Carrying on the work . . .

by Mike Getz

It is the season of beginning, reviewing and committing. The few hardy and patient souls who began this SIG can enjoy nachus as we approach our hundredth member. We now have a platform adequate to consider developing resources for the Jewish genealogist interested in Latvia. A diverse Jewish population in that country, comparatively modest in numbers, perhaps accounts for the paucity of material in English. In the spirit of Shana Tovah and its fulfillment, we should accept this challenge. It is a commitment to the continuity we have chosen to serve.

Included in this issue is a proposal to create a record—in English—of Latvian towns and cities linked to a Jewish presence. This project is intended to recruit the support and involvement of the members of our SIG. Those with an interest in a particular location would have a basis of common interest. We already have a range of material including maps, personal and family accounts as well as knowledge of additional resources. Access to sources in Latvia and Israel may also be possible. Nevertheless, all will depend on a real and meaningful response by the individual members of our Latvia SIG.

Dov Levin, head of the Oral History Division at the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel, endorsed this approach when we met in Boston. He wished us well in our efforts. Donated interesting material, suggested useful contacts and offered sound advice. Prof. Levin supports making accessible key texts and accounts—in English—from the original Yiddish, Hebrew, German, Russian and Latvian. Many Jewish genealogists are English speaking, and their numbers continue to grow. In the case of Latvia, a systematic record in English will depend heavily on members of our SIG.

The position of Jews in Latvia remains equivocal. However, awareness of their situation has
Map reprinted—In the May 1996 issue, the Latvian map (page 10) was reduced in error. It is reprinted on pages 6 and 7.

Copy quality—Some newsletter copy has not been sharp. With modern technology available, newsletter copy was faxed, or even E-mailed to someone, somewhere, then faxed to the editor, and then printed. Some pages were photocopied from old documents over and over again, then faxed, and then printed. This will also be true in future issues.

"Whom are you researching?" Have you sent in your LFF form? Please refer to your May, 1996 issue, page 28: if your name is listed in the "Researcher" column with "---" (dashes) in the other two columns, return the form to the Treasurer [see box below]. If your "Shtetl" is still missing when we are ready to print the next LFF in early 1997, that particular listing will be deleted (except for the newest members). We are trying to delete all dashes from these columns.

First names will no longer appear in our LFF. We will insist on submissions as "one name, one spelling, one shtetl" per line. However, to save space, we may list: Mendelson/Mendelsohn (each from Madona) as, Mendelsohn (h)n.

Something to ponder—Due to space limitations (and lack of funds), we may be forced to limit the number of entries per member. We expect to exceed 100 members by December 31st. If each averages 10 names and shtetls, that's 1000 entries—equaling 23 pages of "surnames" and 23 pages of "shtetls". As our membership grows so does our LFF.

A few members have commented that some members are submitting too, too many names/shtetls to the LFF. Some have submitted 20, 30 and even 60 names/shtetls. Decisions need to be made. Shall we limit submissions (one name, one spelling, one shtetl per line) to a specific number per person—such as 15 or 20, or maybe 30? Shall we charge per submission? Or, shall we charge per submission over a designated number? Shall we request donations earmarked to the printing of the LFF so members can include as many submissions as they desire? At this rate, the cost to print and mail the next LFF will have surpassed the cost of the newsletter. This is a dilemma!

However, if members want to make generous donations specifically to offset the cost of printing the LFF once each year, we won't have a problem. On the other hand, there are many projects in the works that also await funding. Which do we go ahead with? Which do we put on hold? Which do we drop? This, too, is a dilemma! What do you recommend?

Paid membership through September is 97. (We have non-paying, On-line members who do not receive newsletters.)

Welcome to our newest members—from the Jewish community of Daugavpils, Latvia.

L'Shana Tovah!

D.L.H.

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In my opinion . . .

History Repeats Itself

by Gary Fitleberg

My ancestors lived in Latvia. Bauska, Daugavpils, Jelgava, Kandau, Kuldinga, Liepaja, Piten, Ramte, Riga, Tukums, Ventspils and Zabeln are the cities in which they once flourished. Their names were Feitelberg, Hillman, Kulman and Ziman.

The Nazi regime was successful in exterminating 89.5 percent of the Jewish population of Latvia; amongst them were many members of my family. Tragically, out of 85,000 trapped by the onslaught of Nazi armies in Latvia on July 1, 1941, there were only 900 survivors by May 8, 1945. In no other country of Europe was the decimation of the Jews so thorough.

In late November 1941, the woods near Latvia’s capital, Riga, became a horrible killing ground of Latvian Jewry. November 24 was Blutsonntag or The Bloody Sunday that started the massacre at Rumbala. Over the course of two appalling weeks, 30,000 Jews from the Riga Ghetto were marched, forced to strip naked before open pits, and mercilessly machine-gunned to death.

Five decades after the Nazi massacres, a resurgent anti-Semitism is forcing the Jews of Latvia to run for their lives. At the Riga airport, hundreds of Latvian Jews converge every Wednesday for seats on the country’s one flight to Israel. Some even flee to Germany; others seek refuge in Russia. Of Latvia’s 23,000 Jews, 15,000 have left the country.

Today one can see carpets decorated with swastikas hanging openly in downtown stores. It is not uncommon to see men walking in the streets of Riga who were members of the Iron Cross known as the Aizargai, which was the group responsible for making the Holocaust in Latvia most thorough. What is extremely appalling is members of this group have successfully applied for German Army pensions while Latvian Jews are consistently refused reparations.

Last year, on Saturday, May 6 at 4 a.m., one day before Riga’s Jewish community was to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II and the Holocaust, a bomb exploded at its sole remaining synagogue. The bomb shattered the Peitavas Synagogue’s glass windows and light fixtures and ruined the basement sanctuary. Fortunately, there were no deaths or injuries.

As a Jew, I am very concerned for the safety of my brethren in Riga, Latvia due to the imminent danger they face even after a half century since the terrible destruction from the Holocaust.

As a human being, I am disgusted that after fifty years, men can still be as ugly and vile as they were in the past and little if anything has changed.

As a genealogist who has discovered his Latvian roots, I am concerned these animals and barbarians might completely desecrate Jewish cemeteries and destroy all Jewish birth, marriage and death records in an attempt to permanently eliminate Jews from Latvia.

As a historian, I hope Jewish existence from Latvia does not merely become a memory. I appeal to my people to save our brethren and rescue our records before it is too late.

Author’s note: Jewish cemeteries in Latvia are well kept. Many tombstones have photographs or engravings of the individuals.

Latvia SIG welcomes guest editorials and reserves the right to edit due to subject, content and/or space limitations.
Alschwangen

Where did the Olschwanger name originate?

Prior to the nineteenth century, the Jews of Lithuania had no surnames and were generally known by their Hebrew names. A native Lithuanian Dr. Benjamin Gordon points out in his autobiography Between Two Worlds: Memoirs of a Physician that if there were more than one Jew in a town with the same name, the name of the father, and sometimes grandfather and great-grandfather, were added. A man named Joseph, for example, might be addressed as "Joseph, the son of Jacob, the son of Reuben, the son of Joseph." Sometimes the man's trade was added to his name, sometimes the name of the street where he lived, the name of his wife or mother, or a nickname.

On December 9, 1804, Czar Alexander I issued "Vysochaise utverzhdennoe Polozhenie - O ustroistve Erevu" ("Imperial Statute Concerning the Organization of Jews"): 32. При сей приказании священный Евреи должны иметь, как нужно, вплоть до торговую. Примечание: в случае несчастного или промаха, который и должен быть санкционирован по все, чтобы включить и покрыть иначе в полной перечисленной, с приводившимся в статьи наказания, деловыми по мере и при решении, что с наказанием на случай вреда, производимого ими, для устранения окончательно и для разорения твердым наказание им.

32. Every Jew must have or adopt an inherited last name, or nickname, which should be used in all official acts and records without change."

Dr. Alexander Beider, an expert in Russian-Jewish family names, has pointed out that the law was not rigorously observed. On May 31, 1835, Czar Nicholas I issued another "Imperial Statute Concerning the Jews":

A translation of Article 16 reads: "Every Jew, in addition to a first name given at a profession of faith or birth, must forever retain, without alteration, a known inherited or legally adopted surname or nickname."
The partial map of Latvia on the previous page, dated 1833, shows the town of Alschwangen near the coast of the Baltic Sea. The original map is in the collection of the Latvian History Museum in Riga, and is reprinted courtesy of Arnis Rādīns, First Deputy Director.

The excerpt on this page from Słownik Geograficzny Krolestwa Polskiego i Innych Kraiów Słowiańskich [Geographical Dictionary of the Kingdom of Poland and Other Slavonic Countries], published in 1880, shows the entries for Alschwangen, Alschwangen, and Alszwang.

The [translated] Alszwang entry reads:

"Alszwangen, German Allschwangen, Alschwangen, small town, county Hazenpoce, province Courland, about 25 from [1 wienst = 0.66 miles] from Golywn. Parish Catholic church of St. Michael the Archangel established 1623 by Count Jan Uryk Saweryn. Catholic parish deanery in Courland: 916 souls, with a branch in Felixberg (church of St. Joseph from the year 1682). The parish of Alszwangen contains the more important villages of Aksen, Bassen, Grodzenoek, Felixberg, Puckwen, and others. In Alszwang there is an old castle from the crusades, in ruins, built in 1372 by master builder Wilhelm Van Freimersen."


Alt.

Almenhausen, w., pow. jelawski, 240 m., kośc. ewang. par.

Almoyen, ob. Tornow.

Altschau, 1), w., pow. wilkomierski, par.

Altschau, z kościolem S. Jana, 1794 wybudowany z drewna przez obywat. Kościolaskiego; 31 w., pow. poniewiecki, o 51 w. od Poniewieza.

Altschau, w., majątek, par. moryski, własność Adamowiczów.

Alots, ob. Miedawo.

Alota, rz., dopływ Minogi (ob.), z lewej strony.

Alotse, ob. Saka.

Alpy polskie. Tak Długosz Tatry nazywa.

Alskiwo, w., w Kurlandy, parafi Ambota, piec wapienny.

Alschwangen, ob. Alschwangen.

Alsen, folw., pow. kowalcowasculari, ob. Ladeenwasser.

Alsow, folw., pow. wałdecki, do zamku Frydlała należał, 1865 tak przesmyk, 15 m., ewang.

Alsfiedy, ob. Oldeby.


Alstado, Alstadt, Alstadt (niem.), w., pow. mośreski, pod Chrzciszcienne.

Alsza, skarpa, lewy dopływ Oby, która do Mitwy z prawej strony wpada.


Altania, ob. Twardowska góra.

Altan, ob. Toporzyce.

Alt-Bielitz, ob. Bielitz Star.

Altbytyn, ob. Bojanowo Star.

Alt-Busch, ob. Stary Las.

Alt-Christburg, w., pow. mośreski, ot., 855 m.

Alttdamm, m. na Posen, reg. szczecińska, ot. 4414 m.

Alt-Dollstädt, w., pow. pasłęcki, ot. poczt., 210 m.

Altendorf, ob. Staraniwel.

Alt-Debe, ob. Dobr, Starobiski.

B-O-F MEETING

JGS Summer Seminar, Boston MA

July 16, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. with 24 present—12 members and 12 non-members. I suggested that it be treated as our Latvia SIG Annual Meeting.

ELECTIONS

We did not have a nominating committee, so I asked for nominations. It was moved and seconded to keep the same officers. Since we only had a president and treasurer, it was moved and seconded for me to ask Marion Werle (who could not attend the seminar) to be vice president.

The officers are:       President:       Mike Getz
                          Vice President:    Marion Werle
                          Treasurer &      Newsletter Editor: Deborah Levine Herman

It was also decided no other officers were needed at this time.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Deborah Levine Herman commented briefly regarding income and expenses. [See page 10.] Membership was approaching 80.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

It was agreed to invite Latvian Jewish communities to become non-paying dues members of the SIG.

PROJECTS

A master bibliography, an inventory of sources and an account in English of Jewish locations in Latvia are a priority. The latter project would reflect local Jewish experience against a related political and historical background, illustrated by maps, and evidence of Jewish tenure. Design of the project is important. Although basic data is available, the involvement of members with links to particular towns is critical.

Professor Dov Levin, who regretted being unable to attend our B-O-F, was encouraging at a subsequent meeting, and strongly supported translating relevant material into English.

We have lists of Latvian Jewish family names from mid-19th century to the present, including rabbis, subscriber lists, State Department records and family details of survivors now living in Daugavpils. Naomi Freilstadt acquired membership cards
of the Kurlander Young Men's Mutual Aid Society of New York from 1880 to the early 1900's. Lists could be consolidated on a disk for a nominal charge to print out as convenient.

**NEWSLETTER**

After a brief discussion on a suitable name, it was agreed to continue with *Latvia SIG*, adding *A Journal of Jewish Genealogy in Latvia*. Our family finder will be published in full annually. Melissa Wohlgemuth offered to assist Debby with editing.

**POSSIBLE LINKAGES**

We hope to explore possible mutual interests with the Jewish Survivors of Latvia. Present links with Daugavpils should be expanded to include Riga, Liepaja, Jekabpils, Rezekne and other towns where Jews now live in Latvia.

**JewishGen**

Initiated, managed and coordinated by Marion Werle, we officially became part of JewishGen on March 9, 1996. Detailed instructions on how to access were included in the most recent newsletter. They are updated in this issue (see page 12). We are also affiliated with FEEFHS.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. to enable members to attend the next session.

Mike Getz, President

*Ed.: Of the 12 guests at the B.O.F, eight (8) joined—four (4) at the meeting and (4) since. In addition, two (2) others, not at the meeting, joined during the Seminar.*

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**Dues are NOT due . . . yet!**

DO NOT SEND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CHECKS YET! Several 1995 members sent checks to renew their dues.

Good news.... All 1995 memberships were extended through December 31, 1996. You will receive a renewal notice—possibly with your next newsletter.

All memberships are for one year only and expire on December 31. Please do not send checks to cover dues for more than one year.

Be sure to keep us advised if your address, telephone/FAX number or E-mail changes. Send updates to the Treasurer (see page 2).
TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1995 — June 30, 1996

1995 Deposits $385.00 = 19 - Members
1996 Deposits 1140.00 = 54 - Members
$1525.00 = 73 - Members

Expenses:
$ 73.53 – Newsletter—Issue #1
129.78 – Postage (Domestic & Overseas)
144.71 – Supplies (Checks, Endorsement Stamp, Ledger Pads, Paper,
        Newsletter Envelopes & Labels, Ink Cartridges, etc.)
20.00 – Post Office Box
36.00 – JewishGen Donation
20.00 – FEEFHS Dues

$ 424.02

$1525.00 – Total Deposits
- 424.02 – " Expenditures
$1100.98 – Funds available ""

** Outstanding expenses (through June 30, 1996) include newsletter issue #2 ($325.00), plus telephone and FAX charges.

Submitted by: Deborah Levine Herman, Treasurer; July 1, 1996
Who's who,

who does what,

who gets what, and,

where to send what!

As Latvia SIG grows and members take on various duties, it will become more confusing as to areas of responsibility—in other words, who does what, who gets what and where should it be sent.

Editor: Deborah Levine Herman

- All newsletter articles (you will get a by-line);
- "In My Opinion", "Letters to the Editor", or any other column;
- suggestions, comments and especially compliments;
- and anything else concerning the LATVIA SIG newsletter.

(Do not send to Mike Getz. He then forwards these items to the editor. Save Latvia SIG money so Mike does not have to mail or Fax!)

Treasurer: Deborah Levine Herman

- Dues & donations;
- membership forms & research/resource forms;
- LFF submissions, plus updates or corrections to your LFF listing;
- updates to your name, address, telephone/FAX number and E-mail;
- receipts for expenses (these should be authorized in advance);
- membership requests.

Vice-president: Marion Werle

- "Latvia On-line..." (JewishGen Bulletin Board);
- E-mail;
- FEEFS;
- Latvia Bibliography.

President: Mike Getz

Everything else concerning the Latvia SIG organization, including:

- general correspondence;
- suggestions for special projects;
- resource materials you feel will be of interest;
- or to volunteer your talents and services.

(We would like to add YOUR name to this list.)
Latvia On-line . . .

Last month we discussed the creation of the Latvia SIG mailing list as part of JewishGen. Actually, the mailing list has been very quiet as of late. I have noticed that other mailing lists (e.g., Grodno SIG and Shtetlinks) seem to go through long dry spells and then activity picks up again. Since there is nothing new to report on the mailing list, I wanted to talk about a couple of resources that those of you with access to the World Wide Web (WWW) should check out. WARNING: the Web can be addictive, especially when you first start out!

For the benefit of those who have online connections, but haven’t gotten past e-mail to discover the World Wide Web, you will need a web browser, i.e., software that enables you to connect to the web. If you are a member of one of the larger online services (America Online, Prodigy or Compuserve), the service includes a built-in web browser. You will probably pay additional connection charges if you exceed your basic time allotment, which is very easy to do once you get started. If you are using an internet provider, most likely you have browser software included with your startup kit. If you are using Windows, this will usually be Netscape, but there are other graphical browsers as well, including a new one from Microsoft. There is also a primitive text-only browser called Lynx which may be provided by a bare-bones internet connection.

Whatever your browser, there will be a place to enter the name of a URL, i.e., Uniform Resource Locator. On Netscape, it is the long box at the top of the page labeled ‘Location:’. For most web sites, the URL will be in the following format: http://www.someplace.com This tells your internet provider that you want to use the HTTP protocol to request services from a web server, and tells the location of the server. There may be other information after the location name (separated by forward slashes) which tells the server where to find the particular file you want once you get there. It is up to your internet provider or online service to route your request across the internet to the desired site. You may also see a URL that begins with something other than http://, e.g., ftp://, which uses a different internet protocol. Please note that when you enter a URL name, CASE IS IMPORTANT!! Many web sites use an operating system called UNIX, and file names are all case-sensitive.

So much for the introduction. Now, here are some sites to look up. There is, of course JewishGen itself, whose home page (i.e., the first introductory page at a web site) is located at: http://www.jewishgen.org In addition to its own ample resources JewishGen also has links to a wealth of other sites as well. This means that you can click on the site name or description (usually differentiated from the rest of the text by a different color and underline) and the software will take you to the new site. The Latvia SIG has an InfoFile at the JewishGen site—it can be reached directly by entering http://www.jewishgen.org/infofiles/latvia2.text

Bruce Kahn’s Rochester JGS web site has a specific site devoted to Latvian resources. It can be found by keying in the URL: http://www.memo.com/jcc/jgs/county/latvia.html If you go back to the Rochester JGS home page (click on the link at the bottom of the page), you will find all sorts of links of interest to Jewish genealogists.

One of the best sites available is the FEEFHS (Federation of East European Family History Societies) web site at: http://feefhs.org There is an incredible amount of information at this site, including maps, a search engine, and links to every conceivable site on Eastern Europe and genealogy. As an institutional member of FEEFHS (see article below), the Latvia SIG has its own web page at: http://feefhs.org/jsig/fg.sig.html

On another subject, I wanted to mention that I am maintaining an online mailing list for all SIG members, so please keep me informed if your e-mail address changes, and so that I can update my list.

That’s it for now. Happy web surfing!

Marion Werle
werle@pacificnet.net
Latvia SIG joined FEEFHS

Latvia SIG recently became an institutional member of the Federation of East European Family History Societies (FEEFHS). FEEFHS includes over 135 organizations as members from 25 states, five (5) Canadian provinces and 14 countries. If you haven't had a chance to visit the FEEFHS World-Wide-Web site, you are missing an incredible resource. (See Latvia SIG On-line column for details.) Topics of research include Jewish genealogy as well as the specific countries of Central and Eastern Europe. Marion Werle is the Latvia SIG representative to FEEFHS.

Individual memberships are available for $20. Memberships include a subscription to the FEEFHS newsletter and a copy of their resource guide. A membership form is available at the FEEFHS web site:

http://feefhs.org/feefaq/member.html

or, forms can be obtained from:

FEEFHS
P. O. Box 510898
Salt Lake City UT 84151-0898.

STATE DEPARTMENT RECORDS

RG 84 Riga Consulate 1924

Record Group 84 (RG 84) consists of records of Diplomatic and Consular offices of the U.S. Department of State, presently in the National Archives. They were moved from Archives 1 in Washington D.C. to the Archives 11 facility in College Park. The move and reorganization has resulted in these records not being accessible for the time being.

The method, filing and other systems used, vary with the time period and the offices concerned. Their regional jurisdiction also depended on the diplomatic status of relations with the United States. Thus in 1924, Riga processed correspondence and traffic involving Soviet Russia, with whom there were no diplomatic relations. This explains the presence of numerous cases dealing with residents or family in the Soviet Union as well as Latvia and elsewhere in the published extract.

Correspondence during this period was filed under category numbers ranging from 100 to 800. Specialized sub-sectors, the 300, 600 and 800 series, dealt with matters involving U.S. citizens, their families and interests. Category 310 was concerned with whereabouts of family members, contacting them and passing on financial aid, as well as assisting departures and monitoring deportations from the United States. The extract reflects these activities.

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Subscription Lists' Database

by Harold Rhode

The enclosed disk is a database of individuals who lived during the 19th and early 20th centuries in what is present-day Latvia.

By far, the largest amount of material came from "subscription lists" which appeared either in the front or the back of books published during those years. The individuals and institutions on these lists contributed to authors who needed money to publish their books, and in return, the authors listed the contributors in these books. We extracted that information and entered those names into the enclosed database.

In addition, we included material from the Yiddish version of the book, History of the Jews of Latvia, which was published in 1923 in Auce, Latvia. [NOTE: The Yiddish version is expanded/updated from the Hebrew version which appeared ca. 1909.] We extracted names and locations of people listed in the index of this book.

We also extracted and included material from the lists of contributors to the agricultural communities in present-day Israel and Syria.

The sources we used are:

1) Subscription Lists

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2) Additional Sources

- Eretz—Yisrael (Israel) Colonization Contributor's Fund, 1890–1903, run from Odessa, list of contributors (Abbreviation: EYC)

The following format was used to list contributors:

- Family Name (or name of organization);
- First Name (if known, includes father's name);
- Year;
- Source (see above for abbreviations);
- Page;
- Town;
- Personal Title or Notes (additional information).

[Ed.: When printed, this document may be 30–40 pages. The number of pages will vary depending on font style, font size, margins, etc.]
August 14, 1995

Mr. Mike Getz
5450 Whitley Park Terrace Apt. 901
Bethesda, MD 20814.

Dear Mr. Getz,

Please let me express my deep gratitude to you for your kind letter and check.

Of course, I will write to you if I will find something interesting.

I am pleased to hear about founding of the Latvian group in your genealogical society. Of course, I would like gladly to collaborate with any Latvian Jews in any domains—e.g., published articles about sources, as like guide and translator here. I can send to my client color high-quality photopictures of his town of ancestry, to do research on cemetery and to send photopictures (color) to my client.

I understand that it is expensive—$200 for genealogical report about one family, however I cannot to diminish (as to increase too) this fee because Latvia is expensive country. For example since June 1, 1995 we pay for simple letter in USA $24,48, almost like in USA, but compare your salaries and our... I understand that it will be more profitable for both sides if I be able to do more reports for less price but at the present moment I cannot to do so, because research in archives are long, difficult and often connected with different restrictions.

What I would like to propose for US clients is to do genealogical research using only printed sources (newspapers, directories) without the using of archival sources for $100 only for one family.

Regarding which Jewish communities still active in Latvia. Now in Latvia lived no more of 15,000 Jews among them c. 13000 in Riga. A lot of people each year went to US, Israel or Germany, a lot of Latvian Jews are from mixed marriages. Only 45% of modern Latvian Jews lived here before WW2. In Libau (Liepāja) community still active too and numbered c. 400 person, the same number of Jews lived in Dvinsk where community still active too. The small community (c. 150) lived in Rezekne and c. 20 persons in Kraclava. In another cities (Ludza, Jekabpils, Ventspils) lived only unique persons.

Some exciting information about the Getcs. In LBGU—bulletin of former
prisoners of concentration camps of Latvia died in Riga in 1995 mentioned that in 1943 in concentration camp of Aizpute worked young tailor Getz, transmitted from Riga-ghetto to Aizpute in 1943. A group of Latvian-Karlis and Zanis Puke and Gerhard Susters try to save Getz and several another Jews but they were shot, Getz too. Now in Aizpute lived Elza Puke, wife of Zanis Pukis.

Another exciting information. I succeed to find that in Riga lived Getcs from Subbate.

Here was Grigory Getcs, he died as I understand from the story of his wife by phone, but his wife and daughter are alive.

Please write to his daughter by address:

Mrs. Ilana Getz
Bruninieku 69-23
LV-1001 Riga
Latvia.

They told to me that they will be happy to be in correspondence with you.

The wife of Grigory Getz work in Jewish school as doctor, his daughter work in Jewish school in library.

Again, please accept my gratitude!

With best wishes
sincerely yours

[Signature]

Aleksandra Pajigmanis
Kurlander Young Men's Mutual Aid Society

by Naomi Freistadt

Just by chance?

Maybe!

Thelma Silver of Jamaica, NY, allowed me, an absolute stranger, to come to her home to look at and then take 346 registration cards which were records of the KURLANDER YOUNG MEN'S MUTUAL AID SOCIETY (KYMMAS). Thelma's husband, who passed away earlier in the year, had been the last secretary of KYMMAS. The former president told Thelma to dispose of everything since it was no longer important. [Imagine!]

Fortunately, I overheard a fellow member of the New York JGS (who was a neighbor of Thelma's) ask whether these records would be of some interest. He had asked Thelma to hold off on throwing away everything until he could check it out. Unfortunately, all photos, journals and memorabilia had already been lost forever. It was decided that YIVO would be the proper repository, and I offered to pick up and deliver the materials for her. After a quick call to Mike Getz, it was agreed that I should make copies (with Thelma's approval) and bring the cards to the JGS Seminar in Boston this past July.

These cards have now been added to YIVO's existing Landsmanschaft folder on KYMMAS. The folder also includes a 50th-Year Commemorative Journal (1885-1935) of the organization, lots of photos of the 1935 members and a stirring address by Rabbi Mordechai Nurock of Riga. [The Rabbi could not have known what the next years would bring to the Kurlanders.]

And so, Thelma's neighbor was the first one to anticipate the possible disaster of losing these valuable records, and I was next to collect the names, home towns, spouse names, insurance beneficiaries, etc. for KYMMAS members who were born in Latvia and the U.S.A. starting as early as 1876.

Just by chance? Maybe not!

While photocopying all the membership cards, a name seemed familiar, and I wondered whether there was a connection between that KYMMAS member and a woman who had signed the Guest Book at the wedding of my parents.

In August, I got around to calling a good friend of a relative. She had many surprising anecdotes to share, and when I registered some surprise, she said, "Why wouldn't I know about . . . . After all, we're cousins!"

Needless to say, I questioned her further. It turned out that her mother was the heretofore unidentified woman whose signature was in the wedding Guest Book, and the KYMMAS member was her uncle.

Up to this point, the paper trail did not cease to amaze but we are now at the high point of the adventure for me. I offered to bring this "new" cousin a copy of her mother's signature (1932) as well as the membership card filled out by her uncle, and she offered to share family photos and memorabilia with me. When she opened her Pandora's Box of treasures, I was indeed speechless. [In the future, I hope her photos of
upper-middle-class social functions in pre-1945 Riga will all find their way into archives; these were from her parent's and grandparent's scrapbooks, and she is now in her 80's."

Then from this treasure trove, out came an embossed, white paper, 3x5 dance card with a little string attached that a lady would put around her wrist. This dance card was from a KYMMAS "Pic-Nic" held in Ulmer Park, Brooklyn on June 18, 1905. The card mentioned all the officers, and that this was the 16th-annual-such-event. The musical program was listed and had been prepared by M. Schlossberg.

1902 at the age of 30, and here he was at this "Pic-Nic" doing his thing—many years before his affiliation with the Juilliard School and the New York Philharmonic.

Maybe . . . , just maybe . . . , somebody took some photos?

**What's the point of this, you ask?**
The point is people such as Thelma, my cousin with her Pandora's Box, the former president of KYMMAS and many others, don't understand the value of this material.

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**Just by chance?**

**Definitely Not!**

My grandfather, Max Schlossberg, an accomplished musician, arrived in New York in

[Ed: We must make people aware that all records are an important and extremely valuable part of our history. Does anyone you know have records, journals, photos or other memorabilia that might be thrown away? As researchers and historians, we must not allow such valuable resource material to become permanently lost history.]

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**Can you help locate . . . ?**


"This is the third and final volume in a series of reminiscences by Latvian Jews who survived the horrors of the Holocaust in Latvia. The brief accounts of what individual survivor experience were collected and edited by Prof. Gertrude Schneider, who is the unquestioned authority on the history of the Holocaust in Latvia. . . ."

Does anyone own any of the three volumes? Let Barbara know.

Barbara Siegel, 1404 Forest Ave., Evanston IL 60201

(708)869-1025 – Home: (312)942-2380 – Fax

These books should also be included in our bibliography.
Project volunteers needed . . .

Latvia Towns, Location, History and Jewish Affiliations

by Mike Getz

This project probably consists of several elements, to a degree, independent of each other. Hence, members with a common interest in a particular town could communicate and cooperate. Joint efforts could be structured or segments provided for inclusion in a fuller account. The following appear to be the key elements.

LOCATION

a) Position in Latvia, best illustrated in a map detailing latitude and longitude, together with a map of the town itself.
b) Geographic features, such as rivers or coastal access that may explain economic and other development should be mentioned.

HISTORY

Origins and beginnings of the town, together with details of important political changes over time, possibly including recent events and status.

DEMOGRAPHY

An account describing the national, cultural and religious affiliation of the population including:

a) Size of population (if possible on an annual basis) from the 19th century or earlier.
b) Other trends, including population movements.
c) Such other statistical information as is available.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL ECONOMY

Information characterizing the economic and socio-economic environment.

RECORDS

What records were maintained locally or regionally.
JEWISH ASPECTS

EARLY SETTLERS

Their origin, approximate date, numbers, motivation, family names, leaders, rabbis.

INSTITUTIONS

a) Schools, talmudei torah, yeshivot, synagogues, hospitals, orphanages and other.
b) Where possible identify Chassidic or Misnagid affiliations.
c) Surviving buildings.

PEOPLE

a) Religious: rabbis, chazanim, shochtim, gabbaim, the melamed (teacher).
b) Secular professionals: merchants, doctors, teachers, pharmacists, farmers, tradesmen.
c) Arts & other notables: musicians, actors, artists, politicians, distinguished sons and daughters.

EARNING A LIVING

a) Who did what?
b) What was the distribution of trades and other means of income?
c) What did it mean to be poor or wealthy?

CEMETERIES

Original sites, past and current location; mass graves with present condition.

ORGANIZATIONS

a) Religious: Lomdei Torah, Chevra Kadisha, Chevra Gemorah, Chevra Tehilim, Gmilut Chesed.
b) Zionist: including Mizrahi, Labor and Revisionist.
c) Sport: Maccabee, Betar and other.
d) Bund. Other political organizations.
e) Participants and leaders.

LIFE CYCLE

Birth, marriage and death—related aspects of custom, ritual and their practice.

COMMUNAL LIFE

a) Family and the community. Family life. Tradition in the home and the community. Customs and traditions.
b) What features characterized the yomtovim (holidays) in a particular location.
RECORDS
What type of records were kept and by whom?

 ROUTES
 a) Where did the Jewish population come from, where and when did they move.
 b) What determined the choice of a destination especially in the case of pioneers to the USA and South Africa.

 DURATION
Duration and extent of Jewish presence, percentage of population, especially early periods—19th century, focus on key 20th-century phases.

 HOLOCAUST
 a) The local experience—who were the victims and their killers?
 b) Names, dates, numbers, locations, circumstances, sources of information.

 PRESENT CONTACTS
 a) Names, postal address, phone.
 b) Any Jewish community structure.

 PROJECT FORMAT
 1 – What is the most practical format for this project, i.e., how would it help in terms of typing up to a standard approach.
 2 – Would someone volunteer to make a standardized form to be distributed to interested members.
 3 – Would someone volunteer to take responsibility for putting this information onto a disk? This disk could then be distributed to our membership.

 Contact Mike Getz [see page 2] with your thoughts, suggestions and to volunteer!

 Bibliography is in the works . . .

 Marion Werle is preparing a bibliography on Latvia. What books should be included? Please send her the publication information (Author, Title & Edition, City & State, Publisher, Year).

 Marion Werle, 9355 Gothic Ave., North Hills CA 91343-2810
 (818)892-1433 – Home: werle@pacificnet.net – E-mail
The birth records for the year 1895 of the Jewish community in Riga contain the entry under registration No. 191 of the birth in Riga on 2 July (Julian calendar) 1895 of Abram Shabsai (sic) Veger, a legal son of the Shauli citizen Leib Meyer — son of Yankel — Veger and his wife Rechana Pessa — daughter of Hirsh — née Veger.

The death records for the year 1904 of the Jewish community in Riga contain the entry under registration No. 141 of the death in Riga on 7 August (Julian calendar) 1904 of the Shauli citizen Meyer Leib (sic) — son of Yankel — Veger, aged 56; cause of death — heart attack.

The same records contain the entry under registration No. 228 of the death in Riga on 30 November (Julian calendar) 1904 of the Shauli citizen Yankel — son of Itzick — Veger, aged 91; cause of death — senility.

REFERENCES: fond No. 4346, register 2, files No. 4, 42.

The marriage records for the year 1898 of the Jewish community in Riga contain the entry under registration No. 41 of the marriage on 16 August (Julian calendar) 1898 between Marcus (sic) Tevel — son of Chaim — Schiff from Leishov, aged 23 and Esther — daughter of Gerash — Veger, aged 22.


NB: birth records for the years 1854 — 1905; marriage records for the years 1858 — 1895 and death records for the years 1895 — 1905 of the Jewish congregation in Riga, available at our archives, do not contain any other information about Leib Meyer’s family.

Due to the lack of the appropriate records containing registration entries of Jewish community members born in Auce, it is not possible to issue an Archives Reference regarding the birth registration of Leib (Shaparajans) Schil in 1901.

ENCLOSURES: document copies — 2 sheets.
Yakobshtadt (Kurland Gub.)

As a result of the order issued for the government to the governors in Riga, Mitau and Revel (Tallinn), that Jews of Lithuanian and Rasein (Russian?) origin who are living in LIfland, Kurland and Estland Guberniyas must quickly return to the places from which they emigrated in the Pale of Settlement, the citizens - both Jews and Christians alike - of this city (Yakobshtadt) protested against this decree and sent a letter to the government of the guberniya, to be forwarded to the minister responsible for internal affairs, asking him to let the Jews remain where they now reside, having lived in that city for many years, and that if they are forced to leave the city, the city will suffer greatly.

On the 16th of July, they received a response from the guberniyagovernment saying that their request letter had not yet been forwarded (to the Ministry of Internal Affairs) because they (i.e., the supplicants) had not paid the "Paper-Tax" as they were legally required to do, but in the meantime, (the guberniya) instructed the local government officials to put off carrying out this decree so as not to anger the Jews that are living where they are, until a response is received to their letter.

Here (in Yakobshtadt) live about 1000 Jewish families to whom this decree applies. Most of them had acquired property (i.e., land) in the city.

Mishal Auerbach—from Shobiz

Source: Ha-Melitz No. 162 (20 July) 1893

[Provided to Latvia SIG by Harold Rhode.]

[Ed.: The above material was typed and reprinted verbatim.]

CORRECTION

In our January 1996 newsletter article, "Latvia and Its Masters, a Jewish Perspective, Part 1," the writer referred to the break-up of Poland as follows:

"Napoleon's emergence created rivalries that weakened Europe's royalty—Poland being a principal victim."

James Koenig has advised:

"The kingdom of Poland was torn apart by internal rivalries well before Napoleon came on the scene."

CORRECTION

Howard Margol's area code was listed incorrectly in the May, 1996 issue. His area code is (404) for telephone and FAX. Since the last newsletter, Howard went On-line.

Home: (404)261-8662
Fax: (404)261-5722
E-mail: homargol@aol.com
moved into higher profile with a recent appeal from the World Jewish Congress (WJC). It has addressed the question of former Latvian SS troops collecting military pensions from Germany. Edgar Bronfman, WJC President, states in his letter, "... Since the SS was part of Germany's armed forces, these Latvian murderers are eligible for pensions but to make this travesty even worse—to grind salt into the wounds of the Jewish people—the few remaining Latvian victims (only 97 remain of the 85,000 Jews who lived in Latvia before the Shoah) receive nothing from the German government."

Aside from the fact that "former Latvian SS troops have gone public again—marching, holding ceremonies, erecting monuments, wearing their Nazi uniforms," there are other matters that merit attention. Holocaust sites, including a public garden in Riga planted in a Jewish cemetery on numerous mass graves, remain neglected and ignored by officialdom. It is, therefore, incumbent upon us to record these sites and any details concerning them. Often these are the burial places of individuals and families that merit Jewish memorial as well as serving genealogy detail. Wherever we can, the sanctity of these places and their importance to us should be made known.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a disk provided by Harold Rhode together with a description of the resource material he used to prepare it. We already have a number of records listing names and families with Jewish Latvian links. Some have been published in part, e.g., "State Department Record Group 84" [see page 13].

Although a large number of SIG members have E-mail, there are some who do not. I would welcome suggestions on how we could accommodate both situations and keep to a minimum the cost and effort of hard copying, eventually, hundreds of pages as records become available. Harold's disk is, therefore, a test run, and I look forward to your reaction.

Naomi Freistadt also describes her rescue of membership cards of "The Kurlander Young Men's Mutual Aid Society of New York," copies of which she passed on to us.

Our editor will no doubt address the matter of copyright as it relates to our activities. As a policy, we intend to avoid controversy. Therefore we must ask our contributors to authenticate copyright, or where appropriate, vest it with the SIG and/or as owner.

I would like to wish our members and their families a belated Shana Tovah. I also look forward to sharing a year of fulfillment as we record and memorialize Jewish life in Latvia.

Special thanks . . .

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Our heartfelt thanks to Trevor for his generosity and thoughtfulness. We will put those dollars to good use.

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WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION

By Arnold Engel

I waited a long time for this day. I thought the day would never come. The room in the new hotel — Intercontinental in Hanover — was spacious, warm and well lit. I got up early on this Friday, April 3rd, 1970, shaved and gave a look at my watch.

It was 7:30 in the morning. One more hour. One more hour and I will face him. Will I recognize him? Will I be able to look into his eyes? I opened the curtain and looked outside. The new, modern television tower looked yellowish, as the sun was rising, and the light snow from the night before was starting to melt.

I had a cup of coffee and hailed a taxi-cab: "Zum Landesgericht bitte."

It was a ten minute ride. A police car rushed by blowing its horn, which sounded exactly as the Gestapo horns: pipi-pipipipi-pipi. The same sound of the police van which picked up Anna Frank and millions of others.

The guard on duty at the court house directed me to the court room. It was early. I and "his" attorney were first. The court session was called for 8:30. Two minutes before, they started to come. One by one, in groups of three or four.

Then I saw him. I recognized him at once. How could I have ever thought that I would not remember him? Aged, but still tall, slim, blondish and his trade-mark: cool, murderous, motionless eyes.

The court clerk called to order. The judges entered. The jury looked bored. The defenders looked somewhat nervous, the defendant tried to remember if he ever saw me. He whispered something to his lawyer. Everything became quiet in the court room No. 127.

Who is this man? It was said that he was once so powerful, that he helped to wipe out a whole town, he killed children, shot hundreds of old people, young people, men, women, Jews and others all in one day, and managed to wash his bloody hands, have a few drinks and spend that evening joking or dancing; playing games or reading a newspaper — as if nothing had happened that day.

After stating my name, address and birthday I was asked by one of the judges:

"Mr. Engel, do you recognize anyone of these gentlemen?"

"I do, sir."

"Please point out, whom do you recognize?"

"Him, Erich Handke."

"Please tell us what do you know about Erich Handke?"

For twenty-nine years I had dreamed about having the opportunity to testify against this brutal man — Handke. I knew that he was alive somewhere in Germany. One week after Hitler attacked the USSR, the Wehrmacht entered our small town of Libau on the Baltic Sea. Close to 9,000 Jews lived in Libau before the war — out of a population of 56,000.

Libau had a rich Jewish community with two noted synagogues, a Jewish trade school, a Yeshiva, a Jewish private school, a private school, a Jewish sports stadium, a yacht club and all the usual organizations, including the known sport club "Haccabi." There were very few real rich Jews, but also very few were poor. Always a shipping and trading city plus its location at the white sandy Baltic seacoast, the city did its share of progress in tourism, in export and in import.

Soon after the Wehrmacht, the Gestapo arrived, under leadership of SS-Obersturmfuehrer Dr. Fritz Dietrich, SD-leader Wolfgang Kigler, and Erich Handke who seemed to be in charge of everything, but mainly to solve the Jewish question.

The first mass destruction of the Libau Jews took place on the hot summer day of July 27, 1941. The Jews were ordered to appear on the Hauptwachplatz. Known as ever law-abiding, the Jews obeyed the orders. At the square they had to stay at attention. Many were beaten up and had to undergo terrible treatment by the SS-men.
Erich Handke was on the war-path. Kicking, shouting and slapping, he ordered hundreds of Jews to be thrown on ready brought trucks. As the number of the Jews present diminished, he noticed a tall handsome, grey-haired gentleman, who was non other than Dr. Schwab, a well known local physician. Handke killed him in a brutal manner; this murder was witnessed by the hundreds of Jews who were still standing at attention on the square, where I used to come as a child and watch the fire engines being cleaned. During that day, on a hot July, over three thousand Jews were executed near the lighthouse in the vicinity of the sandy beach, where people used to bathe.

Handke did not stop here. He was everywhere. Almost daily he would appear somewhere. Wait for them with their yellow rag, marked Jews marching from work, tired from their slave labor, hungry from not eating — and with a “blitz” he would start to attack.

It would take up this and many more journals to describe all the “heroic deeds” of this bloodthirsty murderer. When a day passed by and he did not destroy a human life, he would order one of his Jewish slaves to find some pigeons and bring them to him in a hurry. Once they brought him the pigeons, he would take them, one by one and squeeze the heads off, by placing the birds between the door of his office and pulling the door shut.

By 1942, one year later, there were only 800 Jews alive. A Ghetto was created and the 800 moved into it on the 1st of July, 1942. The Libau Ghetto was liquidated on the 6th of October, 1943. Yom Kippur day, and the inmates were sent to the Kaiserwald near Riga concentration camp, and when the number dwindled to less than 500 they were sent to the Stutthof death camp near Danzig.

Today, there are less than 80 Jews who survived the war, the camps and Handke. Many do not have the strength to testify against the Scharfuehrer (Staff Sergeant) Erich Handke, born 10 November, 1914 (SS-#371241) in Lisa, Germany; many do not recall the exact dates, locations or even if Dr. Schwab was attacked at the Firemen’s Square or in the women’s jail (where the Jews were once more screened before being sent to their death). The German court at Hanover tried their best to have Erich Handke with his eight other cohorts convicted, they have traveled to the USA and Israel, and were permitted to interview survivors now residing in the USSR.

But, because of the time elapsed, the reasons I gave before, Erich Handke may be walking the streets a free man at Taillingen. I do not regret that I went to Hanover, that I once more faced this mass-murderer Handke. I am glad, that I was able to be a witness for the prosecution.

The above article is from the book, A Town Named Libau. The book, which was sent to us by Ruth Baron, did not have any publishing or copyright information.

According to the chapter, "Libau," written by Immanuel Blaushild:

Libau, founded in 1625, was until 1914 one of the main ports of the Russian Empire. Along its spacious harbour there were rows and rows of warehouses where herring from the Atlantic was stored; timber, grain, butter was loaded on ships going to the West. After World War I, with the loss of its huge hinterland, Libau declined, its population was halved to about 60,000, factories stood silent, warehouses empty. During the 22 years of Latvia's independence Libau was the second largest town of the country.

The following pages of Libauers' survivor lists are also from A Town Named Libau. We do not know the date this list was compiled—possibly between 1946–1950. This was not a complete list!
Dear Libauer/in

In the following list of Libauers we have placed the names in alphabetical order according to the original surnames, as we knew them half a century ago. Most of the women are married and their present names are unknown to their former friends. Some men have hebraized or anglicized their names.

There were also difficulties in spelling: is it Yakobson, Jakobson or Jacobson? Is it Sacks, Sachs or Zacks? etc. etc. Kindly check the different possibilities.

Finally, not all the addresses are correct, nor is the list complete. As we plan to issue an additional list in the future we would appreciate if you would put in your corrections and additions. Also in this list we included only a small number of Libauers living in Russia. This, too, needs completion.

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Beginner's Corner . . .

Are you new to genealogy? Rules to live by:

- **DO NOT** write to someone who is researching the same name as you and ask them to do research for you. They probably will "file" your letter in that famous circular file.

- **DO NOT** write someone whose name you found in the JewishGen Family Finder and ask them to send you information or teach you how to do research. Your city may have a Jewish Genealogy Society (JGS) or a Jewish historical society. Contact these groups to learn how to do research.

- **DO** send a self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) when sending queries. Last month, your editor received 13 queries from around the world—not one SASE.

- **DO** be patient after contacting someone. Not everyone is able to send you a quick response.

Glossary  (Have you noticed genealogists are big on using acronyms?)

AJGS  Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies
AKA/aka  Also known as
B-O-F  Birds-of-a-Feather (People who are interested in the same subject.)
C. or Ca.  Circa (Used before approximate or unknown dates.)
E-mail  Electronic mail
FAQ/faq  Frequently Asked Questions
FAX  Facsimile
FEEFHS  Federation of East European Family History Societies
FOIA  Freedom of Information Act
INS  Immigration & Naturalization Service
JGFF  JewishGen Family Finder (Formerly known as: Jewish Genealogical Family Finder.)
JGPF  Jewish Genealogical People Finder
JGS  Jewish Genealogical Society; also, Jewish Genealogy Society
JHS  Jewish Historical Society
LDS FHL  Latter Day Saints Family History Library (Mormon)
LFF  Latvia Family Finder
P.O.B.  Post Office Box
Q&A  Question & Answer
SASE  Self-addressed, stamped envelope (Be sure to include one with every query you send.)
SIG  Special Interest Group
URL  Uniform Resource Locator (Used on: WWW)
WWW  Where Once We Walked
WWW  World Wide Web
YB  Yizkor Book

What hints, terms, abbreviations or acronyms would you like to pass on to new genealogists?