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EDITORIAL

This is the beginning of the Jewish traditional year 5755 and we wish all our readers a happy, healthy, prosperous and creative year with palpable advances in their genealogical research.

With this issue, our third in 1994, we look set to achieve our goals of four issues per year.

Despite a full month of Jewish religious holy days involving days of prayer and fasting, family reunion dinners, and festive happenings interrupting the regular rhythm of our work, we managed to maintain our regular monthly Sunday morning workshops and also to participate as a society in two interesting events.

On Sunday 28th August we participated in Jewish Genealogy Day jointly with the Sydney Jewish Museum, the Australian Jewish Historical Society and the Association of Australian Jewish

Holocaust Survivors at the Museum and in the Benefactors' Hall of the Jewish Community Centre. A record number of AJGS members, committee members, their spouses and older children helped man the facilities of our society, which were available for the information of members of the public who came to seek help. It is estimated that 160 to 180 people, informed by articles in the Jewish and in the general press, came to investigate their genealogy. We were kept busy using the microfiche readers, personal computers brought by members, and two large book display tables and answering questions. Several new people joined as members, and others went away satisfied with new directions we had been able to provide.

On Sunday 11th September we participated in a joint meeting with B'nai Brith Unit Alfred Dreyfus
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WORKSHOPS 1994

All members are encouraged to attend our regular workshops held at the Reverend Katz Library, North Shore Synagogue, 15 Treatts Road, LINDFIELD on Sunday mornings at 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m

The following are the dates for the remainder of the year:

November 13

December 4

February 2nd is the tentative date for the first workshop in 1995 but check beforehand on 427-6075.

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at the home of James and Elaine Altman in Killara, when our common member, Paul Hirshl, spoke of his "Genealogical and Political Journey to Burgenland in Austria and to Nikolsburg (now Mikulov) in Czechoslovakia" together with his wife Betty. It seemed that only those of our members living on the North Shore attended, but this thought-provoking evening was enjoyed by all.

We are waiting for a date to be set by Dr Norman Swan of the ABC Health Report to speak to us on "JEWISH GENETIC DISEASES AND MARKERS".

Our sole British member, Dr Anthony Joseph, a distinguished researcher of both British and Australian Jewish Genealogy, will be visiting Sydney in the last week of March, 1995. We have invited him to speak to us as the featured speaker at our AGM, or jointly with another group, and we are awaiting his agreement. Dr. Joseph is also the recently elected president of the Jewish Historical Society of England. We congratulate him on this great honour, and hope that his duties will not be so onerous as to interfere with his genealogical research. He has helped some of our adherents for very modest fees.

Several of our committee members have been involved in giving talks to a variety of groups on the subject of genealogy. Nigel Meinrath gave a talk on "FAMILY TREES AND FAMILY HISTORY" to Year 9 students at Moriah College in August. Sophie Caplan in 1994 has talked to the Monday regular attendees at the Burger Centre and to the Shalom Club for the aged which meets at the North Shore Temple Emanuel on "HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR FAMILY PRESERVE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY". On 9th October, Rieke Nash, who will be in Canberra on business, will speak to the Canberra Jewish Community on "RESOURCES FOR JEWISH GENEALOGY" at the National Jewish Centre under the chairmanship of our Canberra member, Earle Hoffman. David Landor will speak on "THE BROTHER'S KEEPER SYSTEM OF COMPUTER RECORDING" to the Society of Australian Genealogists in October.

We try to share our knowledge with members of the public as well as with our own members, but genealogy is an active hobby in which **you** do the major work and the discoveries, and others can only guide you. Our committee members are happy to respond to requests to address groups on Jewish genealogical and historical topics.

Sophie Caplan, Editor

BACK COPIES OF KOSHER KOALA

are now available and can be ordered
from the Society for
\$AUS 5.00 plus postage.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR GENEALOGISTS

by Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern

(Reprinted from The Newsletter of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Sacramento)

1. I am a genealogist dedicated to true knowledge about the families I am researching.
2. Thou shalt use family traditions with caution and only as clues.
3. Thou shalt not accept as gospel every written record or printed word.
4. Thou shalt not hang nobility or royalty on your family tree without verifying with experts.
5. Thou shalt clearly label the questionable and the fairy tale.
6. Thou shalt handle all records in such a way that the next users will find them in the same condition you did.
7. Thou shalt credit those who help you and ask permission of those whose work you use.
8. Thou shalt not query any source of information without supplying postage.
9. Thou shalt respect the sensitivities of the living in whatever you record, but tell the truth about the dead.
10. Thou shalt not become a genealogical teacher or authority without appropriate training.

Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern, the father of contemporary Jewish Genealogy, died earlier this year.

JEWISH FOLKLORE

Professor Dov Noy, the expert on Jewish Folklore visited Sydney in August and lectured in Melbourne for a semester. He teaches on the topic of Jewish Folklore both at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and at Bar Ilan University in Tel Aviv.

He also holds regular evenings on the subject of folklore at his home in Jerusalem, when he is in Israel and not lecturing abroad. This is on Monday evenings at:-

19 Balfour Street, Jerusalem. Tel:02-638-758.

Jewish genealogists visiting from abroad in Jerusalem are cordially invited to attend. Just ring first to make sure the Noy's are at home.

SEVENTH AUSTRALASIAN CONGRESS ON GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY

by Sophie Caplan

Compared to the Jerusalem Seminar this was a gigantic assembly of nine hundred and fifty genealogy buffs from all over Australia and New Zealand, with participants from the United Kingdom, Ireland and USA. The theme of the Congress was "Blending the Cultures" and its logo of a Mobius strip encircling the earth was meant to convey this.

The venue was the campus of the University of Queensland at Santa Lucia, Brisbane, particularly the lecture rooms of the scientific faculties, the Student Union, the very modern Mayne Hall, and the residential colleges where participants were housed and fed. The programme focused on English, Scottish, Welsh, Irish and German descent, with a few lectures also on Aboriginal and Chinese parentage, and my lecture on "Some Basic Facts of Current Jewish Genealogical Research". Altogether twenty periods of five concurrently run lectures, a total of one hundred different talks over three and a half days, plus meetings of the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations (AFFHO) and of the Australian Association of Genealogical Researchers (AAGRA), as well as a nightly social programme. A complex undertaking which worked very smoothly, thanks to excellent organisation by seventeen Queensland family history and genealogy societies.

It was a great conference, where a lot of knowledge could be gleaned, though the weather, for "sunny Queensland" was cold and showery, and the lush tropical vegetation shading the campus seemed rather at odds with the wintry weather. Unfortunately my favourite uncle died suddenly on the first morning of the conference, and my husband and I dashed back to Sydney for the funeral, and then back to Brisbane afterwards to keep faith and give my rescheduled lecture. In the meantime the mother-in-law of our Brisbane correspondent, Morris Ochert, also died, so he missed much of the conference too. We missed most of the social events, except the remarkable formal opening speeches, and the final dinner. Nevertheless I found the opportunity to buy some genealogical books and smaller publications offered by many archives and by publishers of family history books.

Despite the vast throngs, I met Nick Vine Hall, who has been a friend of our society since its inception, ever ready with advice and news. Although our friendship had been established for three years by correspondence and telephone, this was the first time we met. I also made contact with a number of genealogists who have, or who suspect they might have, a Jewish ancestor up their tree. Some of them may join our society.

The lecturers ranged from Lord and Lady Teviot, both
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MORMONS BAPTIZE HOLOCAUST VICTIMS

Reprinted from

Avotaynu, Vol X No. 1, Spring 1994
and

Lineage, JGS of Long Island, Summer, 1994

In June 1993, Gary Mokotoff, publisher of AVOTAYNU and president of the Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies was made aware that names of Jews murdered in the Holocaust were added to the International Genealogical Index, a database of persons who received the Mormon temple ordinance of baptism. It was determined that a group of Mormons in the Salt Lake City area had taken the copy of the *Gedenkbuch* located at the Family History Library, extracted many of the names, and brought them to their local temple to have the people baptized and endowed according to the Mormon religion. Mokotoff sent a letter to the Executive Director of the Family History Department and received a reply. Both letters are reproduced in their entirety below.

Elder J. Richard Clarke
Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints
47 E. South Temple Salt Lake City, UT 84150

Dear Elder Clarke:

It has come to my attention that well-intentioned LDS members are baptizing Jewish victims of the Holocaust into the Mormon faith. It shows incredible insensitivity to the anguish of the living relatives of these martyrs, some of whom saw their loved ones murdered, to perform a Christian ritual on people who were killed for only one reason; they were Jews.

Baptism is a Christian ceremony that is particularly repugnant to Jews. It reminds us of the centuries of persecution against Jews where our ancestors were given a choice; be baptized or suffer death. There are many Christians living today who can trace their family history back to people who chose option one. Our Jewish history books are filled with martyrs who chose option two.

I have been told that the LDS church does not support this policy; that it is the act of individuals. But the fact that the ritual is performed in a Mormon Temple is tantamount to condoning this practice.

At present this practice is known to only a few Jewish-American genealogists who noticed the entries in the International Genealogical Index. Once the Jewish world community is aware of the practice, it will seriously strain relations between Mormons and Jews.

Gary Mokotoff,

President

Association of

Jewish Genealogical Societies

BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS FROM NEW YORK CITY

Birth or death records from New York are available and cost \$US 15 each. Death records after 1949 are even available. A bank draft in US\$ or an international money order and a self-addressed envelope with two international answer coupons should be sent to: Vital Records, Dept of Health, PO Box 3776, Church Street Station, New York NY 10013, USA. Your request should include first name, surname, age, date of death/birth, spouse's name, borough of domicile and parents' names if known. This will take 8-10 weeks to process. Tel: (718) 788-4520 or (718) 788-4523 for further information. (From Lineage, Long Island JGS, by Andy Bader).

Mr. Gary Mokotoff, President,

Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies

Dear Mr Mokotoff,

Subject: LDS Temple Ordinances Performed for Jewish Victims of the Holocaust

Thank you for your letter. I sympathize with the feelings you share in your letter about temple ordinances performed for Jewish victims of the Holocaust without family members' knowledge or consent. I am hopeful this letter can help ease your concerns somewhat.

At the outset, I assure you that temple ordinances are generally performed at the request of a family member. We counsel members to obtain clearance from living family members before performing temple ordinances. Apparently this has not occurred in the cases cited in your letter.

In light of the concerns raised in your letter, we have reviewed our procedures regarding temple ordinances for the dead and have adopted the following refinements: first, that temple ordinances be performed only at the request of family members; and second, that family members wishing to perform such ordinances also have permission from the nearest living relative before proceeding.

Please be aware that, given the nature of computer databases and the number of temples and family history centres operational throughout the world, we cannot guarantee that no work will be done. We are reaffirming our procedures and guidelines and must then rely on our patrons to act in a responsible manner. Realizing that some inadvertent work may appear in spite of our best efforts to communicate with patrons, we do hope that future names will only be submitted in accordance with the above-mentioned directives.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns with us. We appreciate your friendship and hope that the changes outlined in this letter will help resolve the issue.

J. Richard Clarke, Executive Director
Family History Department

MY RESEARCH INTO THE GUCKENHEIMER FAMILY

by Hilde Hines

My interest in genealogy started after the death of my mother in 1981 when I discovered some family papers regarding my father's family, the Guckenheimers, dating back to relatives born in the 18th and 19th centuries.

I well remember all my uncles, aunts and cousins, so my first step was to communicate with these relatives all over the world and to get the exact dates of births and deaths of their families, as well as that of any offspring born in the meantime. I also wanted to find out the approximate date of the deaths of those who perished in the Holocaust. I sent a questionnaire to each of those who survived. They lived in England, America, Canada, and one in Germany. With this data in hand, I brought the family tree up-to-date.

The next step was to try and find information about the earlier Guckenheimers. I was not even sure of the name of the place where they had lived before Nuremberg. From anecdotal evidence I knew that Haslach was the name that was mentioned, whenever one of the uncles made a silly joke. It was referred to as a "Haslicher schmoos".

My first letter went to Stadt Haslach to the Mayor who very kindly told me that there had not been any Jewish families named Guckenheimer in their town. He sent me a list of all the places called Haslach, or similar, in Germany. Through that I came to Burghaslach. He had mentioned that, as the family had been living in Nuremberg, a place called Burghaslach in Franconia may have been the right one.

I therefore wrote to the Israelitische Kultusgemeinde in Nuremberg, who told me that they passed on my request to the City Archives of the City of Nuremberg. They sent me quite some information about the family of my grandfather, as well as of one of his brothers.

In a second letter they advised me to get in touch with the Society for the Research in Franconia at the Stadt Archives of Nuremberg. I followed that advice and got some very interesting information regarding the birth dates and occupations of my ancestors from them. They also told me about the house which my great grandfather had lived in Burghaslach and that he bought this house from his brother for six hundred gulden out of the legacy left by his mother, Rebbekah.

The Society for Research in Franconia, in turn, gave me the address of the Archives of the Count of Castell as the one most likely to have records of Burghaslach, as it was under the Count's jurisdiction. My next letter went to this archive and there I struck gold! A most interesting and interested Professor was in charge and after various correspondence, and some payment, he sent me numerous papers referring to my family members.

At that time I read a book by Mr Schwarz, "Geschichte der Juden in Bayern" (History of the Jews in Bavaria) which gave me a great deal of information on life during the period when my family had lived there.

Following my correspondence with the Professor in Castell, we were able to organise for my husband and me to meet him at his Archives and that he would take us to the birth-place of my ancestors. He was kind enough to arrange that the cemetery there was to be opened for us and, by sheer chance, I was able to find the tombstone of my great-grandfather and great-grandmother. Both tombstones were in very good condition and I was able to take photos of the graves. Great-grandfather Samuel's had a jug on it and, on showing the photo to our Rabbi, it was explained to me that this means he was a Levi.

Another interesting incident during my family history research was that I found in the American Jewish paper, "Aufbau", a question signed by a Mr Julius Guckenheimer of New York. A correspondence developed with this gentleman, and I received the following information from him:

"The enclosed two copies are the results of long enquiries. I have been aware of the fact that our ancestors all originated from Switzerland and my enquiries culminated in the establishment of such presumption. All the Guggenheim's, whether they emigrated to Germany, Alsace, U.S.A., etc., descend from the small Swiss town LENGNAU, near Zurich, where also the well-known rich Oil-Kopper Guggenheim (G. Museum) come from. I visited this place twice, its very old synagogue and cemetery, and was able to collect a host of interesting documents from the "Juedischen Stadtarchiv" in Zurich, through the courtesy of Dr. Florence Guggenheim, who happens to be in charge of it. The name of my father, Isaac, a victim of the Nazis, and his birth-town Gross Rohrheim, Kreis Gerau, give rise to my assumption that a link between your family and mine seems to exist."

Mr. Julius Guckenheimer sent me the additional information that the above mentioned Dr Guggenheim was the Archivist for the History, Language and Folklore of Jews in Switzerland. She had researched the Guggenheim family back to the year 1680 and had written an article about it, which was published in Switzerland, and he sent me a copy of this article as well.

I have also enquired in Israel at the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People at the Hebrew University. There I received the name of another family Guckenheimer in the U.S.A. who had also made enquiries. I corresponded with this gentleman, Mr Ludwig Guckenheimer, who sent me his family tree, and other interesting information. However, there is still a missing link between that branch of the Guckenheimer family and my own.

Close to home, I knew that my grandfather had emigrated
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as a young man to the U.S.A. On the original papers it was noted, "With police permission emigrated", but he obviously returned and settled in Nuremberg when this City accepted Jews in the middle of the 19th century. I have also learned that a brother of his had also been to the United States, and was called back by his mother when there was an epidemic raging in America. However I have since discovered that a third brother of my grandfather settled in Savannah, Georgia, and I have been corresponding with one of his descendants. I am still in the process of finding out more about this branch of the family. Through another relative I was able to get the family tree of yet another brother of my grandfather.

I am subscribing to two genealogy publications, Avotaynu and Stammbaum, the latter being for families of mainly German origin. Through their information I am in touch with a family living in England who are researching the same place of origin as I am, Burghaslach, and we have exchanged much valuable information.

Genealogy to me seems like a jigsaw puzzle, many little pieces are required to fill the mosaic. Maybe my experiences are of value to others.

Hilde Hines nee Guckenheim is a foundation member of our Society and our South Australian representative.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

PIOTRKOV TRYBUNALSKI RELIEF ASSOCIATION

This is a non-political and non-profit fraternal society established in 1914 which publishes a "New Bulletin" in which genealogical enquiries could be made, and which contains much material which might be of genealogical interest.

Ben Giladi is the editor and the mailing address is: Joseph Gold, 135-32 82nd Avenue, Kew Gardens, NY 11435, USA Tel: New York 268 4907.

Our member, Sir Asher Joel is a subscriber and has made some copies available to us.

Nearby towns like Tomaszow Mazowiecki and Belchatow are also mentioned in stories in the Bulletin. The present Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Israel Meir Lau, is a child survivor from Piotrkow Trybunalski, and his brother Naphtali Lavie, too.

SLUTSK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This is a society devoted to the history and genealogy of the town of Slutsk in Byelorussia, 101 Kms. south of Minsk.

For details write to HARRY BOONIN, 112 Pocasset Road, Philadelphia, PA 19115, USA.

SEARCH ADS FROM SHEM TOV

the publication of the Jewish
Genealogical Society of Canada

DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION
ABOUT THESE PEOPLE WHO WERE
CHILDREN IN POLAND DURING THE
HOLOCAUST AND WHO ARE
SEARCHING FOR SURVIVING FAMILY
MEMBERS?

FICOWSKA, Elzbieta, born in 1940 in Warsaw to Hena & Joseph Rochnman-Kopel. (Taken out of the Warsaw Ghetto).

LESZCZYNSKA-AJZEN, Maria, born 1933 in Konin near Poznan. Searching for family Lipszyc, Szykier and Ejzen from Konin as well as any other family from Konin.

BUDNICKA, (Hena Kuczer) born to Cyrka and Lejzor Kuczer from Warsaw.

OCHLEWSKA, Maria (Ester Horn), born approx. 1940 to Benjamin and Perl Horn from Chelman Lubelski.

ZENOWICZ, Wilhilm (Wilinke Fink), son of Menkin-Butrymaniec from Lithuania.

PODGORSKA, Krystyna (Chudy), daughter of Izaak and Irfene Szttyler from Lodz.

KAMINSKA, Maria, daughter of Sara and Sender Linder from Lwow (Lemberg).

HELA, Tos, daughter of Sala and Szymon Levi. In Lwow her grandfather was a Rabbi.

ASSENDRYCH, Basia born probably in Warsaw or Garwolin, in 1942. There was a note with name E.A. Zajdler-Szapiro plus a gold "Cyma" watch attached to the child.

LIKIERMAN, Irene, born 1933 in Warsaw is looking for her sister.

If you have any information on the above, call ANNA CHESZES 1-416-665-9592 or 1-416-229-0207 or MARTA SHEMTOV 1-416-229-0207 (CANADA).

JUDELS, descendants of Judel Jacobs, born 1725 in Poland, came to the United States and perhaps also to Canada.

Contact W.R.Muller, Einsteinlaan 23, 2641 ZL PIJNACKER, The Netherlands. Tel: 01736-95512.

Kathryn Michael is researching the Michael/Michaels family. She is cross-referencing any information received and will respond to enquiries. (Enclose two international reply coupons).

56 Greenway Close Friern Barnet London N11 3NS England.

JEWISH GENEALOGY BOOKSHELF

by Sophie Caplan

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Those books with an asterisk (*) in front are held by our Society, books in the personal library of some of our members are marked with two asterisks (**) and books marked with a ☆ can be borrowed from the Reverend Katz Library at the North Shore Synagogue where our workshops are held.

A few more books on Eastern European countries have come to light or have recently been purchased.

BOOKS ON POLAND

** WILLIAM F. HOFFMAN **"POLISH SURNAMES: ORIGINS AND MEANINGS"**, no publication date but probably 1993, Polish Genealogical Society of America, 984 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60622, USA, \$AUS 34.00. A chatty relaxed compilation which includes some Jewish Polish surnames and their origins. Also includes a list of reference works on Polish genealogy in Polish and in English. Very useful.

* **"A HISTORICAL BIBLIOGRAPHY OF POLISH TOWNS, VILLAGES AND REGIONS (Except Warsaw and Krakow)"**, 1990, Polish Genealogical Society, Chicago Ill. lists books of reference on each town or province from a Polish non-Jewish viewpoint, but these books may also contain information on Jews. Books listed are mostly in Polish.

** SAM HOFFENBERG WITH PATRICK GIRARD, **"LE CAMP DE PONIATOWA, la liquidation des derniers Juifs de Varsovie"** in French "The Poniatowa camp, the liquidation of the last Jews of Warsaw", Paris, 1988, Bibliophane, Jewish Documentation Centre. A book of historical witness.

** RAPHAEL MAHLER **"HASIDISM AND THE JEWISH ENLIGHTENMENT, THEIR CONFRONTATION IN GALICIA AND POLAND IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE 19TH CENTURY"**, translated from the Yiddish by Eugene Orenstein, first published in English in 1985, Jewish Publication Society of America. A scholarly work giving the political-historical background to the Enlightenment.

* M. J. ROSMAN **"THE LORD'S JEWS, MAGNATE-JEWISH RELATIONS IN THE POLISH-LITHUANIAN COMMONWEALTH DURING THE 18TH CENTURY"**, 1991, Cambridge, Mass. Centre for Jewish and for Ukrainian Studies. Scholarly.

** GERSHON DAVID HUNDERT **"THE JEWS IN A POLISH PRIVATE TOWN, THE CASE OF OPATOW IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY"**, 1992, The Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, is a scholarly detailed account of life in a small Polish town.

Not specifically genealogical, but like the Mahler and Rosman books gives a good background to life for Jews in Poland in past centuries.

Three more Holocaust-related books on Jews in Poland:

** NORMAN DAVIES and ANTONY POLONSKY, Editors, **"JEWS IN EASTERN POLAND AND THE USSR, 1939-46"**, 1991, Macmillan, London, is an excellent overview of what happened there by a top group of scholars from Israel, U.K., Poland, and USA, all experts on their part of the subject.

** REUBEN AINSZTEIN **"JEWISH RESISTANCE IN NAZI-OCCUPIED EASTERN EUROPE"**, 1974, Paul Elek, London, is a book with a strong viewpoint of pride in Jewish resistance, less scholarly but with much genealogical information.

** SHIMON HUBERBAND **"KIDDUSH HASHEM: JEWISH RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL LIFE IN POLAND DURING THE HOLOCAUST"**, 1987, Ktav Publishing House and Yeshiva University Press, New York, translated from the Hebrew. This book is of genealogical as well as of historical interest as it has a good index with names as well as place names.

* The Society owns two copies of the **BIULETYN ZYDOWSKIEGO INSTYTUTU HISTORYCZNEGO W POLSCE** which means BULLETIN OF THE JEWISH HISTORICAL INSTITUTE OF POLAND in Warsaw, 1989 and 1990, with brief English language summaries of the main articles on end pages. One article relates the deportation of Jews from Galicia to the extermination camp of Belzec in 1942.

** LESZEK LUDWIKOWSKI **"THE OLD SYNAGOGUE OF CRACOW (former Kazimierz district)"**, translated into English by Marianna Abrahamowicz, undated but circa 1982, Cracow. A booklet on the fifteenth century synagogue, architecture interwoven with the history of Jewish settlement in Cracow and Kazimierz.

BOOKS ON UKRAINE

** HARRY E. BURROUGHS **"TALE OF A VANISHED LAND, MEMORIES OF A CHILDHOOD IN OLD RUSSIA"**, 1930, London, George Allen and Unwin. Story set in KASHOFFKA aka KOZACHUVKA, Ukraine, 45 Kms NE of Chernovitz/Chernovtsy. A simple autobiographical account of life in pre-revolutionary Russia.

* L. MAZO and Z. YARGINA, **"WOODEN SYNAGOGUES"**, a recent publication, possibly 1994, in the series Masterpieces of Jewish Art, published in Moscow. Lavishly illustrated, this little book in both English and Russian also has a useful detailed historical section.

* In the same series, D. GOBERMAN **"JEWISH TOMBSTONES IN UKRAINE AND MOLDOVA"**, 1993, Moscow, Masterpieces of Jewish Art. Many

tombstones clearly illustrated, if one can decipher the Hebrew inscriptions.

BOOKS ON RUSSIA

☆ REUBEN AINSZTEIN, **"JEWISH RESISTANCE IN NAZI-OCCUPIED EASTERN EUROPE"**, 1974, Elek Books, London, mentioned above, also deals with Russia, Lithuania and Latvia.

* CHAYA LIFCHITZ and GERSHON SHAPIRO, Editors **"UNDER FIRE, THE STORIES OF JEWISH HEROES OF THE SOVIET UNION"**, 1988, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem. Originally published in Russian in Israel, this book is a compilation based on Soviet publications such as books, articles, newspaper accounts, plus additions from Israeli sources. Very useful for genealogy as it has a table of contents giving the list of the heroes with full names including patronymics and a photo of each hero described, as well as birth, marriage and death details. Bibliography in Russian and Hebrew.

BOOKS ON BOHEMIA, MORAVIA and CZECHOSLOVAKIA

☆ JIRI VSETECKA and JIRI KUDELA **"THE FATE OF JEWISH PRAGUE"**, 1993, Grafoprint Neuberg, Prague, is one of the small avalanche of photographic studies of the Old Jewish quarter of Prague directed at the post-Cold War Jewish tourist. Lavishly illustrated by photographs it has a text given in five languages: Czech, German, English, French and Italian, giving some basic facts about the history of Jews in Prague.

* * HUGO GOLD **"GEDENKBUCH DER UTERGANGENEN JUDENGEMEINDEN MAEHRENS"**, 1974, Olameinu Press, Tel Aviv. This Memorial Book of the Disappeared Jewish Communities of Moravia, is part of a series researched by the industrious late Dr Hugo Gold on several Central European communities. It is a treasury of fact and names about large and small communities, lavishly illustrated with photographs of persons, mostly male, including former Moravian Jews in USA and in Israel. A boon for the genealogist. Still available from Hugo Gold's widow for DM40, or the equivalent in \$US. Write Olameinu Press, POB 3002, Tel Aviv, Israel.

* * MICHAEL RIFF **"THE FACE OF SURVIVAL, JEWISH LIFE IN EASTERN EUROPE PAST AND PRESENT"**, 1992, Vallentine Mitchell, London, is mainly a pictorial book with seldom seen photographs of Jews in Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Romania from the 1930's to the present day, with a text telling the basic history of Jews in those countries and a few selected biographies of prominent Jews from those countries.

* * MILADA VILIMKOVA **"THE PRAGUE GHETTO"**, 1993, Aventinum, Prague, combines the history of the Jewish quarter with that of its inhabitants. The author is the widow of the Hebrew scholar and historian Otto Muneles, who survived because the Nazis

set him the task of cataloguing all the Hebrew books they assembled for their proposed museum of an extinct race. Milada Vilimkova was an art historian renowned in her own field and had access to her husband's papers and manuscript. An important book, lavishly illustrated. Can be purchased from Beth Hatefutsot, the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora, in Tel Aviv.

BOOKS ON AUSTRIA

There are a number of general histories of Jews in Austria, or more specifically in Vienna.

☆ JOSEF FRAENKEL, Editor, **THE JEWS OF AUSTRIA: ESSAYS ON THEIR LIFE, HISTORY AND DESTRUCTION**", 1967, Vallentine Mitchell, London, gives a basic understanding implied by the title.

* * ROBERT S. WISTRICH **"THE JEWS OF VIENNA IN THE AGE OF FRANZ JOSEPH"**, 1989, Oxford University Press, Oxford, is a scholarly book of history, on Jews in Vienna in the second half of the nineteenth century and with names and personal details on the more prominent Jews.

☆ HUGO GOLD **"GESCHICHTE DER JUDEN IN OESTERREICH"**, 1971, Olameinu Press, Tel Aviv, is a Memorial History of the Jews in Austria, encompassing towns like Baden, Innsbruck, Graz, Linz, St Polten, but not Vienna or the eastern province of Burgenland, which are dealt with in separate volumes. German language compendium of facts and many names, photographs and brief biographical notes on about two hundred notable Austrian Jews, including many born in Czechoslovakia, Galicia, Hungary or Romania. Possibly still available from Olameinu Press, POB 3002, Tel Aviv, Israel.

☆ HUGO GOLD **"GESCHICHTE DER JUDEN IN WIEN, EIN GEDENKBUCH"**, 1966, Olameinu Press, Tel Aviv, is a memorial book on the history and institutions of the Jews of Vienna, in German, containing historical facts, many names, potted biographies and photographs, mostly of males. Probably still available from Olameinu Press, POB 3002, Tel Aviv, Israel for DM40.00 or its equivalent in \$US.

* * HUGO GOLD **"GEDENKBUCH DER UTERGEGANGENEN JUDENGEMEINDEN DES BURGENLANDES"**, 1970, Olameinu Press, Tel Aviv, is a memorial book of the history and citizens of the destroyed Jewish communities of the Burgenland, Austria's easternmost province, adjacent to Hungary. The Jews of this province were the least assimilated, and their communities were destroyed immediately after the Anschluss in March 1938 when the Nazis came to power in Austria, even before Kristallnacht. Photos of former synagogues and personalities. Many names and stories of individual communities.

* * GEORGE CLARE **"LAST WALTZ IN VIENNA"** is the best known autobiographical story of a Jewish family from Vienna, and deservedly so, although the

shows the usual prejudice against his Galician forebears by former Viennese Jews, pretending that Stanislawow was in Bukovina. May still be in print.

* * TRUDI KANTER **"SOME GIRLS, SOME HATS AND HITLER, a love story"**, 1984, Neville Spearman, Suffolk, is an autobiographical account told with a light touch, of a childhood and youth in Vienna in the 1930's.

☆ HELENA LADANYI **"WHERE DO YOU PEOPLE COME FROM?"**, 1988, Spectrum Publications, Melbourne, \$AUS 15.95. May still be available from Spectrum Publications, P.O. Box 75, Richmond, Victoria, 3121, Australia. This is also an autobiographical account of someone of Viennese birth who spent most of the war years in Hungary.

☆ PETER KOHN **"RACHEL'S CHANCE"**, 1987, Hudson Hawthorn, Melbourne, is a novel written by a journalist on the Australian Jewish News in Melbourne, fictionalising the lives of his parents. Although the second half of the book is based on their lives in wartime Shanghai, the first part about Vienna in the 1930's and particularly around the time of the Anschluss is very moving. Still available from the author, Unit 23/310 Warrigal Road, Cheltenham, Melbourne, 3192 Vic., Australia.

* * STEVEN BELLER **"VIENNA AND THE JEWS, 1867-1938, A CULTURAL HISTORY"**, 1989, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, U.K. has a good index, excellent footnotes and mentions the names of those Jews who played a role in any of the arts, including those who converted to Christianity.

* MARLENE J. NORST and JOHANNA McBRIDE **"AUSTRIANS AND AUSTRALIA"**, 1988, Athena Press, Sydney, is a marvelous little book about Austrians who emigrated to Australia from 1788 to 1988. Written by two "New Australians", one of Jewish descent, it has lots of names and background of utility to the genealogist. Many of the emigrants featured are Jews from Austria and parts of the former Austrian empire. Still available from the author, M. NORST, 107 Kurraba Road, Neutral Bay, Sydney NSW 2089. \$AUS 17 plus \$2.50 postage (\$8 overseas) or from Athena Press, PO Box 1497, Potts Point, NSW 2011 Australia.

☆ KARL BITTMAN, Editor, **"STRAUSS TO MATILDA, VIENNESE IN AUSTRALIA, 1938-1988"** 1988, The Wenkart Foundation, Sydney, is a most interesting compilation of short biographies together with historical treatment of events connected with the Anschluss which caused mass emigration from Austria of the subjects of the biographies. Marlene Norst also had a hand in this book, which is about refugees who fled Hitler either because they were Jews or descended from Jews, or opponents of Nazism. Possibly still in print. \$AUS 25.

BOOK ON YUGOSLAVIA

There are few books available in Australia on the Jews of Yugoslavia. This may be the only one.

* * HARRIET PASS FREIDENREICH **"THE JEWS OF YUGOSLAVIA, A QUEST FOR COMMUNITY"**, 1979, Jewish Publication Society of America, Philadelphia, is a scholarly study of Yugoslav Jewry encompassing the communities of Sarajevo, Belgrade and Zagreb, now divided into Croatia, Serbia and Bosnia. Mainly historical and sociological in scope, with some biographical material of interest to genealogists.

BOOKS ON HUNGARY

We have recently received the first two memorial books of Hungarian victims of the Holocaust, purchased in May at Yad Vashem.

* DR GABRIEL BAR-SHAKED **"NAMES OF THE DEPORTED JEWS FROM HADJU COUNTY, HUNGARY"**, no date of publication given but from internal evidence 1989 or 1990, Yad Vashem, B'nei B'rak. The foreword is in Hebrew, in Hungarian and in English. The lists consist of surnames, first names, names of wife if a man, but not husband's name, mother's maiden and first name, year of birth for most localities and address. Names are grouped according to localities of former domicile.

* DR GABRIEL BAR-SHAKED **"NAMES OF JEWISH VICTIMS OF HUNGARIAN LABOUR BATTALIONS"**, no publication date but probably 1991-1992, Yad Vashem. So far we have only acquired volume 2, for victims whose surname starts with letters K-Z. The lists give family and first name of victim, mother's surname and first name, date and place of birth, date and place where last seen and a number for identification. The victims all appear to be males, as women were evidently not taken into labour battalions.

* * WILLIAM O. McCAGG **"JEWISH NOBLES AND GENIUSES IN MODERN HUNGARY"**, 1972, Columbia University Press, is a scholarly work giving background history and sociology of one part of Hungarian Jewry.

☆ CHARLES FENYVESI **"WHEN THE WORLD WAS WHOLE"**, 1991, Penguin Picador, London, previously published by Viking, New York. Still in print. An evocative set of family memoirs of 19th and early 20th century Hungary, of farming Jews near Debrecen.

* * ZOLTAN and EDI SCHWARZ **"THE BOY IN THE SOLDIER'S CAP"**, circa 1985, Sydney. An autobiographical account of life in a Hungarian village during World War II and deportation to Auschwitz and survival.

LONDON'S JEWISH WEST END

This past northern summer an exhibition was held at the London Museum of Jewish Life about Jews who lived in the West End of London, and a book has been produced. Information from Mrs Sally Fiber, 8 New Farm Lane, Northwood, Middlesex, HA6 1HD, England.

COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

by Gary Luke

A computer bulletin board is like a notice board where people all over the world pin up information or requests for assistance about various subjects. The responses might come from anywhere. Except for notices marked as "private", all notices are able to be read by anyone.

Among the hundreds of notice boards, each for a specific subject, some are relevant to genealogy: Australian, German, Spanish, British Isles, Polish, and Jewish. Whatever interest you may have, there is probably a bulletin board for similar aficionados - cooking, model trains, political discussions, disability resources, joke swapping, there are thousands of people in almost every country tapping into these systems.

Getting started can be a bit confusing because of the jargon used, and also because of the organizational structure of such a mass of messages passing around the phone lines of the planet. It's best to have someone more experienced help you at first.

To connect to a bulletin board (the normal abbreviation is BBS) an electronic unit called a modem is plugged between the computer and a normal telephone point. Modems cost from about \$150 to \$600, some cost up to around \$2000 but the extra features are not necessary for BBS's.

You also need communications software for the computer, which starts from as low as \$20 or so for only a disk. For about \$150 to \$250 commercial software with manuals is available.

Initial membership of a BBS as a visitor is usually free. To upgrade your access and time per day typically costs \$25 or \$35 for a year. It's a very small contribution to the cost of the operator's equipment, phone lines, and service.

To give an idea of the accidental encounters that might help your research, these are extracts from a few messages from the Polish genealogy echo (or message area). I've reduced the senders' name to initials as I haven't asked their permission to reproduce their messages.

Polish Genealogy

#8 Dt: 23-03-94 21:23:00

By: L... W.....
To: S... M.....
Re: Przybylski

Skip,

My gggrandfather was Benzi PREBISH b. ca 1875 Russia. I think the name comes from PRZYBYSZ, I don't know Polish, but it seems pretty close to yours. A

friend in Czech. told my mom that this is a common name there, unfortunately. Anyone researching this name?

* Origin: N.W. Family History BBS, Oregon City, OR 1-503-657-6578 (1:105/222)

Two strangers having a public conversation open to eavesdroppers, one in Oregon (USA) has an ancestor with a name similar to an ancestor of mine. I posted the next message.

Polish Genealogy

#82 Dt: 22-06-94 01:11:00

By: Gary Luke
To: L... W.....
Re: Przybylski

My great-grandparents came from Makov, just north of Warsaw, first to Scotland in 1877 then to Australia in 1884. His name was something like Danker or Danser, hers was known in Australia as Prubulter. I know nothing at all about her family or original town. My father, also from Poland, suggested that it could have been "Prz..." and that the vowels may have been simplified for English speakers. Her main language was Yiddish, practically no Polish. Does anything of this vague tale tally with yours?

* Origin: Custom Built BBS, Sydney AUS (02) 660 8597 (3:712/517)

When I showed this to my father he thought that Przybylski looked too much like a goyish (non-Jewish) name, that my note about Yiddish would cause a nil response. About 10 days later:

Polish Genealogy

#74 Dt: 03-07-94 01:33:52

By: L... W.....
To: Gary Luke
Re: Przybylski

Gary,

My grandfather's name is spelled Prebish and I have also been told that 'Prz' is the likely beginning of the name. Someone looked up the name for me in a book and that is how I have come up with the spelling I am now looking for.

My great grandfather was born in Russia and so was his father, but with all the changes of the borders in Europe, I do not doubt that the name is Polish. My grandfather understood Yiddish, my great grandfather was fluent in Yiddish, neither spoke Polish or Russian. Story sounds similar to your question.

To be continued Maybe the other person of the original message that I butted in on has a similar uncertainty about the same name. I'll send him a message to find out his version. Part of a message on the Australian genealogy echo which was addressed to "All":

Area: Australian Genealogy echo

912 Date: 08 Jul 94 10:02:03

From: M..... H...

To: All

Subj: GOLDWATER / GOLDWASSER

Hi All,

I have a modemless friend who is researching worldwide GOLDWATER / GOLDWASSER. The family originally from Poland / Latvia c1880 to UK, c1860 to USA, ? to Canada, ? Australia, ? NZ. Abraham GOLDWATER, who went to London c1880, was the father of five. Leon GOLDWATER b 25 May 1881 d 8 April 1951 m. Louise BUTCHER on 21 Feb 1905, he was an Auctioneer and Boxing promoter in England. His sons Benny, Freddy and Billy boxed under the name SHARKEY. Benjamin GOLDWATER / GOLDWASSER was a Bookmaker in Glasgow, Scotland, operating under the name GOLD.

I replied

4 Date: 12 Jul 94 03:38:25

From: Gary Luke

To: M..... H...

Subj: Re: GOLDWATER / GOLDWASSER

This might be an unexpected hint the names, places, dates, and professions suggest that the Goldwasser family were part of a major migration of Jews from east of Poland late last century. Do you know what area or town in Poland or Latvia they came from?

I wonder if his friend will want to know more. Maybe this is a fresh lead for them.

The BBS which I use has just recently, by special request, started bringing the Jewish genealogy messages into Sydney so I'm not yet familiar with the type of responses which might come through. It's on Custom Built BBS - (02) 660-8597 and comes into Australia via Axiom BBS of Melbourne - (03) 509-4417, it's also in Perth on (09) 305-2897, and a general genealogy system in Melbourne is on (03) 435-9934. The Sydney system operator is a member of the Society of Australian Genealogists so he runs more genealogy message areas than most BBS's. Axiom specializes in Jewish interests and carries a number of discussion areas.

In a different area of a BBS there are usually hundreds of files of information or programmes. The list following is a sample of a few from the Jewish genealogy files area.

JGSNEWS.ZIP 13-06-93 List of Jewish Genealogical Newsletters from Masspocha
HOLOCOST.ZIP 13-06-93 List of Holocaust information centres from Internet
JRYISKOR.TXT 28-06-92 Robinson Booksellers list of Yizkor books
YIZKOR.TXT 03-01-89 Institutions with collections of Yizkor books

These can be downloaded from the BBS to your own computer for reference.

Some of these files are from researchers with interests in particular towns, families, or topics which might coincide with your own. Results of your own research can also be uploaded for distribution around the world if you think there may be items of interest to others.

I have a large list of shipping references, births, deaths and marriages, and some events in the UK, of the name Symons from around the middle of last century, as a result of trying to track down part of my lineage. If I put this list into the files section of the BBS and place a message to others that it's there, at least the hours I spent searching these records won't be wasted, and at best, someone might respond with a connection I didn't expect.

Using a computer bulletin board adds a powerful resource to your research. It puts you in touch with a worldwide community of genealogy experts and amateurs, and increases your chance of 'accidental' discoveries.

Gary Luke is a computer consultant and an active member of our Society,

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professional genealogists from England, to Nick Vine Hall, Australia's premier genealogist, broadcaster and author, his wife Patricia Barth the calligrapher, Gael Thompson, president of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, Larry Jensen of Brigham Young University in Utah, a specialist on research in Germany, to various librarians from several State Archives and State Libraries, heraldry experts, writers and researchers.

It is possible to buy the almost full set of lectures of the Congress for \$AUS 42.00 including packing and postage (in Australia). Unfortunately the typewritten text of my talk was not ready in time to be included. The address to obtain these papers is:-

The Australasian Congress Papers,
C/- Queensland Family History Society, P.O. Box 171,
Indooroopilly, QLD 4068

The next Australasian Congress is to be held in Christchurch, New Zealand, in February, 1997, and its theme will be "Patterns of Immigration".

ANNOUNCEMENT

*A Family History Fair
is being held on the
26th and 27th November, 1994
at the
Randwick Town Hall.,
Sydney
Representatives from our Society will be
on duty on the Sunday.*



FOREBEARS AUSTRALIAN FAMILY FINDER

Our Family Finder column will be charged for at the rate of \$AUS 8 or \$US 5 for 25 words plus address and telephone number, or fax number of inquirer. Please communicate directly with inquirer.

00009 GILLIAN BAKER, 51 Marine Drive, Oatley, 2223, NSW. Would be grateful for any information about **SIMON KOLINSKY KING**, known as "Shima" who married Mary Elizabeth Violet Gelholm and lived with her in 1930's in various addresses in East Sydney and Darlinghurst areas.

00010 GAYLE KEYS-RILEY, 612 E Live Oak Apt A, San Gabriel, California 91776, USA. Tel: 1-818-287-7980. Seeking Jewish-descended family **NAUGHTON** in Australia.

00011 BARRY SILVER, 1416 Rock Glen Avenue, Glendale, CA 91205-2019, USA, Tel: 1-818- 240-6631. Researching Australian Zimmermans, particularly **STELLA ZIMMERMAN** who married **ROSENTHAL**. Their daughter **HINDA** married **BEN GREEN** and died on 15 July 1954. Ben was active in the Jewish community. Descendants sought.

00012 BERNARD ISSERLIS, 9 rue de Marnes, Ville D'Avray, 92410, FRANCE is seeking anyone with surname **ISSERLIS** or **ISSERLES**.

00013 BEATRICE BOULOUNAUD-JUNKO, 24 rue Jean Rougerie, 87000 Limoges, France. Tel: 33-55-0515-49. Seeking descendants of family **JUNKO** from **WERCHRATA**, district of Przemyśl, Galicia, Poland.

SEARCH BUREAU FOR MISSING RELATIVES

One of the great resources for doing Jewish genealogy in Israel is the SEARCH BUREAU FOR MISSING RELATIVES, run by dedicated Batya Unterschatz on behalf of the Jewish Agency.

For personal visits when in Jerusalem it is at 3 Ibn Gvirol Street, around the corner from the Jewish Agency Building in Hamelech George Street.

For enquiries by letter, write to Search Bureau for Missing Relatives, POB 92, Jerusalem, 91920, Israel. And please enclose a fee of at least \$10, as this bureau exists on a shoestring.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL FAMILY FINDER

Our society is a member of the international ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES which publishes quarterly editions of a loose-leaf Jewish Genealogical Family Finder of which we have just received the latest September edition. The price to individuals is \$US 40 per copy, which is probably around \$AUS 55. There is also a microfiche version available for \$US 10.00 plus \$US 1.50 for postage and handling. The Society has a copy of this as well.

Bank drafts should be made out to Avotaynu, Inc. and sent to P.O. Box 900, Teaneck, NJ 07666, USA.

As a member of the Australian Jewish Genealogical Society, your first 16 entries in the JGFF are free of charge. Ask Rieke Nash or Sophie Caplan for forms.

It is a magnificent resource for Jewish genealogists.

00014 Mrs A. RICHARDS, 21 Pacey Road, Upper Brookfield, Queensland, 4069. Tel: (61) 7-374-1359. Seeking information on ancestry of **JACOB MOSENTHAL** born Kassel, Germany 1839 and died there 1900. Spent adult years in Breslau now Wroclaw where children George August born 1881, Richard Paul in 1884, John Barnard in 1887. George married Gretel Karkenstein. Will share information.

00015 ELLEN NADLER GOTTFRIED, 48 Sylvia Lane, Plainview, New York, NY 11803, USA. Seeking Holocaust survivor great-uncle or his descendants. **MAX SOLOMON** came to Australia after 1945, married **REGINA**, and had at least one daughter, **JANET SOLOMON** who married an accountant whose name may have been **ALLAN RAY**. Last known address was 3 Rockley Street, Bondi 2026.

00016 SHARON ROSE, 62 Bostree Lane, Harrow Weald, Middlesex HA3 6JR, England. Seeking **HANNAH BAGNO**, born in Melbourne from survivor father Judah Bagno. Parents may have died as Hannah was cared for by Chabad as a child and may have been adopted. She visited her paternal relatives the Ginsbergs, fifteen to twenty years ago in England. We are related through Ginsberg and Bronfenson families.

00017 ELLEN KAHN, 3416 Ithaca Road, Olympia Fields, IL 60461, USA. Various families from Trier, Hunsruck, Rheinland, Ruhr, Wurtemberg and Bavaria: Bonem, Jacobs, Feiner, Kahn, Levy, Frank, Strauss, Baum, Kaufman, Lob/Low, Stern, Spiegel, May, Lukas/Lucas, Cahn, Landsberg, Schwab, Metzger, Stein, Goldstein, Rosenfeld, Seligmann, Steiner, Feldenheimer, Lippmann, Gundelfinger, Neumann, Schlesinger, Rimon, Niemeier, Scheile.