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EARLY BIRD registration is now open. In addition to reduced rates, **everyone who registers by January 31 is eligible for a drawing for a FREE, 5 nights stay** at the luxurious Grand Hyatt Washington during the conference.

We are making a concentrated effort to attract fresh lectures on subjects that have not been previously addressed. Programs will be held at the hotel conference center by the staff of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, National Archives, and Library of Congress. Two dozen databases that are normally fee-based will be available for free on the computers (PC/Mac) in the Resource Center. Workshops will have PC and Mac based computers.

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



News from The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Correcting Errors on Digitization Partner Web Sites

By Mary Rephlo

The NARA entered into digitization partnerships with Ancestry.com, Footnote.com, and the Genealogical Society of Utah (Family Search) in 2007. Under these agreements, the partners have created approximately 60 million digital copies of our records. There are also an additional 70 million images of NARA records on Ancestry.com that Ancestry created prior to entering a digitization agreement with us.

Because context is so important to archives, NARA is playing a more active role when there are errors affecting the browsing structure of the records. Example:

Passenger arrival lists may be browsed by port, thereunder by year, and thereunder by ship. If our partner indexed the year incorrectly for a particular ship's arrival, the passenger list will not appear correctly in the browse structure. While using the browse feature, a web site user who knows the year of arrival and the port will not find the ship's list because of this error.

If you see an error affecting the browse structure and wish to report it, send an e-mail to < digitization@nara.gov > with the needed correction, give a full description of the problem, and be sure to provide the URL where the problem appears.

Excerpted from *National Archives Researcher News*, Autumn, 2010

<http://www.archives.gov/dc-metro/newsletter/2010-autumn.pdf>

NARA goes WiFi <http://blogs.archives.gov/online-public-access/?p=3606>

Wireless internet is available to registered researchers at Archives I & II. Researchers with laptops and other WiFi-enabled devices will be able to access the on-line catalog (<http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/>), Ancestry.com, Footnote.com and other great sites via the free wireless connection in public areas of the Archives during research room operating hours.

For account setup and password resets, visit the Customer Service Centers at either building or contact the Customer Service Team at < inquire@nara.gov >.

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All researchers are now required to use locking bags for removing reproductions, personal notes, and other papers at the Research Rooms at Archives I & II. Also, be prepared to have staff inspect your personal property before you exit each Research Room. Read more about it in <http://www.archives.gov/dc-metro/notice-locked-bags.pdf>

Reproductions of Holdings

The NARA offers digitized versions of its immigration and naturalization records, land records, military service and pension records, census pages and other documents. The price is the same as the per-page fee for paper copies. NARA is also offering digitized duplication of its microfilm holdings, at an increased per roll rate. To find out more go to:

<http://www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2011/nr11-18.html>

Old INS Case Files Reveal Child Transport Lists At The National Archives

By James Gross

Note: An abbreviated version of this article was previously published by *Avotaynu* (Vol XXIV, No 1, Spring 2008, p. 35).

The topic of this article is National Archives (NARA) microfilm series T458, RG 85, entry 9. T458 is a microfilmed index to immigration case files which were produced by the United States Department of Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). My research into this film series ultimately led me to an archived file at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

I eventually obtained access to a file which contained WWII-era U.S. State Department correspondence regarding efforts to obtain visas for Jewish children from Germany. This correspondence included a number of lists containing names of children who were saved via emergency ship transports during WWII.

The microfilm series (T458) appears to be an obscure resource. It is a 31 roll microfilm series offered for sale by the National Archives. It is entitled, "Subject Index to Correspondence and Case Files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service."

This 31 roll series consists of old INS microfilmed index cards which contain file numbers that are used by NARA staff to identify and pull the textual files. Be aware that not all files can be located. Some files have been disposed of, lost, misfiled, or transferred. According to NARA Reference Archivist Suzanne Harris (Old Military and Civil Records [NWCTB]), the index to the series is referred to as RG 85, entry 6, while the actual records reside in several series and are identified as entry 7, entry 9, entry 26, and so forth.

According to a 2004 article by Marian Smith, Senior Historian at the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services History Office (USCIS), the T458 textual collection mainly consisted of old INS immigration correspondence as well as case files dating from approximately 1906-1956. Some cards date back to 1903. The immigration correspondence mainly dealt with appealed cases, investigations, and other legal matters. [1]

Per an older 1996 article by Marian Smith, T458 consisted of files from the 56,000 series, or "Old Series" or "subject and policy correspondence files." Interfiled in this series were countless alien and citizen case files which were referred to the INS Central Office before 1950. Individual case files accounted for at least 50% of the 56,000 Series files. [2]

The two files which I researched were from the "56,000 Series" aka "Subject & Correspondence Files." During the course of my research, I was advised by Archivist Suzanne Harris that the T458 material may also include references to Bureau of Naturalization correspondence, Chinese correspondence, visa files, and alien registration records, as well as naturalization files which are in the custody of the USCIS.

The researcher should be aware that this roll series, given to NARA by the INS, is arranged by a somewhat challenging subject list and not by surname. There is no complete listing of subject headings. A basic roll list, indexed by subject, is at the end of the T458 microfilm as well as on the LDS Family History Library website. [3]

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I developed an interest in this roll series based upon two genealogical articles which I happened to see. The first article appeared in the Summer 2004 issue of the genealogical journal *Avotaynu*. "Children Under 16 Unaccompanied by a Parent: The Family Zuser," co-written by Marian Smith and Valery Bazarov. The authors listed, as one of their source references, NARA series T458, RG 85, entry 9.

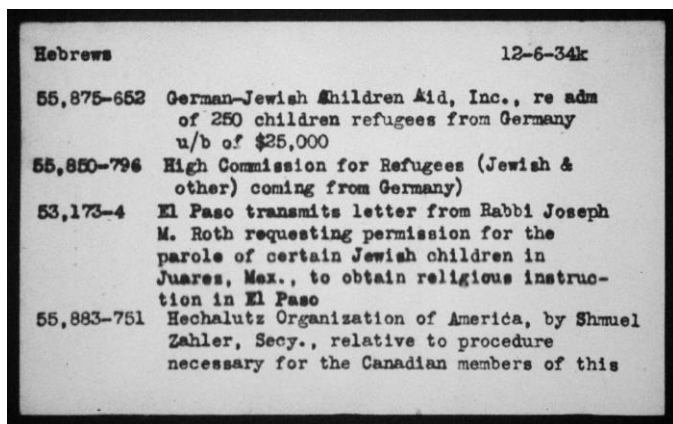
The second article entitled, "Hebrew Immigrant Cases, 1906-1914," appeared in the 2005 issue of *Chronicles*, the newsletter of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Philadelphia. This film series, T458, RG 85, entry 9, was again listed as a reference. The article referred the reader to an AOL website link: < <http://members.aol.com/ImmigrantCases/> >. However, this link is now obsolete.

The website contained a database listing of Hebrew immigrants for the period of 1903-1924 who had cases brought before the immigration board. Though this website did not appear to thoroughly explain the roll series, it did contain a listing of case files. Using this information, I was able to identify one possible distant family surname. Suzanne Harris, located at Archives I, was very helpful and was kind enough to mail me a copy of the small file.

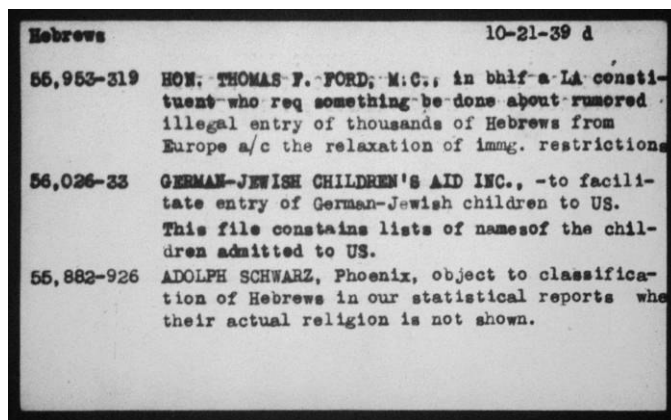
Though I managed to find one relevant file, I was still curious as to the methodology of using this obscure roll series. Suzanne Harris advised me that not all of the files actually exist. She referred me to the USCIS history office. I understood from speaking to Marian Smith as well as to Zack Wilske (USCIS Historian Assistant), that T458 is a very large and challenging series. Among other helpful information, Marian and Zack also confirmed that not all files existed.

Due to my schedule, I was only able to spend a limited amount of time working on this series. I therefore decided to limit my search to a few key items. I made a search of "Jews" on roll 18, and found an entry which read "See Hebrews." This cross-entry referred me to rolls 15 and 16. I then searched roll 16 and found a number of entries under the heading of "Hebrews." [see the card "12-6-34k" below]

I also made a search in roll 15 and found an entry for "German-Jewish Children's Aid, Inc." [See the card "10-21-39 d" below]



card "12-6-34k"



card "10-21-39 d"

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Apparently this was a WWII-era, U.S. based, nonprofit Jewish refugee organization. These entries turned out to consist of two large folders. Suzanne Harris had both folders pulled for me and I spent a morning down at the Archives I Central Reading Room going through them. I was fortunate as I ended up with a considerable quantity of records.

These records consisted of State Department correspondence in regard to child transports and, in many cases, were accompanied by actual lists of children who were being transported to the U.S. I have the feeling that additional records, perhaps regarding child transport lists, may exist within this holding. As stated above, these two card entries were located in rolls 15 and 16. On roll 21, under "Organizations," were listed many civic as well as social organization entries.

With regard to accessing these 31 rolls, the researcher may be in luck even if they do not happen to live near a regional National Archives facility, due to a number of libraries who own this film series. [4] And, the LDS (Mormon Church) Family History Library has also microfilmed a copy of this roll series (listed as rolls 1527605 thru 1527635). You can therefore access the microfilmed index at any LDS family history center in the world. See < www.genhomepage.com/FHC/fhc.html >.

References:

1. Bazarov, Valery and Smith, Marian. "Children Under 16 Unaccompanied by a Parent: The Family Zuser," Avotaynu, Vol XX, No. 2, Summer 2004, Pg 46.

Also see: Immigration and Naturalization Records at National Archives. < <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orjgs/Smith2.pdf> >

This document is authored by Marian Smith and is dated 2008. It gives a summary of T458. You may notice that it lists the T458 collection as dating from 1882-1957.

2. Smith, Marian, "Vast INS Archival Resource Move to National Archives," Balch Institute, Vol. 28, No. 2, Nov 1996, pp. 1, 8. No longer in print. Copy of article emailed to me by Crystal Saunders, USCIS History Library.

3. T458 Roll list found at: < http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/fhlcatalog/supermainframeset.asp?display=titlesearch&columns=*,0,0 > within search box type: "subject, case files." The full title is: "Subject index to correspondence and case files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1903-1952."

Also see NARA microfilm catalog at: < <https://eservices.archives.gov/orderonline/> >. Type "T458" within microfilm search box.

4. Regional National Archives with this holding include: New York, New York; Chicago, Illinois; Seattle, Washington (State); San Francisco, California; and Washington, District of Columbia (D.C.). A few libraries with this material include: University of Chicago, Illinois; University of California, San Diego, California; University of Texas, El Paso, Texas; Macalester College, St Paul., Minnesota. ☆

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Ed's Note: links were correct at printing time.

What Might You Find At The JGSGW Library?

By Vera Finberg, JGSGW Librarian

For the past few months, every Wednesday afternoon has seen the arrival of Marshall Levy and Larry Schulman at the JGSGW Library. Both of them are seeking information on their families and their lives in the old country and the arrival in the new world.

Marshall's PELTZ family has its U.S. roots in Newport News, Virginia, where he lived among many kin as a youngster. How and when they arrived in Newport News was one of Marshall's questions. His grandparents Abraham Joseph PELTZ and Sarah PELTZ came from Austria.

We searched the Ellis Island database < <http://www.ellisland.org/> > to no avail and Marshall used Steve Morse's pages < <http://stevemorse.org/> > to search multiple ways in that database. I suggested searching the Hamburg Emigration database to see if the PELTZ family left from Hamburg. The search for Abraham PELTZ did not find any entry. So I tried his wife, Sara. Bingo! There was Sara PELTZ and her three sons from Swibodsin, Austria, going to London on the Ophelia on 18 August 1900. On the next day, Leib [Wolf] PELTZ and his wife, Freidel from Swibodsin, Austria (Galicia), departed for New York on the Furst Bismark. Marshall realized these were his great-grandparents. Looking at the manifest, Marshall said that he thought the next name, Mary DRELICH, was a cousin. Examining the entries more closely, we discovered that Wolf PELTZ, his wife and the DRELICH family were traveling directly to New York while Sara PELTZ was going to London. Mary DRELICH has been identified as a married daughter of Leib and Freidel.

Using the Ancestry immigration databases < <http://www.ancestry.com> >, we found Sara PELTZ with her 3 sons, Nochem, age 4, David, age 3 and Moses, 7 months, in the Canadian Border Crossings, 1895-1956. She was accompanied by her husband Joseph PELTZ, going from Liverpool to Quebec on the RMS Lake Champlain, arriving in Quebec on Nov. 19, 1900. They were headed to M. PELTZ in Newport News after crossing the border into the United States.

Searching further in the 1910 Census, we discovered that his grandfather, Wolf PELTZ, widower, lived in the Bronx next door to Mary DRELICH. In the 1920 census, he was living with another PELTZ relative. His wife, Freidel, is buried in Newport News, Virginia.

Marshall and I were thrilled to find so much information. We also used the book *Where Once we Walked* and the maps owned by the library to find the location of Swibodsin in the north-west corner of Galicia.

Join us at the library and let's see what can be discovered about your family. ☆

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Availability of WWI Military Records (USA)

Submitted by Jan Meisels Allen
IAJGS Director-at-large
Chairperson, IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee

The following has permission to be posted by the National Archives.

The memo is dated May 14, 2010 from Maureen McDonald to the Archivist of the United States:

The World War I official military personnel files (OMPFs) were opened in November 2007. The opening of these records allows genealogists, historians, and other members of the public full access to these records. Prior to the legal transfer, access was limited to the specific veteran, the primary next-of-kin, and Federal agencies.

Researchers can receive a complete copy of the file for a fee. These records are subject to a limited exemption under the Freedom of Information Act. All social security numbers are redacted before releasing the record to the public.

Records opened include:

- U.S. Navy Enlisted OMPFs with discharge dates beginning in 1885 through 1947;
- U.S. Navy Officer OMPFs with discharge dates beginning in 1902 through 1947;
- U.S. Marine Corps Enlisted OMPFs with discharge dates beginning in 1906 through 1947;
- U.S. Marine Corps Officer OMPFs with discharge dates beginning in 1905 through 1947;
- U.S. Army OMPFs with discharge dates beginning in 1912 through 1947; and
- U.S. Coast Guard OMPFs with discharge dates beginning in 1898 through 1947;

Additional military personnel records will be made available to the public each year, for individuals who served in the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard who have been discharged, deceased, or retired for at least 62 years. For example, records for veterans who were discharged, deceased, or retired in 1948 will be opened 62 years to the day in 2010.

Researchers can access these records by:

1. Visiting the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC), Archival Research Center, in St. Louis, MO
2. Requesting copies of the records (for a copy fee) via mail, fax, or online. NPRC encourages interested individuals to submit requests via < www.vetrecs.archives.gov > or on a Standard Form 180, available at < www.archives.gov/research/order/standard-form-180.pdf >.

The fee schedule for OMPFs is:

- OMPF of 5 pages or fewer: \$20
- OMPFs of greater than 5 pages: \$60 (Most OMPFs fall in this category.)
- Persons of Exceptional Prominence OMPF: \$.75 per page.

Do you know.....

Never photocopy old photographs. The bright light of the photocopy machine will speed up their deterioration. Instead, use a scanner.

Ostrow Mazowiecka – Home Town To Many American Jewish Families

By Gene Sadick, JGSGW DNA Project

In my early days of researching my family tree, I was mostly attempting to find out where my family came from. I had learned that my closest family had lived in Askhabad, Russia, before they sailed for America. I also found out that some of my distant relatives came from the town of Ciechenow, Poland.

Then, I received some information from Michael Richman, a member of JGSGW, who provided the marriage information of my grandparents in the town of Ostrow Mazoweica, Poland. Michael's information came from the team of researchers who digitalized old registration records found in Poland. This group finally established the Ostrow Mazoweica (Ostrow Maz) Research Family at the International Conference on Jewish Genealogy here in Washington, D.C., in July 1995. Their web site can be found in the JewishGen directory, listed as JRI-Poland*. This Special Interest Group (SIG) meets during each International Conference and will likely meet during the Conference held here in Washington, D.C., August 14-19, 2011 < www.DC2011.org > .

The photos of Ostrow Maz accompanying this article (see page # 10) were sent to me by members of a family named MALOWANY, who now live in South America. I made contact with this family on Facebook < <http://www.facebook.com> >. My great-grandfather's first wife was a MALOWANY. My grandfather and his siblings are descended from his second wife. My grandfather's brother married a member of the MALOWANY family.

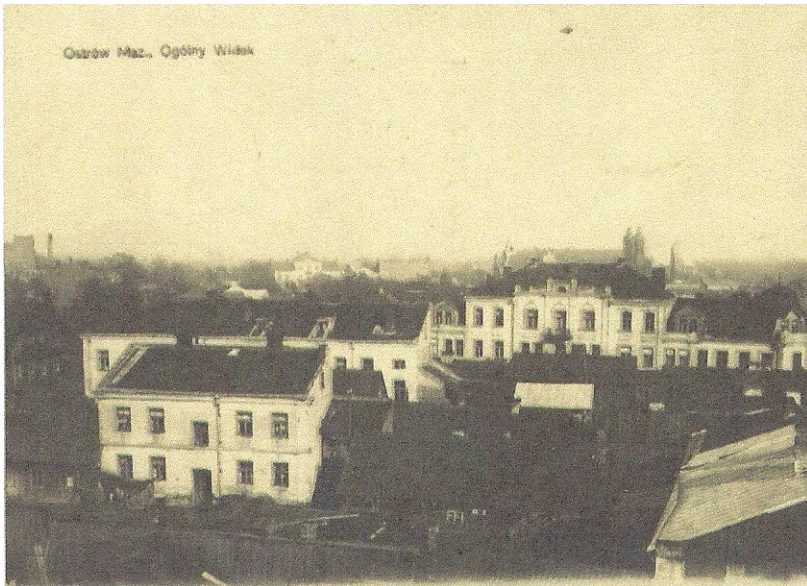
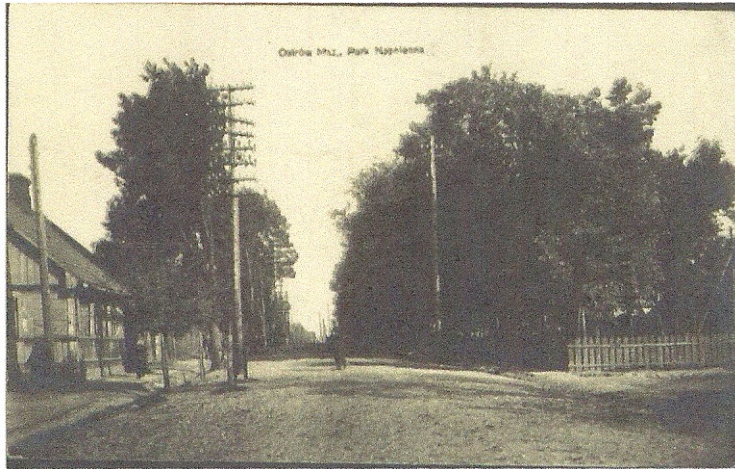
Throughout history, succeeding generations have maintained Judaism as a major religion by establishing new communities, first in Northern Africa, then throughout Europe and finally throughout the World. Many families can claim a "home" town as their ancestors' last residence before moving to America. I belong to the group that looks to Ostrow Maz as their last European hometown.

Ostrow Maz, about 50 miles NE of Warsaw, Poland, very close to the Bug River, was established by a group of Jews during the 8th Century. By 1765, 20 Jewish families lived in the town; by 1808, 382 Jews represented 34% of the population. By 1827, the population grew to 809 Jews, 39% of the town's population. By 1851, 2412 Jews or 61% of the population were Jewish residents. By 1897, when the exodus to America began, 5917 Jews were registered in the town. The Jewish population continued to increase, although many Jewish families moved to the Americas. In 1939, the population of the Jewish Community was over 7000. The German Army invaded on September 1, 1939, and by November there were only 560 Jews left when the Germans drove them to the forest outside of the town and murdered them all.

During the "good years" of the 1800s, the Jews of Ostrow Maz established themselves as craftsmen, retailers, haulers, tailors, traders in wood and grain and workers in flour and saw mills. A Yeshiva was started in 1850. On a personal note my great-grandfather, Laeb SADEK, was a trader in wood and grain products. ☆

* Editor's note: go to < <http://www.jewishgen.org/> >, click on "Research," then on "Hosted Organizations" where you will find the link to "Jewish Records Indexing – Poland (JRI-PL)".

Ostrow-Mazowiecka before the war
(see article by Gene Sadick on page # 9)



Overview of the city (townhall in the center)

High school



“We are related to Adolf Czukor”

By Margarita Lackó

This is what my second cousin Gábor told me, in 1997, when I mentioned to him that I was drawing a family tree for my nephews and nieces. He added that my grandfather was born as Herman BLAU, and not Ernő BÁNÓ, as I had always known him. Gábor also gave me the names of our great-grandparents and some other information.

I did not doubt that Adolph ZUKOR (American spelling), the founder of Paramount Pictures, could be related to us. Most of my family was, and is, in the photography business and we have many relatives who are skillful artists.

My initial 3-generation outline tree was growing too fast, so I bought a software program to put all the new information in order. Gábor did not know how we were related to the famous CZUKOR (Hungarian spelling).

On the reverse of an identification photo it says that my grandfather, Ernő BÁNÓ, was born in 1888 in Miskolc, Hungary. I found his birth record when I was looking at the microfilms from the Family History Library. His godfather was Adolf CZUKOR, an agronomist living in Beregszasz, Hungary (now Berehovo, Ukraine). Bingo! But this still did not tell me how we were related.

There is not much information about Adolf ZUKOR's life before he left Hungary. The book, *Wine and Thorns in Tokay Valley. Jewish Life in Hungary: The History of Abaújszántó*, by Zahava Szasz Stessel, includes numerous details about the BLAU family. This is where my great-grandparents are from. It says that Adolf ZUKOR, born in 1873 in Ricse and founder of Paramount Pictures Studio, was an apprentice in Hermann BLAU's general store in Abaújszántó. This is my great-great-grandfather!

After calculating ages, I do not think that a 15 year old kid could be an agronomist. So I had to come to the conclusion that we are related to Adolf CZUKOR, just not the famous one. ☆



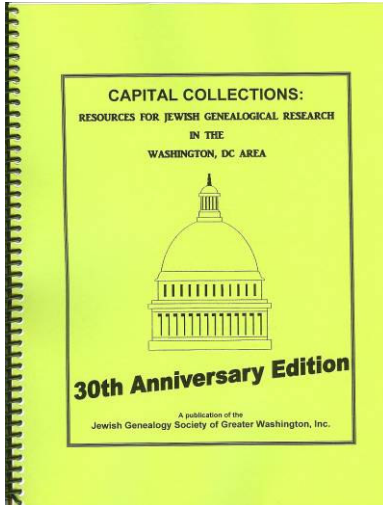
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Capital Collections: Resources for Jewish Genealogical Research in the Washington, DC Area, published by The Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington. This fifth edition is indispensable for people visiting the nation's capital. Resources, phone numbers, websites and security information has been updated. Newly identified sites have been added. There is also a section on public transportation, including a map of the DC Metro system.

The book is bound and lies flat for ease of use. It is certainly a **MUST** for genealogy libraries.

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<http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/lhgcoll.html>

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News 'N Notes (St. Louis Genealogical Society, August 2010).

A Journey for Life and a Journey for Death describes the fate of the family MEINHARDT during Nazi time in Germany. Parts of the family escaped on time finding shelter in far away countries (Chile, Australia, etc.), where they could begin a new life. (Received via e-mail from Yehuda Meinhardt) http://www1.yadvashem.org/odot_pdf/Microsoft%20Word%20-%208385.pdf

The **Allen County Public Library** (ACPL), known as one of the premiere genealogy libraries in the United States, has launched a new genealogy website, which includes several free databases and portals. <http://www.genealogycenter.org>

The European Union launches the first continental project for Holocaust studies. The **European Holocaust Research Infrastructure** (EHRI) will give on-line access to dispersed sources relating to the Holocaust all over Europe and Israel. <http://www.ehri-project.eu/>

If you need to **hire a professional researcher** familiar with Jewish genealogical resources in Eastern-Europe, consult the list posted at JewishGen <http://www.jewishgen.org/infofiles/researchers.htm> . While it is not an official JewishGen list of recommendation, Genners might wish to consult it to see what various SIG members had to say about their experiences with these researchers.

The beta site of **FamilySearch** has now been replaced by <https://www.familysearch.org/> .

Twenty Ways to Avoid Genealogical Grief <http://tinyurl.com/27eo9zl>

A handy guide on how to **type in Hungarian characters**, or any other foreign language, using Windows, can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/26qegn8>.

Nu? What's New is no longer a free electronic newsletter. Editor Gary Mokotoff announced that it takes him more and more of his time - about five hours per issue - and, because there is enough information to produce a weekly e-zine, beginning in 2011, he will charge \$12.00 per year. For more information, see < <http://www.avotaynu.com/nuwhatsnew.htm> >



Editor's note: If you have a favorite website or heard of a new web resource, please send it to me at < mishpologia@uzidog.com > .

Society News



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Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Marlene Bishow** and her family, whose father **Sidney "Mel" Katz**, passed away December 24, 2010. Marlene is JGSGW President and DC2011 Conference Co-Chair for Programs.

We wish Marlene all the strength needed in this difficult time.

The President's Perspective

Dear JGSGW Genners:

Our society has made significant contributions to the genealogical community as a whole and to the Greater Washington Jewish Community in particular. In its early years, the society documented the earliest Jewish cemeteries in Washington, DC. Next, our eager researchers took on the task of indexing RG 59 and RG 85 at Archives II. A subsequent project involved data entry from funeral home records to create a database of local Jewish funerals with more than 8,800 entries. The latest project to put a feather in our research cap is the significant updates to the Ken Poch Arlington National Cemetery Project. The entries to this index of Jewish soldiers, statesmen (and stateswomen), and patriots has now exceeded 5,300 entries and at least 4,800 photos of the grave markers.

We have a lot to be proud of in our research track record. It is very important to note that these projects involved the dedicated work of a significant number of our members. This is surely something to be proud of and I applaud all of our volunteers.

I put before you the question of what our next research project should be. Let us hear from you if you have an idea for a research project.

I am also soliciting from you volunteers to participate in the Nomination Committee. This group will prepare a slate of officers for our elections for the society's Board of Directors for 2011-12. Elections will take place in May. Interested parties should write to me at < JGSGW_DC@comcast.net >.

Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year,

Marlene Bishou

President

Mishpacha needs your stories!

I would like to hear what YOU are interested in.....

- * 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 >.



JGSGW Library News

Update by Vera Finberg, Librarian

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Newly Added books:

1910 - 2010. A history...One Hundred Years Ago, the Hebrew Home opened its doors, its arms and its heart by Hebrew Home of Greater Washington 2010. F205 .J5 H3 2010

A Select History of the Feinmark Family by Harriet Feinmark Armoza. 2009. Silver Spring, MD. CS71 .F35 A53

Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy by Sallyann Amdur Sack and Gary Mokotoff. Bergenfield, NJ, Avotaynu, 2004. CS21 .G85 2003

Bondy Family of Dolni Mesto and Lipnice Bohemia by Vera Finberg. Fairfax, VA, 2003. CS71 .B66 F55

Capital Collections; resources for Jewish Genealogical Research in the Washington, DC Area; 30th Anniversary edition; edited by Marlene Bishow. JGSGW, 2010. Z6374 .B5 B49 2010

Documents of Our Ancestors; a Selection of Reproducible Forms and Tips for Using Them by Michael J. Meshenberg. Teaneck, NJ, Avotaynu, 1996. CS24 .M47 1996

Eliyahu's Branches: the Descendants of the Vilna Gaon.... and His Family by Chaim Freedman. Teaneck, N.J. Avotaynu, 1997. BM755 .E6 F74 1997

Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy by Gary Mokotoff. Bergenfield, NJ, Avotaynu, 2010. CS21 .M65 2010

Google Your Family Tree: Unlock the Hidden Power of Google by Daniel M. Lynch. Provo, UT, Family Link, Inc. 2008. CS21.5 .L96 2008

Jewish Vienna and Austria; Jewish heritage and Mission. Vienna Tourist Board, 200? DS135 A92 V5

Jewish West Virginia by Julian H. Preisler. Arcadia Publishing, 2010. F250 .J5 P74 2010

One foot in America; the Jewish Emigrants of the Red Star Line and Eugeen Van Mieghem. Wollemgem, Belgium, BAI Publishers, 2009. DS135 .E83 O54 2009

Richmond's Jewry, 1769-1976: Shabbat in Shockoe by Myron Berman. Charlottesville, VA, Univ. Press. of Virginia, 1979. F234.R59 J53

The Assembly: A Century in the Life of the Adas Israel Hebrew Congregation of Washington, D.C. by Stanley Rabinowitz. Hoboken, N.J., 1993. BM225.W372 A337 1993

The Lurie Legacy; The House of Davidic Royal Descent by Neil Rosenstein. Bergenfield, NJ, Avotaynu, Inc. 2004. CS409 .L87 2003

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The New Name Dictionary, modern English and Hebrew names by Alfred J. Kolatch. Middle Village, NY, Jonathan David Publishers, 1989. CS3010 .K5 1989

Thieben Family, Rousinov Bohemia and beyond by Vera Finberg. Fairfax, VA, 2008. CS71 .T48 F55

Newly Added CDs/DVDs:

Barry Nove: "What It Was Like to Arrive in America Through Ellis Island" JGSGW Program, April 18, 2010. CD 32

Boris Feldblyum: "Archival Research; Strategies and Challenges for Success" JSGW Program, Oct. 17, 2010. CD #38

Gary Frohlich: "Whatever you wanted to know about Ashkenazi Jewish diseases" JGSGW Program, March 7, 2010. CD 31

LA2010 conference, complete set of recordings, CDs and DVDs. 10LA

Sallyann Sack: "Following False Trails" JGSGW Program, May 16, 2010. CD 33

Newly Added maps:

Augustow, Suwalki Gubernia [Pow. Augustowski, Gub. Suwalskiej] Powiat, 1907. MAP#35

Kalwarya, Suwalki Gubernia. [Pow. Kalwaryjski, Gub. Suwalskiej]. Powiat, 1907. MAP#34

Lodz Province, Poland [Wojewodztwo Lodzkie. Zabytki [monuments] 200?, Lodz, Poland. MAP #32

Sejny, Suwalki Gubernia (Pow. Sejnenski, Gub. Suwalskiej), 1907. MAP#33

JGSGW Library opening hours

First Sunday of the month: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

After JGSGW general meetings at B'nai Israel: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

for assistance, please contact Vera Finberg - 703-978-6990, < vera.finberg@verizon.net >

The Genealogy Library is not open on Jewish or Federal Holidays

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

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.

January

Date: Sunday, January 23, 2011

Program: **Cultural Continuity and its Challenges**

Location: Congregation Beth El, 8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD

1:00 PM - Schmooze

Time: 1:30 PM - Business Meeting and Announcements

2:00 PM - Program

Speaker: **Dr. Miriam Isaacs**

Dr. Isaacs will first speak in general terms about how cultures can be transmitted and what factors lead to cultural disruption. She will then draw on the traditional notion of the Golden Chain, *di goldene keit* (in Yiddish), a chain that links generations. She will give concrete examples of stories, beliefs and ideas that have been kept across generations and how they are adapted and readapted to different locations and situation. Examples will be drawn from folklore, literature and contemporary culture, and how traditional themes have entered the area of Holocaust studies. "Ghosts and Golems" will certainly come into the mix.

February

Date: Sunday, February 13, 2011

Program: **Annual "Brick Wall" Session**

Location: Adas Israel, 2850 Quebec Street NW, Washington, DC

1:00 PM - Schmooze

Time: 1:30 PM - Business Meeting and Announcements

2:00 PM - Program

Speaker: Boris Feldblyum

Have you hit a point where you just do not know where to go or what to do? Bring your questions and your problems to our meeting and our mavens will help you to get past them.

March

Date: Sunday, March 13, 2011

Program: **Orientation to Research Resources at the MLK Library**

Location: TBD

1:00 PM - Schmooze

Time: 1:30 PM - Business Meeting and Announcements

2:00 PM - Program

Speaker: Jason R. Moore, Collections Librarian, Washingtoniana Division

Mr. Moore will talk about the different resources that are held within the Washingtoniana Division at the Martin Luther King Library.

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UPCOMING JGSGW PROGRAMS (continued)

April

Date: Sunday, April 17, 2011

Workshop: **FREE* Beginner's Workshop** - **Advance Registration is required.**

Location: Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Jewish family history does not have to be a mystery. We and our ancestors all leave a paper trail that can unravel the story of our families for many generations, across the ocean and into the smallest of shtetls.

- ⇒ A great start for the novice...
- ⇒ Even if you have been a member of JGSGW for a while, a great way to get back to the basics...

This will be a 1-1/2 hour session jam-packed with resources, helpful hints and motivation.

* Non-members may join JGSGW and participate if there is space available.

Program: **ReSisters: Poems and Portraits of Women's World War II Resistance**

Location: Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

1:00 PM - Schmooze

Time: 1:30 PM - Business Meeting and Announcements

2:00 PM - Program

Speaker: **Davi Walders**

ReSisters: Poems and Portraits of Women's World War II Resistance (Clemson University Digital Press, to be published in April, 2011) tells the stories of women who resisted throughout Europe - Christian and Jewish, those who survived the war and those who did not, women whose stories are known and unknown. Although a few of the women have received recognition, the range and depth of women's resistance has been largely overlooked or forgotten. These women's stories take place in such countries as Germany, Poland, France, Yugoslavia, Denmark, Slovakia, Albania, Greece, and elsewhere.

The collection includes stories of such women as Dr. Rita Levi Montalcini, a Nobel Prize in Medicine recipient; Dr. Roza Papo, doctor and first female general in Tito's army; Emilie Schindler, Oskar Schindler's wife whose efforts were critical in saving hundreds of people, but who was left out of the movie, *Schindler's List*; and Magda Trocme, of Chambon sur-Lignon, the French village which hid thousands of Jews and other refugees.

There will be a book signing at the conclusion of the program.

For up-to-date information, please visit our website < <http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsgw> >



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