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March Meeting

“Exploring Your
Jewish Roots,”
Featuring
Internationally Known
Author and Genealogist

Ms. Miriam Weiner

Date: Sunday, March 25, 2001

Time: 1:30 p.m.

**(Please note day and time
change for this special event!)**

Place: Sanctuary
United Hebrew Congregation
13788 Conway Road

Miriam Weiner is a professional genealogist based in New Jersey. She is the author of two of the most acclaimed books on Jewish Genealogy: *Jewish Roots in Poland* and *Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova*. She is the president of the Miriam Weiner Routes to Roots Foundation, which offers archival research in eastern Europe and customized tours to areas in eastern Europe with an emphasis on visits to shtetls. Ms. Weiner also is the former executive director of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors in New York and a member of the Advisory Board of the Holocaust and War Victims Tracing and Information Center of the American Red Cross.

For this special event, there will be advance reservations required. The cost for members who prepay is \$12. At the door, admission will be \$15. The admission price includes a reception afterwards, featuring Kosher pastries and coffee.

At the reception, both of Ms. Weiner's books will be available for purchase and autographing: *Jewish Roots in Poland* for \$50 and *Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova* for \$60.

If you haven't already made your reservations, call Cassie Buerki at 314-275-7136. This will undoubtedly be an exciting afternoon and one you will not want to miss!

Arrangements for Miriam Weiner to appear in St. Louis were made through the B'nai B'rith Lecture Bureau.



Jewish
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April Meeting

Sailing from Europe:
Using the Hamburg
Emigration Lists

Ms. Ilene Kanfer Murray

Date: Thursday, April 19, 2001

Time: 7:30 p.m.

**(Please note we are back to our regular
evening meetings.)**

Place: Jablon Youth Lounge
United Hebrew Congregation
13788 Conway Road

Member of the JGS and longtime genealogist, Ilene Murray will introduce us to some of her family members and share with us their journey to America. In the process, we will learn how to use a resource that many do not know about, the Hamburg Emigration Lists.

The passenger lists most of us are familiar with are arrival manifests, but there were also departure lists. These were created at the European ports of departure and they may contain valuable information about our ancestors, most notably, their places of origin.

Records from most of the European departure ports have been destroyed, but the Hamburg port records have been preserved. This massive index holds millions of names, covering the years 1850 to 1934, and includes about 30% of all immigrants who left Europe during that time period.

If you find an ancestor in this index, you will be able to determine the port to which the immigrant was headed and approximately when he/she landed in the U.S. If you already know their arrival date, finding your immigrant in this index will enable you to learn more about the first part of their journey to America.

Celebrate Jewish Genealogy Month 2001:
March 25 - April 23: (Nisan 5761)

President's Page

February Meeting

Our thanks to Ann Greenstein for showing the video "There Once Was a Town" at the February 18 meeting. It was an extremely moving portrayal of one family's quest to return to its ancestral village in Eastern Europe. Many of us had members of our families who were lost in the Holocaust and even those of us who did not can relate to the destroyed lives of so many Jews.

We would also like to thank Gary Kodner for showing part of an interview with Miriam Weiner. This video helped us understand a little about her and the work she is doing in Jewish genealogy. We look forward to her lecture at our next meeting on Sunday, March 25.

(See Eunice Solomon's synopsis of this presentation on Page Five for more information.)

Miriam Weiner Presentation

When I joined JGS of St. Louis, I was eager to expand upon my meager genealogy research. My mentors said a good starting point for reference material was the JGS Library. So I schlepped my briefcase to the library, and as is my usual custom, did not look for any particular item. I wanted an overview of the library's contents, such as the newsletters, hard cover books, and pamphlets. Eventually, I decided to spend some time on one book that covered Poland. Wow! What a gold mine! Here was a book with color maps, shtetl history, present and previous town names, country boundaries, instructions on how to do Jewish genealogical research, as well as addresses for writing to the Polish State Archives. That book was Miriam Weiner's *Jewish Roots in Poland*.

I thought that the word should be spread on what I had found and immediately informed the then-current president, Art Jaffe. Art and his wife Sylvia quickly educated me on Ms. Weiner's background, her similar book, *Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova*, and her importance and contributions to Jewish genealogy. I must mention that although this book is primary for Jewish research, it's also an appropriate research tool for non-Jews with roots in those areas.

Please join us in March when Miriam Weiner comes to speak to us. This will be a very special event. Announce this meeting to your Polish, Ukrainian and Moldovian relatives. Ms. Weiner's books will be available for review and purchase at the workshop.

A Personal Reflection...

Last month, my wife and I spent a week in Florida visiting friends residing in a retirement community. As is the custom, long conversations occurred with the inevitable question, "So what do you do to keep busy?" Unfortunately, genealogy was not mentioned. Here there were a large number of older people with history and family connections from other countries but they were not sharing that past with any family historians.

I'm unaware if genealogy is a retirement community activity; if not then it should be! People love to talk about themselves. Our retirees should be asked to document their family history. I often hear the statement, "I'm so proud of my son/daughter." Let's turn the tables. Parents, take the time to document your family history and let your children say, "I'm so proud of my parents." That's genealogy!

Jerry Goldberg,

JGS of St. Louis President

Caravan to Fort Wayne

Cassie Buerki is planning a trip to Fort Wayne, Indiana and the Allen County Public Library for Monday - Thursday, **May 7-10, 2001**. Cassie will lead a group of JGS members to the library and arrange for someone from the library staff to conduct a tour of the premises. All members will be required to reserve their own accommodations and provide their own transportation, but Cassie has information on hotels/motels and restaurants for anyone who needs it.

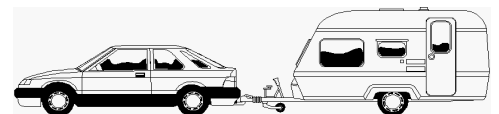
To sign up for this excursion, please call Cassie at 314-275-7136.

Allen County Public Library: Genealogy Research Center
900 Webster Street
Fort Wayne, IN
219-421-1225

<www.acpl.lib.in.us>

Open Mon.-Thurs., 9-9; Fri.-Sat., 9-6; Sun., 1-6

(See related story on Page Four.)



Research at Meetings

The JGS of St. Louis Genealogical Library is housed in the United Hebrew Library and is open for research one hour prior to each meeting.

If you need more information, call Jerry at (314) 434-2566.

Research Hints - Business Records

Rice-Stix Catalog, Part III

By C. Edwin Murray

Here is a continuation of the people listed in the Rice-Stix Catalog in 1911-12. There is a photograph for each person listed. (If you find an ancestor and would like a copy of their photo, contact me at <emurray@ninenet.com>).

The Office: Sidney I. Rothschild (Credit Man. AL, AZ, CA, FL, GA, NM, St. Louis, TN, TX and Foreign), John Isaacs (Credit Man. AR, IL, KY, LA, and MS), Albert Boas (Credit Man. CO, IN, IA, KS, MO, NE, and the West), Henry Rice Jr. (Credit Dept.), Chas. Morris (Cashier's Dept.), Cas. Vastine (Cashier), M. E. Bacharach (Cashier's Dept.), Ed Hopkins (Credit Dept.), Henry Moehlman (Sec'y to the President), H. L. Gardner (Operating Depts.), Simon M. Frank (Mgr. Adv. & Catalog Depts.), Carl T. Matteson (Credit Dept.), Gustav Leiner (Mgr. N. Y. Office), A. D. Willis (Mgr. Order Dept.), Leo Bloch (Sample Dept.), E. J. Batchelor (Sample Dept.), G. T. McClure (Mgr. Traffic Dept.), W. M. Donihoo (Claim Dept.).

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(The last of the Rice-Stix employees will be listed next month.)

Invite a Friend

If you know of someone who might be interested in joining the JGS, you can have a complimentary copy of *Generations* sent to them by forwarding their name and address to:

Ilene Murray
8724 Teasdale Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63124-1926
(314) 991-3593
e-mail to: <ilenemurray@primary.net>

Better yet, bring them to one of our meetings where they can not only get a complimentary copy of the newsletter, but can experience first-hand the benefits of membership in the JGS.

Please forward any news of member activities, changes of address or comments to Ilene, as well.

What's In A Name?

Occupations

By Chuck Jackson

The discussion of surnames and how a person's occupation, trade, or profession may have played an important role in developing certain surnames continues. Please keep in mind that some surnames were adopted due to the sound, the secondary meaning, or for other purposes, and the family may not have ever performed the occupation defined by the surname.

GITTELMACHER	The Russian Jewish spelling and is from the Yiddish "Hittelmacher," a cap maker.
GLASS	A person in the glass business. Also appears as Glassman and Glazer.
GOLDSCHIEDER	A name adopted by a goldsmith or a gold refiner and literally means "a separator of gold from silver."
GOLDSTEIN	The literal German meaning is "touchstone," a tool used to test the quality of gold and silver. The name was assumed by those in the goldsmith trade.
GRABER	From the older German meaning "engraver of seals," a well established Jewish trade in the 18th century. Other German trade names in this category are Steinschneider, Stempel, and Stempelmacher.
GREENSPAN	From the German word for the "green of Spain," which means the green pigment came to Germany from Spain. The name was assumed by someone who sold the pigment.
GUTMACHER	The Slavic form for "Hutmacher," a hat maker.
HABER	From the Hebrew "haber" (or haver), an associate judge of a rabbinic court.
HANDWERKER	From the German for tradesman or artisan, such as baker, tailor, shoemaker, etc. Also appears as Handwerker.
HASPEL	From the German for the reel onto which yarn is wound. The name refers to a dealer in yarn or a seller of the reels.
HEFTER	A worker with gold braid and lacing.
HEUER, HAUER	A butcher.
HIRZMAN	A dealer in millet and is from the Yiddish "Hirzh," millet.
HOLZMAN	Someone involved in the timber trade and is from the German "Holz," wood or timber. Also appears as Holtzman, Holz, Holtz, Holzer, Holtzer, Goltzer, Goltz, Goltzman.
HUBERMAN	From the Yiddish for oats; an oat dealer. Also appears as Guberman.
IMBER	From the Polish for ginger and was assumed by a grocer who sold the spice.
KABAKOFF	In Russian, the name means "tavern keeper." In Ukrainian, the name means "a dealer in pumpkin."
KADAR	Hungarian for "cooper."
KARTAGENER	A dealer in kartaginian beans.
KATZOFF	A form of the Hebrew word for "butcher." Also appears as Katziff, Kaciff, Kacev.
KAZAN	A form of the Hebrew word for "cantor" (hazan).

To be continued. Rabbi Kaganoff, again, many thanks.

Visiting the Allen County Public Library

By Cassie Buerki

In October, 1999, Shirley Finger, Eunice Solomon and I drove to Fort Wayne, IN to work on genealogy in the Allen County Public Library. It took us approx. six hours to make the drive, with a few stops on the way.

After a comfortable night at the Fairfield Inn, we arrived at the library just after it opened on Tuesday morning and were given a tour of the genealogy department by a helpful staff member. The second floor of the library houses the world's second largest genealogy collection. It is nationally acclaimed and consists of over 500,000 documents, books, microfilm, periodicals, and CD-ROMs. The collection includes census records from all states, Civil War and other military records, passenger lists, and city directories for many major cities. The

Genealogy Department offers an experienced staff skilled in family research, microfilm viewers and printers, and extensive computer and Internet resources.

There are numerous places to stay in the Fort Wayne area, most within a few miles of the library. There is convenient public parking (for a fee) directly across the street from the library (and a tiny diner next to the parking lot which served terrific tuna sandwiches!) Everyone we met was kind and helpful.

We spent two days in the library and could probably have used a third, but we decided to look forward to a return trip instead. (Don't miss the upcoming trip: May 7-10. Call Cassie at 314-275-7136 if you are interested in going.)

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Synopsis of February Meeting By Eunice Solomon

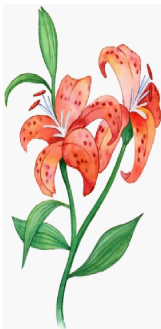
“There Once Was a Town”

For 900 years, Jews lived peacefully in Eishyskok, Poland. Then came Hitler and the Holocaust. Life changed forever.

The handful of Jews featured in this emotional video survived World War II. Returning to their village 50 years after leaving, each had a poignant reason for coming back. One man was looking for his father's grave. Another wanted to thank the Polish woman who saved his life by hiding him from the Nazis. A third was looking for the Torah he had hidden in a ceiling. Sadly, the town they remembered had changed and was no longer a welcoming place.

Watching the video was hard, but it was also mesmerizing. There were few dry eyes in the room when it was over.

With Sympathy...



Our heartfelt condolences go out this month to the following members and their families:

*Patti Labell, on the loss of her mother, Madelyne Henry
Carol Portman, on the loss of her husband, Darwin, who was also a member*

Leslie Popelka, on the loss of her father, Casper Rodman



Congratulations to...

Member Marianne Goldstein for moving into her new home!

Michael Labell, member Patti Labell's son, for graduating from St. Louis University!

Upcoming Workshop On Writing Your Family History

The St. Louis Genealogical Society will present a four-day workshop on writing and publishing your family history. Taught by Ann Fleming, a JGS member and a certified genealogist, and Ted Steele, technology specialist of the StLGS, the workshop will be held from 2:00 - 4:00 at the Society's office (4 Sunnen Drive, Maplewood, MO) on four consecutive Wednesday afternoons, from March 14 to April 4.

“This will be a highly interactive workshop, during which you will learn how to develop and publish your personal family history. It is not a computer class, but word processing techniques will be demonstrated. Between each session you will have the opportunity to utilize the techniques learned in developing your family history.

Topics to be discussed include: Focus and Content, Publishing Basics, Appearance, Documentation, Editing, Proofreading, Indexing, Book Layout, Publishing Alternatives, and Marketing and Distribution.”

The cost of the workshop is \$25 per person. For further information, or to register, call the St. Louis Genealogical Society office at 314-647-8547.

FGS/Quad Cities Conference

As mentioned in the last issue, the annual conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies will be held in Davenport, Iowa from Sept. 12 to Sept. 15, 2001.

The conference brochure was recently mailed, and it looks like it will be an exceptional week! On the agenda are workshops in all areas of genealogical research, including using city directories, newspapers, court records, tax records, and passenger arrival records. There are Internet and website creation classes, classes on documenting your research, and on publishing. Of special interest to us are classes on immigration and naturalization, passenger steamships, and Ellis Island. Some of the nation's most outstanding genealogists will be there: John Colletta, Gary Mokotoff, Marian Smith, Cyndi Howells, and many more.

You can get a conference brochure by calling 888-FGS-1500 (toll free) or go to the FGS website: <www.fgs.org> to learn more.

Book Review:

Jewish Roots in Poland

Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova

By Miriam Weiner

Reviewed by Chris Flesor

Special Collections Department

St. Louis County Library

We are all looking forward to Miriam Weiner's visit on March 25! I urge you to come to Special Collections at St. Louis Co. Library and discover the treasures she has given us.

Her two major works, *Jewish Roots in Poland* and *Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova*, are valuable resources for the Jewish genealogist. These publications are the result of years of her persistence and dedication to compiling an exhaustive guide to Jewish archives throughout Poland, the Ukraine and Moldova. Each book is a combination of travel guide, Holocaust memorial, and genealogical handbook.

The information found in the Ukraine and Moldova volume is unique; it would not have been available before the collapse of the Soviet Union. Both of these books are rich with illustrations of records, maps, and color photographs of towns, streets, houses, cemeteries and postcard reproductions of cities and shtetls throughout those portions of Eastern Europe. There are two indexes of archival holdings, one by town and the other by the repository where the documents are housed. Each book also has a wonderful selected bibliography for further exploration of specific histories or communities.

Have you had a chance to investigate the gold mine of articles that Miriam Weiner has written for *Heritage Quest* magazine? Ms. Weiner imparts warmth and passion in her writing. As her story unfolds, we are enriched by her experience and expertise in genealogy. Articles such as "Is this My Dad?" "What was our Name in the Old Country," and "Unusual Hobby Leads to Family Reunification," give us helpful hints in researching, interwoven with Ms. Weiner's detective work. We hope to see you at the Special Collections area of the St. Louis County Public Library soon!

From the Editor's Desk...

Many of us were at the February meeting and were deeply moved by the outstanding video telling the story of the Jewish population of the town of Eishyshok, Poland/Lithuania that Ann Greenstein presented to us. As we look forward to our March program and the coming of spring, remember that the work we do unearthing the past gives our ancestors new life. We can hear their footsteps echo around us, and we can't help but admire their courage as they struggled to live rich, full lives in the face of so much adversity.

What a great time to start planning to attend a conference, take a class, go to a workshop, or do some new family research. I hope you get inspired by all the articles on these subjects that I have included this month. (Can you tell that I was a teacher?)

Please write an article for our newsletter. You don't have to be an outstanding writer. You just need a story to tell, and I know that many of you do!

Ilene Murray, Editor

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New Member

Welcome! We wish to acknowledge and welcome the following new member to JGS of St. Louis:

Jonathan Lowe

We hope you will enjoy and benefit from your membership in our organization and that you will participate in our many informative activities. We are pleased to have you as members.

If you know of any prospective members, please submit their names to Cassie Buerki, Membership Chairperson. She can be reached at (314) 275-7136 or e-mail her at <cbuerki@aol.com>.

If anyone has a success story or knows someone who has and would like to share it with our members, please contact Cassie. We would love to hear from you.

REMINDER: The Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, March 22 at 1 p.m. **at the Brodsky Library Archives** to learn more about what is available there. Everyone is welcome.

JGS Tribute Cards Enhance Library Fund

For the past three years, the JGS of St. Louis has sold tribute cards at each monthly meeting. For a minimum donation of \$5.00, you can show someone that you are thinking about them and, at the same time, support our library fund. Proceeds from the Tribute Fund are used to purchase genealogical books/supplies for the JGS Library housed in the United Hebrew Library.

Tribute cards are available at each JGS meeting or from Cassie Buerki, Vice President/Membership. Cassie can be reached at (314) 275-7136. Please remember our tribute cards when you need to let someone know you are thinking about them. It is a way to show you care that also helps our whole organization.

Old Soldan High School Newsletters Yield Much of Genealogical Interest

By Ilene Murray

Recently, my husband Ed and I visited the State Historical Society Library in Columbia, MO. While he was helping some of his genealogy students, I did one of my favorite things; I wandered through the library stacks. On a shelf with other books about St. Louis, were two bound volumes of the school newspaper from Soldan High School. The first volume contains *Scrippage*, dated Volume 50, Number 1, February 16, 1945 and continues to June 15, 1949. By then, the paper was called *Soldan-Blewett News*. The second volume begins with Volume 1, Number 1 of *Spotlight*, dated 27 September 1949, and ends with 29 April 1958.

Knowing that many of the students who attended Soldan during that time period were Jewish, I took the books off the shelf and began to look through them. Several hours later, I reluctantly left them on the table, as it was time to leave. If you or your relatives went to Soldan, these newsletters are wonderful reading. You may find a photo or two, a mention of a scholarship, a sports triumph or a news tidbit. There is no index, but in some articles, the names are in bold print. What I found especially interesting were the issues from the years during World War II because they were filled with news about soldiers who were ex-students, and some of the news was genealogically quite useful.

Here is a small sample of what you might find if you have the chance to look.

Scrippage, 31 October 1947, Page 1: "Rosetta DRUCKER, 8, (8th term) keeps well informed about the current conditions in China through her cousin, Wilhelm WASSERMAN, a Viennese refugee, who escaped from a concentration camp and is now living in Shanghai, China..."

18 May 1945, Page 3: "Alumni Annals: Although he has 35 combat missions over Europe to his credit, Lt. Martin WEISS has no trouble recalling his hardest mission. Bringing his Flying Fortress out of a spin and gliding into friendly territory from Germany on one crippled engine was his nearly fatal experience."

Same issue, Page 1: Neill AMSLER, nose turret gunner on a B-24, is now flying with General Chennault's 14th Air Force in China... Cpl. Israel GOLDBERG, a member of a cavalry reconnaissance unit, was wounded in action in Germany, April 11th... To Sgt. Simon MUCHNICK goes the purple heart for wounds suffered November 26, 1943. He is serving with an intelligence unit of a fighter group in China. A purple heart has also been awarded to 2nd Lt. Ed BEARMAN for injuries suffered when his Mitchell Bomber was set afire by Jap (sic) anti-aircraft over Zamboanga."

"Sgt. Colin Experiences Horrors of Nazi Camp" is the headline of a long story about a Sgt. David T.

COLIN, Soldan graduate, who was captured and escaped as Russians entered Germany. At the very end of the article is one sentence easily overlooked, but especially important for a Jewish researcher: "Sgt. Colin changed his name (David COHEN) to David Colin when he took a trip to Germany in 1935..."

4 October 1946, Page 3: "Several Soldanians have been accepted for membership in the St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra under Mr. Stanley CHAPPLE. Some of the new members are Shirley ROSEN, Jerry GOTLER, Morris STERN, Cecelia CZARNECKI, and Leslie COHEN. These pupils were selected after trying out several weeks ago at the Musicians Club."

"Shirley ROSEN, violinist in the Soldan orchestra, has impressed Mr. Edwin MCARTHUR, director of the Municipal Opera orchestra, with her violin performance. He heard her last summer when she appeared in 'Sari.' After she played again in an audition, he recommended her for a scholarship at the Julliard Eastman School of Music."

Soldan-Blewett News, 29 October 1948, Page 1: "Muriel KROMBERG, January '45, took top honors in an art contest sponsored by the Webster Publishing Co." The contest prize of \$375 "is the tuition fee for the senior year of the winner at Washington University. Miss Kromberg is a new senior at Washington University where she is majoring in advertising design."

6 May 1949, Page 4: "The Tiger of the Week laurels fall on Nathan GOLDSTEIN, (Term) 6, a brown-eyed, brown-haired athlete, who stands five feet, seven inches tall and weighs 150 pounds. Nathan, called 'Nate' by his teammates and friends, plays basketball and baseball..."

Spotlight, 14 March 1952, Page 3: "Herbie WALKOWITZ is in the photography business... Herbie makes spare money developing and enlarging photos... An unusually well-trained singer is Shirley RASKAS, who has appeared several times before large audiences including a radio recital... Aviation is Sholom RASKAS's main range of interest... He models airplanes and collects varied bits of information on aviation."

The two volumes of newspapers are *Soldan-Blewett High School, St. Louis, 1945-1949*, Vol. 1, Call # H235.8519/SO43s and *Spotlight, 1949-58*, Call # H235.8519/SO42sp V.1-18. They are located in the library at the State Historical Society of Missouri, 1020 Lowry Street, Columbia, MO.

Don't overlook anything as you research. You never know where the next bit of information will come from!

Happy Birthday to Us!

By Sylvia Letvak Jaffe

The Jewish Genealogical Society affiliated with United Hebrew Congregation is observing its 6th birthday this month. The group was founded in March 1995 by Art and Sylvia Jaffe with the cooperation of United Hebrew Congregation and its Program Director, Ken Schwartz. That is why the society is known as "affiliated" with United Hebrew Congregation. The congregation worked with the Jaffes and allowed the society to open its membership to the community. JGS is an integral part of United Hebrew. Rabbi Howard Kaplansky, its senior rabbi, always gives the welcoming speech at JGS events.



Major events over the past few years have included: "Tracing Your Jewish Family Tree... its Roots and Branches" with guest speaker Robert Marlin, author of *My Sixteen*, "Where Your Ancestors Lived... A Shtetl Seminar" and the Fifth Birthday Party, with guest speaker Susan King of JewishGen, the premier Jewish genealogy site on the Internet. And, of course, Miriam Weiner, author and renown genealogist, will be the featured guest speaker at this year's March 25th event.

The society's other projects and growth timeline appeared in the March 2000 issue of *Generations*. Back copies of *Generations* are available for reading in the JGS library housed in the United Hebrew Library. A historian book also covers the progress of the society. Sally Tofle was the first historian. Phyllis Faintich became historian in April 2000.

JGS of St. Louis affiliated with United Hebrew Congregation began with 12 members and now boasts a membership of about 200. The society plays an important role in the community by welcoming guests to its monthly meetings, providing speakers for organizations and Houses of Worship, helping the St. Louis County Library build up its Jewish resources in the Special Collections Department and providing Hebrew and Russian translators for two Yizkor Book Days. With education as a primary goal, we continue to improve as a group and as individuals. We look forward to many more birthdays!

Library News:

Phyllis Faintich has donated the video "Little America: The Flourishing and Destruction of the Jewish community in Mezritch" (Miedzyrzec-Podlaski), Poland, to the JGS library housed in the United Hebrew Library. The library committee will soon decide how to make the video available to the membership.

LONDON 2001

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21st International Conference on Jewish Genealogy
8-13 July 2001

Inter-Continental Hotel, Hyde Park Corner, London

(The following information on this summer's conference is provided by JewishGen for dissemination to member societies. Several of our members attended last year's conference in Salt Lake City. Perhaps this year, it could be you in London...)

Styling itself "London2001," the 21st International Conference on Jewish Genealogy takes place 8-13th July 2001 at the Inter-Continental Hotel, Hyde Park Corner.

With a platform of 150 speakers drawn from all five continents, it is the most ambitious Jewish genealogical event ever to be hosted in Europe, and promises a varied and stimulating programme to suit all-comers, beginner and expert alike.

An exciting schedule of lectures, seminars, panel discussions and beginner workshops will offer a choice of five sessions at any one time. Topics cover most parts of the globe, with special coverage of UK Jewish communities, and day-long seminars on select themes. As an example: "Migration and Transmigration" or "Genetics and Genealogy." Archivists from Eastern and Western Europe will be available for personal consultations, as will staffed resource and computer rooms for on-the-spot research with help at hand.

In addition...

There will be guided tours to London's major resources: the archives, the libraries, the museums, the linchpins of genealogical research, and tours to places of Jewish interest and to favourite tourist sites for non-participating partners or anyone suffering a surfeit of genealogy. Post-Conference add-on tours to a variety of European destinations linked to Conference topics are being organised by ShtetlSchleppers of the US, or there are opportunities for delegates to visit London's many attractions.

Please join us for five days of discovery and inspiration or even for one day only if time allows no more. It is possible to book for any number of days individually, but for anyone wishing to stay at the Conference hotel, we have been able to negotiate very advantageous rates at less than half the normal seasonal rate, and booking information is on the registration form.

For a full list of speakers and a registration form, please visit our Website, or request a list and more complete information by e-mail at <Info.london2001@talk21.com> or write to A. Winner, London2001, P.O. Box 27061, London N2 0GT, England, fax: +20 8455 5773.

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