"Every man of the children of Israel shall encamp by his own standard with the ensign of his family" *Numbers 2:2*

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Mishpacha

Letter to the Editor:

As we begin to wind down another exciting year, we wanted to touch base.

In the last few years, JewishGen has reached another milestone by adding over 2.9 million new records to the JewishGen website that could be that vital link you need to make family connections. This brings the total number of records on the JewishGen website to just shy of the 10 million mark.

The JewishGen Holocaust Database now has 900,000 records:
http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Holocaust/

The All Hungary Database now has 180,000 records:
http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Hungary/

The All Romania Database has over 40,000 new records:
http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Romania/

The All Belarus Database has grown by 20,000 new records to a total of 300,000 records:
http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Belarus/

The Yizkor Book Necrology database has added 15,000 records and now has 165,000 names from 177 Yizkor Books:
http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/yizkor/

The all UK Database has 50,000 records from England, Scotland and Wales:
http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/UK/

There are 357,313 entries in the JewishGen Family Finder:
http://www.jewishgen.org/jgff

And the Family Tree of the Jewish People now has 3,000,000 records which could provide connections to your research interests:
http://www.jewishgen.org/gedcom

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All JGSGW members are encouraged to submit their genealogical research experiences for publication in Mishpacha. Submit articles to either editor: Sharlene Kranz (SKranz_99@yahoo.com) or Donna Sellinger (dfsmetsfan@yahoo.com)

Back issues are available from Sharlene Kranz, 4336 Albemarle Street, NW, Washington, DC 20016 for $5 each.

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http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsgw

You will need your JGID and password to visit any of the sites above. We also invite you to add the URL below to your favorites and plan to visit frequently to see what is new on JewishGen.

http://www.jewishgen.org/JewishGen/WhatsNew.html

Susan E. King
Managing Director
JewishGen, Inc.

> The Society notes with sadness the passing of its long-time secretary, Sophia E. Thompson of Springfield, Va. Our condolences to her husband Morris and their family.

Online Registration for Las Vegas Conference

Online registration for the 25th International Conference on Jewish Genealogy in Las Vegas will begin December 1 according to the host society, the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southern Nevada. There is already a link to make a reservation at the Flamingo Hotel, site of the conference.

The conference site is at http://www.jgssn.org.

The Conference will run from July 10-15, 2005.

Letter to the Editor:

I'm suggesting the JGSGW **AND** its members separately send the Montgomery County Library officials a request (email, letter and/or phone calls) to subscribe to AncestryPlus and make it available for at home, on-line service. At the least, it should be available at every branch library for use by county residents.

I am including the message I sent to the Library officers and its response. One voice is likely not to be heard, but the many, represented by the JGSGW membership, may have success.

Thank you, David Harris

Subject: County Library and On-line data base
From: "MCPL Comments" <comments@montgomerycountymd.gov>
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Harris:

Thank you for your email expressing interest in the Libraries' acquisition of the AncestryPlus database. We appreciate receiving feedback and suggestions from our customers regarding our services and collection.

I will make note of your interest in AncestryPlus for addition to the MCPL online collection. We do review our online collection annually and review new resources to add to the collection. Currently, we do offer one online genealogy resource, Heritage Quest, which does include census data, primary source documents, and the Persi Index.

You may be interested to know that as a Montgomery County Public Libraries' cardholder that you are eligible to register for a library card at other Maryland public libraries, such as Prince George's County Memorial Library System.

Sincerely,
Mary Ellen Icaza, Electronic Services Librarian
MCPL

——Original Message——
From: David Harris [mailto:dorsharris@verizon.net]
To: MCPL Comments
Subject: County Library and On-line data base

As a service to its residents, I am requesting the Montgomery County Library System acquire and provide access to the on-line database known as AncestryPlus.

Other libraries within the state of Maryland have already purchased the service, including the Prince Georges and Harford County Systems. Many Montgomery county residents are conducting genealogical research and AncestryPlus will serve as a valuable tool.

Also, please consider placing access to this on-line database from home connections, through identification by the resident's library card number. An alternative, less desirable, would be to have access limited from the numerous county branches. To acquire the service and limit its use to only one branch, such as Rockville, will be counter productive. A significant number of the users will be of advanced age and would find travel and waiting at a single terminal difficult, if not impossible.

Please consider this request and inform me of your intentions in this matter.

Thank you.
Mr. & Mrs. David Harris

Standards For Sharing Information With Others

Recommended by the National Genealogical Society

Conscious of the fact that sharing information or data with others, whether through speech, documents or electronic media, is essential to family history research and that it needs continuing support and encouragement, responsible family historians consistently:

· respect the restrictions on sharing information that arise from the rights of another as an author, originator or compiler; as a living private person; or as a party to a mutual agreement.

· observe meticulously the legal rights of copyright owners, copying or distributing any part of their works only with their permission, or to the limited extent specifically allowed under the law's "fair use" exceptions.

· identify the sources for all ideas, information and data from others, and the form in which they were received, recognizing that the unattributed use of another's intellectual work is plagiarism.

· respect the authorship rights of senders of letters, electronic mail and data files, forwarding or disseminating them further only with the sender's permission.

· inform people who provide information about their families as to the ways it may be used, observing any conditions they impose and respecting any reservations they may express regarding the use of particular items.

· require some evidence of consent before assuming that living people are agreeable to further sharing of information about themselves.

· convey personal identifying information about living people—like age, home address, occupation or activities—only in ways that those concerned have expressly agreed to.

· recognize that legal rights of privacy may limit the extent to which information from publicly available sources may be further used, disseminated or published.

· communicate no information to others that is known to be false, or without making reasonable efforts to determine its truth, particularly information that may be derogatory.

· are sensitive to the hurt that revelations of criminal, immoral, bizarre or irresponsible behavior may bring to family members.

Dec 2004 JGSGW Library News
by Judy Mostyn White, JGSGW librarian

Greetings and Happy Family Hunting!
The JGSGW library collection is housed at:
Isaac Franck Jewish Public Library [IFJPL]
4928 Wyaconda Road
Rockville, MD 20852
Telephone: 301-255-1970
The IFJPL hours change seasonally, but generally they are open all day on Mondays and Wednesdays, afternoons and evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Friday mornings, and the morning of the fourth Sunday of the month. Always call them first to check their hours before going to use our library. Directions to our library can be found on our web site, under Resources, Library.

JGSGW members who wish to use our library should go to the main desk of the IFJPL. There, you sign in, and be sure to put JGSGW in the appropriate category beside your name. You will receive a key to our locked cabinets. Unlock the doors, and use our materials. PLEASE return materials to the same location from which you took them. Close and lock our cabinets, and return the key to the person at the main desk.

Virginia members should be aware of the Jack Klein Memorial Library of Jewish Genealogy & History, located at Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria, 703-370-9400. Contact JGSGW member, Faith Klein, for more information.

THANK YOUS
Here's a THANK YOU to the following library volunteers who have helped since last time:
JGSGW member, DAN GROSS, for frequent general help at the library, especially with the catalog.

NEW BOOKS
PE 1667 .D73 2000; "What did they mean by that?" by Paul Drake, published 2000. Dictionary of historical and genealogical terms, old and new; includes bibliography.

F 869 .L8 V6; "History of the Jews of Los Angeles" by Max Vorspan, published 1970. Includes bibliography.

F 73.9 .J5 J49; "The Jews of Boston" edited by Jonathan D. Sarna and Ellen Smith, 1st edition, published 1995. Includes bibliography and index.

F 534 .39 J54; "The Jewish community of Indianapolis" by Judith E. Endelman, published 1984. History from 1849 to the present. Includes index and list of officers of major Jewish institutions.

DS 135 .R9 D493; "A list of religious personnel in Jewish houses of worship in Russian provinces" by Genrikh Deych, published 1991. Covers 1853-1855. Donated by James Gross. Thank you, James.

DS 135 .C96 S34; "Jewish monuments in Slovenia" by Ruth and Samuel Gruber, published 1996. Historical intro; covers Ljubljana, Piran, Koper, Nova Gorica, Maribor, Ptuj, Lendava, Murska Sobota, Stanjel, Kidricevo, with bibliography.

DS 135 .L53 K686; "Selected Jewish birth records from Kovna." Jewish birth records from Kaunas, Kovna Guberniia, Lithuania; covers 1843-1899; fathers' origins listed, in Russian and Hebrew script; oversize book. Donated by JGSGW member, Harold Rhode. Thank you, Harold.

D 804.48 .G55 c.3; "The boys: the story of 732 young concentration camp survivors" by Martin Gilbert, published 1997. Biographies of survivors together in Prague, taken to Britain. Index.

OLD BOOKS

Here are some of our older books that have been entered some time ago into the computer system of the IFJPL, with a description and their new call numbers:

CS 614 .H34; "The Atlantic bridge to Germany" by Charles M. Hall, published 1976. History, types of records, maps, etc. of Hessen and Rheinland-Pfalz (the Palatinate). Includes index and bibliography. Old call number G21. Donated by Charles Sonnaborn. Thank you, Charles.

CS 2549 .E852 B7; "Where to look for hard-to-find German-speaking ancestors in Eastern Europe" 2d ed. by Bruce Brandt, and Edward Reimer Brandt, published 1993. Index to 19,720 surnames from 13 German settlements in Eastern Europe, with historical background on each settlement. Old call number RG25.01.

DS 135 .C5 L48; "Sino-Judaic studies: whence and whither" by Dennis A. Leventhal, published 1985. A bibliography of published works on Jews and Judaism in Hong Kong and China. Old call number G14.

DS 135 .C95 H47; "Jewish cemeteries in Bohemia and Moravia" by Jan Herman. Pictures of tombstones and descriptions of cemeteries in alphabetical order. Old call number OG15.

DS 135 .F85 A473; "Denombrement des juifs d'Alsace 1784" published 1975. Census of Jews in Alsace in 1784, in French with explanation in English, with index; oversize book. Old call number OG19.3.

DS 135 .F85 N567; "Les juifs du Pape a Nimes et la Revolution" by Lucien Simon, and Anne-Marie Duport, published 1988. The Pope's Jews in Nimes and the Revolution; history of the Jews of Nimes, France during the French revolution, 1789-1799; includes genealogical tables, index and bibliography. Old call number G19.

R 713.67 .L5 A5; "Lietuvos medicinos, farmacijos, ir veterinarijos personalo ir istaigu sarasas" published 1922. Old call number FG33.2. Personal and official list of Lithuanian doctors, pharmacists and veterinarians, 1922-23, in Lithuanian. Old call number FG33.2.

CS 415 .M367; "Marriage, census, and other indexes for family historians" edited by Jeremy Gibson and Elizabeth Hampson, 4th edition published 1992. Describes the indexes available, including census, probate, burials, marriage, transportation, etc. for each county in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. Old call number RG34.2

If you have any questions or comments about our library, suggestions for new purchases, or want to volunteer, you can reach me at 301-977-0154, or at mostyn@erols.com. Just please don't telephone between 6-8 pm or weekend mornings. Till next time, Happy family hunting!

Overseas Research
Yad Vashem Database Goes On-Line

A new and important search engine of Holocaust records is now online:

http://names.yadvashem.org/wps/portal/!ut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_9E

The Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names is an international undertaking led by Yad Vashem, from Jerusalem. It is the attempt to reconstruct the names and life stories of all the Jews who perished in the Shoah. It is the final act of respect that we can show them. It is a duty we must fulfill.

The database is incomplete. As of the winter of 2004, we estimate that the number of Jews commemorated in it is close to three million. Millions of names that appear in a wide variety of historical documents have not yet been identified or recorded in the database; many additional names still linger only in the memories of survivors or in the lore of their families. Building the database is a work in progress.

Currently the Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names is built on three types of sources:

Pages of Testimony

These are one-page forms, submitted to Yad Vashem by survivors, remaining family members, or friends in commemoration of Jews who perished in the Shoah. The first 800,000 Pages were collected in the 1950s, and the rest since. There are currently more than 2,000,000 Pages of Testimony written in some twenty languages

Historical documentation

This consists of historical documentation from the archives at Yad Vashem and other institutions. Examples include correspondence of Nazi officials and their counterparts throughout Europe, Jewish documents, including personal documents such as letters, passports, diaries and memoirs, as well as documents of Jewish organizations and institutions; lists detailing confiscation of assets, lists of inmates in ghettos, camps or deportations, and lists of victims or survivors; legal documentation from proceedings against Nazi criminals and collaborators; commemoration books; and many more. The documentation is in all European languages.

Local commemoration projects

There are dozens of local initiatives to record the names of the Jews from specific towns, regions, countries, or camps. Yad Vashem has joined forces with many of these projects, and their results are integrated into the Names Database. To see the list of our partners, click here.

Standard searches of the database will automatically cull information from all the sources, so that there may be multiple results for a single individual. Conversely, since the database is incomplete, many Shoah victims do not yet appear in it. As we progress, they will.

Belarus Records Project Progresses

The Jewish Family History Foundation's Grand Duchy of Lithuania project to transliterate 18th century records for an online database has made a great deal of progress. Records for 1784 have been acquired; a detailed inventory of every major town, shtetl or kahal is on our website and as translation/transliteration of records proceeds, it is expected that several thousand sub-kahals, inns and taverns will be added to the list.

There are records for the very large 18th century districts of Braslav, Brest, Grodno, Lida, Minsk, Mazyr, Novogrodek, Orsa, Oshmiany, Pinsk, Polack, Recica, Slonim, and Vaukavysk (as well as districts in Lithuania, western Poland and northern Ukraine).

As a brief introduction to our project, we invite you to read Schelly Talalay Dardashti's column in the Jerusalem Post, at the website listed below. Then please visit our project website at www.jewishfamilyhistory.org. On our website we provide a series of articles and detailed examples of how researchers found their ancestors on the 18th century lists that lack surnames. For example, Hadassah Lipsius traced her family from Warsaw marriage records to a 1795 revision list and then the 1784 GDL list for Mir, Novogrodek.

Alan Harrow linked his translation of the Byten, Sonim 1806 revision list back to the GDL records for this town. Earlier 1750 records for Slutsk that the Belarus SIG has obtained will be linked to the later 1765 and 1784 GDL records. Ways to participate in the GDL project are also described on the website.

As each phase of the transliteration is finished, the records will be shared with the Belarus SIG.

It's All Relative: A Grand Project by Schelly Talalay Dardashti is available at: http://tinyurl.com/5rnvg

David Hoffman, President
Jewish Family History Foundation

British General Register Office announces online ordering service

The General Register Office will now fulfill certificate requests for births, marriage, and deaths in England and Wales via their website www.gro.gov.uk.

Certificates are available for the period 1837 to 2003, and orders made online are significantly less costly than those made by mail.

Looking for Survivors from Losice, Poland

My name is Viktor Lewin, the son of a Holocaust survivor and a representative of Holocaust survivors who once lived in the Polish town of Losice which is about 110 kilometers to the east of Warsaw.

Many of the war-time survivors of Losice, Poland are passing-on; therefore we are trying to locate as many as possible in order to inform them about the memorial plans in Losice. I have a list of names from the Yizkor book and I would gladly email it to you if this would be helpful.

I am one of the Project Coordinators for the Losice Memorial Project. I am canvassing many organizations in order to have the opportunity to tell the story of the Jews of Losice, Poland. Why is this project so important? I believe that its importance can be explained in the following ways:

1. The number and the beauty of these gravestones which were buried since 1942. Their recovery will provide comfort for family members to know that someone really cares. Their recovery doesn't just involve gravestones from the Jewish cemetery in Losice but also those from the Jewish cemeteries in Mordy and Sarnaki. Their recovery will also provide historians and researchers with valuable information about what lives and deaths of Jews during the 350 years in which Jews called Losice home. This will come about by the search through the civil records (birth, marriage, and death) and the matching of these to the names inscribed upon these gravestones.

2. To the best of my knowledge this is the only active cemetery restoration project in eastern Poland outlined by an area running parallel from Wyszkow to the north-east of Warsaw and Ozarow to the south-east to the Polish – Soviet border. What an excellent opportunity this would be to change a small portion of history by taking part in the return of these gravestones to the place from which they were stolen by the Nazis.

3. The success of the Losice Memorial Project may stimulate like restoration projects in other towns/cities as for example, Biala Podlaska or Siedlce.

4. It is our responsibility to leave this legacy so that when the survivors of the Shoah and their children have left us future generations will be able to look back and learn from the efforts of those who dared to change history.

5. This will also be a legacy to be shared with the residents of Losice who have cooperated and collaborated with us every single step of the way.

I have been working very closely with the Poland Jewish Cemeteries Restoration Project headed by Dr. Norman Weinberg, as well as Warren Grynberg and Yitzhak Eisenberg – also sons of Losice survivors. Last year 1500 matzevot were removed from one residential property in Losice. Here they lay since 1942 when the Nazis all but eliminated the entire Jewish population of Losice.

The plan is to return them to the original site of the Jewish cemetery in Losice where they will take their place within a memorial wall surrounding the cemetery. One such maceva is inscribed in Ladino which dates it around the time of the expulsion of Jews from Spain. On a personal note, one of those recovered was that of Mina Ruchel who was my father's cousin. Further photos and translated portions of the Yizkor Book can be found at: www.zchor.org/losice/losice.htm or by doing a simple search –**We Remember Jewish Losice** and going to the link – Matzevot . The Losice Yizkor Book as it was written in Yiddish and Hebrew can be found at the following website : www.nypl.org. Many interesting photos are included. The New York Public Library has included Losice as one of only nineteen Polish towns to have their Yizkor Book placed online.

We have been lobbying many organizations and foundations over the past three years for funding and it has been only recently that we have been successful in securing a grant from the Hanadiv Foundation. We have also been pursuing any forum which will listen to this tragic history. What we want to know is: **1.** When the war ended did any Jews from Losice come to live in your country? and **2.** Would you kindly make the effort to inform them about what efforts are taking place in their birthplace? What we want to do first and foremost is to give every former Losicer the opportunity to participate in this historic event. We can only do this if we try our hardest to get the word out. I would like to thank you for taking the time to read my letter and making the effort to contact these people.

Respectfully yours, Viktor Lewin (viklewin@shaw.ca).

Drogobych Album Planned

The Association of Former Residents of Drogobych, Borislav and the vicinity is planning the gathering of photographs for the eventual publication of an Album of photographs, especially Groups, Landscapes and Landmarks, for the benefit of its members and families. Anybody willing to participate in the gathering of photos please respond directly to me and I will pass the data to the Chairman, Mr. Ethan Burg.

Dr Shimon Barak <simonb@netvision.net.il>

Offer to look up Tarnow records

I have thousands of Tarnow Jewish records from 1850-1930 mostly unpublished. If anyone wants me to look up a name please ask.

Leonard Schneider, leonard77@btopenworld.com
London England

Polish Genealogical Terms Dictionary on-line

The Mormon LDS website has an excellent Polish Genealogical Terms dictionary, easily searchable, covering almost all of the terms you will come across in Polish metrical records:
http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/rg/guide/WLPolish.asp

Pamela Weisberger <pweisberger@hotmail.com>

Russian-English Transliteration Tools

Last month, Steve Morse spoke at the JGSGW, my local Jewish Genealogy Society. After Steve's most informative presentation, I ask him if it would be possible for him to have a tool that would transliterate Russian to English. Steve said he would put it on his "to do" list. A few days ago, he informed me that someone in Ottawa had made the same request and he decided to go ahead and create the Russian/English transliteration tools.

Please see the section on "Dealing with Hebrew and Russian Characters" on his one-step page at <http://stevemorse.org>.

📍 Russian to English <http://stevemorse.org/russian/rus2eng.html>

📍 English to Russian <http://stevemorse.org/russian/eng2rus.html>

Please keep in mind that these are transliteration tools and NOT translation tools. After you try out these tools, perhaps someone would like to comment on their usefulness. Thanks Steve for all your one-step tools.

David M. Fox <davefox73@earthlink.net>

New Lithuania Archive Law

A new law governing access to the records in the Lithuanian Archives goes into effect 1 January, 2005. Chapter 4, article 20 of the new law states the following:

Access to the documents of the National Documentary Fond which contain information on person's private life, as well as to structured sets of personal data, transferred to state archives, shall be limited for a period of 50 years after the person's death, and in the event of failure to establish this fact - for a period of 100 years after the creation of the said documents.

No explanation is offered as to the meaning of, "information on person's private life". Since 94% of the Jews in Lithuania were murdered, Jewish records may not be a problem since the 50 year rule would be covered.

You can find a complete copy of the new law on the Lithuania archive website at http://www.archyvai.lt (there is an English version). The new law replaces the present 70 year rule. I have found in the past that the archives have been very cooperative in their interpretation of the law and I am confident they will continue to be cooperative in the future.

Howard Margol <homargol@aol.com>

Index to Australian Passenger Arrivals Online

The Public Records Office of Australia now has information online about nearly 1.7 million people who immigrated to the country. Information located at http://www.prov.vic.gov.au consists of: Index to Unassisted Passengers to Victoria from British (UK) and Foreign Ports, 1852-1923 with 1,503,856 names;

Index to Registers of Assisted Immigrants has 173,316 names. An Index to Unassisted passengers to Victoria from New Zealand ports, 1852-1923, with 315,423 names, is expected by the beginning of the year.

Galicia Jewish Museum

Some of you may already know about the newly opened "Galicia Jewish Museum" in Krakov. (If not, see their home page and also their listing of events-at http://www.galiciajewishmuseum.org/en/index.html)

I wrote to the Director and asked for their definition of Galicia. He replied that all of Galicia is within their domain, although the current photo exhibit covers only those parts of Galicia within current Polish borders.

Joan Baronberg <njbaron@frii.com>

New Databases Announced

I am pleased to share several new and interesting projects:

List of Polish Children at Theresienstadt

   http://www.kazez.com/~dan/0930.Theresienstadt.rtf.zip

Survivor List—Polish Children Arriving in Great Britain

   http://www.kazez.com/~dan/0930.GreatBritain.rtf.zip

Information for over 3000 Jews from all parts of Poland who were in the USSR after the war. I hope you will find this file of interest:

   http://www.kazez.com/~dan/HolocaustTyping.html

And I will mention these two huge databases—work now finished for Polish survivors in Sweden after the war. (Some of you already received a message about this.)

Sweden database

   http://www.kazez.com/~dan/0926.SwedComb-26Sep04b.zip

Sweden surnames

   http://www.kazez.com/~dan/0926.SwedComb-Surn-26Sep04b.zip

Stockholm database

   http://www.kazez.com/~dan/0926.Stockh1945Messages.zip

Stockholm surnames

   http://www.kazez.com/~dan/0926.Stock1945Messages-Surn.zip

Daniel Kazez <dkazez@wittenberg.edu>
Danish Archives Online

Danish Archives Online

The Danish Emigration Archive has an online searchable database based on the passenger lists for the period 1869-1908 (at present there are 394.000 emigrants listed but it is a work in progress and the database will eventually list all emigrants up to 1940).

Many East Europeans traveled via Denmark, sometimes because that route was the cheapest, sometimes because they had friends or relatives in Denmark or Sweden, and they might have traveled via Denmark or Sweden whatever fitted their purse and time-

table best. You can visit the Danish Emigration Archive at http://www.emiarch.dk/ and read more about the database etc. You can also order more information from the Archive.

You can also read more about emigration from/via Denmark on http://www.jewishgen.org/scandinavia/emigration.htm and from/via Scandinavia

http://www.jewishgen.org/scandinavia/emigration.htm where you can find link to emigration from/via the other Scandinavian countries.

Elsebeth Paikin, Copenhagen, Denmark
Coordinator & webmaster of JewishGen's Scandinavia SIG

National Archives of Canada Adds Online Collections

The National Archives of Canada has added to the Internet digitized images and indexes to some of its collections. Called ArchiviaNet, the site is located at http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/0201_e.html.

There is a large list of the contents of the site. I browsed just a few of genealogical value including:

1901 Census of Canada. All images are online but you cannot search by surname, only geographic location. From the 1871 census (Ontario only) you can search a head-of-household index by name.

Index to Immigration records 1925-1935. The National Archives of Canada holds immigration records from 1865 to 1935. The names of immigrants arriving from overseas are recorded in passenger lists. Those arriving from or via the United States are recorded in border entry lists. A series of old nominal indexes exists for the 1925 to 1935 records and can be searched at the site.

Soldiers of the First World War (1914-1918). Over 600,000 Canadians enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during the First World War (1914-1918). The CEF database is an index to those personnel files, which are held by the National Archives. To date, over 800,000 images of Attestation papers have been scanned and are available online.

Photographs. The National Archives of Canada has more than 22 million photographs in its collection. Using keywords, you can search their photographic archives of 400,000 items. Numerous hits were found with keywords "Jewish" and "Jews." Only 10,000 pictures are online. Others can be ordered from the Archives.

Other items include index to military court martials during World War I; Home Children–more than 100,000 children sent from England to Canada during a child emigration movement (1869-1930); index to soldiers of the South African War (1899-1902); index to persons receiving western land grants (1870-1930).

Canada May Allow Public Access to 20th-Century Census Records

A bill was introduced in the Canadian Parliament that may finally allow public access to 20th-century census records. Two key provisions of the bill are:

🎈   Personal information for censuses taken between 1911 and 2001 inclusive would be released 92 years after each census.

🎈   Starting with the 2006 Census, Canadians will be able to decide if they will allow their personal census information to be released publicly after 92 years. Individual census records would be released only when consent is given.

The second point may cripple the efforts of future historians and genealogists because, for all intents, it means future censuses will contain at best spotty information since the informant must do the positive act of declaring that the information can be released to the public after 92 years. Since the average citizen does not understand the historical value of censuses, many will have an immediate reaction of not wanting their "private" information released many years after their death.

From "Nu? What's Nu?"

Postcard Images of Interwar Poland on Internet

Tomasz Wisniewski of Bialystok has placed more than 1,000 images of postcards in his vast collection on the Internet. Most date from the early part of the 20th century. The images can be seen at http://www.szukamypolski.com. At the site click on one of the flags at the top of the page to get a version in your native language, which can be Belarussian, English, Esperanto, French, German, Hebrew, Lithuanian, Polish, Russian and Ukrainian. After selecting a particular language, links at the right of the screen divide the collection into western provinces, eastern provinces and national minorities. In the province sections, the list is further subdivided alphabetically by town name.

Wisniewski is a journalist/photographer who provides tours and genealogical services in the Bialystok region. Information about his services can be found at http://www.kolodno-holiday.com.

A portion of the postcard images, many of Jewish life in Eastern Europe, can be purchased as JPEGs through Avotaynu at http://www.avotaynu.com/postcards/.

Domestic Research

Genealogy Group Makes New York City Marriage Index Available

If you have ever plowed through the year-by-year index to vital records for New York City, you know how time consuming it can be, and the microfilm often is difficult to

read. The Italian Genealogy Group has solved much of the problem for marriage records with the addition of an online index to New York City marriages (grooms' names) from 1908-1936. The index also includes Kings County (Brooklyn) groom and brides and Manhattan grooms for 1895-1897. It is located at http://www.italiangen.org/NYCMarriage.stm.

The group has also updated their New York City death index. It now includes 1898-1919, all boroughs; 1891-1894, Manhattan only; and 1895-1897, Manhattan and Brooklyn only.

Search options include exact name, (American) soundex and wild card.

According to Renee Steinig of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Long Island, future plans call for:

🔴 Brooklyn brides' index to 1937 (nearing completion)

🔴 Indexes to Eastern District Court (Brooklyn, NY) naturalizations

through 1926 (nearing completion) and 1927 on (just getting started)

Indexes that already exist at the site include:

🔴 NYC death indexes, 1891-1919

🔴 NYC grooms' index, all boroughs, 1897 to 1936

🔴 Nassau County naturalizations, 1899-1986

🔴 Suffolk County naturalizations, 1853-1990

🔴 Bronx County naturalizations, 1914-1952

🔴 Military Naturalizations in the Greater New York City area (WWI, WWII and Korean War)

🔴 Southern District Court (New York) Naturalizations, 1906-1959

From "Nu? What's Nu?"

Easy, Inexpensive NYC Vital Records by Credit Card

As Fran Segall <FranSegall@comcast.net> noted:

A form for ordering marriage certificates (and other vital records) from the NY [Municipal] Archives can be found at http://www.nyc.gov/html/records/html/vitalrecords/home.shtml. Make sure you give them the certificate number. That way they don't need to do a search, and the certified copy is only $6.00

Records can also be ordered online from the Municipal Archive with a credit card for $8. Given the 74 cents postage you save (for mailing the form and enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope), this convenience costs a little over a dollar.

I would also like to make a one-time mention of www.lineages.com. This private research firm uses the microfilms at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City to fill requests for NYC vital records. When you provide a certificate number, they — like the Municipal Archives — waive their search fee. The cost for one record is $5 plus $2 han-

dling. When four or more records are ordered at once, cost per item goes down to $4 plus $2 handling. Turn-around time is much quicker than the Archives' — just a few days — and Lineages will email the documents as PDF files on request. There may be other companies in Salt Lake that provide a similar service. I'm mentioning Lineages because I have used them and found them to be fast, professional, and reliable.

Online ordering with a credit card is a "mechiya" for those living outside the United States: no need to provide a SASE or a check in U.S. dollars.

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Stephen Morse Adds More Search Engine Portals

Stephen P. Morse continues his efforts to make superior portals to online indexes that may be of use to genealogists. His site now includes portals to:

- Illinois Death Records (pre 1916)

- New York City Death Records (1891-1919)

- New York Naturalization Records

- New York Incarceration Records

One advantage of the Morse portals is of value where large lists are generated. Many of these sites have limited search factors, typically name only. The Morse portals allow the search factor to include fields which are displayed in the search results and allow for displaying long lists per page. As an example, the New York City Death Records Index at the Italian Genealogy Group site allows searching by name only yet it displays age, death date and county. The Morse site allows all these fields as limiting factors. The Italian site has 23 pages of Cohens who died between 1891-1919 whose first name started with the letter "A." (They display 20 names per page.) Using the Morse portal, and adding the additional search factor that the person was less than five years old, reduces the number of names to approximately 150 persons. Furthermore, by requesting that 500 names be displayed per page, all the A. Cohens under the age of five were displayed at one time.

The Morse site is located at http://stevemorse.org.

From "Nu? What's Nu?"

Online 1925 Brooklyn Census Name Index

I'm pleased to announce another database project just opening on the Steve Morse One Step Site. Suzanne Danet is tackling an every name index for the 1925 Brooklyn Census. This long term project, when completed, will be a valuable resource for NYC researchers. There are a number of films to transcribe, but Suzanne has compiled enough names to warrant opening the utility to the public. Steve has put this new utility, and the

1905/1915/1925 NYC Geographical Search Utility (under construction) in a separate folder called "New York Census" at: http://www.stevemorse.org/

I for one thank Suzanne and wish her patience and perseverance with the remainder of the transcription.

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ARCHIVED Obits in the New York Times

The paid/classified death notices in the New York Times *are* archived and can be accessed by using Proquest .

Your local library may have a subscription to Proquest which offers "Complete, every word searchable" backfiles of:

NewspaperARCHIVE Elite (400+ Newspapers)

New York Times (1851-2001)

Chicago Tribune (1890-1946

Los Angeles Times (1881-1984)

Washington Post (1877-1988)

African American Newspaper Collection

Pennsylvania Gazette 1728-1800

Pennsylvania Newspapers (1819-1870)

as well as ProQuest's Genealogy & Local History Collection of 25,000+ family and local history books, with every word indexed.

and

Complete U.S. Federal Census, 1790-1930, with name indexes for 1790-1820, 1860-1870, 1890, 1910-1920. Also allows searching by place of birth, age, ethnicity and other variables.

From: "Barbara Mannlein" <bsmannlein@comcast.net>

St Louis Genealogy Society offers Research Assistance

The St. Louis Genealogical Society is offering a paid research service for both members and non-members. Volunteers from the Society will research questions concerning the Missouri census, St. Louis city directories, indexes to old cemeteries in St. Louis, local coroners' records, burial permits, marriages, obituaries, and probate records. To request the research services, visit their website at www.stlgs.org, click resources, then click StLGS Research Policy. To inquire by mail, send a SASE to the office (PO Box 43010, St. Louis, MO 63143) attention RESEARCH. The fees are $5.00 per query for members and $6.00 for non-members.

HIAS as a source

In searching for relatives, be sure to check out the "Find Family" feature of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) web site (www.hias.org/Find_Family/listings.html). You may be pleasantly surprised. I was.

Find Family is designed for people attempting to establish contact with long-lost relatives or friends. Recently, while idly scrolling down the list of individuals being sought, I spotted the name of my distant cousin Reike. Reike, who was born in the 1890s, is long deceased; her nephew Yakov, an émigré to the U.S. from the former Soviet Union, was looking for her children — his first cousins, whose surname he did not know. Although I was disappointed to find out that Yakov had passed away just last year, I was able to give Yakov's descendants information needed to locate these cousins as well as to add many names to my tree.

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Baltimore Passenger Arrivals Indexes

Ancestry.com plans to index Baltimore passenger manifest lists 1892-1948. **They have completed 1903-1948**. The company has completed its index to New York arrivals 1851-1891. It is an every name index with an estimated 11 million persons. The index includes the immigrant's name, arrival date, age, port of departure, and ship name. Images of the ships' manifests will also be accessible. At present only a picture of the ship is displayed. These databases are part of Ancestry.com's fee-for-service.

The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society - HIAS Location Services

If you are looking for someone with whom you have lost contact (or wish to establish contact), HIAS can conduct a search in the U.S. as well as abroad. They have access to HIAS documents from 1909 through today only. If you need information about someone who arrived to the United States with the help of HIAS prior to 1909, they will likely not have related documents

They'll need some basic information about the person you are seeking, such as first and last name, birthdate and birthplace, country of immigration, and when contact last occurred.

Read more: http://www.hias.org/Text/Find_Family/location.html

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Washington DC – researchers wishing to use the library of the Historical Society of Washington can continue to do so Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10am to 5pm. Although the City Museum of Washington has closed, the library continues to be open to patrons.

FUTURE JGSGW MEETINGS

December 19 – Magen David Sephardic Synagogue, Rockville, MD 11AM to 1PM Workshop – Suzan Wynne: "Some Unusual Sources and Strategies for Finding Relatives" – free for members.

1:30-2PM Schmooze time

2-4PM Speaker: Valery Bazarov, Director, HIAS Location and Family History Services

Jan. 16 2005 at BNAI ISRAEL CONGREGATION, Rockville, Md. Speaker: Yuri Dorn, President of the Union of Religious Jewish Congregations of the Republic of Belarus. His topic will be "Preserving Historic Jewish Sites in Belarus."

Feb. 13 2005 at BNAI ISRAEL CONGREGATION

March 20 (new date) at BNAI ISRAEL CONGREGATION

April 17 back at Har Shalom

May 22 - U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Speaker: Yale Reisner

June 26 - JCC of Northern Virginia   Program: Pot-luck lunch and installation of new officers.

At a meeting in the Spring, we are planning a display of items prepared by or for our members to present their genealogical research findings. These items may include, but are not limited to:

- Books
- Videos
- Posters
- Maps
- Websites
- Flags
- Wearable art (jewelry, clothing)

If you have items that you would like to display or if you would like to speak about the preparation of your materials, please contact Marlene Bishow at MLBishow@mindspring.com or call 301-330-3882.

JGSGW Meeting dates 2005:

January 16 B'nai Israel
February 13 B'nai Israel
March 20 B'nai Israel
April 17 Har Shalom
May 22 U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum
June 26 JCCNV

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