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“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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Alien Registration Files at the National Archives (US)

On June 03, 2009, JGSGW President Jeff Miller attended a ceremony at the National Archives (NARA) in Washington, D.C. An agreement was signed between NARA and the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) giving the Alien Registration records a permanent home at NARA. This is Jeff's report:



I attended the signing ceremony described in the following press release:

< <http://www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2009/nr09-90.html> >

U.S. Congresswoman Jackie Spear, representative from the 12th Congressional District in California was one of the speakers. The original initiative came from the Asian-American Community, particularly from the constituencies in the San Francisco area where many of the records on the Angel Island Immigration Station* are located. The late Congressman Tom Lantos initiated the effort as a result of lobbying from the Asian-American community.

The records involving those born 100 years ago will be transferred from one facility (USCIS) to another (NARA) later this year, in both the San Francisco area and the Kansas City area, as noted in the press release. About 135,000 case files will be transferred at first. This agreement guarantees future permanent survival of an important data set for our immigrant ancestors who were the subject of the relevant Alien Case Files (known as A-files). Those files to be transferred date from 1944, but cover anyone born in the first six to nine months or so of 1909, or earlier.

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The JGSGW Web Site is located at:
<http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsgw>

Marian Smith was on hand to show samples of the relevant files. She chose files of famous aliens residing in the United States like Salvador Dali, and files of lesser-known aliens.

- * For information on the Angel Island Immigration Station, go to < <http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2009/summer/angel.html> >. ☆

Additional information: Free lecture at NARA

Tuesday, October 13, 11 a.m.

Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

Program: WWII Enemy Aliens Program. Lynn GoodsellGoodsell, archivist, will discuss various aspects of the World War II enemy alien control programs and the related records available at the National Archives. The presentation will focus on those programs affecting individuals of German, Italian, and Japanese ancestry living throughout the United States and Latin America.

< <http://www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/> >

Auschwitz tattoo numbers photography project

Submitted by Margarita Lackó < mishpologia@uzidog.com >

Some of you might have seen me with two badges at the 29th IAJGS Conference. One was the Philly2009 badge and the other one had a photograph of an arm bearing a number. The latter was to promote awareness in a new project. Gabriella Y. Karin, a sculptor and Holocaust survivor (and my aunt), began this project because she realized that there is no visual catalogue that identifies the survivors of Auschwitz.

The blurred lines of a serial number on a forearm are the image of the Holocaust. The tattoos of the survivors symbolize the brutality of the concentration camps. There is no official document that identifies the people who were subjected to having these numbers tattooed on their arms. With this project, we are trying to make a visual documentation of this barbaric happening. If possible, please help us assemble information about as many people as we can reach.

1. We need a photograph of the person showing their tattoo
2. Photo of the forearm with the number plus a close-up of the number
3. Full name (including maiden name if applicable), city and country where the person lives
4. The tattoo number written clearly

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Databases and Their Uses – A Case Study And A Call For Help

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For nearly two decades I have worked to develop databases identifying Holocaust victims and survivors, Jews and non-Jews, and I receive a steady stream of requests for help with regard to locating victim and survivor information. I help where I can, and the following true story (names altered in the interest of privacy) is intended to illustrate how the rather dull “business” of constructing databases impacts on the real world and how you (the reader) can help.

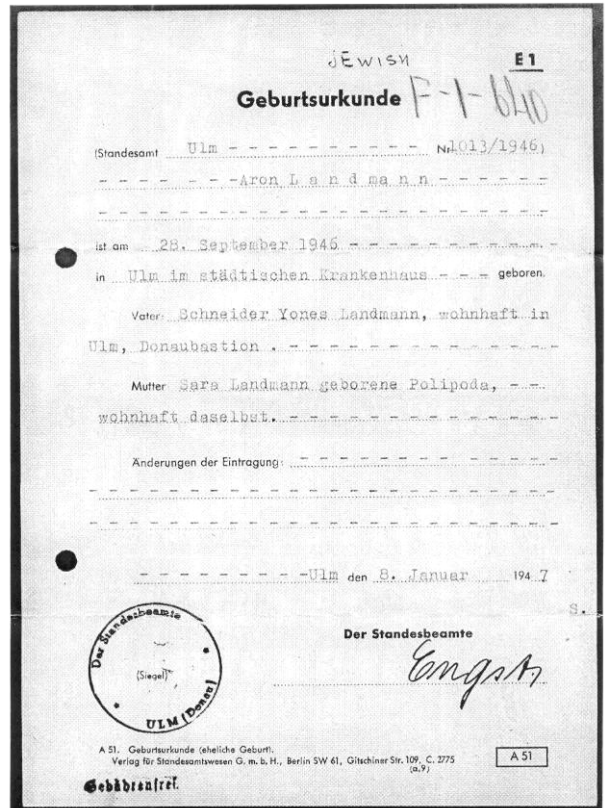
I received an inquiry from Israel. The inquirer, call him Jakob, asked for assistance in determining the name of his birth mother. He was born in 1946 in a Displaced Persons camp in Germany, but was sent as an infant for adoption in Palestine. Up to now he had not sought this information, since he was concerned that doing so would be “disloyal” to the persons who had adopted and raised him. They were now dead and he wanted to know his “roots”.

Using International Tracing Service (ITS) and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) databases, with the help of colleagues at the USHMM < <http://www.ushmm.org/> >, I was first able to find Jakob’s birth certificate, which gave the name of his mother, call her Rachel. No father was listed. Then, in other collections, I found Rachel’s account of her own life, where she was born, her parents’ names, her deportation, liberation, ultimate emigration a few years later and marriage in her new country of residence. All of this information was sent to Jakob.

Given her birth in 1917, Rachel is probably dead now, but she might well have had children, who could be located. Whether Jakob decides to pursue this possibility is, obviously, solely up to him and all that I did was to give him guidance how he could search for persons in that country.

This “case,” and it is by no means unique, is, for me, more than a nice story with a happy ending. For nearly 20 years, as a volunteer at the USHMM, I have worked with Museum staff, other volunteers here and dozens of JewishGen volunteers in developing databases. The goal was, drawing on contemporary documents, to give names, and more complete identities where possible, to persons who up to then had merely been Holocaust statistics, e.g. so many thousands of persons were murdered at concentration camp X.

Much progress has been made in recent years in collecting and extracting information. For example, the USHMM’s Name Search database currently holds 5,923,669 name citations, i.e. persons who have been identified in Holocaust documents. This number is somewhat misleading since it includes maiden names and double entries where a single person is listed with two names. If these are excluded, the number goes down to 5,019,697. In addition, of course, many persons’



This is an example of a postwar birth certificate.
This document does not relate to the person
discussed in this article.

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names appear more than once in documents and each citation is held separately. Thus, an actual number for individuals included cannot be calculated. This does not include the much larger ITS collection with its estimated 50 million documentary citations and, perhaps, 17 million names - again, Jews and non-Jews, victims and survivors. Both the ITS collection and much of the USHMM database do not appear on the Web due to European privacy restrictions, but all are available in response to inquiries and the 2 million JewishGen Holocaust database, largely based on USHMM holdings, is available at < <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Holocaust> >. In the past year, 85,000 names were added to that database.

Perhaps the most dramatic example of a database which has been completed, and which will shortly be given to JewishGen, is an index to the last hand-written letters from Łódź ghetto residents begging not to be shipped out to what they knew was death. The German language (Germans', Czechs' and Austrians') letters have been indexed and a project to index the Polish language letters will follow. The emotion in these letters is hard to describe, and now, for the first time, these letters can be identified and copied for family members.

The following list of databases which have been recently completed may give the reader an idea of the scope of this effort and there are many more:

- ⇒ Radom prison records
- ⇒ Steyr forced labor
- ⇒ Transfers to Sachsenhausen
- ⇒ Gross Rosen prisoner lists
- ⇒ Deportations from Italy
- ⇒ Lublin ghetto lists

Lists currently being worked on by volunteers or otherwise being processed include concentration camp lists from ITS which, for unknown reasons, were not indexed, several Polish collections as well as a wide variety of material from Rumania. Four other large databases, including an interesting collection of survivor lists published immediately after the end of WWII have been completed here but have not been sent to JewishGen because we cannot locate proofreaders, even though proofreading may be done at home. While the USHMM would prefer local proofreaders, JewishGen faces the same problem and is seeking volunteers around the world. If you believe that this work is important, where are you? Not to mislead you, this is tedious detail work and you must have e-mail and Excel. However, the payoff in the form of personal satisfaction is great. If you are interested, e-mail < svitto@ushmm.org > or, for JewishGen, < nta@pipeline.com >.

The image shows a "A.E.F. D.P. REGISTRATION RECORD" form. The registration number is 111328323A. The registrant's name is LANSEMIETSKI, FELWEL. The birthdate is 15.XI.1936 in Stettiner, Germany. The religion is Jewish. The desired destination is Palestine. The form also includes fields for marital status (Married), number of dependents (MORUCHOWICZ, GITA), and a signature of the registrant, Lansemitki. The date of registration is 22.11.46.

This is an example of a postwar Displaced Person registration card. This document does not relate to the person discussed in this article.

The HAUSNERS From Kojetin, Moravia

By Tony Hausner, JGSGW member < thausner@gmail.com >
and Avraham Steiner

I, Tony Hausner, have spent the past 10 years studying my mother's family tree and the town where she was born, Skala Podolskaya, in Eastern Galicia, now in Ukraine. I am the town leader for JewishGen's Skala research group. There is a wonderful Skala web site¹ put together by our web leaders Helene Kenvin and Max Heffler. I got started on this genealogical journey because of interest amongst other family members and because my father provided me with a large tree for this side of the family.

In early October 2008, I looked at my father's family tree and focused on the fact that my paternal great-grandfather, Emanuel HAUSNER, was born in Kojetin, Moravia, Czechoslovakia < <http://data.jewishgen.org/wconnect/wc.dll?jg~jgsys~shtetm~-547424> >. I did a search using the Internet and found another Hausner from the same town, entered by her grandson. I searched the Internet for information on the grandson and found he teaches in Slovakia. I e-mailed him and after several communications between him, his sister, and me, they sent me a family tree which indicated that my great-grandfather Emanuel had four brothers: Moritz, Herman, Johann, and Jakob. Herman is great-grandfather to these new-found cousins. Also I learned that the father to these five brothers was Markus (apparently my great-great-grandfather). I have combined my cousin's family tree with mine (see table 1, page 7).



50th wedding anniversary of Emanuel and Rosa Hausner with children Ferry, Oscar, Elsa, Fritz, Ottie, Julie and Gustav (Vienna 1923)

I also discovered a website² for the town of Kojetin put together by Avraham Steiner of Israel, who has roots from Kojetin and has been researching the History of Kojetin's Jews for many years. The site has extensive information about the town. Jews first came to the town in the 12th century. I began communicating with Avraham who has since sent me gravestone pictures of four Hausners from the town (two of which are shown on page 6) thanks to the efforts of Mr. Ondrej Stepanek and Ms. Zuzana Krybusova from Kojetin who took about 500 photos of the Jewish Cemetery including the gravestones of the Hausner family. They also provided many other photos about Kojetin and we look forward to continued cooperation with them. Avraham has also sent a census listing from 1829 which is part of an article^{3,4} (see table 2, page 8) about Kojetin Jewry by Arthur Steiner, published in Gold's book in 1929 which lists two Jakob Hausners, perhaps one of whom is the father of Markus.

Avraham also sent an article about Jews who took last names in 1789⁵. This article indicates two persons who took the last name of Hausner when the Austrian chancellor decreed Jews had to take last names.

The above mentioned sources show that the SONNE, STERN and LEUNER families have connections with the HAUSNER family through marriages.

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I have now talked with my cousin by phone and we have learned quite a bit about each other's families. We are now assembling a private family photo album on the Internet. I have also spoken with Avraham Steiner about all the above information and I have agreed to help him set up a Kojetin research group. In addition, we have discussed setting up a website for the 500 Kojetin gravestone photos that he possesses. We welcome any information about Kojetin's Jews. Please send your comments to Avraham Steiner at < avi6@inter.net.il >.

I plan to visit Kojetin and Skala and several other ancestral towns and cities in Europe in the near future.

*The authors gratefully acknowledge the many contributions of Kay and Pierre Gaston.

- ¹ <http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/SkalaPodol/>
² <http://members.tripod.com/~A30s/kojetin1.html>
³ <http://members.tripod.com/~A30s/gold2a.html> for English version
⁴ the original version is at <http://www.hugogold.com/moravia/> . Open the second file: *moravia.pdf* pp. 279-288 for the article about Kojetin. The 1829 list is on page 284 of the book.
⁵ <http://www.archives.cz/zao/prerov/home/publikace/> which includes SBORNIK 2006 .On page 10 there is an article by Miroslav Marada with the 1789 list. ☆

Table 1 – *Descendants of Markus Hausner* (partial tree)

| | |
|---|--|
| 1 Markus Hausner | 5 Elizabeth Hausner 1958 - |
| .. +Fani Stern (daughter of Isak Stern & Sara Leuner Stern) | +Ira Binder |
| 2 Moritz (Maurice) Hausner 1844 - 8/8/1899 | 6 Paul Binder 1998 - |
| 2 Herman Hausner 1846 - 5/30/1913 | 6 Douglas Binder 1999 - |
| +Anna Sonne 1850 - 1/29/1925 | 4 Franz Hausner 1915 - 2007 |
| 2 Emanuel Hausner 4/8/1851 - 9/8/1929 | +Betty Heimann 1911 - 1988 |
| +Rosa Schweinburg 1852 - 11/10/1932 | 5 Anthony (Tony) Hausner 1942 - |
| 3 Julie Hausner 1875 - | +Toba Horwitz 1945 - |
| +Ignaz Kurer | 6 Deena Hausner 1973 - |
| 4 Berta Kurer | +Stephen Ronci |
| 4 Franz Kurer | 6 Ariele Hausner 1976 - |
| 4 Otto Kurer | 5 Kay Hausner 1947 - |
| 4 Paul Kurer | +Pierre Gaston 1932 - |
| 3 Oscar Hausner 1877 - | *2nd Wife of Ferdinand Hausner: |
| +Unknown | +Claire 1888 - 1984 |
| 4 Ernesto Hausner | 4 Suzanne - 1940 |
| 4 Else Hausner | 3 Otilia (Ottie) Hausner 1885 - |
| 4 Otilia Hausner | +Ludwig Dubsky |
| 3 Elsa Hausner 1879 - | 3 Fred (Fritz) Hausner 1893 - 1979 |
| +Rudolf Wolf | +Katherine Strauss 1893 - 1966 |
| 4 Richard Wolf | 4 Paul Hausner 1930 - |
| 4 Harry "Egon" Wolf | +Shirley Samuels 1937 - |
| +Margarete ? | 5 David Martin Hausner 1959 - |
| 4 Edith Wolf | +Cydnie Herman |
| +Robert Friedlander | 6 Robert Jacob Hausner 1993 - |
| 3 Gustav Hausner 1881 - 1938 | 6 Mollie Helen Hausner 1996 - |
| +Paula Wolf 1884 - 1930 | 5 Debra Hausner 1962 - |
| 4 Mariann Hausner 1910 - 1922 | +Steve Bicknell |
| 4 Paul Hausner | 6 Joshua Evan Bicknell 1987 - |
| 3 Ferdinand (Ferry) Hausner 1883 - 1959 | 6 Jared Michael Bicknell 1990 - |
| +Wilma Bloch 1885 - 1935 or 1937 | *2nd Husband of Debra Hausner: |
| 4 Walter Hausner 1914 - 2003 | +Kevin Curry |
| +Irene Jones | 4 Thea Herta Hausner |
| 5 Kim Hausner 1955 - | 2 Johann Hausner |
| +Marilyn Gross | 2 Jakob (Jacob) Hausner |
| 6 Daniel 1985 - | |

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Table 2 1829 census of Kojetin

Die Juden Und Judengemeinden Mährens in Vergangenheit Und Gegenwart
By Hugo Gold

Nach einer Konsignation befanden sich im Jahre 1829 nachstehende 76 festgesetzte Familien in Kojetin:

| | | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Jakob Arely | 17. Jakob Gramisch | 33. Jakob Zimlich | 49. Jakob Hausner | 65. Joachim Pollak |
| 2. Jelinek Singer | 18. Bernard Kaufmann | 34. Markus Schiller | 50. Lobl Langer | 66. Jakob Gluckselig |
| 3. Isak Gramisch | 19. Pinkus Kirschner | 35. Wolf Lowenthal | 51. Moses Krasny | 67. Abraham Schiller |
| 4. Israel Grunhut | 20. Bernard Kurz | 36. Lazar Gottlieb | 52. Jakob Sonne | 68. Joseph Vogl |
| 5. Jakob Haas | 21. Isak Zimlich | 37. Moses Stern | 53. Jakob Blum | 69. Moses Brunner |
| 6. Isak Sonneschein | 22. Samuel Kaufmann | 38. Jakob Lowenthal | 54. Bernard Schmeidler | 70. Abraham Gramisch |
| 7. Markus Schmeidler | 23. Jakob Lowenthal | 39. Samuel Kurz | 55. Isak Stern | 71. Jakob Seidl |
| 8. Zacharias Polak | 24. Jakob Reichsfeld | 40. Joseph Konig | 56. Jakob Brunner | 72. Aron Kirschner |
| 9. Philipp Liebmann | 25. Jakob Turadt | 41. Lazar Weiskopf | 57. Jakob Hausner | 73. Markus Eisler |
| 10. Michael Deutsch | 26. Abraham Liebmann | 42. Ludwig Hochberg | 58. Markus Steiner | 74. Joachim Langeh |
| 11. Hermann Seidl | 27. Aron Lowenthal | 43. Michel Sonne | 59. Jonas Schiller | 75. Jakob Pfefferkorn |
| 12. Isak Seidl | 28. Lazar Pollak | 44. Isak Kaufmann | 60. Markus Krasny | 76. Lobl Schein |
| 13. Herrmann Steiner | 29. Jakob Seidl | 45. Isak Gisler | 61. Samuel Hochberg | |
| 14. Bernard Gutmann | 30. Isak Blum | 46. Markus Kaufmann | 62. Simon Lowy | |
| 15. Salomon Konig | 31. Philipp Langer | 47. Israel Bick | 63. Joachim Sauerbrunn | |
| 16. Jakob Fuchs | 32. Markus Weiskopf | 48. Jakob Klopfer | 64. Abraham Zimlich | |

Gravestone pictures from Kojetin



Lotti Hausner (née Pollak)
Died 15 April 1905 at age 69



Moses Hausner
Died 18 February 1907 at age 78

News from the



29th IAJGS International
Conference on Jewish Genealogy
Philadelphia
2-7 August 2009

Recipients of the 2008 Achievement Awards

Joyce Field (former JewishGen Vice President) *Lifetime Achievement Award*, for her tireless efforts on behalf of JewishGen's Jewish Online Worldwide Burial Register, Holocaust Database, Yizkor Book Database and content acquisition < <http://www.jewishgen.org/> >.

Harry Boonin *Outstanding Contribution to Jewish Genealogy via the Internet, Print or Electronic Product*, for his two books, *The Jewish Quarter of Philadelphia* < <http://www.boonin.com/book.htm> > and *Life and Times of Keshet Israel* < http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsp/Boonin_Book.doc >. He also received a special award from the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Philadelphia, conference co-host, for his work.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston *Outstanding Programming or Project that Advances the Objectives of Jewish Genealogy*, for its genealogy course < <http://www.jgsgb.org/> >. Accepted by president Heidi Urich.

Jewish Genealogical Society of New York *Outstanding Publication by a Member Organization of IAJGS*, for its *Dorot* < <http://www.jgsny.org/dorot.htm> > quarterly journal which has been published for 30 years. Joy Rich is editor, and the award was accepted by president Linda Cantor.

The Malcolm H. Stern Grant was awarded to **Shamir** < <http://www.shamir.lv/en/> > of Latvia for its project: "The guide to Jewish materials" stored in the Latvian Historical Archive.



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October 14-17, Independence, Ohio.
Some topics of Jewish interest are listed.
This includes some Austro-Hungarian Empire interest. Check their website at
< <http://tinyurl.com/c6vcg5> >.

Next IAJGS Conference



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on Jewish Genealogy
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JGSGW at Philly2009

We learned, we shared, we networked!



Bernie Schreft < schreftb@verizon.net > tells us that...

As a newbie, I found the sessions most interesting and valuable. I want to particularly thank Rose Elbaum for the ride up and back door-to-door and the good genealogical tips.

When I registered they gave me a ribbon that said "First-Timer." After I kiddingly mentioned it, the lady hunted me down and added "Virgin" to the registration badge!

Mainly I went to lectures regarding the use of the computer for research. Also, the use of Goggle Translator. One good thing I found was a questionnaire with 85 questions to use in doing interviews.

My interests were focused on Sudykiv (Sudilkov) in the Ukraine and Piasky Luterskie which was absorbed into Lublin, Poland.

Krana Dworkin < sdworkin1@earthlink.net > shares with us the following...

As a "first timer" at the 29th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, I wasn't sure what I would find, but had high expectations. My expectations were met and exceeded.

I have been working on my genealogy for only a few years and have so much to learn. It was especially helpful to print out the Conference program from their website < <http://www.philly2009.org/> > weeks ahead, and take the time needed to work out my schedule. The offerings were numerous and diverse.

The keynote speaker at Sunday evening's opening session was Father Patrick Desbois, author of *Holocaust by Bullets: A Priest's Journey to Uncover the Truth Behind the Murder*

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of 1.5 million Jews". Knocking on doors in small villages of Ukraine, Father Desbois sought out the people who were children at the time, who witnessed the mass slaughter. Some of the people asked him, "Why are you coming so late? We have been waiting for you." You could have heard a pin drop in the room when he spoke about interviewing these eyewitnesses, who all wanted to talk about what they saw. Very moving.

Over the next 4 days I attended sessions on archives and databases as well as computer workshops. I decided it is time to update my Family Tree Maker to the new 2010 version. Found two fascinating speakers on DNA in Bennett Greenspan and Harold Rhode. I was motivated by Rhoda Miller to organize my research clutter. She gave many ideas and tools with a bottom line of "JUST DO IT".

No long-lost cousins/relatives were found, but I met so many friendly people who were happy to share their experiences and offer suggestions. The JGSGW members met for a picture and buffet dinner, giving me (as a new member) a chance to get better acquainted.

I'm looking forward to next year in Los Angeles!

Sonia Pasis < sonyamskp@verizon.net > has a success story!

The 2009 IAJGS Conference in Philadelphia was a wonderful, exhausting, and enlightening experience. I feel like I'm ready to dig in and work really hard on my family genealogy this year.

The big highlight was lunch with five cousins of various degrees from my paternal grandmother's family which settled mostly in Philadelphia. We had a wonderful time exchanging photos and information. I've now got contact numbers for several new cousins, not only in Philadelphia, but in other parts of the U.S. I was also able to finally get the name of my ggrandfather and the correct first name of my ggrandmother on that side of the family. Too bad I still don't have a maiden name for her, but maybe someday.

I went on the cemetery tour to Mt. Sharon where I took photos of eleven KUPSOW/KUPTSOW/KUPZOFF relatives buried there. An interesting note is that when my ggrandfather died in 1922, the son who had the stone carved, spelled the name KUPSOW, the way my family spelled it. Then when my ggrandmother died in 1936, a different son arranged for the stone and spelled her name on the stone as KUPTSOW, the way that son spelled his name.

In all the rush of the cemetery tour I neglected to look at the back of my ggrandparents' two stones for any Hebrew that might be written there, as the front of the stones were engraved only in English. My new cousin Stephen Kupsov (the original spelling) graciously returned to Mt. Sharon the next day to photograph the stones again and found that there was Hebrew written on the back of the stones. My ggrandmother's stone corrected her first name as Shprinze instead of Springe and gave her father's name as Nissan. My ggrandfather's stone showed his father's Hebrew name to be Asher Zelig.

This could be the connecting link to the KUPSOV family mentioned in David Chapin's book, *The Road From Letichev*.

Society News



Current Newsletters available electronically from the editor:

- "E-Report" - Australian JGS (NSW)
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JGSGW Library opening hours

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| Wednesdays | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm |
| Sunday, September 13 | 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm |
| Sunday, October 18 | 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm |
| Sunday, November 15 2010 | 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm |
| Sunday, March 7 | 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm |
| Sunday, May 16 | 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm |

To make an appointment for a different time, please send an e-mail to Gene Saddick at < elsadick@juno.com >.

The Library will not be open during Jewish and secular holidays.

For current times, please see our website < <http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsgw> >

JGSGW MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

We would like to thank Gene Alpert for preparing the Certificates of Appreciation, and Sonia Pasis for coordinating the food for these luncheon meetings.

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***In Recognition of
Valuable Contributions
2008 - 2009
Jewish Genealogy Society of
Greater Washington***

The President's Perspective

As we approach the start of our 2009-2010 season, I am anticipating some wonderful programming this year, with some exciting speakers and workshops, and continuing progress in our research project involving digitizing of Jewish burials at the Arlington National Cemetery, and planning for the 2011 IAJGS Conference in Washington DC.

Please invite friends, acquaintances, and family members to meetings and other Society events. We thrive on new members who bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the Society. We have sought to increase the benefits of membership through enhancement and accessibility of the Society library holdings, but the membership has frankly not taken advantage of these precious resources. What can we do to enhance their value to you? What can we do so you will want to come and use the available resources? We are also currently looking for volunteers for our library, to continue what we have begun.

Would you like to make a contribution to future planning and programming? Let us know about your interests and how you think we can get better. Would you like to lead a Workshop on some area of your expertise related to genealogy? We are always looking for new faces and contributors.

Without the active participation of our members, such programming and resources cannot be provided. *We need your help now.*

There are many opportunities to help. We are actively recruiting a new Treasurer (QuickBooks experience preferred), a Recording Secretary and a Publicist. These positions require only a few hours of your time but contribute so much in value to our membership. We have had a vigorous push to bring in new members this past year, and look forward to future additions to our membership. We are always looking for new ideas on how to reach out to the larger community and attract new members. If you have ideas, or better yet, care to take on this challenge by volunteering for one of the openings, please contact me at < jgsgw_dc@comcast.net >.

We all gain by sharing our experience with our fellow members, and learn from others through our involvement and participation in the programs of our Society. I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming Society event, and to hearing from you about your interests.

Yours in friendship,

Jeff Miller
President

TIP.....

Many websites change regularly. You might click on a link and get an error message. The error page might take you to the updated page. This is why the experts recommend that when you are sourcing your Web pages, you always cite the date you accessed the information.
(From St. Louis Genealogical Society newsletter "News N' Notes" Volume 41, Number 6)



JGSGW LIBRARY NEWS

Vera Finberg, Associate Librarian, < vera.finberg@verizon.net >

The Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington (JGSGW) hopes that now that summer is over, your interest in pursuing your genealogy research will bring you to the JGSGW library, located in the Chod Media Center, at B'nai Israel, on the second floor. We are open every Wednesday from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. If you would like to make an appointment for a different time, send an e-mail to Gene Saddick at < elsadick@juno.com >. We will also try to be open at certain hours whenever JGSGW meets at B'nai Israel in Rockville, Maryland.

Over the past few months a number of books have been added to the collection, including some foreign dictionaries to help decipher books and documents. The Library purchased:

- * *Modern English-Yiddish, Yiddish-English dictionary* by Uriel Weinreich. Schocken Books, 1977 PJ5117.W4 1977
- * *Yidish-English-Hebreisher yerterbukh* by Alexander Harkavy. Yale University, 2005. PJ5117.H54
- * *Wielki slownik polska-angielski* by Jan Stanislawski. Warsaw, 1969.

We also added:

- * *The Beginning of the Jewish Community in Manitoba*, published by Manitoba, Culture, Heritage and Recreation, Historic Resources, 1990. F1065.J5 B44
- * *Sefer yizkor li-kehilat Sarni [excerpts]* by Joséph Kariv. Jerusalem, 1961. DS135.R93 S3
- * *The Galitzianers; The Jews of Galicia, 1772-1918* by Suzan Wynne. Wheatmark, 2006. DS135.P62 G375 2006. This book replaces Suzan Wynne's 1998 *Finding Your Jewish Roots in Galicia*.

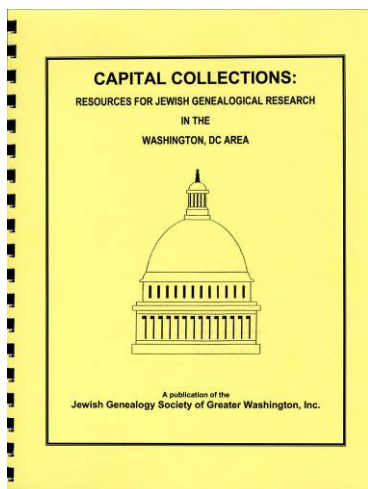
In addition, a number of books donated by Dr. and Mrs. Alan Glazier were added:

- * *A History of the Jews in England* by Cecil Roth. The Clarendon Press (Oxford), 1941. DS135.E5 R62
- * *United States Jewry, 1776-1985* by Jacob Rader Marcus. Wayne State University Press (Detroit), 1989. E184.J5 M237 1989
- * *A History of the Jews in Christian Spain* by Yitzhak Baer. Volume 1: *From the Age of Reconquest to the Fourteenth Century* (1961). Volume 2: *From the Fourteenth Century to the Expulsion* (1966). Jewish Publication Society of America (Philadelphia). DS135.S7B343

Whether you are just starting your research or working to break through that brick wall, our resources might open the door. The Internet has fabulous resources but so do we and many of the items we own are not duplicated on the web. ☆

Capital Collections is Being Updated

By Marlene Bishow < mlbishow@comcast.net >



Two years ago the Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington updated its publication, *Capital Collections: Resources for Jewish Genealogical Research in the Washington, DC Area* and version 4 was published in March. With our hosted Conference just two years away, we are looking at this guide with fresh eyes.

We are hoping to sell a lot of copies of *Capital Collections* in advance to genealogists who will be attending the DC2011 Conference in August, 2011. With this in mind, we want to ensure that the book is as complete as it can be. Unlike many attendees to Conferences in other areas, most of the people who come to DC come for our programs, speakers, and repositories; relatively few will come because of family ties to the area.

The update that resulted in version 4 included corrections to spelling, to format, and to remove duplicate entries. In addition, a section was added detailing transportation, contact information, and hours of operation. We also added several smaller repositories: The National Library of Medicine and the House of the Temple Library and Museum.

The focus of the new edition will be additional repositories including: The Washington National Records Center, the Naval Historical Center, the Jewish Historical Society and the Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington's Library. We are looking for members to write entries about these repositories and we are hoping that there will be additional suggestions regarding other facilities that might be of use and interest by researchers.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Marlene Bishow at < mlbishow@comcast.net > or 301-330-3882.

The following is a list of the repositories that are included in the current version of *Capital Collections*:

NARA ARCHIVES I
NARA ARCHIVES II AT COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND
THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
THOMAS JEFFERSON BUILDING
JOHN ADAMS BUILDING
JAMES MADISON BUILDING
THE U. S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH MILITARY HISTORY
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (DAR) LIBRARY
FAMILY HISTORY CENTERS
NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE
HOUSE OF THE TEMPLE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



UPCOMING JGSGW PROGRAMS

Non-members/Visitors are welcome to attend programs for a \$5.00 fee. If a guest joins the Society the fee will be applied toward the membership dues. Workshops are open to JGSGW members only. Non-members may join on the day of the workshop unless advance registration is required.



Non-members may attend one meeting a year for free! Go to our website to print the certificate.

September

Date: Sunday, September 13, 2009
Location: B'nai Israel, Fanaroff Auditorium, Rockville, MD

Program "The Virtual Shtetl Project"
Time: 1:00 PM Schmooze time; 1:30 PM Program
Speakers:

- * Grzegorz (Greg) Kolacz, Deputy Coordinator, Museum of the History of Polish Jews, The "Virtual Shtetl" Project
- * Robert Socolof, Executive Director, Museum of the History of Polish Jews, North American Council
- * Beata Schulmann, Staff, Museum of the History of Polish Jews, The "Virtual Shtetl" Project

There will be a brief introduction to the Museum of the History of Polish Jews which will open in 2012 on the site of the former Warsaw Ghetto. This multimedia narrative museum and cultural center will present the history of Polish Jews and the rich civilization they created over the course of almost 1000 years. Initiated by the Jewish Historical Institute Association in Warsaw in 1996, the Museum of the History of Polish Jews will be a unique institution. Not only is it the first and only museum to focus on the history of Polish Jews, but also it is a truly twenty-first century institution in every regard.

Then, the speakers will describe the Virtual Shtetl Portal < www.shtetl.org.pl > which is devoted to the local history of Jews. On the Portal, one can not only find information pertaining to the past, but also to the present; to little towns, and also to large cities. The Portal presents both contemporary and also pre-war Poland (including Eastern Galicia).

For more information on this program, go to our website < <http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsgw/CurrentPrograms.html> >.

October

Date: Sunday, October 18, 2009
Location: B'nai Israel, Fanaroff Auditorium, Rockville, MD

Workshop Philly2009 - Lessons Learned and Discussion Forum
Time: 11:00 AM

Marlene Bishow will lead a facilitated discussion of all phases of the Philly 2009 conference. Attendees will have ample opportunity to voice their opinions and experiences about the positive and negative aspects of the conference, conference hotel, conference website, etc. We

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hope that this will be a learning experience for the Society so that we can use these "lessons learned" in planning our DC2011 Conference.

A light dairy lunch will be served between the workshop and the program.

Program "The Best of Philly 2009"

Time: 1:00 PM Schmooze time; 1:30 PM Program

Six JGSGW members will present a brief synopsis of their favorite lecture or workshop at the Philly Conference. More than 40 JGSGW members attended the conference in August, 2009. We will share information about JewishGen, Ancestry, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), and other meetings and announcements made at the conference. The discussion will surely be lively.

November

Date: Sunday, November 15, 2009 **NEW DATE**

Location: B'nai Israel, Fanaroff Auditorium, Rockville, MD

Program TBA

See JGSGW website for updates < <http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsgw> >

Tracing Your Family Roots TV Show

Sponsored by JGSGW and hosted by JGSGW past-presidents Sallyann Sack-Pikus and Arline Sachs, *Tracing Your Family Roots*, is shown on channel 19 in Montgomery County, MD, on Mondays at 5:30 PM and Wednesdays at 10 PM.

The TV schedule for the period of Sept 28 - Dec 21 includes such topics as what needs to be done before going somewhere to do research, what you should do while on a research trip and invaluable research facilities that need to be visited in person. Guest speakers include Fred Blum (JGSGP president), Daniel Horowitz (IAJGS Board member, working at MyHeritage), Logan Kleinwaks (JGSGW member, creator of GenealogyIndexer and ShoahConnect), Elias Savada (JGSGW member), Jeffery S. Malka (JGSGW member, author of "Sephardic Genealogy: Discovering your Sephardic Ancestors and their World", creator of SephardicGen)

The show is also aired on Fairfax Public Access (channel 10) every second and fourth Sunday at 1:00 PM. Consult your TV listing for the guest and subject. < <http://tracingroots.nova.org/> >

Mishpacha needs your stories!

- * Do you have a problem finding your ancestor in some database? Write your questions and we'll try to answer them.
- * Did you find your ancestor in some database? Tell us what steps you followed so that others can learn.
- * Did you find/meet an x-times removed cousin? Share your joy with us.

Please participate in the continuing success of our newsletter by sending your comments, questions, findings or stories to me at < mishpologia@uzidog.com >.



2009-2010 MEETING SCHEDULE



2009

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October 18 - "The Best of Philly 2009"

November 15 - B'nai Israel, Rockville, MD

December 13 - Beth El, Alexandria, VA

2010

January 10 - Beth El, Bethesda, MD

February 7 - Adas Israel, Washington, DC

March 7 - B'nai Israel, Rockville, MD

April 18 - Beth El, Alexandria, VA

May 16 - B'nai Israel, Rockville, MD

June 6 - Clara Barton Community Center, Cabin John, MD

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< <http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsgw> >

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