



Jewish Genealogy in the 21st Century

National Jewish Memorial Centre, National Circuit, Forrest, Canberra

26 – 29 October 2008

Registration Form

Your last name: _____ Your first name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/Town: _____

State: _____ Postcode: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: (0) _____ Mobile: _____

Email (*Please print*): _____

Registration Fees:

Morning and afternoon teas, lunch, handouts etc are included in the registration fees. All food will be kosher.

Both days:	\$120.00		\$
Sunday 26 October	\$70.00		\$
Monday 27 October	\$70.00		\$
Conference dinner (26 Oct.)	\$80.00	(No. of tickets)	\$
Reception, Israeli Embassy (28 Oct.)		(No. of tickets)	(no charge)

Registration Payment:

Total Payment: AU\$ _____

Cheque made payable to AJGS Inc. is enclosed

Credit Card: Mastercard _____ Visa _____

Name on card: _____

Card number: _____ Expiration date: (MM/YY) _____ / _____

Signature: I hereby authorise the sum shown above to be charged to my credit card

Cardholder's Signature _____

Post to: AJGS, PO Box 42, Lane Cove NSW 1595

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Mark as many tours as you wish. Each tour will last for around 2 hours. Return bus transport from the National Jewish Centre will be provided at \$5 per passenger. If you wish to conduct research at these institutions you are welcome to do so independently.

Visits and a guided tour of the genealogical and other facilities of archival institutions

Interested
Yes No

Tuesday 28 October	National Archives of Australia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	National Library of Australia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Australian War Memorial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesday 29 October	National Archives of Australia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	National Library of Australia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Australian War Memorial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OR			
Wednesday 29 October	Trip to Goulburn Cemetery and Jewish sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

N.B. There may be charges for the Goulburn trip if a bus is required. This will depend on the number of people interested. Expressing your interest does NOT mean that you have to attend. You will be advised of the costs as soon as they are known. You can then decide.

Registration Information:

What is your ability level in:

Jewish Genealogy	Beginner	<input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internet searching	Beginner	<input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/>

PRINT up to 8 ancestral surnames and towns that you are researching. The first 5 will be on your name badge. All eight will be included in the *Conference Family Finder*.

	Surname	Town	Country
Badge	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

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What are your areas of Interest: (select as many boxes as are appropriate)

Australia New Zealand	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lithuania Latvia Estonia	<input type="checkbox"/>
Austria	<input type="checkbox"/>	Poland	<input type="checkbox"/>
Belgium Netherlands France	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sephardic	<input type="checkbox"/>
China	<input type="checkbox"/>	South Africa	<input type="checkbox"/>
Czech Republic Slovakia	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ukraine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Germany	<input type="checkbox"/>	United Kingdom	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holocaust	<input type="checkbox"/>	USA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hungary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Israel	<input type="checkbox"/>		

For personal research in the following archives, advance notice may be needed for your requests, as it may take some time for the archive to collect your files from the repository.

Will you want to do any research at:

Australian War Memorial	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
National Archives of Australia	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
National Library of Australia	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<hr/>			

Jewish Genealogy in the 21st Century

Hosted by the ACT Jewish Community at their Centre and organised jointly by the Sydney and Melbourne Jewish Genealogical Societies, this conference will be a rewarding experience for all family history researchers. With a wealth of talent to be accessed and the proximity of some important archival repositories, this is an opportunity not to be missed by either the beginner or the experienced genealogist.

Conference Venue

The National Jewish Memorial Centre, which is situated close to Parliament House, is the centre of the ACT Jewish Community. It is an excellent conference venue. The Centre comprises a synagogue, community offices, a plenary hall and smaller meeting rooms. All the activities including the sessions, the resource room and the Conference Banquet will be held in the Centre. On Sunday and Monday, lunches and morning and afternoon teas will be provided as part of the registration fees.

Because the National Jewish Memorial Centre is an older building - built in 1970 - there are no disabled facilities. In particular, there are 27 stairs from the Ground Floor up to the Plenary Hall of the Conference, and where the Conference Dinner will also be held.

We will be hiring portaloos for both sexes which will provide disabled access.

Programme

An innovative, interactive programme that focuses on helping the individual's research interests has been planned.

On Sunday and Monday mornings there will be plenary sessions for all the conference attendees and in the afternoons there will be small group parallel sessions dealing with specific countries which will allow in-depth exploration of currently available resources and techniques.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, a number of guided tours have been arranged with the flexibility for independent research opportunities in the ACT archives.

The Resource Room will be available on Sunday and Monday. Apart from valuable reference materials, such as books, maps, folders and CDs, there will be computer access to online sites and databases. Wireless internet access will be available for the duration of the conference if you want to bring your laptop. Experienced help will be available to assist with research problems and appointments for individual consultations with experts in a specific area will be scheduled.

Conference Banquet

On Sunday evening, a special Conference Banquet, a kosher 4-course meal with accompanying fine wines, has been arranged. It will be another opportunity to relax and enjoy the networking possibilities. The entertainment will be very enjoyable, topical and a surprise!

Reception at Israeli Embassy

A cocktail party at the Israeli Embassy hosted by His Excellency Mr Yuval Rotem, the Israeli Ambassador, will be held on Tuesday night.

Conference Organising Committee

**Kim Phillips (Convenor) (NSW); Sunny Gold (NSW); Vernon Kronenberg (ACT)
Lionel Sharpe (VIC)**

Register early as places are limited

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Speakers

Martha Lev-Zion

Dr. Martha Levinson Lev-Zion is an historian of modern European intellectual history. She is the founder and president of the Negev branch of the Israel Genealogical Society; a former director on the board of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies [IAJGS] and past president of the international Latvia SIG. She was a co-founder and serves on the steering committee of the Courland Research Group and was on the organizing committee of the 24th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy in Jerusalem in 2004. Dr. Lev-Zion is one of the three founders of the annual Yom Iyun [one day seminar] for researching genealogy in Israel and actively serves on that committee. Dr. Lev-Zion has written extensively about the Jews of Franconia [Germany] and of Courland [Latvia]. She is the author of *Taking Tamar*, published by Avotaynu.

Julia Church

Julia Church is a writer, artist and curator. Her books include *Per L'Australia: the story of Italian migration* (2005), a pictorial history commissioned by the Italian Historical Society and published by Melbourne University Publishing. Julia's longstanding interest in the Jewish-Australian story has resulted in a number of collaborations with the Jewish Museum of Australia in Melbourne, most recently as co-editor of its 25th Anniversary Souvenir publication in 2007. Julia is a senior reference officer with the National Archives of Australia in Canberra.

Liz James, Debbie Jurblum, Lionel Sharpe

Among a group of 40 genealogists who visited the Red Cross International Tracing Service in Bad Arolsen, Germany from May 5th – 9th this year were these three Victorian members. Liz is the honorary secretary of the Australian Jewish Historical Society (Vic) and a committee member of the AJGS (Vic). Debbie is a committee member of the AJGS (Vic) and recently travelled to Poland, Germany and Switzerland with Liz doing extensive family research. Lionel is honorary secretary of the AJGS (Vic) and editor of "Jewish Genealogy Downunder". He is an Honorary Research Associate at Monash University.

Rhonda Kerr

Rhonda has been a member of HAGSOC for 17 years and was a member of council from 1998 to 2006, and during this time served in positions of Membership Secretary, President and Education Officer. Rhonda currently leads the Society Volunteers Group at the National Archives of Australia (NAA); is Convenor of the Writers' Special Interest Group; the Society rep on the Canberra Consultative Forum convened by the NAA, and has a monthly Family History session on Radio 1 RPH in Canberra. Rhonda has also produced several publications relating to family history; an Index to an early Australian colonial newspaper; monumental inscriptions of selected graves in Java, and an Index to and transcriptions of memorials found in 40 Anglican churches in the Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn. Her specific interests are Scottish family history and Australian military history.

Kim Phillips

Kim Phillips has served on the Committee of the Australian Jewish Genealogical Society since 1998 and has given presentations in 2004 at the 24th International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies in Jerusalem; 1999 and 2001 Society of Australian Genealogists Annual Conferences; Botany Bay Family History Society; Blue Mountains Family History Society Annual Conference; Coffs Harbour Annual Genealogy Conference and Ryde District Family History Society. She has led workshops at the Society of Australian Genealogists and Central Coast Genealogical Society.

Rieke Nash

Currently President of the Australian Jewish Genealogical Society and a founding member of the Society, Rieke has been publisher of the *Kosher Koala* for 15 years and has attended a number of International Conferences on Jewish Genealogy. She has researched in many overseas archives and is an Archive Coordinator for Jewish Records Indexing – Poland.

The conference will provide formal and informal networking opportunities to meet some of those other personalities well-known in the Jewish genealogical world such as

Helen Bersten,

Archivist of the Australian Jewish Historical Society

Sophie Caplan,

President of the Australian Jewish Historical Society

Jeannette Tsoulos,

Vice-President of Sydney AJGS and of the AJHS

Terry Newman, Life Member of the Sydney AJGS

Bubbles Segal, Editor of Southern Africa SIG Newsletter

Gary Luke, moderator of the AJGen Discussion Group

Les Oberman, President of the AJGS (Vic)

Website: www.ajgs.org.au/conf2008/

Contact: conf2008@ajgs.org.au

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PROGRAMME

Sunday 26 October, 8 a.m. to 4.45 pm

Registration will commence at 8 a.m.

Morning session 9.30 to 12.00 pm

Welcome from the President of the ACT Jewish Community, Anita Shroot.

Conference Opening

Session 1

Keynote address Martha Lev-Zion *Jewish Genealogy in the 21st Century*

Session 2

Liz James, Debbie Jurblum and Lionel Sharpe will present *Exploring the Red Cross International Tracing Service in Germany*

Between May 5 to 9 this year AJGS (Vic) members, Liz James, Debbie Jurblum and Lionel Sharpe joined a group of 40 genealogists from USA, Australia, Israel and Great Britain to carry out research at the Nazi archive located at the small town of Bad Arolsen, north of Frankfurt, Germany. This extensive collection of Holocaust records was finally unlocked to the public in November 2007 and this group was the largest to have visited the archive to date. Six Australians were among the participants in this visit which was arranged by Gary Mokotoff and Dr Sallyann Sack of Avotaynu.

(An optional *Beginners' Session* will be held at 8.30 – 9.15 prior to the Opening Session and during the registration period. *Ten Basics* – Lionel Sharpe, *A Beginners Guide* – Rieke Nash.)

Afternoon session 1 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.

The afternoon sessions will be devoted to Panel Discussions for Special Interest Groups where participants will split into smaller groups to explore the latest resources and research techniques for their specific needs. The sessions will definitely include the following areas: Early Australian Families, Lithuania, Poland, Germany and United Kingdom with other areas dependent on registration information.

During the afternoon, the resource room will be open with books, folders, maps, online computer access and appointments for one-to-one consultations.

Sunday evening, 6.30 p.m. Conference Banquet

Monday 27 October, 9 a.m. to 4.45 p.m.

Morning session 1 will focus on the research opportunities in the National Capital.

Julia Church *An Introduction to Genealogical Holdings in the National Australian Archives*

Rhonda Kerr *The Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra (HAGSOC)*

Kim Phillips *Spirits of Gallipoli and the Australian War Memorial*

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Speaker to be advised

Research Opportunities in the National Library of Australia

Morning session 2

Martha Lev-Zion

Genealogy Resources in Israel

Monday afternoon

Session 1

Special Interest sessions will be scheduled, one-to-one consultations can be booked and the Resource room will be open.

Session 2

Chair – Liz James

Ongoing Australian Projects – the Future

Using this opportunity with so many active researchers and volunteers attending the conference, this will be a brain-storming session exploring the possibilities for Australian research projects

Closing Session

Monday evening Private arrangements, films

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY - EXCURSIONS AND RESEARCH

During these two days special arrangements have been made for guided tours to Canberra places of research interest such as the National Archives, the National Library and the War Museum. All researchers will discover something of value in one or all of these institutions.

Other tourist activities such as tours to the Old and New Parliament Houses, are also planned. The trip to Goulburn will depend on expressions of interest.

Tuesday 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Tour of HAGSOC

A Guided tour of the Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra (HAGSOC) has been arranged. Even for those not living in the ACT area, a visit to a well-equipped Genealogy Society can be an eye opener. Local Societies often have access to resources of use to the Jewish researcher and this visit aims to highlight these possibilities.

Tuesday 6.30 p.m. Reception at Israeli Embassy

There is no charge but you will need to book with us.

Wednesday 29 October

In the morning there will be guided tours of the National Archives of Australia, National Library of Australia and the Australian War Museum. There will be opportunities for individual research at these archives during the day.

The Conference Family Finder

To assist making connections with others with similar research names and places, the information will be available for every participant in the Conference Family Finder. A contact list of participants will also be distributed.