

Jewish Genealogy Downunder

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Dr DAVID COHEN

Well known psychologist and educator will speak on

THE CRAWCOUR FAMILY: OVERLOOKED ACHIEVERS

on

Wednesday 12th June 2002 at 7.30 pm

at the Beth Weizmann Jewish Community Centre,
306 Hawthorn Rd., Caulfield South, 3162



The name Crawcour permeates the histories of Judaism in Victoria and its synagogues. Almost since settlement, Crawcour families recur in Melbourne, the provincial cities of Geelong and Ballarat, and in Tasmania. They have married family members from such prominent families as Abraham, Abrahams, Alston, Cashmore, Cohen, Coppel, Hamburger, Joseph, Lenzer, Levy, Phillips and Solomon. The Crawcours have provided leadership in diverse areas, ranging through drapery, the law (over several generations), pawnbroking, dentistry, pioneer abortionist, Japanese scholarship, mental health, African violets. Among their most newsworthy aspects, several saw active war service--three brothers each lost one leg as a result; one is credited with founding the Temple Beth Israel; one Crawcour was murdered; another recently served a gaol term; two were municipal councillors; another was newsreader for the ABC. There are at least two Crawcour nonagenarians living in Victoria today--"Vic" (Rose Victoria) Crawcour (Malvern) and Norma Rakuzinas (Geelong).

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RESEARCHING YOUR JEWISH ANCESTRY A HANDS-ON WORKSHOP FOR BEGINNERS AND OTHERS

Sunday 23rd June 2002, 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Beth Weizmann Community Centre, 306 Hawthorn Rd., South Caulfield, 3162

This workshop aims to help those who wish to learn about vital records (births, deaths and marriages), shipping lists, naturalisation applications, overseas data bases, how to search the JewishGen Family Finder and other databases on the Net, surname dictionaries, how to search for towns and shtetls and more. Newsletters and journals from overseas will be available for inspection. A demonstration will be given on the use of the Internet for those wishing to learn about useful websites. Members of the committee will provide individual assistance on request.

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New Members

We welcome the following members who joined in the last few months:
Susan Stafford, Rebecca Shavitsky

President's Report.



It gives me great joy and pride having been President of our Society during 2001-2. The active committee members, and especially our secretary, have worked hard to make our Society a successful one.

Why are we successful?

- 1. We hold regular meetings with interesting and educational speakers.*
- 2. We have regular workshops to assist members in their family research. None of us are professionals, but all of us have experience in various areas. It is a case of members helping members.*
- 3. In conjunction with Makor Jewish Community Library we have an extensive collection of books, journals and newsletters, maps and micro-fiche, to assist our members in their research.*
- 4. Thanks to the work of our secretary, Lionel Sharpe, we publish a regular newsletter, 'Genealogy Down Under', which goes, not only to every member, but to a great number of kindred societies overseas.*
- 5. We carry out outreach work by having consultancy tables at various family history and other expos. e.g. 'In One Voice' at the Caulfield Park, the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies, the Church of the Latter Day Saints, the Bendigo Family History Exposition.*
- 6. We give talks to outside groups such as the National Council of Jewish Women.*
- 7. We assist people from overseas societies researching relatives.*

All this work is carried on by members of our society without remuneration and we look forward to another successful year.

Leslie Oberman, President

Recent Events in Victoria



Rabbi Philip Heilbrunn (above), Chief Rabbi of the St Kilda Synagogue, spoke on "Rabbinical Genealogies: A Port in a Storm" on 24th April 2002 at the Beth Weizmann Jewish Community Centre. Rabbi Heilbrunn is descended from Rabbi Aharon Shmuel Kaidanover and Rabbi Samuel Gershon Steg of Warburg and is on the Steering Committee of the Rabbinic SIG (Special Interest Group) which was established only last year.

The 4th AGM of the Society was held on Wednesday, 22nd May at Beth Weizmann, followed by guest speaker, Judy Hopkins, speaking on 'Researching Jewish Genealogy from English Records'. Judy is an active member of the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies.



The following were elected to the Committee of Management for 2002-2003

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Committee:
Dr David Cohen, Lewis Coleman
Rodney Eisfelder, Bettye Susskind
Leonie Fleiszig (Makor Library Liaison)

AJGS (Vic) participated in the LDS 'Open Day' 'Footprints Through the Past' in May. Lionel Sharpe has been invited to make a presentation - 'Introduction to Jewish Genealogy' at Yom Limmud (Day of Learning) on 8th-9th June organised by the JCCV and the Melton Program at B'nai B'rith.



Les Oberman and Ester Csaky at the AJGS(Vic) display at the annual event- 'In One Voice- held in March in Caulfield Park.

Sophie Caplan, OAM Retires

At our recent AGM appreciation was expressed to retiring AJGS President (Sydney), Sophie Caplan OAM for her dedicated and untiring work over more than ten years. Sophie initiated the Victorian Branch in 1995 and thanks to her efforts the Branch grew rapidly and became incorporated as a separate group. We wish Sophie all the best in the coming years. Rieke Nash, a former Vice-President, has been elected as AJGS President and we look forward to close co-operation in the coming year. Lionel Sharpe has written a tribute to her in the June issue of 'The Kosher Koala'.

Interstate Visitors

Michelle Urban (W.A. Branch of the AJGS) and Marjorie Luno (S.A. Branch of the AJGS) visited Melbourne in April and had productive discussions about resources and future co-operation with the secretary.



Section of the large attendance at the AGM on 22 May

Maps - A Geography Network

Geography Network is an on-line resource for finding and sharing geographic content, including maps and data from many of the world's leading providers <http://www.geographynetwork.com/>

Some areas require a licensing fee ... while others don't. Many different types of maps are available. I have found this to be of great value.

Ted Margulis

<http://jewishwebindex.com> <tmargulis@dc.rr.com>

Found on "JRI-Poland" <jripl@lyris.jewishgen.org>

Czestochowa Archives

I have not written about the Czestochowa Archive project in a while. The project is nearly complete and will bring nearly 20 thousand new birth/marriage/death records to the JRI-Poland web site (<http://www.jewishgen.org/JRI-PL/>).

For your interest, here are the towns covered, along with the years included:

- o Czestochowa -- years 1884-95
- o Janow -- years 1869, 1871-97, 1883-87
- o Klobuck -- years 1849, 1861, 1874
- o Krzepice -- years 1826-29, 1878-91, 1890-98
- o Lelow -- years 1884-95
- o Mstow -- years 1857-58, 1863/69, 1878-84, 1885-95
- o Plawno -- years 1890
- o Praszka -- years 1868, 1871-96
- o Przyrow -- years 1889-95
- o Szczekociny -- years 1852, 1884-89, 1893-95
- o Zarki -- years 1875, 1878, 1884-1896

Here are the total number of records for each town:

- o Czestochowa -- 5958 records
- o Janow -- 159 records
- o Klobuck -- 1695 records
- o Krzepice -- 3048 records
- o Lelow -- 707 records
- o Mstow -- 1132 records
- o Plawno -- 80 records
- o Praszka -- 2025 records
- o Przyrow -- 963 records
- o Szczekociny -- 1687 records
- o Zarki -- 1945 records

Here is a summary of the funding status of the project:

<http://www.jewishgen.org/jri-pl/psa/psastat1.htm#Czestochowa>

Here is a list of every surname that appears in this project.

<http://www.kazez.com/~dan/1107.czesto.html>

If you are interested in helping this project reach completion, perhaps you will consider making a donation?

If you want to donate, please write to me for details or read <http://www.jewishgen.org/jri-pl/visa.htm>

I am hoping for a speedy conclusion of the Czestochowa Archive project!

Dan Kazez

Daniel Kazez <dkazez@mail.wittenberg.edu>

Yizkor Book Project

During April 2002 we processed 4 new books, 6 new entries, and 20 updates. Thus, there are now online 331 books and 394 entries. (Entries are chapters in books which contain multiple towns, each of which has a separate listing on our index page so they can be easily located.)

The Yizkor Book Database now has books on 1,010 shtetls and contains 1,227 books.

All translations are indexed at

<<http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/translations.html>>

where new material and updated books have flags for a month so you can easily identify them.

The growth of the Yizkor Book Project site has been gratifying and amazing. For example, in April 2001 the site had close to 178,000 hits; in April 2002, the number of hits was slightly below 232,000.

New Books: -Augustow, Poland - Baranovich, Belarus:

The Struggle for Life of the Jews in Baranovich

- Gargzdai, Lithuania -Novogrudok, Belarus

New entries: Pinkas HaKehillot: Borowa, Pol., Lutomiersk, Pol. Radomysl Wielki, Pol., Tarnopol. Ukr., Wampierzow, Pol. Warta, Pol

The following books have had new material added:

- Belchatow, Pol - Bedzin, Poland - Czyzew, Pol
- Dokshitsy, Bel - Dubossary, Mold - Gorodenka, Ukr
- Grodno, Bel - Koden, Pol - Kryнки, Pol
- Lida, Bel - Minsk-Mazowiecki, Pol -Radomsko, Pol-Sanok, Pol-Shchuchin (Szczuczyn), Bel - Stawiski, Pol- Svencionys, Lith - Tarnobrzeg, Pol - Yampol, Ukr - Zdunska Wola, Pol
- Zgierz, Pol

If you have been helped by these translations, please show your appreciation by making contributions so that more material can be translated and put online. Click on <<http://www.jewishgen.org/JewishGenerosity/YizkorTrans.htm>> to make a contribution to one or more projects.

Two other especially meritorious projects are:

Kielce Cemetery: Warren Blatt is coordinating a special project involving the translation of a rare book on the Kielce cemetery.

Pinkas Hanitzolim: the Holocaust Survivors List.

Please click on the highlighted project name and you will be taken to the introduction of volume 2 of this book at <http://www.JewishGen.org/yizkor/pinkas_hanitzolim/pinkas_hanitzolim.html>. Volume 2 contains the names of almost 58,000 Jews who were found in Poland after its liberation.

Neither of these two projects nor indeed the many Yizkor book translation projects can begin until funds are raised.

Joyce Field

Yizkor Book Project Manager <jfield@jewishgen.org>

YOM LIMMUD 2002

(Day of Learning)

JCCV and The Florence Melton Mini-School
8th – 9th June 2002

Participate in the following Yom Limmud themes:

Jewish Sources and Thought

Israel and the World

Contemporary Jewry and Contemporary Australian

Jewry and Jewish Genealogy

Jewish Perspectives on Culture, Art, Music and Life

"Israel in Focus" Debate

Saturday Evening at 8pm – Glen Eira Town Hall. \$15.00

Yom Limmud

B'nai B'rith House, 99 Hotham St, St Kilda

Tickets \$120. Lunch will be served (optional) \$10.

Registration is limited so book early!

Registration forms available at JCCV, 306 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South or contact Brenda Kahan at 9505-3366 or brenda@bacitia.com.au or Lynda Mandel at 9528-6942 by Friday, 31 May, 2002.

Read about us on www.jewishaustralia.com

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Jewish Roots in South Africa

CAPE TOWN, March 31 (JTA) - A new center for Jewish population study and genealogy has been established here. The Center for Jewish Migration and Genealogy is part of the University of Cape Town's Kaplan Center for Jewish Studies and Research.

The center aims to map 15,000 Jews who arrived in South Africa between 1880 and 1930, from their place of origin to their destination in South Africa. It will span five or six generations, including parents of the original immigrants who may have been left behind, as well as their descendants.

A host of archival material, including ship departure lists, marriage and divorce records, burial lists will complete the picture. The project is linked to another Kaplan family undertaking, the new South African Jewish Museum.

At a World Jewish Genealogical Conference last year, Kaplan met Saul Israel, a former South African now living in London. After discussions with him and Cape Town businessman David Susman, the project was launched -- Israel is directing the new center, while Susman has provided some startup capital.

By Moira Schneider



The Makor Jewish Community Library was among the dozens of community groups displaying their organisational activities at the annual "In One Voice- Concert in the Park" in March this year. The AJGS(Vic) had over 100 people seeking assistance for ancestral research.

Do we have your correct email address ?

If you have not been receiving notices about our meetings by email, this means either we do not know your email address or our messages have been bouncing. If this is the situation please send an email to ajgs@exist.com.au and we will add you to the list.

CALIFORNIAN GOLD RUSH RECORDS

To the Editor:

I received a book today published in 1996 from a recently found U.S. relative:

"A Traveller's Guide to Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries of the Californian Gold Rush".

It lists the names of internments/plot and grave numbers plus the addresses of several Californian Jewish cemeteries. Grass Valley, Sonora, Mokelumne Hill, Jackson, Placerville, Nevada City and Marysville. There are about 800 names recorded in the index.

The book, written by Susan Morris, was published in 1996, by the Commission for the Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and Landmarks-Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911, Russell St. Berkeley CA 94705 U.S.A. Priced \$12.95(U.S.)

If anyone who thinks that they may have had a connection there, during those heady times, wishes me to look up a name etc. please ask.

Raymond MONTANJEES
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Polish Aliyah Passports: a new source of information

In the 1930s as the shadow of history was lengthening over the Jews of Europe, several thousand Polish Jews managed to emigrate to what was then British Mandate Palestine.

The names of many of these Jews will now be available on an index of the passports issued at this crucial time in Jewish history. The index was created from the passports- which are in the holdings of the Jewish Historical Institute (JHI) in Warsaw. Eventually this index will be searchable as part of the Jewish Records Indexing-Poland online database.

The 'Aliyah Passports' collection in the Archives of the Jewish Historical Institute of Poland (Warsaw) consists of 3,754 Polish passports issued primarily during the 1930s to Polish citizens going to what was then British Mandate Palestine. These passports - issued between 1929 and 1939 -- not only bear photos and signatures of the bearers (in most cases), but the various official stamps and seals trace the entire route taken by the emigrant and (on occasion) onward travels to other countries, providing precisedates for each leg of the journey.

Passports include date of birth, place of birth, last place of residence, occupation and civil status (single, married, etc.). The name of the child or the number of children appear in some instances. The photographs sometime include a husband and wife, or a husband and/or wife with the children.

There are more than 2600 different surnames represented in the Passports. For a list of all SURNAMES extracted from the Polish Passports file, go to http://www.jewishgen.org/jri-pl/jhi/aliyah-passport_surn.htm

There are 1250 towns listed as places of birth. For a list of all towns and villages mentioned as places of birth in the Polish Passports file, go to http://www.jewishgen.org/jri-pl/jhi/aliyah-passport_town.htm

For further information on this project, please go to <http://www.jewishgen.org/jri-pl/jhi/jri-jhi-aliyah-passport.htm>
Judy Baston, Coordinator
JRI-Poland Polish Passport Project

Photos of Your Ancestral Village in Europe

I am a provider of a service that offers photographs of any village or locality in Europe. You can find this photo service at: <http://www.village.sk> Currently you will find 319 photo examples from 64 European villages there. I would like to offer your members my co-operation.
Dr. Maros Krajnak <krajnak@village.sk>



Left:
Enid Yoffa-Elton
Rebecca Shavitsky
Sonya Oberman
Right:
Rabbi Shalom Coleman
(Visiting from Perth)
with Lewis Coleman
(AJGS committee member)



Members attending the Annual General Meeting of AJGS(Vic) at Beth Weizmann Community Centre on 22nd May 2002



Large gathering at the re-launch of 'Australian

Genesis' by Rabbi John Levi and George Bergman

**Lectures/ Workshops/Seminars held
between May 2001 to May 2002**

Ephraim Finch, Director of the Melbourne Chevra Kadisha on "The Chevra Kadisha - An invaluable resource for genealogical research", following the AGM, Wed. 16 May 2001

Uri Palti, former Jewish broadcaster, on "What genealogy DID for me!", on Wed. 27 June.

Beginners' Workshop - Researching your Jewish ancestry, Sun., 8 July.

Panel presentation - "The Jewish Genealogical Conference in London", Wed., 22 August.

Diane Armstrong, writer and journalist, discussing her new book, "The Voyage of their Life: the story of the SS Derna and its Passengers", Thurs., 11 October.

Researching your Ancestors - Beginners' Workshop, Sun., 4 November.

Peter Nash, Sydney AJGS member, on China: Tracing former European, Russian and Sephardic Communities, Wed., 28 November.

Tess Schwarz, "The First Forty Families: Bringing my Family Tree and Forest to Life", Wed., 6 February 2002

A demonstration and seminar - "Jewish Genealogy, Information Technology and the Internet" Sun., 17 February (in association with the Australian Association of Jewish Studies conf.)

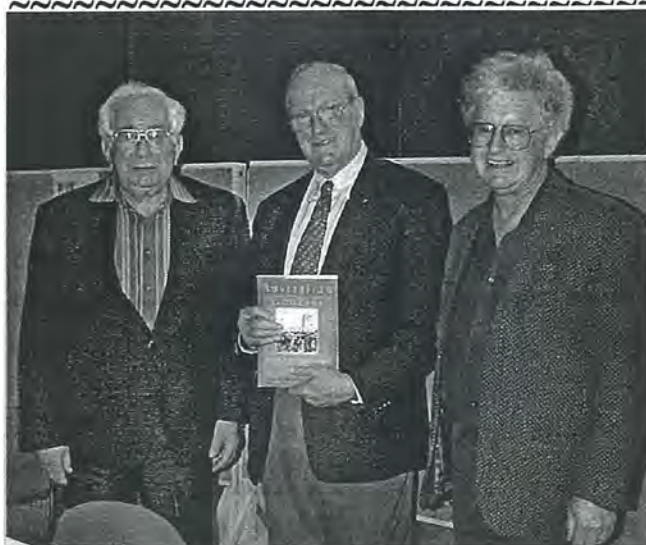
Rabbi Dr. John Levi, re-launching of the update of his book "Australian Genesis: Jewish Convicts and Settlers 1788-1860", in association with the Australian Jewish Historical Society, 3 March.

Rabbi Philip Heilbrunn, Chief Minister of the St Kilda Hebrew Congregation, on "Rabbinical Genealogies: A Port in a Storm", Wed., 24 April.

Judy Hopkins, AIGS volunteer, on: "Researching Jewish Genealogy from English Records", Wed., 22 May, following the AGM at 7.30 pm

Participation in Open Days and Expos

LDS Open Day, Braeside, May and Wantirna in August 2001
Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies Open day, October
Consultant's table and display at the 'In One Voice - Concert in the Park', Caulfield Park, March 2002
Consultant's table - Bendigo Family History Expo, March



Les Oberman, Rabbi John Levi and Howard Freeman (AJHS) at the re-launch of 'Australian Genesis' at Slome Hall on 3 March

Volunteers Needed

1. Dachau Indexing Project:

Summer vacations will be upon us soon and, in order to keep up our pace in the indexing of the Dachau records (about 120,000-122,000 records, of which over 30,000 have already been indexed), we need additional data entry volunteers to replace those who will be traveling and vacationing.

This work requires that you have a recent version of Excel on your computer, that you have the ability to receive graphic images in jpeg format, and that you have good vision so that you can read the records which are submitted electronically and are not always completely legible. No translation skills are needed as you will be typing exactly what is written in the original German records into the Excel spreadsheet. To volunteer for this project, write to Harriet Brown at hbrown@jewishgen.org.

2. Yizkor Book Project:

I also need a volunteer for the Yizkor Book Project who can scan text and images and who has recent OCR software. English sections of Yizkor books can be added to the Yizkor Book Translations Project if the English texts can be scanned, ocred, and proofread. Contact me at jfield@jewishgen.org if you can help.

Additional volunteers can be used to enter data from the 1939 census of Bedzin, Poland. There are 22,000 records that need to be entered into an Excel template so that this file can be converted to a searchable database on the JewishGen database site at <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/>.

Joyce Field <jfield@jewishgen.org>

SPELLING OF NAMES

JewishGen now hosts a Given Names Database. A search of it can give you all kinds of variations of names. I believe it reflects names from 15 countries.

<http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/GivenNames/search.htm>
Debbie Raff, California

JEWISHGEN MALL ADDS SOUTH AFRICA

Three new titles on South African Jewry have just been added to the JewishGen Mall and are available for immediate delivery. They are:

- ◊ Guide to the Manuscript Archives of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies (Covers all aspects of South African Jewish history and activities during the past century)
- ◊ The Jews of South Africa: An Illustrated History to 1953. With an epilogue to 1975. (This is a brand new book, not related in any way to the book of essays, "Jews in South Africa.")
- ◊ Jews of Johannesburg (Written in 1901 and first published now.)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/jewishgenmall> click on Sandy and Don Hirschhorn, JewishGen Mall

More Hamburg Emigration Records to be on Internet

From: Nu? What's New? News About Jewish Genealogy from Avotaynu, May 5, 2002, Gary Mokotoff, Editor

I just returned from a four-day trip to Hamburg, Germany, courtesy of the Hamburg government. The Link-to-Your-Roots project, which is placing on the Internet an index of all emigrants who passed through the port of Hamburg from 1850-1934, expects to add to its current database in the next 30 days all records from 1899-1902. Previously available were records from 1890-1898. When I was there they were keying in manifests for March 1904.

These entries must then go through a verification process to confirm their accuracy. The database can be found at http://www.hamburg.de/fhh/behoerden/staatsarchiv/link_to_your_roots/english/index.htm

Galician Research

If you are a Galitzianer, Avotaynu published a book a few years ago that is still one of the best sources for how to do Jewish genealogical research for Galicia. It includes what is known about Galician-Jewish resources--such resources as archival collections of Jewish vital and other records; geographic, visual and language aides; books; documents related to the Holocaust; and articles about travel and research in specific towns by members of Gesher Galicia, the Special Interest Group for Jewish genealogy. The author, Suzan Wynne, is the founding president of Gesher Galicia and has been doing Galician genealogical research for more than 20 years. Additional information, can be found at:

<http://www.avotaynu.com/galicia.htm>.

(Note: This book is in the Makor Library)

New Database of Jews Deported from France

From: Nu? What's New? March 25th, Gary Mokotoff, Editor

An important book for Holocaust research is "Memorial to the Jews Deported from France." (Klarsfeld, Serge. New York: Beate Klarsfeld Foundation, 1983). It lists more than 70,000 Jews deported from France, mostly to Auschwitz. If the person was immediately gassed upon arrival at Auschwitz (most were), a death date can be assumed from the arrival date at Auschwitz.

Each entry shows the person's name; and date, town and country of birth. The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum has now placed a similar database on the Internet at http://www.ushmm.org/uia/cgi/uia_form/frdeport. It seems to have been developed independent of the Klarsfeld work because it also includes maiden names of women. The Internet site notes that "the original French deportation lists, on which this list is based in part, are held by the Centre de Documentation Juive Contemporaine in Paris, France."

People looking for People

The following notices are published as a community service for our readers. They have come to us via discussion groups on the net or by direct contact with the Society.

Many were posted on the Australian Jewish Discussion Group and are repeated here for those not on the Internet.

HART

My maiden name is HART and there have been rumours that Daniel HART, a member of the Ned Kelly gang, was related to my father. We are Jewish, from London UK for centuries back, but I have never read anything about Dan Hart that would help my labours over my family tree.

I wonder whether you would be able to give me any information about this man ?

June SOLNTSEFF (nee HART) Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
<june@solntseff.ca>

CHEEPER

I have recently discovered that my great grandfather may not have been a CLARKE at birth but in fact changed his name to that in the 1870s from that of CHEEPER. I found a CHEEPER in the immigrants list to England in the early 1900's. This family must have migrated before 1800 as there are mentions in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk in

1790's and Coventry , Warwick in 1820's to 1830's. Anthony Jacques CHEEPER was born in Clerkenwell in 1838. His father and grandfather were ribbon manufacturers in Warwick and later London. I think his father was Anthony Jacques also, yet to confirm, and an A.J. CHEEPER was listed in bankruptcy in 1862. Two generations back the mother's maiden name was JACQUES.

Anne Kratzmann (in DRY inland Sth Queensland)
<winderastation@burnett.net.au>

ALCOCK

The information I'm seeking is on my maternal grandmother whom I've been told was Jewish. Her name was Florence Winifred Alcock, born 18/11/1906 (however, her marriage certificate has her maiden name as Winifred Florence Alcock, married surname of Headney). Died 1980. I've been told she was born in Austria, and that the family moved to England prior to WW1 - changing their name to Alcock. I don't know what the family name was before this.

Deirdre Miles, Queensland
<deirdremiles@hotmail.com>

Cypre/Cyprus/Cyprys

My parents lived in Australia for about 10-15 years. They even married there in 1936. It was in the years between 1925 till 1940 they lived worked and played in Yiddish theatre in Melbourne. I even have posters of the theatre group from that time and reviews from news papers from those years.

My father's first name was Zeev Velvale Cyprys. My mother was Shoshana Henia Segal. Any further information will be appreciated.

(Ed. The MCK have no record of burial)

Doron Zafrir <zafrir_d@netvision.net.il>

KAISER

I am a South African Jewess. My maternal grandmother, Emma Cowen (nee Kaiser) was born in Germany. One of her brothers (surname Kaiser), according to my mother (now deceased), came to Australia before the turn of the century. My mother did correspond with one of her cousins and I would like to contact her/her children.

I vaguely remember my mother telling me that her uncle lived in Sydney. Somehow, I do remember that Mr Kaiser owned/managed "Sydney Fire & Glass." I have relocated from Johannesburg to Cairns and any news will be appreciated.

Mavis Derman

<MAVROY@bigpond.com>

VERNON

I have been trying to find a relative of the late Mattie VERNON (nee Rothman). Leon VERNON is part of our COHEN family tree. They had no children, but Mattie had a niece called Karen (no surname known, she was the daughter of Mattie's sister). Mattie died in 1976 in Melbourne, and Leon in 1993.

Naomi Barnett, Melbourne

<barnett@netspace.net.au>

OLOWITZ

I am seeking the whereabouts of brothers Eric and Hilton OLOWITZ of Australia, sons of Katie [CHAITEL] & Louis OLOWITZ (nee, ORELOWITZ) of Johannesburg, South. Louis was the son of Berel ORELOWITZ who was from Rakishok (Rokiskis), Lithuania.

Steven Kitnick, Las Vegas, USA

<kitnick1@aol.com>

KUSS - SZNAPER

My family is from Lodz and the towns around the city off Lodz: Belhatov , Sieradz and Zlochev.

The family names are: Kuss and Sznaper. I will be more than thankful to have some information about survivors living in Australia.

Jacob Carmel, Kfar Vradim, PO 1214, Israel

<rinat3258@bezeqint.net>

CZUKERBERG/ NANKIN/ VAISMAN/ BRENER

I live in Mexico City, my grandparents and great grandparents migrated to Mexico and South America from Eastern Europe before and during the Holocaust, they think we might have family in Australia. The names are Czukerberg, Nankin, Vaisman, Brener. Ricardo Czukerberg <rczuckerberg@yahoo.com>

COHEN

Joe Cohen born 1878 and died around 1954 was the son of Hyman Cohen and Fanny Goshen. Amongst his siblings was Laura Cohen my maternal grandmother. Why he came to Australia I was never told. He may have corresponded with some other relatives we have in Sydney. I think he married and there were children but know nothing more. I believe that he took with him the Family Bible which if it is still in existence I should dearly like to consult.

Brian Joseph, Bristol, England

<briandgill@prvicst.freemove.co.uk>

OLWYN

Seeking the whereabouts of Hilton & Eric OLWYN, sons of Katie [CHAITEL] and Louis OLWYN (nee, OLOWITZ), grandsons of Sarah Michla [BEDEK] & Berel OLOWITZ (nee, ORELOWITZ of Johannesburg, S.A. Bernard Echt <BernardEcht@webtv.net>

Myers /Lazarus/ Solomon/ Kalisch/ Falk

I am looking for anyone who may have researched the ancestry of any of the following:

George Myers (b. Harwich, Essex 1830, d. Sydney, 1882)

Mordecai Solomon (b. London, 1800, d. Sydney 1883)

Elizabeth Haines (b. London 1809, d. Sydney 1852)

Frances Lazarus (b. England 1773, d. England 1836)

Gittel Kalisch (b. London 1778, d. England 1833)

Samuel Falk (b. Podalia (?) 1710, d. London 1782)

Adrian Paul <apaul@smartchat.net.au>

HERSHKOVITZ

Sometime ago, I looked for HERSHKOVITZ descendants immigrated to Australia. I need help in locating any family members from that branch.

Reuven KOSVINER immigrated from Israel to South Africa at the 1900s and in 1921 back to Israel.

He had 3 children: Naomi - immigrated to Australia.

Akiva - went to Johannesburg. Died. Morris - went to Johannesburg. Maybe still alive. Reuven's brothers,

David and Mendl, went also to South Africa at around the same time (1900s) and have descendants in SA and Israel. Arnon Hershkovitz, Haifa, Israel

arnonh@tx.technion.ac.il

VIENNA PHONE BOOK

If anyone knows the person in Melbourne who possesses a copy of a pre-war phone book of the residents of Vienna please contact:

Ruth Levit <martin.ruth@usa.net>

ABRAHAMS/LEVY

I have a request from a person who has just discovered that her grandfather was Jewish and was married in the East Melbourne synagogue in 1869.

James Abrahams, b.1834 in Kalish married Rebecca Levy, b.1848 in Worcester, daughter of Nathan and Louisa Levy. They had a son, Nathaniel Louis b. 20 May 1870, her grandfather. James had a draper shop in Bruthen, Gippsland and is mentioned in Goldman's history of the Jews in 19th Victoria.

If this family is known to anyone contact the editor, Lionel Sharpe.

sharpe@labyrinth.net.au

Quite independently the same request has also been received from Lynette Cawcutt of Wandiligong, Victoria. Her email is:

donald.shields@bigpond.com

ISRAEL

Does anyone have the E-Mail address of Miriam Israel who lives in Australia? I sent a letter to

mhisrael@cqnet.com.au and it was returned. Esther Feinstein Sackheim <ZeraKodesh@aol.com>

PHILLIPS

My grandfather was Philip Phillips (died 1835) married Rosetta ? (died 1853). They had eleven children, Samuel 1814-1854(writer) married Caroline Jemimah Pratt; Ralph ? Joseph ? Issac John 1830- ? married Margaret Anderson (Australia)

Philip had a business (cut glass manufactory) in St James St., Pall Mall in 1814 Old Bond St., London 1821, 190 Regent St., 1833 also 57 Kings St., Golden Square. Any connection?

Leonie Lang <l_lang@tpg.com.au>

EILENBERG

I am looking for possible Eilenberg Relatives.

My name is Rivka Eilenberg born to Harry (Heschel) Eilenberg. My father was a son of Abraham Eilenberg a son of Heshel the son of Simcha Bunim the son of Shimon. My grandfather was from Poland (maybe Kielce). Rivka Eilenberg

From: Office of the Chief Rabbi of Israel

<rabbiae@rabbinate.gov.il>

FISHMAN

Benny Rozenzon of Toronto, Canada is searching for his mother's cousin, Anna Fishman, nee Hannah Rosenthal.

Anna was a hidden child in Poland during the war and migrated to Australia after 1946. She later went on aliyah to Israel where she married. Her husband died in Israel and she returned to Melbourne in the 1980's.

Contact was lost about seven years ago. He has phoned Chevra Kadisha and others organisations without success. He has asked the AJGS for help through Lionel Sharpe <sharpe@labyrinth.net.au>

BASICHUS

Oskar Raool of Phoenix Arizona USA, while on a visit to Melbourne, was searching for the cousin of a friend. The name is Basichus and possibly changed to Bernstein. He was born in Bessarabia (Nova Selitz?) and migrated to Australia in 1912. Another brother settled in the USA. (*JGFF search indicates alternative spellings - Bassechass, Basikhes, Basseches etc.*)
Lionel Sharpe <sharpe@labyrinth.net.au>

BASIST

My father's maternal cousins, Phyllis Goldman and Rena Stern Goldman, told me recently that some members of the family had emigrated to Australia. They remembered a visit of some of the Australian Basist relatives to their home in Trenton, New Jersey, USA when they were children. Rena and Phyllis' father Sam (Schlaume) and brothers Dave and Paul changed their name from BASIST to GOLDMAN when they emigrated to the US in the early 1900's from Lida District, Belorussia.

Sam, Dave and Paul Goldman also had another brother Kalman who remained behind in Voronovo, (Lida District) Belorussia and 2 sisters Roche Gittel (Gertrude, spouse Max Kalmanowitz), and Rose (spouse Charlie Kaddis) who emigrated to the US, also at the turn of the last century.

Their sister Chaya (Anna, my maternal grandmother, spouse Isser Moishe Kalmanowitz) died when my father was a small child in Lida.

Sam Goldman's brothers Paul and Dave settled in Massachusetts, while Sam and his wife Rose raised their family---Phyllis, Rena, Blanche, and Myron (deceased)---in New Jersey and later retired to Florida.

Sam's brother Dave married Ida. Sam's brother Paul and wife Celia Goldman had 4 daughters: Ethel, Miriam, Laura, Genie. Sam's brother Kalman, wife Sima and children Chaim and Raya escaped from the Nazi carnage in Lida on May 8, 1942 and fought with the partisans. They later fled from Poland to Rumania, Hungary, Austria, Italy, and came to Palestine in 1946 after being in a refugee camp in Cyprus.

Kalman died in 1951 in Israel. Kalman's son Chaim is head of the Lida Survivors Association of Israel and lives in Netanya, Israel with wife Sarah.

They have children and great-grandchildren.

Any help would be appreciated in locating missing the Australian branch of the Basist family.

Miriam Klepper <mklepper@ix.netcom.com>

~~~~~ AUSTRALIAN JEWISH GENEALOGICAL DISCUSSION GROUP

To receive and post messages on this group contact:
<http://www.zeta.org.au/~feraltek/genealogy/>
There is no charge!!

ADLER

My Uncle, Johnny Adler, emigrated from London to Australia in about 1920. He lived in St. Kilda and had one son, Henry Adler, who would be in his mid seventies by now. As I shall be visiting Australia in April, I am hoping that you can help me in tracing this part of my family. We have lost all contact with him for around 30 years. My mother Deborah is the only remaining sibling. Johnny Adler was the oldest of eight children, son of Henry and Annie Adler (nee Cohen) from Bow in the East End of London. He married in Melbourne, I think his first wife's name was Adele but she died young. His second wife was Esther. He was in the Military Police for a time but was a furrier. He would have died a long while ago as he was in not in good health when he last visited England in the mid 1950's.

Anne Nacamuli <annenacamuli@hotmail.com>
(Ed. Anne was in Melbourne in April and checked out obvious resources.)

SALAT

Solomon Salat is seeking information about a relative, Morris (Moishe) Salat who arrived in Melbourne prior to World War II. MCK records indicate that he died in 1950 while living in Elwood. A White Pages search gives 5 addresses of Salat - NSW and W.A.. Any information will be appreciated.

Solomon Salat, NewJersey
<SalatEngineer@aol.com>

DONAETZ

My uncle recalled that Isaac Donaetz was on a business trip to Holland when Germany was entering the war andstowed away after 1939 to Australia. Does anyone have information about him?

Nanette Silverberg (USA) <nsilverberg@juno.com>

KRAVITZ

The Krawiec family married into the Sonshine/Zunschejn (approximately) family of Siedlce, Poland (Shedlitz) around the late 1800s or early 1900s. Moshe Itzchak Sonshine and Rose Krawiec/Kravitz, with their infant daughter Anne, moved to New York City, but I understand other Kravitzes went on to Australia. Does anyone know them?

R. Rose(California)<singsong@ucla.edu>

~~~~~ CZESTOCHOWA SURVIVORS

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Rev Barbara Alan is researching Czestochowa for her PhD thesis. She is keen to talk to any survivors from this city to help fill in gaps in her research. She can be contacted on 02 6253 3205 or at 19 Dugdale St., Cook, ACT, 2614  
dmorgan@webone.com.au  
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NEW BOOKS

**Australian Genesis: Jewish Convicts
and Settlers 1788-1860**

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New edition, Hardback, AUD\$89.95
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**How to Find Shipping and Immigration
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The 2002 edition has been fully revised and updated. This book is designed to help researchers find and use shipping and immigration records in Australia. It is arranged alphabetically by state and category. It is fully indexed and includes separate diary, place, ship and subject indexes. Use this book to locate the records for when, where and what ship your family arrived in Australia. How to Find Shipping and Immigration Records in Australia, 5th edn, 2002, A4, 114 pages.
\$16.00 plus \$4.00 post and pack in Australia.

Orders or inquiries to:
Cora Num, 17 Pendred Street, Pearce ACT 2607
Phone: 02 6290 0246 E-mail: cora@coraweb.com.au
<http://www.coraweb.com.au/>

**Tracing Your Family History in Australia
A National Guide to Sources (3rd edn, 2002)**

A major update and expansion of the 1994 edition by Nick Vine Hall, Genealogist & Maritime Historian, 896 pages RRP \$75 posted within Australia.
PO Box 725, Mount Eliza, Vic 3930
Email: nick@vinehall.com.au
Homepage: www.vinehall.com.au

**From Where We Have Come: Portraits of the
Australian Jewish Family**

This 138 page magnificent coffee table publication, launched by the Jewish Museum of Australia a few months ago, was sold out within weeks of it becoming available. It was produced by Hybrid Publishers and there is no indication whether there will be a re-print.

**International Conference on
Jewish Genealogy - Toronto**

The 22nd IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy is now online

<http://www.jgstoronto2002.ca>.

The conference will be held at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto, Canada, August 4-9.

International lecturers include:

- * Alexander Beider, author of landmark books on Jewish names.
- * Olga Muzychuk, Director of the Central State Historical Archives of Ukraine.
- * Oleg Perzashkevich, Historian from Belarus.
- * Yale Reisner, Director of The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation Genealogy Project at the Jewish Historical Institute of Poland in Warsaw.
- * Batya Untershatz, former Director of the Bureau for Search for Missing Relatives at the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem.
- * Shi Lei, a descendant of Kaifeng Chinese Jews, who currently is studying at Bar Ilan University in Israel.

There will be more than 100 lectures on the complete spectrum of topics over the 6 days.

Lauren Joffe, a graduate student at the University of Melbourne, will be presenting a paper in Toronto - 'The Study of Jewish Genealogical Narratives: Writing on Roots'.

**JEWISH GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH TRIP TO
SALT LAKE CITY PLANNED**

For the tenth consecutive year, veteran Jewish genealogists Gary Mokotoff and Eileen Polakoff will be offering a research trip to the LDS (Mormon) Family History Library in Salt Lake City from October 31-November 7, 2002.

The program offers genealogists the opportunity to spend an entire week of research at the Library under the guidance and assistance of professional genealogists. It includes a specially arranged three-hour class on day of arrival introducing the participants to the facilities and resources of the Family History Library; a mid-week informal group discussion of progress and problem-solving and access to trip leaders from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Library for on-site assistance and personal consultations. A copy of the book, "Your Guide to the Family History Library," is part of the pre-trip literature.

Write to: SLC Genealogy Trip, 155 N., Washington Avenue, Bergenfield, NJ 07621, call 201-387-3818; e-mail: mokotoff@earthlink.net;
<http://www.avotaynu.com/slctrip.htm>

This Month's Web Sites for Jewish Genealogy
Collected by Leslie Oberman

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Australian Jewish Genealogical Society (Victoria), Inc. <http://www.ajgs.exist.com.au/>

Russian Genealogy. <http://www.genealogia.ru/en/main/>

Bessarabia Oblast Jewish Settlements.

http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/Colonies_of_Ukraine/Bessarabia.htm

Foundation for the Advancement of Sephardic Studies. <http://www.sephardicstudies.org/>

Cercle de Genealogie Juive (International JGS in Paris). <http://www.genealoj.org>

Jewish Community of Strazov. <http://www.sallysfamilyplace.com/Koestler/Strazov.htm>

Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain East of London. <http://jgsgb-eol.tripod.com/>

Ancestor Roots Information <http://www.academic-genealogy.com/database.htm>

<http://www.kolhatorah.com/biographie.asp>

A searchable database of rabbinical personalities in French.

List of Jews Deported from France. http://www.ushmm.org/uia-cgi/uia_form/frdeport

UKR-Odessa-Gen Research Group. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ukrodess/>

Jewish Zolkiew Research Page. <http://home.earthlink.net/~brians99/>

Rabbinic genealogical research. <http://www.jewishgen.org/Rabbinic/infofiles/biblio.htm>

National Archives of Romania.

<http://www.mi.ro/Diacritice/InformatiiMI/AdreseINF/InfArhive/infarhive.html>

Database of missing persons in Poland. <http://www.zaginieni.pl/>

Genealogy in Serbia. <http://www.serbia-today.com/>

The Routes to Roots Foundation. Miriam Weiner. <http://www.rtrfoundation.org/>

The Geography Network is an online resource for finding and sharing geographic content, including maps and data, from many of the world's leading providers. <http://www.geographynetwork.com/>

Dictionaries in many languages and translation service. <http://www.yourdictionary.com/>

Languages of the World. <http://www.ethnologue.com/web.asp>

Free Online Translation Services. <http://www.word2word.com/free.html>

Norwegian, German, French, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese. www.freetranslation.com

Dictionaries on 270 languages . www.yourdictionary.com

The Levanda Index. A Legal Resource on Jewish Life in the Pale.

<http://www.angelfire.com/ms2/belaroots/levanda.htm>

The Jewish Historical Society of England. <http://www.jhse.org/home.html>

Professional Genealogists-USA. <http://progenealogists.com/genealogysleuthb.htm>

<http://www.wizna.com/>

Wizna, located in the northeast of Poland

Jewish Congregation of Kishinev (Kishinev district).

http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/fhlcatalog/supermainframeset.asp?display=titlefilmnotes&columns=%2C180%2C0&titleno=771676&disp=Metrical_books

Australasia Births, Deaths and Marriages Exchange. <http://www.rootsweb.com/p>

Jewish Records Indexing Poland. Surname List: Kalisz. <http://www.jewishgen.org/jri-pl/psa/kaliszurn.htm>

The Polish State Archives web page. <http://www.archiwa.gov.pl/archiwa/index.eng.html>

Vivismo Search Engine. <http://vivismo.com/>

Map of Berdichev. <http://www.berdichev.org/map-d.html>

London Borough of Hackney. <http://www.hackney.gov.uk/>

The new home for the Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain.
<http://www.jgsgb.org.uk>

A List showing most of the hundreds of town name changes from German to Polish 19 Century Posen Province.
<http://www.posen-l.com/TownSearch.php>

<http://home.t-online.de/home/RIJONUE/occupati.htm>

List of archives in formerly German or German occupied territories.

http://kipp.tau.ac.il/hts_pp.htmhttp://kipp.tau.ac.il/hts_pp.htm

How to Search the Palestine Post:

<http://www.dannes-camiers.org/en/index.html>

Research Group Dannes-Camiers, deportees from Liege (Belgium).

http://jewish-weblife.com/m1_engl.html

Database for names of more than 55.000 Berlin citizens who were murdered by the Nazis.

One Thousand Children, Inc. (OTC) <http://www.onethousandchildren.org/>

Bremen Passenger List for the period 1920-1939. <http://db.genealogy.net/maus/gate/shiplists.cgi>

<http://www.russianancestors.com/>

The primary Internet source connecting researchers of Russian ancestors worldwide for the benefit of our customers.

ZEIMELIS (LITHUANIA) JEWISH CEMETERY. <http://www.jewishgen.org/Litvak/Zeimelis.html>

State Archives of Poland. <http://www.archiwa.gov.pl/index.eng.html>

<http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/Ciechanow/MarrRecs.htm>

Ciechanow Marriages 1826-1865.

http://www.hamburg.de/fhh/behoerden/staatsarchiv/link_to_your_roots/english/index.htm

The Emigration Lists of Hamburg.

Schweizerisches Bundesarchiv

Archivstrasse 24

CH-3003 Bern

Switzerland

Jewish refugees who sheltered in Switzerland - there were approximately 22,000.

Research in France. <https://www.mairie-paris.fr/forms/>