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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE GENEALOGICAL CALENDAR

Tues., 14 March. 1995	REGULAR MEETING, 7:30 p.m., "POLAND--Contemporary Socio and Political Views Affecting the Jewish People," Jacek Wasilewski, visiting professor at Univ. of Central Florida, plus a brief history of Poland. Members and non-members are welcome to this special meeting. Bring a guest. Refreshments. Meeting will be held in the SENIOR LOUNGE of the Jewish Community Center, 851 N. Maitland Ave., Maitland.
Thurs., 16 March 1995	"RAGS", a musical production produced by the JCC Players in cooperation with the JGSGO, 7:30 p.m. at the JCC.
Sat., 18 March 1995	"RAGS", 8 p.m. (see above)
Sun., 19 March 1995	"RAGS", 4 p.m. (see above)
Thurs., 23 March 1995	"RAGS", 7:30 p.m. (see above)
Sat., 25 March 1995	"RAGS", 8 p.m. (see above)
Sun., 26 March 1995	"RAGS", 2 p.m.(see above)
Tues., 28 March. 1995	SPECIAL FIELD TRIP, Family History Center (LDS), Lake Emma Road, Lake Mary, FL, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. This important local library, containing world-wide record data, is providing an exclusive evening for JGSGO members only. Reservations are requested. Phone Abby Grissinger, 788-0933, or sign up at the regular meeting.
Tues., 11 April 1995	REGULAR MEETING, 7:30 p.m., "The Jewish Family Finder and the Jewish People Finder as Sources for Genealogical Research," In addition, new microfiche from the JGS Library will be displayed. Members and guests are welcome. Refreshments. Meeting will be held in the SENIOR LOUNGE of the Jewish Community Center, 851 N. Maitland Ave., Maitland.

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JGSGO meetings are held monthly, usually on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Lounge of the JCC, 851 N. Maitland Ave., Maitland,

From the President . . .

March is here and that means the musical "RAGS" being produced by the lively arts department of the JCC on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, March 16-26. All the advertising for the show states that it is being produced with the cooperation of the JGS. To that end, a series of articles about our immigrant ancestors is appearing in "Heritage" and pictures of those ancestors will be hung outside the 'theater'. Much thanks to MOE ARONSON for working with the JCC on our behalf and getting us all this marvelous publicity. If you haven't bought your tickets yet, do so immediately. The Center Players put on really good shows.

Our fourth annual Beginner's Seminar was held on January 22 and, as usual, was a smashing success. At our Board Meeting in January, it was decided to explore expanding this workshop in 1996 to include an advanced program. Committee members are now being solicited to expand on this idea and formulate a proposal to the Board at their next meeting. (Board meetings are held at least twice a year, or more frequently as needed. The next meeting will probably be held in June.)

Plans are underway for our very first dinner meeting in May. The cost will be reasonable and a special program is being planned. Put in on your calendar now--May 9.

The library is receiving new books on a regular basis. In order to familiarize our members with our holdings, Sheila Reback and the program committee are planning several programs which will explore the special resources available. The library is open the same hours as the Holocaust Center (where it is located in a corner of their library): Monday-Thursday, 9:00-4:00; Friday 9:00-1:00; first and third Sunday of the month, 12:00-4:00. We have been waiting for this for four years--now patronize our facility. And while there, take a look at the resources the Holocaust library affords for researching the Holocaust period. In addition to the references on the shelves, they have video testimonies and information on victims--some of which is kept in their vault--so ask! And one more thing: Please, please sign out books that you take in the notebook by our computer.

The annual Summer Seminar in Jewish Genealogy will be held at the Washington Hotel, Washington, D.C., June 25-29. There will be Hands-on orientation sessions at the National Archives, Library of Congress and the U.S. Holocaust Museum. There will be special presentations on documents in the former Soviet Archives, cemeteries, Jews in the Caribbean and much more. Based on personal experience the Summer Seminar is not to be missed. REGISTER NOW. (If you need a Registration Form, please contact me.)

Come to the next meeting--bring a guest--join a committee--all are welcome!

Happy Purim and don't eat too much at the Seder in April.

GLADYS
President

JGSGO cosponsors 'Rags'; dinner meeting set for May

Marshall Frenkel to star in JCC musical

Called the most popular production ever put on by the JCC Players, "Rags" will co-star a member of our JGS, Marshall Frenkel. The production is cosponsored by our JGS because it deals with the immigrants who came to America through Ellis Island. It begins its run on March 16.

Harriett Weiss, performing arts director for the JCC, says the six-performance musical is virtually a sellout and may include an encore performance if cast members are agreeable and facilities at the JCC auditorium are available.

"Rags" takes place in 1910, the height of the great wave of immigration flooding into America from Eastern Europe. It is a lovely and moving story of immigrants, their struggle for survival in the new land, their hopes and joys.

Moe Aronson, a JGSGO charter member, has acted as coordinator with the JCC Players group. Members of our Society have provided him with pictures and stories of their ancestors. In turn he worked with Monique Barnes who supplemented the material with interviews to provide material for a series of articles in *HERITAGE* for several weeks.

Additional photographs with their identifying stories will be mounted in the corridor outside the auditorium just prior to the performances to provide ticketholders a more personal view of what collecting family history is all about. In addition, a "push-cart" will be parked outside the auditorium entrance with literature about our Society.

In the off-chance that there may be a cancellation or two, those who haven't yet bought tickets should contact the Center.

Kurzweil to speak at Summer Seminar; 400 expected for Washington sessions

Arthur Kurzweil, author of *From Generation to Generation*, will be the guest banquet speaker at the 14th Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy, to be held in Washington, D.C., June 25-29. Kurzweil, a trailblazer for Jewish genealogy, has inspired many of us to pursue the wonderful rewards of Jewish genealogy.

The nation's capital is the consummate resource area for Jewish genealogists working on all levels. The preliminary seminar schedule calls for on-site lectures at the three major repositories and hands-on workshops and lectures at conference headquarters at the Hotel Washington, 15th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.

A number of our local JGS members have already indicated they will be attending, including President Gladys Paulin, Harry Katzman and Gene and Elaine Starn.

For more information, contact Gladys Paulin (671-7485) or contact Roberta Salot, JGSGW, (phone: 301-762-8199, fax: 301-251-6691, 9024 Falls Chapel Way, Potomac, MD 20854, or Rita Krakower Margolis, Conference Coordinator, 11112 Arroyo Drive, Rockville, MD 20852.

First social event ever is catered dinner

Our JGS breaks new ground at our May 9th meeting as we hold our very first social event -- a catered buffet dinner.

The meeting will be held in the Senior Lounge of the JCC as usual, and it will get underway earlier than usual -- at 7:00 p.m. Spouses and other family members are encouraged to attend. Amira's is catering the event and we've been told the main course is lasagna. Cost has not yet been set, but it is believed to be well under $10 per person.

And there's a program, too. Shirley Michaels, a charter member of the Society, will make a presentation about publishing family newsletters, which she has been doing for some time.

Audrey Pearlman is chairing the social event. Reservations are a must, so let her know no later than Friday, May 5, if you plan to attend and how many will be in your party.

Come join us for a Gala Evening!

JGS Library receives family journal

Members who attended the 4th National Seminar in Jewish Genealogy in 1984 may remember Anna Olswanger's workshop on publishing a family history magazine. She has just published the third *Olschwanger Journal* and donated a copy to our JGS library.

Interested individuals can purchase their own copy by sending a check for $40 (which includes postage and handling) to Anna Olswanger, 7117 Harps Mill Road, Raleigh, NC 27615-5323.

As the author, Anna Olswanger writes, "The history of the Jewish people is the history of our ancestors."

The journal contains an insert of eight generations of Olswangers to the present time. Printed on 'slick' paper, the journal is an example of what can be done with genealogical histories.

American Legion offers location service

Arlene Parnes sends us a clipping from Ann Landers' column that says the American Legion now offers a service to help locate veterans.

For information, contact: Finders/Seekers at (800) 449-VETS, or write to VETS, P.O. Box 411007, St. Louis, MO 63141. VETS charges $15 to do a search, but the money will be refunded if there is no information available.

BRING A GUEST TO THE NEXT MEETING!

An obsession with DATES .. dates .. dates ..

by Gladys P. Paulin

All genealogists seem to be obsessed with dates--when was he born, when were they married, what's her date of death. Then, when was the B'rit Milah, or the Bar Mitzvah; when did he graduate, get her doctorate, pass the bar. When did they arrive in the U.S., Canada, Israel? Is the precise date so important? Or is it that those dates mean something more--establish our identity, confirm our personal history and enable us to place our ancestors and family history in the context of a much larger world.

Our ancestors from Europe were not so particular about dates unless they pertained to religious observances. Civil registration records were used to discriminate against the Jews in such things as head taxes and forced conscription of young boys. Misleading the authorities was a highly developed art form. Therefore young men were represented as boys and fathers as old men in various censuses. Sometimes births were not registered until years after the fact and then not always recorded accurately. Not only were months and days wrong, but even years. Most Jews did not celebrate birthdays and therefore the exact date was not important to them.

My paternal Grandmother always maintained that she was born on Lag B'Omer and that my Dad was born on her 17th birthday. So, based on how old she said she was, Dad found out when Lag B'Omer was in 1902 and "discovered" his birthday when he entered the Marine Corps. My maternal Grandmother said she was born on the eighth candle of Hanukah, but an early census said she was born in the month of May!

Many of us rely on Naturalization papers to verify dates of birth, marriage and immigration. Somehow we very good citizens of the United States in the 1990's do not realize that in the days before computers, alien registration, passports, etc. there was no easy way to verify information. Greenhorns (new immigrants) were anything but green in terms of making up identities. New names, ages, marital status were whatever they said they were. The more I learn, the more amazed I am at what proves to actually be accurate. However, there are ways of being creative when you want to find a document for which you need a date. Start with the naturalization papers. So Grandpa said he arrived at the port of New York on March 15, 1893 (before certificates of entry and no index). You have searched every passenger manifest for March 15 and several days before and after. Nothing. Maybe Purim was March 15 the year he filed for naturalization? When was Purim in 1893? It could have been in February. Was he still using the Julian calendar and March 15 was really March 3! And maybe he arrived just before, or just after Purim. The rule of thumb is to go back and forward for a month around each possibility. Then, unless he entered illegally and made it all up, you may just find him.

CALENDARS

The following is a brief discussion of calendars and how certain changes may affect the records you are seeking.

The three calendars that most concern the Jewish genealogist whose ancestors came from Europe are the Jewish, Julian, Gregorian. If your ancestors came from the Middle East or North Africa, you may also need to familiarize yourself with the Muslim calendar and a few people may also need to know the Chinese, Hindu or other oriental calendar if used for local civil records. If you have a computer, there are a number of software programs which convert dates from one calendar to another. These are available for downloading from local bulletin boards and commercial services. Conversion tables are also available from churches, synagogues and funeral parlors.

The Jewish calendar is a lunar calendar consisting of twelve months of 29-30 days. Leap years occur periodically (not always at the same number of year intervals) to bring the calendar in sync with the sun. Such leap years include an entire month (Adar II) which is why Erev Rosh Hashonah was September 5, 1994 and will be September 24, 1995. The most important date, genealogically speaking, is the Yahrzeit, or death date. Even when a tombstone has only the year in Latin or English numbers, the exact date of death in the Jewish calendar may be inscribed in Hebrew. (See *Etz Chaim*, Summer 1994 on how to read these dates.)

The Julian calendar, named for Julius Caesar who promulgated its use, was the official calendar for the first 15 centuries of the Common Era, with each new year beginning on March 25. It was a solar calendar which was not properly calibrated so that by the 16th century it had an accumulated error of 10 days. In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII ordered that a new calendar be instituted so that Thursday, October 4, was followed by Friday, October 15, and each new year would begin on January 1. Although adopted by the Catholic Church, England and her colonies, being Protestant, did not accept the Gregorian calendar until 1752 when the day following September 2 became September 15, 1752 and new years began on January 1. (This effectively changed George Washington's birthday from February 11, 1731 to February 22, 1732.) A word of caution--the Dutch in New Amsterdam never used the Julian calendar.

Note that by the time the British changed, there was an 11 day difference which grew to a 13 day difference by the 1900's when the then Soviet Union adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1917. Also note that in some records there is double/dating of the year from January 1 through March 24 to account for the change in the beginning of the year: i.e. 1731/32 for George Washington.

In researching old records, be aware that the calendar change was adopted by different countries at different times. Some of those dates are below:

1582	Portugal, Spain, parts of France and Italy
1583	Catholic German states
1600-1740	Denmark, Sweden, Protestant German States
1752	Britain and colonies
1917	Soviet Union

Searching the South

TEXAS

by RACHEL B. HEIMOVICS
Sixth in a Series

In this *Searching the South* column, we will look at some Jewish genealogical resources in Texas. The idea behind the *Searching the South* column began with a compilation of Southern Jewish genealogical resources that I prepared for a program presented to the JGSGO in November 1992. One disclaimer: The list below has been gathered and researched over several years. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers may not reflect recent changes.

This is one of those never-ending projects. I invite readers and those who have already contributed to share with me their additional and updated information. If you have expertise about a particular community anywhere in the South and would like to be a genealogical contact for that area, please request my questionnaire.

Arkansas will be the subject of the next column. Do you have special genealgocial contacts or success stories for Arkansas? Send the information to me as soon as possible, c/o ETZ CHAIM, P.O. Box 520583, Longwood, FL 32752.

Did you miss the last issues? Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, South Carolina and Virginia-Maryland-Washington, D.C. have been featured in past columns. Copies of past issues are available by contacting ETZ CHAIM at a cost of $5.00 apiece.

To all those people who have already helped me -- whose names and information will appear in this and future columns -- I send warmest thanks. Please keep in touch.

HOW TO READ THIS COLUMN

Any name that is preceded by an asterisk (*) is a person who agreed to receive genealogy queries from the public. The source for information supplied through the questonnaire is identified by initials in brackets [ ]. The key to the bracketed initials can be found at the end of the column. Information that has no identified source comes from a variety of directories and listings, some of which may be out of date.

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General genealogy research in Texas, see Winfrey, G. *Stripes* 9 (1969) [ESC]

AUSTIN

Texas Jewish Historical Society
TeJHas
P.O. Box 10193
Austin, TX 78766-0133

Alternative;
3720 Autumn Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76109
Contact: Fay R. Brachman, President

DALLAS - FORT WORTH area

* James R. Alexander [JRA]
6919 Joyce Way
Dallas, TX 75225
214/361-0691 (home); 214/373-4494 (office)

Dallas Jewish Historical Society
7900 Northaven Road
Dallas, TX 75230
214/739-2737
DJHS houses archives of local Jewish community.
One of the best sources for local Jewish history and demographics [JRA]
Contact: Rose Biderman, professional archivist [JRA]
Milton Tobian, President [JRA]
This active Jewish historical society has a genealogy section which may be addressed directly (see below).

Genealogy Section
Dallas Jewish Historical Society
Contact: Nancy Lubar, chair, Genealogy Section
7602 Riverbrook
Dallas, TX 75230 [JRA]

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Temple Emanu-El (R/founded 1872)
8500 Hillcrest Road
Dallas, TX 75225
214/368-3613
Gerry Cristol, Archivist [JRA]

Shearith Israel Congregation (C/founded 1886)
9401 Douglas
Dallas, TX 75225
214/361-6606
Contact: Larry Cohen [jra]

Best general genealogy resources in Dallas. [jra]
(1) Dallas Public Librarys, Genealogy Section
1515 Young Street
Dallas, TX 75201
214/670-1400
Contact: Lloyd Bockstruck

(2) Dallas Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 12648
Dallas, TX 75225-0648
Contact: Kelvin Meyers 214/670-1443

Jewish Community Center
7900 Northaven Road
Dallas, TX 75230
Publishes an annual guidebook of Jewish organizations and community activities. [JRA]

JRA reports that the following area congregations may have archives:

Congregation Ahavath Sholom (founded 1890)
4050 South Hulen,
Fort Worth, TX 76109

Beth-El Congregation (founded 1900)
Galveston and West Broadway
Fort Worth, TX 76104

Congregation Beth Shalom (founded 1975)
1211 Thannisch Drive,
Arlington, TX 76011

Temple Shalom (R) (founded 1960)
6930 Alpha Road
Dallas, TX 75240

Tiferet Israel (Traditional) (founded 1890)
10909 Hillcrest
Dallas, TX 75230

Congregation Beth Torah (C)
7120 Lookout,
Richardson, TX 75080

Congregation Beth Emunah,
216 S. Jefferson,
Irving, TX 75061

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Gary Tobin authored a demographic study of the Dallas Jewish community, ca 1990. Full copies are available from the Dallas Jewish Historical Society and the Dallas Jewish Federation; summaries may be available from the Federation. [JRA]

GALVESTON

Galveston County Jewish Historical Association
2613 Oak Street
Galveston, TX 77551
Contact: Abe Reichstein, Executive Secretary

HOUSTON

Jewish Genealogy Society of Houston
P.O. Box 131093
Houston, TX 77219
Contact: Susan King

SAN ANTONIO

* Frances R. Kallison (Mrs. Perry) [FRK]
306 Stanford Drive
San Antonio, TX 78212
210/ or 512/ 822-0751
Best place to start is with Frances Kallison. "I think I would know which one of these to contact in an inquiry. . . .

Sources of archives for local Jewish community [FRK]

(1) Temple Beth-El
Belknap and Ashby Place
San Antonio, TX 78212
210/ or 512/ 733-9135
Contact: Mr. Lieberman, executive secretary

(2) Agudas Achia Synagogue
1201 Donaldson
San Antonio, TX 78228
210/ or 512/ 736-4216

(3) Congregation Rodfei Shalom
115 E. Laurel Street
San Antonio, TX 78212
210/ or 512/ 493-3557

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Jewish Federation of San Antonio
8434 Ahern
San Antonio, TX 78216
210/ or 512/ 341-8230
Source of archives for local Jewish community as well as source for history and demographics of local Jewish community. [FRK]

San Antonio Public Library
Best general genealogy resource in community [FRK]

Helen Jacobson (Mrs. David)
207 Beachwood,
San Antonio, TX 78216
210/ or 512/ 822-1062
She has "lived in San Antonio the longest and (her) family has been there for about 100 years." (Her husband is Rabbi David Jacobson. FRK says he is extremely ill.)

Jesse Oppenheimer
312 Hermosa Drive, East
San Antonio, TX
210 or 512/ 826-5809

Betty Cohen (Mrs M.D.)
322 Royal Oaks
San Antonio , TX 78209
210/ or 512/ 824-8294

Cross-Reference/Abbreviations Key to Sources:

ESC = Wilson, Charlest Reagan and William Ferris *Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, 1989.
FRK = Frances R. Kallison (see, Texas, San Antonio
JRA = James R. Alexander (see, Texas: Dalls/Ft. Worth)

A CORRECTION

We apologize to Charlyne A. Epstein of Chattanoogas -- and to anyone who may have tried to contact her -- for incorrectly listing her telephone number in our recent Tennessee column. Her correct telephone number is 615/ 624-3826.

NEXT MONTH : *ARKANSAS*

A Warm Welcome to our ...

New Members

KAREN FIELDING
Jacksonville, Florida

BARRY GREENSTEIN
Longwood, Florida

CAROL LEFKOV
Altamonte Springs, Florida

Houston becomes newest JGS

Our newest society is the Jewish Genealogical Society of Houston, reports Gary Mokotoff, president of the Association of JGSes.

Contact for the Houston group is Myra T. Ephrosa,
11727 Riverview Drive,
Houston, TX 77077

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Book	Guide		From You to Your Ancestors, 3rd Ed.	
Book	Atlas		Hammond Historical Atlas of the World	
Book	Guide		Immigrant & Passenger Arrivals	1983
Book	Guide		Jewish Genealogical Family Finder	1993
Book	Guide		Jewish Gravesites in Ontario	None
Book	Guide		Lest We Forget Guide to Genealogical Research in Nation's Capital	
Book	Guide		Morton Allan Directory of European Passenger Steamship Arrivals	1931
Book	Guide	Abba, Dov Ben	The Signet Hebrew/English English/Hebrew Dictionary	
Book	Names	Beider, Alexander	A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire	
Book	Guide	Cohen, Chester G.	Shtetl Finder	
Book	Guide	Colletta, John P.	They Came In Ships, 2nd ed.	1993
Book	History	Cowan, Neil M. & Ruth Schwartz	Our Parents' Lives	1989
Book	Guide	Doane, Gilbert H.	Searching for Your Ancestors, 4th Rev. Edition	
Book	History	Dobroszycki, Lucjan & Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, Barbara	Image Before My Eyes	
Book	Guide	Eakle, Arlene & Cerny, John, ed.	The Source, A Guidebook of American Genealogy	
Book	Guide	Editors of Consumer Guide	Tracing Your Roots	
Book	Guide	Gorr, Shmuel	Jewish Personal Names: Their Origin,Derivation & Diminutive Forms	1992"
Book	Guide	Greenwood, Val D.	The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy	
Book	Guide	Gruber, Ruth Ellen	Jewish Heritage Travel	1992
Book	Guide	Guggenheimer, Heinrich & Eva	Jewish Family Names & Their Origins	1992
Book	NY	Guzik, Estelle M., ed.	Genealogical Resources in the New York Metropolitan Area	1989
Book	Guide	Heimovics, Rachel Baron	The Chicago Jewish Source Book	1981
Book	FL	Herbsman, Yael	Index to Florida Jewish History in the *American Israelite, 1854-1992*	
Book	History	Hubman, Franz	The Jewish Family Album: The Life of People in Photographs	
Book	Guide	JGS of Greater Washington	Jewish Genealogy Beginner's Guide 1991	
Book	Encyclopedia	Kurzweil, Arthur & Weiner,Miriam	The Encyclopedia of Jewish Genealogy, Vol. 1	1991
Book	Poland	Lewinski, Dr. Y. T.	Lomza Yizkor Book Index	1952
Book	Guide	Mokotoff, Gary & Sack, Sallyann	Where Once We Walked	
Book	Guide	National Archives Trust Fund Board	Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives	
Book	History	Patai, Raphael	The Vanished Worlds of Jewry	
Book	Poland	Pogonowski, Iwo Cyprian	Jews in Poland	1993
Book	Fam. History.	Reback, Sheila Friedman	Raichman Family Story	1993
Book	History	Sarna, Jonathan D. & Klein, Nancy H.	The Jews of Cincinnati	1989
Book	Guide	Scharfstein, Zevi, Compiled by	Shiloh Dictionary Hebrew-English	
Book	History	Schreier, Barbara A.	Becoming American Women	1994
Book	Guide	Schreiner-Yantis, Netti, compiler	Genealogical & Local History Books in Print	1981
Book	Russia	Shea, Jonathan D.	Russian Language Document from Russian Poland	1989
Book	International	Shea, Jonathan D. & Hoffman, William	Following the Paper Trail: A Multilingual Translation Guide	1994
Book	International	Shepherd, William R.	Shepherd's Historical Atlas, 9th Ed.	1973
Book	Fam. History	Stern, Malcolm H.	First American Jewish Families	1978
Book	Guide	Strassfeld, Sharon & Michael, ed.	The Second Jewish Catalog	
Book	Guide	Tepper, Michael	American Passenger Arrival Records	1993
Book	Guide	various	Auf den Spuren der Juden in Mayen und Umgebung	1987
Book	Guide	Weinreich, Uriel & Beatrice, ed.	Say It in Yiddish	
Book	Guide	Wright, Norman E.	Building an American Pedigree	
Map/Atlas	Germany	RV Verlag	Auto Atlas Deutschland	1994/95
Map/Atlas	Poland	RV Verlag	Euro-Reiseatlas Polen	1993/94
Microfiche	Guide		AGLL Catalog Census Records	Feb '94
Microfiche	Holocaust		Black Book of Localities Whose Jewish Population Was Exterminated	1989
Microfiche	International		Galician Towns and Administrative Districts	
Microfiche	International		Gazetteer of Central and Eastern Europe	

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TYPE	SUBJECT	AUTHOR	TITLE	YEARS
Microfiche	Guide		Index to Burials in Two Jewish Cemeteries in Washington, D.C."	
Microfiche	Guide		Index to Dept. of State Records Found in U.S. Nat'l Archives	
Microfiche	Holocaust		Index to Memorial to the Jews Deported from France	1989
Microfiche	Israel		Index to Name Changes in the Palestine Gazette	1990
Microfiche	Russia		Index to Russian Consular Records	1988
Microfiche	International		Index to the 1784 Census of the Jews of Alsace	1993
Microfiche	Guide		Jewish Genealogical Consolidated Surname Index	1992
Microfiche	Guide		Jewish Genealogical Family Finder	1993
Microfiche	Canada		Jewish Residents of Montreal & Quebec City in 1871-1901 Census	
Microfiche	Canada		Jewish Residents of Toronto in the 1861-1901 Censuses of Canada	1993
Microfiche	Canada		Jewish Residents of Western Canada in the 1861-1901 Censuses	1994
Microfiche	International		Jewish Vital Statistic Records of Slovakia	1993
Microfiche	Canada		Jews Living in Canadian Maritime Provinces--1901	1993
Microfiche	Newsletters		Publications of the Jewish Genealogical Societies, 1977-1990	
Newsletter	International		*Avotaynu*	1985-
Newsletter	International	Canada	Canadian Jewish Historial Society Journal	1979-83
Newsletter	International	Brazil	*Geracoes/Brasil*	1994-
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Newsletter	International	Israel	*Moreshet* (Galil Genealogical Soc.)	1994-
Newsletter	International	Romania	*ROM-SIG News* (Spec. Int. Group for Romania)	1992-
Newsletter	International		*Search*	1986-91
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Newsletter	USA-JGS	Arizona	*Chronicle*, Jewish Hist. Soc. of Southern AZ	1992-
Newsletter	USA-JGS	Pennsylvania	*Chronicles* (JGS of Philadelphia)	1990-
Newsletter	USA-JGS	California	*Discovery* (San Diego)	1991-
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... and when did YOUR family arrive in America?

by Jay Schleichkorn

A question often asked by individuals seeking genealogical information is "when did members of my family arrive in America?" With a few bits of information and key facts, it is possible to obtain that information and solve a family mystery.

As a newcomer to genealogy, I have always known that my late father, Henry Schleichkorn, emigrated from Austria arriving in New York City at an early age around 1900. I often wondered exactly when he landed at Ellis Island, what ship he was on and who accompanied him.

Attending meetings of the JGS of Greater Orlando helped me discover the answers to all of my questions.

At one meeting in a discussion with Robert Marlin, he spoke of the information that could be found in a Petition for Naturalization. He indicated the Petition has information about the individual including date of arrival, port and ship.

Following that lead and using my father's naturalization papers dated 1912, giving the Petition Volume Number, the page number and Certificate number, I submitted a request to the Supreme Court of New York County for a copy of the Petition for Naturalization. Actually I used a simple Naturalization Inquiry Form obtained from the County Clerk of the Supreme Court, New York. With my request, I included a postal money order for $10.00.

Within a few weeks, I received a photocopy of my father's Petition for Naturalization. Much to my amazement, it gave me the information I was looking for; the date of departure from the port of Rotterdam, arrival in New York, and the ship's name, also *Rotterdam*. But here is where one must be aware of the accuracy of information supplied by ancestors. The information presented on certain papers may not be completely accurate. I later found this out in reference to the ship's name.

The next step was to obtain a special form (NATTF Form 81) from the General Reference Branch, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC. A request for the form with an SASE brought a reply in two weeks.

The NATF Form is an Order for Copies of Ship Passenger Arrival Records. It required you to give information (as accurately as possible) on the date of arrival, port of entry, where naturalized, ship name, passenger's country of origin, the full name of the passenger and names of members of the immigrant family. Giving what information I could from the Petition of Naturalization, I indicated my father, Henry, was the passenger and listed his parents and two brothers and two sisters as family members. I assumed they all traveled together and came to America at tthe same time. This was not the case as I was to learn later.

The cost of obtaining the ship's record was $10. You do not pay that in advance. If the information is found you will be notified that the records have been located and the cost of copies is $10. Giving a credit card number seems to expedite the service.

The NARA office received my request on March 21. Papers indicated that on March 22, a search was made and on March 24, the material I needed was in the mail.

I was elated with what I received. It was a 14"x20" photocopy of an actual page of the ship's manifest. Two entries

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Other	Florida		MOSAIC: Jewish Life in Florida, inventory	None
Other	Guide		The Prague Synagogues	
Other	Holocaust	Kernan, Michael (Smithonian, April '93)	A New Monument to Remembering--With a Mission"	
Other	Germany	Maier, Manfred	The Jewish Cemetery of Worms	
Other	Poland	Rosenstein, Neil	Polish Jewish Cemeteries (1990)	
Other	Guide	Schwartz, Rosaline & Milamed, Susan	A Guide to Yivo's Landsmanshaftn Archive	1986
Other	Guide	Stahl, Abraham	Jewish Family Names	
Other	Great Britain	The London Museum of Jewish Life	Bibliography of Genealogical Resources	1989
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Other	Poland	various	Survey of Historic Jewish Monuments in Poland	1993
Other	New York	Yiddish Writers Group	Jewish Families and Family Circles of New York	

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(Henrich) and much to my surprise, my older sister's name, Henrietta. Evidently they traveled together on the SS Statendam, leaving from Rotterdam and arriving in New York City on Feb. 6. Henrietta's age was given as 15 and Henry's as 11, both single, with $2.00 in their possession, and going to stay with a brother Sam Schleichkorn on Norfolk St., New York City.

This information raised many new questions. When did tthe rest of the family arrive? What ship were they on? What was the port of departure. When did my father's older brother, Sam, come to America?

I initiated my new search by checking my grandfather's (Jacob) naturalization papers. Following the same procedure, but this time to the Clerk at the Supreme Court of the Bronx, I obtained his Petition for Naturalization, dated Oct. 2, 1917. It indicated he left Bremen, Germany, and arrived in New York on or about Nov. 22, 1900. This ship's name was the Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse.

Using that information, I submitted another NATF Form 81 listing Jacob as a passenger with his wife, Katherine, and assumed the remaining family members were my aunts and uncles.

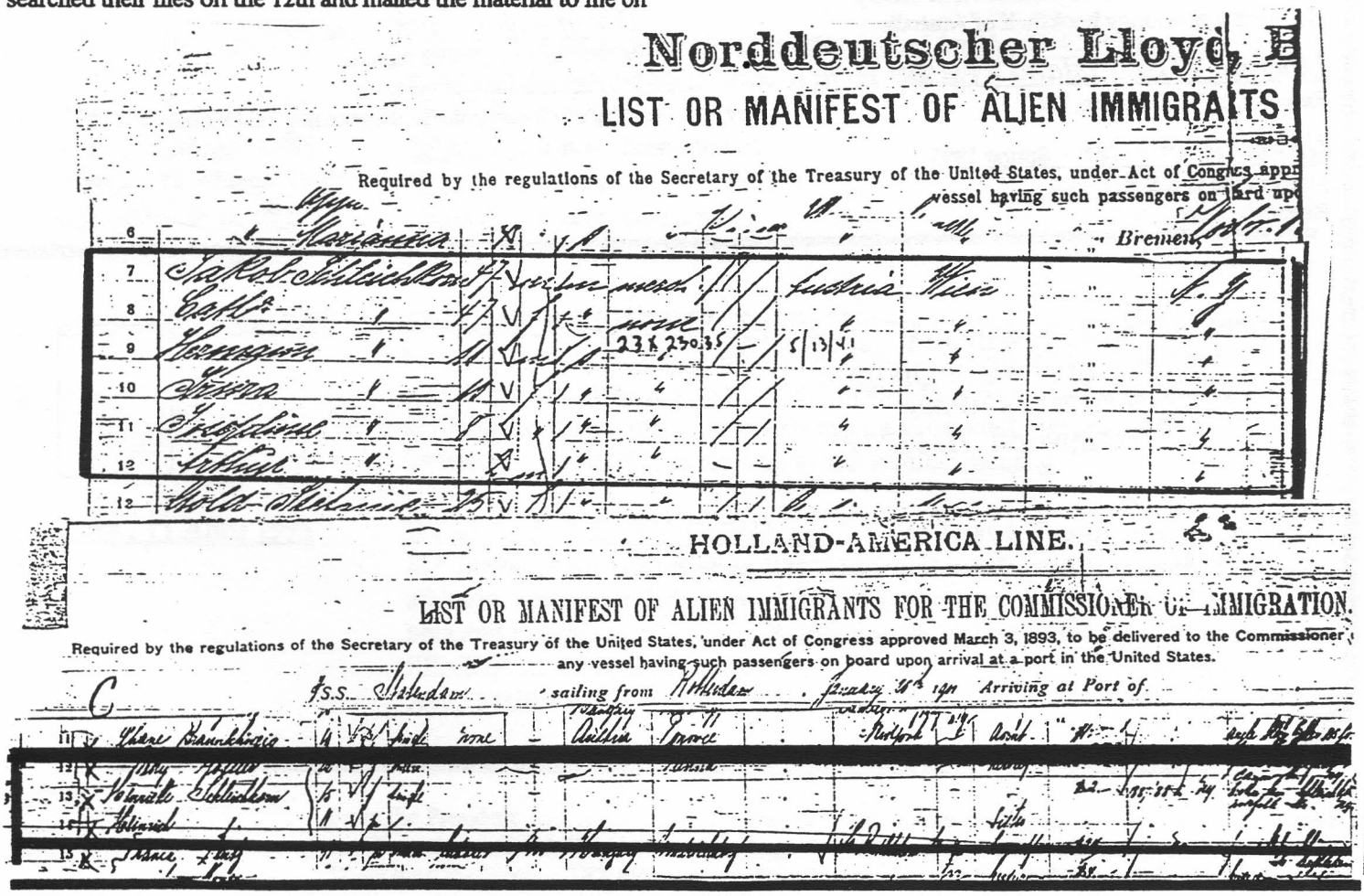
The Reference Branch received my request on July 11, 1994, searched their files on the 12th and mailed the material to me on July 19th. That's fast service! Again I gave my credit card to cover the $10 cost.

What I received from this request was another full page photocopy of the manifest of the Norddesutscher, Lloy, Bremen Steam Co. On lines number 7 through 12 was the Schleichkorn family. I expected to see the names of Jacob, Katherine and their remaining children, Herman and Josephine on the list, and they were, but much to my surprise it also included Irma, age 10, and Arthur, age 2 months. I learned that I had an aunt and uncle that I was not aware of in my genealogical material. Jacob had $30 and the family was going to 165 Stanton St., New York City. That was only a block away from Newport St. where the first son, Sam, settled.

With the new information, I now have details on when and how my father and his family came to New York. The information also opened up new areas of research since it appears that three of the family members may have died before 1910. My goal is now to research that possibility.

Overall it is not difficult to obtain ship's manifest providing you have some basic information that can be taken from the Petition of Naturalization. Don't overlook the General Reference Branch, National Archives and Records Aministration in your genealogical search. Request a few copies of NATF Form 81 and keep them on file. Write the Branch at 7th & Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20408.

Don't forget the self-addressed stamped envelope.



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Required by the regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, under Act of Congress approved March 3, 1893, to be delivered to the Commissioner
any vessel having such passengers on board upon arrival at a port in the United States.

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Items of interest you'll find in the latest issues of

JGS Quarterlies

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The Quarterly journals of all JGSes from around the world are kept on file in our library in the Holocaust Center.

All of these journals have information of interest to all genealogists depending, of course, upon their own interests, but the articles listed below were deemed to be of special interest to our readers.

Sharsharet Hadorot - Israel - October 1994

100 years of family economic relations between communities of Amsterdam and London from the end of the 17th century.
A folklore approach to family history research.
Pincus/Cohen (Posen Province)

Ancestree - Cincinnati - November 1994

Systemizing your work, Part I (Part II appears in Jan. '95 issue)
Guide to auditor of (Ohio) state land records.

Kosher Koala - Australia - December 1994

For those with Sephardi Jewish roots in Turkey
The Jewish genealogy bookshelf of Australia

Lineage - Long Island - Fall 1994

Research in Washington, D.C.

News - Rochester - Spring 1995

Maps of the U.S.S.R.
Research ideas.

Kol - Cleveland - October 1994

Galician research done by Miriam Wiener for Jeanne Andelman, Spring/Summer '94
Annals of Cleveland - 1937.

Kol - Cleveland - December 1994

Mt. Sinai (Cleveland) Cemetery data base, sorted by names
Obituaries and pages from the Cleveland Independent.
Bridging three worlds, Hungarian-Jewish Americans 1848-1914.
Cleveland Council of Jewish Women, officers and members list (from the Jewish Society Book).

Mass Pocha - Boston - Winter 1994-95

Hebrew abbreviations for genealogists - Part I
New Mormon microfilms of Polish-Jewish vital records
New research tools available in the Boston area
Umbilical lines and the mtDNA project
Massachusetts Jews in the Civil War

Shem Tov - JGS of Canada - December 1994

A short history of the Jews of Newfoundland.

Chronicles - Philadelpha - Winter 1994-95

Philadelphia city archives.Shomrim Societies: Unusual Sources of
Letichev district, Poland, contact.
Index to the Philadelphia Public Ledger, 1914-29.

Dorot - New York - Fall 1994

New sources of Polish records.
Two unusual sources in Israel.
Why use a computer to do genealogical research, Part II

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