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Les Oberman and the Committee of Management of the A.J.G.S.(Victoria) wish you a Happy and Kosher Pesach

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Henry Ansell's Tombstone, Hobart (See story page 3)

Ben Hirsh will speak on

Researching Australian Jewish Military Service Records

Wednesday, 24th March at 7.30 pm

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

EUREKA! Sharing Work in Progress

21st April 2004 at 7.30 pm at Beth Weizmann

This meeting will be an opportunity for members and visitors to share their successes and struggles in doing their family history research. Along the way many of us get stuck and it only requires a few suggestions to take a different path. So bring along your family trees and notes and let the audience share their experience.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY 18TH MAY 2004 at 7.30 pm

Anne Burrows

Genealogy Librarian, State Library of Victoria, our guset speaker will discuss the records available at The Helen Macpherson Smith Genealogy Centre in Swanston Street, Melbourne.

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New Members

We welcome the following members who joined in the last few months:
Charles Coppel, Robert Lancy, Esme Mitula, Judith Sackville-O'Donnell, Agnes Tepe Schoemaker,

Editorial

Every year we ponder as to where we will find new speakers and new events for our members. Your committee is continually coming up with suggestions and we again embark on a range of topics intermingled with opportunities for members to share their ongoing research.

Ben Hirsh will, for the first time, discuss his research into Australian Jewish Military participation in the world wars. Few are aware of the high percentage of Jews who enlisted in World War 1 to demonstrate their patroitism to the Empire. The high death rate was a shock and severe blow to the small Jewish communities in Australia at that time.

Anne Burrows, the Genealogical Librarian at the State Library of Victoria will be our guest speaker at the Annual General meeting in May. The newly renovated Helen Macpherson Smith Centre was recently launched and attended by Les Oberman and Lionel Sharpe. It is well worth a visit even to see the restoration work at the State Library.

A significant event took place at the State Library on 10th February when the Australian Jewish Historical Society, Victoria, placed in their care the major part of their archival collection. Beverley Davis, the retired archivist of the Society, had maintained and stored this important collection in her private home over many decades. It was well overdue to store it in a secure and temperature controlled building where is would be accessible to scholars.

Sam Lipski, chair of the State Library of Victoria, and Howard Freeman, President of the AJHS spoke at the function attended by representatives of many Jewish organisations. A great deal of genealogical material can be found in the collection and this will be brought to the attention of members from time to time in this newsletter.

Again, the Society participated in the annual "In One Voice - Concert in the Park" - a celebration of Jewish communal organisations and talent. This event attracts new potential members and spreads the word about resources and help available.

We wish you all a happy and kosher Pesach and to our non-Jewish readers a Happy and restful Easter.

Lionel Sharpe (Editor)

HENRY ANSELL OF HOBART

by Anne Budlender

In 2001, during a visit to the Jewish section of Cornelian Bay Cemetery in Hobart, I came across the grave of a Henry Ansell.

My husband's grandfather, Solomon Budlender, had married an Elizabeth Ansell in Leeds in 1874 and so began my research into the Ansell family. The Ansell family is enormous, with branches extending into the USA, Jamaica, South Africa, Ireland and Canada. Had I stumbled across an Australian connection?

Who was this Henry Ansell who died in Hobart on the 15th April 1911 aged 64 years ?

I already had a tree for a Henry Simon Ansell, born circa 1825 in London, to Hyam Ansell and his wife Frances (also known as Fanny) and grandson of Reb Zalmon Ansell, at one time, Av Beth Din in London.

Henry Simon Ansell married Rosetta Casper on 24th July 1850 at 38 Liverpool Street, Hobart. The couple must have moved to Victoria shortly after the marriage as the births of four children are registered in the Victorian Pioneers Index, namely Morris, born in Geelong 1855, Frances born Collingwood 1858, Asher (known as Frederick Henry) born Melbourne 1859 and Rosetta Elizabeth born Fitzroy 7th August 1861.

It is interesting to note that Rosetta Elizabeth bears the same name as her mother, possibly named after her as Rosetta (mother) died 27th September 1861 and the baby died 11th October 1861. Both are buried in the Melbourne General Cemetery, Carlton. Whilst no other births are recorded in Victoria, it would appear, from family sources, that Henry Simon and Rosetta had two other children, Rosinia and Solomon Hyam, born in Geelong 1854 (possibly twins?) After the death of his wife, Henry Simon Ansell and his children moved to Birmingham where he subsequently remarried Matilda Myers on the 2nd April 1878.

Henry Simon was still alive in 1901 as he and his wife are recorded as living at Edgbaston in the 1901 UK census. I have not yet found his date of death.

Henry Ansell was married in Hobart on the 11th March 1874 to Hannah, daughter of Moses Cohen and Elizabeth (nee Lazarus). Henry Ansell is mentioned in Peter Elias' book, "A Few from Afar," as the son of Henry Simon Ansell.

I spoke to Peter Elias on the phone about the fact that there is no birth registered in Tasmania for Henry Ansell. When Peter Elias came to Melbourne to launch his book, he brought me several articles of interest which included a brief article on Henry Ansell written by Hedi Fixel in March 1996, as well as a letter written by Beverley Davis, at that time honorary secretary of the Australian Jewish Historical Society (Victoria) and once again both mention that Henry is the son of Henry Simon Ansell.

The Archives Office of Tasmania website states his date of birth as 1847, but records an (f) next to this date, indicating that this information is derived from private family research not available to the Archives Office. It also states that no siblings or parents are recorded in Tasmania.

I am posing the question- was Henry Ansell really the son of Henry Simon Ansell, and why do I have some doubts ?

Firstly, the date of birth of Henry Ansell, viz 1847/8 when his parents were only married in 1850. Whilst not impossible, it would seem unlikely that he was born three years before the marriage of his parents.

Secondly, on Henry Ansell's tombstone, his Hebrew name is recorded as Zvi ben R'Avraham. Asher (Frederick Henry) Ansell, definitely the son of Henry Simon Ansell, died in Johannesburg, South Africa in 1959 and is buried in the Westpark Cemetery. His Hebrew name was Asher ben Shimon.

If Henry and Asher were brothers, surely their fathers' Hebrew names would be the same! (although I do know that tombstones are notoriously unreliable genealogical sources!)

Perhaps the most interesting document is Henry Ansell's death certificate which states that his "reputed birthplace" was England, not Tasmania, and that at the time of his death he had been resident in Australia for 40 years.

On the National Archives website there is a shipping record for a Henry Ansell, aged 20, who left England on the Lusitania and arrived in Australia in 1867. In the St Catherine's House Registers I found a birth certificate for a Henry Ansell, born 1847 in Whitechapel. I ordered this from England and found this Henry to be the son of Abraham Ansell and Dinah. (nee Levy) which could explain why Henry's Hebrew name was Zvi ben Avraham!

I telephoned Peter Elias in Hobart to discuss with him both Henry's death certificate and probable birth certificate only to learn from his wife, Anne, that Peter had passed away the previous week. I was filled with enormous shock and sadness both for Peter and his family and also because I couldn't share my research with him.

If my assumptions are correct, then Henry Ansell and Henry Simon Ansell were cousins, rather than father and son, as their grandfathers, Reb Zalmon and Asher, were brothers.

Anne Budlender is a member of the AJGS (Vic)

Have you joined the on-line Australian Jewish Genealogy Discussion Group ? Its free! Open: http://www.ajgs.org.au and follow the link.

News from Access Services at:

Public Record Office Victoria

rEsearch is a bi-monthly update on public access news from Public Record Office Victoria (PROV).
http://www.prov.vic.gov.au>.

Reading Room is moving

The fit-out of the new Victorian Archives Centre Reading Room at 99 Shiel Street, North Melbourne, is on schedule and work will be completed in late February. The enormous task of laying carpet on the large floor space of the reading room has now been completed, and the compactus, that will hold records awaiting collection, is currently under construction.

Unlike the past couple of months, where the new reading room has remained an empty, if somewhat chaotic shell, February will be the month where everything is brought together. Except for some details, by the end of the month the new reading room will look very much the way it will look when it opens to the public on 13 April 2004. Please note that the Melbourne Archives Centre Reading Room at Casselden Place in the city will close its doors for the last time on 8 April 2004.

Selected events - February/April 2004

February/March 2004: 'Learn to use Archives@Victoria', presented at Melbourne Archives Centre on the first and third Wednesday of every month, 5.00 - 6.00 pm

14 February 2004: Melbourne Archives Centre Saturday opening

28 February 2004: Melbourne Archives Centre Saturday opening

13 March 2004: Melbourne Archives Centre Saturday opening 2.30 - 4.30 pm

27 March 2004: Melbourne Archives Centre Saturday opening

April/June 2004: 'Welcome to Victorian Archives Centre' presented at the Victorian Archives Centre on the third Wednesday of every month, 5.00 - 6.00 pm

13 April 2004: The new Victorian Archives Centre Reading Room will open to public

21 April 2004: 'Learn to use Archives@Victoria', presented at Victorian Archives Centre, 4.00 - 5.00 pm

23 April 2004: 'Ancestors in the Archives, Part 1' seminar at Victorian Archives Centre, 9.30 - 11.00 am and 2.00 - 3.30 pm

GENEALOGY and HISTORIC GEMS

Five Sure Signs of Addiction

-- You can't drive past a grave yard without wondering if you have any ancestors buried there.

-- You introduce your granddaughter as your descendant.

-- You can recite your lineage back 10 generations, but can't remember your nephew's name.

-- You have more photographs of dead people than living ones.

-- You watch the movie/TV credits roll by to see if any of the surnames are ones you are researching.

From RootsWeb Review: V.7, 6, 11 Feb. 2004

WHAT IS A GENEALOGIST?

A full-time detective

A thorough historian

An inveterate snoop

A confirmed diplomat

A keen observer

A hardened sceptic

An apt biographer

A qualified linguist

A part-time lawyer

A studious sociologist

An accurate reporter

An hieroglyphics expert and

A complete nut!

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ALL U.K. DATABASE

JewishGen, in conjunction with the Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain, is pleased to announce the "All U.K. Database", which is now online at:

< http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/UK >.

This is a multiple database search facility, containing over 50,000 entries referring to people in the United Kingdom -- England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. These databases have been contributed by the "Jewish Communities and Records - United Kingdom Special Interest Group" (JCR-UK) and individual donors. The "All U.K. Database" incorporates the following datasets:

* United Kingdom Marriages, 1838 to 1972: from all areas of the United Kingdom.

* Wales Census Returns: 1,800 records from the 1851 and 1891 censuses.

* London Jews (pre-1850): over 9,000 Jewish traders based in London.

* Jewish Traders/Businesses in London - 1769-1839: names of over 5,000 Jewish traders based in London.

* JewishGen Family Finder (JGFF): more than 10,000 entries by Jewish genealogists researching families in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

* JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR): 25,000 records from cemeteries within the United Kingdom.

The JewishGen "All U.K. Database" allows you to simultaneously search all of the above resources. The database is a work in progress and new entries are being added regularly. These databases are made possible only with the working involvement of many volunteers and your financial contributions. For those of you with United Kingdom interests it will be of special value to your genealogical research.

Warren Blatt JewishGen Editor-in-Chief, Boston

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The following interesting item has been taken from Vol. 5 No. 5. March 2004

ROMANIAN - Jewish Name Lists Now Online

The Romanian-Jewish Community website located at http://www.romanianjewish.org has a number of name lists of value to genealogical research. Much of the information at the site is in Romanian, but a resourceful genealogist can extract information of value.

As an example, let us assume we are searching for information about persons named Orenstein. At the home page identified above, click the button "Family Roots" on the right. On the next page, select the initial letter of the surname being searched: "O". This brings up a list of surnames with the initial letter specified. Click the name "Orenstein". This identifies in this particular database all persons named "Orenstein", There are only two: Leia Orenstein and Josef Orenstein. Searching this database first may be of value in searching the other databases at the site because it will show spelling variants of the name; in this case Orenstein and Ornstein.

There are other name lists at the site. Go back to the home page. Click the button to the right "Search in this Site." This brings up three other sources of names. Option 1 is merely identified as "Search in site." Using a surname (Orenstein) as a keyword, two additional sources are disclosed:"Four Centuries of Living Together" and "The Jewish Community from Buzau."

Finally, a few years ago, Iancu Braustein, director of the Library of the Romanian Academy in Iasi, Romania, published two books: one listing Jewish students of the University of Iasi for the period 1860-1950, the second a catalogue of the Jewish craftsmen involved in the economy of Moldova. They represent the two other options of the "Search in the Site" location. Using the surname "Orenstein" discloses numerous hits.

The website has other information about Romanian-Jewish history of value to family historians. Much of it is in Romanian, but a bit of conscientious effort can reap rewards. For example there are names/addresses of all the organized Jewish communities in Romania. I discovered this under the FEDROM button by using the English version of the site. It was item #1, which states the information is available only in Romanian. Click on the word "Romanian" on this page, and the list appears giving the names, addresses, and phone numbers by city. Other tabs might provide information of value in genealogical research.

The website is sponsored by B'nai Brith International and Federation of Jewish Communities in Romania.

The Braustein databases can be accessed directly at http://www.romanianjewish.org/ro/mosteniri_ale_culturii_iudaice_02_04.html and http://www.romanianjewish.org/ro/mosteniri_ale_culturii_iudaice_02_05.html

COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Jewish Agency of Israel, together with the Zionist Federation of Australia, is conducting a survey of the Australian Jewish Community to address the crisis facing World Jewry today - the continuing decline of its population due to assimilation.
The survey aims to better understand community needs, connections to Israel and the level of Jewishness within different communities. It has a specific focus on migrant groups coming to Australia from:

- **South Africa**
- **the former USSR**
- **Israel**

Anyone who fits into these three groups is encouraged to fill in the survey. Help World Jewry and participate in the survey by clicking this link:
(www.setpurr.com) and then clicking the "surveys" button on the top left hand side of the web page.

The survey is totally anonymous (unless you decide otherwise). We have no way of knowing who has or has not responded.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Yula Geredov or yulageredov@hotmail.com (who is the research assistant for this project or by phone on 0403491927.

Associate Professor, Suzanne Rutland, Chair of the Department of Hebrew, Biblical and Jewish Studies at The University of Sydney, and Dr Antonio (Tony) Gariano the principal of Setpurr.com Social Research & Analysis have designed this survey to collect the relevant information from these three migrant groups on behalf of the Jewish Agency of Israel and the Zionist Federation of Australia.

From the net:

A "Hanukkah miracle" -- thanks to Yad Vashem

Last Friday night in Israel, in what's being called a Hanukkah miracle, a brother and sister spoke for the first time in 67 years. Holocaust survivors Rozia NOVEMBER and her brother Beniamin SHILOM each believed that the other had died during World War II. In fact, they had been living not far apart in Israel for more than 50 years. See the New York Times story at: www.nytimes.com/2003/12/23/international/middleeast/23REUN.html
They found each other after Rozia went to Yad Vashem to take one more look for information about her family and saw the Page of Testimony that Beniamin filed only four years ago. What a reminder of the importance of submitting testimony for our families' victims and of checking (and rechecking) the massive computerized database of victims' names created in 1999 by Alex Abraham and the Hall of Names staff.
For more information on submitting names, see www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/YadVashemDrive.htm
Renee Stern Steinig

Jewish Historical Society of Great Britain

<http://www.jhse.org>

JGSGB Members' Corner Update

We are delighted to let you know that there have been 5265 NEW records uploaded onto Members' Corner
<www.jgsgb.org. uk/members>
together with updates to many of the original datasets.

This has brought the total number of records available to 66,955.

In addition, the browsable lists were updated during October. The new records comprise:

*West London Synagogue of British Jews Marriage Registers 1842-1899

*West London Synagogue of British Jews Burial Registers for Balls Pond Road and Hoop Lane Cemeteries 1843-1951

*Grimsby Marriages

*South Shields Marriages

*Leeds Burials

Those of us involved with Members' Corner hope that you will have many happy hours exploring this new information which is an exclusive benefit to members of Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain.

From Louise Messik

The Family History Project

The History Channel has launched a new community project called "The Family History Project".
We want people to tell us of the great stories they have found from their family's history; they can be stories about everyday people, stories of emigration, interesting professions and personal achievements – stories that bring their family tree to life. The Project is open to everyone, whether they have researched their family tree or not. There are some fantastic prizes to be won, including the chance to have their story made into a TV programme. Full details on the website <www.thefamilyhistoryproject.co.uk>.

Dan Finch, Project Manager, The History Channel

24th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

Jerusalem, July 4 - 9, 2004

See our website:
<www.jewishgen.org/jerusalem2004>

The program committee is evaluating an enormous number of very excellent papers that have been proposed. We have so many excellent proposals - more than twice the number we can possibly have presented that we are going to be able to pick and chose only the absolute best.

Hotel rates are already posted on our website - [direct link: <www.ortra.com/jgen2004/registration.asp>
I think you will be more than happy with the inexpensive rates we have arranged. And don't forget that those rates include all service charges and taxes as well as our famous, gigantic Israeli breakfast!! The rates per adult person in a double room are - are you ready for this? - between US $40 and US$48.

Our Conference is not only going to be outstanding as far as Archival cooperation and input, but it is probably going to be the best conference in terms of quality and breadth that the IAJGS has ever had. We have prepared several databases which we have put on CDs and which will be given free to full paying registrants.

These include:

--The Memorials of Vanished Communities (the very first cataloging of Israeli memorials of the Jewish Communities destroyed during the Shoah);
-- 1875 Montifiore Census of the Jewish Population of Eretz Israel;
-- Helkat Mehokek (Translation of Hebrew tombstone inscriptions found on Mount of Olives);
-- An Index to the Jacobi Collection of Family Trees;
-- Sephardic and Mizrachi Genealogical Research in Israel;
-- Index of Family and Private Archives at the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People (a collections of private and family archives);
--A guide to the Archives and Archival Material for Genealogical Use in Israel; and more!
Join our online discussion group:
"Jerusalem 2004 Discussion Group" for which you can register from our home page:
<www.jewishgen.org/jerusalem2004>.
We look forward to hearing from you and to seeing you in Jerusalem July 4 to 9, 2004!

Martha Lev-Zion

The Jews of Czestochowa Exhibition

I am pleased to announce (on behalf of Alan M. Silberstein), this major event in Czestochowa Poland:
http://www.kazez.com/~dan/Czestochowa.html

This event, as summarized below should be the perfect time to visit Czestochowa Archives and the Czestochowa Cemetery.

Poles and Jews will together open an exhibition on "The Jews of Czestochowa" in that city on 22 April 2004. The opening will coincide with a two-day academic symposium entitled "Coexistence, Holocaust, Memory" featuring presentations by Polish and international scholars. The exhibition is to run through mid-July, and then it will travel to Warsaw, Krakow and Wroclaw.
Ambassadors from the United States and Israel, and Christian and Jewish religious leaders will participate in the opening ceremonies. These ceremonies will take place in the Czestochowa Philharmonic Hall, which the Jewish Community knew before World War II as the "New Synagogue." Memorial services will be held on 23 April in the Jewish Cemetery, presently being renovated by the city of Czestochowa.
Daniel Kazez <dkazez@wittenberg.edu>

Susser Archive
now on JCR-UK
- a major Anglo-Jewish resource

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain (JGSGB) is delighted to announce that the Susser Archive is now available on Jewish Communities and Records UK (JCR-UK) website at
http://www.jewishgen.org/JCR-UK/susser/

The documents and papers of the late Rabbi Dr Bernard Susser, expert historian of the Jews of South-West England, together with his computer disks, had been placed in the care of Frank Gent of the Exeter Synagogue. Frank transcribed the data from these papers and computer records, and published them on his website to honour the memory of Rabbi Susser, and his genealogical and rabbinical activities. Frank Gent has now kindly donated this work to JGSGB, and the lists, transcripts, data and some original document images are being be made available on the JCR-UK website.

The JCR-UK website at www.jewishgen.org makes available genealogical and historic records of the UK Jewish Communities. The website is a joint project of JGS Great Britain who provide the website content and JewishGen who provide the technical infrastructure.
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Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain
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From: The Belarus SIG

BELARUS INDEX

I am pleased to announce a new tool for researching your Byelorussian ancestors. The Belarus Static Index, http://erosenbaum.netfirms.com/dido/dido.php.
This searchable database replaces the old Belarus Surname Index, and allows you to search 58,247 records written from 88 web pages by any combination of: SURNAME, GIVEN
NAME, TOWN, UYEZD (district), or GUBERNIA (province).

To search the available resources of JewishGen for Byelorussian information, please be sure to check each of the five sites listed below.

1. The All Belarus Database (http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/belarus/)
2. The Belarus Static Index (http://erosenbaum.netfirms.com/dido/dido.php)
3. The JewishGen Family Finder (http://www.jewishgen.org/jgff/jgffweb.htm)
4. The JewishGen Discussion Group Message Archives (http://data.jewishgen.org/wconnect/wc.isa?jg~jgsys~archpop)
5. The SIG Discussion Group Message Archives (http://data.jewishgen.org/wconnect/wc.isa?jg~jgsys~sigspop)

Edward Rosenbaum, Bergenfield, NJ
Webmaster, Belarus SIG
(http://www.jewishgen.org/belarus/

Argentine immigration database now on-line (1882-1929)

You can search on-line CEMLA's database of immigration to the Port of Buenos Aires, Argentina, between 1882 and April 1929.

http://www.cemla.com/paginas/c_busqueda.htm

CEMLA's site is in Spanish. On the left of your screen you will find text box "Apellido" (surname) and a button "Consulte Apellido" (search surname).
The database admits complete and partial queries. A search for "ITZ" will retrieve both ITZ, *Itzchak* and *Itzig*. Try different spellings because there's not a soundex option. The search results are only the surname and the number of records corresponding to it (below the letter "C."). Some books of this period (1882-1929) are missed (about 25%).
Searching for "CEMLA" in the discussion group messages archive you will find more information about this database, specially the messages posted by Carlos Glickson.

Daniel Scaliter, Buenos Aires, Argentina

From the JRI-PL Digest

JEWS IN THE POLISH ARMY

There is a book in 5 volumes:
"Jewish Military Casualties in the Polish Armies in World War II" By Benjamin Meirtchak, published in Tel Aviv, 1994-1999, with more than 7000 names of Jewish Soldiers killed in action all over Europe.
see: http://www.zchor.org/meirtchak/meirtchak.htm

YIZKOR BOOKS

Each month after I post our monthly report I receive numerous requests asking whether there is a Yizkor Book for a particular town, whether it has been translated, and where the original book can be found. These questions can be answered on our web site.
-- If you want to know whether there is a yizkor book for a particular town and which libraries have copies, the answer is available on our Yizkor Book database,

http://www.jewishgen.org/Yizkor/database.html

-- If you want to know whether a book has been translated, the answer is available at the translations index page at
http://www.jewishgen.org/Yizkor/translations.html.

In December we put online 19 updates, 2 new entries, and one new book. Remember that all the translations can be accessed at
http://www.jewishgen.org/Yizkor/translations.html.

There are many books yet to be translated, waiting only for an eager volunteer to step up to coordinate the translation project. Our Yizkor Book Project staff is available to help you through the process. Please contact me if you are willing and able to coordinate a translation project. Or, if you have Hebrew or Yiddish translation skills, you might want to start by volunteering to translate a chapter from the Pinkas HaKehillot on your ancestral town.

Many of our projects are fundraising projects. You can help by contributing money to pay to have these books professionally translated. The current fundraising projects are listed at
http://www.jewishgen.org/JewishGenerosity/YizkorTrans.html.
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Yizkor Book Project Manager, JewishGen, VP, Research

Dr Leon Cebon

It is with much sadness that we note the sudden death of Leon Cebon on 8th March 2004, while on a visit to New Zealand. Leon was a former member of AJGS (Vic).

All Hungary Database updated

JewishGen is pleased to announce the addition of over 30,000 records to the JewishGen "All Hungary Database", which is: located at
< http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Hungary >.

There are three new and updated datasets, as follows:

1. Updates to the 1869 Census database, including all Jews listed in Saros megye (Saros county) as well as Jews from Vranov and Cigand in Zemplen megye (Zemplen county). There are now a total of 13,472 records in the 1869 Census database. Thanks to Marelynn Zipser for the Saros records and Alex Miller for the Zemplen records.

2. A new database containing transcriptions of tax lists and census lists other than the main census databases of 1828, 1848 and 1869. These records include records from the Hungarian SIG's Trencin census transcription project, as well as records moved from the Hungarian SIG's website into the All Hungary Database. There are a total of 8,840 records in this database, ranging from 1795 to 1850. All records include surnames. Thanks to Bob Hanscom and his team for the Trencin records and to Jaki Erdoes, Dr. Menachem Keren, Dolph Klein, Cherie Korer, and Alex Miller for donating their databases.

3. A new database containing 8,644 names of Hungarian Jewish concentration camp survivors, which were published in 1945 in the Hungarian periodical "Hirek az Elhurcoltakrol". Thanks to Debbi Korman and her team of proofreaders for this project.

Additional details about each of these databases can be found by reading their respective introductions, accessible via
< http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Hungary >.

The JewishGen "All Hungary Database" can be searched at < http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Hungary >, and the lists of Hungarian concentration camp survivors can also be searched via the JewishGen Holocaust database at < http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Holocaust >.

Information about the Hungarian SIG's projects is found at < http://www.jewishgen.org/Hungary/HSIGProjects.htm >. We thank all of the volunteers who contributed to these additions to the JewishGen "All Hungary Database".

Warren Blatt, JewishGen Editor-in-Chief
Boston, MA

Pinkas Hakehillot: SLOVAKIA

From: "Ada Holtzman" <ada@zchor.org>
Please note that Yad Vashem has just published another most valuable volume about the lost Communities of Slovakia. It is part of Yad Vashem phenomenal Encyclopaedia of Jewish Communities destroyed in the Holocaust. The book is in Hebrew with list of contents and a brief history of Slovakian Jewry in English. Published by Yad Vashem, Jerusalem 2003, 605 pages.

Improved Security for the JewishGen Discussion Group

Those of you who read these messages via the newsgroup soc.genealogy.jewish may have noticed in the last couple of weeks that the messages include a new header line, "X-No-archive:yes".

JewishGen added this line in order to provide an additional layer of security for messages posted to this group. As you may be aware, messages posted to most newsgroups may be archived and indexed by anyone; Google is the best-known and most comprehensive organization to do this.

Since Google's archives provide a fertile source of e-mail addresses and other information for spammers and others who may not have our best interests at heart, the exposure of our messages there has been a recurring source of worry and complaints.

The new header line instructs Google, and anyone else who agrees to comply with Internet standards, *not* to include the message in its archives and not to index it. This will decrease the amount of exposure your e-mail address and other personal information will receive, and should help you feel less concerned about the possible effects of posting to the group. Since JewishGen maintains a complete archive of all posted messages going back ten years, nothing will be lost by this change; we anticipate at some point requiring (free) registration to search the archive, thus further increasing the security of our discussions.

We continue to recommend strongly that you subscribe to one of the e-mail versions of this group, rather than reading the messages in the newsgroup. Subscribing is the only way you can be sure of receiving all messages posted to the group, as the content of the newsgroup is controlled not by JewishGen, but by each Internet service provider separately. You will also avoid the occasional incident in which offensive messages have been added to the newsgroup without ever passing through JewishGen.

Full instructions for subscribing, as well as a description of the purposes of the group and guidelines for posting, can be found on the JewishGen website at

http://www.jewishgen.org/JewishGen/DiscussionGroup.htm

If you have not read this description, please take some time now to read it. It will help you get the most out of JewishGen and this discussion group.

Thanks to Jake Goldstein of our moderation team for this and other technical improvements to JewishGen's mailing list software.

Dick Plotz
Manager, Mailing Lists
JewishGen, Inc.

People looking for People

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

OYSTRAGH
I am searching for OYSTRAGH or Ostrach relatives in Australia. The family lived in Kings Cross many years ago. Tsioma Oistrach was the father. The Oistrachs were my cousins and orginally were from the Ukraine. I think they were cousins to the famous violinist , David Oistrakh. Marilyn Feingold USA Atlanta, Georgia. <mrl516@bellsouth.net>

ALICE URBACH
I have an overseas enquiry looking for information on Alice URBACH. born 1935 who came to Australia in 1947 from Shanghai with her father, Theodor and mother, Stephanie.
Peter Nash" <rieken@zeta.org.au>

SAQUI
I am searching for any information on the Saqui family who emigrated to OZ between 1840-1940.
David Saqui, UK <kingdavid1.uk@btopenworld.com>

RACHMAN
My maternal name is Rachman, my maternal Grandfather is the only one that immigrate to Israel at 1906, the rest scattered to the US continents, South Africa, Australia, UK. My maternal grandfather is Moshe (Moses) Rachman son of Jacob, was born (probably) in Odessa. spouse Brayne nee Rill or Real (?). He is the only one that immigrated to Israel. Most emigrated from: Zhitomir, Uman, Kiev, Odessa (Ukraine) to the US continent at 1900-1910. Many anglicized their name to Richman or Richmond.
Rachel , Israel <levia_il@yahoo.com>

LISTWAN-SUESSER
I received a request from the Polish Archives in Krakow. They are looking for the descendants of Igancy Listwan-Suesser. He was a doctor, born 09.05.1910 in Krakow, married in 1935 in Krakow to Elwira Halpern. After
WW 11 he emigrated to Israel, then to Melbourne.
Stephen Schmideg <stephen@sicore.com.au>

MANDELBROIT
Abraham MANDELBROIT/MANDELBROTE was born in /near Vilna about 1870/ 1860's. It is said that he had sisters who went to Australia.
Ros Romem, Israel <rosalind@netvision.net.il>

IVOR EPSTEIN
I am seeking the email address of Ivor Epstein for whom I researched his family's settlement in Zichron Yaakov. I last heard from him in 1999 from Sydney.
My desire to contact him stems from the announcement of a new project to document the founding families of Zichron. This should interest other Australian families that stem from Zichron.
Chaim Freedman, Petah Tikvah, Israel
chaimjan@zahav.net.il~

GLICKMAN / MEYERS
The family members are descendants of Chaim Glickman. We believe a son of Chaim's took on the name of Charles Meyers (or Myers) and moved to Australia. He had sisters and brothers, Chaje Glickman, Louis Glickman (Yehuda Lieb), Anna Glickman, Mollie or Malie Glickman, and Kate Glickman; none of them lived in
Australia. Charles' siblings were born in Russia or Poland and we believe Charles to be born in the late 1800's.
We have two other names associated with the family: Steve Zepnick and just the name Lubinsky.
Linda Berman, 9320 Huntcliff Trace, Atlanta, Georgia 30350-1607 USA <unity@negia.net>

PHILLIPOWSKY/ FILOPOWSKI/ LANDAU
Could you help me to find my cousin, Oscar Phillipowsky. There are variations in the spelling on Jewishgen.
He came to Australia after World War 2. His origins are from Lodz, Poland, maiden name of his mother was LANDAU and she was my aunt, killed during the war.
Yoram Landau , Tel Aviv, Israel <landauy@hotmail.com>

LANDAU
I search for Benjamin Landau (or for somebody from his family) which for some time lived in the ghetto at Zakliczyn n/D. (near Tarn?w, Poland) and luckily saved his life on the very day of its extermination (23.12.1943) He was then about 38.
Marek Mietelski, Poland <marekmietelski@wp.pl>

SELFEN
We are searching for the legal heirs of Anna (Anne) Selfen because unbeknown to them they have a right to reclaim a property stolen from the family by the 1940 regime in Prague, Czechoslovakia.
We have found that there was an obituary for her in 1999 as follows: Name: SELFEN, Anne, late of Wahroonga,
David Lewin, 156 Totteridge Lane, London N20 8JJ, England. <davidlewin@btinternet.com> Web Page: http://remember.org/unite

LEVY
The Levy family I am researching is originally from Turkey. Esther Levy lived in Cairo, Egypt. She married Baruch Misk and they had one child named Naomi (My mother). Esther had an older sister named Victoria (who immigrated to Palestine in 1934) and a brother named Samuel (who married a woman named Victoria and moved from Egypt to Australia in 1948. They had two daughters whose names were Delicia and Fortuna
Ron J. Ben-Dov, Winfall, North Carolina.
<ronbendov@net-change.com>

EPSTEIN
We have established a DNA Project for male Epsteins to see if they are related. We have at least three different branches of Epsteins so far, so if you join, you can see if you are related to anyone who has already tested, and will be notified if anyone matches in the future.
Please take a look at
http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.asp?code=R5655 3&special=True

DR JAMES SILVERMAN

This Jewish doctor bought and subdivided land in our city in 1854 to create "The Township of Waverley'. Waverley became the name of a much larger area, including from 1961 to 1994 our whole city. He was born in Russia in 1816, went to Britain in 1837 and studied theology and medicine for nine years, was accepted as a MRCS in 1851, practised medicine in Paddington and sailed to
Australia in the Koh-I-Noor in 1851 with a 30-year old wife. He was naturalised in June 1853. I would be pleased to hear from anyone who knows anything about his family.
Marjo Angelico, Secretary, Waverley Historical Society.
<marjo@kepl.com.au>

MENDOZA

I have been researching my maternal Mendoza and Solomon Portsmouth/Southampton Jewish ancestors for about eight years. My specific request was with regard to the Mendoza family of Spain/Amsterdam/London the world including Australia, my data base of the Mendoza and associated families currently runs to 5267 individuals.

My resources/research include:-

- The 5 Bevis Marks Registers covering Births, Circumcisions, Marriages and Burials.

- "Marriage Register Of Portugeuse Synagogue In Amsterdam. "Handleiding bij de index op de Ketuboth van de Poirtugees - Israelietische Gemeente te Amsterdam van 1650 -1911. D.Verdooner and H.J.W. Snel.'

- "Trouwen in Mokum, Jewish Marriage in Amsterdam, 1598-1811", Uitgeverij Warray, isbn 90-72477-25-1, by Dave Verdooner and Harmen Snel. A set of registers on the Jewish marriages, giving date of registration, names and (if available) year of birth (estimated from the age given) of husband and wife, names of witnesses (often the parents), and places of origin (if available)." This contains both Sephardic and Ashkenazi banns of marriage required by the Dutch officials.

- 1801 British Census.
- The History of the Marranos by Roth
- The Sephardim of England by Albert H. Hyamson
- Hebrews of the Portuguese Nation by Miriam Bodin

- I have reviewed as many LDS films referring to the Amsterdam Community as I can lay my hands on.
- I have reviewed the 1841 to 1901 census for London as far as possible
- I have been in contact with the Cemetery officials at "Beth Haim Jewish Cemetery at Ouderkerk aan de Amstel, Amsterdam, Holland.

I would be very interested in being placed in contact with any persons of similar Mendoza, Sephardic or Solomon Portsmouth/Southampton interests.
My family web site at http://www.netspace.net.au contains some of the research on my Sephardic and Ashkenazi ancestors though the Mendoza details are limited due to lack of space available from my server.
Maurice (Maurie) Prendergast, Melbourne
Ph. 9739 7182 <maurie@netspace.net.au>

SIMEY

Samuel George SIMEY was born ca 1836 and died 1 Sept 1900 in Adelaide SA. He married Mary Ann KNIGHT who was born ca. 1831 and died 3 June 1884 in Rosewater SA. Samuel and Ann SIMEY had four children, my grandmother was the fourth, Jasanntte SIMEY, born 7 December 1872 in Adelaide and died 18 June 1955 in Adelaide. I have assumed that Samuel and Mary and the two eldest children may have arrived in Australia between 1865-1870.The other children were born in S.A.
Alan Moore, Fairview Park, SA, 5126<albaby@chariot.net.au>

RABINOVICI

According to my grandfather (who died in 1985), his cousin Frida Rabinovici , born in Romania, was sent to Australia by the Jewish Colonization Association at the turn of the century (1900), as a young, unmarried lady.
Her parents, Dr. Samuel and Rachel Rabinovici were very active in the JCA in Paris at the time, and they travelled a lot between France and Romania. No one alive in the last 20 years knows what happened to Frida. I'm not even sure she ever reached Australia, but I have no reason to believe she didn't.
I am looking for either the marriage of Frida Rabinovici to someone in Australia (most likely first quarter of the century), or the birth of a child to a woman whose first name is Frida, or the naturalization of a Frida, or the death of a Frida bat Shmuel.
Monica Talmor, Hamden, CT <monica.talmor@yale.edu>

THAL

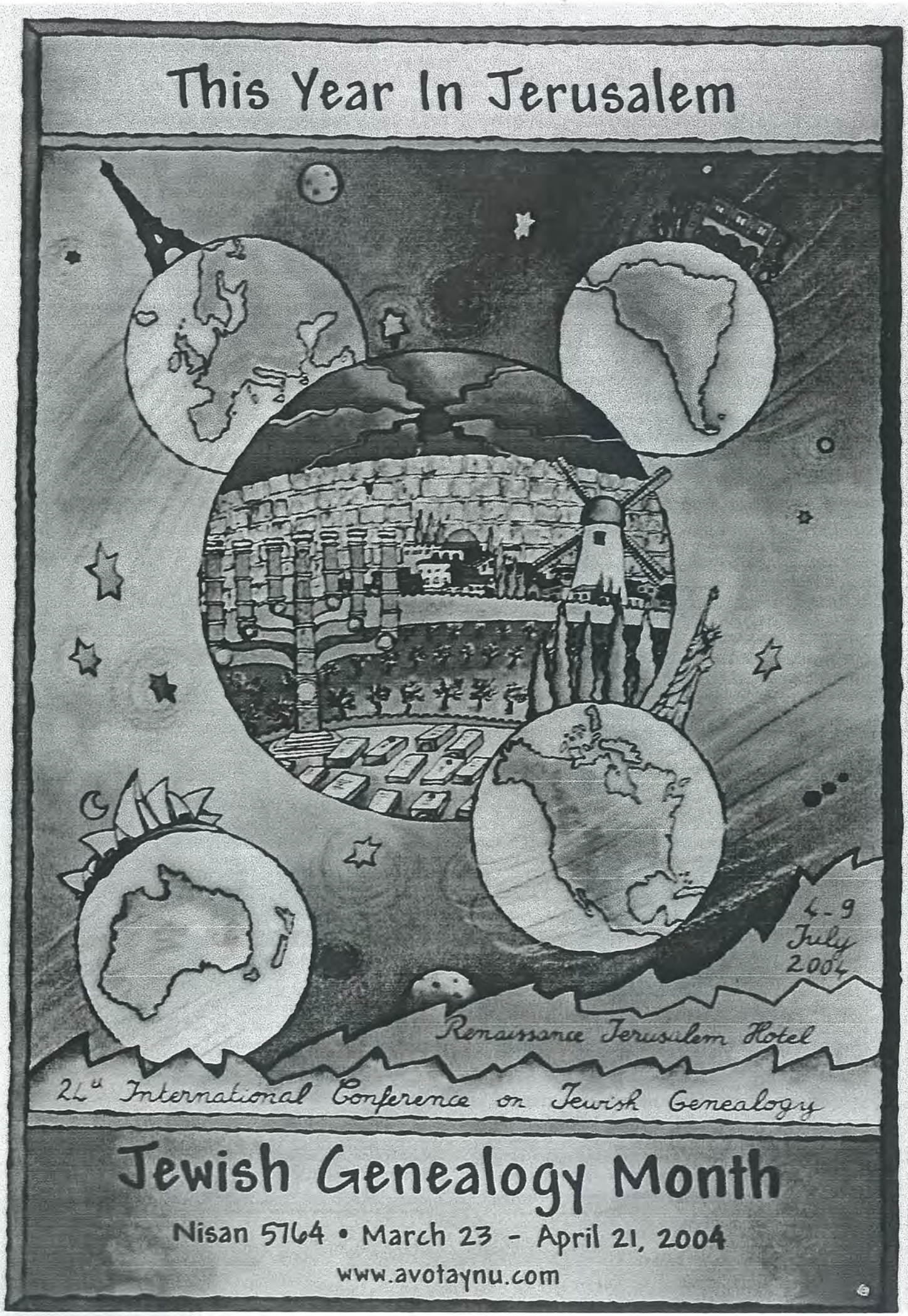
I am looking for descendants of Moshe and Sarah THAL from Sassmacken, Courland, now Valdemarpils, Latvia. Specifically, I would like to find descendants of four of their nine children: Leba THAL (ca.1830-1902) and his wife Rachel, Scheine THAL (b. ca. 1843) and her husband Samuel/Shulem KRAMER from Talsen, Shimon THAL (ca.1846-1893) and his wife Doris FRIEDMAN, and Rachel THAL (ca.1852-1881) and her husband Elias LEVY who lived in Riga. Further information is available at http://home.comcast.net/~bgephart/thal.html.
Betsy Thal Gephart, Fort Wayne, IN <bgephart@comcast.net>

GOLD

I am seeking descendants of Leopold Gold. he migrated to Australia about 1917 age 16 years. He married Rosa in Brisbane in 1923 and they had eight children, the eldest was Yvonne. The family was originally knownas Goldstein, his parents were Rebeccah and Lazarus. He had three brothers, Marcus (who changed name to 'Stone'), David and Nathan.
Malcolm Peterman, Birmingham, UK
mpeterman@blueyonder.co.uk

ISAACS

My grandmother's name was Rose Anne Isaacs (born 1902 Port Melb.). Her parents were George Isaacs (b. 1858 Melbourne; died 1941 Sth Melbourne) and Mary Ann Cahill (born 1865 Gawler, SA; died 1928 Richmond).
George Isaacs' parents were Abraham Isaacs (born 1825, London, England) and Frances Levy (b.1826, London).
I believe that George was one of eleven children: Benjamin, Reuben, Louis, Solomon, Isaac, George, Henry, Phillip, Rebecca, Rachel and Sarah.
Tanya Barlow, Annandale, Q'land.
<ktbarlow@bigpond.net.au>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