



# Family Legacies

Linking the past with the present and the future

Jewish Genealogy Society  
of Southern Nevada - West

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## JGSSN - West President's Message

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The Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada - West is off to a great start. This group is the reformation of the JGS Las Vegas, Nevada. The name change reflects the tremendous growth in the area. With just four meetings so far this year the group has grown to over forty members. In fact, we have outgrown our current meeting room and have moved to a larger facility in the West Sahara Library. We will meet at the library until Temple Beth Shalom's new building is completed.

Most of our membership consists of budding new genealogists - all eager to uncover the elusive life of their ancestors. Each member brings a high level of enthusiasm and dedication to the group. A mentor program has been established. The more experienced members help the "newbies" one on one. The program seems to give each beginner a sense of security and accomplishment when they uncover something new in their research.

Meetings are held on the third Sunday of the month from 1pm until 4pm. Meetings consist of a program, problem solving session and short business meeting. Each member is encouraged to participate and ask questions related to their area of research. In future issues we hope to spotlight the success stories of some of our members.

Carole Montello

### Committees Appointed

The following members have been appointed to committees:  
Sam Pachter - Ways And Means - sampachter@aol.com  
Mary Barkan - JGSSN-West Newsletter - geth91a@prodigy.com  
Janet Farino - SOUNDEX - D-M Project - janfar@wizard.com  
Jack Oliver - Meeting Set Up - JAKO@juno.com



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## JGSSN-West Elects Officers

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At the April 19th meeting of JGSSN-West, the nominating committee presented candidates for officers of the organization.

Elections were held and the following members were elected to serve a two year term:

President:  
Carole Montello

Vice-President:  
Ann Stearns

Recording Secretary:  
Arlene Gillette

Treasurer: Sam Showel

Trustees: Ella Perla,  
Jack Oliver, Janet Farino,  
and Charlotte Showel.

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## Local Resources

### Accessing Clark County Marriage Records On The Internet

A searchable index to Marriages for Clark County, NV from 1984-to present is available on line at:

[http://www.co.clark.NV.us/recorder/mar\\_disc.htm](http://www.co.clark.NV.us/recorder/mar_disc.htm).  
Marriages are recorded daily and the names are indexed by midnight. There is no access from Midnight to 4am Pacific Time while the current marriages are indexed.

For inquires about marriages prior to 1984 (1909-1983) a request by mail is necessary:  
Recorder, Clark County  
P.O. Box 551510  
Las Vegas, NV 89155-1510 702-455-4336

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## Searching For...

Queries are \$2.00 for 50 words excluding name, address, phone, and email; then 5 cents per word

Sam Pachter, 7802 Settlers Ridge Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89128-2924, [sampachter@aol.com](mailto:sampachter@aol.com) Researching the Pachter name originating from Staraya Ushitsa, Ukraine and surrounding towns to 1914. Looking for maps of the area at that time showing the names of towns. In contact with Pachtors in U.S. and Canada - will share information.

Carole **Montello**, P.O. Box 29342, Las Vegas, NV 89126; [carmont7@juno.com](mailto:carmont7@juno.com) Seeking information on Max & Sophie **Handel** who owned a dry goods store at 73-75 Delancy St. NYC, in the 1920s. Children known: Julius and Ruth. Contact lost with this family in the 1930s. Any information would be helpful.

Jack **Oliver**, 10200 Angel Peak Court, Las Vegas, NV 89134, [jako@juno.com](mailto:jako@juno.com) researching **Oliva** from Neustadt, Poland; **Targovnik** from Nowyko Roczyn, Poland; **Biokiss** and **Charagrodsky** from Yampol or Odessa, Ukraine.

Ella **Perla**, [eperla@yahoo.com](mailto:eperla@yahoo.com); seeking **Federman** from Latvia; relatives of Jacob **Grubman** in Russia and Poland; **Reingewertz** and **Jerislowsky** from Russia.

Maxine **Muse**, 7920 Mt. Shasta Circle, Las Vegas, NV, 89128, [maxinemuse@worldnet.att.net](mailto:maxinemuse@worldnet.att.net) seeking information on the boxing **Miller** brothers: Hymie b 1911, Bennie b. 1909 and Abie b.1913, sons of Samuel **Miller** and Rose **Kaufman**, they boxed in Los Angeles, CA 1925-1935.

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## The Best of News To Note

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**From member Maxine Muse** - The UNLV Library has the Los Angeles Times on microfilm (Dec.4 1881 to present) for researchers interested in obituaries or articles featuring family members. The library is open to the public Mon-Thurs 7am-midnight, Fri 7am-6pm, Sat 9am-9pm, and Sunday 10am-midnight

**Soundex and D-M Code:** [www.jewishgen.org](http://www.jewishgen.org)

**Ships and Passengers:** [www.cimorelli.com/pie/start/start.htm](http://www.cimorelli.com/pie/start/start.htm)  
The Morton Allan Directory - a listing of European passenger ship arrivals to New York, Philadelphia, Boston, and Baltimore 1890-1930 is one of the many searchable resources for ships and passenger lists at this site.

**Las Vegas Family History Library has new hours:**  
Tues, Wed, and Sat 9am-4:30pm  
Thurs 1:30pm-9pm

**The Best Links to Everywhere:** Cyndi's List at:  
[www.CyndisList.com](http://www.CyndisList.com)

**Social Security Address Change**  
Office of Central Records  
Operation for Genealogy  
300 North Greene Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201

**On Line Dictionaries** - 400 dictionaries in 130 languages:at  
[www.bucknell.edu/~rbeard/diction.html](http://www.bucknell.edu/~rbeard/diction.html)

Share your research tips, resources and finds - contact Mary Barkan for inclusion in News To Note, distributed at each JGSSN-West meeting

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Jewish Genealogy  
on the Internet  
**[www.jewishgen.org](http://www.jewishgen.org)**  
Your connection to  
Jewish research sites



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## Local Resources

### Las Vegas

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#### **Bunkers Eden Vale Memorial Park & Mortuary**

Mortuary - 925 North Las Vegas Boulevard  
Las Vegas, NV  
702-385-1441  
Cemetery is located at: 1216 North Las Vegas Boulevard

#### **Bunkers Memory Gardens Memorial Park & Mortuary**

7251 West Lone Mountain Road  
Las Vegas, NV 702-645-1174

#### **Davis Funeral Homes**

6200 South Eastern Avenue  
Las Vegas, NV 702-736-6200

#### **Palm Mortuaries & Cemeteries**

1325 North Main  
Las Vegas, NV 702-382-1340

#### **Paradise Memorial Gardens**

6200 South Eastern  
Las Vegas, NV 702-736-6200

#### **Woodlawn Cemetery**

1500 Las Vegas Boulevard North  
Las Vegas, NV 702-229-6246

## Cemetery Resources on Jewishgen

[www.Jewishgen.org](http://www.Jewishgen.org)

Israel - Chevra Kadisha (Burial Society) Directory

New York City - metro area - Cemeteries Directory  
with cemetery locations, locations of records and addresses for  
mail requests.

France - Cemeteries in Paris

A history of each cemetery including starting date, how to  
locate records, location of cemeteries

AJGS Cemetery Project - how to submit cemetery information,  
searchable surname database of burials, cemeteries by U.S.  
state.

## Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

EMail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 Family Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Individual Membership

Please make checks Payable to JGSSN-West

Mail To: JGSSN

P.O. Box 29342

Las Vegas, NV 89126

JGSSN-West membership runs from  
September to September

JGSSN-West Information:

Carole [carmont7@juno.com](mailto:carmont7@juno.com)

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## Trustees Announce Future Home

JGSSN-West has already outgrown one  
meeting room at the Sahara West Library! It appears  
that the new meeting room on the second floor will not  
accommodate the group for long.

Thus the JGSSN-West Board of Trustees was  
pleased to announce that the future home of JGSSN-  
West will be at Temple Beth Sholom as confirmed in a  
May letter from Sandy Mallin, President of Temple  
Beth Sholom.

The new temple facility will be located in  
Summerlin South. Building is expected to take several  
months. The temple complex will be state of the art  
and provide a modern, centrally located West side  
home for JGSSN-West .



## **Me and My Ments**

By Mary Barkan

In late April I became a mentor for the JGSSN-West Mentor Program. I was nervous. I am still learning research skills myself. Would I be "good" enough to help beginners in our group?

Two months later I can report that I am having a terrific time as a mentor! I decided not to refer to my beginners as "newbies" but instead to call them "ments." I hope they will progress from ments to mentors through the program. Already we have had some successes. Maxine Muse and I discussed cemetery research. She obtained photographs of gravestones and learned the father's name from the Hebrew inscription. Not only was this a research success for Maxine but she shared how to do this with the East side group - already she's sharing what she's learned - definitely a mentor in training! Next, Maxine purchased a computer. I helped her load her genealogy program and soon she was entering data. She's off to a better start than I had. With no mentor I didn't realize that I should enter sources. To this day I'm still going back, asking "how do I know this" and digging through research logs to enter my sources. She's starting off with all the basics. The computer is now a big part of the organization of her material. She even printed out family group sheets and charts to take with her for a family visit to L.A.

I am also helping the Gerry Pavey-Jeannie Epstein duo. This mother and daughter team is full of energy, enthusiasm, and intelligence. I'm a little jealous of them. They are always having fun when they research. They attend the LDS genealogy classes, go to the Family History Library, and soak up information everywhere. They presented me with my first challenges as a mentor. They had letters written by an ancestor in Yiddish and needed a translator. I called JGSSN-West member Nadine Kaufman who gave me the number of someone willing to help. I forwarded the name and soon the letters were done. While they didn't contain the genealogical information hoped for, they were a wonderful family treasure. Jeannie also had a document written in Polish which needed translation. I consulted books with no luck finding a template. Sitting down with *Following the Paper Trail*, a Polish-English dictionary, and the LDS Polish language list I managed to translate the document for her. It proved to be confirmation of a birth date for one of her ancestors!

I'm having a great time with my ments. This is a terrific program! I know that with the emphasis on sharing what you know with others my ments will become mentors and continue the sharing process.

## **Win An Early Registration to the 1999 New York Seminar!**

If you plan to attend the 1999 International Seminar in New York City you can win your early registration fee and help fund the JGSSN-West Newsletter at the same time.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each - purchase as many as you want

Only 200 tickets will be sold

The winning ticket will be drawn at the 1999 January JGSSN-West meeting

Winner need not be present, an out of town winner will be notified by 15 Feb 1999

Send your check (\$5 per ticket) made payable to JGSSN-West to:

JGSSN-West

P.O. Box 29342

Las Vegas, NV 89126

Questions? To the address above or

[carmont7@juno.com](mailto:carmont7@juno.com)

This fund raiser makes a great gift - if you can't go to New York, surprise a relative or friend with a chance for free seminar registration!



## Maven Alert!

Several members of JGSSN-West are researching family members who came to the United States via Canada.

Charlotte Showel echoes the questions of many members when she asks, "Can someone explain what the procedure is for the emigrants to go through the Canadian port of entry (Halifax for example) and then via train in to the U.S. port of entry. Are there any "first hand reports" of the ferry journey from Halifax? How long does the process from Canadian arrival to U.S. arrival take; what is involved? Is there a way to document what occurs for each individual?"

Maxine Muse asks about information on the Railroads used to transport people to the U.S. Port of Entry - especially information on the Grand Trunk Railroad.

Can any maven help with these research

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## Free Genealogy Classes

Free Genealogy Classes are offered the LDS Church at 3300 North Buffalo. Class begins at 7pm and ends at 8:30 pm. Classes are always held on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Past topics have included: U.S. Census and Vital Records, Using the Family History Catalog; and Using the Internet for Genealogical Research.

The classes are free but you must register by email. Send your intention to attend to Carole Merrill at [Lvmerrills@aol.com](mailto:Lvmerrills@aol.com)

Email registration for each class helps assure that enough handouts will be available. Each class also includes announcements of genealogy events. A question and answer session concludes each class.

Dress is nice casual. Classes begin on time!

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## 20th Century Research California Death Index

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The California Death Index is a great tool for research in modern vital records. The statewide index covers 1905-1988. It is available to order at the Las Vegas Family History Library. The Index contains this information: name of the deceased, initials of spouse, age, date of death, and (by code) the county where the death occurred., the State Registrar's number, and the State File number. With the last two pieces of information a death certificate can be ordered from the Vital Records Office in Sacramento.

The LDS film/fiche number is listed to the right below

|                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| 1905-1929 A-EMERSON, George           | 1686044 |
| 1905-1929 EMERSON, George - LEM, Lang | 1686045 |
| 1905-1929 LEM, Lep - ROUSE, Roy       | 1686046 |
| 1905-1929 ROUSE, Sadie - Z            | 1686047 |
| 1905-1929 ZZ - end - Fetal Deaths     | 1686048 |
| 1930-1939 A - R                       | 1686049 |
| 1930-1939 S - Z                       | 1686050 |
| 1940-1949 A - Z                       | 6332560 |
| 1950-1959 A - Z                       | 6332561 |
| 1960-1969 A - Z                       | 6332562 |
| 1970-1979 A - Z                       | 6332563 |
| 1980-1989 A - Z                       | 6334141 |

A listing of the county codes is also available at the LDS library or on the internet at:

<http://www.micronet.net/~searcy/indexinfo.htm>

To obtain a death certificate:

Cost \$8.00

Office of Vital Records

Department of Health Services

P.O. Box 730241

Sacramento, CA 94244-0241

Your request must contain: full name of the decedent; the date of death; the place where the death occurred; your relationship to the decedent; a daytime telephone number, whether to be sent by regular or express mail; and the street address to which the certificate should be sent.

If you have used the Index you should also include the State Registrar's number, and the State File number.

To verify current fees and methods of payment contact: 916-445-2684

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**Calendar 1998**  
**JGSSN-West Meeting Schedule**  
Sahara West Library 9600 W. Sahara

July - 19th Dr. Elizabeth Patrick - "Photographs: Putting a Face on Your Family History"

August 16th- Genealogical Correspondence

September 13th - **SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**  
Documents of Our Ancestors

October 18th - Ann Stearns - "Using the National Archives"

November 15th -Mary Barkan - "Resources at the Family History Library"

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