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GENEALOGY INSTITUTE OPENS AT CENTER FOR JEWISH HISTORY IN NEW YORK CITY

JGSNO members are invited to submit articles for the next issue of Bayou Branches. All topics related to genealogy are welcome. Please submit before July 31 to Carol Levy Monahan at:

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All JGS members are welcome to visit, write, or call the new Center for Jewish History Genealogy Institute, located in New York City. The Center for Jewish History embodies the unique partnership of five major institutions of Jewish scholarship, history and art: American Jewish Historical Society, American Sephardi Federation, Leo Baeck Institute, Yeshiva University Museum and the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. The Center serves the worldwide academic and general communities with combined holdings of approximately 100 million archival documents, a half million books, and thousands of photographs, artifacts, paintings and textiles-the largest repository documenting the Jewish experience outside of Israel.

The five partner institutions have always served individuals interested in exploring their "roots." Now together at the Center for

Jewish History, they are working with the Jewish genealogy community to serve family history researchers at every level, and the Center Genealogy Institute (CGI) has been formed to carry out this critical aspect of the mission.

A comprehensive collection of genealogy reference works also is being built. (The Genealogy Institute gladly accepts donations of reference books; anyone wishing to donate family histories, photographs or primary documents should contact the appropriate partner institution.)

Inquiries, visits, and support are welcome. Contact:

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Center for Jewish History
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Online Resources

Vital Records:

vitalrec.com/index.html

Jewish Web Index:

www.JewishWebIndex.com

American Jewish Archives:

<http://huc.edu/aja/collect.htm#gen>

Routes to Routes:

<http://www.routestoroots.com/>

Family Tree Maker – Jewish Genealogy

www.genhomepage.com/jewish.html



Books Donated to East Jefferson Regional Library for Jewish Genealogy Research – Update

The following is a list of books donated by Jacob and Vicki Karno to the East Jefferson Regional Library. The books will be available in the Special Collections area in a section designated as Jewish Genealogy Research:

Donations prior to the year 2000:

From Generation to Generation(3)
 Finding our Fathers, A Guidebook to Jewish Genealogy
 Beginners Workshop in Jewish Genealogy
 Great Jews in Sports
 The Jewish 100
 Merchant Princes
 Portal to America: The Lower East Side 1870-1925
 Ellis Island to Ebbets Field: Sport and the American Jew
 Of a World that is no more
 Saga of American Jewry
 America's Triumph
 A Special Legacy
 Travels Through Jewish America
 Jewish Roots in Poland
 Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova
 Jews in Small Towns
 The Grandees
 The Rest of Us (3)
 The Business of Jews in Louisiana 1840-1875
 World of Our Fathers (hardcover and paper) Cologne
 Images Before My Eyes
 The Downtown Jews
 The Promised City
 Gardens and Ghettos
 Leo Baeck Institute Year Book 1993 1994 (2 volumes)
 Jewish Travel Guide
 Ukraine Language and Travel Guide
 Lithuanian Jewish Community
 A Travel Guide to Jewish Europe

A Brotherhood of Memory
 The Jews in Russia
 The Annihilation of Lithuanian Jewry
 History of the Jews in Los Angeles
 Swastika Over Paris
 Lvov Ghetto Diary
 Immigrants to Freedom
 The Chronicle of the Lodz Ghetto 1941-1944
 Lodz Ghetto, Inside a Community Under Siege
 The Russian Jew Under Tsars and Soviets
 Documentary History of the Jews in the United States
 The Jews of Czechoslovakia
 The Jews of Charleston
 The Jewish People in America, A Time for Planting , The First Migration 1654-1820
 The Jewish People of America, A Time for Searching, Entering Mainstream 1920-1945
 Israel, A History by Martin Gilbert
 The Boys, Story of 732 Young Concentration Camp Survivors by Martin Gilbert
 The Holocaust, A History of the Jews of Europe during WWII by Martin Gilbert
 How We Lived, History of Immigrant Jews in America 1880-1930
 Atlas of the Holocaust (2) by Martin Gilbert
 Blackbook of Localities Whose Jewish Population was Exterminated by the Nazis
 Low Life
 Mishpokhe, A study of NYC Jewish Family Clubs
 The Jews of Nineteenth Century France
 The Holocaust, The French, and the Jews
 The Jews of Paris and the Final Solution
 French Children of the Holocaust, A Memorial Memoire Juive En Alsace , Marriage Contracts Index de Memoire Juive En Alsace , Marriage Contracts Vol. I & II (2 sets)
 Memorial to the Jews Deported from France 1942-1944
 Recueil des declarations (Continued on page

PAGES 3 – 9 OF THIS ISSUE HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THIS
WEB VERSION. THEY CONTAIN THE JGSNO FAMILY RESEARCH
LIST. A CURRENT VERSION OF THE LIST CAN BE FOUND IN THE
FAMILY FINDER SECTION OF THIS WEBSITE.



(Book Donations, Cont'd.)

The Researcher's Handbook – Hebrew words, Hebrew Transliteration and English Equivalent.

Summer 2000 donations:

Southern Jewish History Vol. I and II, Journal of the Southern Jewish Historical Society
 History of the Jews in Canada, by B.G. Sack
 Jewish War Veterans Story, by Gloria Mosesson
 Savannah's Old Jewish Community Cemeteries
 Galveston: Ellis Island of the West, by Bernard Marinbach
 Jewish Communities in Frontier Societies: Argentina, Australia, and South Africa
 Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy
 The Promised City: New York's Jews 1870-1914, by Moses Rischin
 The Provincials, by Eli Evans
 Mexican Jewry in the Land of the Aztecs, by Ira Lerner
 Jewish Pioneers and Patriots, by Lee Friedman
 A Jewish Tourist's Guide to the U.S.
 The Tale of a Litvak, by Morris Schulzinger
 American Jews in World War II, Vol. I and II, by I. Kaufman
 These Are Our Children: Jewish Orphanages in the U.S., 1880-1925
 Jews on the Frontier, by Rabbi I. Harold Sharfman
 The Jews of Moscow, Kiev and Minsk: Identity, Antisemitism, Emigration
 Portraits of Jews, by Gilbert Stuart and other early American artists
 The Jews of Chicago- from Shtetl to Suburb

December 2000 donations:

American Jewish History (Quarterly)
 Australian Jewry's Book of Honor ,WWII
 Jewish Sydney (First Hundred Years 1788-1888)
 History of the Jews in Poland and Russia, (Dubnow)
 Upon the Doorposts of thy House
 History of the Holocaust (Handbook and Dictionary)
 There Once Was a World
 A Translation Guide to 19th Century Polish Language Civil Registration Documents, (2nd Ed.)
 A History of the Twentieth Century (Vol. I), Gilbert
 The Jews of Spain
 Jewish Surnames of Prague (15-18th centuries)
 Netting Your Ancestors
 The World That Was Lithuania
 The World That Was Poland
 The Jews of Galicia in 1839

Pages of History: A Century of the Australian Jewish Press
 The Jewish Community of Frankfurt (1349-1849)
 American Jewry
 One People: The Story of Eastern Jews
 Zion in the Valley (Jewish Community of St. Louis) hardback copy
 Zion in the Valley (proof copy)
 Russian Jewry (1917-1967)
 The Making of an American Jewish Community (History of Baltimore Jewry) 1773-1920
 The Jews of France, by Esther Benbassa
 Englishmen and Jews (1840-1914)
 Despite All Odds - The Story of Lubavitch
 A History of the Jews, by Solomon Grayzel
 The Holocaust, by Martin Gilbert
 Early American Jews, by Lee Friedman
 Jewish Communities in Exotic Places
 Immigrants to Freedom (Rural New Jersey since 1882)
 Jewish Personal Names (Rabbi Gorr)
 Eliyahu's Branches: Descendants of the Vilna Gaon and his Family
 Denombrement Des Juifs D'Alsace 1784
 Index du Denombrement des Juifs D'Alsace 1784
 Jewish Genealogy Society Convention Yearbook 2000
 JGS Convention 2000: Speaker tapes
 The Jewish Victorian Genealogical Information from Jewish Newspapers 1871-1880
 Ancilla To Teledot Charlap
 The Three Rings: History of the Spanish Jews
 The Ghetto of Venice: A History
 But There Are No Jews In England
 German Jews: A Dual Identity
 Jews in Latin American
 Zydu Muzie Jus the Vilnius Ghetto List of Prisoners vol. 1 & 2
 Kaminitz-Podolsk & Its Environs: Memorial book
 Library Resources for German-Jewish Genealogy
 In Their Words: Genealogist's Translation Guide to Polish, German, Latin, and Russian Documents
 The Litvaks: Short History of the Jews in Lithuania
 Finding Jewish Roots in Galicia: A Resource Guide
 Stones of Remembrance
 Long Distance Genealogy: Researching your family history from home
 CD of Family History Library Catalog

Other genealogy resource books:

The Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook
 In Your Ancestor's Image

We Have Mail



I am having no luck in tracing the lineage of my family, who lived in the New Orleans around 1945 until 1955. Would you have any records to jump-start my efforts. My grandparents, Isaac and Carrie Hanan, lived in New Orleans. They were born between 1892 and 1895. Saphardic Jewish family. Isaac's sister (Victoria Adjmi) also lived in New Orleans. Great grandparents were Morris and Celia HANAN, also from Syria. This family immigrated to the US about 1910. Any information on the genealogy of this family would be appreciated.

Samuel Hanan (Gaston)

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I live in Brazil, and I am making a study about my family around the world. I found one person named Joseph Chabassus in Louisiana (*Le Racontuer Index, 1999*) and I know that he married a daughter of Jean Pierre Gueydan (I don't know when). My family and I think that my parents were Jewish, and I am hoping that you can help me to learn more about the Chabassus name in Louisiana.

Jose Luiz Maia

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Would anyone have any information on a Mary (or Miriam) Rich Cone, my grandmother's sister. I know she died in New Orleans, but have not been able to locate her. She probably died in the 1950's or 60's . Carol Wagner Mills, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
fivecents@pvnet.com.mx



I am seeking information about any Reach family in your area. This members of this families are said to have been Jewish before coming to this country. Alexander Reach married Dora Geiseche in New Orleans in 1847, both immigrants. Shortly after 1850, they moved to Pass Christian, Mississippi, where he had a general store. Before 1880, his son, Leopold returned to New Orleans with his family and was employed in the Custom House. Do you have any records for any other Reachs in the area? I already have census records.

*The Israel
Genealogical Society
(IGS) announces
launching of their
new website at:
www.isragen.org.il*

Jewish Genealogical Research Trip to Salt Lake City Planned

For the ninth consecutive year, veteran Jewish genealogists Gary Motokoff and Eileen Polakoff will be offering a research trip to the LDS (Mormon) Family History Library in Salt Lake City from October 25 – November 1, 2001.

The program includes a three-hour introduc-

tion to the facilities and resources of the Family History Library, a beginners workshop, and special seating at the Sunday morning broadcast of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

For additional information, write to SLC Genealogy Trip, 155 N. Washington Avenue, Bergenfield, NJ 07621 or call 201-387-2700.

"NU? WHAT'S NEW"

What is the hottest item on the Internet for Jewish genealogy? It's "Nu? What's New?", the email magazine published every other week by Avotaynu. And it's free. More than 4500 genealogists throughout the world

Subscribers have indicated that what they like about the e-zine is that is very concise. To subscribe to "Nu?", send email to:

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And in the body of the message type: join avotaynu. Back issues are available at:
www.avotaynu.com/nu.htm

New Orleans Jewish Cemetery Project Update

The current status of the New Orleans Jewish Cemetery Project is as follows:

Ahavas Sholem – Finished (376 records)

Beth Israel/Canal Street – No information

Beth Israel/Frenchmen Street – No information

Beth Israel/Elysian Fields – No information

Chevra Thilim and Memorial Park – Finished (800 records)

Dispersed of Judah – Finished (1439 records)

Gates of Mercy – Finished (206 records)

Gates of Prayer/Joseph Street – Finished (1342 records)

Gates of Prayer/Canal Street – No information

Hebrew Rest #1 – Finished (2508 records)

Hebrew Rest #2 – Finished (1732 records)

Hebrew Rest #3 – No information yet, but permission for access granted

Jewish Burial Rites Society – Finished (275 records)

Metairie Cemetery - No information

Tememe Derech – Finished (388 records)

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