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Les Oberman and the Committee of Management of the A.J.G.S.(Victoria) wish all our Jewish members and friends a Healthy and Happy New Year .
L'Shana Tova Tikatevu

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Margot Sims Cohen and Les Oberman unroll metres of family tree producedby Dr David Cohen for his lecture on the Crawcour Family in June.

For your diary:
August meeting: Itiel Bereson on "The Changing Borders of Eastern Europe", 28th August 2002 at 7.30pm
September meeting: Wednesday, September 25th at 7.30 pm at Beth Weizmann Jewish Community Centre. Speaker to be confirmed.

RESEARCHING YOUR ANCESTORS
A HANDS-ON WORKSHOP FOR BEGINNERS AND OTHERS
Sunday 6th October 2001, 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm
Beth Weizmann Jewish Community Centre, 306 Hawthorn Rd., South Caulfield, 3162
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New Members

We welcome the following members who joined in the last few months:
Dr Oskar Delatycki, Lauren Joffe, Helen Mahemoff, and Eric Katz

Editorial

On September 7/8th we will be celebrating the Jewish New Year. The past year has not been a joyous one. We have witnessed an escalation of the conflict in the Middle East, with tragic consequences to both the Israelis and the Palestinian people. Our thoughts have been with our colleagues in Israel who live in fear of terrorist attacks and our heart goes out to all those who have lost relatives and friends or suffered severe injuries.

We have also witnessed the aftermath of September 11th in New York City with the loss of lives, not only of American citizens, but also those many foreigners working in the World Trade Center. Last year we conveyed our condolences to all our colleagues who were were directly or indirectly affected by this outrage.

As genealogists we have contributed our skills in connecting dispersed families wherever they may live around the globe and thus provided a sense of connectiveness to the past and to the present. Our family trees are the means by which we reconstruct our families and make the world a smaller place.

Our President, Les Oberman and his wife Sonya together with Vice-President Enid Yoffa-Elton attended the International Conference on Jewish Genealogy in Toronto this month.. We look forward to their safe return and news of the new connections they have made.

This coming October the Jewish Museum of Australia in Alma Road , St.Kilda, is launching a new exhibition, 'From Russia with Hope'. The exhibition will feature the story of Russian migration to Australia since early settlement in the nineteenth century. A number of family histories will be on display outlining the lives of both early and recent settlers. These will be of great interest to family historians.

Wishing you a healthier and happier New Year.
Lionel Sharpe
Editor

Archives@Victoria –

your new gateway to PROV's collection www.prov.vic.gov.au/archivesvictoria

Following is a slightly adapted version of an article originally published in Public Record Office Victoria's quarterly newsletter, PROactive *No. 26. It introduces PROV's new online service,* Archives@Victoria, *which makes its catalogues and ordering service easily accessible to anyone with Internet access, 24 hours a day.*

Archives@Victoria, your new portal to Public Record Office Victoria (PROV), went live on 29 April 2002.

Using *Archives@Victoria*, you can look for information about the collection and order records to be delivered to our reading rooms. You can access *Archives@Victoria* online at home, work or in a library, or on site in one of PROV's reading rooms.

You can save valuable time by ordering records at your convenience in advance of your visit to PROV. If you live or work in regional Victoria, *Archives@Victoria* on the Internet can open PROV's collection to you without the extra effort of a preliminary trip to Melbourne or Ballarat. By using *Archives@Victoria* online, you can maximise the value of your time at PROV...and spend it with the records!

Archives@Victoria allows you to:

- search for details about records in the collection
- view research guides to help you find the records you want
- pre-order records for viewing in one of PROV's reading rooms
- print copies of your search results for future reference
- view images of some of the records held at PROV
- print copies of the guides and reports
- print copies of your order for future reference
- register as a PROV user

Registering as a user

Anyone can browse PROV's online catalogue. However, if you wish to order records online, you need to register as a public user.

If you do not have a current researcher number (the number on your current researcher card, which is white), you will need to fill in the online registration form in order to receive a user ID. When you register online, you will also need to select a password to use with your ID number each time you log in to *Archives@Victoria*.

If you already have a researcher number, this will be your user ID for *Archives@Victoria*. All you need to do is choose a password and call the *Archives@Victoria* help desk on tel 1800 657 452

After registering online or activating your current number, you will be given a new user ID ticket when you next visit a PROV reading room. You can also register as a new user on the computers in the reading rooms.

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Dr David Cohen displaying his family tree

Descendants of the Crawcour family at the meeting on 12 June 2002
l. to r.Professor Syd Crawcour, Andrew Joseph, Dr David Cohen (guest speaker), Jan Barnard, Benjamin Cohen, Lynne Holcombe, Shoshana Rothberg, Esther Broome and Charles Rothberg

Searching for records

You can search for records in *Archives@Victoria* in a variety of ways:

- Keyword search: you can do a text search across all available information about records in our collection.
- Search in a series: you can search within a particular series if you know the series ID (VPRS number). This is most useful when you have an item number.
- Direct search: this allows you to go directly to the details of a function, group, agency or series if you know the relevant ID (number).
- Browse: you can scan an alphabetical list of series or agencies.
- Probate and inquest search: used in conjunction with the published indexes, this search tool finds references necessary to order will, probate and inquest files to be viewed in the Melbourne Archives Centre Reading Room.

Ordering records

Archives@Victoria provides a new, improved way for you to order records.

In the new, streamlined system, when you see a unit or item that you are interested in, you can click on that record to add it to your current request. From that list of records you can place your order (for up to 20 records). You do not have to manually type in the details of the record/s you want to order. This provides you with a quick, straightforward and efficient way of getting all the items you want. (Hint: for those who have ordered goods from Internet sites, the system will remind you of the 'shopping-cart' process.)

Archives@Victoria also gives you a shortcut if you know what you want: if you already have all the series, consignment and unit details, you can manually enter these into a Request Records page.

Viewing records

When you order a record, the system automatically allocates the next available delivery date and time. If you are ordering well in advance of a visit, you can alter the delivery date and time to suit you. Four records will be delivered to PROV's Melbourne reading rooms for you, per delivery. Currently, two deliveries per day are scheduled (at 10.00 am and 2.00 pm).

You can still order and view records on the same day by placing your order before 10.00 am. The records will be delivered at 2.00 pm. Records ordered after 10.00 am and before 2.00 pm are delivered at 10.00 am the next day (Melbourne reading rooms).

Help!

PROV staff have undergone intensive training in the new system, and can help you in learning to use *Archives@Victoria*. Remote users are not abandoned either: you can call 1800 657 452 or email archivesvictoria@dpc.vic.gov.au for assistance.

You can also access the 'How to Search' section of the website, which gives you step-by-step instructions on how to do searches for commonly requested records such as wills and probates, inquests, land files and education records.

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New Files Added to Holocaust Database

JewishGen is pleased to announce major additions its Holocaust Database at <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Holocaust/>.
55,000 records are being added to six new individual databases.

The first installment of **Dachau Concentration Camp** Records, an indexing project which began in November 2001, includes 36,937 records. A total of over120,000 records will be in this database when it is completed. Rather than wait until all the data are entered, we intend to put the data online in large increments.

We have an additional 20,000 records which have already been indexed and are waiting for validation. As explained in the introduction to this database, we have two levels of validation to ensure the highest possible level of accuracy. A glossary of abbreviations and terms used in the Dachau material has also been prepared and can be accessed through the introduction.

The Borislav-Drohobycz Water Bills file, containing 5,483 records, is from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. It consists of 120 ledger pages of names of people who had died or been deported and who had not paid their water bills in 1941/42. Of course, many could not pay their bills because they had died or been deported!! This file contains valuable genealogical information--names and addresses of people from Borislav and Drohobycz and often their fate.

Peter Lande prepared two lists. One is **Sachsenhausen "Arrivals and Departures"** for the period of October 12, 1940 through June 3, 1941. It consists of 4,991 records.

Opened in 1938, the Sachsenhasusen camp was one of the earliest concentration camps. Initially it was used to hold Jews and political prisoners; later on it was a forced labor camp and most of its prisoners were non-Jews from Germany and all over Europe. This camp prepared daily lists of arrivals and departures. Information on persons in this collection includes name, prisoner number, and, where available, dates of birth and death.

The second list contributed by Peter Lande is **"Temporary German Passports for Jews 1938-1940,"** an extraction of 485 names from a much larger Gestapo collection in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

This file is of historical and genealogical interest. Prior to the beginning of mass deportations, and even after war began in 1939, the German Government continued to issue passports to Jews resident in Germany, including "stateless" Jews, mostly of Polish origin.

Two major lists provided by Yad Vashem under the data sharing agreement with JewishGen are from **Szombathely**, Hungary and **Debrecen**, Hungary.

The **Szombathely list** consists of 3,115 names of Jews who were forced to register according to a governmental order of 4 April 1944. The registration lists included first and last name, name of mother, place and date of birth, address, name of spouse, name of children, occupation, and subscription of telephone and radio. The list facilitated the concentration of the Jews into a ghetto and their subsequent deportation to Auschwitz.

The second **Yad Vashem file**, of 3,945 Jews in Debrecen in 1945, is a list of Holocaust survivors registered in **Debrecen** at the end of the war.

An extensive list of **Hungarian terms for occupations/professions** is available at: <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/holocaust/HungarianOccupations.html>
This list was compiled from both the Szombathely and Debrecen files and should be used for research in these files as well as for a general Hungarian-to-English translation of occupational titles. For each unique title, the correct Hungarian term is provided along with its English translation.

This work is made possible by the enormous efforts of numerous people -
Rachel Reisman, Technical Coordinator for the Holocaust Database files;
the many volunteers who entered and validated the data; the volunteer project leaders;
staff from Yad Vashem and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum - primarily Zvi Bernhardt of Yad Vashem and Peter Lande of USHMM;
and, of course, Michael Tobias and Warren Blatt of JewishGen, without whose technical skills none of this material would be available.

Joyce Field
JewishGen VP, Research

If you are interested is finding out more about volunteer work with the Dachau Concentration Camp Records contact Kurt Friedlaender on 03 9509 9913

Interesting Items from the SIGs

A Living Shtetl!

This article in The New York Jewish Week found at:
http://www.thejewishweek.com/news/newscontent.php3?artid=6265
is about life in the shtetl. It references upcoming books, movies and TV programs about pre-war Jewish life in Europe. It also discusses plans to build "The Living Shtetl in Israel" populated by 400 actors, which the article equates to Colonial Williamsburg here in the United States. From: Andrew Blumberg

Painful Records

I found it a little painful to see Jewish birth/marriage/death records bearing a Nazi stamp. If you are interested to see an example:
http://www.kazez.com/~dan/0609.stamp.jpg
From: Daniel Kazez

Mystery Donation

Dear friends of JRI-Poland:
We have a mystery on our hands...albeit a rather pleasant one! Today, our treasurer received an envelope from Australia with a generous contribution of US $s in CASH!!! But, there is no return address on the envelope and there was no cover note included. And to make matters worse, the post mark is illegible so it is impossible to tell the city it was mailed from.
JRI-Poland would naturally like to assign the funds to the project for which the funds are intended. So, if you are the generous contributor, please get in touch with me.
Stanley Diamond
Project Coordinator, Jewish Records Indexing - Poland

Records of the BUND

The International Institute of Social History in Amsterdam has the archives of the BUND, Algemeyner Yidisher Arbeyter Bund in Lite, Poylen un Rusland (1876-) 1897-1940
There are some interesting things to be found there for genealogists, see:
http://www.iisg.nl/archives/html/a/10739029.html
For example:
Documentation on the situation in Russia. 1917-1919, 1921-1922, 1927-1932, 1936 or
Documents on the political and cultural life of the Jews in Poland from 1920 to 1940
From: Micha Reisel, Hod HaSharon, Israel.

July 2002 update Yizkor Book Project

July 2002 was a record-breaking month. We had 36 updates and new entries, tying the record of June 2001. We had 11 new entries and 25 updates, all accessible 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. 430 entries now appear on this site.

We are pleased to announce that the Allen County Library, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, has been added to our database. Thus, there are now 1,037 towns in our database, 1,248 books, 54 libraries, and 10,232 library call numbers. Thanks to Martin Kessel for updating the database.
New entries:
-Gleboke, Belarus (Lite, volume 1)
-Pinkas HaKehillot, Poland:
- -Cmielow
- -Gowarczow
- -Koniecpol
- -Konskie
- -Sienno
- -Sulejow
- -Szydlowiec
- -Wachock
- -Wierzbnik
- -Wloszczow

Updated Books:
- -Belchatow, Poland
- -Bedzin, Poland
- -Bobrka, Ukraine
- -Brzeziny, Poland
- -Bukowina
- -Dokshitz, Belarus
- -Dov Levin Bibliography
- -Dubossary, Moldova
- -Khorostkov, Ukraine
- -Kielce, Poland
- -Koden, Poland
- -Lite, Lithuania
- -Minsk, Belarus
- -Novogrudok, Belarus
- -Nuremburg, Germany (the entire list of victims has been updated)
- -Piotrkow Trybunalski, Poland
- -Radzyn Poldaski, Poland
- -Rokiskis, Lithuania
- -Rokitnoye, Ukraine
- -Roznaitow, Ukraine
- -Rzeszow, Poland
- -Slutsk, Belarus
- -Thessalonika, Greece
- -Volozhin, Belarus
- -Zgierz, Poland

Joyce Field
Yizkor Book Project Manager

Award for Stanley Diamond

We proudly announce that JRI-Poland Coordinator and Co-founder, Stanley Diamond, has been honored by the International Association of Jewish Genealogists with their Lifetime Achievement Award.

This gives worldwide recognition to Stanley for his many exceptionally effective contributions to Jewish genealogy. These include not only his much appreciated and varied roles in the ongoing work of Jewish Records Indexing - Poland, and his far-reaching and meaningful involvement in the value of genealogy in genetic research, but also his leadership in founding and nurturing Montreal-JGS, which has propelled many of us into adding our own contributions to Jewish genealogy.
From: Montreal - JGS

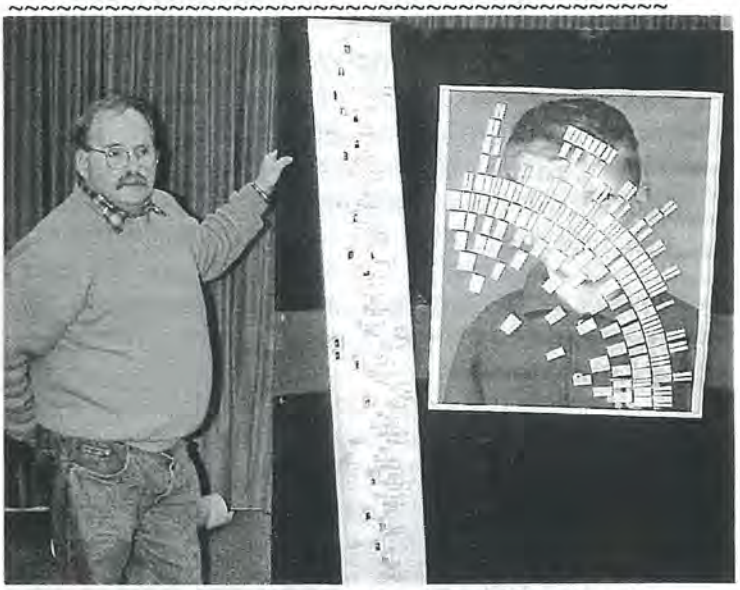
Grodno Archives

I am happy to report that the filming of Jewish records in the National Historic Archive of Belarus in Grodno has begun and that the first group of films are available, but are not in the FHL catalog. However, you can still order the films into your local Family History Center. Hopefully, the filming of the 1897 All Russia Census will begin soon.
Some Grodno Jewish Vital Records are now available for:
Rozhanka, Radun, Zheludok, Orlian, Vasilishki, Voronovo, Ostrino, Velitsy
From: David Fox, Belarus SIG Coordinator,Arnold, MD, US

Graham Fary with his charts

Archival Holdings on the Internet

The RTR database is Miriam Weiner's 'Routes to Roots Foundation' Archive Database
http://www.rtrfoundation.org/
which contains a comprehensive list of archival holdings for Belarus, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, and the Ukraine. You can search this database from their website, or for the shtetlpages of the Shtetls of Belarus. NHAB is the National Historic Archives of Belarus (Minsk).



Recent Activities in Victoria

Les and Sonya Oberman, Enid Yoffa-Elton and Lauren Jaffe from Victoria attended the International Conference on Jewish Genealogy in Toronto in August. Lauren presented a paper at the conference.

At our meeting on Wednesday 10th July at 7.30 pm. Graham Fary, Manager of 'Family Tree Printing' of Maryborough, Victoria, discussed the use of computer programs for the generation of family trees, the use various formats for presenting data, photo restoration techniques, the preparing of poster size photos for displays as well as printing banners almost thirty feet in length.

Itiel Bereson, well known Melbourne educator, historian and writer, will speak on the topic: The Changing Borders of Eastern Europe: Implications for Genealogists, on Wednesday, 28th August at 7.30 pm. He will give an overview of these changes illustrated with maps and interesting historical stories.

The next meeting after this will be held on Wednesday, 25th September at 7.30 pm where our delegates to the IAJGS conference in Toronto will share their experiences. The next Beginners' Workshop will be held on Sunday 6th October at 2.00 pm.

Preserving the Records of the Jewish Communities of the United Kingdom

We are pleased to inform all interested researchers about a joint effort on the part of JewishGen and the Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain to preserve records of Jewish communities in the UK.

The aim of the Jewish Communities and Records UK (JCR-UK) project is to record, in electronic format, genealogical and other historical information about the UK Jewish Communities from the mid 17th Century to the present day, and to make this information freely available via the Internet.

The project will develop an integrated searchable database using records from a variety of sources including:

- Birth, circumcision, marriage, burial records
- Synagogue membership lists
- School pupil lists
- Trade directories
- Immigration records
- Jewish Charity records (including donation lists)
- Newspaper records.

The database is expected to cover about 500 Jewish communities, many of which, unfortunately, do not exist any more.

We shall be working closely with a number of UK archives and Jewish Communal organizations to identify relevant sources of data. The records will be indexed, and where appropriate transcribed or captured as digital images.

JGSGB will be responsible for coordinating the data gathering, indexing and transcription of the records. JewishGen will provide the technical infrastructure and know-how for the project.

The first phase of this project was the launch of 'JCR-UK Discussion Group', a free e-mail based discussion forum for those researching their Jewish ancestors who lived in the UK, and for those interested in a particular UK Jewish community or congregation.

The discussion group was launched on Monday 8 July 2002.

To join please use the Special Interest Group sign-up page at:
http://www.jewishgen.org/listserv/sigs.htm and look for United Kingdom: Jewish Communities and Records.

The second phase will be a web site and the release of the first batch of records into the searchable database, which is expected to occur in Autumn/ Winter 2002.

John Berman, who formulated the idea and is the JCR-UK project manager, commented:

" My own community of Grimsby will, in reality, not exist in another 10-15 years. All that will remain, unless we take action, will be a few books on an obscure library shelf and some memories that will be lost when the current generation passes on. This is something that will, no doubt, happen to many other Jewish communities, if it has not already. The sense of 'community' thorough stories, pictures and audio, is just as important as hard genealogical data such as cemetery registers. It is vital that we make such information available to the current generation and also preserve it for posterity. The power of the Internet now provides us with the perfect medium to achieve these objectives".

Laurence Harris, the JCR-UK Project Coordinator commented:

"The JCR-UK project will provide an invaluable on-line resource for both genealogists and those interested in UK Jewish communities. I am delighted that this project is being supported by the combined resources of both the JGSGB who are the 'Centre of Excellence' for UK Jewish genealogical research, and JewishGen with their unrivalled expertise in the use of the Internet to benefit Jewish Genealogy".

Carol Skydell, the JewishGen Vice President for Special Projects said:

"JewishGen is so pleased to be able to provide this information as a public service to the world wide community of those researching their Jewish ancestry, history, culture and heritage. The joint JCR-UK project is just one more piece of the massive grass roots effort creating another link in the chain being forged by JewishGen towards preserving our history for future generations."

Anthony Winner. Chairman, Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain http://www.jgsgb.org.uk

Carol Skydell
Vice President for Special Projects - JewishGen
http://www.jewishgen.org

A NEW BOOK
The Holocaust in Lithuania 1941-1945

The JewishGen Mall is now taking pre-publication orders for the new, comprehensive, four-volume set "The Holocaust in Lithuania 1941-1945: A Book of Remembrance", edited and compiled by Rose Lerer Cohen and Saul Issroff published by Gefen Publishing House, Israel, in English.

This important work records and documents over 50,000 names of Lithuanian Jews who perished in the Holocaust and is the result of years of research and collation using articles in journals and the daily press, mailings tosurvivors, and on-line submissions to the project website.

The first volume comprises a detailed history of the Holocaust in Lithuania, providing a historical context in which to consider the final three volumes, which feature the lists of those who were interned in ghettos, and those who perished during the terrible years of 1941-1945.

Also included is important secondary information, such as a list of Yahrzeit (Memorial) dates of Lithuanian Jewish communities, and detailed reference lists of films, books and articles on the Lithuanian Holocaust.

The four volumes are album sized, in hardcover, and total over 1,800 pages. Normal suggested retail is $300.00. If purchased individually they total $425.00 retail. Find this four-volume set on the JewishGen Mall at our special pre-publication price of $255.00 plus $25.00 shipping. The books are expected to be available in mid-October.

Visit the Mall at http://www.jewishgenmall.org and go to Search and type the stock number GEF2-101. Orders may also be faxed to 281-535-2204 plus code for U.S giving complete credit card information.

All proceeds from sales go directly to JewishGen to assist in meeting their operating budget.
Sandra and Donald Hirschhorn
Managers, JewishGen Mall
DSHirschhorn@jewishgen.org

Jewish Genealogy Yearbook

Jewish Genealogy Yearbook 2002 is now available on-line at the IAJGS website. You can access the yearbook at www.iajgs.org/yearbook-2002.html
It has a listing of all international Jewish genealogical societies.

Update on Online England/ Wales Census of 1901

Last January, the British Public Records Office (PRO) made available on the Internet the 1901 census of England and Wales.

The project was almost immediately taken off line because the demand well exceeded the resources. But the problem with the system, it was discovered, went well beyond the overload problem, and the system has been down ever since.

PRO, in its latest update, states that internal testing of the enhancements to the service have been completed. They are now in the next stage of testing which is to make the online version available to a limited number of users at the Family Records Centre, Islington, and the Public Record Office at Kew.

Staff will be monitoring the operation of the service at both. This phase should be completed by late August with the hope that the service will be sufficiently robust for it to go live on the Internet. Enhancements include a substantially larger capability to handle the anticipated load on the system as well as other features to assure the site does not crash from the demand.

A demonstration tour of the 1901 online service that shows how a basic search works plus the Help pages and FAQs can be seen at:

http://www.pro.gov.uk/census/online.htm.

The 1901 Census of England and Wales contains searchable records for over 32 million people.

From: Nu? What's New? from Avotaynu, Vol. 3, No. 15. 25/8/02

Family History Library CD

There is a new version of the LDS (Mormon) Family History Library Catalog on CD that includes all of the Library's holdings through April 2002. It can be ordered for $5.00 at http://www.familysearch.org. Click the words "Order/Download Products", then the word "Search". Then search using the keyword "catalog." The product will appear on the second page of the list.

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.

Nowezenits

My ggrandfather, Jacob Nowezenits, came from Clicol (Klikuliea) in Lithuania (near the Latvian border) and migrated to South Africa in 1895. At about the same time his brother came to Sydney on the passport of a deceased man called Sussman. Sussman managed/ owned a hotel called the Waratah and had sons who entered the legal profession. Any further information appreciated.
Contact Denise Fletcher, Sydney, 02 9398 7560
This notice appeared in the Aust. Jewish News, 23/8

Levey

Noticed on a Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery at Reichswald was the name Allan Neil Levey, RAAF - killed in action 21/3/1945, son of Edward and Elsie Levey of NSW. The English enquirer wants to know whether he was Jewish. I have searched the Commemorative Roll etc with no success to date. Contact the editor: ajgs@exist.com.au

Orenstein

I am looking for Adela Orenstein who was born in Levov/lemberg -Galicia, around 1920.
She married to Mendel Orenstein around 1941 and they lived in Wielkie Oczy shtetl.
My father Zvi Orenstein survived the Shoa and we found her name around 1946 in a list of Jewish survivors at Lvov. Also was mentioned that she had a son and my father did not know about him.
Dov Orenstein, Israel <irma-o@zahav.net.il>

Cohen

Can anybody inform me about my cousin Geertruida Cohen, born 12-06-1921 in The Hague, The Netherlands, daughter of Grete Blok, born 14-10-1899 in Hamburg, Germany and Henri Saron Cohen, born 03-03-1892 in Hilversum, The Netherlands. Grete and Henri divorced about 1925 (?).
During the war 1940/1945 Grete Cohen-Blok and daughter Geertruida Cohen were deported to Theresienstadt. They both survived the war and returned to the Netherlands (Holland). Grete died after the war and cousin Geertruida emigrated , as far as I know, to Australia were she married, also as far as I know, with a surgeon doctor. If she is still alive she is now in the age of 81.
Klaas van Coberen, Ede, The Netherlands.
<kdvancoberen@ hetnet.nl.>

Orbach and Gishen

Looking for ORBACH and GISHEN in Melbourne. Malla nee GISHEN married 'someone' ORBACH. Malla (Malka) was the daughter of Beryl (Dov) - Hershel and Reizel GISHEN, and sister to Baruch and Moshe, who all perished in the Shoah at Novagrudak, Belarusia. Malla was only survivor in family and immigrated to Australia during or after WW II. The Gishens were from Lubtch, Belarusia/ Poland. Beryl -Hershel was son of Shrol Gishen (previously Leizerowitz), who also died in the Holocaust.
Allen Katz, Raanana, Israel <aldikat@netvision.net.il>

Blumberg

I have been trying to establish a connection to my late father's family. By way of background my father's name was Julius (Judel) Blumberg and he was born in Grobina in Courtland (Latvia) on 9 December 1889. His father's name was Jacob. Also had a sister called Fanny. He had family in Libau (Liepaja). Family included a cousin, Bertha Blumberg who lived in Weidenstrasse, Libau.
Bertha Blumberg left in 1905. Went to SA and married Max Koenigsfest. There were also relatives - Leopold Blumberg in Libau, Hanze and Herman Blumberg, Betty Michelson Sebba, Jenni, Paul, Eli and Pesci. My father unfortunately lost contact with his family there during the war and believed that there may not have been any survivors. My father left Libau about 1900 and accompanied an aunt to the USA where he lived for about 10 years till he emigrated to South Africa. I am his only child and have settled with my family in Toronto. I believe there is an Australian connection.
Henry G. Blumberg, Toronto <henry@blumbergs.ca>

Hart

For some time now I have been researching Zelig and his son Benjamin Hart. Benjamin Hart married Matilda Solomon in 1875 in the Great Synagogue of London.
I believe Zelig did not come to Australia but Benjamin arrived in Australia in 1883 aboard the Ellora, along with their first three children, Charles, Pauline, and Sarah. Matilda's Letter of Administration give us the married names of the ladies of the family and their whereabouts at that time.
After settling in Sydney for some time, long enough for the girls to grow and marry, Benjamin moved his family to New Zealand, where they lived in Wellington and Spring Grove on north of the South Island. Where they were buried in the local cemetry by the local church of Christ.
Ray Hart <rmbhart@alphalink.com.au>

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!!

Miller

My father was born in Melbourne and the family lived in St. Kilda from around 1908 to 1912. My father was Abraham Hickers Miller, born on 4 July 1910. Brothers and sisters were Joe, Minnie and Dorah. They had a house near the beach.
My grandfather's name was Leon Miller (wife: Sarah?) and he was an optometrist. I have a newspaper clipping with a picture of the family after my grandfather had helped rescue some people in a ferry accident. My grandfather worked for the British government and at least one daughter (Dora) was born in Durban, South Africa.
My grandfather was born in Rumania where the family apparently had a lumber mill near Podeloi?? The family name there was Langer. He grew up in Paris living with his mother's brother whose last name was Mahler and that is how our name ended up as Miller. Any information will be appreciated.
Mike Miller: Member of Temple Beth El in Bakersfield
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Pirani

Information is being sought about the Pirani family. James Henry Pirani migrated from Italy in the 1850s. His son, Frederick Joy Pirani was a mathematician and teacher who died tragically at the age of 30. There are a number of references to the family in L.M. Goldman's history of the Jews in the nineteenth century.
If you have any information contact:
Noeline Bailey 03 97234826

Levy

Rebecca Levy, age 40 years, arrived in December 1889 on the ELBE. The shipping list reveals that she was accompanied byAnnie age 10, Rachel, age 8, Louis age 2, and Jessica age 3. If you are related to any of the above please contact:
Eleanor Rogers of Seattle <bubob@attbi.com

Thanks from U.K. member

Thank you Lionel and any other members of the AJGS, who helped me find Melbourne based relatives - the SNYDERS. If I can reciprocate, then I will.
Raymond MONTANJEES, London, RAYMUSIK@aol.com

Lost Records

The following was overheard at a recent high society party...
"My ancestry goes all the way back to Alexander the Great," said one lady. She then turned to a second woman and asked,
"How far does your family go back?"
"I don't know," was the reply.
"All of our records were lost in the flood."

10th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry, 23 - 27 April 2003, Melbourne

The above mentioned congress will be taking place at the Melbourne Convention Centre from the 23rd - 27th April 2003. With over 1000 delegates expected to attend and a vast array of local, national and international speakers the event is undoubtedly going to be a major event within the Genealogy and Heraldry Calender. For further information regarding the congress please visit the website at
www.conferenceconsultants.com.au/discovery2003
or telephone Bev Williamson on 03 9698 7400 to register your interest. Alternatively please e-mail Bev at:
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Conference and Events Manager

Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People

The Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People (CAHJP) is moving from the Givat Ram campus of Hebrew University to 46 Zabotinsky Street, Jerusalem. The move will mean the facility will be closed for several weeks. Current plans call for the Archives to be closed from August 25 to October 31. The move was precipitated by the need of Hebrew University to use the archives' facilities to expand their computer operation. Long-term plans may include returning to the Hebrew University campus to a planned new wing of the Jewish National and University Library.

CAHJP is perceived as the "National Archives" of the Jewish people in the Diaspora. It collects and preserves the archival remnants of Jewish communities throughout the world.

It is especially rich in material from Central and Eastern Europe. Consequently, it is an important genealogical resource. Information about the archives can be found at:
http://sites.huji.ac.il/archives/

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IAJGS Achievement Awards

Annually since 1998, the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) has issued achievement awards to recognize outstanding individual and organizationala contributions to Jewish Genealogy. Potential awardees are nominated by one or more of the 70+ IAJGS member societies, and determined by a committee appointed by the IAJGS Board of Directors.

This year's committee consisted of Ellen Shindelman, Past President of the JGS of Greater Washington, Howard Margol, Past President of the IAJGS, and Daniel Schlyter, IAJGS Board Member. The awards were presented by Howard Margol during the banquet held in conjunction with the 22nd IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, Toronto, Canada, 8 August 2002.
The four awards granted were:

The IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award, which is to be presented to a living individual for outstanding contributions of major significance and benefit to Jewish genealogy. This year's award was made to Stanley Diamond.

The IAJGS Outstanding Contribution Award, which is to be presented to a person, persons or organization in recognition of a contribution via the Internet, print, or electronic product. This year's award was made to JewishGen for its Yizkor Book Project. Susan King, President of JewishGen and Joyce Field, Yizkor Book Project Manager accepted the award on behalf of JewishGen.

The IAJGS Outstanding Programming or Project Award, which is to be presented to a person, persons or organization either in recognition of a single program or series of programs, or in recognition of a single project or series of projects. This year's award was made to the JGS of Ottawa, Canada for its Chernivtsi Cemetery Project. Hymie Reichstein, President of the JGS of Ottawa, Canada accepted the award on behalf of the winner.

The IAJGS Outstanding Publication Award, which is to be presented to anIAJGS Member Organization in recognition of an outstanding resource that has been made available to Jewish Genealogists that furthers their research.This year's award was made to the JGS of Los Angeles, California for RootsKey, its quarterly journal. Hal Bookbinder, President of the IAJGS, and a board member of the JGS of Los Angeles, accepted the award on behalf of the winner.

Plaques were presented to the winners at the banquet. The wording on these plaques is reproduced below:

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Presented to **Stanley Diamond** in recognition of your distinguished service in the cause of Jewish genealogical research. Your negotiating skills and unselfish approach to capturing and sharing the indexing of Jewish records of Poland have made these widely accessible for the benefit of all. Your creative molding of genealogical and genetic research techniques has added dimension to the field of Jewish genealogy. As founder and president of the JGS-Montreal and as a prolific writer and lecturer, you have motivated countless people to research their Jewish ancestry.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO JEWISH GENEALOGY AWARD
Presented to JewishGen in recognition of the **Yizkor Book Project.** The information on Jewish communities in Eastern Europe found in Yizkor books is uniquely valuable for Jewish genealogists. However, often written in Yiddish or Hebrew, many find their contents inaccessible. Project volunteers have translated portions of over 500 Yizkor books and other documents making these valuable resources available to many more genealogists.

OUTSTANDING PROJECT AWARD
Presented to the **Jewish Genealogical Society of Ottawa, Canada** in recognition of its Chernivtsi Cemetery Project. A three-person team traveled from Canada to the Ukraine, photographing 55,000 gravestones and copying over 1,800 pages of cemetery registers. This project preserves and makes available data that brings generations of ancestors to life, and provides an invaluable tool for serious research. We applaud your efforts and commend this project.

OUTSTANDING PUBLICATION AWARD
Presented to the **Jewish Genealogical Society, Los Angeles** in recognition of its quarterly publication, Roots-Key. The quality and scope of its articles demonstrate the highest standards of content and a professional level of presentation and editing. Using a clean and uncluttered format, Roots-Key provides numerous original scholarly research articles in each issue and a wide array of news items on worldwide Jewish genealogical activities and resources.

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) is a non-profit umbrella organization coordinating the activities of more than 70 national and local Jewish genealogical societies around the World.