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President's Message

In the Good Old Summer Time

By Jeremy Frankel, SFBAJGS President

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) Conference is just a couple of months away now, and I look forward to seeing you in Los Angeles. The Conference is a great place to meet and socialize with other genealogists you may only know from online discussion group contact; maybe one of them helped you with your research. Oh yes, there are also over 250 lectures and myriad help sessions and movies being played in the evenings.

If you've never attended a conference, this really is the one to go to — it won't get any closer than here, geographically speaking! Even if you're a beginner, please don't think you'll be overwhelmed, just pick and choose the few (or many) lectures you wish to attend. Do space them out and get some R&R in between.

The Society has a number of members giving presentations, so do patronize these lectures. I certainly will be doing so. In fact I know I'll be hard-pressed, taking in all the presentations and catching up with people I haven't seen in a long while. And I will be carrying out some research in Los Angeles as well.

Closer to home, the Society is still seeking a more salubrious place to meet for its San Francisco members. While there is basically nothing wrong with the Noe Valley Library meeting room, there are a few library restrictions (can't use their LCD projector) and the parking situation is something that could be a whole lot better. So, if your synagogue has a meeting room big enough for 30 to 50 people and perhaps an overhead LCD projector, or if you are aware of any other community room that would serve our purposes, do contact me so I can initiate a dialog with the facility manager.

Finally, summer seems to be just around the corner, so this is your chance to get out from behind your computer and get some exercise — visiting relatives and other, more distant repositories that might hold that vital clue, that missing piece of the jigsaw that forms the picture of your family.

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**Brick Wall Panel Includes Award
Winning Genealogy Blogger**

Schelly Talalay Dardashti, recently recognized by the National Genealogical Society with the Award of Excellence: Genealogical Methods and Sources, will be a panelist at the June 21 meeting of the SFBAJGS, which focuses on breaking down genealogical brick walls. The meeting takes place at Congregation Beth Am, Room 5/6, 26790 Arastradero Road, Los Altos Hills, at 7 p.m.

Dardashti, a native New Yorker now based in Tel Aviv, was honored for her article "Ties That Bind:

Jewish Research Strategies," published in the September 2009 issue of *Family Tree Magazine*. She is a Jewish researcher, journalist, blogger (*Tracing the Tribe: The Jewish Genealogy Blog* and *MyHeritage Genealogy Blog*), online instructor, and international speaker. She was the *Jerusalem Post* genealogy columnist ("It's All Relative," 1995-2005), taught online Jewish genealogy at MyFamily.com, and is co-founder of GenClass.com. She is a former three-term president of the Jewish Family Research Association Israel.

The award is presented to an individual or nonprofit organization for a specific, significant single contribution in the form of a book, an article, or a series of articles that discusses genealogical methods and sources and serves to foster scholarship and/or otherwise advances or promotes excellence in genealogy.

Help Session at JCL

The final one-to-one family tree help session before the summer break will take place on Sunday, June 13 at the Jewish Community Library, 1835 Ellis Street, San Francisco.

The session runs from noon to 2 p.m. Sessions begin with a brainstorming roundtable with experienced genealogists from the Jewish Community Library and the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society. This is followed by individual attention using the Library's collection and Internet resources.

Bring copies of your documents and materials about your family (please don't bring original documents), as well as one or two questions that need to be answered before you can scale your "brick wall."

Unless otherwise indicated, the SFBAJGS meeting schedule is as follows:

- San Francisco: Sunday, Doors open 1:00 p.m. Program begins at 1:30 p.m.**
San Francisco Public Library, Noe Valley Branch, 451 Jersey Street (near Castro).
- Los Altos Hills: Monday, Doors open at 7 p.m. Program begins at 7:30 p.m.**
Congregation Beth Am, 26790 Arastradero Road, Room 5/6.
- Oakland: Sunday, Doors open 12:30 p.m. Program begins at 1:00 p.m.**
Oakland Family History Center, 4766 Lincoln Avenue.

**Please Note: New Meeting Sites for San Francisco and East Bay
See Back Cover for Calendar of Upcoming Meetings of SFBAJGS**

CALENDAR

Genealogy Events

Local and Regional

Tues., May 18, 7 p.m. **Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society.** “A Presentation of the History and Creation of 3-D Slides by Photographers during the Civil War.” Ron Perisho uses a 3-D slide presentation of photographs taken during the Civil War (1861-1865), to discuss the history of the war and the creation of the photographs. Santa Clara Public Library, 2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara. Visit www.scchgs.org/main/meeting.html for more information.

Tues., June 15, 7 p.m. **Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society.** Robyn Echols from the Merced County Genealogical Society will speak on “**R.A.M.B.L.E. America.**” Robyn says that the six factors that influenced migration in America, were Religion; Acquisition and Exploration; Minerals and Money; Bounty Land; Land in General; and Environment. This review of some of the conditions that affected migration in North America is a “must hear” for all genealogists who want to know why their ancestors moved at the time that they did. Santa Clara Public Library, 2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara. Visit www.scchgs.org/main/meeting.html for more information.

State and National

Sun., May 16, 10 a.m. **Sacramento Jewish Genealogical Society.** Leslie Nye presents “**What Handwriting Can Tell You About Your Ancestors.**” Albert Einstein Residence Center, 1935 Wright St, Sacramento. For more information visit www.jewishgen.org/jgs-sacramento/html/meetings_2010.html.

Mon., June 21, 7 p.m. **Sacramento Jewish Genealogical Society.** Marilyn Ulbricht discusses “**Researching Genealogy Out of the Box.**” Albert Einstein Residence Center, 1935 Wright St, Sacramento. For more information visit www.jewishgen.org/jgs-sacramento/html/meetings_2010.html.

Sun., Aug. 8, 7 p.m. **Sacramento Jewish Genealogical Society.** Erwin Joos discusses “**One Foot in America.**” Albert Einstein Residence Center, 1935 Wright St, Sacramento. For more information visit www.jewishgen.org/jgs-sacramento/html/meetings_2010.html.

Ready, Set, Go to 30th Annual IAJGS Conference in LA

Just a few of the many attractions include:

- More than 130 speakers and over 250 programs.
- An onsite Jewish genealogical library, with professional translators, yizkor books, LDS microfilms, and more
- Lectures on using DNA and genetic genealogy to trace your family story ... and much, much more.



The IAJGS conference will be held at the brand new JW Marriott Hotel, part of the new L.A. LIVE entertainment district in downtown Los Angeles. For information go to www.jgsla2010.com/.

San Mateo GS Presents Beginners' Series

The San Mateo Genealogical Society will hold a Beginner Genealogy Series at the Cañada College Library on four Wednesday evenings beginning July 7.

The schedule includes:

July 7, John Gleed — Start with Yourself and Your Family; Vital Records.

July 14, Gayle Simons — Beginning Census Research.

July 21, Diane Smelker — Land Records; Church Records.

July 28, Christine Green — Military Records; Useful Internet Sites.

All sessions will take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Cañada College Library, Building 9, Third floor, 4200 Farm Hill Boulevard, Redwood City. For more information see www.smcgs.org.

Articles Sought for August Issue of *The Galitzianer*

Janice Sellers, managing editor of *The Galitzianer*, is seeking submissions for the newsletter's August 2010 issue. Submissions may be articles and/or graphics, both original and previously published, relevant to Galician genealogical research, such as articles about recent trips to Galicia, reports on your own research, historical and recent pictures relevant to these matters, etc.

Submissions from both members and nonmembers of Geshet Galicia may be accepted. If you wish to submit material for consideration, please contact Janice at janicemsj@gmail.com. The deadline for the August issue is July 15, 2010. For information see www.jewishgen.org/galicia/newsletter.html.

The American Jewish Year Book as a Genealogical Resource

By Judy Baston

Judy Baston has been researching her family's history for 20 years, and she has traveled to Lithuania, Northern Belarus, and Poland. Judy is moderator of the Litvak SIG Discussion Group and serves on the Board of Directors of Jewish Records Indexing-Poland. She also volunteers on a regular basis at the Jewish Community Library in San Francisco, where she leads the monthly one-to-one genealogy help sessions. This article is used with permission of the JGS Los Angeles, and appeared in their research journal, *Roots-Key*, Volume 29, Issue 3/4, Fall/Winter 2009.

Published yearly since 1899, the *American Jewish Yearbook* (AJYB) is a valuable but frequently overlooked genealogical resource. And despite the name of this publication, it is a research aid not only for the U.S. but for Europe as well. Now that the AJYB is digitized and searchable on the Internet, it has become a far more accessible resource for genealogical research.

The American Jewish Year Book was published for its first decade under the auspices of the Jewish Publication Society of America, based in Philadelphia. In 1908 the American Jewish Committee (AJC) took over the task of compiling the volume and since 1994 the AJC has been its sole publisher.

In the earlier decades of its publication, the AJYB volumes contained a significant amount of directories, lists and other material that includes names of individuals and towns, which would be considered of value to genealogical researchers.

But as the Jewish community began to grow throughout the United States, the lists that were possible to compile and include in the 1910s and 1920s would have been far too long for the volumes and far more difficult to compile. So in later decades, and in particular beginning after World War II, the AJYB contained far fewer lists and more articles of historical and sociological analysis of Jewish demographics and trends in the United States and worldwide.

In the mid to late 1990s, the Jewish genealogical community took some notice of the AJYB and recognition of its potential use in genealogy was reflected in the occasional message on the JewishGen Discussion Group. At this time, a very useful InfoFile on the subject was published on JewishGen. The infofile can be found at www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/ajyb.htm.

Since that InfoFile was created, the AJC has enabled online access to the AJYB through PDF files of each volume. Later on in this article, there will be discussion about these PDF files online, and various methods of finding information in them.

Below is a summary of some of the lists and features of the AJYB that I believe are the most useful for

genealogical research — either directly, by providing names of family members, or indirectly, by giving information about and a sense of the Jewish community in a particular town at a particular time:

They include:

- ♦ Directories of local organizations (and national organizations that have local chapters).
- ♦ Obituaries and necrologies.
- ♦ Lists of subscribers to the Jewish Publication Society.
- ♦ International Information and specifically a table of pogroms.
- ♦ Lists of Jews who fought in certain wars.
- ♦ Collections of biographical sketches of Rabbis, Cantors, Jewish Communal Workers and Jews in the Professions.
- ♦ Occurrences in the Jewish community by year.

Directories of Local Organizations

Perhaps the most interesting features of the AJYB for both family and community historians are three long and comprehensive directories of local Jewish organizations and institutions throughout the United States. They are published in Vol. 1 (1899-1900), Vol. 9 (1907-1908) and Vol. 20 (1919-1920).

In addition to *landsmanshaftn* (hometown associations), these Local Organization listings also include cemeteries, charities, educational societies, trade unions, and other types of organizations.

The list in Vol. 1 can be found on pages 105-270. The list contains many established congregations and 294 *landsmanshaftn*. A list of the towns represented in the *landsmanshaftn* of these three directories was compiled by Ada Green of New York, and the lists can be found on the website of the Jewish Genealogy Society, Inc. (New York):

Volume 1:

www.jgsny.org/landsmanshaft/1900-01ajyb.htm

Volume 9:

www.jgsny.org/landsmanshaft/1907-08ajyb.htm

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Volume 21:

www.jgsny.org/landsmanshaft/1919-20ajyb.htm

Comparing the actual list from 1907-08 with the finding aid for *landsmanshaftn*, one can see that while the actual Directory in the Yearbook is only in alphabetical order by the title of the organization, beginning with words such as “Anshe,” “Bene,” or “Chevra,” the list compiled by Ada Green is browsable and cross-references the name of the towns with the formal name of the society. This makes organizations for one’s ancestral town much easier to find in the actual list.

These Directories of Local Organizations are in alphabetical order by state, and then by city or town within the state. They include the date of the organization’s establishment, names of officers, and its address.

Of course there are the largest number of local organization listings for New York City and other boroughs. And if someone is interested in seeing where a *landsmanshaft’s* headquarters might have been located, or whether a great-uncle was, in fact, an officer, these directories are very useful.

But what if your grandfather ended up in a town nowhere near New York, and you want to try to learn a little bit about what sort of Jewish community, Jewish institutions and Jewish life would have existed for your relative at that time?

Looking at the beginning of the 1907 section for West Virginia, which had a total of 1,500 Jews at that time, provides an example of information contained in the Yearbook about areas more sparsely populated with Jews. This section shows that there were congregations in Bluefield and Huntington, and in Charleston, with an estimated Jewish population of 190, there was a Hebrew Educational Society, an Orthodox Congregation, the Germania Club, the Phoenix Club and the Spring Hill Cemetery. This listing also refers us to the section in the 1907 Year Book on National Organizations for Charleston, West Virginia.

Unraveling my grandfather’s mystery

My own first use of the *AJYB* in family history research came nearly two decades ago when I was trying to unravel some then newly-discovered — and mysterious — information about my grandfather, Anchel Garfinkle, who had come to Oakland, California in 1911, a year after he had landed in the US at the Port of Galveston, Texas.

He was one of the 10,000 Russian and Polish Jews who were part of the Galveston Plan — the effort by Jacob Schiff and some other leaders of the Jewish community in the early years of the 20th century to disperse Eastern European Jews away from the

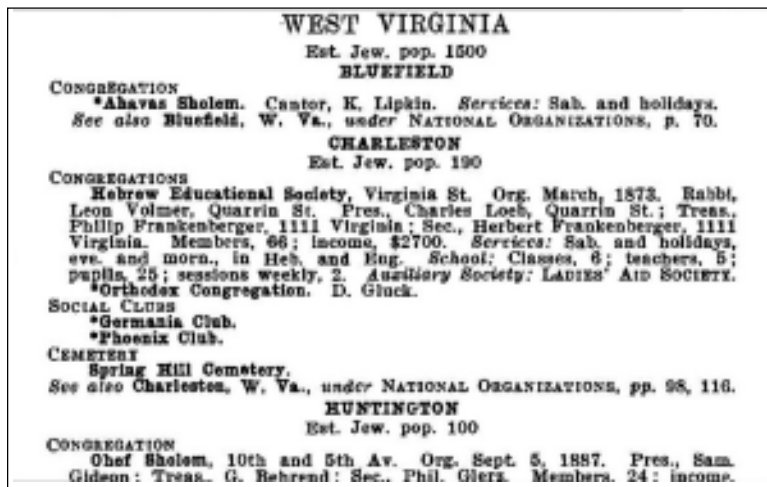
crowded urban centers of New York, Philadelphia and Boston. These immigrants were not sent to California, but to cities in the heartland — Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, Texas and, in my grandfather’s case, as I found out from his passenger manifest, Minneapolis. No one in our family had ever heard of the Minnesota piece of

my grandfather’s history, and since Galveston had been an organized immigration plan, I thought perhaps the Minnesota destination might have been a sort of legal fiction that had no reality beyond the manifest.

I first contacted the Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest, whose archivist referred me to the American Jewish Historical Society, which houses the collection from the Galveston Plan. In the files of correspondence with David Bresler of the Industrial Removal Office (IRO), AJHS archivists found a letter from my grandfather written in September, 1910 in which he noted that “the winters in Minneapolis are very cold,” and bemoaned that having been a wheat trader in Poland had not prepared him for a winter in Minnesota. My grandfather asked about Washington, DC, where a first cousin was living, and then added, “I do not care to settle in a place which is already overcrowded with Jews.”

That line has always intrigued me. Clearly it reflected the aim of the IRO and the Galveston Plan,

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Listing of Jewish Institutions in 1907 in West Virginia

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and perhaps someone urged my grandfather to include that sentiment in the hope his letter would be met with greater favor in the IRO offices. But I also remember that my grandfather was quite a loner, as well as a “freethinker” who regularly read the Yiddish paper. Could that sentiment have simply come from him?

The AJHS archivist found not only my grandfather’s letter (in original Yiddish and English translation) but also the reply from the IRO’s Bresler, translated from his original English into Yiddish for my grandfather to read. Bresler’s reply suggested that before taking any action, my grandfather speak with Joseph Schanfeld in Minneapolis. But who was Joseph Schanfeld? Since he may have been the one whose proverbial advice, “Go West, Young Man,” led my grandfather to be the first from his family to settle in the San Francisco Bay Area — to be followed by all his siblings and most of his first cousins — it was important for me to learn who this man was who had had such an influence on the migration patterns of an entire family branch.

Checking under Minneapolis, Minnesota in the “Local Organizations” section in 1907, I discovered that Schanfeld had been at that time the secretary of Adath Jeshurun, the Russian and Romanian congregation on the South Side of Minneapolis, near where my grandfather was staying. Other resources helped me learn that Schanfeld, himself a Romanian immigrant, was an insurance agent who worked, along with the B’nai B’rith, to greet new immigrants in Minneapolis and helped find them jobs.

In ensuing decades, he became very prominent in the Minneapolis Jewish community, but what I found in the Yearbook was contemporaneous information about Schanfeld’s place in the community close to the time when he would have interacted with my grandfather. While subsequent historians may write about an individual or community organization with the benefit of historical perspective, if one also wants a contemporaneous reflection, then the Yearbook is by far the best place to find it.

Finding Obituaries in the Yearbook

Each edition of the *AJYB* carries death notices of recently deceased persons who have been known in

their Jewish communities. These may range from short listings under “Necrologies” in “Events by Country” in earlier editions, to longer notices in later volumes under “Directories, Lists and Necrologies.”

The American Jewish Committee compiled a “Cumulative Index of Obituaries” from volumes 51-96. Through the cooperative efforts of the AJC and JewishGen, names of more than 3,000 notable Jews who died between 1948 and 1994 can now be searched by name in this database, and search results will list the *AJYB* volume number and page reference.

Not all *AJYB* listings appear in the volume that covers the year of a person’s death, so it is important to search this index on JewishGen for the years it covers. This obituary index is available at www.jewishgen.org/databases/USA/ajybweb.htm.

In late 2008, a woman came into the Jewish Community Library in San Francisco, where I work part time, and asked whether we had the obituary of her former rabbi in Boston, Rabbi Joshua Liebman, who had died — she thought — in 1947. We have the full run of the *AJYB* at the Library so I started by pulling 1947 and 1948 off the shelves and looking, but I found nothing in either volume for Rabbi Liebman.

LIEBMAN, JOSHUA LOTH, rabbi, author, teacher, radio preacher, Zionist; b. Hamilton, Ohio, April 7, 1907; A. B. Univ. of Cincinnati 1926 (tutor in German dept. 1925-26, Taft Teaching Fellow in philosophy and lecturer in Greek philosophy 1926-29); student at Hebrew Univ. in Jerusalem, Harvard Univ., and Columbia Univ. 1928-30; ord. Hebrew Union Coll. 1930 (awarded prize for highest academic honors), D. H. L. 1939, hon. D. D. 1948; rabbi KAM Temple, Chicago, Ill., 1934-39; rabbi Temple Israel, Boston, Mass., 1939—; mem. exec. bd. Central Conf. of Am. Rabbis 1939-41; radio preacher on *The Message of Israel* program 1939-46; teacher

Obituary of Rabbi Liebman from 1951 AJYB

I then checked the *AJYB* Obituary Index database on JewishGen and found that Rabbi Liebman had died in 1948 but his obituary was in the 1951 Yearbook volume. A number of listings in that search result show obits published a year or two after a person died.

This patron was thrilled to see the obit for her former rabbi, which contained a significant amount of information about his background and education.

Subscribers to the Jewish Publication Society

Since the *AJYB* was founded by the Jewish Publication Society (JPS), lists of more than 50 pages in each of the volumes through 1941 contain names of subscribers to the JPS. The lists are organized alphabetically by state and within each state, alphabetically by town.

It is interesting to see the lists from many towns grow numerically, and also to see that as the decades pass, the surnames of subscribers in many towns reflect the growing Jewish population of immigrants from Eastern Europe. The reports of the JPS

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continued after 1941 but subsequent reports did not include the names of members.

International Information

Even though the publication is titled the *AMERICAN Jewish Year Book*, there is significant information outside the U.S. in these volumes. Of special interest is the long selection in Vol. 8 (1906-1907), “From Kishnieff to Bialystok — a Table of Pogroms from 1903-1906.”

The table includes the date, town, gubernia, town population, Jewish population, damage done in the pogrom and general remarks for 254 separate incidents. The table is in chronological order, followed by an alphabetical list of towns.

Perusing the right side of the table that shows the damages and general remarks. we can see that in some towns Jews were killed and wounded, and it is noted repeatedly that the pogroms were caused by military reservists. This table of course includes details of well known pogroms such as Kishineff and Bialystok, but it also includes details from many smaller towns of incidents that are far less known, and would provide clues for researchers interested in the history of their ancestral communities.

This article and table can be found easily on the Museum of Family History at

www.museumoffamilyhistory.com/ajc-yb-v08-pogroms.htm

Other early international features of interest include, on pages 19-89 of Vol. 16 (1914-1915), an article, “The Beilis Affair,” which includes several appendices of protests in various countries with names and lists of signatories. And on pages 257-272 of Vol. 17 (1915-1916) the section, “European War — General Events Affecting Jews; Russia,” includes information on a number of specific towns and named individuals.

Jews in the Spanish American War

The Preliminary List of Jewish Soldiers and Sailors who Served in the Spanish-American War, in Vol. 2, (1900-01), is arranged by location and unit, and includes a soldier’s rank or role, and often the town from which he came. There are some comments as part of this list — for example, that a group of soldiers is listed as having attended Yom Kippur services in the Philippines even though they weren’t on the California roster.

Biographies of Rabbis and other Jewish Communal Leaders

If you had in your family someone who was a rabbi a century ago, the Biographical Sketches of Rabbis and Cantors in Vol. 5 (1903-04) give significant information including place and date of birth, where he studied, who conferred rabbinical smicha, father’s name, and sometimes even mother’s maiden name. There are also biographical sketches of Jewish Communal Workers in the United States and of Jews Prominent in the Professions in the U.S.

Using the “Yearly Events” section

Up to now this article has focused on lists of individual names or town names, which on the face of it might seem the most genealogically relevant.

But a note from my Lida District landsman Alan Rems showed me that a diligent researcher can make excellent use of the section in every *AJYB* reviewing the events of the previous year in Jewish communities around the world. Alan provides a case study on how this section of the *AJYB* can provide key clues to help solve a family mystery.

“My renewed knowledge of Yiddish was fully put to the test in following the life and career of Rabbi Yitzchak Ze’ev, in America known as Rabbi Isaac. Irving Wendrovsky shared with me his substantial cache of Rabbi Isaac’s papers. One of the most

A TABLE OF POGROMS FROM 1903 TO 1906—Continued							
No.	Date	Town	Gubernia	Population	Jewish Population	Damage	General Remarks
36	1904 Nov. 4	Dikovka	Kherson			All the Jewish shops looted and demolished.	
37	Nov. 4	Ovidiopol	Kherson	4,596	380	11 Jews killed; 112 wounded; all Jewish houses without exception looted and then burnt.	
38	Nov. 6	Samara	Samara	11,673			
39	Nov. 16	Rakishkek	Kovno			4 Jews wounded seriously; many shops looted.	
40	Nov. 14	Sionim	Grodno	12,850	10,268	Many Jews killed and wounded; many shops looted.	The outrages committed by reservists; the Jews defend themselves.
41	Nov. 18	Ostrov	Lomza	11,364		8 Jews killed; 19 wounded; many shops demolished.	The outrages committed by reservists.
42	Nov. 21	Aster	Grodno				The riot suppressed by the Self-Defenses.

Section from Table of Pogroms from 1903-1906

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intriguing items was a group photograph showing Isaac and other rabbis, inscribed “Springfield, Mass 1905,” Alan writes.

“Wondering what was the occasion, I finally thought of consulting the American Jewish Yearbook, an annual compendium of facts relevant to the Jewish community that began publishing in the first years of the 20th century. In the volume covering the events of 1905, reference was made to a convention of the American orthodox rabbinate in Springfield with the specific dates.

“At the Library of Congress, I consulted the *Tageblat* newspaper for those dates. In addition to a report of the proceedings that dealt with a very real religious crisis, I found a detailed account of how the rabbis gathered in the garden for the group photograph that had so intrigued me.”

This shows that sometimes the *AJYB* provides but part of the picture, but it acts as a crucial road map to finding additional information.

Finding the American Jewish Year Book

With one’s appetite for the information in the *AJYB* somewhat whetted, how does one find this little-known resource?

Hard copies of the *AJYB* are available in many university, public and Jewish libraries and in the libraries of larger congregations. But fortunately for researchers, the AJC has digitized and put images of all volumes of the *AJYB* online as PDF files. There are two basic ways of approaching these online files — using the links and portals provided by the AJC or searching through Google.

Using the AJC gateway to the PDF files of the *AJYB*, the main portal to these volumes can be found at www.ajcarchives.org/main.php?GroupingId=40.

The portal is divided into 20-year segments, and within each segment, there is a link to each year. Especially helpful to researchers, an index to subjects and articles (not a name index) in the first 20 volumes can be found in Vol. 20 (1918-19).

www.ajcarchives.org/AJC_DATA/Files/1918_1919_8_MultiVolumeIndex.pdf

Each year’s index begins with a descriptive portal with gateways that — at least in earlier volumes — may change from year to year. For example, in Vol. 2, Directory of Local Organizations is under “Local Jewish Life,” But for Vol. 9, there is no such listing, and the Directory of Local Organizations is under the section for Directory of National Organizations.

It is always helpful to check the Table of Contents (first item on each portal). Following are the URLs for each 20 year segment:

Vol. 1-20, 1899-1919

www.ajcarchives.org/main.php?GroupingId=10031

Vol. 21-40, 1919-39

www.ajcarchives.org/main.php?GroupingId=10052

Vol. 41-60, 1939-1959

www.ajcarchives.org/main.php?GroupingId=10073

Vol. 61-80, 1960-1980

www.ajcarchives.org/main.php?GroupingId=10094

Vol. 81-100, 1981-2000

www.ajcarchives.org/main.php?GroupingId=10115

Vol. 101-106, 2001-2007

www.ajcarchives.org/main.php?GroupingId=10136

Especially for researchers using the AJC portals to the PDF files of the *AJYB*, it is important to remember the two online finding aids cited earlier in this article — the list of *landsmanshaftn* in the Local Organization directories, and the Obituary Index on JewishGen.

In addition, *A Cumulative Subject Index*, published in 1959 and available only in hard copy, covers material in the first 50 volumes. As far as I can tell, this has not yet been digitized for Internet availability.

Because the PDF files of the *AJYB* are digitized and on the Internet, in most cases, Optical Character Recognition (OCR) will make it possible for a Google search to yield information from the volumes.

For example, if a researcher is searching for a surname — the more distinctive the better — a Google search for that surname as well as “American Jewish Year Book” should yield links to the PDF file that contains the listing. Since most of the PDF files in the *AJYB* online are quite large, a researcher can then use the internal PDF search capability to get to the specific page with the surname of interest listed on it.

But if one is searching for information about a town, spelling variants can come into play. For example, the town of Ostrow Mazowiecka is listed as “Ostrov” in the pogroms table, and a Google search for “Ostrow” would miss the spelling variant.

Browsing through the PDF files using the AJC portals can be a fascinating form of time travel, with a broader context, which a more narrow Google search can miss. But it is useful to know that if you are searching for a distinctive surname in the *AJYB* volumes, the Google option may well get you there more directly.

BOOKS

Go Ask Your Father

Reviewed by Jeremy Frankel

It hardly needs to be stated that the proliferation of books on genealogy has pretty much gotten out of hand; it's nearly impossible to keep track of the outpouring that encompasses every aspect of family history. One topic that authors are still exploring is the subject of DNA.

We genealogists are often referred to as being rather obsessive in our efforts to get at the truth, leaving no stone unturned. That obsessiveness takes a decided twist when you find out that your father is not your father. This was the case for Lennard J. Davis, now a professor at Columbia. It was after his father — the one who had raised him — had died, that his father's brother almost accidentally let slip that things were not as they might appear. And so this modern-day mystery with Davis playing the double role of both the "victim" and the sleuth.

The book's chapters alternate between his sleuthing and the rather unknown history of *in vitro* fertilization and some of the less salubrious aspects of it, which involved what might be considered very unethical practices by doctors engaged in IVF procedures.

The story is obviously genealogical by nature so it will appeal to many of us, especially as Davis was born of British, Jewish, and deaf parents. He was fortunate that deafness wasn't passed on to him. The family emigrated to New York where he and his brother (some ten years older) were born. Davis not only attended Columbia, he ended up being a professor of English there.

The style of writing, while gripping, left an admittedly strange taste in my mouth. Perhaps it was Davis' brash style, I don't know. Still, the book is quite well written and worth reading, for it does expose an aspect of the medical profession that I have to confess I wasn't aware of.

Finally, as a plug for the many non-profits that raise valuable funds to augment the running of a library, I purchased this book at the bookstore at the San Francisco Main Library; this is run by the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library. I often check out its much larger brother at Fort Mason. While the Fort Mason parking lot is often full, don't park too far away, as I can guarantee you'll be walking out with armloads of treasures to savor. It's a win-win situation to think that you can buy almost new books for half price or less, and the library gets to benefit!

Go Ask Your Father by Lennard J. Davis. Published June, 2009 by Bantam Books.

SFBAJGS Participation in Menlo Park FHC Open House

By Roy Ogus, Jeff Lewy, and Janice Sellers

Roy: Three members of the SFBAJGS, Janice Sellers, Jeff Lewy, and Roy Ogus, attended the recent Menlo Park Family History Center annual Open House, held on February 27, 2010. This year's theme was "Forging Golden Links to Your Ancestors." Detailed information about the event as well as the full program can be found at www.mpfhc.org/contents/view/coming_events. The open house, actually a one-day conference, presented a comprehensive collection of interesting lecture topics throughout the day.

JGS members participated in the following activities in addition to attending some of the lectures:

Janice presented the afternoon keynote address, "Looking for Non-Jews in Jewish Records." This presentation was very well received and generated considerable interest. A number of thoughtful questions were asked, which indicated that the audience had found the talk to be both interesting as well as useful to their own research pursuits.

An SFBAJGS table containing informational materials and Jewish-related resources was set up in the main hall and was manned continuously throughout the day by various combinations of Jeff, Janice, and Roy. A significant number of people stopped by the table to chat or to discuss issues relating to their research. The number of attendees who appeared to be involved in Jewish-related research in one way or another was surprisingly high.

I staffed one of the mentor sessions during the morning. Each of these sessions allocated three successive time-slots during which two attendees could sign up for time with a mentor to discuss and seek help with research problems or "brick walls." Each mentor was provided with two computer stations for access to the FHC online resources and dealt with the two attendees in parallel during each of the slots. These sessions were exhausting but were a stimulating experience both for the mentors and the mentees.

Overall the Open House program was well prepared and presented many interesting and useful topics. The JGS attendees felt satisfied to have made a significant contribution to the success of the event.

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Now Online

By Marilyn Dornhelm

Juicy Bits of Jewish Genealogy

In this column I will share what's new in online indexes, digitized archival material and tools. The main source for these will be JewishGen and many SIG digests. Comments are welcome. Send them to mdornhelm@yahoo.com.

(Editor's Note: In *ZichronNote*, URL notations are in boldface and the "http://" notation is omitted to save space, unless needed to make a link in the PDF version of *ZichronNote*.)

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In the USA

GENERAL

Historic newspapers at Library of Congress site Search news articles and advertisements by surnames. Currently, 15 states and the District of Columbia are represented from years 1880 to 1922.

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>. From Chuck Weinstein, *JewishGen Digest*, April 9.

UCLA Yearbooks, Yiddish Literature, etc. The Internet Archive www.archive.org digitizes public domain material. New is a large number of Yiddish books, courtesy of the National Yiddish Book Center and Steven Spielberg.

www.archive.org/details/nationalyiddishbookcenter Another useful collection is the University of California at Los Angeles yearbooks, going back more than 100 years:

www.archive.org/details/ucla_yearbook Other yearbook collections include regional historical societies, educators' organizations, bar associations, medical societies, high schools and colleges. From Don Solomon, *JewishGen Digest*, March 13.

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles

Mt. Carmel Cemetery (CA) 300 matzeva photos <http://www.mymishpocha.net/mt-carmel.htm> An alphabetical list (by surname) has the following information: last name, first name, slide number(s), and index card (1 or 2). To request a jpg, e-mail stephanie.weiner1@gmail.com and include the above information This is part of an ongoing project. Mount Carmel opened in 1931. From Stephanie Weiner, *JewishGen Digest*, March 13.

MINNESOTA

Marriage licenses

www.mnccounty.com. Some counties are not complete, notably Hennepin (Minneapolis and suburbs), Ramsey (St. Paul), and St. Louis (Duluth). If you find a record of interest, you can order a certificate online.

Minneapolis Cemeteries

www.debbiesgenealogy.com/index.htm is an index to burials at some Minnesota cemeteries, including three Jewish cemeteries in Hennepin County. Click on the "Library - Hennepin to Wadena" box on the left, then scroll down to the Hennepin County listing to find information on several cemeteries in the Minneapolis suburbs. This yields a brief description of each cemetery and an alphabetical list of names and dates. From Carol Gurstelle, *JewishGen Digest*, April 12.

NEW YORK

Knollwood Park Cemetery, Ridgewood, Queens, NY www.mountcarmelcemetery.com. Knollwood Park burials have been added to the Mt. Carmel database. They are listed as Cemetery Section 5. Sections 1 and 2 are "old" Carmel Cemetery, Section 3 is the New Carmel Cemetery and Section 4 is the (former) Hungarian Union Field Cemetery. Note: Most pre-2000 dates of death are simply listed as 1/1/1900, the default date for the database. From Steven Lasky, *JewishGen Digest*, April 27.

OHIO

Ohio Obituary Index, 1810 to the present

www.rbhayes.org/hayes/index/. More than 1.5 million Ohio obituaries, death and marriage notices, excluding the counties in which Cleveland and Cincinnati are located. From Avotaynu, March 7.

Europe

BELARUS

Gorodok, Belarus

A list of people in the 1930's in the town of Gorodok, north of Vitebsk, has appeared on http://shtetle.co.il/Shtetls/gorodok/gor_syn_eng.html From Mike Glazer, *JewishGen Digest*, April 16.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Prague address and business directory, 1891

<http://genealogyindexer.org>

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Note: Variant surname forms will automatically be added to your search under certain circumstances described at <http://genealogyindexer.org/forum/viewtopic.php?t=493>. For example, if you search for “Novak,” results for “Novakova,” “Novakovi,” and “Novakovy” will also be included. From Logan Kleinwaks, *Austria-Czech SIG*, April 23.

Schematismus des Koenigreiches Boehmen 1805-1851
<http://books.google.com/books?lr=&q=editions%3ABSBBB10011162>.

These include lists of Jews, sometimes with addresses, sometimes with occupations, e.g., in the “Prager Judenstadt” sections. An 1808 edition not on Google Books is at <http://kramerius.nkp.cz/kramerius/MShowMonograph.do?id=13197>. From Logan Kleinwaks, *Austria-Czech SIG*, April 23.

GERMANY

Jews of Unterfranken, Bavaria, Germany

www.historisches-unterfranken.uni-wuerzburg.de/. Data includes biographical information including name, date of birth, marriage, date of death, occupation and other related data from sources such as registration offices and Jewish community registries. Some tombstone inscriptions and family trees are also at the site. Note: you have to register for this free site. *It is only in German.* From Avotaynu, *Nu? What's New?* March 7.

LATVIA

Index to Latvian Vital Records Updated 19th and early 20th-century Jewish vital records of Latvia are indexed on an easy to use site.

www.premiumorange.com/rigavitalrecords/.

Birth records include: date, name, names of parents (often including patronymic) and place of residence. For boys, also included is the officiant at the circumcision (*mohel*). For marriages: date, names of bride and groom including patronymic, ages and places of residence, names of witnesses. For deaths: date, name of deceased including patronymic, age of deceased, cause of death, place of residence. For divorces: date, names of principals including patronymic and witnesses. Towns included to date are Dvinsk, Glazmanka/Dankere/Gostini, Griva, Jekabpils (Jakobstadt), Kudilga (Goldingen), Liepaja (Libava/Libau), Ludza, Malta(Silmala), Rezekne, Riga, Subate, Ilukste and Griva, Valdemarpils (Samaskas/Sassmacken), Varaklani, Vilaka and Vishki. From Avotaynu, *Nu? What's New?* April 18.

MORAVIA

Marriage records South Moravia

www.genteam.at/index.php?lang=en
Nearly 2000 Jewish marriage records. Free but registration required. From TraudeTriebel, *Austria-Czech SIG*, March 8.

ROMANIA

1936 Directory for Czernowitz, Romania

<http://czernowitz.blogspot.com/>. A valuable data source, it is — as far as is known — the very last directory edition for Czernowitz before WWII. Note: Spelling variants abound. From Edgar Hauster, *ROM-SIG*, Feb 18.

PALE OF SETTLEMENT

Mass Jewish Migration Database 1904 – 1914

<http://mjm.d.haifa.ac.il/>
Over 3,000 records of applications of Jews, who applied to one of the information bureaus in the ‘Pale’ and migrated to one of these destination s overseas: U.S.A, Argentina, Canada, South Africa and Palestine. Includes 5,000 Jews who migrated to the Galveston port under the aegis of the Jewish Territorialism Organisation (ITO). Best to enter the first three letters of a surname into the surname field, leaving all other fields blank. Free but registration required. From Ben Forman, *JewishGen Digest*, Feb 10.

POLAND

Serock, Poland Updates

www2.mcdaniel.edu/Psychology/HBO/JH_Serock3/Welcome.html
At the homepage (above), click on “SEROCK ONLINE.”(1) “A German Report from Poland During the First World War,” translated by Henry Wellisch, is now a downloadable pdf file. (2) A link to the Serock entries in the 1929 Polish Business Directory is provided. The Polish entries have been translated into English. From Howard Orenstein, *JRI-Poland SIG*, March 25.

RUSSIA

See Pale of Settlement

UK

Anglo-Jewry 1851 Database

This invaluable study of Jews in Britain in the mid-19th century contains entries on more than 90 percent of the estimated total Jewish population at

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that period. The study is fully searchable and is available to all. Go to www.jgsgb.org.uk and click on the 1851 tab. From Martyn Woolf, *JewishGen*, March 26.

Chelsea Pensioners British Army Service Records 1760-1913

tinyurl.com/ykncxb8

A searchable database which will list names, city and date of birth. These are records of men pensioned out of the British Army. The pensions were administered through the Royal Hospital at Chelsea. Subscription required to see the original records. From Michael Hoffman, *JewishGen Digest*, March 23.

UKRAINE

Radom Synagogue District voters list for 1884/ 1886

<http://genealogyindexer.org>

There are 482 names of voters given in Polish and Russian (no patronymics), organized by community. The communities listed, besides Radom itself, are Blotnica, Gembarzow, Gzowice, Jedlinsk, Kowala, Kozlow, Kuczki, Oronsk, Rogow, Skaryszew, Wielogura, Wierzbica, Zakrzew, and Zalesice. Note: To search only this list, append {d205} after a search term, e.g. Blatman {d205}. From Logan Kleinwaks, *JewishGen Digest*, April 20.

Mukacheve (aka Mukacevo, Czech, Munkacs, Hungary) The Memoirs of Peter Kleinmann of Kustanovice/ Munkacs, www.museumoffamilyhistory.com/wims-kleinmann-01.htm. Holocaust survivor Peter (Dezider) Kleinmann was born in 1925 in the small village of Kustanovice, near the city of Munkacs. Peter writes about: Jewish communal life in Munkacs; The rise of anti-Semitism during Hungarian occupation; the Munkacs ghetto; deportation; existence in the concentration camps Auschwitz, Gross-Rosen and Flossenburg; the death march; and liberation. There are a good number of photos. From Steven Lasky, *Austria-Czech SIG Digest*, April 12.

The World

CANADA

More Canadian Newspapers Digitized by Google News Archives

http://news.google.com/archivesearch/advanced_search. The *Montreal Gazette*, *Ottawa Citizen* and the *YMHA Beacon* are now included in this archive of newspapers from the U.S. and Canada, for the period 1880 to about 2005.

From Avotaynu, *Nu? What's New?* March 7.

Breaking news! New digitized Jewish Canadian newspapers

http://multiculturalcanada.ca/cdm_search

The *Canadian Jewish Review* newspaper, which documents Jewish social life from the 1920's to the 1960's, the *Canadian Jewish News*, and the *Jewish Western Bulletin* have been digitized and made searchable, but have poor functionality.

Important Note: Google has now indexed the entire multiculturalcanada.ca site. If one does a normal Google search (not News Archive) and adds "site:multiculturalcanada.ca" at the end of the search (without the quotes), you get the power of a Google search but the full run of the above mentioned Jewish newspapers. This means you also have the immediate ability to save the page images using the right mouse-click. For further examples, see the article on page 5 of

<http://jgs-montreal.org/MontrealForum/2009-Summer.pdf>. From Alan Greenberg, *JewishGen*, Feb 9 and Zev Griner, *JewishGen Digest*, April 29.

CHINA

Shanghai Update: 1934-1941 Polish consulate registry in Shanghai indexed

www.jri-poland.org/china/shanghai_polish_consular_records.htm. The database of 918 index entries of Polish Jewish refugees in Shanghai is now included in the JRI-Poland online database. This database will also be included in the All Poland Database and the JewishGen Holocaust Database. For the updated paper "China - Unusual Resources for Family Research" go to www.jri-poland.org/china/china_peter_nash.htm. From Mark Halpern, *JewishGen Digest*, Feb 12.

EL SALVADOR

Salvadorian Diplomat's Paperwork Saved Lives during Holocaust

1,000 Salvadoran citizenship certificates issued by diplomat George Mantello to save lives during the Holocaust contain names, dates of birth and in many cases photos. The citizenship certificates can be viewed on the U.S. Holocaust Museum website: <http://bit.ly/at7GjV> or www.ushmm.org/museum/exhibit/focus/mantello/. (Page down to the middle of the page and click on link "browse through all certificates".) From Jan Meisels Allen, *JewishGen Digest*, Feb. 28.

ISRAEL

1922 census for Tel-Aviv & Petah Tikva
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Important note: Data are available only to members of the IGS (Israel Genealogical Society). This census contains almost one-fifth of the Jewish population in Palestine in 1922, over 16,000 listings. Other parts of the original lists appear to have been destroyed. This is a bilingual database that can be searched in both Hebrew and English. www.isragen.org.il/siteFiles/1/153/4979.asp. From Rose Feldman, *JewishGen*, March 2.

Changes of Names in the Palestine Gazette (1921-1948)

A list of 28,256 changes of names registered in the Palestine Gazette. www.isragen.org.il/siteFiles/1/153/4971.asp. From Celia Wilk, *JewishGen Digest*, Feb. 4.

LEBANON

Jewish Tombstones

Nagi Georges Zeidan, a Lebanese Christian, undertook the task of creating a database of 3,184 tombstone inscriptions using both the cemetery and civil registrations which includes both Ashkenazi and Sephardic burials. www.sephardicgen.com/databases/BeirutCemeterySrchFrm.html. From Jeff Malka, *JewishGen Digest*, April 16.

MOROCCO

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Holocaust/WWII

GENERAL

Google Earth Historical Imagery

Google Earth, a mapping function of the Google organization, has added an historical imagery feature by using the historical Royal Air Force reconnaissance photos taken during World War II of 35 war-torn European cities such as Berlin, Bordeaux, Hamburg, Cologne and Dresden. To access Google earth for this function go to: <http://earth.google.com/tour.html#v=3>. Google Earth software is downloadable to your computer from the Google site and can be accessed from the Google URL above. For more information on this new feature and some sample photos go to: <http://google-latlong.blogspot.com/2010/02/wwii-historical-imagery-in-google-earth.html> and click on the photos to open and enlarge. More on this new feature is included in this news article: <http://topnews.net.nz/content/22018-wartime-images-uploaded-google-earth>. From Jan Meisels Allen, *JewishGen Digest*, Feb. 8.

Museum of Family History Screening Room
27 films on a variety of subjects, many Holocaust related and including such items as pre-World War II Jewish life in the cities of Kaunas, Riga, L'viv, Bialystok and Krakow. Some films are available for a limited time. They can be found at www.museumoffamilyhistory.com/mfh-films.htm. Visit the site map at www.museumoffamilyhistory.com/sm.htm to gain an understanding of the complete scope of this Internet site. From *Avotaynu, Nu? What's New?* March 7.

EL SALVADOR

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MOROCCO

Jewish Refugees in Morocco

An additional 8,120 names has been added to the index of Jewish refugees in Morocco during WWII. The database is searchable at www.jewishtraces.org/search.php. From *Avotaynu*, March 7.

Miscellaneous

Seven Minute Jewish Genealogy Video "Connecting to Your Roots"

A new video about why and how we do Jewish genealogy is getting fabulous feedback! www.leadel.net/jews-that-do-contest/videos/connecting-your-roots
From Ellen Shindelman Kowitz, *JewishGen Digest*, Feb. 3.

Yiddish translation/ transliteration assist and more
www.cs.uky.edu/~raphael/yiddish.html
A most helpful site, "Refoyls Yidish Veb-bletl" which includes a link to a "Searchable Yiddish dictionary." Insert a word or phrase to search, in either English or Yiddish transliteration. It works quite well. From Bernard I. Kouchel, *JewishGen Digest*, Feb 8.

CHECK FOR ADDITIONS AND UPDATES

www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org

Shtetl websites.

www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/translations.html

Yizkor book translations

www.jri-poland.org

Databases and other resources on Poland.

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Jeff: I attended the Menlo Park conference primarily to staff the table for the SFBAJGS. We had our banner displayed behind our table, and materials on our society, our upcoming talks and meetings, sources to examine that are helpful in doing Jewish genealogy, and my laptop to look at online services.

I was there from 7:30 a.m. until about 3:30 p.m. I had the most visitors in the hour before the talks began (7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.). Other people stopped by in the breaks between presentations and at lunch time.

I believe most of our visitors were Mormon, and they usually had done some of their non-Jewish family genealogy and were relatively knowledgeable in how to do genealogy. The typical visitors were people who knew they had Jewish connections and were curious about how to find out more.

Examples:

- I know my grandmother was Jewish.
- My son-in-law is Jewish.
- My wife is Jewish.
- I think my grandmother was Jewish.
- My grandfather's name was _____. Is that a Jewish name?

I spoke at some length to about five people who had particular "stories" of their Jewish connections, and

we discussed where they could look to find their Jewish roots, particularly in the town and surname finders on JewishGen.

Based on the number of photocopies we made, at least 40 people took materials that we had laid out on the table.

Janice: SFBAJGS had been contacted by staff from the Menlo Park Family History Center to have an information table at the open house, which we signed up for as a good way to publicize the organization to a targeted genealogical audience. Shortly thereafter, Jeremy Frankel was asked to present the afternoon keynote address, but as he was scheduled to be out of town that weekend he asked me to fill in for him. Jeff and Roy graciously agreed to help man the information table, and their contributions of time were gratefully appreciated.

Though the keynote topic was a little unusual from our perspective (after all, we're always looking for Jews in non-Jewish records), the attendees showed great interest and asked intelligent questions during and after the talk. Several people came by the table later in the afternoon to follow up with additional questions. Nobody joined SFBAJGS, but I believe we accomplished our goal of increasing awareness of the organization.

After the open house, the director of the Menlo Park Family History Center and the exhibitor coordinator thanked us for our contributions to the event.

SFBAJGS Family Finder Update

The surnames and towns being researched by our newest members are listed below. This database is maintained for the benefit of our membership. If you have a correction or update, please write to SFBAJGS at P.O. Box 318214, San Francisco, CA 94131-8214.

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Town, Country</u>	<u>Member</u>
BARON	Vienna, Austria	Stoliar, Pati
BOWEN	Maryland	Grossberg, Mary-Lou
BRODZKY	Russia; New York	Grossberg, Mary-Lou
ELIOVICH	New Jersey	Ellison, Jessica
FREULICH	Congress Poland	Abramson, Joan
GROSSBERG	Russia; New York	Grossberg, Mary-Lou
HALBERN	Congress Poland	Abramson, Joan
JELIN	Congress Poland	Abramson, Joan
MADALOFF	Russia	Stoliar, Pati
KOLISCH	Czech Republic	Stoliar, Pati
MATSKEVITSK	Lithuania	Abramson, Joan
MERKIN	Belarus	Abramson, Joan
RESNIK	Belarus	Abramson, Joan
SCHWARTZ	Vienna	Stoliar, Pati
STOLIAR	Stolin, Belarus	Stoliar, Pati
THORNER	Poland, New York City, Maine	Stack, Barbara
VASILEVSKY	Ukraine	Abramson, Joan
VON DUINE	Netherlands	Grossberg, Mary-Lou
WILLHEIM	Austria	Stoliar, Pati
ZIKORNIK	Buenos Aires, Argentina	Ellison, Jessica

Calendar of Events

Mon. June 21, Los Altos Hills: *Bring Your Own Brick Wall.* Bring your questions and copies of documents and consult with experienced genealogists from the SFBAJGS to see if they can help you break through the brick walls in your family history investigation. (See page 3 for more information.)

Sun. June 27, Oakland: *Special Extended Presentation on Research in New York.* Steve Harris, a consulting genealogist with deep roots in New York City, will give a two-part presentation focusing on techniques for researching New York City ancestors, with time in between to do some research on your own at the computers.

Sun. July 25, San Francisco: *News from the Annual IAJGS Conference,* presented by a panel of members.

Mon. August 9, Los Altos Hills: *Antwerp - One Foot in America: The Jewish Emigrants of the Red Star Line and Eugeen Van Mieghem.* Erwin Joos, curator of the Eugeen Van Mieghem Museum in Antwerp, presents a detailed description of the journey to America, with a focus on an artist who documented emigrants preparing to depart from the port of Antwerp.

Sun. August 15, Oakland: *Newspapers Online.* Janice M. Sellers will give an overview of what is available and teach you some tricks and tips to find your “needle in the haystack” ancestors. Janice is an editor and professional genealogist who specializes in Jewish research.

Also see pages 3 and 4. For the latest program information visit sfbajgs.org

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