



Family Legacies

Linking the past with the present and the future

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of Southern Nevada - West

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Ten Commandments for Genealogists

By Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern (1916-1994)
Dean of American-Jewish Genealogy

- I. I am a genealogist dedicated to true knowledge about the families I am researching.
- II. Thou shalt use family traditions with caution and only as clues.
- III. Thou shalt not accept as gospel every written record or printed record.
- IV. Thou shalt not hang nobility or royalty on your family tree without verifying with experts.
- V. Thou shalt clearly label the questionable and the fairy tale.
- VI. Thou shalt handle all records in such a way that the next users will find them in the same condition you did.
- VII. Thou shalt credit those who help you and ask permission of those whose work you use.
- VIII. Thou shalt not query any source of information without supplying postage.
- IX. Thou shalt respect the sensitivities of the living in whatever you record but tell the truth about the dead.
- X. Thou shalt not become a genealogical teacher or authority without appropriate training and certification.



JGSSN West Cemetery Project Field Tested

In November the JGSSN-West Cemetery Project ran a field test under the direction of Jo-Ann and Howard Geller.

Jo-Ann, Howard, Carole Montello, Ella Perla and Janet Farino tested the cemetery survey forms at Woodlawn Cemetery. They also practiced assigning cemetery rows and sections and evaluated the "cheat sheet" for Hebrew lettering.

Jo-Ann and Howard evaluated the session and determined that the survey form needed improvement. The new survey form is now available.

This valuable project is now in need of volunteers. Please contact Jo-Ann or Howard Geller at hagnjag@aol.com to sign up. Several different cemeteries will be surveyed.



Look Who's Talking

19 September -JGSSN-West Display booth, LDS Genealogy Fair

Las Vegas Review Journal Interview - Carole Montello, Janet Farino, Sam and Charlotte Showel, Ella Perla, Mary Barkan

21 October -Charlotte and Sam Showel - Jewish Genealogy, Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood Membership Luncheon, Mardi Gras Inn

6 October - Mary Barkan - *Jewish Genealogy - Getting Started* Sahara West Library/ Las Vegas Clark County Genealogy Month

13 October - Mary Barkan *Record Availability for Italian Jewish Genealogical Research* POINT National Conference, Showboat Hotel

28 October Charlotte and Sam Showel - Women's American ORT, Showboat Hotel

8 November -Charlotte and Sam Showel - Jewish War Veterans Major Hank Greenberg Post #30, Mountain View Hospital Meeting Room

11 November - Charlotte and Sam Showel - Tarshis Na'Amat Pioneer Women, Pinnacle in Sun City

Home Treasures

Beginning genealogists are always told to look at home first for family information. Seeking the help of other family members is often the second piece of advice. Member Jo-Ann Geller discovered how exciting it can be to begin at home.

My box of treasures was received (I got the stuff from my Dad's wife while in NY & I mailed it home) and I spent a wonderful afternoon looking thru photos from 1917 - 1945. Among all this I found the following: (from my dad's side of the family) My Grandfathers death certificate, the wedding announcement of my grandparents...a card with the date, place and menu of my greatgrandparents 50th golden wedding celebration....a bill for the fixtures for my grandfathers barber shop in NYC along with a book that he used to record daily receipts as well as a book with entries for payment of the fixtures for the shop...(he made \$5 per week payments to pay the debt)...I am so thrilled...also other evidence too numerous to mention.....

Free Genealogy Classes

WHERE:

LDS Lone Mountain Stake
3300 North Buffalo

HOW TO REGISTER:

Contact Carole Merrill at 655-1451 or email her at LVMerrills@aol.com
Your registration helps Carole Merrill plan her printing of the handouts

WHEN:

26 Jan	7pm	Pedigree & Record Analysis
23 Feb	7pm	Miscellaneous U.S. Records (includes immigration and naturalization, fraternal, school records, etc.)
23 Mar	7pm	Introduction to English Research (including Wales)
27 Apr	7pm	Introduction to Scottish Research
25 May	7pm	Introduction to Irish Research

DRESS: Business Casual



Family Memories

Slop Chest Supply

By Barry Barkan

I was waiting for my Dad to come home from work – I was 4-7 years old. I was always so excited to see him. He used to take me to work with him on the weekends. We would drive down to the piers where the big merchant marine ships were docked. He would go on the ships to see the captain, supply officer, boson's mate etc. to get orders for clothing and supplies – boxes of Hershey bars, toiletries, shaving stuff, etc. After he took the orders, some of the seaman would accompany him to the store.

In New York he worked for his Dad, Louis Barkan at Louis Barkan and Company. Later when I was seven we moved to Norfolk, Virginia where he and my Mom opened their own men's clothing store – Alfred H. Barkan Company.

In Norfolk, when the men arrived at the store he would fit them with suits, sport coats, and slacks. Then he and Mom would do the alterations – cuffs, waist, inseams, etc. Because the seaman also bought work clothes as well as dress clothes, it was sometimes difficult to stock all of the various styles and sizes. On one occasion, when I was older (11-13) Dad took me aside, slipped me a \$100 bill, and sent me around the corner to another store where I was to purchase a specific size of Levi's or some other item that we didn't have in stock. I was really excited, and a bit scared, to have a hundred-dollar bill – I had never held one before. I carried out my assignment and felt very grown up.

After the seamen had been fitted and paid for their purchases they usually left the store to go to a bar or "out on the town." Sometimes Dad took them back to their ship. Dad or Mom could also call them a cab or they would just walk as we were in the downtown area. Occasionally I remember Dad giving the men some money – I could be wrong about this – because they weren't paid yet and he probably added the

amount to their bill. After they left, Dad would put all their stuff together in large boxes and tie them with heavy ropes. He would then deliver them to the ship that day or the next day or two depending on how long the ship was docked. These boxes were called slop chests – probably because they had all kinds of stuff in them.

I remember one day in New York when I was 5 or 6 I think, Dad came home in the middle of the day. Wow- how exciting! Evidently he was trying to climb a ships' rope ladder with a slop chest in one hand and lost his grip and fell into the ocean. They pulled him out and he was okay – how fortunate. How scary for him!

Barry Barkan did not follow his father and grandfather into the clothing business. His parents moved to Tucson, Arizona where Barry attended the University of Arizona. In 1977 he was awarded a Doctor of Musical Arts from the University. He served as conductor for orchestras in Arizona and Nevada. A member of the Musician's Union, for several years he played cello in orchestras in showrooms on the Las Vegas Strip. He owns a plastics packaging company in Las Vegas.



Photos Of Family Lots and Gravestones

New York City, Queens, Long Island

Photographer Barbara Field

\$20 Per Hour Including Travel Time
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Great Neck, NY 11023



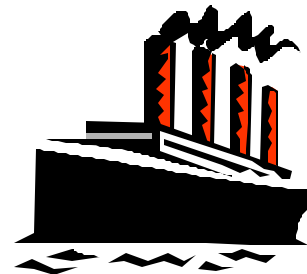
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LIST OF MICROFILMS AVAILABLE VIA INTER-LIBRARY LOAN FROM CANADIAN ARCHIVES

This list provided by Sam and Charlotte Showel. If you had family who went to Canada and then took the train into the U.S., you can get the manifests of the ship arrivals at Halifax. The films start with 1881 and go through 1919.

1881
to
1919

<u>FILM NUMBERS</u>	<u>DATES</u>
C-4511	1/1881 TO 11/9/1882
C-4512	11/16/1882 TO 3/25/1886
C-4513	11/25/1886 TO 4/11/1888
C-4514	4/11/1888 TO 8/2/1891
C-4515	8/4/1891 TO 12/31/1893
C-4516	1/1/1894 TO 12/29/1895
C-4517	1/3/1896 TO 4/16/1897
C-4518	4/12/1897 TO 8/31/1898
C-4519	4/2/1898 TO 12/22/1899
T-494	12/19/1899 TO 4/12/1901
T-495	4/14/1901 TO 4/21/1902
T-496	4/21/1902 TO 4/3/1903
T-497	4/5/1903 TO 4/18/1904
T-498	3/19/1904 TO 12/30/1904
T-499	1/2/1905 TO 10/21/1905
T-500	10/22/1905 TO 4/24/1906
T-501	4/24/1906 TO 3/14/1907
T-502	3/15/1907 TO 4/29/1907
T-503	9/2/1907 TO 5/28/1908
T-4734	6/1/1908 TO 8/9/1909
T-4735	8/9/1909 TO 3/6/1910
T-4736	3/6/1910 TO 4/15/1910
T-4737	4/15/1910 TO 11/28/1910
T-4738	11/28/1910 TO 3/12/1911
T-4739	3/12/1911 TO 4/10/1911
T-4740	4/10/1911 TO 4/19/1911
T-4741	8/20/1911 TO 2/29/1912
T-4742	2/29/1912 TO 4/1/1912
T-4743	4/1/1912 TO 4/24/1912
T-4744	4/24/1912 TO 9/15/1912
T-4745	5/15/1912 TO 1/13/1913
T-4746	1/15/1913 TO 3/17/1913
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T-4750	6/15/1913 TO 10/9/1913
T-4751	10/9/1913 TO 2/10/1914
T-4752	2/13/1914 TO 4/5/1914
T-4753	4/5/1914 TO 5/24/1914
T-4754	5/27/1914 TO 7/25/1915
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T-4756	2/9/1917 TO 3/16/1918
T-4757	3/16/1918 TO 1/17/1919





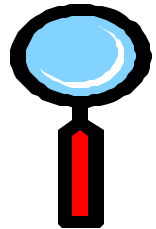
Searching For

Jeannie EPSTEIN, 7816 Millhopper Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89128 Jeepstein3@aol.com - seeking info on Beckie BELL(BELAKOFSKY) born about 1893, died about 1962 and her husband Jacob COHEN born about 1886, died about 1934, both born Russia (Kiev) and died NY, married in USA. Also, info on Anderson PAVEY's first wife ??NEWBY died about 1823, had four children, lived Washington County, Indiana.

Gerry PAVEY, 2713 Darby Falls Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89134 JimNGerry@aol.com seeking info on SKOLNIK family from Latvia, lived in Muscatine, Iowa; Harris David BLOOM and family (BLOOM/TRUNK), born Russia, lived in Muscatine, Iowa died 1940 Omaha, Nebraska; SCHARFSTEIN family from Lublin, Poland, name changed to STEIN, lived in Omaha, Nebraska.

Leonid BIRNBAUM, 6128 Wilshire Blvd., #107, Los Angeles, CA 90048 323-931-5166, FAX 323-938-3480 seeking ancestor/descendants of Mark BIRNBAUM, Rosa BAR, Bronja TRUBACK, Elia GOLDSMIDT, Yankel Shmuel ADELSTEIN, Mira MOGILEVSKAYA, all from Ukraine and Keya KRASILSIKOVA from Krichev, Litva birth all of them 1879-1905

Sam PACTHER, 7802 Settlers Ridge Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89128-2924, sampachter@aol.com Researching the PACTHER 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 Pachtters in U.S. and Canada - will share information.



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If you plan to attend the 1999 International Seminar in New York City - Gateway to America - August 8-13 1999 you can win your early registration fee and help fund the JGSSN-West Newsletter at the same time.

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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!



Another Approach For Genealogists

by Sam H. Pachter

I have been involved in genealogy for about three years. After attempting to locate unknown relatives and information through the normal ways, and not succeeding, I attempted a different approach by sending letters to all those with the same surname (Pachter), that I could find in the White Pages on the Internet. In my search I came in contact with another amateur genealogist, who lives in the Netherlands. Her mother's maiden name was the same as my surname. We corresponded and decided to work together to try and find unknown relatives and information. We are in contact with each other by e-mail and we have been fairly successful.

Using the Internet, we have been able to contact many people with the same surname. I have attempted to contact all those in the United States and Canada who share the same surname and my co-worker in the Netherlands has attempted to contact all others around the rest of the world. Those that don't have an e-mail address are contacted by regular mail.

I have sent out 120 regular mail letters and about 40 e-mail letters and have received about 35 responses from my regular letters and about 20 from my e-mail letters. The information we receive is shared with everyone that responds, who wishes to be included. All those involved are sent a copy of all correspondence. By doing this, each one is able to see if they recognize any person or information that is submitted.

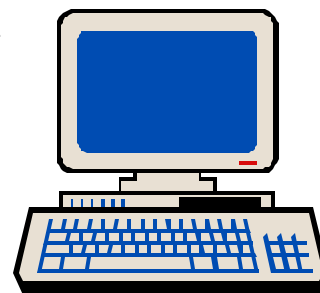
We have been able to put in contact some, that responded to our letters, who share the same relatives. In one case, two, who have responded to my letter have written that they share the same great grandfather, but did not know of each other. They live on the East coast of the US and have now been in contact with each other.

By using this method my co-worker in the Netherlands has also found a distant cousin. I have not as yet been able to find a relative, but I am confident that I will one day locate someone. I did receive a response from a woman whose father came from a town within 20 kilometers of the shtetl my father came from and her father had the same surname as my surname. We are still trying to see if there is any connection between the two of us.

This is another way to search for relatives, which I have found very rewarding. I am still constantly in contact with many of those who have responded to my letters.

This may not be the way for those with names in the thousands, such as Cohen, Levy, etc., but those of you who have unusual names may want to attempt this approach. There are many telephone White Pages on the Internet for people all over the world. When you seek the lists, the surname should be only used, without a first name or initial. This will produce more people for you to attempt to contact.

Using this method could help in locating relatives and/or information. It is time consuming but could create results. Good luck.





Thanks!

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Celeste Harlow and the Las Vegas Clark County Library District for co-sponsorship of the Gary Mokotoff lecture

Janet Farino for indexing the JGSSN-West newsletters

Library Acquisitions

Librarians Gerry Pavey and Jeannie Epstein have received the first book purchased by JGSSN-West - *Where Once We Walked A Guide to the Jewish Communities Destroyed in the Holocaust* by Gary Mokotoff and Sallyann Amdur Sack. The book was purchased with funds from the monthly book raffle held at the JGSSN-West meetings.

Mary Barkan donated *Netting Your Ancestors: Genealogical Research on the Internet*

Our Crowd - The Great Jewish Families of New York, Stephen Birmingham - donated

If you would like to donate materials to the library contact Gerry (JimNGerry@aol.com) or Jeannie (Jeepstein3@aol.com)



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Calendar 1998-1999

JGSSN-West Meeting Schedule

Sahara West Library 9600 W. Sahara

December 20th - "Me And My Genealogy"

January 17th "The 1920 United States Census And The Soundex System" Carol e Montel I o and Mary Barkan

February 21st "Probate and Other Court Records"
Earl e Mal kin

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