to General Nicolas-Léonard Becker, from the 5th Dragoon Division. At the time Becker also commanded the 3rd Corps' light cavalry. The orders are dated January 23 and 24, 1807 and were sent from the 3rd Corps' headquarters in Pultusk. Becker appears to have been quartered somewhere on a peninsula near the Narew River. He had recently been given orders to have the light cavalry scout the surrounding area. Towns mentioned are Borawe, Brok, Czerwin, Dombrowo, Goworowa, Gnasdowo, Gumowo, Krostowo, Miez-Borawe, Nowgorod, Ostrolenka, Porshendse, Przelize, Pulvi-Bruck, Pyski, Sniadow, Stroszyn, Tyszki, and Wyschkow.

“Any individual coming from the enemy's side and trying to return there will be considered and treated as a spy, unless he holds a passport from the general commanding the advance guard. This applies to all the country's inhabitants, and especially the Jews.”

“Your [General Becker's] officers must continue to inform you of all the rumors running among the Jews, the Polish landlords, and the farmers; they are often used, when compared to other information, to uncover the truth.”

The index has three sections: persons, locations, and military units. The location index contains almost 1,000 names. Even though several spellings are questionable, it is obvious that many places in JewishGen's ShtetlSeeker appear in the list (I was even able to correct one misspelling due to information from ShtetlSeeker). Some of these are locations my own ancestors came from: Grodno, Kamieniec, Kreutzberg. Several were relevant again in 1812 during the march to Russia: Kovno, Vilna, Borodino, the Niemen River. It is clear that many of the towns in which our ancestors lived were affected in 1805–1807 as they were again in 1812. The swath of destruction that Napoleon's army cut through Europe in 1812 was merely a repeat of what had happened a few years previously.

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Tracing Former Students at U.C. Berkeley

Jeremy Frankel, SFBAJGS President

Part of a research project of mine involved finding out about two or three brothers who may have attended U.C. Berkeley. They could have attended the university during the first two decades of the 1900s, and I didn't have a clue as to how to go about researching this.

One day I found myself working on another project in the Bancroft Library. (The Bancroft Library is the rare books and manuscripts library of U.C. Berkeley.) I asked the librarian there how one would go about researching former students. She was just as mystified as I was but she carried out some catalog searches and together we came up with some leads.

What really helped was a book entitled *The Golden Book*. This was published in 1937 and lists every student who attended U.C. Berkeley between 1864 and 1936. There are two lists: one is alphabetical by the last name of the student and lists the graduating year and the student's major. The other list is geographical, by state and city.

I discovered that two of the three brothers did indeed attend U.C. Berkeley, both graduating in 1915. Because the directory was compiled some 20 years

later, the geographical list displayed their (then) current home address.

Once I had this information I was able to refer to a series of books entitled *Officers and Students*. This was published every three years or so, and the Bancroft Library has a series ranging from 1894 to 1945. What is really nifty about this series is that it showed me where the students were living each semester. It gave their street address, and not only that, their telephone number, too.

A third step involved looking through the relevant "Blue & Gold" yearbooks to see if there was a photograph of each student. In my case, because neither student belonged to a fraternity, there wasn't a photograph.

The California Genealogical Society (at 1600 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland) also has a copy of *The Golden Book* and a good run of the Blue & Gold yearbooks. (The rest of the library is worth checking out too.)

What I had thought would be a monumental task turned out to be really easy — as long as the student attended Cal before 1937!

Judaica Sound Archives Preserve Yiddish Music

Jeremy Frankel, SFBAJGS President

Before Rosh Hashanah I receive New Year wishes via e-mail from many Jewish-related organizations. Most are familiar to me, but one I received this year prompted me to go and look at its web site. The organization is the Judaica Sound Archives, based at Florida Atlantic University. FAU has five campuses; and the JSA is located at the Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, Florida, 33431.

The collection began in the 1950s with fewer than 1000 (78 rpm) recordings. Today the collection has expanded to include LPs, cassette tapes and 45 rpm records. Altogether there are over 70,000 soundtracks, some of which date back to 1901. The Archives can provide a guided tour for groups or individuals who happen to be in the area. Call (561) 297-2207 to make an appointment.

The website is worth checking out. Go to faujsa.fau.edu/ and see what they have to offer.

Postscript: During a recent telephone call, my mother in London told me that she was about to throw away a bunch of Yiddish 78 rpm records belonging to my father's family. I almost screamed at her not to do anything of the sort until I had checked with the JSA. I asked my mother to write down the names of the singers, the song titles and record numbers and mail them to me. After I received them I went online to the JSA catalog. Of the 11 records, it seemed that seven of them were not in their catalogs. I am now going to contact the JSA to see if they are interested in acquiring these records for their collection.

If any of your families have old Yiddish records tucked away in closets or basements, make a list and check it against the catalog. You never know; you might have something the JSA doesn't have in its collection.

Lectures and Syllabus from 2006 IAJGS Conference Available for Purchase

Audio CDs of sessions presented at the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies' 26th Annual International Conference, held in New York City in August, can now be ordered online. The sessions were recorded live and are unedited. A CD of an individual session sells for \$14; a double session sells for \$25. Individual and double sessions can also be downloaded as MP3s for the same cost. An MP3 CD with all of the recorded sessions on it costs \$149. It is not downloadable.

A 10 percent discount will be applied to orders for individual or double CDs that cost a total of \$100 or more. Shipping costs \$2 per CD within the United States with a maximum charge of \$10.

MP3 CDs will be shipped with all of the components that need to be installed in computers that do not already have the necessary software. MP3 CDs can only be played on MP3 players, PCs, and MP3-capable CD or DVD players. Place orders through the conference website at www.jgsny2006.org/conference_recording.cfm.

The conference syllabus can also be ordered online. Included are paper copies of the speakers' handouts, information about doing research in New York City, and a searchable audio CD version. Shipments within North America cost \$45 for the paper version, the CD, and the cost of delivery. Within the United States, delivery is through the U.S. Postal Service.

Exert Your Influence to Urge More Funding for NARA

As of October 2, 2006, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has reduced the hours during which it is open for public access. The San Bruno branch of NARA is now open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the addition of Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

According to Jan Meisels Allen, director IAJGS and chairperson, Public Records Access Monitoring Committee, "To my knowledge IAJGS was the only genealogical organization that addressed the cut backs in the regional offices—in fact Professor Weinstein (NARA director) commented that most of the responses to the proposed rule addressed only NARA I and NARA II in Washington D.C. area."

She continues, "I would encourage all of us to write to our Congressional leaders to replace the lost federal budget funding to NARA- so that NARA can reestablish the lost extended hours for BOTH regional offices and the D.C. Archives."

Read NARA's Plan for the Next Ten Years

NARA has posted its Strategic Plan, "Preserving The Past To Protect The Future" 2006-2016 at www.archives.gov/about/plans-reports/strategic-plan/2007/nara-strategic-plan-2006-2016.pdf

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 please write to SFBAJGS at P.O. Box 471616, San Francisco, CA 94147, or send an e-mail to Dana Kurtz at dlkurtz@ix.netcom.com. This edition includes corrected listings for Linda Fine.

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Town, Country</u>	<u>Member</u>
BERENSON	Mohyliv Podil's'kyy, Ukraine	Berenson, Phyllis
CHERNOFF(SKI)	Kiyev, Ukraine; New York	Anderson, Melissa
CUMMINGS	New York	Anderson, Melissa
CZEISLER	Fuzesabony, Hungary	Sherman, Martin
GOLDBERG	New York	Anderson, Melissa
HOROWITZ	Kiyev, Ukraine; New York	Anderson, Melissa
KAPLAN	New York	Anderson, Melissa
LOOK	Ciechanow, Poland; Milwaukee, WI	Anderson, Melissa
SICHERMAN	Rakamaz, Hungary	Sherman, Martin
ZEISLER	Fuzesabony, Hungary	Sherman, Martin

Updates to Holocaust Data

Yad Vashem Issues Urgent Call for Volunteers Worldwide

When the Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names was uploaded onto the Yad Vashem website www.yadvashem.org/ in November 2004, Yad Vashem announced an International 11th Hour Campaign to recover as many additional names of Holocaust victims as possible before the generation that best remembers them passes. An urgent call for volunteers to implement grass roots campaigns is now being issued to Jewish communities and organizations worldwide.

Jewish Genealogists: lend your expertise to this the historic project. Urge your friends and family members to join the campaign to recover the names and identities of those who did not survive and have yet to be recorded on "Pages of Testimony."

Anyone committed to ensuring that no Holocaust victim is forgotten would be a significant asset to this endeavor.

With the aid of promotional materials developed by Yad Vashem, volunteers will reach out to survivors and their families and assist them in registering the names of Jews they know were murdered in the Shoah. Through synagogues, Holocaust centers, JCC's, Jewish student organizations, senior centers,

and social service agencies we can reach those who still remember. Time is running out, but, by working together and spreading the word, we can still recover those missing names.

Yad Vashem is also seeking cooperation with research projects to reconstruct pre-war Eastern European Jewish communities. The purpose of the project is to enhance the Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names by finding the names of Jews who perished from places from which we know names are missing. For example, 33,000 Jewish residents of pre-war Babi Yar are estimated to have been murdered in the massacres there. Yad Vashem's database has only just over 3,000 names from this community. We would work with researchers of communities to compare their data with ours to determine whether they possess information we seek. This would involve a sharing of information that would be a mutually beneficial exchange for the purpose of commemorating the Jewish victims of Nazism.

Volunteer by sending your name, address, phone number and email address to names.outreach@yadvashem.org.il with the subject heading "names volunteer."

Yizkor Book Project Updates for October and November 2006

Joyce Field, JewishGen V.P., Data Acquisition

This is a combined report for October and November 2006. In October we added one book, one new entry, and five updates. For November, we added eight new books, seven new entries, and 14 updates.

New books include

- Kobryn, Belarus
- Lambrivka, Ukraine

-Pinkas Hakehillot, Netherlands (table of contents now online)

-Pinkas HaKehillot, Libya and Tunisia (table of contents now online)

-Pinkas HaKehillot, Germany, volumes I, II, and III (all tables of contents now online)

-Sala's Gift by Ann Kirschner: www.jewishgen.org/Yizkor/salas_gift/salas_gift.html. This book is about the secret collection of letters her mother received in Nazi labor camps and kept hidden for nearly 50 years. The book was published in early

November and the author and publisher have generously allowed JewishGen to put excerpts online. Photographs will be added soon.

-The Holocaust in 21 Lithuanian Towns-
www.jewishgen.org/Yizkor/lithuania3/lithuania3.html

New entries:

-Bielsk Podlaski, Poland: Pinkas HaKehillot Polin, vol. VIII

-Dukla, Poland: Pinkas HaKehillot Polin, vol. III

-Kosice, Slovakia: Pinkas HaKehillot Slovakia

-Osieciny, Poland: Pinkas HaKehillot, Polin, vol. IV

-Przeclaw, Poland: Pinkas HaKehillot, vol. III

-Ryglice, Poland: Pinkas HaKehillot, vol. III

-Vac, Hungary: Pinkas HaKehillot Hungary

-Zborow, Poland: Pinkas HaKehillot Polin, vol. II

Updates:

-Borszczow, Ukraine

-Brest, Lithuania

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- Bukowina: History of the Jews in Bukowina, volume II, p. 176: "The Youth Group, Betar"
- Dabrowa Gornicza, Poland
- Dusetos, Lithuania (updated in October and November)
- Holocaust in Belarus (Updated in October and November)
- Jonava, Lithuania
- Kamen Kashirskiy, Ukraine
- Kobryn, Belar
- Lanovtsy, Ukraine
- Oradea, Romania
- Pinkas HaKehillot Polin, vol. V, Foreward, p. IX
- Piotrkow Trybunalski, Poland
- Rozhnyatov, Ukraine
- Ryki, Poland (Polish)
- Slutsk, Belarus
- Zyradow, Poland.

All additions have been flagged at the alphabetical index at www.jewishgen.org/Yizkor/translations.html. You can check whether a yizkor book for your town has been published at www.jewishgen.org/Yizkor/database.html. You can check whether there is an article on your town in a Pinkas HaKehillot volume by consulting the table of contents for the appropriate volume at the Index page at www.jewishgen.org/Yizkor/translations.html under Regions. The tables of contents for all 19 volumes of the Pinkasim have now been translated

and are online. Please consider translating an article about your ancestral town (all are in Hebrew) or financially supporting a translation. Contact me privately to discuss the options. In December a good number of translations from the Pinkas HaKehillot Germany will be added, due to the response to the recent addition of their tables of contents online. Many thanks to the donors of translations and the donors of money to the Yizkor Book Projects.

Additions to JewishGen Holocaust Database

Joyce Field, JewishGen V.P., Data Acquisition

There are now 1,141,316 records in the collection of databases to be found at www.jewishgen.org/databases/Holocaust/.

The Dachau Concentration Camp records now contain 157,960 records. Data entry concluded some time ago, but validation of the data entry by Peter Lande of USHMM is ongoing. The end is near, however.

The Lublin Ghetto Listings, April 1942, contain 4,587 records.

The World Jewish Congress Collection contains 72,899 records of Holocaust survivors. The index of files at www.jewishgen.org/databases/Holocaust/O131_index.html should be accessed to understand the contents of the database. Our thanks to all the persons involved in preparing these databases for their online presentation. Their names appear in the introductions to the individual databases.

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the Ellis Island database and set up his own database of all immigrants listed as "Hebrew." (He had to pick a subset because the entire database was too large for his server. This gave rise to the blue form, which allowed for searches using a soundex system to locate various spellings and could search on every field — but only for the one million Jewish passengers. Eventually the gray form was added. It could do searches similar to those possible on the blue form, but only on four fields (name, age, year of arrival, and town).

As time went on the developers of the Ellis Island site responded to Morse's innovations, first by trying to shut him down and then, apparently realizing that Morse's systems improved usage of their site, by embracing his changes. Now many of these changes have been incorporated into the Ellis Island site itself.

Bringing the discussion to the present, Morse noted that Ancestry.com has done its own transcription of

all New York arrivals, from 1820 to 1957. In response Morse created a new one-step search form — the gold form. This form is capable of searching through the entire 25 million passengers in the Ellis Island database, and it can search on every transcribed field. It also searches the Ancestry database. It allows a user to specify which fields to display on the results page and how to sort the results.

In the second half of his presentation Morse explained how his one-step tools can be used to locate the Assembly District and Election District needed to find people in the 1905, 1915, and 1925 New York State census in the five boroughs of New York City.

Ending the SFBAJGS anniversary celebration with this presentation was an excellent way to acknowledge the past and look to the future, in which Morse will undoubtedly develop more helpful one-step forms for the benefit of genealogists everywhere.

COMPUTER/ONLINE NEWS

Canada Immigration Databases

Donna Dinberg, JewishGen

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) has announced the launch of "Traces of the Past," a new component of the virtual exhibition "Moving Here, Staying Here: the Canadian Immigrant Experience."

Visit the site at www.collectionscanada.ca/immigrants. Funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage through its Canadian Culture Online initiative, the site uses documents held at LAC to tell the story of immigration to Canada from the early 19th century to the outbreak of the Second World War.

In collaboration with the Canadian Genealogy Centre, LAC offers research tools including digitized images of documents. Among the collections are:

Passenger lists from 1865 to 1935, organized by port and date of arrival, may be found at www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/passenger/index-e.html. (The database is not searchable by name of passenger.)

The Likacheff-Ragosine-Mathers collection (LI-RA-MA) contains documents created between 1898 and 1922 by the Canadian consular offices of the Tsarist Russian Empire. The series on passports and identity papers (many with photos) contains approximately 11,400 files on Jewish, Ukrainian and Finnish immigrants to Canada from the Russian Empire. Nearly half the database is now available online, with the rest to be added soon.

Thousands of Records Added to JOWBR

Joyce Field, JewishGen V.P., Data Acquisition

In early August many tens of thousands of new records were added to JOWBR, JewishGen's Online Worldwide Burial Registry, a searchable database, bringing the total number of records to almost 600,000.

Check the names and locations of all the cemeteries included in this database at www.jewishgen.org/databases/Cemetery/tree/CemList.htm.

The additions included over 50,000 burial records from Canada, over 16,000 records from the United States, as well as new records from England, Hungary, Israel, Mauritius, Netherlands, Scotland, Serbia, Slovakia, and Ukraine.

The database can be searched at www.jewishgen.org/databases/cemetery/

Hungarian Sources

Additional Hungarian Census Records 1781-1850 Available

Eric M. Bloch, JewishGen, coordinator Other Hungarian Census Project

We're pleased to announce the addition of 6,000 new entries to the Other Hungarian Census Records 1781 to 1850 database. We now have 30,000 records! www.jewishgen.org/databases/Hungary/CensusOther.htm Thanks to the diligent efforts of our team of transcribers, we're about 90 percent of the way through the census records for the counties of Lipto, Maramaros, Moson, Nograd, Saros, and Szepes. Previously completed counties include Arva, Trencsen, and Zemplen. Eventually, we hope to obtain and transcribe the records for additional counties.

Resource for Eastern Slovakia

Vivian Kahn, Hungarian SIG Coordinator, JewishGen

If you're researching family from formerly Hungarian areas of what is now eastern Slovakia, check out Bill Tarkulich's website at www.iabsi.com/gen/public/. Although this website does not focus on Hungarian-Jewish research, it includes a wealth of information that could help anyone looking for family from this area.

First Budapest Telephone Book On Line

Vivian Kahn, Hungarian SIG Coordinator, JewishGen

Make sure to use the complete URL:

budapest.neuropolis.hu/telefonkonyv/telefonkonyv.php

Access to Massachusetts Death Index

Jan Meisels Allen, Director IAJGS and Chairperson, Public Records Access and Monitoring Committee

The Massachusetts State Archives has placed on line a free index of deaths from 1841-1990.

The index provides the following information: last name, first name, town, year, volume, and page. If you want the actual record you still have to order it from the Massachusetts State Archives for a small fee. I tried this with only a last name and no date of death and it worked!

To view the index go to: www.sec.state.ma.us/vitalrecordssearch/VitalRecordsSearch.aspx

Warszawa Immigration List Accessible at Museum Website

Steven Lasky, *JewishGen*

I have added to my website (to be found at www.museumoffamilyhistory.com) a list of more than 16,000 names of those who last resided in Warszawa before their emigration and subsequent arrival at Ellis Island. This is the twenty-seventh such immigrant list I have placed on my website. Other large lists involve residents of Vilnius, Suwalki, Lodz, Krakow, Bialystok and Lomza. Each of the nine web pages of the Warszawa immigrant list is fairly large, so they may take from a few seconds to a minute or more to fully download to your computer (especially if you are using one that is slow). The entries are listed alphabetically and include surname, given name, year of birth and year of immigration.

Note that I have no more information on these immigrants than what appears on these pages. You can find more information by looking up any of the names on the Ellis Island website or by using Steve Morse's search engine.

I certainly hope that many of you will make use of this list and the others provided. The lists generally take into account many of the various spellings for the towns/cities found on the ship manifests; e.g. Warsaw has been represented on these manifests as Varsava, Varsavia, Varsaw, Varschau, Varsevia, Varsevie, Varshaw, Varsovia, Varsovie, Warsaw, Warszawa and Warschau — not to mention all the spellings that were created or entered due to the misspelling by the ship officers, typos, and the mistranscription by those who tried to decipher the officers' handwriting.

Those of you who are Warszawa researchers will find my main Warszawa page most useful because it provides links to all of the material on my site that deals with Warszawa as well as links to other web sites. The page is located at www.museumoffamilyhistory.com/lee-warszawa.htm. The link to the Warszawa immigration list I've created can be found on this page under "How Our Families Came to America..." You can also access these lists via the Site Map page under "Immigrant Lists: Destination Ellis Island."

Here is a summary of what is on my site that should be of interest to those researching their Warszawa roots. All of the pages mentioned below are accessible through the museum's Site Map page:

1. A list of more than 16,000 people who last resided in Warszawa before emigrating and arriving at Ellis Island through 1924.

2. A topographical map of the Warszawa region, circa 1915 to 22. (See Map Room)

3. A unique surnames list representing individuals buried in most of the Warszawa-associated society plots in the New York-New Jersey metro area. These unique surnames represent more than 10,000 burials. Feel free to contact me for more info if you find a surname of interest on the Warszawa unique surnames list provided. (See Cemetery Project)

4. Photographs of the Warszawa society gates that have been erected at most of these society plots in New York and New Jersey, along with the names of many of the society officers and members. (See Cemetery Project)

5. Pre-war photographs of many of our families who once lived in Warszawa (see Postcards from Home)

6. "The Fischers of Warsawa," who once lived in Warszawa and acted in the Yiddish theatre there, only to perish in the Holocaust. (See The Yiddish World)

7. Photographs of modern-day Warszawa. (See main Warszawa page)

8. Photographs of Holocaust memorials located in Warszawa. (See Holocaust Memorials of Eastern Europe)

Bessarabia Database Updated

Robert Wascou, *JewishGen*

This database, which includes the old "Kishinev Vital Records" database, is a component of both the Romanian and Ukraine databases.

The database contains over 53,800 birth records, over 14,200 marriage or divorce records and over 26,300 death records from Kishinev and Kaushany Moldova for a total of over 94,000 records. Kishinev and Kaushany were formerly in the Bessarabia gubernia of the Russian Empire. These records were filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah and provided to JewishGen for transliteration. The original records are located in the National Archives of the Republic of Moldova in Kishinev (Chisinau).

When completed the Bessarabia Vital Records database will contain birth, marriage, divorce and death records from 1829 to 1915 but not for all years. Detailed information about the Bessarabia Vital Records database can be found at www.jewishgen.org/databases/Romania/KishinevVRs.htm.

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