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Les Oberman, President, and the Committee of Management of the AJGS (Vic) wish all our members a happy Chanukah and a healthy and peaceful New Year for 2007

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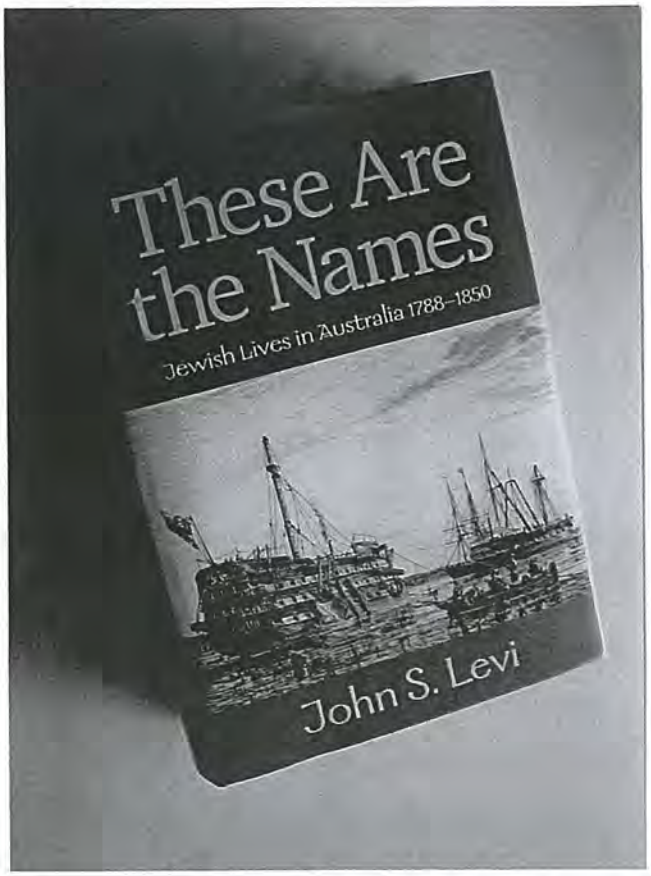

Australian Jewish Genealogical Society (Vic)
in association with Makor Jewish Community Library invite you to an evening to hear ,

DVORAH NETZER

Dvorah Netzer lives in Israel. Two years ago she wrote and asked us for help in finding family in Australia. She writes - 'I had no idea how to contact them - and even whom most of them were!!' The end result is that a Gross-Forbes-Segal Planning Committee was formed and they have arranged a gathering of the families, opportunities for Dvorah to do more research and a talk to our Society on:

Genealogical Research in Israel

Wednesday 24th January 2007 at 7.30 pm

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

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EDITORIAL

'THESE ARE THE NAMES'

A landmark publication for the Jewish community was launched at the State Library of Victoria on December 3rd. The new long awaited - *These Are the Names: Jewish Lives in Australia 1788-1850* by Rabbi John Levi, Rabbi Emeritus of the Temple Beth Israel in Melbourne.

This is the culmination of forty years of researching the lives of early Jewish pioneers, both convicts and free settlers. An earlier publication by Levi in 1976, *The Forefathers: A Dictionary of Biography of the Jews of Australia 1788-1830,* gave us a glimpse into the lives of 463 people who could be identified as Jews coming to Australia during those years. This latest book brings us twenty years later in time and the biographies of early settlers has increased to over 1500.

This very heavy volume of 873 pages was given prominence in 'The Age' on December 2. The feature article mentioned some of our well known citizens who boasted colourful ancestors. It quotes former Supreme Court judge Howard Nathan who said he was "positively delighted and terribly proud" to learn that his ancestor, Nathan Nathan, had come to Sydney in 1800 as a convict, having snatched a parcel from an old woman in Cornhill, inner London.

There are few identified Jews in Australia today who can trace Jewish ancestry back to the first 62 years of European settlement commencing with the First Fleet in 1788. One of my own great great grandparents arrived in 1855 soon after the discovery of gold in 1851.

This event and later migrations transformed the Jewish community from a few hundred pioneers to many thousands over the next few decades. The task of documenting later decades of settlement would be daunting.

Whilst the majority of Jews in Australia today arrived in the twentieth century, the stories of these early settlers will be of interest to the present day community as they provide insight into the struggles of these pioneers and may stimulate a interest in Australian history.

In the words of the Hon. Howard Nathan in the introduction to the book, 'Here you will meet Australia's Australia's first musician, a wizard, our first actors and theatrical producers, many of Australia's first businessmen and women. There are pastoral pioneers, brewers and farmers. There are convicts who made good and convicts who suffered terrible punishments and whose lives were forever shattered.'

Rabbi Levi is to be congratulated for bringing us yet another resource for the genealogist and another book to be added to Australian Jewish historiography.

I wish all our readers a happy Channukah and best wishes for the coming year.

Lionel Sharpe
Editor

Dr Sallyann Amdur Sack visits Melbourne

Dr Sallyann Amdur Sack with Lionel Sharpe (Secretary AJGS Vic)

The visit of Dr Sallyann Amdur Sack certainly made an impact on all those who met and heard her. With only two weeks in Australia her itinerary covered Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Port Douglas. We had the pleasure of her company for just one weekend.

All we had time for was a joint meeting with the Jewish Holocaust Museum and Research Centre on Sunday evening 22nd October where she spoke about an initiative of the newly created International Institute for Jewish Genealogy and Paul Jacobi Center in Jerusalem - *Reconstituting the Destroyed Communities of Europe.*

Building on the valuable work already done by Yad Vashem and other organisations this project will attempt to cluster victims by place of residence using sophisticated software dedicated to merging genealogical databases. The aim is to create a virtual reconstruction of these lost Jewish communities.

Anyone wishing to read about this project can find her article in *Avotaynu: The International Review of Jewish Genealogy, Vol. XXII, No 2, Summer 2006.* This journal can be found at the Makor Jewish Community Library. And who is its editor ? - Sallyann Amdur Sack!

In Sydney she addressed the AJGS at the North Shore Synagogue on October 16th and the following day she spoke about the differences between Jewish and non-Jewish research at a meeting of the Society of Australian Genealogists.

After three days in Melbourne she flew to Perth where the Jewish Historical and Genealogical Society of Western Australia hosted a very successful and well attended meeting.

I had first encountered the name Sallyann Amdur Sack many years ago when I purchased a magnificent reference book, *Where Once We Walked: A Guide to the Jewish Communities Destroyed in the Holocaust.* It is co-authored with Gary Mokotoff and lists 21,000 names of towns in Central and Eastern Europe where Jews lived before the Holocaust. I recently purchased the second edition and rarely a week goes by without referring to it. It sits beside my telephone book to answer member's enquiries.

Sallyann is also the co-editor of Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy and other books. In her professional life she is a psychotherapist with a PhD in Clinical Psychology.

I first heard Sallyann speak in Los Angeles at an international conference in 1998 and at later conferences including London. Her record of achievements in genealogy go back to 1980 when she was founder and first President of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington.

So how does one introduce such a dynamic and all curious genealogist to Melbourne without wasting a single hour?

Annita and I picked her up from the airport and headed to Lygon Street, Carlton. The Jewish presence commenced in the 1880's and during the 1920s-1950's the Yiddish language was evident in the shops and the well known cultural centre - The Kadimah.

After wandering among the Italian owned shops once occupied by Jewish shopkeepers, we then drove by the East Melbourne Hebrew Congregation and headed to St. Kilda's Road Toorak Synagogue. Then on to Temple Beth Israel in Alma Road passing the Jewish Museum and on to the Yeshivah Centre with its synagogues and schools.

The journey ended at the home of Sonya and Les Oberman (AJGS Vic. President) in Glenhuntly where they hosted her for three nights.

Genealogical conversations continued over the Shabbat meal which was joined by Rodney Eisfelder and his family. Sunday was an opportunity to visit the Jewish Museum of Australia and the cake shops in Acland Street. Members of the committee and some invited guests dined with her prior talk at the Holocaust Museum that evening.

We can only hope that this historical introduction to the establishment of Jewish life in Melbourne stays with her and is reflected in her memoirs of this trip downunder.

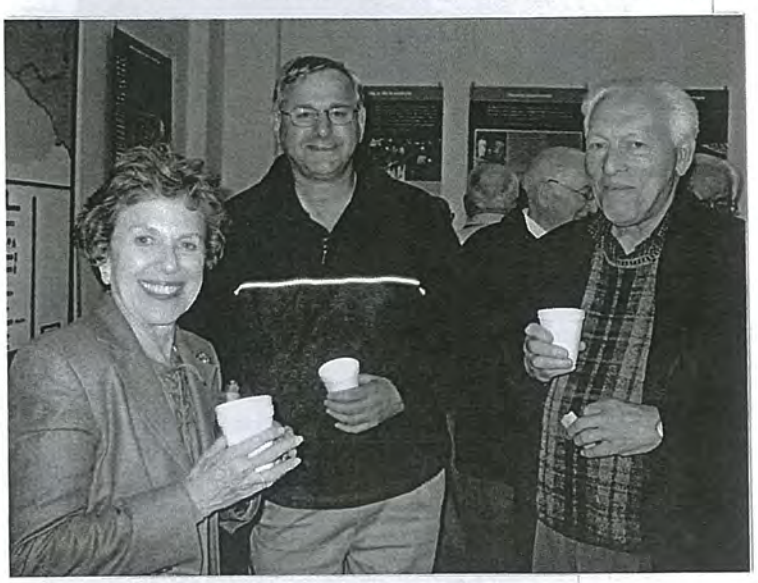
One final comment she made to me before departing was: 'Why don't you guys arrange a national conference on Jewish genealogy? There is enough talent to make it work.' We are still thinking about it.

Thank you Sallyann for a stimulating visit and please do come again.

Lionel Sharpe

with Sonya Oberman and Lena Fiszman (Holocaust Museum)

Appreciation gift from Les Oberman (President)



with Phil Lipshut and Alan Marks

with Phillip Maisel (centre) who videotaped the talk

Naomi Ciddor and Danny Fantl

Jewish Book Launch at the State Library of Victoria

A large crowd gathered on the Sunday morning of December 3 in a magnificent hall at the State Library of Victoria to hear Dr Howard Freeman, President of the Australian Jewish Historical Society launch Rabbi John Levi's long awaited book - *These Are the Names: Jewish Lives in Australia 1788-1850.*

Louise Adler CEO of Melbourne University Press opened the proceedings which was attended by Sir Zelman Cowen and Lady Cowen and other well known personalities.

Rabbi Levi is Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth Israel in Melbourne. His publications include Australian Genesis: Convicts and Settlers (co-authored with G.E.J. Bergman), The Forefathers, Rabbi Jacob Danglow: Uncrowned Monarch of Australian Jewry, The Musical Tradition of the Berlin Reform Synagogue and A Passover Haggadah.

Some queried - why this title? The clue is on the back of the cover jacket - one finds two Hebrew words, 'Sefer Shemot', meaning - Book of Exodus (the second book of the Torah). The opening words of Exodus read - *V'Eleh Shemot...* (Now these are the names of the sons of Israel who came into Egypt with Jacob.....).

In this book Rabbi Levi reveals the names of those Jews who took the long journey by ship and landed on these shores between 1788 and 1850 either as convicts or free settlers.

This 873 page magnificently presented volume was launched jointly by MUP's Meigunyah Press, the Australian Jewish Historical Society and the Australian Jewish Genealogical Society (Vic). The book retails for A$79.95.

Queues lined up for an autographed copy of the book and those with early Australian ancestry eagerly searched for family names.

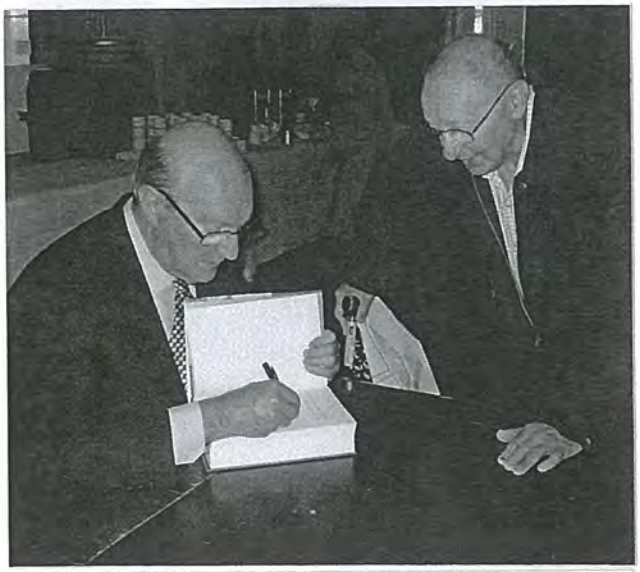
The 1500 plus biographical sketches range from a few lines to a few pages. They include both convicts deported from England as well as settlers who came on their own volition.

An appendix, titled The Jews of Colonial Australia, provides statistics and an analysis based on the data extrapolated from the biographical data. Of particular interest is an analysis of occupations of both convicts and free settlers. Notably absent are agricultural workers, tanners,weavers,metal, wood, cane and cork workers, few soldiers and sailors. There was one physician, one solicitor and two Hebrew teachers (one being a convict).

This book will have wide appeal to the hundreds of thousands of Australians who have lost their Jewish identity but are aware they have a Jewish ancestor. Over 900 entries have their origins in England, mostly London. British Jewish genealogists will no doubt be eager to search its pages. But beware of popular surnames such as Cohen where one can count 109 entries.

Sir Zelman Cowen and Dr Howard Freeman (Pres. AJHS)

The Hon Howard Nathan with former State politician, Walter Jona



Alan Collins with Rabbi John Levi

Additions to Holocaust Database

We are pleased to announce additions to the Holocaust Database at http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Holocaust/. With this update, there are now 1,141,316 records in this collection of databases.

-The Dachau Concentration Camp records have been updated again. This database now contains 157,960 records. The data entry concluded some time ago, but the validation of the data entry by Peter Lande of USHMM is ongoing. The end is near, however.

- The Lublin Ghetto Listings, April 1942, contain 4,587 records.

- World Jewish Congress Collection contains 72,899 records of Holocaust survivors. The index of files at http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Holocaust/0131_index.html should be accessed to understand the contents of the database.

Our thanks to all the persons involved in preparing these databases for their online presentation. Their names appear in the introductions to the individual databases.

Joyce Field
JewishGen VP, Data Acquisition

Genealogical Society of Victoria Thursday Talks

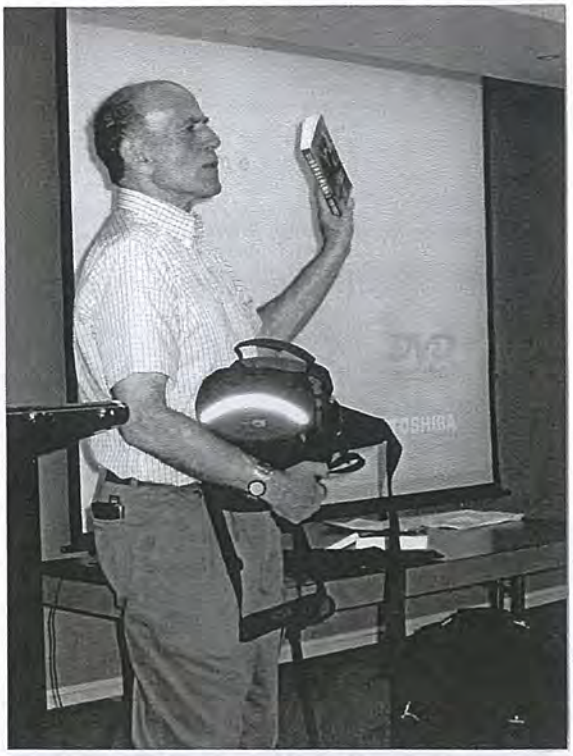
Talks are held in the GSV Meeting Room, 12.20 - 1.30 pm. Level B1, 257 Collins St., Melbourne, 3000 Admission is free to GSV members, $5.50 for non-members.

1 Feb. Family history computer programs
with **VicGum**
8 Feb. Using English parish registers
with **Jenny Carter**
15 Feb. Using 1837online.com
with **Linley Hooper**
22 Feb. Dr Howitt's Corner - life in pre-1851 Melbourne
with **Caroline Clemente**

Visit the website www.gsv.org.au

Katrina and Jenny Cowen, Liz James (Secretary, AJHS) and John Solomon

SHTETL SCHLEPPING WITH SOL SYLVAN



What to pack ....a practical demonstration

Sol Sylvan was on a short visit from Issaquah, Washington State, USA, for a family Simcha when he spoke to a meeting of the AJGS (Vic) at the Beth Weizmann Jewish Community Centre on 13th November.

His topic was: 'The Nine Most important Words You Need to Know Before Making an Ancestral Visit to Eastern Europe'.

Sol has been actively involved in family research since July 1995. Between October 2002 and September 2005 he made four visits to Eastern Europe including Warsaw, Krakow, Western Ukraine including Lviv, Ternopil, Teofipol, Yampol, Katerberg, Kremenets, Vishnivits and Lanovtsy where his father lived the first 23 years of his life.

Asking the question: 'Have you ever wanted to breathe the air, know a street spoken of, a Shule, a market, a person, and truly picture your ancestors in their home?' Sol went on to explain what it takes to make this undertaking successful from advance preparation to making travel arrangements, contacting town halls, civil records offices and archives, as well as hiring guides and translators. Then there is the problem of what you will encounter once you arrive.

He showed a professionally edited video of his June, 2004 visit to Western Ukraine with pre-recorded commentary. This was followed by a presentation of his experiences visiting four cemeteries.

He discussed motivation, accommodation, air and train travel, research, documents, language, local money, food, baggage, appropriate clothing, type of cameras and recorders and what to bring. Other issues covered included health and safety, insurance, costs of a trip, translators and use of guides. Somehow he did not get around to talk about the nine important words but he possibly repeated 'preparation' nine times.

Sol distributed a six page handout covering the above topics and a flyer promoting JewishGen Shtetl Schleppers <http://www.jewishgen.org>. Copies are available by sending a 50 cent stamped addressed envelop together with two 50 cent stamps to cover printing to AJGS (Vic) PO Box 189, Glenhuntly, 3163.

Peter and Myra Waddell, visitors from South Australia with Les Oberman (Centre)

Nick Vine Hall, 1944-2006

The following extracts are taken from a long obituary which was published in The Sydney Morning Herald on 14 November 2006.

The doyen of family history researchers in Australia, Nick Vine Hall, first became interested in genealogy when, as a young man, he was told he was a descendant of Captain James Cook.

On his first trip abroad, Vine Hall, who has died of cancer at 62, visited maiden aunts and other family in England and traced his history. His research went back to a distant relative of Cook's and revealed he was eighth cousin to the famed navigator. He also discovered a couple of skeletons in the family cupboard - a drunkard and an ancestor who was hanged for high treason. He was also descended from Edmund Blacket, the third colonial architect of NSW [New South Wales].

Nicholas John Vine Hall was born in Darlinghurst, educated at Sydney Grammar School and worked for CSR Ltd for 16 years, in sales and marketing before becoming the Australia Sugar sales manager from 1972.

But the trip to England led to a decision to abandon sugar. Genealogy was to become his lifetime's work and passion, and he inspired countless Australians to dig into their family histories. He had joined the Society of Australian Genealogists in 1971 and in 1978 he was appointed director, a position he held for a decade.

His comprehensive *Tracing Your Family History in Australia*, now in its third edition, is the seminal text on the subject. He self-published much of his collection of 35 books, CDs, charts and articles including those on maritime history. In 1991 he initiated the British Isles Directories Project, 1769-1936, which is transferring about 20 million names from scarce printed directories to microfiche.

His fight to change the laws to retain the name-identified forms collected under the census, however, may be his most significant work. From the first Commonwealth census in 1911, it had been government policy to destroy the name-identified data - keeping only the statistical information. Some scholars described this policy as "historical vandalism".

As chairman of the federation's census working party, Vine Hall led the successful campaign against the Australian Bureau of Statistics's resistance. The option for Australians to give consent to the confidential retention of their name-identified data for 99 years has appeared in the census since 2001.

Vine Hall attracted a cult following among "genies" (as genealogical buffs are affectionately known). He was generous, fun-loving and reliable. But he was also obsessive.

In *Tracing Your Family History in Australia*, he listed genealogical research and onomatology (the study of the origin of names) as his recreations. Another hobby was collecting foreign language dictionaries.

Vine Hall is survived by Patricia, his two children, five grandchildren and Trish.

Diana Plater

Nu? What's New? Survey provides interesting results

Vol. 4 No. 21 reveals the results of a Survey of readers

The first Nu? What's New? survey, mentioned in the last issue of this e-zine, is completed.

More than 3,200 — 47% of the 7,200 subscribers—participated.

Some stereotypes of a Jewish genealogist were confirmed and others were not.

Here are some observations based on the results:

- Most Jewish genealogists are relatively new to the hobby — more than half have been researching their family history for less than 10 years.
- Jewish genealogists rely on the volunteer efforts of others — 68.8% of the respondents claim they do not volunteer for genealogy projects.
- We are a computer-oriented, high-speed Internet-oriented group, but this appears to be true of all genealogists.
- Jewish genealogists are well educated — 47.7% have advanced (masters/doctorate) degrees.
- Are we "little old ladies in tennis sneakers"?

Unfortunately, an important question was accidentally left out of the survey—What is your gender (male/female)?

But the survey did ask age and, remarkably, the typical Jewish genealogist is nearly seven years older (61.2 years) than the non-Jewish genealogist (54.6). Most rewarding were the comments made by subscribers to the final question:
How can we improve Nu? What's New? The vast majority of the comments extolled the value of the e-zine and the primary comment was "Leave it as is."

You can view all the results at
http://www.avotaynu.com/survey/

Do you want to share your Australian Jewish research issues with others ?

Subscribe (free) to the AJGen Online Forum

Open http://www.ajgs.org.au and click on Online Forum

From: Nu? What's New?
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All Hamburg Emigration Lists to be available December 2006

Ancestry.com and Ballinstadt have announced jointly that images of all Hamburg emigration lists 1850-1934 will be online in December 2006 at their sites: http://ancestry.com and http://www.ballinstadt.com.
Initially, an index will exist for 1890-1912.

This is the index that was developed by the Hamburg State Archives. It is no longer available on the Internet and is now being relocated at the Ancestry.com site. All remaining passenger lists (1850-1890 and 1912-1934) may be browsed in chronological order by way of entering a specific date of departure as keyword and/or a ship's name.

Hamburg lists are very valuable for 19th-century U.S. arrivals because, unlike the U.S. immigration lists of that period, the Hamburg lists include emigrant's place of residence in Europe.

Ballinstadt is a planned tourist attraction in Hamburg on the site of the staging area where five million emigrants left the port. It will be open on July 4, 2007. I visited the site in 2002. At that time, only one building remained from the original structures. The site will recreate some of the buildings that existed during the height of the emigration period.

Ballinstadt started at the turn of the twentieth century when Albert Ballin, the Jewish general manager of the German shipping company, HAPAG, built mass accommodations at the Port of Hamburg for the many thousands of people from all over Europe who arrived in the city every week.

The reconstructed Ballinstadt will include a monument called "Wings of Hope" in honor of the millions on emigrants that passed through Hamburg. Parroting the Immigrant Wall of Honor located on the site of Statue of Liberty in New York harbor, descendants of these emigrants will be able to add a plaque containing the emigrant's name for a cost between $100-150.

A history of the Hamburg emigration port and plans for its recreation can be found at http://www.ballinstadt.com/en/index.php

WWW.ANCESTRY.COM - Free Access

In November ancestry.com announced that it was giving free access to their database for a limited period. This period was extended - possibly to the end of December. Its worth checking.

Exploring the Convergence of Genealogy and Technology - DG is Here!

DIGITAL GENEALOGIST

Vol.1, No. 1 (Nov./Dec. 2006) of is now available. Just click on http://www.digitalgenealogist.com/

Digital Genealogist is a new periodical edited by Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, CG, CGL. The magazine focuses on the use of technology in genealogy and all its various applications. Those familiar with *Genealogical Computing*, a former Ancestry.com publication, will recognize some of the authors and columnists that wrote for that magazine. Liz edited *Genealogical Computing* for nearly seven years, until its demise following the July/August/ September 2006 issue. She will continue to bring the latest news and techniques for combining genealogy and technology.

If you'd like to talk with other genealogists about genealogy and technology, why not join the new digitalgenealogist list at Yahoo.com. This is not the same as subscribing to the new magazine, but is instead a message list to others with similar interests. Let's use the list to share ideas about using genealogy and technology. It is powered by groups.yahoo.com

Subscriptions are US$20 a year for six issues, coming out bimonthly. The magazine is sent via e-mail as a PDF, which requires subscribers to have Adobe *Reader* on their computers. You should ensure that you have at least Adobe *Reader* 5.0 on your computer. However, if you want to get the best effect from the designs incorporated in *Digital Genealogist*, you should download Adobe *Reader* 7.0, which is the version on Acrobat's website currently.

IAJGS Conference Lectures and Syllabus

Audio CDs of sessions presented at the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies' 26th Annual International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, held in New York City in August, can now be ordered online. The sessions were recorded live and are unedited. A CD of an individual session sells for $14; a double session sells for $25. Individual and double sessions can also be downloaded as MP3s for the same cost. An MP3 CD with all of the recorded sessions on it costs $149. It is not downloadable.

MP3 CDs will be shipped with all of the components that need to be installed in computers that do not already have the necessary software. MP3 CDs can only be played on MP3 players, PCs, and MP3-capable CD or DVD players. Place orders through the conference website at http://www.jgsny2006.org/conference_recording.cfm. The conference syllabus can also be ordered online. For orders outside of North America only the CD version of the syllabus is available. The cost is $10, including airmail delivery. The syllabus can be ordered at http://www.jgsny2006.org/book_link.cfm

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.

ROSENBLATT
I recently found a document indicating that Louis (Liebmann) ROSENBLATT and his wife Henrietta (nee Doernberg) emigrated from Vacha, Thuringia, Germany and were living in Sandhurst, Victoria, 1854. If you know anything about the descendants of this couple, I would greatly appreciate the information.
Rachel Unkefer <runkefer@pinehurst.net>

LOFF LOEFF RAMOS WEISSENSTEIN
My name is Luis J. Montejano Murciano, I am a Spanish physician. I'm trying to find the path of two young Jewish women (and the son of one of them) who went from Austria to Australia about 1950.
These women were Austrian citizens who ran away from their country in1938 and arrived to Riga where they caught by the Soviet Army and sent to a gulag.
My father, Vicente Montejano Moreno, was in this time a young student pilot of the Spanish Republican Air Force, studying in a Soviet flying academy and, at the end of the Spanish Civil War (1939), was also sent to a gulag.
Between 1941 - 1944 my father was one of these girls' (Hansi Weissenstein) boyfriend and his companion Maximo Ramos, the boyfriend of the other (Emma Löff) girl, and the father of Emma's son, named Carlos. At the end of the WW II, Emma and Hansi got their freedom, but Spanish pilots remained in the gulag till 1954.
Hansi wrote some touching letters to my father's parents (I cannot read it without crying), telling them about their "lost" son - Soviet Government forbade then any contact between Spanish prisoners and their families in the General Franco's Spain, and my grandparents didn't know if may father was dead or alive, but, in 1948 my father's family received the last Hansi's letter from Brno, in the Czech Republic (C.S.R.). From other pilot girlfriend's letters I knew Hansi went to Vienna and later to Australia, but she never wrote from your country. Now, Karin Carmen Jung, an architect, "Russian" daughter of another Spanish pilot (José Calvo Muedra) and I are writing a book about our fathers' vicissitude in the Soviet gulag and we should wish to interview these women... or their sons.
We think it's a very difficult work, because we only know the names of these two women when they arrived at Australia about 1950: Hansi Weissenstein, born in Nov 30th 1922 or 1923, and Emma (or Emmy) Löff (or Loeff). Emma's son name could be Carlos (or Charles) Löff or Ramos (his father's surname) or Emma's husband surname... Perhaps they married and changed their surname once or twice or... Thank you for your time and thank you for your help.

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ED: Elsa Weissenstein arrived in Sydney on the SS Johan de Witt, March 1947. Irma Szenes (nee Weissenstein) born in Hungary, arrived same ship.
Franzi (b. 1894) and Hansi (her daughter) Weissenstein arrived on the SS Cyrenia,Dec.1949 sponsored by G. Bock.

World War 1 - Russian Jewish Refugees in England
Dr Ivan Cher recently brought to my attention a book by Professor Harold Shukman, 'War or Revolution', published by Vallentine Mitchell. It concerns many young men in England during the First World War who came under government scrutiny because they were not citizens.
31,500 Russian Jewish men were living in Great Britain as asylum seekers during this period. In 1917, 3145 were transported into the chaos of the successive Russian revolutions. They had the choice of being sent to the battlefields or returning to Russia. Some of them had married in Britain and had to leave wives and children. Ivan Cher writes: "My father Paul Sherr Z"L, [Pesach Gershon ben Yitzchak] was one of them.' After many adventures he eventually managed to migrate to New Zealand where he raised a family.
Ivan is wondering whether anyone knows of any of these deported refugees and or any decendants ?
Lionel Sharpe (Editor). Write to:
Dr Ivan Cher, Melbourne <ursivan@bigpond.net.au>

LEVY/LAZARUS
I am researching my early Jewish Tasmanian ancestors Philip LEVY (as per Surrey (2) Dec,1829) and two LAZARUS sisters Leah and Julia (as per Boadicea Feb 1836). Leah married Philip LEVY, Julia married Thomas MEYERS, then after his death Saul SOLOMON. Julia's brother Elijah married one of the NEATE sisters, the other NEATE sister married James Henry SHAW who worked for Julia MEYERS. Julia was a co-licencee with (possible sibling) Joseph LAZARUS of the Macquarie Hotel before divorcing Saul SOLOMON and fleeing with James Henry Shaw to NZ. There were other siblings I believe who came on the Prince William later.
From: "thebasclains" <thebasclains@aapt.net.au>

WEISSVOGEL
I am seeking information about:
Abraham Weissvogel died 20 July 1977 age 48, born 1929.
Wife: Frieda, Sons: Simon and Jacob
David Katoshevski, <davidk@bgu.ac.il>

KLEPFISZ
I am researching the KLEPFISZ family, which has members living in Australia. I have already contacted cousins and together we're researching the family and hoping to "find connections".
My great-great grandfather was Rabbi Aharon Shlomo Zalman Klepfisz, Ob"m, Rabbi of both Goworowo and Wizna, Poland. He had three brothers, of whom I'm aware; they were Rabbis Avarahm Meir, Shmue-l
Zanvil, and Shmarya-hu Yossef, Ob"m.
Are Arthur and/or Alan Klepfisz members of this group?
I found a marriage record showing a DOBRASZLANKA who married a KLEPFISZ.
Sarah Lasry, Israel <sarah_lasry@yahoo.ca>

COHEN
I am researching my Cohen family. My gt gt gt Grandfather Robert Abraham Cohen (born: 1804, Surrey,Eng) was a convict transported to Australia in 1821. Roberts parents were Lazarus Cohen and Rachel Phillips (married 1801 The Great Synagogue). The Cohen family lived in Mudgee and also in the Waverly areas (NSW). I am wanting to make contact with any Cohen relatives and hopefully find more information in regards to Robert and his familiy in England.
Rachel. <roostersrach@yahoo.com.au>

SUCCESS STORY

A 'tearful' reunion 60 years in the making. After believing her family had perished in the Holocaust, Sylvia Gotliz was recently reunited with the family she never knew she had.
This was a headline in the Australian Jewish News on December 8th in an article by Tali Borowskii, she wrote: 'But 28 years after their father's death, Sylvia Gotlib and her brother David received a phone call that would change their lives. Their father, Joseph August, who was born in Poland and who had three brothers and a sister, had always known that his two brothers moved to Paris in the 1920s, but both perished during the war. The rest of his family did not survive the Holocaust, however Joseph was unaware that his brothers' children were still living across the world - in Paris and the US.'

In an email on October 2005 we received this message. 'The excitement continues. We have talked to our two cousins David August and Sylvia Gotlib in Melbourne. And we are in email contact with a daughter of Sylvia. We have found the family. Thanks for your kind help.
Best Regards, Jerry".

Registration Now Open for 2007 IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

I am delighted to announce that registration is now open for the Conference.

It is scheduled for July 15-20, 2007 (Tamuz 29-Av 5, 5767) at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center.

Please visit the conference website at http://www.slc2007.org to register, submit speaking proposals, book rooms at the Hilton, plan your travel and learn more about what the conference and Salt Lake City have to offer. We will keep you informed as the website is updated with additional information, including scheduled speakers, computer workshops, SIG luncheons and much, much more.

The conference will include a special showing of "Lives Remembered: A Shtetl Through A Photographer's Eye". This photographic, museum exhibit has been displayed internationally. It depicts a vibrant and modern life in an Eastern European shtetl from 1898-1939.

Conference Co-Chairs Hal Bookbinder and Michael Brenner, and the entire conference committee, look forward to sharing this exciting experience with all of you.

Jan Meisels Allen
Registration Chair
registration@slc2007.org

Warsaw Cemetery Data added to Jewish Records Indexing-Poland database

Jewish Records Indexing-Poland have added to our searchable database information on an additional 20,000 burials from the Warsaw Jewish Cemetery.
(This information is from the file also known as Warsaw Cemetery Database "C").

The historic Warsaw Jewish Cemetery on Okopowa Street has been in continuous use since late in the 18th century and contains an estimated 250,000 individual graves as well as mass graves of thousands of residents of the Warsaw Ghetto. While most of the gravestones have survived, the cemetery burial records were destroyed by Nazi forces during the WW II occupation of Warsaw.

Starting in October 2003, Przemyslaw Isroel Szpilman, the new Cemetery Manager, commenced an aggressive project with a goal of documenting all the gravestones and their locations in the shortest possible time. Using a digital camera provided by JRI-Poland, work has proceeded at a brisk pace and with the recent update to the JRI-Poland database we now have almost 34,000 burials. Information on this database and how to obtain photographs of tombstones can be found at the following link:

http://www.jri poland.org/cemetery/warsaw_ beisolam.htm

Besides the data currently being compiled by Przemyslaw Isroel Szpilman, JRI-Poland's database has two additional Warszawa Cemetery data sets.

1) Warsaw Cemetery Database-"A" contains data compiled by the former Warsaw Cemetery Director, Boleslaw Szenicer.

2) Warsaw Cemetery Database-"B" contains 3832 indices from an unusual source. In the late 1960s, the City of Warsaw drew up plans to extend Anielewicza Street (formerly Gesia Street) to connect with Mlynarska Street through the southern section of the cemetery.

Gravesites in sections 1, 2, 3, 3a, 4b, 91, 92, 97, 99 and 99a were to have been removed, and in preparation the stones were photographed, and inscriptions were deciphered and recorded. This work was carried out by Warsaw University students. However after strong opposition to the street extension the plans were cancelled. Ultimately, the photos and documentation were turned over to the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw.

Please note there are overlaps between the three data sets. Data set C (Mr.Szpilman's data) is the only active database that is continually being updated.

Hadassah Lipsius
JRI-Poland
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British-Jewry - Melbourne Chapter

Left to right: Back Row: Darryl Lipkie, Phil Lipshut, Mike McPhedran;
Middle Row: Sandra Bergman, Naomi Barnett,
Susan McPhedran (on a visit from Canada with her husband Mike), Anne Budender;
Front Row: Hazel Lipkie and Lionel Sharpe
Meeting at Naomi's home in Melbourne, Australia in November 2006
For more details visit: http://www.british-jewry.org.uk/ Also read the Editorial in the August issue of this newsletter

Dr Sallyann Amdur Sack from Washinton DC visits Leonie Fleiszig, director of the
Makor Jewish Community Library