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IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE:

May Meeting

"Ask the Panel"

Cynthia Millar,
Genealogy Librarian, SLPL
Dennis Northcott, Archivist,
Mo. Hist. Society Library
Cassie Buerki, Moderator

Thursday, May 15
7:30 p.m.

Meeting Held At:
Jablon Youth Lounge
United Hebrew
Congregation
13788 Conway Road

May Discussion Group

Field Trip to
St. Louis City Hall
Thursday, May 22

Meet At:
Recorder of Deeds Office
St. Louis City Hall
Market Street
1:00 p.m.
(See article
for more details.)

No June Meeting
Register for *Challenging*
Genealogical Myths
Sunday, 8 June 2003
Registration form
available on the
JGS St. Louis website
<[www.jewishgen.org/jgs-](http://www.jewishgen.org/jgs-StLouis)
[StLouis](http://www.jewishgen.org/jgs-StLouis)> or call
Ilene Wittels at
314-692-2444

May Meeting Our Second Edition of "Ask the Panel"

Start writing down your questions, as the May program will feature three local genealogists who can help you unlock genealogical mysteries and solve puzzles. Cynthia Millar, genealogy librarian at the St. Louis Public Library and a past speaker at several of our meetings, and Dennis Northcott, archivist at the Missouri Historical Society Library, will be our special guests. Cassie Buerki, JGS president, will moderate the panel.

Cynthia and Dennis have made presentations at many genealogical conferences. Cassie has been working on her family history for many years and has written two family history books. They are all experienced researchers, familiar with research techniques as well as resources in our area libraries and on the Internet. They will be ready to offer suggestions for solving problems you may be encountering in your own research. Get ready for a helpful, informative evening!

Thursday, 15 May at 7:30 p.m.

May Discussion Group To Meet At St. Louis City Hall

On Thursday, 22 May, the Discussion Group will meet at 1:00 at City Hall on Market Street in the office of Sharon Carpenter, Recorder of Deeds. The group will get a tour of the vital records area and then have time to search for birth, death, and marriage certificates from the City of St. Louis.

All interested members are invited to participate. Parking is available at the City Hall lot on Clark St. at Tucker for \$1.00 per hour or ride the MetroLink to Savvis Center and walk a block east.

Coming in June . . .

**"Challenging
Genealogical Myths"
An All-Day Seminar**

Sunday, 8 June 2003

**Save Money by Registering
Before the May 8th Deadline!**

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| 8:00–8:45 am | Registration Bagels and coffee |
| 8:45–9:00 am | Opening remarks: Intro. of Keynote Speaker |
| 9:00–10:15 am | History of Jewish Surnames <i>Warren Blatt</i> |
| 10:15–10:30 am | Break |
| 10:30–11:45 am | Concurrent Session Primary and Secondary Records: Think They're Error-Free? Guess Again! <i>Ann Carter Fleming</i> Family Stories: Did It Really Happen ThatWay? <i>Ted Steele</i> |
| 11:45 am–1:00 pm | Secret Kitchens: Food and the Saga of the Crypto-Jews of Spain and Portugal <i>Sally Tofte</i> |
| 1:00–2:15 pm | Concurrent Session If It's Etched in Stone, It Must Be True! <i>Ed and Ilene Murray</i> Life on the Internet: How Much Is GIGO (Garbage In/Garbage Out)? <i>Alan Rogg</i> |
| 2:15–2:30 pm | Break |
| 2:30–3:45 pm | Jewish Given Names <i>Warren Blatt</i> |
| 3:45–4:00 pm | Wrap-up/Evaluations |

Kosher Lunch Included
(for those who are pre-registered)!
Vendors! Handouts!
Networking Opportunities!
Be Sure Not to Miss This Event!

President's Message

April Meeting

On 10 April 2003, guest speaker and JGS member, Alan Gerstein, demonstrated how mind-mapping can prod our memories and facilitate and expand our ways of thinking. Alan helped us understand how we can use this alternative technique when planning a research trip, preparing for an interview of a relative, or when attempting to record our medical history. Thank you, Alan, for a creative, stimulating evening.

In Appreciation

Since this is the beginning of the second half of my term as your president, I would like to thank some special people who have volunteered so much of their time and energy to our Society:

Ilene Wittels has arranged for a number of enlightening programs during the past year. Under her leadership, we will be conducting a one-day seminar in June featuring internationally known Jewish genealogist, Warren Blatt, with additional lectures by local experts in genealogy.

Eunice Solomon, secretary, has served JGS in this capacity since its beginning. Her dedication is remarkable.

Betty Schneider has handled her duties as treasurer over and beyond our expectations. Although this has been a particularly difficult year, health-wise, for Betty and her husband Gene, she is always ready with a smile and an offer of assistance.

Gene Schneider, computer advisor and co-chair of cemetery indexing, has demonstrated his love and devotion to JGS by continuing to oversee and update our various projects, in spite of serious health issues.

Dick Franzel, research chair, answers all e-mails requesting genealogical research assistance in St. Louis. His diligence and expertise is truly commendable.

Betty Landow, publicity chair, makes certain that our programs are promoted so the general public may know of our events.

Jerry Goldberg, recent past-president, continues to work tirelessly on several different projects. Most recently, he helped to restore our library shelves after the renovation of the United Hebrew Library. In the absence of a librarian, he looked after the JGS library's numerous research volumes, family histories, and Jewish genealogical society newsletters from around the world.

Marilen Pitler devotes a great deal of time to extracting information from other Jewish genealogical societies' newsletters. In her monthly column, she has been making us aware of important websites, different techniques, and suggestions. She also has contacted many of the societies with which we exchange newsletters to arrange for exchanging via the Internet. Marilen has managed to save the JGS about \$7.00 per month on postage since she began writing her column.

Joel Shedlofsky, our webmaster, deserves special recognition. Our web site contains a Timeline and History of Judaism in St. Louis from 1800 to the present, general information on genealogical resources in the St. Louis area, and informational links to other web sites offering research opportunities. Joel has worked diligently to keep our web site current and interesting.

The expertise and generosity of **Ilene and Ed Murray** are remarkable. Our newsletter, *Generations*, is one of the best, thanks to Ilene as editor. She recently, single-handedly, revised our Society's membership brochure. Ilene and Ed taught a most successful series of genealogy classes last fall, and I am happy to announce that they have agreed to host another series this coming September. Ed and Ilene also serve as mentors at our discussion group sessions.

I also wish to thank our entire **Board of Directors** for time spent on behalf of our organization.

Thank you for placing your confidence in me. I hope the next twelve months will be as enlightening and successful as the last year has been. Please remember that without our volunteers, nothing would be accomplished. If you can spare the time, consider helping your organization to be the best it possibly can be.

Cassie Weinberg Buerki

President, JGS of St. Louis

Genealogy Events of Interest: May 2003

St. L. County Library & St. L. Genealogical Society Present:

Tuesday, 13 May 2003

7:00 p.m. at Co. Library Headquarters Auditorium

"Organizing and Enhancing Your Family Photos"

Speaker: Ann Carter Fleming, CG, CGL

Computer Interest Group

Monday, 19 May 2003

7:00 p.m. at Co. Library Headquarters Auditorium

"Tips and Tricks of Internet Census Research"

Speaker: Patricia Walls Stamm, CGRS

For more information on either program, go to <www.stlgs.org> or call 314-647-8547.

What's In A Name?

Names With Multiple Meanings and Others

By Chuck Jackson

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Now back to the meaning of names. Some names may have multiple meanings. Which meaning applies to the surname you are tracing is probably an unknown. Perhaps, while digging deep in dusty files, you may find the real meaning of the surname.

Some other names that appear in this list are names which I believe I missed in previous articles. If the name is a repeat from a previous article, then we may call it a “refresher.”

- ATLIN** A descendent of Adele or Ethel. Incidentally, both names mean “noble.”
- AUERBACH** From the village of Auerbach, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. As early as the 15th century the name has appeared and Moses Auerbach, the court Jew of the bishop of Regensburg, was the first to use it. Also appears as Awerbach, Awerbuch, Orbach, Urbach.
- AUSTERN** When the naming officials had any man whose name was Pesach (Passover) appear before them, they often insisted he take a German name. The problem was solved by taking the name Austern which is a garbled version of the German “Ostern,” which means Easter. This is why, even today, a number of Jews refer to Passover as the Jewish Easter.
- BACHRACH** From the town on the Rhine, Bacharach. The name appeared as early as the 13th century. Also appears as Bacharach, Bacherach, Bacher, Bachrich.
- BADANES** From Badane which is the Yiddish version of the Ukrainian name Bogdana which means “G-d-given” or “beloved.” Also appears as Bodanis.
- BALABAN** St. Louisans know the meaning of this name - “good food!” (For those of you not from St. Louis, Balaban's is a well-known restaurant.) Balaban has many different meanings. In certain parts of Russia, Balaban means “falcon” and may pertain to a house with a house sign depicting a falcon. But, it can also reflect a trade or occupation pertaining to falcons or falconry. In the Ukraine, Balaban means “apple fritter” and may pertain to someone who owned an inn or restaurant famous for this food. But, in Bulgaria and some of the other Balkan states, the name means “great.” So, one must know the country of origin to know the meaning of the name.
- BASKIND** Basyah (or Batyah) is Bashe in Yiddish. Thus, the name Baskind may be broken down to “Bas” (for Bashe or Basheva) plus “kin” which in Russian, means a descendent of the person. In German/Yiddish, a “d” was added to the “kin” giving the German word for child. Also appears as Baskin.
- BECHOR** A name given to the first-born son of a Sephardic family. Also appears as Bechar, Beshar.
- BEIFUSS** An inverted form of Veivis or Feivis and both mean “life.”
- BEILIN** Derived from Beile or, at times, Belka or Beilke which, in the Yiddish form is “Bayla,” and is from the Italian Bella (“beautiful”). The final “in” means, in Slavic, the descendent of the person. Also appears as Bailin, Belkin, Belkind, Beilink, Bailkind.
- BENDER** There is a small town in Rumania of that name. But, it could be from the German “Bender” which means “cooper” or “cask maker.”
- BENOWITZ** Ber is the symbolic name for Issachar. In Czech or Polish, Ber becomes Benno. The suffix “-witz” means descended from or son of.
- BERGER** One coming from “Berg,” a hilly place. Galician Jews, though, often transformed the Hebrew “Barukh” into Berger, Berg, or Bergman.
- BERKO** The symbolic name for Isaachar. The name Berkowitz originated in Brody in the mid 18th century and means “the son of Berko.” As Poland was split up, the Austrian branch of the family changed the name to Bernstein. Also appears as Berkman, Berish.
- BERNSTEIN** See **BERKO** above. A few Bernsteins derived their name from the German word for “amber” as they were dealers in the stone.

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

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”

Mark Twain



Research Hints: St. Louis Jewish Cemeteries Chesed Shel Emeth By C. Edwin Murray

This is the fourth of a series of articles on Jewish Cemeteries in the St. Louis area.

Name: Chesed Shel Emeth
(Act of Loving Kindness)
Address: 7570 Olive Street Road
University City, Missouri 63130
Office Address: 650 White Road
Chesterfield, MO 63017
Phone: 314-469-1891
Contact Person: Mr. Stanley Citerman,
Director of Chesed Shel Emeth Society
Office hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sun.–Fri.

Records and copy of map are at the office. Office is closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays.

Size of cemetery: 20 acres
Founded: The Society was founded on 3
November 1888 by Russian Jews

Before the cemetery land was purchased, the society bought a hearse in 1889.

First Burial: 1892

Congregations that use the cemetery:
This is an Orthodox cemetery, open to all members of the Jewish faith.

No. of people buried as of April 2003: 26,000

Number of possible graves in cemetery: 26,300

To Find a Grave: Sections of the cemetery have letters, then lot numbers. A lot can consist of a single grave or a group of graves. Blocks have numbers, then a row number, and finally a grave number.

History of the Cemetery

Copies of two printed histories can be viewed in the cemetery office. Some burials have been moved from older cemeteries to this cemetery, but there are no records for them.

Some Famous People Buried There

Hyman Eilbert, past president of the Chesed Shel Emeth Society

Chief Rabbi Zecharia Joseph Rosenfield, 1847–1915, (white brick mausoleum)

Rabbi Haim Fishel Epstein, 1874–1942, (cubical granite mausoleum)

Rabbi Bernard L. Lehman (brown brick mausoleum)

In front of the chapel is a tall granite obelisk that honors the soldiers killed in World Wars I and II who are buried in the cemetery.

Charlie Birger, bootlegger, gambler, saloon-keeper, member of the Shelton Gang, and the last man to die on the gallows in the state of Illinois

Samuel Rosenbloom, 1866–1924, founder of the monument company

Just buried is Glenn Savan who wrote *White Palace*.

Generations

More on City Directories: Jewish Fraternal and Benevolent Societies (Part 5) By Joel Shedlofsky

(Please see *Generations*, January 2003 for a more complete explanation of these listings. Again, note the spelling of the societies and streets came from the various city directories.)

Fraternal and Benevolent Societies

B'nai El Ladies' Aid Society
1904 11th and Chouteau
Employment Bureau of the Hebrew Relief Assns
1893-1895 411 N 3rd
Hebrew Benevolent Society
1897-1904 214 N. 21st
1905-1912 814A N King's Highway boul
1913-1914 King's Highway boul, sw cor
Morgan
1915-1916 King's Highway boul, sw cor
Von Versen av

Hebrew Protective Assn.
1910-1912 905 N. 11th
1913 1214 N 12th

Hebrew Society Supplies, Parson & Co.
1890-1898 1113 Olive
1899-1900 1010 Pine

Hebrew Widows' and Orphans' Society
1874-1877 Church, 6th and Cerre
1878-1892 Church, 17th cor Pine
1893-1895 17th cor Pine

Jewish Charitable and Educational Union
(No 929 as of 1913)

(1908–1910 distributes the funds to United Jewish Educational and Charitable Assoc., Jewish Hospital, Jewish Home for the Aged and Infirm Israelites; 1911 distributes the funds to the United Jewish Educational and Charitable Assoc., Jewish Hospital, Home for the Aged and Infirm Israelites, Shelter Home for Children, Jewish Home for Chronic Invalids, Jewish Day Nursery)

1908-1910 9th and Carr
1911-1912 901 Carr
1913 705 Olive

Jewish Educational Alliance
(includes dept. for adult foreigners in English and civics, Hebrew Free School, Industrial School, Legal Aid Dept., Penny Provident Bank, Club and Social Dept., Kindergarten)

1907-1909 9th and Carr

Jewish Free Loan & Aid Society
1907 1021 Wash
1908 1004 N. 11th
1909 1021 Wash

(To be continued next month.)

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From the Editor's Desk...

Behind the scenes at JGS St. Louis, as in any volunteer society, are some hard-working, dedicated individuals. They spend many hours on the computer, on the phone, in meetings, doing what needs to be done to keep our membership informed and educated about the Society and Jewish genealogy in general.

What can you do to improve JGS St. Louis? Become more active in the Society. Come to a meeting! Register to attend the all-day workshop on 8 June! Contact someone and volunteer to assist on a project!

Do you have a comment or a suggestion? Make your voice heard! Contact any one of the officers or committee heads. We'd all like to hear from you.

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Synopsis Of April Program

By Eunice Solomon

Mind Mapping: Alan Gerstein

This fun activity is a great new way to conduct an interview or write about a memory. It opens the path to forgotten memories in an easy, spontaneous way.

Alan explained that most people are linear in recalling a past memory. They have a logical way of expressing themselves. If asked to talk about his/her first day of school, the linear person may respond: "I went there with my mother who took me to the teacher. There were lots of other kids there." However, the circular person may remember a pink dress, McDonald's, seeing a red car, and breaking a tooth.

The left side of the brain is linear, logical. The right side is circular. People who are left brained and right-sided are creative. Mind Mapping taps into this creativity. Crayons and symbols are used to record the memory. Full sentences are never used. Free association of thought is encouraged. Artistic ability is not a requirement, although there is an emphasis on using pictures, not words.

Mind Mapping has no rules, no right or wrong. Key thoughts are basic to remembering something. Using pictures instead of words may trigger a memory, just like an old photo does.

List of U.S. World War II Casualties Available on the Internet

From *Nu, What's New?* Vol. 4, No. 2, February 23, 2003

The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has placed on the Internet a list of military casualties which occurred during World War II. The database contains scanned images of a computer printout made in 1946. It is organized by counties within states, so you must know where a person lived, according to government records, at the time of death. Each person who was killed is identified by name, serial number, rank, and cause of death. Cause of death falls into the following categories: KIA (Killed In Action), DOW (Died of Wounds), DOI (Died of Injuries), DNB (Died Non-Battle), FOD (Finding of Death), M (Missing). After linking to a particular state, read the "Forward" to understand the information provided, including a more detailed description of causes of death.

Persons who served in the Army/Army Air Force can be found at [<www.archives.gov/research_room/arc/wwii/army_aaf_honor_list/table_of_contents.html>](http://www.archives.gov/research_room/arc/wwii/army_aaf_honor_list/table_of_contents.html).

Those in the Navy, Marines, or Coast Guard can be found at [<www.archives.gov/research_room/arc/wwii/navy_marines_coast_guard_casualties/table_of_contents.html>](http://www.archives.gov/research_room/arc/wwii/navy_marines_coast_guard_casualties/table_of_contents.html).

If you have difficulty locating the sites described above, go to [<www.archives.gov/research_room/arc/index.html>](http://www.archives.gov/research_room/arc/index.html). There are links provided at that site.

Get Well Wishes

To member, Byron Gross, as he recuperates from hip surgery. We hope he is back on his feet again soon.



What We Learn from Others: The Sharing of Ideas

By Marilen Pitler

The Internet is overflowing with exciting sites for genealogists; this month's column concentrates on some that have been mentioned in our exchange newsletters recently.

Mishpochology, Newsletter of the JGS of Southwest Florida, March 2003

Telephone Directories

www.whitepages.com.au
Australian White Pages
<http://canada411.sympatico.ca>
Canadian listings with postal codes for people and businesses
www.infobel.com/teldir
Worldwide phone directory
www.whowhere.lycos.com/wwphone/world.html
International phone directory lookups
www.globalyp.com/world.htm
Directories of the World

Other Web Links Mentioned

www.ussearch.com
U.S. background search
<http://genealogypro.com/index.html>
Genealogy related services
www.remember.org
Holocaust resources
www.accessgenealogy.com
Access Genealogy and the U.S. Military
www.pdom.com/genealogy_population.htm
Global Name & Population Database
www.last-names.net
Last Name Meanings
www.hamrick.com/names
U.S. Surname Distribution

Mishpacha, JGS of Greater Washington, Fall 2002

The following are some websites that could prove helpful when searching through the 1930 Federal Census:

www.nara.gov/genealogy/citydirs.html
Provides a list of city directories available through NARA (the National Archives)
www.cyndislist.com/citydir.htm#General
Additional city directories.

Sharsheret Hadorot, Journal of Jewish Genealogy, Israel Genealogical Society, February 2003

Sharsheret Hadorot contains a wealth of wonderful stories about their members' family trees, successes, resources used, etc. It also contains abstracts of articles and books of general genealogical interest; i.e. *Genealogical Sources in Israel*. Sallyann Amdur Sack,

in her article, "Israel," Spring 2002, reviews seven of the more important places for genealogical research in Israel and includes a list of rabbinic genealogies prepared by the late Paul Jacobi. This issue, along with others, is in our library and well worth the read.

Scattered Seeds, JGS of Palm Beach County, Fall 2002

The Italian Genealogical Group-New York Military Naturalization Project

www.italiengen.org/military_records_intro.stm
According to the website, "The Italian Genealogical Group, along with members of the German Genealogy Group, the Jewish Genealogical Society of Long Island, and the Irish History Forum are involved in an ongoing project to computerize an index to naturalization records processed in military camps. At this time, the project only encompasses the New York Tri-State Area, but new records will be included as they become available." The database includes records from WWI, WWII, and the Korean War.

Family Legacies, JGS of Southern Nevada, Fall 2002

Additional Canadian websites:

www.gtrdata.com/jgs-montreal/Montreal-records.html
Jewish Vital Records Research in Quebec
According to the site, "The following table provides researchers with a guide to sources for Quebec records with particular emphasis on Montreal, home to the major part of the Jewish population in the Province."
www.jewishpubliclibrary.org
Montreal's Jewish Public Library
www.inGeneas.com
Passenger Lists and Immigration Documents

Mishpacha, JGS of Greater Washington, Winter 2002-03

For a list of German names for Polish towns, check out: www.kartenmeister.com

According to the site, it contains 59,741 locations with "over 20,000 name changes once and 5,500 thrice." The following provinces are included in the database: Eastprussia, including Memel; Westprussia; Brandenburg; Posen; Pommerania; and Silesia.

www.pilot.pl

This site provides detailed maps of Poland.

Happy Surfing!

IAJGS: A Conference for Jewish Ancestry Researchers

By Sylvia Letvak Jaffe

The 23rd annual International Association of Jewish Genealogy Societies (IAJGS) Conference on Jewish genealogy will be held 20–25 July 2003, in Washington, D.C. The JW Marriott Hotel in downtown Washington, D.C. will be the headquarters for the conference hosted by the Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington.

Washington, D.C. is the perfect site for a genealogical conference. The city can be considered the *capitol* for genealogical research, for in Washington, D.C., the researcher can obtain many records pertinent to researching family history. Major federal agencies for research include the Library of Congress, the National Archives (Archives I, 700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW and Archives II, College Park, Maryland), US Holocaust Museum, Naval Heritage Center, and National Library of Medicine. Then there are the non-government repositories, such as the Jewish War Veterans Headquarters, Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington, and Washington Hebrew Congregation Library. Plus research centers in the Virginia and Maryland suburbs: the Family History Centers, Isaac Franck Jewish Public Library and more.

This conference will be the third international conference to be hosted by JGSGW. My husband Art and I attended our very first Jewish genealogical conference in Washington, D.C. in 1995. Attending the conference was an eye-opening genealogical experience for then newbie genealogists, learning so much from seasoned researchers after the day's inspiring and informative talks by knowledgeable speakers. Conference registrants mingled with other conference attendees in the hotel lobby, a favorite gathering place after the talks and events.

We were astounded to hear of attendees re-connecting with families in elevators as well as standing in line at the Holocaust Museum. There are no strangers at an IAJGS conference. Since then we have attended IAJGS conferences in Boston, MA and Toronto, Canada, and the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conferences in Cincinnati, OH and St. Louis, MO. However, none of the conferences can equal Washington, D.C. when it comes to research facilities.

The JGSGW has lined up speakers with much

expertise for the week's program which will run from early morning to late at night each day. This year, I was honored to be selected as a speaker as I was at last year's Toronto conference. My talk will deal with coroners' records and their importance in researching ancestry. Internationally known authorities such as Valery Bazarov, director of the HIAS Location and Family History Service, Vitalija Gircyte, Head Archivist of the Kaunas Archives in Lithuania, Alexander Beider, noted authority on Ashkenazic given names and surnames, and Stephen P. Morse, designer of the Ellis Island Records search engine, are among the 100 speakers. A full list of speakers and their biographies can be found on the conference website:

www.jewishgen.org/dc2003

John W. Carlin, chief archivist of the United States will deliver the opening address at the conference. Hadassah Lieberman, wife and campaign manager of presidential candidate, Senator Joseph Lieberman, will be the speaker at the conference banquet. Special Interest Groups (SIGS) luncheons will be held. There will be also a Cyber Classroom to offer registrants a first-hand opportunity to use the latest computer technology and web-based genealogy advances. Of special interest will be the "List of Name Lists" which consists of a locality by locality listing of Holocaust material including name lists. New York's microfilmed Department of Health birth, death, and marriage indexes will be available for viewing in the Resource Room by special permission of the LDS Family History Centers through Regional Manager, Alain L. Allard. There will be a vendor area, as usual.

About 1,200–1,500 attendees are expected to convene for the 2003 IAJGS conference. Advance registration is \$185 for an individual or \$285 with a spouse/partner through 15 May 2003. After 15 May individual registration is \$215 and with a spouse/partner it is \$340. Other costs and conference information may be accessed at the conference web site.

The IAJGS conference is always a genealogical gem for Jewish ancestry researchers. However, convening in Washington, D.C. assures that most registrants will be able to locate valuable records as well. Be sure you register today!



*There are no
strangers at an
IAJGS
conference.*



Welcome to new member,
Ralph W. Kalish, Jr.!



Inquiries

I am living in Erkelenz, a town 60 km in the west from Cologne. I am interested in the history of the former Jewish community of my home town. I want to write biographies of the individual persons. One former member of this community was Artur (Arthur) HARF. He fled in the 1930s to the USA and settled in St. Louis.

I found his name on your website. His grave is in Mt. Sinai. He was born 6 Aug 1910 in Erkelenz; he died 27 Nov 1977 in St. Louis. In World War II he joined the Army and he was sent back to Europe. Probably he was with the 102nd Infantry Division, when this Division captured Erkelenz, his former home town, on 26 February 1945. Some people of the town met him in those days. He was searching for his parents. They were killed in the Holocaust.

Now my request. I hope someone can send me further information about the military career of Arthur HARF or information about his family.

(Editor's Note: Research chair, Dick Franzel, has sent information from the obituary of Arthur Harf to Mr. Rütten. In addition, Mr. Rütten already has read some of the German language newspapers from New York. He knows that Arthur became

engaged to Hilla BACHMANN in November 1946. In the engagement announcement, Arthur gave his family's address as 5927 Kingsbury Ave and Hilla gave an address in Columbus, Ohio. In February of 1948, their son, Steven Lee, was born and they were living at 5933 Kingsbury Ave.)

I will be very happy if I get some answers from St. Louis! Thank you so much in advance!

With friendly greetings

Hubert Rütten

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I am seeking information about Rabbi Jacob BOXERMAN or where I may find it. And the congregation Sharis Sphard of which he was a part from 1900–1944. Did they change the name, or is it no longer in existence? Thank you!

Patti Boxerman

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Missing:

Floppy disk containing JGS St. Louis Library catalog. Anyone know where it is?

Contact Jerry Goldberg at 314-434-2566



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Bar/Bat
Mitzvahs!
Passover!
Graduations!
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| | 4 1/2 | | | | | 44 | 44 | 47 | 47 | 60 | 60 | 63 | 63 | 76 | 76 | 79 | | | | | |
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| | 7E | 5W | 18 | 25 | 34 | 42 | 42 | 49 | 49 | 58 | 58 | 65 | 65 | 74 | 74 | 81 | | | | | |
| | 6E | | | | | 41 | 41 | 50 | 50 | 57 | 57 | 66 | 66 | 73 | 73 | 82 | | | | | |
| | 6W | | | | 41 | 41 | 50 | 50 | 57 | 57 | 66 | 66 | 73 | 73 | 82 | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | 8W | 20 | 23 | 36 | 39 | 39 | 52 | 52 | 55 | 55 | | | 68 | 68 | 71 | 71 | 84 |
| | 9 | 21 | 22 | 37 | | | | | 39 | 39 | 52 | 52 | 55 | 55 | | | 68 | 68 | 71 | 71 | 84 |
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