

*That you might recount it to a future generation*

למען תספרו לדור אחרון

Psalms 48:14

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## Upcoming Programs

Sunday meetings begin at 2:00 PM and, unless otherwise noted, are held at B'nai Zion, 136 East 39 Street, New York, NY (between Lexington and 3rd Avenues). A *schmooze* session starts at 1:30 PM to swap genealogical problems, solutions and anecdotes. *Postscript* sessions are short "how-to" presentations on a specific topic offered after the main program.

Reminder: Non-members will be charged \$3 for admission. Please bring your membership card.

### **Do You Have a Rabbi in Your Family? — September 21, 1997**

The featured speaker will be Dr. Neil Rosenstein, a founding member of the New York JGS, author of *The Unbroken Chain* and several other published works, and an expert on Rabbinic genealogy. Dr. Rosenstein is also the author of one of two important new books to be published this Fall on the descendants of the Gaon of Vilna.

### **The New York Family History Center — October 9, 1997**

A lecture and workshop on using the facilities and resources of the New York Family History Library at Lincoln Center will be held on-site at the newly renovated Family History Center, 125 Columbus Avenue (NE corner of 65<sup>th</sup> Street and Columbus Avenue), 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Elder and Mrs. Smith will be joined by JGS experts in explaining and demonstrating research possibilities and methods using the Center. Note that this is a Thursday evening; the program will last from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Due to space limitations, this event will be limited to members only, and actual research opportunities are unlikely.

### **Genograms — November 16, 1997**

A Genogram is a cross between a pedigree chart and a descendency chart. Ms. Susan Matorin, Director of Social Work at Payne Whitney Clinic, will describe how Genograms can help a genealogist discover family patterns.

*Postscript:* JGS member Sussanah Juni will talk about her planned trip to Ukraine.

### **SPECIAL JGS EVENTS**

**Researching Your Family History — September 11, 18, 25, 1997** Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm, 92nd Street YM-YWHA at 1395 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY.

A joint JGS/92nd Street YM-YWHA program. Learn how to gather information from your relatives. Discover the wide range of library and archival resources available locally and elsewhere. Topics include naming traditions, vital records, cemeteries, computer technology, census and naturalization records, passenger lists, yizkor books, Holocaust research, finding survivors, and researching in Eastern Europe. Three sessions: \$45. Pre-registration required. Register through the Y, either in person, by mail or telephone. Call (212) 996-1100.

### **Family History Fair — October 12, 1996**

The Jewish Genealogical Society will exhibit at this lively annual event from 12 noon to 5 pm at New York University's Loeb Student Center, Washington Square South at LaGuardia Place. Admission is free. Dozens of libraries and archives, genealogical societies, vendors and computer demonstrations will be on view. Workshops on many topics will be provided throughout the afternoon. The Fair is presented by the Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York during New York Archives Week.

## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Brunch — October 26, 1997

The JGS will be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a gala brunch at the Sutton Place Synagogue, 225 East 51<sup>st</sup> Street (between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues). Steven Siegel, one of the founding members of the JGS and a past president, will be honored at this brunch. A strictly kosher meal (under Rabbinic

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## U.S. Holocaust Museum, Washington D.C. — November 2, 1997

The JGS will sponsor an all day bus trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, to enable members to visit the museum and do research in the Museum's library and archives. The bus will leave at 7:30 AM from Columbus Circle, and will leave Washington at 5:30 PM. The price for members is \$35, and for non-members \$45. Space is limited. To reserve a seat, send a check made out to the JGS to Paul Silverstone, 330 West 58<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10019; 212-592-1342; e-mail <paulh@interport.net>.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

## Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference — September 3-6, 1997, Dallas, Texas

supervision) will be served. Separate invitations to this event should be in the mail by mid-September. Updated information will also be posted on the JGS Web page.

Another major national event featuring dozens of speakers, exhibits and research opportunities. Dallas Genealogical Society is the local host. Contact: FGS/DGS Conference, P.O. Box 830220, Richardson, TX 75083-0220; 972-907-9727.

## FEEFHS Fourth Annual International Convention — September 27-30, 1997, Salt Lake City, Utah

The FEEFHS (Federation of East European Family History Societies) is emphasizing instruction on skills and resources both specific to Eastern European research and general genealogical research, with sessions taught by professional genealogists in the region, Family History Library staff and FEEFHS specialists. The conference is being held next door to the Family History Library, at the Best Western Salt Lake Plaza Hotel (formerly Howard Johnson's). Contact: the FEEFHS web site <feefhs@feefhs.org> or Marion Werle c/o Latvia SIG, P.O. Box 3581, Granada Hills, CA 91394-3581.

## Czechoslovak Genealogical Society Conference — October 1-4, 1997, Bloomington, Minnesota

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual conference by this group will feature 32 sessions on a variety of cultural as well as genealogical subjects, on site sales and research sources, ethnic tours and fashion shows. As a distraction, the Mall of America is located close by. Contact: CGSI Conference, P.O. Box 16225, St. Paul, MN 55116-0225; 612-645-4585; or check the CGSI home page at: <<http://members.aol.com/cgsi>>. (ed. note: Erev Rosh Hashana falls in between these two conferences, on October 1, 1997).

## Jewish Genealogical Research Trip to Salt Lake City

### — November 6-13, 1997

This annual "guided tour" of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City provides an opportunity to spend a week of research at the Library under the guidance and assistance of JGSNY members and veteran genealogists Gary Mokotoff and Eileen Polakoff. Special events are also planned. The trip includes airfare, hotel occupancy for 7 nights, and a mid-week group dinner. Cost is \$825 per person single occupancy (or occupied with non-registrant), \$640 per person double occupancy. Contact SLC Genealogy Trip, 155 N. Washington Avenue, Bergen-

field, NJ 07621; 201-387-3818; email <vhwc10a@prodigy.com>.

**SJHS 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference — November 14-16, 1997**

The Southern Jewish Historical Society will be holding a joint conference with the Texas Jewish Historical Society in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Various lectures, panels and tours will comprise the program, **Jewish Genealogical Cruise to Ukraine and Moldova**

**— June 1-12, 1998**

A cruise from Kiev to Odessa, with an optional pre-cruise stay of 4 nights in Kiev and a similar post-cruise option for 4 nights in Kishinev, has been announced by "Relatively Seeking" (Travel Rite International) in conjunction with Uniworld. Translation and genealogical assistance is planned on-board, and stops at various ports for local research will be provided. Arrangements have been made to provide advance research at the Kiev archive (for a fee). The cruise prices start at \$998 per person, including all shore excursions, on-board services, and vegetarian meals for kosher passengers. Upgraded cabins, visas, port taxes, pre or post cruise stays and airfare are additional. Contact Travel-Rite, Inc. at 816 Glenmere Way, Los Angeles, CA 90049-1304; 310-471-1943; email <drame@aol.com>.

**CALLS FOR PAPERS**

**Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference — August 18-22, 1998, Cincinnati, Ohio**

The conference theme will be "Immigrant Dreams: The Settlement of America." Up to four suggestions for lecture topics are invited. For proposal requirements contact the Program Chair, Diane VanSkiver Gagel, 160 Mallard, Perrysburg, OH 43551; e-mail at <DVGagel@aol.com>. The deadline for submitting proposals is August 15, 1997.

**Oral History Association Annual Meeting — October 15-18, 1998, Buffalo, New York**

The theme of this meeting is "Crossing the Boundary, Crossing the Line: Oral History on the Border." For information contact Debra Bernhardt, Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives, 70 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012; 212-998-2640; e-mail (queries only) <bernhdrtd@elmer1.bobst.nyu.edu>. The deadline for submitting proposals is December 15, 1997.

**Ninth Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry**

**— Perth, Australia, September 27-October 1, 2000**

The theme, "Let Records Speak," focuses on methods of accessing past records and bringing their

including an illustrated slide lecture on Sir Moses Ezekiel, a noted Jewish sculptor of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Gary Phillip Zola, Dean at Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. For further information contact the SJHS at 21 Manchester Road, Charleston, SC 29407-3312 or call Helen Silver at 803-763-8714.

details to life. For information, contact Keynote Conferences, P.O. Box 1126, West Leederville, Western Australia 6901; 619-382-3799 (fax 619-380-4006); e-mail <keynote@ca.com.au>.

# JGS News

## The President's Corner

I am excited to report that we are moving ahead on many fronts:

·Check out the announcement of our new Web site in this issue of DOROT. Thanks to the dedication of JGS member Adam Bronstein we are up and running. Over 500 people had visited the site by early June.

·We are exploring alternate sites for JGS meetings. Check your postcards for the location of JGS events. We may be moving around in the next few months!

·We are moving ahead on the Cemetery project. See Ada Greenblatt's report and request for assistance.

·The Mt. Lebanon cemetery visit was a success thanks to the arrangements made by Gerry Dunsky.

·Arrangements have been made for the visit to the Holocaust Museum in Washington on November 2, 1997. See this issue of *Dorot* for more information.

·Advance planning has begun for the 1999 Jewish Genealogy conference to be held in New York City. Hotel arrangements have been made. Hold August 8-13, 1999 open. More to come!

·Attendees at the Paris conference are invited to submit summaries of the sessions they attended.

## Help Wanted at Dorot

Several important editorial roles need volunteers.

One area that has become a significant problem in the past year is that of reporting on the monthly meetings. We have had considerable difficulty obtaining synopses of these meetings; either no one has volunteered to do so, or those who have volunteered either did not follow through, or provided material that was tardy or required excessive editing. In several cases we have had to either rely on handouts from the speakers or, worse, there has been no report on the meeting.

*Dorot* needs a contributing writer who is willing and able to provide synopses of each monthly meeting. The only requirements are that you write well, attend the meetings, and submit a timely report prepared on IBM-compatible format (preferably in Word Perfect).

Applications are also open for a new Managing Editor. The ideal volunteer would be someone who is skilled at layout, preferably with some experience in desktop publishing; is meticulous in their work; and has the motivation and time to turn around a finished copy in a few weeks, four times a year.

Readers are reminded that feature article contributions are always welcome. Well written original articles on unusual resources, research techniques, scholarly topics, and other subjects

·Through the generosity of one of our members, the JGS is able to co-sponsor with the 92nd Street YM-YWHA, a seminar for beginners on researching family history. This 3-part program, to be held in September, will be announced in 100,000 catalogs to be distributed by the YM-YWHA.

Please Keep us informed of address changes, both snail mail and e-mail. United States members need to make sure their address includes the zip plus 4 now required by the post office.

See you in September...

*Estelle Guzik*

## Editorial Changes at Dorot

For over ten years, Steven W. Siegel has been the Contributing Editor or Managing Editor of *Dorot*, responsible for final editing, stylistic consistency and proofing, layout and all the other indispensable items without which this newsletter would have been less attractive, less informative, less precise and less timely. Steve's assistance to your current Editor for the last 7 ½ years has been invaluable. But all good things eventually come to an end, and Steve's time is needed now to put together the resource guide for the 1999 conference in New York. The role of Managing Editor has, for the moment, been merged with that of Editor. We trust that our readers will be tolerant of any lapses in the high standards that Steve has set, that may result from this transition.

should be submitted both in hard copy and on disk, in Word Perfect (any version), purged of any fancy formatting or font codes. Book reviews of new publications relevant to the Jewish genealogical community are also welcome. All submissions will be considered the property of *Dorot* and the JGS, may or may not be used, and may be edited as appropriate.

Finally, the time is past due for an updated cumulative index to *Dorot*. The last such index covered the first 11 volumes, through the Summer 1990 issue. We need someone to bring this index up to date.

Any interested parties should send an e-mail note to [jgsny@aol.com](mailto:jgsny@aol.com) or leave a telephone message on (212) 330-8257; or contact the Editor, Alex E. Friedlander, at 169 Stratford Road, Brooklyn, NY 11218; 718-693-7169.

## Announcing New JGS Web Site!

Come visit us at our new Web site at: <http://members.aol.com/jgsny/main.htm>

The site has upcoming events; the table of contents from *Genealogical Resources in the New York Metropolitan Area* including address, telephone number, and hours of each facility; a list of articles in back issues of *DOROT*; and membership information.

Linkages have been created to the web sites of other libraries/archives and organizations, including: The

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), Jewish Theological Seminary, Leo Baeck Institute, National Archives and Records Administration, the New York Public Library, YIVO, the Brooklyn Historical Society, the Queens Borough Public Library, the New York State Archives and Records Administration, the New York State Library, the New York State Health Department, Vital Records Section, as well as JewishGen.

You can now send your address corrections and additional information to us at our new e-mail address: JGSNY@aol.com. We owe a round of applause to volunteer JGS member Adam Bronstein, who put his time, effort and creativity into this site. Thanks also for preliminary work done by Sheila Kieval, Steve Siegel and Joan Sanders.

### **JGS Cemetery Project**

As Estelle Guzik mentioned in the previous issue of *Dorot*, we are collecting the names of the landsmanschaft, synagogue and family circle plots in cemeteries in the greater New York metropolitan area. Over 5000 organizations are already listed in this database. As the Cemetery Committee chairperson, I would like to recommend ways that you, as a JGS member, can help us with this project.

At our monthly meetings, we display a black binder on the back table which contains a computer printout of all the listings that are currently in the

We plan to cross-reference each landsmanschaft listed with its current town name. More often than not, the name of the landsmanschaft corresponds with the old Yiddish name for the town. Unfortunately, many towns had similar sounding names. Whether your landsmanschaft is already listed in our database, or whether you are sending it to us for the first time, it will make our task easier if you can provide us with the current name of the town and country in which it is located. Please use the current name as listed in a published gazetteer, or in *Where Once We Walked*. If you are sending us new documentation on your society, include this information. If the society is already listed in our printout you can provide us with these town names by mail to the JGS address, by e-mail to <jgsny@aol.com>, or to me personally via a note at a JGS meeting.

Finally, if any reader is interested in volunteering for the cemetery project, please let us know. I look forward to working with you.

*Ada Greenblatt*

## **Past Programs**

**Genealogical Research on Your Summer Vacation  
— May 18, 1997**

database. Please take the time to check if your ancestral burial society is listed. If it is not listed, you can help by providing written proof of its existence. Acceptable documentation would include a record or letter received from the cemetery office, or from the landsmanschaft, family circle or synagogue itself, which includes the name of the society. We are asking for written documentation to insure quality control, and to minimize duplication or errors. For instance, the official name of my own landsmanschaft is the "Shatter Progressive Benevolent Association," not the "Shatter Society" by which its officers refer to it. The next time you visit your ancestral plot, just stop at the cemetery office to get documentation of the plot's official name and location. Please do not send us any originals that you wish returned. Photocopies are acceptable. Mail the documentation to the JGS at P.O. Box 6398, New York, NY 10128, attention Ada Greenblatt.

Many of the landsmanschaften have plots at more than one cemetery, or multiple plots within the same cemetery. If you find that your burial society is listed in our printout for one cemetery, but not for another, please let us know that as well (with appropriate documentation). For instance, my own aforementioned landsmanschaft is listed for New Montefiore Cemetery, but it has two older, larger and genealogically more important plots at Old Montefiore that are not currently listed.

Five speakers provided an overview of the resources available in Philadelphia, Washington D.C., Chicago, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake City. Although a report of this meeting has not been provided to *Dorot* (see "Help Wanted at *Dorot*," above), several of the speakers were kind enough to provide copies of their handouts for publication. These follow below.

### **PHILADELPHIA AREA RESOURCES FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH: A Quick List**

#### **Jewish Genealogical Society of Philadelphia**

Len Markowitz, 1279 June Rd., Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

215-947-7374 e-mail: priluki@voicenet.com

web: <http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsp>

#### **Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies**

18 S. 7th St., Philadelphia, PA 19106

215-925-8090 e-mail: balchlib@hslc.org

web: <http://www.libertynet.org/~balch>

#### **Free Library of Philadelphia**

1901 Vine St., Philadelphia, PA 19103

215-686-5322

web: <http://www.library.phila.gov>

telnet: [philly.flp.lib.pa.us](http://philly.flp.lib.pa.us) (for access to the main catalog)

**Gratz College Tuttleman Library**

Old York Rd. and Melrose Ave., Melrose Park, PA 19027  
215-635-7304 e-mail: [gratz@hslc.org](mailto:gratz@hslc.org)  
web: <http://www.hslc.org/~landau>

**Historical Society of Pennsylvania**

1300 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19107  
215-732-6200 e-mail: [hspr@aol.com](mailto:hspr@aol.com)  
web: <http://www.libertynet.org/~pahist>

**National Archives and Records Administration - Mid-Atlantic Region**

9th and Chestnut Sts. [enter on Chestnut], Philadelphia, PA 19107  
215-597-3000 e-mail: [archives@philarch.nara.gov](mailto:archives@philarch.nara.gov)  
web: <http://www.nara.gov>

**Pennsylvania Div. of Vital Statistics, State Dept. of Health**

*For Philadelphia:* 1400 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia, PA 19130; 215-560-6011  
*For other PA counties except Pittsburgh:* P.O. Box 1528, New Castle, PA 16103; 412-656-3100

**Philadelphia City Archives**

401 N. Broad St., Suite 942, Philadelphia, PA 19108  
215-686-1581 e-mail: [archives@phila.gov](mailto:archives@phila.gov)

**CHICAGO****National Archives Great Lakes Region**

7358 South Pulaski Road, Chicago, Illinois 60629  
312-581-7816  
Naturalization for Federal courts in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.  
Passenger ship records for Detroit.

**Cook County Circuit Court Archives**

Room 1113, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, IL 60602  
312-629-6601 or 312-629-6628  
Non-current records of the Cook County Court system including naturalizations, probate, divorce, law, chancery, county and criminal felonies records.

**Cook County Bureau of Vital Statistics**

118 North Clark Street (lower level), Chicago, IL 60602  
312-443-7790  
Copies of birth, death and marriage records. Can be obtained in person or by mail.

**Harold Washington Memorial Library**

400 South State Street, Chicago, IL 60625  
Chicago newspapers (past and present), Chicago city directories and Chicago telephone books.

**Newberry Library**

web: <http://phila.gov/phils/carchive.htm>

**Philadelphia City Hall**

Broad and Market Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19107  
*Court of Common Pleas:* Room 266; 215-686-6652 [divorce records 1875-present]  
*Dept. of Records:* Room 154; 215-686-2260 [land records 1951-present]  
*Orphan's Court:* Room 415; 215-686-2234 [marriage records 1885-present]  
*Register of Wills:* Room 415; 215-686-6269 [probate records]

**Philadelphia Jewish Archives Center**

Balch Institute, 18 S. 7th St., Philadelphia, PA 19106  
215-925-8090 x228  
web: <http://www.libertynet.org/~exponent/agencies/pjac/pjacweb.htm>

**Urban Archives**

Paley Library, Temple University, 13th St. and Berks Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19122  
215-204-8257  
e-mail: [bgallowa@nimbus.ocis.temple.edu](mailto:bgallowa@nimbus.ocis.temple.edu)  
web: <http://www.library.temple.edu/urbana>

60 West Walton, Chicago, IL 60610

312-943-9090

Private reference and research library containing one of the most extensive collections of local history and genealogy in the country. Not particularly useful for Jewish research, but does contain microfiche of Cook County birth, death and marriage registers. Its death indexes go up through 1946, which is 13 years beyond what is available on microfilm at the LDS.

**Spertus College of Judaica**

618 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605  
312-922-9012

Museum on ground floor has Holocaust exhibit including names of Holocaust victims that were provided by their relatives and descendants in the Chicago area. Library on upper floor has good collection of Judaica, including Yizkor books.

**Chicago Historical Society**

North Clark Street and North Avenue, Chicago, IL 60610  
312-642-4600  
Research library located on 3rd floor. Records of Jewish Community Centers of Chicago 1904-1982; records of Jewish Home for the Aged (1899-1971); hundreds of books on Chicago Jewry.

**Waldheim Jewish Cemetery**

1400 S. Desplaines, Forest Park, IL 60130

708-366-4541

Largest Jewish cemetery in Chicago. Contains over 300 synagogue and landsmannschaft plots. Map available listing all burial societies, including gate and block no.

### **Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture**

6500 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60629  
212-582-6500

Of some limited interest to Jews with roots in Lithuania. Has library, rare book section, pamphlets and records division, manuscript division, periodicals division, audio-visual section, photo archive, art archive, document section, and most notably, a cartography collection consisting of 1,500 rare maps. A shop sells, among other things, detailed but expensive maps of Lithuania.

For further reading:

"Guide to Chicago, Illinois Area Resources" in *Search* (now defunct publication of The Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois), Vol. 10, No. 4 (Winter 1990). This updates information which was originally printed in *Search* in Vol. 1, No. 1 (Fall 1981) and Vol. 4, No. 2 (Summer 1984). *Search* is available in the library of New York's Leo Baeck Institute.

### **National Archives, Pacific Southwest Region**

24000 Avila Road, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677  
714-360-2641

Passenger lists: San Francisco, Galveston, & NY; Naturalizations, US District & some County courts.

### **Simon Wiesenthal Center/ Yeshiva University Library**

9760 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035  
213-553-9036

New museum and Interactive Learning Center.

### **UCLA, University Research Library**

405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024  
213-825-1544

Large Judaica collection: over 150,000 volumes, including Yizkor books; and map collection. Maps now in the Henry Brauman  
Maps and Government Information Library.

### **Los Angeles City Public Library, Genealogy Department**

630 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071  
213-228-7000

CA Voter Registrations, City Directories, Biographical Indexes, Vital record indexes for California, Nevada, Washington State and Oregon.

*The Jews of Chicago: From Shtetl to Suburb* by Irving Cutler. University of Illinois Press, Urbana & Chicago, IL, 1996.

*Bridges to An American City: A Guide to Chicago's Landsmannschaften, 1870 to 1990* by Sidney Sorkin. Peter Lang Publishing, New York, 1993.

## **LOS ANGELES - SELECTED RESOURCES**

### **LA County Registrar/Recorder and County Clerk**

12400 East Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650  
310-462-2748

Vital Records for Los Angeles County and the city itself: births from 1866 (county) or 1879 (city); deaths from 1873 (county) or 1877 (city); and marriages from 1851. Real estate records from 1850, voter registrations and business registrations are also found here.

### **LDS Family History Library (includes JGSLA Library)**

10777 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025  
213-474-9990

One of the largest collections of films on indefinite loan outside Salt Lake City, including about 50% of all Polish-Jewish microfilms; and records of other major US cities.

There are many other libraries and archives in LA. Check out the Web site of the Los Angeles JGS at:

<<http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsla>>

----*Estelle Guzik*

### **The Jewish Division of the New York Public Library — June 22, 1997**

Doctor Leonard Singer Gold, head of the Dorot Jewish Division of the New York Public Library, was the featured speaker. Dr. Gold described the history of the cataloguing system. In 1971 the card catalogue was closed out; catalogue entries since 1971 have been computerized. Facsimilies of the original cards were transferred to 800 bound and shelved volumes. The Dorot Foundation has given the library a grant to transfer the pre-1971 information in the 800 volumes to computer, and the Mellon Foundation has given a separate grant to the library to enter the catalogue of Hebrew language publications into the Computer using a special software program. Both of these activities are under way now.

In the Jewish Division, probably the most important Genealogical resource is the collection of Yizkor Books (Memory Books published by survivors of the Holocaust for large numbers of Jewish Communities in Europe.) Dr. Gold pointed out that although the Staff is willing to translate a few words

from Hebrew (or other foreign languages), they are not in a position to translate large blocks. That has to be done on your own.

A Card Index of Yizkor Books is being added to constantly.

Another genealogical source is a large number of books currently being published in German towns describing the Jewish history of their communities. These localities discovered that they had Jewish citizens who made important contributions to their culture, business and social activities. Frequently, these books are begun as High School projects. The Library has a very large collection of such books. Dr. Gold also personally maintains a special list of documents which include miscellaneous lists of names in many categories. You have to ask for this.

The balance of Dr. Gold's talk was a presentation of documents written in Hebrew, entitled *Treasures of Hebraica*. Well known differences exist. Dr. Gold described one of the less well known differences between Sephardic and Ashkenazic practices: in Hebrew calligraphy. Sephardic letters are more rounded than their Ashkenazic counterparts. The reason for this was that while Ashkenazic scribes used quills for writing, Sephardic scribes used reeds.

One especially interesting set of illustrations showed a wide border surrounding a page. This border was used in a book by the printer in Spain in (DHHS Publ. No. PHS 93-1142) is available from the United States Government Printing Office, Supt. of Documents, Mail Stop SSOP, Washington, D.C. 20402-9328. This publication lists addresses, state by state, for obtaining vital records.

Land and Property Records are available at local Court Houses and Wills and Estate Matters are available at Surrogates Offices (often with different names). People often belonged to, and can be researched through, their affiliations with professional, trade or licensed organizations (American Medical Assn for MD's, American Bar Association for lawyers, state or local licensing for nurses, undertakers, etc.). Hospital, school and military records are also available at the local and state levels.

*Joseph Fibel*

## **New York Resources Update**

**Estelle Guzik**

### **New York Public Library, Main Reading Room**

The NYPL reports that renovation of the Main Reading Room on the 3rd floor is scheduled to begin this summer. When the Main Reading Room closes, reference, microforms and photocopy services will be provided in other locations throughout the building.

1489, just prior to the expulsion. It was next used in a book printed in Portugal several years later. Finally the same border was used in a different book in Turkey as the printer fled before the Inquisition, apparently taking some parts of his shop with him. Another fascinating page shown, from a volume at the Library, was from the original *Shulcan Aruch* written by the famous *Joseph Caro*.

The Postscript Session, conducted by Daphne Dennis, a Professional Genealogist, provided general advice and guidance on accomplishing out of town research. Ms. Dennis pointed out that much genealogical work can be done by phone, by e-mail, or by writing. If you are researching a particular locality, it would be useful to get a copy of the local White Pages Phone Book. You can get this from your own Phone Company, at the NYPL or at your own local library. City directories, Social Security Death Indexes, and out of town newspapers may be available in the NYPL. City directories and local newspapers with Obituary Notices will also be available in local libraries, where the librarians may be friendlier and more willing to look up things for you - as may Town or City Clerks. Cemeteries, synagogues and temples, funeral homes and monument makers can be good sources.

A publication, *Where to Write for Vital Records, Births, Deaths, Marriages and Divorces*

Staff at the Information Desk in Astor Hall, just inside the Fifth Avenue entrance, will direct readers to the temporary locations for these services and locations of book catalogs (Room 121), CATNYP terminals (Rooms 120 & 121), and CD-ROM databases (Room 119). Room 121 will also house many of the volumes usually available on the open shelves in the Main Reading Room. The last day of service in the Catalog Room and Main Reading Rooms is set for July 12, 1997. The Center for Humanities will be closed Monday, July 14, 1997. Service will resume in the new locations on Tuesday, July 15, 1997 at 11:00 am.

While the renovation is underway, the Gottesman Exhibition Hall on the first floor will be used as the General Research Division's reading room. This Hall will have seating to accommodate 208 readers. Photocopy services will be available in the Gottesman reading room and at a Copy Services location outside Gottesman.

The Special Collections on the 3rd floor, including the US History, Local History and Genealogy Division will be open and accessible during the renovation. The entrance to the Genealogy Division will be through the outer hallway. The Microforms Division will be located in Room 229 on the 2nd floor.

Renovations planned for the Main Reading Room include a complete rehabilitation of the systems used to deliver books from the stacks, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, facilities for

laptop computer use and media workstations that will allow access to the Library's array of electronic resources. The room will have a separate supervised area for materials requiring additional care due to their fragile condition. Updated information on the renovation will be posted on the Library's web site at <http://www.nypl.org>.

### **New York Public Library, U.S. History, Local History and Genealogy Division**

The NYPL U.S. History, Local History and Genealogy Division has a copy of the Florida Genealogical Society's 8-volume publication, *Hillsborough County, Florida Cemeteries, 1840-1985* [call number APR (Hillsborough Co., FL) 86-3056]. These volumes, arranged by cemetery include the name, birth date (where known), death date, and if a double stone, the second name on the stone for each grave in these cemeteries. The volumes include Jewish cemeteries as well. Tampa, FL is part of this county.

Visitors to the Genealogy Division will discover that the NYC Health Department death indexes, 1957-1982, are now on open shelves. Researchers will find these volumes at the far right of the entrance, opposite the last table.

### **New York Public Library, Dorot Jewish Division**

The Leo Baeck Institute (LBI) has announced the appointment of JGS member and former JGS Executive Council member Karen S. Franklin as Director of Family Research. Karen, who is also Director of the Judaica Museum of the Hebrew Home for the Aged in Riverdale, and the Editor of the Newsletter of the Council of American Jewish Museums, is responsible for answering genealogical inquiries addressed to the LBI. She is also involved in the new LBI publication *Stammbaum*, a special interest group publication for German Jewish genealogy.

The LBI is actively promoting the use of its resources for family history research (see "Past Programs" in the previous issue of *Dorot*). There is no fee if nothing can be found, or if the researcher is referred to other institutions. However, a modest fee (normally \$20.00) is charged if relevant material is found; the fee includes the cost of research, and copies of documents or references which are mailed to the researcher. Send requests to the Leo Baeck Institute, Attn: Director of Family Research, 129 East 73<sup>rd</sup> St., New York, NY 10021; 212-744-6400; e-mail <LBI1@LBI.com>. The LBI also has a web site at <<http://www.LBI.org>>.

### **Family History Center, New York, NY**

The Family History Center in Manhattan has moved back to its old location at 125 Columbus Avenue, 2nd Floor (near 65th Street); 212-873-1690

The Jewish Division of the NYPL has received a \$5 million grant from the Dorot Foundation to establish an endowment for the Division's long-term support. In recognition of the Foundation's generosity, the name of the Division has been changed to the Dorot Jewish Division.

### **New York Public Library, Rare Books and Manuscripts Division, Room 328**

The Rare Books and Manuscripts Division has microfilms of the Emigrant Savings Bank indexes (1850-1880), Test Books (1850-1867), deposit account ledgers and bond and mortgage books. For the early years, the Test Books include name, address, occupation and "remarks." The "remarks" column includes how long they have lived in the United States, place of birth and references. Later years include also signature, year and place of birth, year arrived and names of relatives. The years for which the Test Books are available include only a few Jewish names. There is also one film of Society Accounts (1922-1927) which includes names, addresses and trustees of societies including landsmanshaften and other Jewish organizations.

### **Leo Baeck Institute**

The newly renovated facility is redecorated and rearranged, but has the same number of microfilm and microfiche readers. The five computers are now located in a separate room. Hours remain the same for now: Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

The FHC has advised the JGS that in conformance with a general administrative policy requested by the FHC in Salt Lake City, it is temporarily suspending the indefinite loan program. Films already on indefinite loan will remain available. However, no new orders of films will be accepted for indefinite loan at this time.

### **National Archives and Records Administration, Northeast Region (NARA)**

1) Naturalization records for the US District Court, Southern District of NY 1941-1992 and indexes 1941-1989, have been moved from the Federal building to the National Archives at 201 Varick Street. Now all extant records of Naturalizations that took place in this Court are at the National Archives. These include the Declarations of Intention, 1842-1959 and 1967-1991; and the Petitions for Naturalization, 1842-1992. Microfilming of the 1941-1992 records and indexes is planned for the end of 1997. In the interim, NARA staff will do the index search for researchers.

2) NYS Vital Records - A list is now available at NARA of the addresses of town and village vital records offices. Records can often be obtained more

quickly from these local offices than from the State. The list is maintained in a notebook next to the microfiche reader.

#### **City Clerk's Office, Manhattan**

The City Clerk's Office, Municipal Building, 1 Centre Street, Room 252, New York, NY 10007 is now open from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The office will only accept Money Orders in payment for marriage records. Cash or personal checks will no longer be accepted in person or by mail. The charge for a copy of a marriage record (1930+) is \$15.00 for a one-year search, \$16.00 for a two-year search, \$16.50 for a three-year search and \$17.00 for a four-year search.

#### **Surrogate's Court, New York County**

The index cards, 1950-1988, and index volumes for probate and administration records (pre-1950) have been moved from the Record Room (402) to the Liber Room (405) at 31 Chambers Street, in Manhattan. Index volumes to guardianships are also in Room 405. The Record Room (402) now has 6 computers on which to do record searches from 1964 to the present. Not all computers include the data base for all years. The Record Room is open from 9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday. The Liber Room is open 9:00am to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday..

#### **County Clerk's Office, Kings County (Brooklyn)**

The NYC Municipal Archives, Health Department, Division of Vital Records and City Clerk's Office were all open this past February 12, 1997, Lincoln's Birthday. The City is experimenting with the concept of offering employees alternate days off. As a result, genealogists and other researchers had an extra day to do their own research on this holiday. Hats off for a great idea!

#### **Superior Court of New Jersey, Records Center**

Court records for the 21 New Jersey counties have been moved to the Records Center, 171 Jersey Street (front door on Tremont St), Building #2, Trenton, NJ. The mail address for this facility is Superior Court of New Jersey, Records Center, CN 967, Trenton, NJ 08625-0967. The facility is open Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm; telephone (609) 777-0092 or 0093. The Records Center no longer provides telephone index searches.

#### **New Jersey Historical Society, Library**

The New Jersey Historical Society has moved to 52 Park Place, Newark, NJ 07102. The library will be closed until January 1998.

#### **YIVO Institute for Jewish Research**

The County Clerk's Office Record Room now closes at 3:00 pm. This office is located in the basement of 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, in Room 079. Take the elevator down to level "C."

#### **Surrogate's Court, Kings County (Brooklyn)**

The Record Room (109) at the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, 2 Johnson St (Supreme Court Building) remains open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (pre-1972 records must be requested by 3:30 PM).

#### **Brooklyn Board of Elections**

The Brooklyn Office of the Board of Elections has shredded the original buff cards that were available in their office. For current registered voters, these cards were scanned into a computer and can be viewed on screen. It is unknown at this time whether the earlier cards were microfilmed before they were destroyed.

#### **County Clerk's Office, Queens**

The Record Room at the Queens County Clerk's Office will accept requests for pre-1993 records until 12:00 noon. The room is open to 3:00 pm for 1993 or later records. The Office is currently microfilming files created in the 1970s. Call in advance to determine if the years you are researching are available for viewing.

#### **New York City Offices Were Open February 12, 1997 - Lincoln's Birthday**

YIVO has published a *Guide to the YIVO Archives* compiled by Fruma Mohrer and Marek Web. This is the first repository-level finding aid to the archives of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in New York. The guide includes descriptive entries for over 1,400 collections, an index of key words and subject headings, and a brief history of the institute and archives both in Vilna and in New York. This 448 page guide will be available in the Fall of 1997 in hardcover at \$125. A special pre-publication price of \$100 is available through August 31, 1997. Copies of the Guide may be ordered from M. E. Sharpe, Inc, 80 Business Park Drive, Armonk, NY 10504. Telephone (914) 273-1800; toll free (800) 541-6563; or fax (914) 273-2106.

## **Notes From All Over**

#### **Illinois Marriages on CD-ROM and Fiche**

The Winter 1996 issue of *Forum* (Federation of Genealogical Societies) reports that the Illinois State Genealogical Society has available *Illinois Marriage Listings* in both CD-ROM and microfiche format. Over 871,578 marriages are indexed alphabetically by both bride and groom for 82 counties, with 35 counties complete up to 1900. Each entry includes

the date, county, citation and (if available) license number. Contact the Illinois SGS at P.O. Box 10195, Springfield, IL 62791-0195.

### **Maine, Kentucky and British Columbia Vital Record Indexes on Web**

The previous issue of *Dorot* reported that an index to Maine marriages from 1892 to 1966 was available on CD-ROM. This index has now been put online by the Maine State Archives. Indexes are grouped in ten year periods, and can be searched by bride or groom. The town is specified until 1955, but without a certificate number; from 1956, the certificate number is given but not the town. Actual records from 1892 to 1922 can be ordered by e-mail and cost \$6.00. Records after 1922 must be ordered from the Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Data Research and Vital Statistics, 11 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333; 207-287-3181. The web address is <http://www.state.me.us/sos/arc/archives/genealog/marriage.htm>

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives has put indexes of deaths (1911-1992) and marriages (1973-1993) online. The death indexes, from the Office of Vital Statistics, include date, age, place of death, volume and/or certificate. The web address is <http://ukcc.uky.edu/~vitalrec>.

In Canada, British Columbia has put vital statistics indexes on-line through their web site. Births (1872-1896) are not yet entered, but marriages

In the past year, a Web site called the USGenWeb has been developed to provide access to various genealogical sources in each state. By clicking on a map of the United States, and then choosing the county in the state, one can find varying levels of information. Some counties will simply display information on holdings of libraries and archives, contact persons, etc. But some counties have extensive access to property records, surrogate records, naturalizations, census records and vital record indexes. In a few cases, a preview of actual documents is offered. The USGen Web is maintained by a still expanding network of volunteers; over two thirds of the counties in the 50 states have been assigned such coordinators. The USGenWeb address is <http://www.usgenweb.com>. The address to go directly to the New York State section of this web site is <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nygenweb>.

### **Library of Congress News**

The Hebraic Section of the Library of Congress has moved from the Adams Building to room LJ210 on the second floor of the Jefferson Building. The reference collection has been moved to this larger reading room, but the materials in the stacks will remain at the Adams Building until next year.

(1872-1921) and deaths (1872-1976) can be searched. The marriage index listing gives the name of the bride and groom, the date and place of the marriage, the registration number, and both BC Archive and GSU microfilm numbers. The death index listing gives the date, age, place, name of deceased, and the same registration and microfilm information. The microfilms are available through interlibrary loan and from the Family History Center. The web address is <http://www.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca>.

### **Canadian Archives on the Web**

The National Archives of Canada has a web site that offers a variety of information, and some selected indexes plus at least one searchable database. An index to the microfilms for the Imperial Russian Consular Records in Canada covering the years 1898-1922 is posted. There are some 11,400 files in the Passport/Identity Papers series in this collection that cover Russian and East European immigrants who settled in Canada in the early twentieth century, many of whom were Jewish. Instructions are provided for obtaining the films through interlibrary loan. Researchers should be aware, however, that many of the records are in Russian Cyrillic. The 1871 census for Ontario has been put on-line as a searchable database. The web address for the Archives is <http://www.archives.ca>.

### **State Records on the Web**

The Library of Congress catalog can be directly accessed at <http://lcweb.loc.gov/catalog>. In addition to providing catalog search tools for the Library of Congress, this site also provides links to catalogs at numerous other libraries, particularly university libraries (including Yale and Brandeis, for example). Links to major New York libraries are not found here, however (NYPL and Columbia, for example, are missing). The menu of other library catalogs can be directly accessed at: <http://lcweb.loc.gov/z3950/gateway.html>.

Another Library of Congress net address provides access to the National Union Catalog of Manuscripts Collections. This gateway allows searching information on the holdings of over 1500 records repositories in New York State alone. While specific surname searches are not normally available here, one can identify which repositories have vital records, land records, etc. The internet address is <http://lcweb.loc.gov/coll/nucmc>.

### **REIPP News**

Steven Zedeck, one of the principal moving forces behind the Russian Era Indexing Project in Poland (REIPP) data base, is no longer associated with the project. The coordinator of indexing and transliteration activity is now Michael Richman;

Barbara Khait is coordinator of the Warsaw Initiative, and Michael Tobias remains data manager. All financial matters are being handled by Sheila Salo. Contributions (made payable to the JGS of Greater Boston) should be sent to Sheila at 5607 Greenleaf Road, Cheverly, MD 20785. All these individuals can be reached via email: Michael Richman at <Mbresq@aol.com>, Barbara Khait at <Bkhait@aol.com>, and Sheila Salo at <ssalo@CapAccess.org>.

REIPP now has over 150,000 records indexed in its database. In one of its most recent "coups," REIPP has arranged to acquire the indexes to Wyszkw and surrounding villages, from 1874 to 1896, directly from the Polish Archives in conjunction with their support of the Cemetery Monument Project. Wyszkw is about 55 km. NE of Warsaw. The Wyszkw records have not been filmed by the Family History Center. REIPP can be easily reached from the Jewishgen home page, or directly at the address <<http://www.jewishgen.org/reippweb.htm>>.

### **Yad Vashem on the Web**

A list of email and Web addresses for Yad Vashem was published in the Winter 1996 issue of *Roots-Key* (JGS of Los Angeles). There is a web site at <<http://www.yad-vashem.org.il>>, and the following email addresses:

General info: <[info@yad-vashem.org.il](mailto:info@yad-vashem.org.il)>  
Hall of Names: <[names@yad-vashem.org.il](mailto:names@yad-vashem.org.il)>  
Archive: <[archive@yad-vashem.org.il](mailto:archive@yad-vashem.org.il)>  
Library: <[library@yad-vashem.org.il](mailto:library@yad-vashem.org.il)>

The website's automated email form for making name inquiries has been restored and can be accessed directly by adding </sch\_req.htm> to the web site address. This is not a searchable database, as has been implied in some recently published notes elsewhere. It is a form that requires entering both

### **Five Million Polish Children's Signature**

An extraordinary series of 111 bound volumes of signatures of teachers and students from over 20,000 schools in Poland dating from the 1920's is described by Herbert and Flora Gursky in the Winter 1997 issue of *Mishpacha* (JGS of Greater Washington). Titled "Polish Declarations of Admiration and Friendship for the United States," it was presented to President Coolidge in 1926 to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. This "document" is now available in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress. A finding aid by Zbigniew Kantorosinski (*A Descriptive Guide to the "Polish Declarations.."*) provides an index to the more than 200 elementary school districts; however, to find a particular town requires looking through all the pages for that district.

### **Synagogue Renovations Announced**

surname and given name (general searches on a surname are not offered), which Yad Vashem will then process. After a period of a number of weeks, if they find results, they will mail them and request appropriate payment.

Alternatively, the library offers research at a rate of \$15 for one hour plus up to ten photocopies. The Archives continues to seek donations of Holocaust related materials, including family histories and photographs.

### **Kiev Archives**

The same issue of *Roots-Key* (see previous note) relayed information posted on *JewishGen* by Sandi Goldsmith concerning the rabbinic metrical books kept in the Central State Historical Archives in Kiev. A list is given detailing the years (generally between the 1840's and 1860's) and number of books for the following towns: Berdichev, Boguslav, Buksk, Cherkasy, Chornobyl, Gormostaypol, Habno, Ivankov, Kiev, Korostyshev, Lipovets, Malinsk, Pereyaslav, Radomyshl, Svirsk, Tarashchansk, Uman, Vasykov and Zvenigorod.

### **Lodz Cemetery Records**

The book *Stary Cmentarz Zydowski w Lodzi* (The Old Jewish Cemetery in Lodz), published in 1938, lists inscriptions on at least some individual tombstones at this cemetery which was destroyed during the Holocaust. According to a note from Harold Rhode in several recent newsletters, microfilm copies of this book can be found at the Hebraic Section of the Library of Congress, Harvard University and Hebrew University.

The Rzeszow Landsmanschaft in Tel Aviv is planning to renovate the synagogue at Kazimierza 18 in Rzeszow, Poland. The building would have both a sanctuary where visiting Jews can pray and say Kaddish for their families, and a museum and memorabilia room. According to a note in the Spring 1997 issue of *Mishpacha* (JGS of Greater Washington), based on information supplied by Marian Rubin of San Francisco, the Landsmanschaft also plans to place a monument at the site of the main Jewish cemetery, from which Jews from the area were transported to the camp at Beltzec. Contributions are sought for these projects; make checks payable to "Rzeszow Landsmanschaft" and send to Mrs. Lutka Goldberg, Treasurer, Horkanos St. 6, Tel Aviv, Israel. The head of the Landsmanschaft, Mrs. Klara Ma'ayan, also asks for information on the names of family from Rzeszow and nearby towns, with current addresses and phone numbers of the younger generation so that contact can be

maintained. Marian Rubin can be contacted in San Francisco by email, at <merubin@aol.com>.

The World Monuments Fund continues its restoration of the historic Tempel synagogue in Cracow, Poland. The Tempel synagogue, originally built in 1860-62, is the only intact synagogue remaining in Poland from the 19<sup>th</sup> century, according to a report in the March 1997 issue of *Jewish Heritage Report* (Newsletter of the International Survey of Jewish Monuments). The interior is being cleaned, and the wall decorations covered over with paint will be re-exposed. The building will be restored to its inter-war appearance, and be used both for religious services and to host cultural events for the entire population of Cracow.

The Vilna Shul, built in 1919, is Boston's only former synagogue listed on the National Register of Historic Places - and the only surviving Jewish house of worship listed in the Boston City Register of 1920. It is being restored as a Jewish museum and cultural center by the Vilna Center for Jewish Heritage. Initial structural renovation has been completed. For further information, contact Deborah Bogin Cohen at the Vilna Center for Jewish Heritage, One Financial Center, 40<sup>th</sup> floor, Boston, MA 02111; 617-247-2141.

#### **Cemetery Restorations in Poland and Ukraine**

The March 1997 issue of *Jewish Heritage Report* (see previous note) also reports on several cemetery projects. In Wyszkw, Poland, a cooperative effort between the town, the Polish government, the Jewish community of Warsaw and the Jewish Historical Institute of Warsaw has resulted in the construction of a monument on the grounds of the cemetery. Funding was also obtained from private donors, many of whom trace their roots to Wyszkw, through the U.S. Commission for Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad. The dedication of the memorial is scheduled for September 21, 1997.

Two major new books on the descendants of the Vilna Gaon are due to be published this fall. They will be the first genealogical works on the Gaon's family to be available in English. One book, authored by Chaim Freedman in Israel and entitled *Eliyahu's Branches*, will be published by *Avotaynu*. The other book, by Dr. Neil Rosenstein (see the Upcoming Meeting announcement for September), is entitled *Rabbi Elijah: The Gaon of Vilna and his Cousinhood*. Look for details in the New Books section in the next issue of *Dorot*.

#### **Kurlander Young Men's Mutual Aid Society**

The Latvia SIG has obtained a collection of records from this society, courtesy of Naomi Freistadt. The documents appear to have been filed for the purpose of designating beneficiaries, and provide extensive information on individuals born between the 1870's and early 1900's. Information on

In Brody, Ukraine, a photographic survey of nearly 5000 extant tombstones and a new map have been completed in a project organized by Dr. Neil Rosenstein and Dr. Benjamin Solomowitz. A second phase will include a transcription of the names and texts on the stones, covering the period from about 1838 to 1938. A similar project is scheduled for Snyatyn. For further information contact Dr. Solomowitz at his office, 1785 Merrick Avenue, Merrick, NY 11566; or call him at 718-740-1892.

#### **200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Death of the Vilna Gaon**

More details have been provided on the events planned in Vilnius in commemoration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of one of the great Jewish scholars and religious leaders, Elijah ben Shlomo Zalman (1720-1797), known as the Gaon of Vilna. According to the May 1997 issue of *Zichron Note* (San Francisco Bay Area JGS), proposed events include memorial services at the grave of the Gaon and at the synagogue in Vilnius; an international scientific conference; public lectures at the University of Vilnius and at the Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas; an exhibit; reconstruction of, and establishment of a museum in, the Gaon's last house; a meeting of the Gaon's descendants; publication of a book about the Gaon; a commemorative coin, postal stamp and envelope; and a public ceremony at which a special commemorative musical composition in honor of the Gaon will be premiered. The main events will take place September 10-15, 1997 (although the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gaon's death in the Hebrew calendar, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Sukkos, actually occurs over a month later). For more information contact S. Alperavicius, Chairman, Jewish Community of Lithuania at Pylimo g. 4, Vilnius; (370-2)-613003; e-mail <root@lzb.vno.osf.lt>.

the forms includes date of birth, town of origin, name and maiden name of spouse, names and ages of children, occupations and when initiated into the society. The notary stamp provides a clue to where the person was living. The December 1996 issue of *Latvia SIG* published an index of about 150 of these names with most of the detailed information for each person. For more information or copies of these records, send a business size (#10) SASE, and preferably a small donation, to the Latvia SIG c/o Mike Getz, 5450 Whitley Park Terrace #901, Bethesda, MD 20814-2061.

#### **Schlossbergs of Latvia Trumpeted**

An unusual source has been brought to our reader's attention: the *International Trumpet Guild Journal*. In the May 1997 issue, a lengthy article by André M. Smith, titled *Max Schlossberg: Founder of the American School of Trumpet Playing in the*

*Twentieth Century*, provides considerable genealogical detail on this family from Kurland. The article is useful as well for its use of sources, its treatment of the assimilation process of Latvian Jewish immigrants, and its use of genealogical and historical information in a biographical format. For a back issue or other information on the International Trumpet Guild, contact Bryan Goff, School of Music, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2098; email <treasurer@trumpetguild.org>.

### **Wisconsin Jewish Cemeteries**

A description of 28 Jewish cemeteries in Wisconsin can be found in the February 1997 issue of *Family Finding* (Wisconsin JGS). Information variably includes addresses, dates of organization, number of burials and alternate names. Towns included are Appleton, Ashland, Beloit, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Green Bay, Jamesville, Kenosha, La Crosse, Madison, Marinette, Milwaukee metro area (9 cemeteries), Oshkosh, Racine, Sheboygan, Slinger, Superior and Wausau. Contact the Wisconsin JGS c/o Penny Deshur, 9280 North Fairway Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53217.

### **Virginia Jewish History**

The Virginia Historical Society and Jewish Community Federation of Richmond have opened an exhibit "Commonwealth and Community: The Jewish Experience in Virginia" that runs through September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Society in Richmond, and then travels to Alexandria and Lynchburg. The exhibit includes documents and objects from individuals and archives across the country. A catalog is available from the Museum Shop. The Society library is also a resource worth noting, with seven million manuscripts and 125,000 books. The Virginia Historical Society and Museum of Virginia History is at the corner of Kensington and Boulevard, P.O. Box 7311, Richmond, VA 23221-0311; 804-358-4901 (museum

The Family History Library has completed a volunteer project to index additional cities: Boston, Des Moines, Minneapolis, and the missing borough in New York: Queens. This index, titled *Street Indexes to Unindexed Cities in the U.S. 1910 Federal Census*, provides similar cross indexing of the street address and ED - with the added bonus of providing the FHL microfilm number for most addresses. A microfiche version is available for loan at the various local Family History Centers.

### **Cape Town Jewish Family History Society**

According to information posted on JewishGen by Paul Cheifitz, a founding member of this new Society, and published in several recent newsletters, Cape Town, South Africa now has a Jewish Family History Society. Members will receive a quarterly newsletter and discounts on planned publications. An initial

shop is 804-342-9671). They also have a home page on the web: <<http://www.vahistorical.org>>.

### **1910 Census Catalog**

The May 1997 issue of *The Record* (National Archives and Records Administration) notes that *The 1910 Federal Population Census* microfilm catalog has been revised. A new introduction better describes the Soundex and Miracode indexing systems and how to use them. Illustrations of various census forms and facsimiles of Soundex cards are included. A reminder: the microfilmed indexes for the 1910 census only cover 21 states. The catalog can be purchased at the National Archives in Washington for \$3.50, or by mail from the National Archives Trust Fund, P.O. Box 100793, Atlanta, GA 30384 (add \$3.00 for shipping). Payment is accepted by check made out to the National Archives Trust Fund, or by VISA or Mastercard. Credit card orders can be faxed anytime to 202-501-7170, or phoned to 800-234-8861 weekdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

### **1910 Census Street Indexes**

There are now two street indexes to selected cities in the 1910 census. The first, *Cross Index to Selected City Streets and Enumeration Districts, 1910 Census*, is a National Archives publication (M1283) put out about 12 years ago that has been available on microfiche at the Family History Library (51 fiche cards). It provides the ED number for a given address in 39 cities: Akron, Atlanta, Baltimore, Canton, Charlotte NC, Chicago, Cleveland, Dayton, Denver, Detroit, Elizabeth, Erie, Fort Wayne, Gary, Grand Rapids, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Long Beach and Los Angeles City and County, Newark, New York (4 boroughs), Oklahoma City, Omaha, Patterson, Peoria, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Reading, Richmond, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, South Bend, Tampa, Tulsa and Washington, D.C.

project underway is assisting the Kaplan Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Cape Town with the computerization (and eventual inclusion on JewishGen) of a record of some 15,000 Jewish immigrants landing at the port of Cape Town between 1924 and 1929. Another project in progress is a guidebook of genealogical resources in the Cape area. For further information contact the Society at P.O. Box 541, Sea Point 8060, South Africa; 21-451546 (fax 21-4393768); email <jewfamct@global.co.za>.

Also recently formed is the Jewish Genealogy Society of South Africa; contact Ivan Elion at P.O. Box 1388, Parklands 2121, South Africa.

### **London Records Move to New Location**

The Public Search Room of the General Register Office at St. Catherine's House, and the Central

London Reading Rooms of the Public Record Office in Chancery Lane have moved. According to the March 1997 issue of *The Bulletin* (Saskatchewan Genealogical Society) and the Spring 1997 issue of *Mishpacha* (JGS of Greater Washington), these resources are now housed at a new joint research facility known as the Family Records Centre, located at 1 Myddelton Street, Islington, London EC1R 1UW; 44-181-392-5300. The Public Search Room contained the indexes to all births, marriages and deaths in England and Wales since 1837; the Reading Room contained copies of census returns from 1841 to 1891, wills and administrations before 1858 and other material. These are all now available at the new facility, as well as the same process for purchasing actual copies of certificates that was in place at the Public Search Room. The nearest underground station to the Family Records Centre is Angel on the City Branch of the Northern Line.

The new Family Records Centre email address is <enquiry.pro.rsd.kew@gtnet.gov.uk>; the web site is <<http://www.open.gov.uk/pro/prohome/htm>>.

### **Irish Jewish Genealogical Resources**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1996 issue of *Irish Roots* (and independent genealogical journal published in Belgrave, Ireland) contained an article describing the history of Jewish settlement in Ireland, and the resources of the Irish Jewish Museum in Dublin. The museum holds some important collections of non-civil registrations, including the Registry Book of the Hebrew Congregation in Dublin from 1838 to 1879, The Membership Register of the Dublin Hebrew Congregation from 1841 to 1883, a midwife's book ("maternity attendance book") with 900 births from 1896 to 1908 in Dublin, and a register of deaths from the 1930's to the 1940's. To subscribe to *Irish Roots* (\$18 by check or credit card), write to Belgrave Publications, Belgrave Avenue, Cork, Ireland; 021-500067 (phone or fax); email <irishrts@iol.ie>. Back issues may be available from the publisher, or from Irish Books and Media Inc., 1433 Franklin Avenue

The new product comes in several versions: plain, "Plus" and "Deluxe." Ultimate Family Tree Plus includes a printed user guide and "Family Album Maker" (a library of 1500 images). Ultimate Family Tree Deluxe includes the above, plus a "research aids collection" that includes the Social Security Death Index CD-ROM along with some other frills (such as an automatic letter writer).

Until August 31, upgrades can be obtained free or for discounted prices up to \$39.95, depending on what one is upgrading from, which version of Ultimate Family Tree one is choosing, and whether one is downloading from the Palladium Web site or not. For more information contact Palladium Interactive Special Offer, 743 E. Franklin St., Suite B, Spencer,

East, Minneapolis, MN 55404-2135; 612-871-3505 (fax 612-871-3358).

### **Kollelim Records in Israel**

The Winter 1997 issue of *Roots-Key* (JGS of Los Angeles) contains an informative article by Gayle Schlissel Riley on records of the Kollel America Tifereth Yerushalayim that also describes the location of other Kollelim records. A Kollel was something like a landsmanschaft in Palestine. The American Kollel was established in 1896 as a separate group (previously the American and English families were jointly part of the Vaad Kol Ha-Kollelim). The article includes a list of the members in 1900. Several hundred applications for membership in this Kollel, with considerable genealogical information, can be found in the Yad Ben Zvi Archives at the Ben Zvi Institute on Abarbanel Street, Gan HaKuzari, Rehavia, Jerusalem 91076. The Jerusalem Municipality Historical Archives, 28 Agron Street, Jerusalem, also has records of the American Kollel, as well as records for the Kollel Hod (Holland/Germany), Kollel Horodna (1868-1900), Kollel Galicia and Kollel Suwalk-Lomza. Records for the Kollel Galicia may also be found at 120 Mea Sharim Street. For back copies (\$5.00) or subscriptions to *Roots-Key*, contact the JGSLA c/o Norma Arbit, 4530 Woodley Ave., Encino, CA 91436-2722; 818-981-0590.

### **New Software Developments**

In the previous issue of *Dorot* we announced the new version of *ROOTS V*. Commsoft had a surprise waiting in the wings even as they announced *ROOTS V*. A new release from Palladium Interactive has now announced the issuance of *Ultimate Family Tree* which integrates Family Gathering and *ROOTS V*; indeed Commsoft customers have been informed that the *ROOTS* products *will not longer be sold!* Palladium is also assuming all technical support for *ROOTS* products. Commsoft will continue to work with Palladium on product development (one cannot help wonder what an upgrade of the "Ultimate" Family Tree will be called...)

IN 47460; 800-910-2696;  
<<http://www.familygathering.com>>.

Meanwhile, there is a new entrant in the genealogical software family. Corel, the company that publishes one of the major Office Suites in competition with Microsoft (and that also took over Word Perfect), has announced the *Corel Family Tree Suite*. Priced in the \$60's at mail order houses and discount software stores, the Suite includes similar features to other genealogical software, as well as the Ancestry Genealogy Library: the Social Security Death Index, the Red Book, The Source, and several other items; photo editing software; and the *Corel Family Publisher*. The latter item, also sold separately at \$19.95, supports import of GEDCOM

files, printing of register reports, family group records, ancestor, fan and descendant charts.

## Book Reviews

**Szkice z dziejów Gminy \_ydowskiej oraz cmentarza w \_odzi** (Sketches from the annals of the Jewish community as well as the cemeteries of Lodz). By Izaak Kersz. 124 pp., 1996. Oficyna Bibliofilów, \_ód\_, Poland. \$20.00 plus shipping. A limited number of copies are available from Janusz Frenkel, ul. Sienkiewicza 101/109, m.59, 90-301 \_ód\_, Poland.

Lodz, founded in 1423, remained a small rural town in Poland, up to the end of the 18th century. At that time Poland lost its independence. Until the Vienna treaty of 1815, Lodz was in an area occupied by Prussia. The terms of the treaty declared this area part of "Congress Poland" and gave it to Russia.

The 1815 division of Poland had enormous economic consequences on the three partitioning states: Russia, Prussia, and Austria. Diplomatic relations between them became strained and economic cooperation among them was made more difficult by the introduction of custom barriers. To provide for independent industrial development, the government of the Polish Kingdom recruited foreign experts and craftsmen to settle in selected towns. They were granted far-reaching concessions, privileges, and financial help. In September 1820, Lodz was chosen as one of the sites to be included in the group of industrial settlements. During the next hundred years Lodz became Eastern Europe's leading textile center, and was called the "Polish Manchester". It was one of the fastest growing cities in the world. The population of Lodz exploded from approximately 900 people to almost one million!

Jews played a significant role in this amazing development. In 1785 there were many towns in the area with large, well-established Jewish communities e.g., Kalisz, Konin, \_czyca, Sieradz, etc. At that time, Lodz with a population of about 300 persons had only two Jewish families residing there (a baker

For many genealogists, however, there are two problems with this book. It is written in Polish (with a significant portion translated into Hebrew) and it lacks an index. Regarding the latter, there is some relief forthcoming. This book is included among three recently published books on the Jews of Lodz - each without an index. Genealogical Data Systems is producing a combined name index which is due to be published later this year. The other two books are: *\_odzi w \_odzi* (The Jews in Lodz), issued in Lodz during the Jewish culture exhibition in 1990; and *Jews in \_ód\_ 1820-1939*, a series of 16 articles that appeared in *Polin, A Journal of Polish Jewish Studies*, Vol 6, Blackwell, Oxford 1991.

and a tailor). In 1811 its population rose to about 500 of which 96 were Jewish. In 1840, when the Jewish population reached one thousand, Lodz was still only the 62nd in size of Jewish communities in Poland. But by the years just prior to the advent of World War II, its Jewish population was over 233 thousand, second only to Warsaw, and about 34% of the city.

During Lodz' most productive years, many of the prominent industrialists were Jews and the community produced one of the most creative and vibrant cultural environments. It was famous for the Yung-Yiddish movement and such world-renowned artists as Artur Rubinstein, Artur Szyk, Julian Tuwim, and Jankiel Adler. Today, however, while Lodz is a city of about 1.3 million people, there are only twenty to thirty elderly persons living as Jews (although there are several thousand people believed to be the descendants of Jews who converted).

The late Izaak Kersz was one of these few practicing Jews in post-war Lodz. He spent many years collecting a valuable archive of information and history of the two Jewish cemeteries in Lodz. The above-titled book consists of a historical outline of the Jewish community in Lodz, and then focuses on detailed descriptions of both the old cemetery (now destroyed) and the new cemetery, which is the largest Jewish cemetery in Europe. The section on the new cemetery is enhanced by many photographs by Janusz Frenkel of the more important monuments.

A brief essay on the bas-reliefs on Jewish grave-stones and their symbolism is also included.

In his account, Kersz covers many subjects that characterize the Lodz Jewish community: industry, art, religion, medicine, politics, etc. What makes this book particularly interesting to genealogists is that Kersz continuously cites the names of the most prominent Jewish contributors in each field. Short sketches about their role and accomplishments are frequently presented. About four hundred families are mentioned. The book is not only a gold mine for potential family research, but also provides insight into the history of the Lodz Jewish community during the century prior to World War II.

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**Migration from the Russian Empire: Lists of Passengers Arriving at the Port of New York.** Vol. 3: May 1886-December 1887; Vol. 4: January 1888-May 1889. Edited by Ira Glazier. 1997, 521 pp., 519 pp., hardcover. See the New Books listing for ordering information.

The Summer 1995 issue of *Dorot* reviewed the first two volumes of this series, which covered 105,000 immigrants arriving in an 11 year span from Jan. 1875 to April 1886. In that review, which recommended the series as a "must" purchase for

any library or repository of significance, it was suggested that subsequent volumes were likely to cover ever-narrowing time frames, based on the number of immigrants to be indexed. Indeed, these next two volumes cover an additional 90,000 immigrants who arrived in a 3 year time span. The number of persons contained in the first four books represent less than 10% of the total number of immigrants through 1910, which is the ultimate goal of this effort. Thus it is clear that the total cost of purchasing this index in hardcover books will ultimately prove to be significant, and the time span of each book shorter.

The same strengths noted in the original review are still evident in the two new volumes. The information, taken from the original ships' passenger lists now at the Temple-Balch Center for Immigration Research, includes the name, age, sex, occupation, country of origin, place of residence and destination for each passenger; and, for each passenger list, the name of the ship, ports of embarkation and arrival, and date of arrival. Information is arranged chronologically by ship arrival, with an alphabetical surname index in the back of the book. Tests for known and unknown persons arriving in this period, and for accuracy, revealed no errors or discrepancies. The researcher must keep in mind that considerable flexibility and creativity is nonetheless required in searching for surnames, if only because of the wide liberties in spelling that occur on the ship lists themselves - not all of which might be immediately obvious alternatives (for example, "Blumrasen" for Blumrosen, or "Friedleinder" for Friedlander).

Because of the shorter time span for the third and fourth volumes, and what appear to be a wider geographic and ethnic spread of immigrants, researchers may find less "hits" for a given family in these volumes than in the first two. There does appear to be a higher percentage of entries with specific place of origin codes (although a disappointing percentage of entries still only show "Russia" as the origin).

This book has stepped into this vacuum admirably. It is a meticulous, immensely detailed catalogue of every index and every record collection, state by state and county by county, for both statewide (generally Federal) and local naturalization records. The dates and location for each type of record are provided; and for each and every entry the microfilm or fiche number for the Family History Library catalogue is provided - as well as the record number for the National Archives film or record group, when appropriate. If a particular record collection has not been filmed, the book specifies where the un-filmed records can be found.

The author is a Certified Genealogical Record Specialist, and was until recently the director of the Annandale, VA Family History Center. Perhaps that

Cross-referencing the entries with the Hamburg ship lists, as recommended in the original review, should provide a valuable adjunct to use of these indexes for ships that sailed from Hamburg. It would still be useful, as noted in the original review, if the four-letter village codes could be better related alphabetically to the spelling of the town, and if duplicate codes for the same town (with variant spellings, i.e. "AINR" for Werballen and "AINZ" for Wirballen) could be consolidated. And there is still a need for reconsideration about publishing this index in a series of hardcover books vs. a consolidated index on CD ROM.

Until the publication of this series, there was no useable index to arrivals at the Port of New York. Dr. Glazier and all those involved in this effort continue to provide an invaluable service to the genealogical community in undertaking this project in such a well organized and accurate fashion.

*Alex Friedlander*

**Guide to Naturalization Records of the United States.** By Christina K. Schaefer. 406 pp. 1997. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. \$25.00 plus \$3.50 shipping. Order from the publisher at 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897.

Naturalization records are a key source of important genealogical information, and often the only place where one can find reliable information on the place of birth, or the port and date of arrival, for an individual. But, as most people who have tried to research naturalization records can attest, they are often difficult to locate. Declarations of Intent and Petitions for Naturalization, the key documents prior to the actual naturalization itself, were filed in a multitude of court jurisdictions - and the declaration, petition and final papers for a given individual might not be in the same court either. To compound the problem, there is little consistency in indexes or finding aids from one locality to another.

is why she was able to provide such a comprehensive cross reference to the Family History Library film numbers. One thing that becomes immediately apparent going through this book is that the Family History Library has filmed far more of these records at every level than most genealogists realize.

A brief introduction provides aids to finding material, and discusses exceptions or unusual sources. At the end of each chapter (organized alphabetically by state), there is a list of suggested reading that includes useful information for genealogical resources in that state. There are also 29 illustrations, some of people in the process of being naturalized, most of various types of documents.

However, a perusal of the illustrations suggests that the appearance of precision in the compilation of

this database must be approached with caution. For example, an illustration on p. 247 shows a Declaration of Intent originally filed with the Pike County, PA Court of Common Pleas that is now located in Wyoming County, NY - but the film number given is obviously missing a digit, and there is no listing at all in the Pennsylvania chapter for Pike County (which still very much exists). Another example: the illustration on p. 233 is labeled Columbus County, but it clearly refers to Columbia County.

With that one caveat, this book must be highly recommended. There is no other source like it for this important area of genealogical research, and it promises to make researching naturalization records much easier.

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**Genealogical Research in Ohio.** By Kip Sperry. 315 pp., 1997. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. \$28.50 plus \$3.50 shipping. Order from the publisher at 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897..

This book attempts to chronicle a wide variety of sources for research in Ohio, and packs a great deal of information into several key sections. There is a list and brief discussion of the eight Ohio regional network centers, followed by 35 pages of brief discussions of various types of records and holdings to be found at these and other repositories. After a 54 page list of addresses, basically alphabetical by town, there is a bibliography of over 100 pages listing published works concerning Ohio genealogy, subdivided by category and within each category alphabetical by author.

Unfortunately, both the limited level of detail, the method of organization of the book, and the lack of locality references in the index, make it difficult to find useful information to guide one in researching a particular place in Ohio. If one wishes to look for information about someone who lived in Cincinnati, for example, there is no easy way to extract resources from this book that are focused on Cincinnati. There is also no provision of any specifics such as Family History Library film numbers, even when the book notes that a particular group of re-

Dr. Rosenstein has assembled a unique CD: an indexed abstract of nearly every obituary during the press run of *HaMagid*, accompanied by a scanned image of the full Hebrew text of the obituary. For each of the 1235 separate obituaries, the person's name and town of residence is shown, along with the year, volume and page of the obituary. When known, the occupation is also shown; and in some cases, Dr. Rosenstein has added information on references to other sources that describe the person. The obituaries are indexed by surname, town and date, as well as by "secondary town." The latter refers to other towns mentioned in the text of the obituary, and

records has been filmed by the Family History Library (compare, for example, the level of information provided in the previous book reviewed).

There also seems to be some lack of attention paid to either editing for duplication or inclusion of cross references within the book. For example, the pages on "vital records" reproduce some of the same information given in the page on "death records," while omitting other information such as that given in the page on "marriage records" - and neither is cross referenced to the other.

Hopefully the next edition of this book will contain an index to localities, and a less frustrating organization of information. Such improvements would make the wealth of information contained far more valuable to the genealogist.

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**Latter Day Leaders, Sages and Scholars.** Volume 2. By Dr. Neil Rosenstein. CD ROM, 1997. Computer Center for Jewish Genealogy. \$89.95 includes shipping. Order from the publisher at 654 Westfield Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07208; fax 908-353-6080; e-mail ccjgen@aol.com>.

*HaMagid*, the first Hebrew newspaper, commenced publication in Lyck, Prussia in 1856. From 1857 through 1889, regularly published weekly issues of *HaMagid* ("The Declarer") contained personal advertisements, correspondence and articles, donor lists for special causes, and obituaries.

Publication continued through 1903, but the press was removed to Berlin and then Cracow, there were some gaps in publication, and support declined as editorship and content changed.

The obituaries published in *HaMagid* covered a variety of personalities in the Eastern European Jewish world, ranging from well known public figures to local luminaries to ordinary persons whose death touched a correspondent or community. Many of these obituaries describe persons for whom information was never put into print in any other source; thus they can be valuable sources for genealogical research.

is found in over 800 of the obituaries indexed. In addition, there is an index to "special" obituaries: for doctors, centenarians and women.

The images of the Hebrew text are often surprisingly readable, either in the initial size or the zoom options provided; they can also be printed.

Although the indexes are fairly easy to manipulate once one understands the process, the instructions provided to the user could have been more explicit for persons who are not fully computer literate. For example, to access indexes other than the name index, one has to click "select" in the menu bar; to find "second town" entries when more than

one entry is displayed for a given town one has to choose "browse images" rather than click on the town name. Neither of these requirements is either explained or self evident. There are also some limitations in the versatility of the program, most notably the need to scroll all the names for a given letter of the alphabet (typing a second letter to a surname jumps to the names beginning with that letter). And the second town names do not appear in the primary index entries.

The biggest disappointment, however, is the relatively sparse amount of information provided for each entry. Given the author's command of the Hebrew language and depth of scholarly expertise, it is surprising that he did not choose to provide at least some basic information contained in the text beyond the name, town and occasional occupation. The obituaries often will specify an age, some biographical history about the person, perhaps one or more relatives. None of that has been excerpted in translation. Similarly, when a "second town" is mentioned in the index, one cannot tell whether it was the town of birth, a place where the person lived or died, or where some important event in the person's life occurred - information which was presumably in the text.

Accompanying text files give useful information about the history of *HaMagid* and how to print the text images.

*(Readers should know that the reviewer is mentioned in the acknowledgments on the disk as having been a contributor who provided assistance in reviewing the data contained therein).*

Alex Friedlander

## In Print

### Of Jewish Interest

Ira A. Glazier, editor. *Migration from the Russian Empire: Lists of Passengers Arriving at the Port of New York*. Volumes 3 and 4 of the series, covering May 1886 to May 1889. 521 and 519 pp. \$50.00 each volume plus \$3.50 shipping for one volume (\$4.75 for both). See the review in this issue of *Dorot*. A complete index for each ship, including name, age, sex, occupation, country of origin, place of residence and destination. Each volume has a consolidated alphabetical index by surname for the time period covered. Order from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3879; 800-296-6687. Also available for Tess Johnston and Deke Erh. *God and Country: Western Religious Architecture in Old China*. 110+ pp., illustrated (soft cover 9x12") with maps. \$40.00 plus \$5.00 shipping (\$12.00 airmail). Part of a series covering western architecture and expatriate life styles in old China, with a chapter on Shanghai's

slightly higher shipping charges from Avotaynu, P.O. Box 900, Teaneck, NJ 07666; 201-387-7200; e-mail <info@avotaynu.com>.

Belinda and Richard Gergel. *In Pursuit of the Tree of Life: A History of the Early Jews of Columbia, South Carolina and the Tree of Life Congregation*. 1996. 221 pp. \$25.00 including shipping. An illustrated work prepared for the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the Tree of Life Congregation, inspired by the discovery of the building that housed the city's Civil War era synagogue. Includes old photographs, early census data, an index and appendices. Order from the Tree of Life Congregation, 6919 N. Trenholm Rd., Columbia, SC 29260.

Dan Grayson. *God Laughs*. Commonwealth Publications, 1997. 314 pp. (softcover 4x7"). \$4.99. The first of a planned trilogy, this is a "carefully researched coming-to-America tale with a few fictive embellishments" based on the author's research into his family's history before and after they left Rajgrad, Poland in 1867 and settled in Cleveland. The book is available at softcover retailers, or from the distributors: Partner's Books (800-336-3137), Ingram's (800-937-8100) or Baker & Taylor (800-775-1800).

Mel Young, ed. *Last Order of the Lost Cause: The Civil War Memoirs of a Jewish Family from the Old South*. University Press of America, 1997. An account of Raphael Jacob Moses, Major C.S.A., 1812-1893 and the Moses family, based on a compilation of official military documents, personal letters and diary entries. Available in local bookstores, or order from the publisher at 4720 Boston Way, Lanham, MD 20706; 800-462-6420.

Murray Dubin. *South Philadelphia: Mummies, Memories and the Melrose Diner*. Temple University Press, 1996. \$29.95. A compilation of first hand accounts from interviews with former and current residents of South Philadelphia, supported by research in various archives and libraries. Many of the chapters include information on Jewish notables, and there is a separate chapter on Jews in this district. A detailed review of this book can be found in the Spring 1997 issue of *Chronicles* (JGS of Philadelphia). Order from the publisher at University Services, 1601 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19122-6099; 800-447-1656.

Jews and Jewish tombstones in Shanghai. Order from Old China Hand Press, P.O. Box 54750, North Point P.O., Hong Kong.

### Of General Genealogical Interest

Dr. Jan Habenicht, translated by Miroslav Koudelka. *History of Czechs in America*. Czechoslovak Genealogy Society International (CGSI), 1996. 595 pp (8½" x 11"), 276 illustrations. \$44.95 plus \$4.95 shipping. A translation of a book originally published in 1910. Indexes are included to the 2400 surnames, geographical names, and the illustrations. Order from the CGSI at P.O. Box 16225, St. Paul, MN 55116-0225; e-mail <PaulMCzech@aol.com>.

E. Wade Home. *Land and Property Research in the United States*. Ancestry, 1997. \$44.95 plus shipping. Explains how to use these types of records to discover unexpected information. Describes the evolution of boundaries and locations of land offices, with 228 maps and over 100 examples of the types of documents available. Each sample document includes explanations of the types of information available. Order from the publisher at P.O. Box 476, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-9949; 800-ANCESTRY.

American Genealogical Lending Library (AGLL, P.O. Box 329, Bountiful, UT 84011-0329; 800-760-AGLL; <sales@agll.com>) is offering the following CD-ROM and fiche publications:

• *1870 Census Bundle*. \$99.95 plus \$7.50. Seven CDS covering Georgia, Long Island (includes much of New York City), North and South Carolina, Western and Eastern Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, and several U.S. cities (includes Chicago, Baltimore and St. Louis). Over 3 million names. All heads-of-household, males over 50, females over 70 and all other surnames within the household. Entries include name, age, sex, race, birthplace, locality and county. The discount price may have an expiration date, but Broderbund Software (Family Tree Maker) is offering the same bundle for \$99.99 plus \$4.95 shipping (see below).

• *Massachusetts City Directories*. \$1.95 per fiche plus shipping (varies with size of order). AGLL in partnership with the New England Historic Genealogical Society is reproducing 6000 directories from most cities and towns in Massachusetts on microfiche. AGLL has a separate catalogue that details the number of fiche for each year for each city, with the price. Similar future projects are planned for other states in the northeast, including New York.

Broderbund Software (P.O. Box 6125, Novato, CA 94948-6125; 800-548-1806; www.familytreemaker.com/marriage), as part of their Family Tree Maker's Family Archive CD collection, in addition to also offering the 1870 census bundle, offers marriage index CDS either separately (\$19.95 or \$29.95) or as a bundle for \$199.99 plus \$4.95 shipping (add tax for selected states). The CDs include the following states and years:

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•CD6: AR 1779-1992

•CD225: AZ,CA,ID,NV 1850-1951

•5 others covering various states up to 1850

Note that the records indexed are not necessarily from all counties or cities in a state, and that the source may not always be vital records indexes.

AGLL is also offering separately a new CD ROM with marriage indexes for selected areas of New York between 1639 and 1916, apparently focused on the Hudson and Mohawk valleys. Also \$29.99.

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