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**MONDAY NIGHT  
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CZECH REPUBLIC,  
MORAVIA AND  
VIENNA  
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### By Rieke Nash

Many of our members are continuing to do interesting work and some have made some amazing discoveries as you can read in this edition. Some of the discoveries have occurred due to the member having registered on JewishGen Family Finder or made contact with a Special Interest Group where they have been found by another researcher.

Recently I was contacted by someone wanting information on one of my JRI-Poland towns. One of his family names matched another researcher's query I had received a few years ago. It turned out that they were long lost first cousins, one living in London and the other in New Zealand. By "being out there" their chances of success were increased.

Around 75% of members have contributed to our Research Database that has been distributed in the latest Resource CD free to members. This CD includes the catalogue of our resources. Members who would like a copy should contact me.

At our Annual General Meeting in March, John Levi entertained us with stories about the early Jewish migrants to Australia, not all of them convicts. We were also very happy to welcome new members to our committee.

Some good attendances at recent workshops have provided a lively forum for new members and the regulars. The resource collection continues to grow thanks to your memberships and welcome donations. Having online access to the internet and photocopying facilities has been appreciated by those attending.

The purchase of a data projector completes, for the time being, our technical requirements. Speakers are now able to project online data and/or PowerPoint presentations to a group.

We had a successful visit to our Library from a group from the Society of Australian Genealogists, many of whom had some Jewish ancestry. Apart from our resources, they enjoyed the tour of the synagogue, kindly conducted by our Rabbi, Paul Lewin, and the morning tea provided by the synagogue's Ladies Auxiliary.

And, of course, members who contribute their experiences through either Kosher Koala or a presentation help to 'enrich' the Society. Thank you for keeping the Society active and interesting.

*Rieke Nash, President*  
*president@ajgs.org.au*

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## EDITORIAL

### By Miriam Shifreen

One of the most inspiring outcomes of genealogy is when lost members of family are re-united.

Rosa Levanthal, a Holocaust survivor knows only too well how much it means to discover a long lost relative after all these years. Tears came to my eyes as I read Rosa's story. I have no doubt you, too, will be moved when you read her story on page 3.

*United Kingdom Jewish Communities from the mid-19th Century* compiled by Petra Laidlaw is now on the internet. Those of you who have explored this new site will be highly impressed by the scope and detail of the material contained in this project, and hopefully many researchers will find new links and valuable information to expand their family tree. Back in 2002 Petra wrote an article for our KK requesting information about Jewish people whose names appear in the 1851 U.K. Census, and the list of contributors includes a range of Australians. Mazeltov Petra! What an outstanding job you have done. Our heartfelt thanks and congratulations on such a wonderful achievement! See page 5

Unusual Sephardi links to Gibraltar and Morocco are revealed in John Stanhope's research on page 6.

New committee members are introduced on pages 7 and 8 with a touch of humour from Kym Morris.

Still looking for that lost Holocaust relative? Try out the new website for stateless inmates interned in the French Camps of Les Milles, St. Cyprien and Rivesaltes investigated by Peter Nash on page 8.

Don't miss our Ten Year Members Update. Charles Feldman who also knows the pain in searching for lost family, relates his continuing search with much humour on page 9. And there is always something interesting and new to find, as John Norris, together with Lesley Goldberg show us on page 10.

And there's more:

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New Websites to explore on pages 12 and 13

News about upcoming Events on page 14

And an update of our Name-Search Data Base on page 16

Congratulations to all of you who wrote about your latest success stories. You give us all an inspiration to keep on searching. So, keep in mind, if you have a story to share, don't forget to send it to me.

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*Editor*  
*ed@ajgs.org.au*

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## A SEARCH AND FIND STORY

### By Rosa Leventhal

For many years my family and I longed to know what had become of my Mother's youngest sister Laja Minc and her son.

There were five Minc sisters, one of whom, the second youngest, perished in the Holocaust and four survived the war. My Mother and her two older sisters spent the war years in Russia but Laja, the youngest, suffered through the horrific war years in Concentration Camps. By all accounts, she survived through sheer determination and strong will. Her son was born in Germany in 1946.

My family and I always thought of Laja fondly and, although we were told by some other survivors that she had indeed survived the war and had a son and that they went to America, we did not know for a long time what happened to them there.

My Mother returned to Poland with my sister Clara and me in 1945, now a widow, having lost her husband, our father, in Russia in 1943. We lived in a small town until 1959 where an amazing event happened to us.

Back in 1952 we received an enormous parcel from the United States containing clothing. To us it was like Manna from heaven and of great help, as we possessed very little at the time. We wanted to express our gratitude but there was no sender's address and we could only guess that it must have come from my Mother's sister, Laja.

We enquired from a contact we had living in New York, Abram Feldman, who came from the same hometown in Poland, but he advised not to try and find Laja; in fact he not only told us to forget all about her, but also not to try and find out what happened to her. Living in a communist country, we decided to heed his advice, fearing that Laja may have gotten into trouble, either politically, or mentally, or criminally, all of which may have had repercussions at our end. And so the years went by.

Then, in 1995, having lived in Australia since 1959, with Clara and I both having families of our own by then, and having lost our Mother in 1990, we decided to again try and find this missing link in our family.

We lodged enquiries with the Australian Red Cross, with the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) in New York and with Yad Vashem in Jerusalem but to no avail. Sadly, my sister Clara passed away in 1997 but I decided that I would continue the search. The oldest Minc sister died in 1971 and the next

oldest died in 1994, so I knew Laja was the only one left of her generation.

When my daughter moved to New York with her family later in 1997, I asked her to locate Abram Feldman in New York, which she did. He told her then that he knew that Laja had indeed committed a crime in the mid 1950s, having killed a woman, and spent many years in prison. He also told her that she was out of prison by then, was still alive and she and her son lived in the State of Indiana. Again, I contacted various Jewish organizations in different States but once again got no results.

I went to New York in 1999 to visit my daughter and her family and tried to contact Abram Feldman yet again. Unfortunately, he had died a few months earlier and so this lead was lost. I visited the New York Public Library in Manhattan at that time but, frankly, had no idea how to go about the search and came away with nothing.

A few years later, in November 2005, my husband Monty and I went to New York again to meet our daughter and her new family in Seagate, Brooklyn. Our eldest son and his family came over from Israel at the same time and I asked him to conduct the search yet again at the New York Public Library in Manhattan, as he was more experienced than I, having some years earlier researched the family tree.

Lo and behold, there, he found a lot of information in the Los Angeles Times records dated 1956 about Laja and her son and their lives in Los Angeles in the 1950s. We now found out that Laja was, in fact, a housekeeper and the Hollywood matron for whom she worked was murdered. Laja was suspected and accused of the crime and after two harrowing years of interrogations, suffering a mental breakdown, spending time in a mental institution, she was finally declared sane and committed to stand trial. Her son, whose name we now learnt is Alex, then 11 years old, spent that period in a Jewish children's home. Laja was found NOT GUILTY, nor did she spend any time in prison, so the information given to my daughter back in 1997 was all incorrect.

Still, we did not know where to look next. I consulted Miriam Shifreen, Rieke Nash and others at the Australian Jewish Genealogical Society, made an Internet inquiry to the LDS Society in Salt Lake City and my son and I spent a further 12 months tirelessly searching the Internet. Despite the valuable information and assistance given, it was all still to no avail. Other sources of our search included the International Tracing Service, various Jewish Federations throughout the States, as well as Karen Heilig from the Claims Conference

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Organization in New York. A friend of our family, who lives in Los Angeles, also conducted the search there on our behalf. I even telephoned a few Police stations in various L.A. suburbs. None of them was able to shed any light on the whereabouts of Laja.

Then, in October 2006, when my son and his family were temporarily living in Camden, South Carolina, he pursued the intense search again. He contacted the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. with the vital information he had to hand, namely the Concentration Camp number tattooed on Laja's arm, which he remembered was published in the Press back in 1956. This is what brought the results we were seeking for so long.

Sadly, Laja died in 2001, never having re-connected with her sisters again but her son Alex was as overjoyed as we were with finding each other.



Alex has since told us a great deal about their lives. He does not know his father or his whereabouts, as he was born as a result of a chance encounter of two desperate people trying to escape their fate together and then parting ways.

It turned out that his Mother and he left Los Angeles soon after the end of the famous trial. They constantly moved from place to place, as Laja was very restless and could not settle down, finally making their home in Seattle.

He later registered his Mother with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. The woman at the Museum who received my son's letter remembered a conversation that Alex had with her some years back and connected my son's request with him. She immediately forwarded my son's letter to Alex and it was a day that Alex says he will never forget. As his wife put it: "What an extraordinary time it has been since I passed on the letter from Paul (that's Paul Leventhal, my son) to Alex that famous

Sunday. I do not have to tell you that he has been so happy and on cloud 9 – as they say." He immediately telephoned Paul and then finally I got to talk to him on Monday, 30 October, 2006. He adds that after years of knowing that his Mother had sisters who also survived the war, we, the next generation, have made a connection at last.

Alex's surname is spelt Mintz now and he and his wife, as well as his two daughters from his first marriage, have become integral members of all our family. They have all led interesting and full lives and the various families are learning about each other's past and present histories. Everyone has a story to tell and it will, no doubt, take some time for the newly found family to connect with all the cousins and their families, but at last it has become possible. We have mutual cousins living in Israel, the sons of one of the Minc sisters, as well as extended Minc family there. The new bond has enriched the life of everyone. It's a miracle come true!

These are the sentiments expressed by Alex: "I am still in tears and shock. This is the most momentous day that I have ever had. I cannot express the emotions and feelings that are running through my brain...It's a dream come true, I could never have imagined what the feeling would be like to finally have contact with even a remote family member, let alone the whole extended family... This is so overwhelming it is indescribable. I feel like someone who has been lost in a wilderness for all these years and suddenly found. I am very sorry that Laja and her sisters never had a chance to reunite during their lives."

Alex's daughter writes: "I am so excited as I write this that my fingers can barely feel the keyboard. To think that after all these years I have such a large extended family! I am overjoyed... This is the happiest of days. After so long, to find out that we have so much more family. I only wish Gramma Laja had lived long enough to learn about you all. She was so angry and bitter when I knew her. But she was a survivor and one of my biggest heroes. I miss her terribly."

All that remains now is for Alex and me to meet face to face. This is going to happen on 17 April this year, when I come to a place called Port Townsend, WA, about two hours drive from Seattle to meet Alex, his wife and his two daughters. That's when the journey of our long Search and Find will be complete.

In conclusion, now that our stories have been told to each other, suffice to say that, despite the many lives lost and all the tragedies, hardships and (continued on page 5)

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## THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN MID-19TH CENTURY BRITAIN - THE 1851 UK CENSUS

The latest release from the Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain can be found on their website on [www.jgsgb.org.uk](http://www.jgsgb.org.uk) in the Section *1851 Census*.

This database, created by Petra Laidlaw, covers mainly England, Wales and Scotland with a few additions from Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. Most of the names, but not all, are linked to the 1851 census. There are some 18,000 names, which is about half of the Jewish population in Britain at that time.

For each person, the database aims to show where they were and what they were doing, decade by decade, throughout their life. A handful of entries go back to the 1750s, or even the 1740s, and another handful lived through to the 1940s, and even 1950s. Some lived only a day or two, while others lived to 100 or more.

The core information, available on most but not all entries, is where and when the person was born; who their parents were; who they married and when; who their children were and when they were born; where they were living in 1851 and their occupation in 1851.

Additional information, wherever available, includes places of residence in other decades through to the 1900s; the same with their occupations; a snapshot of faith affiliation(s) across the person's lifetime; date of death, cause of death and place of burial. There are *Notes* on, for example, published biographical sources, related people in the database, contradictory data sources etc.

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The Society has received the following message from Petra Laidlaw:

*Do encourage anyone who has knowledge of anyone in the database who emigrated to Australia (or anywhere else for that matter) to let me have details if they are not already there on the database. I am particularly keen to track people who emigrated. So if anyone has any more information, please contact me on: [thompsonlaidlaw@btinternet.com](mailto:thompsonlaidlaw@btinternet.com)*

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The project was previewed in the *Kosher Koala* Vol. 9 No. 3 in 2002 and, as a result, some of our current and past members have contributed. They include *George Alexander, Beryl Bauld, Beverley Flider, Dinah Harvey and Miriam Shifreen*.

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Other Australian researchers have had important successes. After the announcement about the project on our discussion group, AJGen, the following message appeared:

*In an amazing thirty minutes I found my GGgrandfather, my GGgrandmother and their children, and then two of my GGG-grandfathers and a GGGgrandmother; not only their names but where they were living at census time and their occupations and their synagogues. The site also gives many valuable references for further work. This is especially so for someone trying to find their Cohens in London. I had almost no idea where to start but now I'm on my way. Thanks for highlighting this valuable site.*

Members researching many of the early convicts and settlers arriving in Australia before and after this date from the United Kingdom should check out this new database.

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### NEW BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY

*Grandeur and Glory: Remnants of Jewish Art in Galicia* Vol. 1 Eastern Galicia, A-O  
by Meir Wunder

*Jews of Kopcheve, Lithuania* by Dorothy Leivers

*A Practical Guide to Jewish Cemeteries* by Nolan Menachemson

These books will be reviewed in the June edition.

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### A SEARCH AND FIND STORY

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upheavals all the family suffered in the past, the children, grandchildren and now the great-grandchildren of the Minc sisters will ensure that the family's history will be preserved and that there will be family continuity for generations to come.

Rosa Leventhal  
[monro@ozemail.com.au](mailto:monro@ozemail.com.au)

*Rosa has recently returned from America after meeting her cousin Alex, saying that this meeting was truly one of the very special times in her life. Rosa, who was the Polish translator for the Prosecution at the one and only Australian War Crimes Trial in Adelaide in 1990, says she has written this story to encourage others not to give up hope - keep on searching because miracles do happen!*

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## MOROCCO TO LONDON VIA GIBRALTAR

### John M Stanhope

Samuel Shannon, my wife's convict great-grandfather, was born in London about 1802. His career<sup>i</sup> and that of his convict brother Israel/Laurence, born 1813<sup>ii</sup>, have been described in earlier publications. Their family was associated with the Bevis Marks Synagogue, whose records included the circumcision of their father Jacob in 1774 and his brothers Abraham (1768) and Misud (1770). The parents of these three men and their two sisters were Isaac Shannon and Hana, but the BM records do not mention an Isaac/Hana marriage or Isaac's circumcision.

Searching English naturalization records did not locate any Shannon entries for the 17th and 18th Centuries. Suggestions made by AJGS speakers and friends led to searches of Dutch and Caribbean indexes, but no Shannons were found.

Recent contact through *jewishgen.org* has resulted in joint research with John Bellidori. John lived in London until moving to New York 40 years ago. He is descended from Samuel's sister Sarah (born 1817). He found that Isaac was born in Gibraltar about 1745. He probably married Hana (surname unknown) in Gibraltar, and migrated to London about 1765. We have identified Isaac's father, Messo (Mashod) Shannon.

Messo/Mashod was a butcher in Aldgate, London. In 1795 he prosecuted a former employee for stealing meat. In evidence he stated that he was born in 'Berbary'<sup>iii</sup>, moved to Gibraltar as a young man, and arrived in London twenty years before the court case (1775?). He died in 1823 at the age of 101, earning a mention in 'The Gentleman's Magazine' for his longevity.

Gibraltar was Spanish territory until captured by the British in 1704, and was formally ceded to Britain in 1709. However Spain made several attempts to regain it, especially in 1727-1729 and 1779-1783. Initially, the British policy was to attract Protestant settlers, and exclude Catholics, Jews and Muslims.

Britain enjoyed good relations with the sultanate of Morocco. Tangier had been a Portuguese possession, and was ceded to English control as part of the dowry of Catharine of Braganza on her marriage to King Charles II in 1662. In 1684 Charles and the sultan of Morocco agreed on the transfer of Tangier to Moroccan sovereignty. In 1728, a trade agreement between Britain and Morocco allowed Moroccan Jewish traders to trade in Gibraltar, provided they did not stay more than

30 days, but some Jews, who helped the British against Spanish attacks, were permitted to stay indefinitely. In 1749 Jews were allowed to own property, and to build a synagogue. Gibraltar became a portal for Jewish families, originating in Mediterranean countries, to enter Britain in the later 18th Century.

Our hypotheses are:

1. that Messo/Mashod, born about 1721 in Tangier, settled in Gibraltar about 1740 and had a family there.
2. that his son Isaac married in Gibraltar and moved to London about 1765
3. that other sons or nephews moved from Gibraltar to London, accounting for other Jewish Shannons in London, among whom the forenames Mashod and its variants, Samuel and Sarah kept recurring.
4. that Messo/Mashod moved to London about 1775.

Our agenda now is to locate Jewish and secular records of Gibraltar and Morocco in the 18th Century. A book in French listing Moroccan Jews has proved unhelpful<sup>iv</sup>. Microfilms of censuses of Gibraltar in 1777 and 1791 exist, and will be searched. Google shows a book in Portuguese listing Gibraltar Jews, which we hope to consult<sup>v</sup>.

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<sup>i</sup> Samuel Shannon: Cooma businessman (1802-1868). *Journal of the Aust Jewish Hist Soc* 11:269-273, 1991, and addendum 11:710-711, 1992.

<sup>ii</sup> Another Shannon family. *The Kosher Koala* 4:4:6-7, December 1997.

<sup>iii</sup> Otherwise known as Barbary, because of the predominant Berber ethnic group in Northwest Africa.

<sup>iv</sup> Abraham Isaac Laredo: 'Les noms de juifs du Maroc' 1978.

<sup>v</sup> Jose Maria Abecassis: *genealogia hebraica Portugal e Gibraltar* – 5 volumes.

*John Stanhope has been a member of our Society for fourteen years. His previous articles appeared in the Kosher Koala in Vol. 9 No. 4 2002, Vol. 10 No. 1 2003 and Vol. 13 No. 1 2006.*

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHAEL ABRAHAMS-SPROD

on completion of his PhD. He has sent us the weblink to his PhD dissertation *Life Under Siege: The Jews of Magdeburg under Nazi Rule*. The thesis contains many family histories that he thought may be of use to some of our members. It is informative, well documented and easy to read. We are looking forward to the book!

<http://hdl.handle.net/2123/1627>

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## NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

At the last Annual General Meeting in March we welcomed to the committee three new members, Greta James, Nigel Meinrath and Kym Morris. We thank them for volunteering to help with the running of the Society and hope that they will enjoy the experience.

In the next issue we will hear from Greta who has taken over from Gary Luke as treasurer.

### KYM MORRIS

Hello to all AGJS members and friends, I am a new member of the committee and hope that I can make a useful contribution to the Society in the next year. My name is Kym MORRIS, that was what my parents named me and what I inherited from them – they didn't know any different at the time.

William Shakespeare asserted that a rose by any other name would smell as sweet – it might be true but he obviously wasn't a genealogist. The family research that has most often confounded me and taken the longest route and most effort to untangle has been due to people changing their names throughout their lives – something I'm certain we've all come across. That my family name is Morris is due to my g-g-g-grandfather's whim – otherwise I would be Kym ENNEVER.

G-g-g-granddad was an Englishman named George Ennever who adopted the name Morris to escape the gallows – the Ennever name having become somewhat synonymous with forgery. George was eventually re-caught and transported to Australia as George Morris in 1817 and from there on appears to have led a blameless, respectable and very profitable life. (My father and his siblings spent many happy childhood hours digging up the yard in search of the family fortune – to no avail).

When I first started my foray into my Jewish heritage, my mother's family, it was quite different from the research that I had undertaken on my father's side of the tree. Not the least of which was the apparent lack of interest from anyone else, from anywhere else. This may be because the family name as I knew it, SONENFILD, is not particularly Jewish or Polish, and my understanding and knowledge of the Jewish community, culture and records was insufficient. I have, thanks primarily to the community of Jewish family researchers here and abroad, since learned much more than I ever expected to. (Aside: Strangely enough, this morning I received my second only enquiry in more than 5 years from another researcher courtesy of

JewishGen Family Finder! Sadly, I don't think there is a connection, but the timing!).

I had been told that my mother's mother was Rachel ISAACS; her parents were Morris and Leah and the family were originally from Poland. A relative in Sydney had some information they were kind enough to share and I confirmed that Rachel had been born with the family name, PETERKOSKI, not Isaacs. Morris Peterkoski, born in Konin Poland, had immigrated with his parents Isaac and Rachel (PHILLIPS) and his siblings to London and lived not far from Leah's family who had emigrated from Poland about 1873.

The name changing didn't end there. Leah's parents Abraham Sonenfeld and Deborah (GOODMAN) were from Przasnysz and nearby Chorzele, north of Warsaw in Poland. Despite the enormous and valuable efforts of the Jewish Records Indexing – Poland project (JRI-PI) this Sonenfeld family continued to be elusive. The AJGS Rookwood Cemetery project provided translations of Abraham and Deborah's headstones with more clues to their identities.

Only last year I discovered a family in the records of Chorzele (JRI-PI) – a really very small village in the mid-1800's – which matched, almost, the information I now had for Abraham, Deborah and two of their children. Tauba GUTMAN was born in 1842 in Chorzele, her father Majer Szlama and mother Itta – right name, right age, and right father. She married, in Chorzele in 1859, Abraham WIELODROZ – about the right age, right place, but the wrong man! The two children's registrations were also fairly spot-on – with the minor exception of their family name. Who was Abraham Wielodroz?

According to Will Shakespeare – if Abraham Sonenfeld is the same man as Abraham Wielodroz, then he's still my g-g-grandfather – and the actual name doesn't really matter. As a family history researcher however, if I can't fit all the pieces together, will I ever really know for sure? I really do want to know that a rose is a rose, but I'm not at all certain that I'll ever find out. I'll just have to keep searching.

I look forward to continuing my family history research with AJGS and now also to my role with the committee and I hope to meet many more of my fellow researchers at events throughout the year and in our on-line communities.

*Kym Morris*

*(otherwise Ennever, g-granddaughter of Isaacs but really Peterkoski, g-g-granddaughter of Sonenfeld but might be Wielodroz).*



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## NIGEL MEINRATH

Nigel joined the Society in March, 1993 and immediately became a committee member, serving until March 2000. He continued to support the Society over the years and we welcome him back again to the committee.

He has been collecting notices from the *Australian Jewish News* for NSW and Victoria for the time period covering roughly from the early 1990s to the present. He is also adding family connections and is including information from other sources, books, journals, newspapers etc.



His current plans are to release an index. The supporting documentation would then be available through our Society and the Australian Jewish Historical Society. There are currently some 90,000 names in his database.

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## TRACING EXILED FAMILY IN EUROPE

By Peter Nash

I explored a website: [www.jewishtraces.org](http://www.jewishtraces.org) that I came across on the German SIG Digest. It featured access to searchable databases of German, Austrian and stateless inmates in the war-time French internment camps of Les Milles, St. Cyprien and Rivesaltes.

As I knew some members of my German-exiled family were interned in St. Cyprien after living in Belgium, I entered the name 'Burghardt' and up popped several names of my family. They belong to my paternal grandfather's sister Jenny Burghardt née Nachemstein who had lived with her husband and two sons in Aachen, Germany. I decided to contact the website managers to see what else they knew or could find out about them.

The response was immediate with offers of sourcing documents from Belgian police files. My contact was Manuela Wyler, Project Manager of *Dorot | association d'histoire* who is based in Lyon, France. In quick time I received scanned internee lists and registration cards from Rivesaltes with the names I submitted, including dates and places of birth. An exchange of emails followed with Ms Wyler responding to questions that arose from the data I received, such as their sources. One aspect that aroused great emotional interest was the possibility that a grave existed for my cousin Rolf Burghardt as he died in Nîmes, France, unlike his parents and brother who were deported to Auschwitz. A grave has not yet been confirmed.

A while later I also received over 200 scanned documents now archived at the Ministry of Justice in Bruxelles and retrieved by Dorot. These documents include work, business and residency applications in Belgium (some with photos, dating back to 1934), Belgian and German Consular documents and also post-war documents which appear to 'close' the files on the assumption of permanent 'absence'. Most documents are in French with the rest in German.

They are planning to add in the coming weeks 30,000 names from the camps of southern France, mostly around Argeles, Rivesaltes, etc. and will be able to check in offline data the Swiss federal refugee database with 67,000 names.

To expand their website **Dorot | association d'histoire** has launched a program to collect personal, police and administration documents and biographies related to German and Austrian immigration into Belgium, Italy and France during 1933-1948. Dorot is seeking anyone with documents or administration papers from France, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy and the Reich territory (including Czechoslovakia) related to alien registration, alien identity cards, hiding, internment, border crossing and deportation. Dorot welcomes scans or digital images of them, along with a biographical story, photos and the authorization for publication.

To access the English version use  
[www.jewishtraces.org/?lg=en](http://www.jewishtraces.org/?lg=en)

More details can be found on  
[www.jewishtraces.org/rubriques/?keyRubrique=i\\_remember\\_the\\_border](http://www.jewishtraces.org/rubriques/?keyRubrique=i_remember_the_border)  
or by contacting Manuela Wyler at  
[manuela@dorot.fr](mailto:manuela@dorot.fr)

Donations for their program development are invited and there may be some charges for archive research and retrieval.



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## OUR 10 YEAR MEMBERS

### STILL SEARCHING

**By Charles Feldman**

It's difficult to refuse Miriam's request, she is so pleasant and asks in such a nice way. But I have no results. Nil, I told her, when she suggested I write something of my research efforts.

Everybody else seems to be able to find a trail of family connections all the way back to Stonehenge. I dart in this and that direction and invariably finish up in a dead end.

I need to qualify my statement above, as since beginning to write this piece, I actually found some details I did not know before.

My older sister Jacqueline & I were born in Paris France. Mum (Paula) & Dad (Icek) honeymooned in Paris in 1929 and stayed, while the rest of our large family stayed in Poland.

Somehow, Abraham, a half brother to Mum, had survived in Russia, and turned up unexpectedly in Paris a couple of years after the war. Everyone else died in ghettos or in death camps in Poland. And my Dad did not make it either, the French packed him off to Auschwitz. And even though he fought in a French soldier's uniform, that did not help him.

Mum, Jacqueline and I survived in hiding in France. Mum in shock and traumatized refused to speak or divulge any family details till the day she died. And Abraham, her half brother did the same, well almost.

There lays the problem concerning my genealogical research. Feldman was a common name in Poland. In 1999, I decided to go to Poland to see what I could find. In Lodz, where my father was born, I walked along the Piotrkowska Ave that crosses the city, a beautiful pedestrian mall with mansions on both sides with exquisite architectural features that have been converted to shops and restaurants. The pamphlet I had, proclaimed that 65% of the buildings had previously been owned by Jews.

I eventually found the camouflaged office of the Jewish community and cultural centre of Lodz supported by the Ronald S Lauder Foundation, of cosmetic fame. They had some old burial cards pre-1936 and found my paternal Grandmother's burial record and the address of where my family had lived. Unfortunately the street had been destroyed in the war, and everything was new. The municipality had a Jewish affairs office, where a young friendly assistant, Dorota Laskowska, gave me a print-out of the over 700 Feldman names in the Lodz ghetto, several with the exact same first name of Icek.

My mother Paula was born in a small town Rawa Mazowiecka. Mum and her brother Hershel were born out of wedlock, (a lifetime scandal, and enduring shame to Mum) so they used "Flambaum" their own mother, my grandmother Rivka's maiden name. Later my grandmother Rivka married Grynsztajn Jossef Wolf and my mother gained a further nine half brothers and sisters, of which Abraham (the surviving half brother) is one.

So back in Poland I headed for Rawa Mazowiecka. In their archives department, a lady trying to be helpful pulled out some old registers. We found some Flambaum names that meant nothing.

Rawa Mazowiecka, used as a ghetto by the Nazis was razed to the ground and rebuilt after the war, as was Warsaw. Touring Poland, I understood why Jews may have flocked there once. It's a beautiful bountiful country, but with the extermination camps dotted here and there, today they sit like repulsive scars on a perfect body. I proceeded to Skierniewice, where we had family, said an Auntie. It was like the proverbial two-horse town. There was no family there, but I met Tadeusz an elderly man, not Jewish, who cared for the small Jewish cemetery, because no one else cared for it, and whose best friend was Jewish before the war.

Placing names on a number of websites with my mother's maiden name of Flambaum, brought a couple of responses from the USA. One in particular, from a Cathy Flamholtz, a genealogy enthusiast said an Abe Lasky had been known to her. He was this mysterious person that my mother had visited a couple of times in the 1950s when I was in Australia.

Cathy's husband Harvey's grandfather was Louis Flambaum, whose sister married Elie Lasky. They had a son called Abe Lasky. Now, wonders of wonders, after being in Australia since 1950 my sister reveals that Abe Lasky's mother was a sister to my grandmother, Rivka Flambaum. (Yes, I know, it's very confusing).

Anyway, anyway, Peter Nash having taken an interest in my research (He's not busy and looking for things to do!) kindly found an Abe Lasky whose address on the Social Security Death Index (using the stevemorse.org website) matched the last known home address. It revealed that he died on the 3 Feb 1994. This was quite exciting link.

From the site [www.museumoffamilyhistory.com](http://www.museumoffamilyhistory.com) I wrote to Steve Lasky who replied that Abe is buried at Beth Israel Cemetery in Woodbridge, New Jersey in the Warszawa section.

The search goes on. Watch this space!

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## TRACING MY FORBEARS FOR TWENTY YEARS

**By John Norris**

I have been tracing my forebears for over twenty years.

My mother used to say she was descended from "German Jews", and at this stage I cannot prove the German connection, but I can trace the family back to the 1800s to two Jewish families, a David Newton and a Hannah Phillips, who were married in the Bridge Street Synagogue in 1841.

I have not located when David came into the Colony, but in 1839, he was a slopseller, (a seller of ready made clothing), in George Street North, Sydney and in 1842 had a house and shop in George St, and was a seat holder in the Synagogue.

David a draper, along with a lot of other people, was caught up in the recession of 1843 and was declared bankrupt.

Hannah arrived in the Colony in 1833 with her parents and seven siblings. Between 1841 and 1849, David and Hannah had seven children in Sydney, then went to Melbourne as my Great Grandmother Ann, was born there in 1851.

David was arrested and admitted to Yarra Bend Asylum in 1851, suffering from "mania with delusions", died there in 1853 and was buried in the Jewish section of The Old Melbourne cemetery.

When a decision was made to build The Victoria Markets on the cemetery site, the Jewish citizens, had the Jewish remains exhumed, and re-interred at Fawkner cemetery.

His wife Hannah, obviously returned to Sydney as shown by the remarks of the admission register of Yarra Bend, "Mrs Newton, Benjamin and Moses, Castlereagh St, Sydney".

Three months after the death of David, Hannah in Sydney, married Josiah Richard Treeve and had another seven children. Hannah died at Glebe in 1877, and was buried at Camperdown in Sydney.

*See John's articles in Koshers Koala Vol. 11 No. 3, 2004 and Vol. 12 No. 4, 2005.*

## LUCK IN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

**By Lesley Goldberg**

When my husband John and I joined the AJGS ten years ago, John's plan was to investigate the Ottolangui family of his great-grandmother, Emma Nathan (nee Ottolangui). He was very lucky – he found that a group of Ottolangui descendants had

been busily at work for many years and he was able to meet some of the current generation of Ottolangui/Langley descendants.

My research was focused on my mother's Polish forebears named Baumberg and Brukarz. I began by contacting all the Baumberg relatives I knew of in Australia and New Zealand and this led to correspondence with others in California, South Africa and New Zealand as well as Melbourne and Perth. Some delightful meetings resulted and some good stories as well! My grandparents, Joshua and Esther Dora Brukarz, Esther's brother Abraham Baumberg and their father Lewek Baumberg (the oldest Jew in Australia when he died in 1931), as well as Lewek's sister Gitel's family, arrived in Australia to escape pogroms in Warsaw in the 1880s and 1890s.

Chance was the stimulant that began my search. Although there were family stories about the early years in Australia, about 15 years ago I was surprised to find among possessions carefully preserved by an aunt, not only the Polish passport of her grandfather Lewek Baumberg but also the identity documents of Lewek's parents, Faywel and Basia Baumberg. Faywel's birthdate was documented and confirmed the family tradition that as a boy of 12 he was an eyewitness to the arrival in Warsaw of Napoleon's victorious army. Through JewishGen I have from time to time been contacted by Baumbergs (and others of variant names and spellings) but have not found any kin.

Until recently I had given up hope of finding any of my Brukarz grandfather's relations apart from his descendants in Australia. However, my cousin, Ruth Goldman, who registered on another family finder, was recently contacted by researchers in Paris. They may, it appears, be descended from some of Joshua Brukarz's siblings. She is in the process of finding out more information. This has sent me back to JewishGen (JGFF) for the first time in some years to attempt contact with anyone else researching the name Brukarz. I have found one possible Israeli descendant who does not know of any other relatives, his father having escaped from the Warsaw ghetto. Ruth is waiting to hear more from her Paris contacts.

Genealogical pursuit has stimulated me to read published histories and memoirs that portray the "world of our fathers" in Spain, Portugal, Italy, Poland, Russia/Ukraine and England. This, after all, may be my greatest personal gain.

*The Ottolangui/Langley family of Australia and New Zealand Part 1 appeared in Vol. 12 No. 2 and Part 2 appeared in Vol. 12 No. 3, 2005.*

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## BOOK REVIEWS

### HISTORY OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF SCHNEIDEMÜHL 1641 TO THE HOLOCAUST

By Peter Simonstein Cullman, Avotaynu, 2006

Schneidemühl belonged to the former Prussia but after the Great War found itself part of Poland and known as Piła. The significance of Schneidemühl is not that it had a large Jewish community, in fact never more than 800 persons, but that they continued to share in the economic strength, religious freedom and cultural maturity of Germany. It was therefore representative of many German cities and towns with large or small Jewish communities, albeit with certain underlying antisemitism.

In his quest to research his maternal Simonstein family with roots in Schneidemühl, the author became immersed in its historical origins and the development of its Jewish community under different political regimes. As such it is a capsule of a German-orientated Jewish community spanning three hundred years. His direct source references are always noted on the bottom of the same page, making it easy to follow and appreciate.

The culmination of his research is the destruction of Schneidemühl's Jewish community under the Nazi occupation. Where possible he provides details of the fate of several hundred former residents (not necessarily born there) and survivors, especially those who found refuge in the U.S., Shanghai and the then Palestine.

The depth of the author's zeal is shown in the appendices which include burials, epitaphs, 1774 and 1939 census data of former residents. The names and photos of family members are also recorded in many instances.

At one stage the author also referred to me through my Shanghai connection, so I enjoyed meeting Peter in Toronto in 2004 and now appreciate even more the monumental task he set himself and achieved successfully. In his foreword, Holocaust authority Peter Landé aptly describes Cullman's book as a '*yizkor* book (Holocaust memorial book) but different in scope and nature'.

#### **Reviewed by Peter Nash**

*The AJGS is indebted to Errol Davis of Sydney, a cousin of Peter Simonstein Cullman for their donation of this book to our society's resources.*

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## ENCYCLOPEDIA JUDAICA

Second Edition, Macmillan Press, 2007

The Second Edition of this 22-volume reference has just been published and is now available in the Rev Katz Library where we have our workshops. With the first edition being published in 1972 there have been substantial changes to the content and additional information has been added.

There are, however, a number of changes; all the photos have been removed except for a half-dozen, multi-coloured pages in the centre of each volume.

By comparing some of the items for the same volume from each edition, it appears that all items have been retained, some without further information. For example, the item for the town of Wloclawek, Poland, is identical in the two editions. The entry for Warsaw has only one small paragraph covering the post-Communist era added to the original entry. The entry for the hymn, *Yigdal*, is intact although the music has been omitted in the Second Edition.

New information includes entries for personalities such as Simon Wiesenthal and the entry for Elie Wiesel has been expanded. Added is a detailed description of the Yom Kippur War complete with maps of the main battles and the Yiddish literature entry has been expanded and updated.

The new Encyclopedia Judaica is an important new resource but remember to consult the first edition as well as the 1906 copy of the Jewish Encyclopedia. All are available in the library and accessible during workshops.

Our Society has donated one of the volumes of this set in appreciation of the hospitality shown to us by the North Shore Synagogue

### THE FOOTSTEPS OF ISRAEL

Understanding Jews in Anglo-Saxon England.

By Andrew P. Scheil, University of Michigan Press, 2004

This scholarly book provides an in depth analysis of Judaism in English literature during early Medieval times, from the Fifth Century to the Eleventh Century before the actual settlement of Jews in England. It investigates the historical context and occurrences of antisemitism in literature from this period, in particular, the work of *the Venerable Bede* and others. This is an academic treatment and not an easy read.

*Thank you to Ernest and Sybil Ungar for their very generous donation.*

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## RESOURCES FOR RESEARCHING GALICIA IN THE LIBRARY OF THE SOCIETY

A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from Galicia, Alexander Beider  
Some Archival Sources for Ukrainian-Jewish Genealogy  
Finding Your Jewish Roots in Galicia: a Resource Guide, Suzan Wynne (1998)  
The Galitzianers: The Jews of Galicia, 1772-1918 (2nd Edition), Suzan Wynne (2006)  
Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova - Pages from the Past and Archive Inventories, Miriam Weiner  
Grandeur and Glory (of Galicia), Meir Wunder  
A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Germany and Austria (JGSGB)  
A Dictionary of Ashkenazic Given Names: Their Origins, Structure, Pronunciation and Migrations  
German Name-Change Gazetteer  
Genealogical Gazetteer of the Kingdom of Hungary  
Guide to the YIVO Archives  
Polish Sources at the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People, Jerusalem  
Guide to the Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw  
Treasures of the Galician Jewish Heritage - Jewish Collection from the Museum of Ethnography & Artistic Crafts in Lvov  
Between Galicia and Hungary - The Jews of Stropkov  
The Jewish Commonwealth of Zborow  
The Becher-Beecher Family Tree Book (2nd Edition)

### Periodicals

Galitzianer  
Avotaynu, International Review of Jewish Genealogy - Hard copy and searchable CD 1984-2005  
Kosher Koala – Hard copy and searchable CD for the years 1993-2003

### General References

Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy – Chapters on Austro-Hungarian Empire, Austrian Poland, Ukraine  
Where Once We Walked  
From Generation to Generation, Arthur Kurzweil – Beginners' Guide  
Following the Paper Trail - A Multilingual Translation Guide  
International Conference Folders

### Holocaust

Totenbuch Theresienstadt  
How to Document Victims and Locate Survivors of the Holocaust  
The Austrian Victims of the Holocaust (CD)  
National Registry of Jewish Holocaust Survivors

### LDS Microfilm CDs

Family History Library Catalog (2002)  
Jewish Records in the Family History Library Catalog (2001) CD  
Nechama's List: New Jewish Genealogical Records Added to Family History Library Catalog (2006) CD

### Maps

East Europe, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Hungary, Western USSR, Poland

### Special Interest Groups

Austria-Czech SIG  
Galicia SIG (Gesher Galicia)

### Web sites

Austrian Victims of the Holocaust      [www.doew.at](http://www.doew.at)  
Austria-Czech SIG      [www.jewishgen.org/AustriaCzech](http://www.jewishgen.org/AustriaCzech)  
Galicia SIG      [www.jewishgen.org/galicia](http://www.jewishgen.org/galicia)  
JewishGen      [www.jewishgen.org](http://www.jewishgen.org) and the archives of the SIG discussion groups on JewishGen  
JRI-Poland AGAD Project      [www.jri-poland.org](http://www.jri-poland.org)

**AGAD**, the **Archiwum Główny Akt Dawnych** (The Central Archives of Historical Records in Warsaw), is the repository of about 2,500 Jewish metrical books for the area of the former Lwow, Stanislawow, and Tarnopol Wojewodztwa (now Lviv, Ivano Frankivsk, and Ternopil oblasts in Ukraine).

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## WEBSITES AND NEWS

### Migration to New Zealand

[www.yesteryears.co.nz](http://www.yesteryears.co.nz)

has a wonderful quote:

*Only a genealogist regards a step backwards as progress!*

### East European Directories

from Logan Kleinwaks

[www.kalter.org/search](http://www.kalter.org/search)

### Old Bailey, London

The Court Proceedings of the Old Bailey (London) are available online at

[www.oldbaileyonline.org](http://www.oldbaileyonline.org)

contains many references to Jews, both as persons on trial and also as witnesses and

[www.oldbaileyonline.org/history/communities/](http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/history/communities/jewish.html)

[jewish.html](http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/history/communities/jewish.html) is a specific page on this website which provides some useful information about the London Jewish community. This web page also suggests strategies and search terms to use when searching for records of Jews in the Old Bailey Online database.

### Refugees in Tashkent WW2

[//resources.ushmm.org/uzbekrefugees/name\\_list.php#top](http://resources.ushmm.org/uzbekrefugees/name_list.php#top)

### Austrian Victims and Survivors of the Shoah

Blumen der Erinnerung (Flowers of Memory) at [www.lettertothestars.at](http://www.lettertothestars.at) has a database of Austrian Jews murdered in the Holocaust. Information provided often includes date and place of birth as well as date and place of death. Its search engine is located at [www.lettertothestars.at/suche.php](http://www.lettertothestars.at/suche.php) You can search by first name, last name and town of origin.

### Documentation Centre of Austrian Resistance,

includes database of 62,000 Austrian victims

[www.doew.at/english/content.html](http://www.doew.at/english/content.html)

### The State Archives of Belarus

[//archives.gov.by/eng](http://archives.gov.by/eng)

### The State Archive of Krakow

[www.archiwum.krakow.pl/menueng.php](http://www.archiwum.krakow.pl/menueng.php)

### Shoah Related Lists Database

[www.yadvashem.org/lwp/workplace/listoflist](http://www.yadvashem.org/lwp/workplace/listoflist)

### Jewish Immigrants to Canada

[www.collectionscanada.ca/immigrants](http://www.collectionscanada.ca/immigrants)

### Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw

[www.jewishinstitute.org.pl](http://www.jewishinstitute.org.pl)

### Jewish Encyclopedia 1901-1906

[www.jewishencyclopedia.com](http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com)

### Einsatzgruppen reports

[www.netbistro.com/electriczen/einsatz.html](http://www.netbistro.com/electriczen/einsatz.html)

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### Galician Research Project

For a future research project, I would like to hear from Gesher Galicia members researching Galician towns, currently located in Ukraine, for which no vital records have been located, either in AGAD or the L'viv Archives. Please indicate current town name, exact location, and its "Galician" name.

(Please do not send any surname information. Only the town name.)

Pamela Weisberger, Research Coordinator, Gesher Galicia, [pweisberger@hotmail.com](mailto:pweisberger@hotmail.com)

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### And From Nu? What's New?

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Free subscription to Avotaynu's newsletter via.

[www.avotaynu.com/nuwhatsnew.htm](http://www.avotaynu.com/nuwhatsnew.htm).

### Istanbul Records

There is now an index to more than 100 thousand Istanbul marriage, death, and burial records online at [www.isfsp.org/istanbul](http://www.isfsp.org/istanbul)

Included are both Sephardic and Ashkenazic records as far back as the late 1800s. Surnames can be searched by soundex, exact spelling or starting letters. All surnames are in the index including bride's surname for marriage and other surnames that appear in the record.

### Hungary

Hungarian SIG: Bobby Furst has placed on the Internet digital images of vital record books not filmed by the LDS (Mormon) Family History Library for certain towns in the former Hungarian Empire. They are files in Zip form that must be downloaded and unzipped. The towns and their sites are:

**Stropkov, Stakcin, Trebisov, Vranov** are at:

[//homepage.mac.com/bobby1st/FileSharing15.html](http://homepage.mac.com/bobby1st/FileSharing15.html)

**Humenne** is at:

[//homepage.mac.com/bobby1st/FileSharing16.html](http://homepage.mac.com/bobby1st/FileSharing16.html)

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**Secovce** (including index) is at:

[//homepage.mac.com/bobby1st/FileSharing18.html](http://homepage.mac.com/bobby1st/FileSharing18.html)

**Kiraly Helmec** (including index) is at:

[//homepage.mac.com/bobby1st/FileSharing19.html](http://homepage.mac.com/bobby1st/FileSharing19.html)

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### WINTER JOURNEY by Diane Armstrong

Diane Armstrong's powerful novel *Winter Journey* is now available in Polish. *Podroz Zimowa* can be bought from most bookstores in Poland and from the Polish online bookshop, Merlin.

The email address is: [www.merlin.com.pl](mailto:www.merlin.com.pl)

Congratulations to our member, Diane, for this unique achievement.

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## COMING EVENTS

### GENETIC DISEASES AMONGST JEWISH PEOPLE

**Martin Delatycki**

**Monday, June 18, 2007 at 7.30 pm at the  
North Shore Synagogue, Lindfield.**

Associate Professor Martin Delatycki is the Director of the Bruce Lefroy Centre of Genetic Health Research at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute. Martin trained in Medicine at the University of Melbourne and in Paediatrics at Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital. He then trained in clinical genetics before obtaining his PhD for clinical and laboratory based research in Friedreich ataxia.

Martin instigated the Tay Sachs disease prevention program in Melbourne and has recently commenced a community screening program for cystic fibrosis.

Associate Professor Delatycki's main research interests are in neurogenetics and community genetics. He heads the Friedreich ataxia research program at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute. He has a number of projects studying genetic screening including related to the Tay Sachs disease prevention program. He led a study where over 11,000 individuals were genetically screened for haemochromatosis in the workplace and is now undertaking a study examining genetic screening for haemochromatosis in senior high school students.

#### **Talk Synopsis:**

The Jewish population is at increased risk of a number of genetic disorders. The basis of this is the high historical rates of marriage with others from the community and thus the maintenance of common ancestry. The genetic evidence for the common foundation of the major Jewish communities (Ashkenazi, Sephardi and Oriental) will be presented. The diseases that are more common in the Jewish population will be discussed as will the steps taken by the communities to minimise the impact of these.

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#### **HILDE HINES (1917-2007)**

We were saddened to hear of the passing on February 3, 2007 of one of our original supporters, Hilde Hines. A wonderful communal worker for Adelaide, Hilde was President of the South Australian branch of our Society and a keen genealogist, attending conferences, researching her Guckenheimer family and publishing her story, *Hinesight*. An energetic and truly exceptional personality.

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## RESEARCHING IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC, MORAVIA AND VIENNA

**Daniela Torsh**

**August 26, 2007 at 2 pm at the Jewish  
Centre on Ageing, 25 Rowe Street,  
Woollahra.**

Daniela Torsh is a member of the AJGS and has been researching her family history on and off for about 20 years. She was born in Prague post war and both her parents were Czech Holocaust survivors. The family came to Australia in 1948 from Prague.

Daniela has worked as a journalist, writer, and filmmaker and in training and education. She is a graduate in psychology from the University of Sydney and has two adult children. She is currently learning Czech and regularly visits the Czech Republic and Austria for family history research.



Daniela's talk will cover how to do research in the Czech Republic, what it's possible to do, how to get into archives and how to find family members' graves and the right people to get help from. She will do a hand out with addresses and contacts.

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#### **THE CENTRAL ARCHIVES FOR THE HISTORY OF JEWISH PEOPLE**

has moved back to the Givat Ram campus of Hebrew University. Their mailing address is unchanged: P.O. Box 39007, 91390 Jerusalem, Israel. The new phone number is 972-2-6586249 and the fax number is 972-2-6535426. They are located on the university's campus at High Tech Village 3/4. E-Mail: [archive@vms.huji.ac.il](mailto:archive@vms.huji.ac.il)  
Website: <http://sites.huji.ac.il/archives>

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#### **NEW EMAIL FOR ISRAELI RESEARCHER, BATYA UNTERSCHATZ**

Batya's new email address is [batyal2@012.net.il](mailto:batyal2@012.net.il) (ie. BATYAL2 and 012 is zero-one-two).



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Chicago 17 - 22 August, 2008

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CONFERENCE OF CHILD SURVIVORS  
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

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[www.wfjesh.org](http://www.wfjesh.org) or  
[holocaustchild@comcast.net](mailto:holocaustchild@comcast.net)

**SYDNEY WORKSHOPS**

All workshops are usually held at the Rev Katz Library,  
North Shore Synagogue, Treatts Road, Lindfield, once a  
month on Sunday mornings, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30  
p.m. See front page for dates.

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## AUSTRALIAN JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY DATABASE

**Update of the Surnames being researched by our members**

**June, 2007**

<b>Id</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Old name of Town</b>	<b>Current name of Town</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Dates</b>
528	AFFRIATT				TURKEY	c. 1825
528	AFFRIATT				"PERSIA"	c. 1825
11	BLAKE		LONDON		ENGLAND	1900+
603	BOK	VIENNA	WIEN		AUSTRIA	Up to 1939
11	BREITMAN		NEW YORK		USA	1924+
603	COHEN		LONDON		ENGLAND	1800s
603	COHEN		SYDNEY		AUSTRALIA	1850s
603	DAVIS		LONDON		ENGLAND	1800s
603	DAVIS		GOULBURN		AUSTRALIA	1800s
582	DE MOR NUNES NABARO				NETHERLANDS	1700s+
582	KINGBERG		LONDON		ENGLAND	1880+
11	KLEIN		NEW YORK		USA	1913+
605	LEVY	SHAVEL	SIAULIAI		LITHUANIA	1880-1900
473	LICHTENSTERN	FRYDEK MISTEK	FRYDEK	MORAVIA	CZECH REP	1800s
582	MORTON		LONDON		ENGLAND	1880+
582	NATHAN		LONDON		ENGLAND	1841+
11	PARNES		LONDON		ENGLAND	1900+
609	PNIAWSKI		PULTUSK		POLAND	Up to 1939
11	QUASKEY		DETROIT		USA	1929+
582	RAINS		LONDON		ENGLAND	1880=
473	RATTNER	CONSTANTINOPLE	ISTANBUL		TURKEY	1800s
603	ROSENBIBIT	VIENNA	WIEN		AUSTRIA	Up to 1939
473	ROSENSTEIN		WITEPSK	VITEBSK	BELARUS	1800s
473	SCHOTT	FRYDEK MISTEK	FRYDEK	MORAVIA	CZECH REP	1800s
582	SCHREK		LONDON		ENGLAND	1880a
11	SEDLER		LONDON		ENGLAND	1900+
11	SINGER		LONDON		ENGLAND	1922+
528	WILSON		SOUTHWARK		ENGLAND	c. 1780
11	ZELICKMAN		NEW YORK		USA	1900+

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**NORTH SHORE SYNAGOGUE  
Lindfield**

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**June 18, 2007 at 7.30 pm**

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**Sunday afternoon**

**August 26, 2007 at 2 pm**

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