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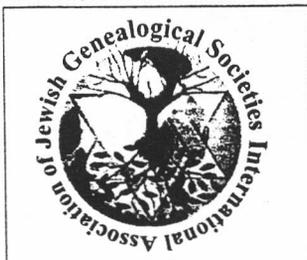
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since the last issue of *Etz Chaim*, it has been a busy  
and successful quarter of a year for the JGSGO. Thanks to  
good planning and coordination by Gladys Friedman Paulin  
and Robert W. Marlin, working with an active committee,  
our 8th Annual Workshop was quite a success (see the article  
on page 2); under the leadership of Marshall Frenkel  
membership has increased to a high of 84 (see pg. 14) ; our  
two-table display at the JCC Chanukah Celebration drew a  
lot of attention and inquiries; the programs planned by Sim  
Seckbach and committee and offered at our meetings have  
been most interesting including December's "Ask the  
Experts", January's "Needles in the Haystack" presented by  
Carl Migden; and February's "Jews with a Southern  
Accent" by "Bud" Whitehill; our library is growing with  
Carl Migden at the helm; we continue to reach out to the  
community and spread the word about Jewish genealogy  
(check page 12) , and many of our members are actively  
pursuing their genealogical projects with help from each  
other. There's more of the same planned (check the  
calendar) for the immediate future....and you are invited to  
be a part of it.

*Jay Schleichkorn, President*

## Future JGSGO Programs + others

Tuesday, March 9: "Genealogical Research - Finding an  
Orphan on Your Family Tree"; by Marge Spears-Soloff,  
author of the web site *HNOH (Hebrew National Orphans  
Home) - Welcome Jewish Orphanages in the U.S.* Also a  
video, "The Orphan Train", Senior Lounge, JCC 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 13: "Sephardic Roots in America" by  
Scott Marks, *founder/moderator of the International  
Sephardic Educational Discussion List on Internet.*  
Senior Lounge, JCC 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11: "S.O.S. - Share Our Successes"  
*Panel presentation by select members of successes in  
genealogical research - Senior Lounge, JCC 7:30 p.m.*

Sunday, June 13: Annual Meeting/ Elections and Dinner -  
(site to be announced, time: 5:00 p.m.)

### OTHER SPECIAL MEETINGS

May 12-15: National Genealogical Society's Conference,  
Richmond, Va

August 8-13: The 19th Annual Conference on Jewish  
Genealogy, Marriott Marquis Hotel, New York City

Oct. 29-30, Annual Conference: Florida State Genealogical  
Society - in Sarasota, FL

## SUCCESSFUL WORKSHOP HELD BY JGSGO

On Sunday, February 7th, the 8th Annual Genealogical Workshop sponsored by the JGSGO, on the JCC Campus, and dedicated to the memory of Pauline Gotlob Horwitz was hailed as a success!

Thirty-seven people registered for the workshop, 32 attended. From 10 a.m. to almost 4 p.m., the large group heard from several outstanding presenters. Subjects covered were: Introduction to Genealogy, Vital Records Including City Directories, All Those Names-History and Practices, Census Records and How to Access Them, Computers and the Internet, and Family Matters - Including Oral Histories. The speakers included experienced genealogists, Gladys Friedman Paulin, Robert W. Marlin, Sheila Friedman Reback, and Sim Seckbach.

All of the registrants received a variety of handouts prepared at the option of the speaker. A number of free brochures and booklets were made available to all.

The workshop was organized and coordinated by professional genealogists Gladys Friedman Paulin and Robert W. Marlin, who had the full cooperation of the speakers and a committee of volunteers including: Moe Aronson, Roz Downey, Marshall Frenkel, Robert Glasser, Abby Grissinger, Bernice and Zol Heisler, Millie Rosenbaum, and Jay Schleichkorn.

Thanks to the writings of the JGSGO founder, Gene Starn, subscribers to the Heritage, Central Florida's Jewish Weekly newspaper were made well-aware of the workshop which he mentioned in his weekly columns and featured in the issue of January 29, *My Thoughts...and Yours!*

The JGSGO would like to publicly thank the following for their generous support that helped make the workshop a success:

For contributions of food and soft drinks:

ALBERTSON'S, 2382 W. State Rd 434, Longwood,  
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For contributions of door prizes: (books and/or subscriptions)  
American Jewish Archives, Ancestry, Avotaynu, Eckerd  
Drugs (photo album), Family Chronicle, Genealogical  
Publishing Co., Heritage Quest, Leo Baeck Institute  
(Stammbaum), National Archives and Records  
Administration, Robert W. Marlin, author for the copy of his  
book, "My Sixteen".

Demonstrating that a workshop is a good source of recruiting new members, it should be noted that a dozen people joined the JGSGO. Comments made as to the value of the workshop by many of those present were most encouraging and gratifying to all who planned and worked on the program.

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## Humor Only Genealogists Can Appreciate

From: Roslyn Downey, Winter Park, FL

My family coat of arms ties at the back....is that normal?  
My family tree is a few branches short! All help appreciated  
My ancestors must be in a witness protection program!  
Shake your family tree and watch the nuts fall!  
How can one ancestor cause so much TROUBLE??  
I'm not stuck, I'm ancestrally challenged  
If only people came with pull-down menus and on-line help...  
A family reunion is an effective form of birth control  
A new cousin a day keeps the boredom away...  
After 30 days, unclaimed ancestors will be adopted  
Ever find an ancestor HANGING from the family tree?  
Any family tree produces some lemons, some nuts and a few  
bad apples

*Editor's note: This is only part of the e-mail, more in future issues.*

## Avotaynu Declares Jewish Genealogy Month .....(March 18-April 16, 1999)

Avotaynu is taking a major step toward bringing the merits of genealogy to the Jewish community at large with the declaration of the month of Nisan 5759 (March 18-April 16)—the Passover season—as "Jewish Genealogy Month." In association with this event, we have created a poster; five copies that will be distributed free of charge to every Jewish genealogical society. Societies will be encouraged to post them in synagogues and other Jewish institutions in their area and to include the address and phone number of the local society so that residents can contact them for information. Individuals who would like to receive copies of the poster can write for information to Avotaynu's offices at 155 N. Washington Ave., Bergenfield, NJ 07621. The poster can be viewed at Avotaynu's web site <http://www.avotaynu.com/poster.htm>.

Those of us who have been tracing our family histories for a substantial time know that, as a necessary condition of successful research, we must read Jewish and world history; in the process, we learn much about Jewish customs, Jewish culture, and the Jewish religion. Pursuing genealogy makes us feel much more Jewish. In his book "Will We Have Jewish Grandchildren?" Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, chief rabbi of England, says that the way to combat today's rampant intermarriage and assimilation is to provide our children with a good Jewish education. Doing family history and learning the details of our grandparents' and great-grandparents' lives is one element of that good Jewish education.

Now it is time for us to bring the message of Jewish genealogy into our local Jewish communities more than ever before. During Jewish Genealogy Month, March 18-April 16 let us all do our part to promote Jewish genealogy and family history. Place posters in local synagogues, community centers, Jewish day schools, and retirement homes—everywhere that the Jews of your community congregate. Offer to give talks on how to do Jewish genealogy, volunteer to teach classes at your religious schools, and help seniors record what they remember.

The genesis of the project was a suggestion by Bernie Kouchel, president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Broward County (Florida), that a poster be created promoting Jewish genealogy. AVOTAYNU publisher, Gary Mokotoff, is on the Board of Directors of the Jewish Book Council, the organization that sponsors Jewish Book Month, which creates a new poster annually for Jewish Book Month. Gary Mokotoff, Publisher, Sallyann Amdur Sack, President, Avotaynu, Inc.

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Artist's sketch of a four-color poster to be created in conjunction with Jewish Genealogy Month—Nisan 5759, March 18-April 16.

## ON TO RICHMOND!

Registration brochures for the National Genealogical Society's Conference, 12-15 May in Richmond Virginia, are now available by contacting 1999 NGS Conference, 4527 17th St. North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399; Ph: 703/525-0050; Website: <<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>>. Register before April 3 and save money.

Exhibitions and some seminars will take place at the Richmond Centre for Conventions and Exhibitions and other seminars will be held at the Richmond Marriott Hotel, the conference headquarters hotel. The buildings are connected by a skywalk. In addition to the lectures, vendor exhibitions, and computer labs, there will be tours offered to various Old Dominion attractions, such as Colonial Williamsburg, Richmond's many historical and cultural attractions, battlefields, the Confederate White House, St. John's, (the site of Patrick Henry's "Liberty or Death" speech), and the James River plantations.

From: *Missing Links: A Weekly Newsletter for Genealogists*, Vol. 4, No. 5, 29 Jan. 1999. Please visit the **MISSING LINKS** Web page at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~mlnews/index.htm>.

## JEWISH RESEARCH IN CINCINNATI

By: Gladys Friedman Paulin

In August 1998, I attended the FGS (Federation of Genealogical Societies) annual conference in Cincinnati. While there, I spent one day on the campus of Hebrew Union College (HUC): the morning in the American Jewish Archives(AJA) and the afternoon in the HUC library. Before leaving Orlando, I had consulted the Guide to the Holdings of the American Jewish Archives in the Genealogy Department of the Orlando Public Library (OPL). (A copy of this book has just been donated to the JGSGO Library.) Although this book was published in 1979, it provides an excellent review of older holdings and prepares one for the types of materials to expect in newer materials.

I went to the AJA to try to corroborate a family story that a Minovich cousin had been in Cincinnati in the 1880's and returned to Russia because the United States was a 'tref' country; that this man was a master builder and had gone to Cincinnati, with his family, to build a new synagogue; that while there, a baby was born and died. Disappointed, they returned to Kiev where the father was killed in a pogrom ca 1891. At the Archives, I first rechecked the card catalog for holdings of Organizations and synagogues in Cincinnati. Finding nothing more likely than an entry I had copied from the above named book, I ordered the ledgers of the Hebrew Relief Association, Cincinnati.

(The AJA holds records from 1866-1908.) Working backwards from the early 1890's through very large leather bound ledgers, I reached 1882 before I found the following entry "Minawitch is one of the Russians who are to be returned but refuses to go until he gets his Sepher Tora which the Ber Sheba colony took with them or \$100 in place of it." A few pages later, he was mentioned again "Minawitch, wife and three children". Although the entries did not provide a first name, there was an index in the front of the ledger which gave his name as David. This was not the name I was searching for but it agreed with the circumstances and family information. Since Minovich family members were often given a first and middle name, and used either interchangeably, this may be the basis for the family story. Further research will be necessary to confirm that this is the same person.

In the afternoon, I went to the HUC Library and investigated their extensive collection. One of the research librarians also showed me the periodical microfilm collection which is kept in a temperature and humidity controlled vault in the lower level. This extensive collection of American Jewish newspapers on microfilm available for Inter-Library Loan was formerly the American Jewish Periodical Center and is now part of the library. (A book outlining their collection to 1984 is in OPL Genealogy Department.) I was able to locate and copy an article in a 1966 newspaper to which I had obtained a reference several years ago, but had not previously been able to obtain a copy.

The AJA is unique in that it collects papers on the American Jewish Experience (including Latin American and the Caribbean) but does not restrict itself to donated papers and manuscripts. It maintains what it calls its "nearprint collection" which includes photocopies and articles from many sources. They also have microfilm copies of records held by other institutions. Their alphabetical card catalogue revealed files on the famous as well as the not so famous, on congregations, synagogues, benevolent societies, organizations, and NOT limited to the Reform movement.

Several years ago, my sister, Sheila Friedman Reback, had obtained (by mail) copies of information from the Pine Street Shul, an orthodox synagogue in Buffalo, NY, from this archive.

The AJA, 3101 Clifton Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45220-2488, will answer queries and questions by mail, phone (513-221-1875), fax (513-221-7812) and Email (AJA@cn.huc.edu). And while they are eager to assist you and can provide copies of easily found documents in their files, they are not equipped to do personal research of the nature that I was able to do with those ledgers. Before calling, check their web site (<http://www.huc.edu/aja>) and the book referenced above, particularly the appendices.

## 19th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY PLANNED FOR N.Y. City:

The 19th Annual Conference on Jewish Genealogy is scheduled for New York City, August 8-13, 1999 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel. Early registration (by May 15) is \$150. A variety of workshops on such topics as European Research, New Technologies, Advanced Research, and Resource Centers will be offered. In addition you will have opportunities to use genealogical resources in the area such as the New York City Municipal Archives, the National Archives, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research and others. Many tours will be arranged to various museums and historical sites. Hotel reservations must be made by the individual directly to the hotel at: 1-800-228-9290.



Check the web site Jewishgen (Hosted Organizations) IAJGS, for information and reservation forms or if you have access to the Internet, send an e-mail to: [nyc99conf@aol.com](mailto:nyc99conf@aol.com) or check the website <http://members.aol.com/nyc99conf/>.  
(See page 15 of this Etz Chaim issue for further information.)

## FROM THE EDITOR OF ETZ CHAIM:

In the December 1998 issue of "Dateline World Jewry" published by the World Jewish Congress there were two small articles that were of particular interest to me.

One mentioned that two Jewish genealogists are compiling a list of roughly 200,000 to 240,000 Jews in Lithuania who were killed in the Holocaust. And the other, immediately below the first, indicated "a memorial to victims of the Holocaust - located at the Jewish cemetery in the Lithuanian town of Liaudiskas - has been vandalized."

Genealogically, I have no connection to Lithuania and I have little knowledge of the history of the Jews in that country. But in December 1997, I came across an article on the Internet describing the contribution of Jews to Lithuania and the need for a resurgence of Yiddish. I thought it could be used in a future Etz Chaim. I also asked one of our JGSGO members, Marshall Frenkel, to read and comment on that article. His comments were eloquent but still I didn't include the article in our newsletter. Marshall often asked me when I would use the story.

With the two articles on Lithuania in hand, and lots of genealogical information to disperse, I didn't know when and how I could use the material in Etz Chaim and still relate it to genealogy. I kept both articles in my file until now. After I read the two brief items issued by the World Jewish Congress, I realized the original article and Marshall's comments should be shared with our readers. Whether you are interested or not in Lithuania or Yiddish, the articles offer a historical perspective that may be vital to your genealogical research. Please read the material below:

## A FORGOTTEN YIDDISH PAST

by Michael Tarm, Editor, City Paper -

The Baltic States, Tallinn, Lithuania

Emmanuelis Zingeris doesn't want the picture of naked corpses being bulldozed into mass graves to be the only enduring images of Jews killed during World War II. "we go to cemeteries and death

camps and leave flowers where they perished said the Lithuanian Jewish leader. "But after the 101st wreath-laying ceremony, you have to ask: Shouldn't they be remembered for the way they lived and not just for the way they died?"



Zingeris says preserving their living memory means, above all else, preserving the traditions of Yiddish 1000-year-old German dialect written in Hebraic script. Today, Yiddish has all but vanished. Before the war, over 10 million European Jews spoke it. Most of the 6 million Jews killed by the Nazis were native speakers.

"People say 'never forget'," said Zingeris, a legislator in Lithuania's parliament. "But who remembers that Jews had a uniquely European culture of their own?.. No one does."

Zingeris recently launched a drive to promote awareness of Yiddish in Europe and to keep it alive in tiny, still-existing Yiddish communities.

If there is to be a Yiddish revival, there couldn't be a more appropriate place for it than Vilnius, the capital of Yiddish culture and learning before the war.

The first Jews came to Lithuania in the 14th century. Lured by tolerant Lithuanian regimes, Yiddish-speaking Ashkenazy Jews later poured into the region.

So important was Lithuania to Lithuanian Jews, or Litvaks, Latvia and Byelorussia were lumped under the same name. A Lithuanian diplomat joked at a post-World War I conference on territorial borders that his country claimed "everything the Jews call Lithuania."

On the eve of war in 1939, Yiddish was the lingua franca for almost all of Lithuania's 250,000 Jews. The Jews of Vilnius made up half the city's 130,000 residents. Smaller Jewish communities in Latvia and Estonia also spoke Yiddish.

In Jewish villages dotting Lithuania, the language was so influential that even ethnic Lithuanian farmers sometimes learned fluent Yiddish.

In Vilnius itself, the sound of Yiddish filled the close-knit, cobble-stoned streets of the Jewish quarter. Bearded peddlers traded their wares and children chased horse-drawn carts to neighborhood markets.

Vilnius was home to the celebrated Yiddish Institute of Higher Learning, the closest thing to a Yiddish university in the world. A booming publishing industry churned out thousands of Yiddish-language books each year, everything from school manuals and Biblical texts to translations of Freud and Dostoevsky.

"These communities became some of the most creative in the 3000-year history of the Jewish people," said Dr. Dovid Katz, a Yiddish writer and an Oxford professor of Yiddish.

But all that's gone now.

Today, there are virtually no reminders of the city's Yiddish past, save for some fading Yiddish letters on one run-down, hidden-away building in central Vilnius.

During the Nazi occupation from 1941 to 1944, over 90 percent of the Vilnius Jews were executed. Many were shot in open pits in a forest just 8 kilometers away.

The Germans dynamited the cornerstones of Yiddish cultural life, including the Great Synagogue and the Strashum Library, which once held the world's largest collection of Yiddish books.

There are 6,000 Jews left in Lithuania, most of them Soviet-era immigrants from Russia. There is an ever-dwindling community of Holocaust survivors in their 70s and 80s.

"At meetings five years ago, I used to speak in Yiddish to 400 of these survivors," explained Emmanuelis Zingeris.

"Now, there are 200. My Yiddish-speaking audience has gotten twice as small."

Yiddish is disappearing all over the world as older Jews die and younger ones become assimilated. Once vibrant Yiddish-speaking communities of New York are nearly gone.

The last stronghold of Yiddish is among 2 million Yiddish-speaking Chasidic Jews. But the Orthodox Chasidics shun secular literature and theater, keys to sustaining a credible Yiddish culture.

Israel has also made little attempt to preserve Yiddish and, at one time, aggressively discouraged it. Founders of Israel opted for Hebrew as the state language, scorning Yiddish as a remnant of exile, oppression and weakness.

Many of the last great Yiddish cultural figures, like Nobel prize laureate Isaac Bashevis Singer and painter Marc Chagall, have died. No one is there to take their place.

"The full scope of Hitler's work is only becoming apparent now, as surviving native Yiddish speakers born before the war die off" said Dovid Katz.

While Katz and Zingeris speak excitedly about breathing life back into Yiddish culture, they admit that reversing the decline of Yiddish could be a losing battle.

"I have this sensation that Yiddish is a mist on a morning field," said Zingeris. "It's disappearing before our eyes like a dream that never was. I so badly want to stop this tragedy, but I'm afraid that no one understands me. No one understands how big this tragedy really is."

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Editor's Note: The article, *A FORGOTTEN YIDDISH PAST*, first appeared in *CITY PAPER - THE BALTICS STATES*, a pan Baltic news and tourist magazine and is reprinted with special permission granted by the author, Michael Tarm. The magazine's web site is called *The Baltics Worldwide* at [www.balticsww.com](http://www.balticsww.com)

In late December '97, in e-mail correspondence with Michael Tarm and the Etz Chaim editor, Michael wrote, "We would have no problem with you reprinting the article on Yiddish in Lithuania. I'm glad you found the article of interest. It certainly is a very compelling topic."

### Lithuania Won't Try In Absentia (Feb. 8, 1999)

(Reuters) In January, Aleksandras Lileikis and Kazys Gimzhauskas, both accused of war crimes, were found too ill to stand trial. International pressure urges Lithuania to try the two in absentia, but Lithuania is refusing to do this because it goes against their constitution.

From: *Holocaust Newsletter* (2/11/99) editor Jen Rosenberg  
<http://holocaust.miningco.com>

[holocaust.guide@miningco.com](mailto:holocaust.guide@miningco.com)

Note: The *Holocaust Newsletter* editor indicated, "Feel free to distribute this Newsletter in its entirety to anyone who may be interested. To subscribe, send an email to [holocaust.guide@miningco.com](mailto:holocaust.guide@miningco.com) with 'subscribe' in the subject line."

## A SHOULD-BE FORGOTTEN YIDDISH PAST ?

(Comments by Marshall S. Frenkel, Member JGSGO)

I love Yiddish! It is a language rich in color, expression, joy, or sadness and gloom, also. It is the language of many of my happiest childhood memories and a language that, when well spoken, can still pluck my heartstrings. We all should join Michael Tarm in lamenting the irreversible decline (demise?) of Yiddish.



Marhsall Frenkel

However, let us look at some specific faults in this article:

- (1) The caricatured Chasidic Klezmer is demeaning; it is a centuries-old image that has been used too frequently to ridicule Jews and Jewish culture.
- (2) To consider re-establishing a center for preserving Yiddishkeit in Vilnius would be a terrible insult to the memory of the Litvak community which perished at the hands of Lithuanian collaborators, henchmen, murderers, anti-Semites who willingly, nay, eagerly, joined in Hitler's genocide.
- (3) It was absolutely correct for Israel to opt for Hebrew as its universally spoken, or, at least, understood

language, for Jews to communicate with their co-religionists in any remote, little community world-wide. Yiddish was restricted to Europe and was spoken in local dialects that were mocked by fellow Jews who spoke it equally incorrectly (badly?) and persisted in being a constant reminder of "exile, oppression and weakness." (might also add "victimization.")

In summary, my feeling is that Lithuania does not deserve the honor of re-establishing a center of Jewish culture. A far better center location would be in Amherst, Massachusetts where the "Jewish Book Peddler" (Der Pakn Treger) is involved in its monumental undertaking.

It is time for all Jews to stand erect, proud and somewhat defiantly in the faces of all detractors, past, present or potential and to react with appropriate indications that they have learned to differentiate rain drops from being spit upon!!

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## SHIP PASSENGER ARRIVAL RECORDS - FORM 81\*

"Passenger arrival lists can be among the most interesting sources for documenting an ancestor's immigration. Unfortunately, however, lists were not kept for every ship, some lists have been lost, and many are not indexed. The content of passenger lists changed significantly over the years, and information is sparse on earlier lists: only the immigrant's name, age, and country of origin or the ship's last port of call were typically required. Passenger lists created before the 1890s rarely indicate the immigrant's town of origin. The format of lists in the 1890s gradually evolved to include more detailed information, including the place of origin. Some include sex, age, occupation, and place of residence when the ticket was purchased. On some lists, the passengers are grouped into family units; on others they are listed by tickets. On some they are arranged in alphabetical order; on others they are arranged in the order in which the passengers boarded the ship.

The name of the ship's master and dates of departure and arrival will be found on some. Later lists, like those for Hamburg, give date and place of birth, date and parish of confirmation, marital status, and state or city of destination."

(From "They Became Americans: Finding Naturalization Records and Ethnic Origins," by Loretto D. Szucs)

### Where to request forms:

To request Form 81 (limit 6 per order), write to:  
National Archives and Records Administration  
Attn: NWCTB

700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20408-0001  
Or Email: [inquire@nara.gov](mailto:inquire@nara.gov)

### Information required for requests:

For indexed passenger lists, full name of the passenger, port of entry, and approximate date of arrival is needed. Indexes are available for:

- ~ Baltimore (1820-1952)
- ~ Boston (1848-91 and 1902-20)
- ~ New Orleans (1853-1952)
- ~ New York (1820-46 and 1897-1948) -- There is no index for New York for the period 1847 through 1896 or for the period 1949 through the present.
- ~ Philadelphia (1800-1948)
- ~ Minor ports (1820-74 and 1890-1924)

(It is important to keep in mind that, like all indexes, these may contain errors, particularly errors of omission.)

To search unindexed passenger lists through 1892, you must supply:

- ~ Port of entry
- ~ Name of the vessel
- ~ Approximate date of arrival

~ Full name of the passenger. OR A search can also be made with: ~ Port of embarkation

~ Exact date of arrival

~ Port of entry

~ Full name of the passenger.

To search unindexed lists after 1892,

you will need to supply:

~ Port of entry

~ Name of the vessel

~ Exact data of arrival

~ Full name of the passenger

~ Names and ages of accompanying passengers, if any

For a more detailed list of records available, visit:

<http://www.nara.gov/genealogy/immigration/immigrat.html>

Send completed form to:

General Reference Branch (NNRG)

National Archives and Records Administration

7th and Pennsylvania Avenue NW

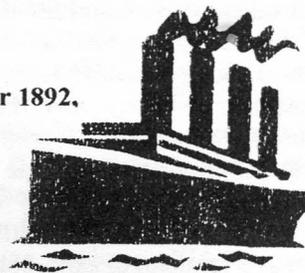
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(Do not include payment with the form, you will be billed for the copies. Credit card orders will mailed immediately.)

Note: For those persons on-line:

This guide to ship passenger arrival records will be available online at: <http://www.ancestry.com/research/ships.htm>

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## SEARCH FOR ST. LOUIS PASSENGERS

For the past three years, a group of researchers have tried to determine what happened to all of the 939 passengers aboard the ill-fated SS St. Louis. The story of that ship is probably familiar to most genealogist. The ship left Hamburg, Germany on May 13, 1939, and arrived in the port of Havana two weeks later. The passengers were denied entry to Cuba... and to the United States and had to return to Europe. Some were eventually permitted entry into Belgium, France, Great Britain, The Netherlands, but many were returned to Germany.

The Survivors Registry of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum is seeking further documentation on the passengers. Anyone with information about a passenger is asked to contact:

Scott Miller, US Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW, Washington, DC 20024-2150  
Tel: (202) 488-0495; Fax: (202) 314-7888 and e-mail: [smiller@ushmm.org](mailto:smiller@ushmm.org).

## FROM THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

By: Jay Schleichkorn

Greg Dawson, columnist for the Orlando Sentinel described his experiences in a column of November 20, 1998, when participating in the annual Teach-In-Day in Orange Country Schools. He was among many people who spoke

about their careers. In two classes at West Orange High School, Dawson asked several questions in a "surprise quiz/survey" to see what was on the minds of the students. One of the questions was "Is there life after death?" Thirty of the 40 said yes, some specifying "heaven," one impishly suggesting "we come back as puppies."

What intrigued me as I read the column was a statement made by one student. Dawson indicated, "a boy wrote, 'After death, we live in the hearts of others. When we are forgotten, we truly die.'"

Two days after reading the column, I sent an e-mail to Dawson requesting permission to use part of his article in the Winter issue of Etz Chaim which I was just completing. Dawson missed my deadline and on December 2 he sent me an e-mail. "My apologies for this very tardy reply to your kind note," he wrote. "I hope I'm not too late. As I understand it, everything I write is in the public domain and quotable (or, rather, may be quoted) as long as it is properly attributed. I'd be honored to be included. Happy Holidays."

I present part of Dawson's article primarily for your information and specifically for the thoughtful words of that one particular student. It seemed an ideal comment for those of us interested in genealogy. To repeat the student's comment:

*"After death, we live in the hearts of others. When we are forgotten, we truly die."*

## Sugihara's list on new website - info & database

The following announcement by David M. Egelman, PhD, was on Jewishgen, Fri, 26 Feb 1999 and is presented here for your information.

"This is to inform you of my new Chuine Sugihara web site, a memorial to the Japanese diplomat who saved thousands of Jews by giving them visas to get out of Lithuania during WWII. The site can be found at:  
<http://www.eagleman.com/sugihara>

It includes a searchable database of Sugihara's list: all 2,139 Jews who were given visas to go to Japan. Please pass the word to others who might be interested in this site."  
David Egelman, San Diego, CA. e-mail: [eagleman@salk.edu](mailto:eagleman@salk.edu)



GREG DAWSON  
SENTINEL COLUMNIST

## CHRONOLOGY OF NEW YORK IMMIGRATION OFFICES

At any particular time, only one location was used as the immigrant receiving center for the Port of New York.

The dates and locations are as follows:

August 1, 1855 - April 18, 1890- Castle Garden  
April 19, 1890 - December 31, 1891- Barge Office  
January 1, 1892-June 13, 1897 - Ellis Island  
June 14, 1897 - December 16, 1900 - Barge Office  
December 17, 1900 -1924 - Ellis Island.

*Editor's note: From JGS Greater Washington, Mishpoca, Spring 1998.*

## GENEALOGY MERIT BADGE...

JGSGO member Marshall Frenkel received an interesting e-mail on January 3, 1999. Here's the contents of the correspondence including Marshall's response:

Dear Mr. Marshall Frenkel:

I am Matt Scott in the eighth grade at Tuskawilla Middle School. Also I am a Life Scout at the J.C.C. in Troop 641. I am currently working on the Genealogy Merit Badge.

*Congratulations, Matt. You will find Genealogy a very rewarding enterprise.*

One of the requirements is to contact a genealogy society and ask questions about the organization. Please answer the following questions:

1. What is the farthest back in history traced by one person in a family?

*Personally, I have been able to go back only as far as 1810 but there are many who can trace their roots to the 15th century and beyond.*

2. Is this job for pay or for pure enjoyment?

*Probably, the greatest enjoyment is being able to document a family history for future generations of your own family. There are, however, professional genealogists who research family trees of families other than their own.*

3. Has your society been used for settling Wills?

*No, we are not professionals and do not sell our services.*

Please answer to my email address as soon as possible as I am using the merit badge for my Eagle requirement.

(signed) Matt Scott

*I hope that this has been of help to you and good luck. Sincerely, Marshall S. Frenkel.*

**A family tree can wither  
if nobody tends it's roots.**

## NOW WHAT DO I DO WITH ALL OF THIS STUFF?

by: Edward Henry Gaulin (Sr.)

A message on the Internet caught my eye the other day and I can't get it out of my mind. A West Coast genealogist had been exchanging information with a researcher in Virginia for some time. Then it happened. Her last message bounced -- it couldn't be delivered as the address no longer existed. Fortunately she had received a number of family group sheets from her correspondent which listed a telephone number. When she called the number a man answered, so she asked for her Internet friend and, after a slight hesitation was told, "Oh, Mary Ann passed away three weeks ago." Shocked, but ever gracious, she expressed her sympathy and commented how close this long-distance relationship had become and how it will be missed by her. The husband explained that he was sorry that he couldn't be of any help because he really didn't know much about what his wife was doing with her genealogy.

*I'm sick just thinking  
about all my stuff....*



Perhaps you too have noticed at genealogical gatherings that the average age of the participants is something in excess of 39 years, at least judging by hair color. Most of us really don't have a lot of time to devote to our hobby until after the kids are grown, out of school and we've retired.

Then it is no longer a hobby, it becomes an obsession. At some point in our continuous search for dead people, our ancestors, we recognize our own mortality and start to think about a permanent home for our research. If our children or grandchildren appear to be interested, we have it made, but frequently that's not the case. Then what happens to our "stuff"?

Genealogists are usually pretty smart people, until it comes to providing for the distribution of their genealogical assets. The latter, in my case anyway, is a room full of books, journals, magazines, pamphlets, maps, photographs, brochures, newsletters, computer equipment and furniture (desk, chairs, file cabinets, tables, lamps, etc.). The files are loaded with folders bearing family and town names, historic events, and a bunch labeled "MISC." There are miles of computer printouts, hundreds of photocopies, and many "original" vital records. My desk is usually loaded with correspondence awaiting an answer -- either mine or from someone else. What should my wife do with all this stuff when I make the ultimate research trip -- a personal meeting with my ancestors?

Some of our brighter colleagues say "My college library is getting all my stuff" or it's going to the local public library or to the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City or even to the Library of Congress. Well, I hate to be the one to tell you this, but unless you are a celebrity or a huge financial donor, these institutions probably won't want your material -- they just don't have room for it. They would be grateful for a copy of your book, but they might not want the manuscript or research notes.

The FHL would appreciate a GEDCOM disk of your genealogy database files, but it doesn't want your paper pedigree charts or familygroup sheets.

So what are your spouse and children to do with all of your stuff? They could really do a couple of dumb things with it if you don't provide guidance to them while you still can. It could be placed in the weekly trash collection and don't say "They wouldn't do that" because it unfortunately happens all the time. How about a garage sale? Now that is really scary, but it also happens every day. Remember all those old photos and tintypes you have seen in flea markets? How about all those bargain genealogy books you bought because you got to that garage sale before the dealers did? They all had to come from someplace.

What should you do to insure the sane distribution of your genealogical assets? Perhaps the first thing is to make a record of what you have and then try to keep it current. Show the acquisition date and how much you paid for each item on the inventory sheets. This is especially helpful for artifacts, collections, and books. A photographic record of these items, including those of rare books, could also be useful. Microfilm, microfiche and complete photocopies of books and some records have value. Back issues of many journals, newsletters, and magazines are also in demand by genealogists and therefore have value. However, if you don't tell them what is valuable, your heirs probably won't know.

Now that you have identified your assets, you need to tell someone what you want done with them. Maybe the simplest way is to prepare a letter to your heirs, but remember this lacks the force of law. If they want to, they can toss everything in the trash. A better way to provide for the distribution is in your will, particularly if you also designate sufficient funds to carry out your wishes. Your Last Will and Testament is also where you may make specific bequests: your copy of the 1898 edition of Burke's Peerage to your FGS Conference roommate or your old roll-top desk to your newest granddaughter. Your wishes can now be enforced by the courts, if necessary.

If you still want to have any of your assets given to your alma mater or a local library or anywhere else, personally contact that agency and discuss the possibility -- right now. It won't come as a surprise to them and they should be able to advise you immediately of any conditions of acceptance. If you can support those conditions, ask for a written acknowledgment that can be placed with your will.

## STUFF....continued

Some other things that you can do right now are to distribute copies of your research among your family, friends, and, perhaps, local or national libraries. This is simple if you have progressed to the book-writing stage, but don't be too concerned if you haven't. Many genealogists assemble their pedigree charts, group sheets, pertinent vital records, selected family photographs, and other important documents in notebook form. They write a brief introduction, provide a table of contents, and sometimes an index before having copies made for distribution. Afterwards, the notebook can be kept current with a new year's letter which might include new charts and photos.

Computerized genealogical data can be distributed in the same way on diskette. Sometimes an envelope or jacket is provided in the notebook described above to house data disks. Another way some researchers try to insure the safeguarding of their electronic data is to submit it to the LDS Ancestral File (TM) or one or more of the other commercial collections. If you don't know how to do this, consult your local genealogical society or Family History Center or even the public library for instructions.

Another thing you can do right now to benefit your heirs is to clean up your files. Eliminate unnecessary correspondence and duplicate copies of records. Toss out all those old printouts you made in 1984 on your Apple IIe computer. Sell all the "Genealogical Helper" magazines you have saved since 1973, because you will never open one of them again and you know it. If you get 50 cents each for them you can have a pretty good dinner. Give away all that old computer software that is taking up room on your bookshelves — it's probably not worth anything anyway. Label your photographs, and diskettes too.

I find it a bit morbid, but you may wish to write your epitaph and select your tombstone now to insure future researchers will not encounter some of the same problems that you've had.

If you decide to follow some of these suggestions, when you do eventually meet your ancestors they may thank you for perpetuating their memory. They may also show you where you made some of your mistakes and be able to fill in a few of the blank spaces in your previous research.

Remember, do it now; there may be no tomorrow.

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## "Had" by the Polish Archives

By: Phyllis Blumenfeld

This is just to inform those that wish to use the Archives in Warsaw & Krakow of my sad experience, which I will be trying to rectify with a letter of protest.

Back in April I wrote, sending the required \$30.00 for the birth certifiactess of my paternal grandmother and grandfather. Sometime later I received a letter telling me that they did a search and could find no records. Since my grandmother's family was in Wisnicz up to the time they were taken into custody by the Nazis, I found this very strange. I had obtained 2 RECORDS from the LDS of my grandmother's brothers showing them born in 1856, 1859 respectively. Since the LDS films did not go beyond that, I could not find my grandmother since she was younger. I then sent them copies of the 2 records (not birth certificates) showing that the TRAUIGS had been born there and that surely there was a birth certificate for my grandmother at some later date. In November I received a letter telling me that lo and behold they had found 3 TRAUIG families, one of which was that of my grandmother. They listed her & her brothers names and asked if I wanted copies. Thinking that these were birth certs, and hoping to get some more info other than their parents first names, I sent the for sum of \$135.00...5 hours of search at \$15.00 per, and \$20 for each certificate. Yesterday, after my check was cashed, I received the package, or should I say small envelope. Inside were copies of the 2 records I had originally sent them of her brother's births and the record of my grandmother's birth. No info on them other than the father and mother's name. Just the list like the LDS had! What they had searched for 5 hours, I have no idea, since I had given them copies of the records. Also, it cost me \$40.00 to get back the copies which cost \$.50 at the LDS, and of which I already had my own copies. This has made me feel like I was taken and played for a fool.

I am in the process of sending them a protest letter and a request at least for my \$40.00 to be returned. This may never happen, but at least I will have tried. (I understand how valuable the source is even though my experience has not been the great, so I think I have to be very careful how I approach my protest. If anyone has had any similar experience or any ideas on what else to do, I would appreciate a personal answer.

I have posted this to Jewishgen as a "buyer beware" to all who deal with foreign Archives, most especially Polish.

Phyllis Blumenfeld Bklyn, NY 17 Dec 1998

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Researching: POPS, FICHELBERG/Lemberg & Dobromil, Galicia, BERMAN/Nowy Sacz & Gribov, TRAUIG/Wisnicz, Zwiec, Israel, ELANDER/Nowy Sacz & Gribov, BERNSTEIN/Lomza & Przasnysz & NYC, BLUMENFELD/Iasi & Podul Iliou, Romania, /Podul Iliou, SCHNALL/Russia?, NYC, Tuckahoe, NY

## JGSGO MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

..... Now in China, Steven D. Fieldman, a member of the JGSGO since 1992, recently communicated with your editor. In response to several questions he wrote: "I made trips to China in November, 1997, and in May/June, 1998. I have been teaching/working in Shanghai since 1998. Shanghai is 13 hours ahead of Orlando.

What do I do here? I am a Guest Professor at the Shanghai University of Economics and Business ("SUEB"). I teach—in English—primarily law and human resource management) in the undergraduate school, the graduate school, the Chinese MBA program, and 'Joint MBA Program' of SUEB and Webster University (which is based in St. Louis). In addition, I have business interests in Shanghai (including, primarily, an interest in a company which imports wine from France into China)." Steve may be reached in China at: [fieldmanchina@hotmail.com](mailto:fieldmanchina@hotmail.com) >

.....Several of our members have been involved in "spreading the word" about genealogy and the JGSGO. Their travels and talks are a vital part of the JGSGO's public relations and education program. We all owe a debt of appreciation to such volunteers. Here's two items related to guest speakers:

.....Gladys Friedman Paulin was guest speaker on December 20 at the JGS of Southwest Florida in Sarasota. Her talk covered "Documents Don't Lie... Or Do They?" Then on December 23, she was the speaker before the Williamsburg Hadassah giving an overview of Jewish genealogy. Also, Gladys as one of six instructors in the seven-session Genealogy Orientation Program sponsored by the University Club of Winter Park, is scheduled to cover "Immigrations and Naturalization" on April 14. And the Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center, Maitland, expressed appreciation to Gladys for cataloging and indexing the Center's archival materials.

.....Also recognized by the HMREC was JGSGO former Treasurer, "Bobbi" Rosin for her dedicated library work.

.....On Sunday, January 10, Gene Starn spoke to a group of 35 members of the Jewish War Veterans of South Orlando and on Sunday January 17 traveled to Melbourne for another presentation on genealogy, this time to the Melbourne B'nai B'rith men and women. Gene said, "I had a difficult time breaking away from the group. There were about 50 people attending the program in the clubhouse. AA breakfast was served including the usual spread of bagels, lox, cream cheese, cakes etc. I gave my talk aimed at getting disinterested Jewish people interested in genealogy. It hit them between the eyes, I'm happy to say. I handed out the usual Pedigree Chart to everyone and told them a few things they needed to do to get started." He also distributed Workshop applications and brochures. When his talk was over, Gene heard some members talking about forming a JGS in Melbourne. "It may happen, who knows," Gene said. Several people indicated the meeting was one of the best that they ever had.

.....CONGRATULATIONS to Abby and John Grissinger on the December arrival of baby Zoe Rose. Abby said, "Just when you think you have life under control, it's turned upside down for the best. Talk about a holiday gift surprise. She is adorable - redish/blond hair and blue eyes." Abby has diligently served the JGSGO as secretary for the past two years but now with other commitments, has found it necessary to step down.

.....CONGRATULATIONS to Tess and Abe Wise, members of the JGSGO since 1993 who recently received a very special honor. Valencia Community College has established an Endowed Chair in their name. Both Abe and Tess were recognized for their outstanding leadership in education and in support of studies of the Shoah that it may never happen again. From the start in a small office at Valencia CC, Tess Wise developed the present well-known Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center located in Maitland, Florida.

.....Judy Weinberg accepted the appointment as Liaison to the Florida State Genealogical Society, Inc. effective January 23. Judy replaces Gladys Friedman Paulin who was our JGSGO representative for several years. Judy and her husband, Joseph, have been members of the JGSGO since



1996. Judy recently served as the secretary of the Genealogical Society of Central Florida and Hospitality Chair for the JGSGO. To learn more about the FSGS, check their website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flsgs>. And make a note the FSGS will hold its annual conference in Sarasota October 29-30, 1999.

.....CONGRATULATIONS to a new JGSGO member, Madeline Wolly on being named the recipient of the 9th Annual Tikkun Olam Award, the award was presented at the annual JCC Women's Conference held in Orlando, November 1. Madeline is noted for her dedicated work with the Jewish Family Service of which she is immediate past president. In her acceptance remarks, Madeline referred to her inspiration...her mother, "who was devoted to family, friends and the world." Only seven women have received this award... including Audrey Pearlman, a charter member of the JGSGO.

..... Linda Zolinsky, a JGSGO member since 1997, has made a start to organizing a JSG in the Tampa Bay area. Linda lives in New Port Richey and has held two "start-up" meetings, January 17 and February 14. If you know any people in that area who may be interested, please notify Linda at: [linda\\_zolinsky@hotmail.com](mailto:linda_zolinsky@hotmail.com)>

..... Mel Kohn, who joined the JGSGO in 1998, has been appointed 3rd V.P. at the Congregation of Liberal Judaism, Orlando, filling a vacancy. This year, Mel was elected Secretary at CLJ and in the new role will be liaison with the committee Chairs for Minhag Hamakon and Membership.

## THE KOHN'S REUNION...

By: Mel Kohn

Grandfather Gottlieb Kohn had 10 children. Eight cousins from four of those ten branches met with their spouses at a mini-reunion in Deerfield Beach on February 15th. I made the contacts and learned that cousins from New Jersey, Philadelphia and Baltimore were going to be in Florida around the same time. The cousins living in Orlando, Miami and West Palm Beach rounded out the group.

We traded stories about our grandparents that many hadn't heard before. We learned that the Alexander branch (married a Kohn sister) came from Jamaica - Joseph Alexander was one of 23 children - his mother had two sets of triplets and two sets of twins. The family had a plantation with slaves. The two cousins visited Jamaica and traced the family. They learned there are Alexanders who are descendants of the slaves that took the name of the master, as well as other direct descendants. It was really an enjoyable afternoon that we hope to repeat with even more attendees.

## IAJGS OFFICERS 1998-1999

The Board of the IAJGS, of which our JGS Greater Orlando is a member, comprises four elected officers, four elected Directors, and the immediate past president. Officers are elected by vote of representative of all member societies at the annual Summer Seminar for Jewish genealogy, co-sponsored by IAJGS and a host society. The current officers are:

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*"A people is nothing without the memory  
of its history and its roots."*

Harry Klein  
Czenstochov - Our Legacy, 1993

## TWO MAJOR EVENTS PLANNED BY THE HOLOCAUST CENTER

In a recent newsletter issued by the Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center, Maitland, FL., among the many activities listed, two special events are planned for April and May.

Marilyn Goldman, President of the HMREC (a new member of the JGSGO) and Tess Wise, Chairman of the Board/Executive Director (and a JGSGO member since 1993) announced the following:

On Sunday April 18, at 4:00 p.m., Yom Hashoah will be observed at ceremonies conducted in the gymnasium of the JCC. Once again a noted individual will be the keynote speaker for the occasion; Serge Klarsfeld, internationally known lawyer, Nazi hunter, author-researcher and creator of the world-class exhibit "French Children of the Holocaust.

Members, families and friends of the JGSGO are encouraged to attend the program.

The second major event is the Annual Dinner of Tribute scheduled for Thursday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Clarion Hotel, Orlando. This year's honoree, the Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation, has committed significant human and financial resources to fostering Holocaust education through its annual statewide essay competition, the Holocaust Remembrance Project.

The dinner planning committee is working with local students who are developing graphics that will be incorporated into the Dinner's program, invitation, and stage backdrop. Students will perform in a dramatic program.

For reservations and dinner ticket information, call: (407) 628-0555.

## Q & A Column....

The following question was submitted by Hennie Greenland of Omaha, NE on Jewishgen February 12, 1999 and the response was given by JGSGO member Marge Spears-Soloff:

**Q:** *Has anyone used HIAS as an information source? Do they have an index of those immigrants they helped? If so, how does one go about accessing this information?*

**A:** I just recently posted the following information on my website: HNOH Welcome-Jewish Orphanages in the US at <http://www.scruz.net/~elias/hnoh> regarding information on Refugee Organizations located in the New York City, section: European-Jewish Children's Aid, Inc. HIAS [Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society], United States Committee for the Care of European Children.

The HIAS Archives for 1903-1961 have been deposited with the Yivo Institute for Jewish Research at 15 West 16th Street (between 5th and 6th Avenues) New York, NY 10011, (212) 246-6080 - Fax: (212) 292-1892

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE JGSGO

(from September '98 to March 1, '99)

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## LDS Change of Address

Thanks to JGSGO member Barbara Berman of Satellite Beach we have a new address for the LDS Family Library Center on the east coast:

780 S. Apollo Blvd. Melbourne, FL 32901

Call for hours: (407) 056-7561

## BookReport: By Jay Schleichkorn

### "AMERICA 1900...The Turning Point"

Author: Judy Crichton, Henry Holt Publisher, 1998

288 pages, illustrated, hard cover. List Price: \$29.95

In your genealogical research and developing your family tree, how often have you heard the question, "I wonder what it was like in those old days." What did our relatives face when they landed in America in the early 1900s? Now that I have read Judy Crichton's American Experience book,



"1900" I have a very clear picture of what was going on in the United States. On February 6, 1900, at age 15, my father arrived in New York with his sixteen year old sister. They were met by their 20 year old brother who came to New York five years before. The rest of the family (my grand- parents and four children) arrived on November 22, 1900.

The book highlights the beginning of the 20th century, a period in which America made great strides. Crichton takes each month and details the major events in an easy to read narrative style. Imagine the scene on a cold February 4 when in Detroit, the first locally made car rushed down the street at 25 miles an hour. Henry Ford suggested it would only take a few days to learn how to drive the gasoline-powered wagon. In 1900, the Wright brothers began experimenting with a flying machine. In the last weeks of winter a blizzard struck the midwest and Chicago had the heaviest snowfall recorded up to that time. In New York, Teddy Roosevelt was the Governor. In the City, cable car tracks were laid at Union Square. On Saturday, March 3, the weather in New York City was "chill and uncertain." Also in New York City, the Immigration Bureau was bracing for the arrival of a half a million newcomers. The Commissioner of the Bureau told a reporter that most of the immigrants "are not so desirable as those of ten years ago". Apparently the bureau had been warned "that tens of thousands of Jews from Hebrew centers in Europe were on their way, along with dark-skinned Catholics from Southern Italy." An English writer, Israel Zangwill described America as a "melting pot."

The text takes you through many of the most important events of 1900 that affected life in this great developing country; events such as the Galveston hurricane, the great mine disaster in Scofield, Utah, the assassination of President McKinley in Buffalo, the rise of labor unions, riots and strikes, race problems, post WWI veterans problems, immigration and new technologies. Reading the book brought me a better understanding of what my immigrant relatives faced and the difficulties encountered by all...and still they made it in America. I suggest it is a "must" reading for anyone interested in genealogy and that period of immigration that involved our families.

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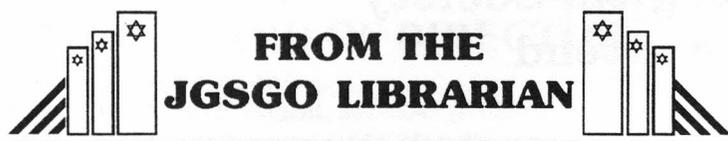
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