

## GENERATIONS

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### IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE:

September Meeting
Tour the Holocaust
Museum
and Learning Center

Thursday, September 19 6:30/7:30 p.m.

Meeting Held At:
Holocaust Museum
JCCA Complex
12 Millstone Campus Dr.
Creve Coeur, MO

#### Sept. Discussion Group

Tour of Mercantile Library

Thursday, Sept. 26

Meeting Held At:
Mercantile Library
T. Jefferson Library Bldg.
U.M.S.L.
8001 Natural Bridge Rd

8001 Natural Bridge Rd. 1:00 p.m.

### **October Meeting**

"Working with the 1930 Census" Cynthia Millar, Speaker

Thursday, Oct. 17 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Held At: JablonYouth Lounge, United Hebrew Congregation 13788 Conway Road



# **Special Events** for September . . .

Docent Tour of the Holocaust Museum and Learning Center

Our meeting on Thursday, September 19 will be in two parts. It will take place at the St. Louis Holocaust Museum and Learning Center in the Jewish Federation Building, 12 Millstone Campus Dr. (the intersection of Schuetz and Guelbreth roads). The first part of the meeting is an Open Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Theater Room. All JGS members are invited to attend this part of the meeting, as your input to the Board is so important.

The second part of the evening will start at 7:30 p.m. and will include a tour of the museum with a docent. If you have never been to the museum or if you have been through the exhibits but without benefit of a docent, you will want to make sure you don't miss this opportunity.

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### **September Discussion Group**

On Thursday, September 26, at 1:00 p.m., the Discussion Group will meet at the Mercantile Library in the Thomas Jefferson Library Building on the campus of the University of Missouri-St. Louis, 8001 Natural Bridge Road. Please park on the third level of the West Drive Garage located on West Drive. If you need more information, call Ilene Wittels at (314) 692-2444 or send her an e-mail to <igwittel@artsci.wustl.edu>.

Special Program Coming Sunday, December 15 at Temple Emanuel Watch for further information.

## **October's Meeting**

Guest Speaker: Cynthia Millar, St. Louis Public Library

"Using the 1930 Census"

The featured speaker for October will be Cynthia Millar, Genealogy Reference Librarian, from the History and Genealogy Department of the St. Louis Public Library. As you probably know by now, the newly released 1930 Census for the St. Louis metropolitan area is not indexed, so in order to find your relatives, you must know where they lived and then which Enumeration District they were in.

Cynthia will walk us through the process of finding families in this new resource. She will discuss using city directories to find addresses and then using a finding aid created by the library to get the ED's. She will talk about the census and the information you can find on it.

If you haven't yet used the 1930 Census, come learn about how to use it. If you have looked at it and wondered about how to interpret the data you have found, bring your questions. As always, Cynthia will have much to share with us.

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### **October Discussion Group**

As we approach the holiday season, many of us are looking at digital cameras as gifts for ourselves or others. On Thursday, October 24, from 1:30 to 3, Doug Bernstein of Creve Coeur Camera will bring a PowerPoint presentation to the Discussion Group and will lead a discussion on digital cameras. He will have professional advice on what to look for when you buy and how to use these valuable genealogical tools.

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## **President's Message**

#### **July and August Meetings**

We wish again to thank Marge and Herb Bilinsky for their interesting and informative presentation in July on the making of their family video *The Locket*. Those of us who viewed the program either on PBS or at the July meeting were deeply moved and impressed.

Our thanks, also, to Bette Gorden, Curator of the Herman T. Pott National Inland Waterways Collection at the St. Louis Mercantile Library, who gave us a history of the many places at which the Mercantile Library has been located, a look at some of the outstanding artwork in its possession, and an overview of some of the collections for which the library is famous. We hope that many of you will join us on Thursday, September 26, when the Discussion Group goes to the library. We are fortunate to have this outstanding resource in the St. Louis area, and you just may discover something there that will help you in your research. We would like Bette to know that we are grateful for her donation of the book, *St. Louis and the Art of the Frontier*, to our JGS library.

#### **August Generations**

As you noticed, the August issue of *Generations* was largely devoted to the newly revised and approved Bylaws and Standing Rules for JGS of St. Louis. Our Bylaws committee worked on this project for months in order to make it a clear and concise statement of our mission, our goals, and the mechanics of running an organization such as ours. We hope all of you took the time to read those pages and have gained a further understanding of the work and time your elected Board spends on your behalf. Our thanks go to Joel Shedlofsky and his committee for their efforts. If you have any questions or comments about the new Bylaws, please feel free to contact Joel or me.

#### **Indexing Projects are Progressing**

A great deal of progress has been made in the last two months toward our goals of indexing the Jewish marriages, cemeteries, and funeral home records in the St. Louis area. We now have volunteers to make these projects viable, and recorded data is being entered into our Society's databases. Once the United Hebrew Library renovation has been completed in September, members will be able to access these records on a computer. Please consider volunteering for one of these projects. The more help we receive, the sooner the material will be available to all of us.

#### Website News

Be sure you check our website (www.jewishgen.org/jgs-St.Louis) often. Joel Shedlofsky, our webmaster, is constantly updating and improving it. He has gathered an impressive amount of information and has designed our web pages with great skill. You will discover many interesting facts and numerous links to other websites, along with current information about our Society. In addition, Gene Schneider has been working overtime getting the cemetery, funeral home, and marriage indexing ready to go online. Thanks to them both, our website is becoming a fabulous resource for St. Louis Jewish genealogy!

I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer. Have a happy new year.

Cassie Weinberg Buerki,

President, JGS of St. Louis

## **Synopsis Of July Program:**

## The Locket Presented by Marge and Herb Bilinsky By Eunice Solomon

Making a video of one's family is quite doable, according to the Bilinskys. Help is available from a local cable station, which will offer training in the use of their equipment. The film can be put together with photos, a script, and background music.

The story of *The Locket* was a labor of love. It is dedicated to Marge's Aunt Clara who gave Marge a locket that houses a watch that does not run and has a missing hour hand but is now her most valuable treasure.

Kristallnicht was the turning point for Marge's family in Germany. Her mother's family was sponsored by relatives in Oklahoma and was able to escape the Holocaust. Marge's father's family was not as lucky. All of them perished. Marge considers herself a lucky survivor.

Aunt Clara spent the major part of her money getting her possessions out of Germany. When she finally decided to leave, she did not have enough money to buy her way out. She died in a concentration camp.

Marge wrote the script, produced, and narrated this video. *The Locket* is devoid of scenes of death and violence. It is filled with stories of those who made it to America, often narrated by the survivors. Marge used a professional videographer and a professional editor. Herb worked alongside her from start to finish.

Whenever Marge conducts a tour of the Holocaust Museum and Learning Center, she wears her locket. She hopes to use this video in classrooms as a teaching tool for children.

### What's In A Name?

## Symbolism/Acronyms/Abbreviations And The Like

By Chuck Jackson

The discussion continues of surnames and how symbolism, acronyms, synonyms, abbreviations and the like developed into names. Please keep in mind that some surnames were adopted due to the sound, the secondary meaning, or for other purposes. Also, say the name and listen. The spelling may be a little different but the sound may be the same as the name for which you are searching.

A special note: The suffix -kin or -in means, in Russian, a descendent of the person. Often, the -kin or -in suffix eventually became a -kind or -ind suffix as the Russian meaning became lost over time.

**PEIMAN** The name Tzipporah was sometimes shortened to Peie and Peiman means "Peie's husband."

Also appears as Peimann.

**PERLOW** Means "descended from Perl." Also appears as Perlowsky, Perlin, Perles, Perstein, Perzweig,

**PERVIN** Russian for "first-born." The Hebrew name Becher usually signifies first-born but the Russian

authorities preferred Pervin.

**PESHKIN** Derived from Peshe or Peshke which were forms for Basyah (Batyah). Bas is a shortened

> version of Bashe or Basheva. Therefore, Peshkin means the son of Bashe or Basheva. Also appears as Peshkind. Peshkin may also have been derived from Pessel which is derived from

the French name Pucelle.

The Bohemian and Polish word for "bull" is "byk." But, that is not the entire story, as the **PICK** 

Biblical Joseph was compared to a young bull and this is the true derivative of the name Pick.

It is symbolic of Joseph.

**PINES** The Hebrew name Pinhas is often shortened to Pine and Pines means "descended of Pinhas."

In "Genesis," Joseph is given the title Porath. Somewhere in the past, a Joseph changed his **PORATH** 

family name to Porath.

**PRIMACK** In the past, it was traditional for a son-in-law to continue studying Torah after marriage while

his father-in-law supported the young couple. In Yiddish, this arrangement is called "kest"

and in Ukrainian and Belarussian, the person was a Primack.

**PRITIKIN** The Russian word for "neighbor."

**PROCHOWNIK** From the legendary hero, Abraham Prochownik, who was supposed to have been selected king

> of Poland in 842. The name means a manufacturer of gun powder. Did Abraham Prochownik make gun powder in 842? Highly unlikely. In German, the name is Pulvermacher which can

also mean "apothecary," as in medicinal powders.

The Ukrainian word for "owl" and refers to someone whose face was round like an owl. It was **PUGATCH** 

usually used as a nickname but evolved into a surname.

**RASKIN** Raske is the nickname for Rachel and Raskin means a "descendent of Rachel."

**RAZUMNY** A name usually given to a person who was clever, sensible, and/or intelligent and is from the

Russian word of the same spelling.

REICHELSON In German-Yiddish, the Hebrew name Rachel becomes Reichel. Add the -son suffix and it

becomes the son of Rachel. Also appears as Reich, Reiche, Reichman, Reichstein,

Reichenheim, Reichenthal, Reichner, Reichenbaum.

**REINES** A descendent of Reine. Reine is either an abbreviation of Katherine or Katherina or is from

the French translation of Malkah which means queen.

REITZES A derivative of Rose. Rose became Reysel which became Reitza which became Reitzes. **RELES** 

A descendent of Rele. Rele is an affectionate nickname for Rose and for Rebecca.

**REMBA** An acronym for Rabbi Moshe ben Avraham or is an acronym for the Hebrew "rabot

mahshavot belev ish" (many are the thoughts in the heart of man). Also appears as Rembo.

**RIVKIND** Rivke is the Yiddish for Rebecca. Add the Russian suffix -in and change it to -ind and we have

Rivkind. (See the special note at the top of this column.)

To be continued. Rabbi Kaganoff, Arthur Kurzweil, and Eli N. Evans, many, many thanks.

We think of those lost in Israel and in our own country on September 11th, 2001, because of terrorism. As we approach the High Holy Days, we extend our best wishes to all the families that have endured such suffering, and, as always, we pray for peace in this new year.

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## **Beginning Genealogy Class Offered to Members**

A six week course in beginning genealogy, taught by Ilene and Ed Murray, is being offered free to members of the Jewish Genealogical Society of St. Louis in Room 15 at United Hebrew Congregation. The course is also free to those who join in September.

The class will meet on four Monday evenings at United Hebrew beginning on September 23rd. Then, there will be a Monday evening class at St. Louis County Library Headquarters, and a Monday evening at St. Louis Public Library downtown. This will enable all participants to have hands-on experience with the various records discussed in class.

Ilene and Ed are retired University City School District teachers. Both have taught family history classes for many years, to adults and students, and are currently teaching genealogy at Florissant Valley Community College. They have both lectured widely in genealogy and are active volunteers in JGS/St. Louis and the St. Louis Genealogical Society.

Where: Room 15 at United Hebrew

13788 Conway Rd.

When: Six Monday evenings in Sept./Oct.:

Sept. 23, 30 Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28

7 p.m.–9 p.m.

Cost: Free to members

If you are not currently a JGS member, the dues are \$20.00 per individual or \$35.00 for two people in one household.

Complete the form below to enroll in the course. Registration must be received by September 16th. For further information call Ilene or Ed at (314) 991-3593 or email: <ilenemurray@mindspring.com>.

In order to insure a quality experience for everyone, the class is limited to the first 15 registrants.

## IAJGS Announces Annual Achievement Awards

Annually since 1998, the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) has issued achievement awards to recognize outstanding individual and organizational contributions to Jewish Genealogy. Potential awardees are nominated by one or more of the 70+IAJGS member societies and determined by a committee appointed by the IAJGS Board of Directors. The awards were presented during the banquet held in conjunction with the 22nd IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, Toronto, Canada, 8 August 2002. These are the four awards granted this year:

#### Lifetime Achievement Award

The IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to a living individual for outstanding contributions of major significance and benefit to Jewish genealogy. This year's award was made to Stanley Diamond for his efforts in "capturing and sharing the indexing of Jewish records of Poland, which have made these widely accessible for the benefit of all, his creative molding of genealogical and genetic research techniques which has added dimension to the field of Jewish genealogy, and as founder and president of the JGS-Montreal and as a prolific writer and lecturer, he has motivated people to research countless their Jewish ancestry."

#### **Outstanding Contribution Award**

The IAJGS Outstanding Contribution Award is presented to a person(s) or organization in recognition of a contribution via the Internet, print, or electronic product. This year's award was made to JewishGen for its Yizkor Book Project. Susan King, president of JewishGen, and Joyce Field, Yizkor Book Project Manager, accepted the award on behalf of JewishGen. Project volunteers have translated portions of over 500 Yizkor books and other documents making these valuable resources available to many more genealogists.

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Please use this form (or a copy of it) for the <b>JGS Beginning Genealogy Class</b> .  Mail to: Joel Shedlofsky, JGS V.P./Membership, 12368 Hyannis Ct., St. Louis, MO 63146  PLEASE PRINT:  Name(s)		
Joining Check enclosed: \$_		Member (No fee required.)
Address		
City	_ State	Zipcode
Phone Number	Email:	

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## From the Editor's Desk...

As usual, there is just too much to share with you for this issue, and several things had to be held back for October. Just to whet your appetite, next month, we'll have a wonderful article by Sylvia Jaffe on the Toronto IAJGS conference, more interesting websites to tell you about, some terrific news about our cemetery data, and new resources on both the city and county St. Louis Library websites.

As you begin your preparations to celebrate the new year, remember that JewishGen, the number one spot on the Internet for researching Jewish genealogy, <www.jewishgen.org>, needs you. If you haven't made your donation this year, please consider doing it now, so that this outstanding website can continue its work.

Ilene Murray, Editor 8724 Teasdale Ave., St. Louis, MO 63124 (314) 991-3593; e-mail: <ilenemurray@mindspring.com> **Synopsis Of August Program:** 

Bette Gorden, Curator, Mercantile Library By Eunice Solomon

The Mercantile Library was founded in 1846. It was located in downtown St. Louis until a few years ago when it moved to the UMSL campus. It houses 210,000 books on subjects related to Western Expansion, railroads, river transportation, and the history of St. Louis. The culutral aspects of the library are visible in its collection of paintings and sculptures. The collection on American railroad history is one of the largest in the United States. There are passenger lists, documents, and photographs describing railroad travel. The waterways collection focuses on United States river travel by sternwheelers and sidewheelers.

Some of Thomas Hart Benton's lithographs are at Mercantile, along with some Indian artifacts and the first city directory compiled in 1821. The directory is stored in a climate controlled vault with other rare materials. The library has a complete collection of Davey Crockett Almanacs. Agricultural material describes life on the prairies. The clipping and photo files from the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* are at Mercantile.

Mercantile is a subscription library. Its members pay annual dues. With the merging of Mercantile and UMSL libraries, all students and faculty of UMSL may use the resources. The library is open seven days a week. A librarian is always available to answer questions and requests by phone.

#### **IAJGS Awards (Continued)**

#### **Outstanding Programming or Project Award**

The IAJGS Outstanding Programming or Project Award is presented to a person(s) or organization either in recognition of a single program or project or series of programs or projects. This year's award was made to the JGS of Ottawa, Canada for its Chernivtsi Cemetery Project. A three-person team traveled from Canada to the Ukraine, photographing 55,000 gravestones and copying over 1,800 pages of cemetery registers.

#### **Outstanding Publication Award**

The IAJGS Outstanding Publication Award is presented to an IAJGS Member Organization in recognition of an outstanding resource that has been made available to Jewish genealogists that furthers their research. This year's award was made to the JGS of Los Angeles, California for *Roots-Key*, its quarterly journal. "The quality and scope of its articles demonstrate the highest standards of content and a professional level of presentation and editing. Using a clean and uncluttered format, *Roots-Key* provides numerous original scholarly research articles in each issue and a wide array of news items on worldwide Jewish genealogical activities and resources."

We congratulate all the recipients of this year's awards.

### **Welcome New Members!**

Marilyn G. Epstein Mel Loewenstein Morton Levitt Don Makovsky

If you know of any prospective members, please submit their names to Joel Shedlofsky, Membership Chairperson. He can be reached at (314) 275-7804 or e-mail him at <jtz007@mail.connect.more.net>.

## What We Learn from Others: The Sharing of Ideas

By Marilen Pitler

#### Newsletter, JGS of Great Britain, April 2002

Open letter from Laura M. Green, Collections Manager Survivors Registry

#### REGISTRY OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

Help us to Register Holocaust Survivors!

"The Survivors Registry of the United States Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. maintains the single most comprehensive listing Holocaust survivors in the world. The Registry has existed for over a decade, and it currently contains approximately 172,000 names of Jewish survivors and their descendants. The Registry is an invaluable resource for survivors still trying to locate family and friends, as well as for historians and genealogists. It defines as a survivor 'anyone displaced, persecuted, and/or discriminated against by the racial, political or ethnic policies of the Nazis or their allies from 1933 to 1945 and who survived the end of World War II.' A Holocaust survivor can be registered even if he or she is no longer living today. It is important to make certain that each survivor's unique experience is recognized and preserved for future generations. Unfortunately, the window of opportunity for survivors to register is rapidly narrowing. If you. . . know of individual survivors who may not be registered, please help us to spread the word! . . . Registry Forms can be downloaded from our web page at: <www.ushmm.org/remembrance/registry>. If you have any questions, please contact Laura via e-mail at <lgreen@ushmm.org>."

#### **Helpful Website**

One member from JGSGB found much useful information from the National Obituary Archive (NOA) at <www.arrangeonline.com>. It includes 55 million names from U.S. obituaries and information from the Social Security Administration.

## MASSPOCHA, Newsletter of the JGS of Greater Boston, Spring 2002

Food for some very serious thought . . .

Dr. Stuart Kaufman, an authority on ethical standards in the study of genealogy, recently spoke at the JGS of Greater Boston. His discussion centered on the discovery of "family skeletons," what to do when secrets are unearthed, what to do with the information and what to divulge.

He told the group that we, the genealogists, should be guided by two principles: *Shalom bayit* 

(Continued in the next column.)

## **Upcoming TV Show Features Shtetls of Eastern Europe**

Make sure you have a fresh tape ready for the VCR so you can tape a special program coming in September that you won't want to miss. It's called "A Yiddish World Remembered," and it will be broadcast on KETC, Channel 9, on Tuesday evening, 17 September at 8:00. (There's also a repeat broadcast at 1:00 a.m. on 20 September.)

According to the *KETC Guide* for September, "There were rabbis and yentas, shuls and mikvahs and an overwhelming sense of community. Elliot Gould narrates this look at the shtetls of Eastern Europe, profiling the everyday life of Jews in the late 19th and early 20th centuries."

This looks like a show we will all want to watch, so spread the word. (And remember, you can thank Channel Nine by becoming a member if you aren't already!)

## **UH Library Renovation Impacts JGS Library**

By Jerry Goldberg

United Hebrew Congregation has started its library renovation with a target completion the first week of September. During this period, the JGS library located within the UH library, is unavailable. The contents of our library were placed in boxes and moved to a storage area within the building. Incidentally, 25 newsletters from various Jewish genealogical societies were added to the JGS Library.

Our computer, also located in the UH library, has been disconnected and placed in storage. Thanks for your patience during the renovation.

## Working with Polish Ancestors?

Here are some Internet sites that might be useful:

An online Polish text translator: <a href="https://www.poltran.com">www.poltran.com</a>

Tips on translating, with lists of Polish and German words: <a href="https://www.polishroots.org/translating.htm">www.polishroots.org/translating.htm</a>

Polish geographical words: <www.polishroots.org/slownik\_geograficzny.htm>

Guide to reading letters from Polish Archives: <a href="http://langline.com/StateArchGuide.htm">http://langline.com/StateArchGuide.htm</a>

(peace in the home) and *Lashon hara* (carry no false tales about others). He said, "The Talmud regards Judaism as carrier of truth. There is also a prohibition against tale bearing, which includes gossiping and slander, and prohibits embarrassing other people. Truth should serve a constructive purpose. Preventive disclosure can save a life."

## **Research Hints: City Directories Tell Many Stories**

By C. Edwin Murray

1920: Gould's St. Louis City Directory Please note: Any spelling errors are in the directories themselves,

are in the directories themselves, and not the fault of the author!

**Hebrew - Orthodox** 

Ahawas Achim Anshei Rumania

1017 N. 19th

Rabbi B. Abramowitz

Beth Abraham

1401 Carr

Rabbi H. Lehman

Beth David

1526 Belt Ave

Rabbi A. Rosentreter & Rev. N. Blitz

Beth Hamedrash Hagodol

1125 Nth 11

Rabbi B. Abramowitz

Beth Jisrael

1420 Biddle

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Academy & Vernon Ave.

Rabbi H. Halpern

Bnai Jeshurum Anshei Galizian

2117 Biddle

**Brith Sholom** 

1218 Glasgow Ave

Rabbi Rosentreter

Chewra Mishnajoth Anshei Wolhynia

1516 Biddle

Knesseth Jisrael

2739 Dayton

Knesseth Jisrael

Walnut Park

Nussach Airy

1401 Carr

Rabbi H. Lehman

Shaarel Zedek

Page boul. & West End Ave.

Rabbi Abramowitz & Rev. A. Foster

Sherrith Sfard

1500 Wash

Shirey Thillim

1401 Carr

Sichron David

2729 Dayton

Thiphereth Israel Congregation

931 N. 9th

**Hebrew - Reformed** 

B'Nai El

Flad Ave, se corner Spring Ave.

Rev. Moritz Spitz, Rabbi

Shaare Emeth

Lindell Boul, se corner Vandeventer

Rabbi Samuel Sale, Rabbi

Temple Israel

Washington boul., nw corner Kingshighway

Rev. Leon Harrison DD, Rabbi

United Hebrew

Kingshighway boul., sw corner Enright

Rev. Samuel Thurman, Rabbi

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1920 was the last census year that the St. Louis City Directories listed the names of the rabbis with the name of the congregation, synagogue, or temple. Walter Ehrlich in his two volumes, *Zion in the Valley*, gives good histories of the different congregations, synagogues, and temples and their rabbis. Volume I deals with the period 1807 to 1907. Volume II deals with the twentieth century.

1930: Gould's St. Louis City Directory

**Hebrew - Orthodox** 

Adath Bnei Israel, 5596 Ridge Ave.

Beth Abraham Congregation, 1444 Goodfellow Blvd.

Beth David, 1526 Belt Ave.

Beth Israel Congregation, 1424 Belt Ave.

Bnai Amoona, 1212 Academy Ave.

Bnai Vesurum Aushel Galizian, 4305 Page Blvd.

Brith Sholom, 6166 Delmar Blvd.

Congregation Adass Bnai Yiswel, 5596 Ridge Ave.

Congregation Ahabath Achim, 1385 Goodfellow Ave.

Congregation Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol, 5877 Bartmer Ave.

Congregation Chesed Shel Emeth, 1260 N. Euclid Ave.

Congregation Knesed Israel, 5014 Kingshighway NW

Congregation Nisach Arie, 1125 N. 11th

Congregation Shaare Jerusalem, 2112 Biddle

Congregation Shira Thilem, 1300 Carr

Congregation Zachron David, 2741 Dayton

Mishgan Israel Congregation, 1428 N. Garrison Ave.

Nathan Harris Congregation, 1215 Glasgow Ave.

Oihel Yaakov Congregation, 7618a South Broadway

Shaare Zedek Synagogue, 4570 Page Blvd.

Sherrith Saford Congregation, 1500 Wash

Zephran David Congregation Church, 1488 Belt Ave.

#### **Hebrew - Reformed**

B'Nai El. 3666 Flad Ave.

Shaare Emeth, 3865 Lindell Blvd.

Temple Israel, 5001 Washington Blvd.

United Hebrew, 225 South Skinker Road

## **Inquiries**

The family I am seeking information about arrived in St. Louis from New York about 1907. David & Fannie (SILVERSTONE) SHER, grandparents Samuel & Ida (CURTUN) SHEAR, and father, Raymond SHEAR. The great grandparents lived on O'Fallon St. in 1907. Samuel SHEAR died in 1929. Raymond SHEAR was born in 1922. The family lived on Folsom St, across the street from the Liggett Myers Cigarette Factory and ran a grocery store.

I am attempting to discover to which Shul/Synagogue the families belonged. The older couple is buried at Chevra Kadisha and the grandparents are buried at Chesed Shel Emeth (I assume at Olive and Hanley).

Joshua Shear

<jbshear@msn.com>

I am seeking information about my family history going back from Mose and Rose (SINGER) BERLOWITZ, who emigrated from Minsk (I think) prior to the Russian Revolution.

Lisa Yost 13006 Flint St. Overland Park, KS 66213-4459 913-897-1263 <dyost1@kc.rr.com> I am seeking information about Jacob LEVI and son, Nathan LEVI. Came to St. Louis in the 1840's from Germany (Bavaria or Berlin); wife, Chanetta NATHAN, had died before Jacob came here.

June Silverman 7307 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63130 (314) 862-5925 or bob1june2@cs.com

### Watch for Major Cemetery Indexing News Next Month . . .

Society volunteer, Patti Labell, has been walking United Hebrew Cemetery and has completed gathering data on approximately 85% of it. Our president, Cassie Buerki, has been working on Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery (Olive at Hanley).

Joining them are new volunteers: Marsha Cohen, Dick Franzel, Gloria Goldblatt, Cheryl Goldenberg, Marcia King, Sheldon Rudnick, Charlette Rudnick, and Gary Sokolik.

Gene Schneider, our computer advisor, wrote the data entry program the volunteers are using, and he is currently working to get the data onto our website. As always, volunteers are needed to walk cemeteries and to enter the data.



Remember someone you care about with a Tribute Card for the High Holy Days. Your donations help us expand our library. Contact Jean Heyman at (314) 434-2345 for more information.



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