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JGSGB Programme of Activities

The Programme details covering the next four
 months are attached to this publication.

Please check the website for changes and
 additions, the link for which is:

<<http://www.jgs gb.org.uk/program1.shtml>>

From the Chairman's Deck-Chair.

How nice to dream of long, hot summer days, lazing on the beach or in the garden or, if you are fortunate enough to be Chairman of the JGSGB, being slowly rowed along the river attended by all your many minions. Then one wakes to reality.



Once again, even in the holiday period there are things to be done. The web site has caused us all a great deal of work and worry. Louise Messik, in particular, deserves special mention for her unending application to the myriad problems that this new web site has posed. I do hope that you are pleased with it. Over the past few weeks I have looked on, as an awed spectator, at all the changes that have needed attention as the site has been re-built.

We believe that it is easier to navigate and contains more information, more easily accessed and for those of us who need to use it for Society matters, it is more user-friendly.

Preparations for the Annual Conference are proceeding apace and the Programme Committee seems at this stage to have everything under control.

I do hope that you will come and take part in what is always a very enjoyable day. The Library will be open and you will be able to access that particular book which will help you scramble over the latest brick-wall in your research.

We have had a full programme of events many of which have been exceptionally well-attended. The Anglo-Jewish SIG had nearly forty members attending a very interesting afternoon. The Education sessions have been most successful with many members benefiting from Jeanette Rosenberg's very well balanced talks.

Our Manchester Branch has now happily settled into its new home at Meade Hill Synagogue and Lorna Kaye continues in her own inimitable way to ensure that Manchester is very firmly on the genealogical map. She has arranged a full programme for the members.

I would like to mention also our Enquiries team under Rosemary Hoffman's expert lead. They seem to be able to answer some very peculiar queries and I am pleased to say, have had some grateful responses.

It remains for me again to ask you to consider doing some work for the Society. We have a lot of volunteers but there are still many jobs that are not being properly looked after because we still have a shortage of hands.

We need a Treasurer to enable Don Glazer to take a very well earned retirement we need a Publicity manager and even a new Editor of this most excellent publication, the Newsletter.

If you feel you can undertake any of these jobs or even assist in the myriad other things that we do, please let me know. You can reach me by 'phone (020 8455 7232) or e-mail (chairman@jgsqb.org.uk).

If you have a little time please get in touch.

Martyn Woolf
Chairman

Resignation

The Chairman, Martyn Woolf, has rightly praised Louise Messik on the considerable work she does for the Society and he has again called for volunteers to take on some of the tasks that are so necessary for the running of the organisation.

He has been seeking for some time, a person to relieve Don Glazer of the Treasurer's position, a responsibility that Don has undertaken with undoubted expertise. The portfolio of Publicity has been vacant for far too long and yet can be very satisfying for someone with leanings in that direction and especially with some experience.

Tucked away at the end is a request for a new Newsletter Editor. It is with great sadness that I find it necessary to resign from this position.

During the three years of design and production of this publication I have received many letters and messages of encouragement and support from members and others world-wide. Indeed, there have been requests from editors of other societies for advice and help with their designs. Some of the regular contributors have been keen to submit their items on a regular basis and many photographs and stories have also come my way, sometimes too many for use.

From the start I resolved to change from the A4 mono colour publication to a colourful one with photographs, and to a friendlier, more personable product. I removed the Programme Pages from within to a separate insert and reduced the hard copy size to A5. The Newsletter increased in content from 20 pages (including the programmes) to 24 - 32 pages, with no repeated blocks or programme listing as in the earlier issues. By taking on the envelope address printing, stuffing, stamping and posting of the hard copies myself; I have succeeded in reducing the production costs of earlier years to between £200 and £300 per issue.

All of this, however, has added to my already heavily loaded and ever growing schedule in areas beyond genealogy. I have strong commitments in other fields and so something had to go. Unfortunately it has had to be this publication.

The Editor's Portfolio is not actually an onerous one and the design and content of the Newsletter is open to one's own interpretation. New and regular columns may be introduced as desired, as I have done. Library, New Members, SIG and Regional Group reports were introduced, or extended.

Raymond Montanjees and Gina Marks have been particularly supportive. So too has Jeanette Rosenberg, especially with the Tutorials that we introduced. Lydia Collins, Shirley Collier, Judith Williams, Ena Black, Mark Nicholls and Doreen Berger have all been most helpful with their regular input. Other new items include the Wiener Library reports, news from Bancroft Road and so on. Others have answered requests for copy without hesitation, for which I am most grateful. I have recently compiled a table of advertising rates and am seeking suitable businesses to take space.

I have decided to make the next issue, in January, my last Newsletter publication, marking exactly three years as the Editor. Whoever accepts the portfolio will have my support of help and advice if required.

As I have said, it is not an onerous job and, indeed, very enjoyable and I am sorry that I have to relinquish it.

Stan Rose.

Train, Bus, Car, Bike - whatever transport you use
book your ticket now and head for the

**Seventeenth London Annual
Conference and Genealogical Fair
Sunday, 24th October 2010**

10.00 am - 4.30 pm
33 Seymour Place, London, W1

Top quality speakers guaranteed

***Details of these, and a booking form,
are in the Conference Newsletter posted
in August.***

Speakers include:
Ian Payne, Elliott Porte
Todd Knowles, Dr. Nick Barratt
and JGSGB President
Dr. Anthony Joseph



29 Russell Square: A New Home for The Wiener Library



As some readers of the JGSGB Journal may already know, the Wiener Library's lease on its current premises has now expired, and the Library is preparing to move for the first time in over 50 years.

In summer 2011 the Library will move to 29 Russell Square – a building leased from Birkbeck, a constituent college of London University. The move will bring significantly improved storage conditions,

better reading facilities for users and a public space to showcase material and hold events. The location puts the Library at the academic heart of London, next door to the newly formed Pears Institute for the Study of Antisemitism, and will enable it to build a much larger user base.

29 Russell Square is a Grade II listed Georgian townhouse arranged over four floors, not dissimilar to the Library's current home. With the planned refurbishment, the building will allow increased user capacity for readers, volunteers and at events, and will vastly improve the quantity and quality of storage available, providing much-needed space our growing archive of documents.

The builders are now onsite, ripping out the old fixtures and fittings and making preparations for the major structural work. The work is expected to take 40 weeks to complete, and during this time the Library will remain open to the public at 4 Devonshire Street for as long as possible.

Updates on the building work, and any necessary Library closures, will be posted on the website at www.wienerlibrary.co.uk/29russellsquare.aspx so you can keep in touch with the Library's progress.

Announcements and Events

FamilySearch has announced that the Knowles Collection for Jewish Family History Research has been expanded. The collection contains 115,000 people from 30 countries and is a free database.

Todd Knowles started the database in 2007 to search his own Jewish ancestry and while it began with the Jews of the British Isles it now includes Jews of the Americas, Europe, Caribbean and Africa and the Orient.

To access the collection go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/2wzjh2>

St Hilda's East community memories project

Hi Stan,

Thanks for getting in touch. By October, we won't be recording oral history interviews, but our community archive will be up and running so your members will very possibly be interested in that. I've attached an image of St Hilda's East in the 1920s, and another with a trip to Southend in 1955.



If you need any further information, please let me know.

All the best,

Anna

LDS and Jews "Baptism Dispute"

This following story was reported in the newspaper article by Dick Eastman in Eastman's On-Line Genealogy Newsletter

An article, "LDS, Jews resolve proxy baptism dispute - or have they? " on the Mormon Church changing procedures regarding proxy Baptism of Jews appeared in the Salt Lake Tribune (Utah) newspaper September 1:
<http://tinyurl.com/23jqetp>

The full url for SLC Tribune article is:

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/50205598-78/holocaust-lds-church-jewish.html.csp>

In 1939, at the beginning of World War II, there was a National Registration of all persons living in England and Wales. The National Health Service Information Centre is now making available this information for £42 per search. Data will only be released for those individuals who are deceased and recorded as deceased. Additional information about the project may be found at < www.ic.nhs.uk/services/1939-regis-ter-service >.

Announcements and Events Continued



JewishGen.org has partnered with MyHeritage.com to grow the Family Tree of the Jewish People < <http://www.jewishgen.org/gedcom/project> >. This partnership provides Jewish genealogists with a highly capable family tree system supporting English, Hebrew and 34 additional languages, with photos, Smart Matches and a host of additional features, with the added benefit of synchronization with JewishGen.

By participating, you will help grow the Family Tree of the Jewish People, while keeping its contents constantly up-to-date, and you may be rewarded by being discovered and contacted by Jewish genealogists who can add to your family tree.

See < <http://www.MyHeritage.com/jewishgen> >.

Some of the most recently added Yizkor books:

- Kolki, Ukraine (Summoned from the Ashes) <http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/Kolki/Kolki.html>
- Belchatow, Poland (Belchatow: Publication of the Society of the Residents of Belchatow in Argentina) <http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/Belchatow4/Belchatow4.html>
- Fehergyarmat, Hungary (Our Former City Fehergyarmat) <http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/Fehergyarmat/Fehergyarmat.html>
- Miskolc, Hungary (The martyrs of Miskolc and vicinity) <http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/Miskolc/Miskolc.html>
- Pruszkow, Poland (Memorial Book of Pruszkow, Nadzin and Vicinity)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/Pruszkow/Pruszkow.html>

- Senica, Slovakia (The History of a Community) <http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/Senica/Senica.html>
- Siedlce, Poland (On the ruins of my home; the destruction of Siedlce) <http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/Siedlce/Siedlce.html>
- Stolin, Belarus (Stolin; a memorial to the Jewish communities of Stolin and vicinity) <http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/stolin/stolin.html>

Added 2 new entries:

- Korolowka, Ukraine (Pinkas Poland) http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/pinkas_poland/pol2_00489.html
- Bilcze Zlote, Ukraine (Pinkas Poland) http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/pinkas_poland/pol2_00115.html

We have continued to update 22 of our existing projects:

- Czestochowa, Poland (The Jews of Czestochowa) <http://www.jewishgen.org/Yizkor/Czestochowa1/Czestochowa1.html>
- Dabrowa Gornicza, Poland (Book of the Jewish community of Dabrowa Gornicza and its destruction) <http://www.jewishgen.org/Yizkor/dabrowa/Dabrowa.html>
- Dotnuva, Lithuania (Letters from Dotnuva) <http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/dotnuva/dotnuva.html>
- Garwolin, Poland (Garwolin Memorial Book) <http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/garwolin/garp000.html> [Polish]
- Goniadz, Poland (Our Hometown Goniadz)

Announcements and Events Continued

<http://www.jewishgen.org/Yizkor/Goniadz/Goniadz.html>

· Grajewo, Poland (Grayewo Memorial Book)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/grajewo/grajewo.html>

· Katowice, Poland (Katowice: the Rise and Decline of the Jewish community; Memorial Book)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/Katowice/Katowice.html>

· Kutno, Poland (Kutno and Surroundings Book)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/Yizkor/kutno/kutno.html>

· Lakhva, Belarus (First ghetto to revolt, Lachwa)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/Lakhva/Lakhva.html>

· Lowicz, Poland (Lowicz; a Town in Mazovia, Memorial Book)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/Lowicz/Lowicz.html>

· Ostrow-Mazowiecka, Poland (Memorial Book of the Community of Ostrow-Mazowiecka)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/ostrow/ostrow.html>

· Piotrkow Trybunalski, Poland (A Tale of One City)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/Piotrkow/Piotrkow.html>

· Rafalovka, Ukraine (Memorial book for the towns of Old Rafalovka, New Rafalovka, Olizarka, Zoludzk and vicinity)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/Rafalovka/Rafalovka.html>

· Rava-Ruska, Ukraine (Rawa Ruska Memorial Book)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/Rava-Ruska/Rava-Ruska.html>

- Rokiskis, Lithuania (Yizkor book of Rakishok and environs)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/Rokiskis/Rokiskis.html>

- Sokal, Ukraine (Memorial Book of Sokal, Tarta-kow and Surroundings)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/Sokal/Sokal.html>

- Serock, Poland (The Book of Serock)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/serock/serock.html>

- Staszow, Poland (The Staszow book)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/Staszow/Staszow.html>

- Terebovlya, Ukraine (Jewish Communities of Trembowla, Strusow, Janow and Vicinity)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/Terebovlya/Terebovlya.html>

- Tykocin, Poland (Memorial book of Tiktin)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/tykocin/tykocin.html>

- Volodymyr Volynskyy, Ukraine (Wladimir Wolynsk; in memory of the Jewish community)

http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/Volodymyr_Volynskyy/Volodymyr_Volynskyy.html

- Zelechow, Poland (Memorial Book of the Community of Zelechow) -

<http://www.jewishgen.org/Yizkor/zelechow/zelechow.html> [Polish]

Please remember that all this month's additions and updates have been flagged at

<http://www.jewishgen.org/Yizkor/translations.html> to make it easy to find them.

Announcements and Events Continued City Digital Archive at Guildhall Library

Canadian Visit

Raymond Montanjees swam the Atlantic just to have lunch with the Solntseffs in Hamilton, Ontario. He came to lunch and stayed for tea to meet Hazel.



Left to right: Raymond, June Solntseff, Hazel Boon, President of the Hamilton JGS.

Some extracts from the LMA Newsletter

Online resources

Katharine Higgon, Archivist, updates us on progress with the [LMA contribution to AIM25](#) which provides online access to collection-level descriptions of archives held in over 100 repositories in London.

Indexers on fire! Isobel Watson announces the latest addition to [A Place in the Sun](#): the online index to Sun fire insurance policies at LMA which takes the number of policies covered to 237,484 and extends the date range from 1792 to 1839.

JGSGB Programme Details

The Programme for October to January inclusive, which accompanies this Newsletter, is subject to changes. For the latest details, visit the website at: www.jgs.gb.org.uk/program1.shtm;

[The City Digital Archive](#) is an exciting new resource within the Libraries, Archives and Guildhall Art Gallery Department. Located in Guildhall Library, it provides free access to a wealth of material available in digital form for historical research, including digital images of our major family history sources, such as parish registers and workhouse records via the Ancestry.co.uk website.

City of London Livery Companies: A Guide to their Archives in Guildhall Library

We are delighted to announce the publication of a new and greatly expanded edition of our [guide to the archives of those City of London livery companies](#) whose records have been deposited at Guildhall Library. Significant collections which did not feature in the last edition include those of the Merchant Taylors' Company and the Skinners' Company, and there have been additional deposits of records from almost every company represented.

Consulting archives at Guildhall Library

Following the reorganisation of Guildhall Library, most of the archive and manuscript collections and archive services for the City of London are now concentrated at LMA in Clerkenwell, a mile north east of Guildhall Library. A few important archives, including those of the City of London livery companies, will continue to be housed and consulted at Guildhall Library.

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCHERS & TRANSLATORS

The 11th edition of **JGSGB's Register of Professional Researchers & Translators** is available on request. Send a self-addressed Envelope with 2 x 2nd class stamps marked **"REGISTER"** to The Newsletter Editor, 'Mere', Chartridge, Bucks. HP5 2TF

Announcements and Events Continued

ITS Publishes Annual Report

The International Tracing Service in Bad Arolsen, Germany, recently issued its annual report for 2009. In that year they received 11,768 requests, an increase of more than 1,500 from the previous year.

Humanitarian requests still represent the largest group of inquiries (58%). Germany is the largest source (31%), with the United States second (10%), followed by Poland, France, Ukraine, Netherlands and Russia. Israel is eighth with about 4.5% of the inquiries. The vast majority of inquiries (56%) came from survivors or relatives of survivors/victims.

More than half the people who visit ITS' facilities are tourists. About a quarter are researchers. Survivors and their family represented less than eight per cent, making most of their inquiries by mail.

ITS employs more than 300 persons of which a third process humanitarian requests. The largest group, 136 persons, is designated as "Archives" and includes those who are working on the digitizing projects.

There are now more than 84 million images digitized which covers 85 per cent of their collection. Underway is the digitization of the three million correspondence files. The process is expected to take a number of years.

They plan to publish to the Internet this year finding aids that will describe their archival holdings.

There is consensus among the commission that determines ITS policy that the international character of the institution should be maintained and that the humanitarian mandate of the tracing service in Bad Arolsen should continue to be fulfilled as long as a need exists and is voiced by former victims and their relatives.

Improvements Made to the Morse Ellis Island Database Search

1. The Ellis Island Database used at the [Stephen P. Morse One-Step site](#) is located on the JewishGen server where it resides with the permission of the Ellis Island Foundation. The latter group regularly makes corrections to their database. JewishGen has recently received a fresh file, something that has not been done since 2006.
2. The results page of the Ellis Island Database Gold Form now can be sorted by any column on the results page. Simply click on the column header at the top of the page. This feature always existed on the search form itself, but most users did not know about the feature because it was low down on a very lengthy search form.

Programme of events Of the Society.

The JGS Great Britain Programme for the four months of October, November, December and January are published as a separate document and distributed with this Newsletter.

The events listed are subject to alteration and the JGSGB website should be checked for such changes.

Announcements and Events Continued

Scotland's new-look genealogy website ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk, has been officially launched today (Tuesday Sep 7) by the Scottish Government's tourism minister Jim Mather.

The revamped ScotlandsPeople service is up and running and includes new search features designed to make it easier and quicker for people to discover their family roots.

This includes plotting search results on maps, helping those unfamiliar with Scottish geography - such as users overseas - understand more about Scotland and their ancestors.

Following the first revamp of the site since its launch in 2002, it now contains records dating back to when national records of births, deaths and marriages in Scotland first began in 1855. It also includes parish records, dating back as far as 1538, and other data, including wills and testaments and heraldry. The new site offers advanced search functions, providing quicker results, as well as additional information from Catholic Parish Registers.

Chris van der Kuyl, chief executive of service provider brightsolid, said: "ScotlandsPeople now has nearly 80 million records and will continue to add new exciting data sets to what is, without doubt, a world-leading website.

"Duncan Macniven, Registrar General for Scotland, said: "This is a great step forward in the ongoing improvement of the ScotlandsPeople website, which has over one million registered users.

We are proud to have one of the most comprehensive sets of family history records. These changes will continue to make us one of the world leading websites for family history. This creates a platform for the launch of the 1911 census in April 2011."

Some notes from the National Archives

Changes to reading rooms:

The reading rooms at Kew will be undergoing some essential refurbishment during autumn 2010.

This means that the Map and Large Document Reading Room (second floor) will be closed for two weeks in early December, and that visitors to the first floor reading rooms may experience minimal disruption.

Find birth, marriage and death records online :

Did you know that if your ancestor was a non-conformist, you may be able to find their birth, marriage or death (BMD) records online?

Although the [General Register Office](http://www.gro.gov.uk) is the main source of BMD records, you can find records from non-parish sources online at BMDregisters.co.uk.

See our [research signpost](#) on birth, marriage and death records for some help, or search BMDregisters.co.uk now.

First-time visitors

We hold 'New to Kew' sessions every day at 11:30 to introduce first-time visitors to the services available at The National Archives.

There is no need to book and the sessions are free of charge.

Members' Letters and Comments

This is the place where members may express their views and comments on matters concerning the Society's activities. All letters are welcome and your input is confidently awaited!

Editor's Note: - I can't find your letters:



please write - I am lonely!

Or e-mail stan@stanrosefamily.com

Would you believe it ?

An item from a Board Member of the IAJGS posted worldwide in late June: (his spelling and punctuation).

Hi all,

I have been passing true a few Jewish (and non Jewish) Genealogical Societies as part of my US West Coast Genealogy Tour, and learn a few tips and tricks it may help every one:

- Name tags: They can be just a sticker made on the spot or very elaborated plastic ones with the magnets on the back, but this give people the opportunity to know better how is attending, the last names and who is a member or a visitor. Its also much easier when you approach a person by his name.

- Welcome: At the beginning of the meeting, the president (or officer in charge) welcome the guest and ask them to stand and tell the audience a little about them self and their research. That's how I get connected with someone researching one of my wife difficult last name branches.

- Registration: A list were visitors can register to receive more information about future lectures.

- Next meeting announcements: If people know the upcoming subjects they may become interested or simply pass the word.

Probably you are already doing all this, but is never bad to refresh the ideas. If you have other ones please let us know

Shalom Stan,

As an amateur genealogist, I really enjoy reading about what other societies are doing. I am very active in our local JGS being a member, vice president, president, and now treasurer. As a society, we are looking into progressing to having our quarterly newsletter be converted from a "hardcopy" edition to a digital version. In that respect, what software program do you use. I am most impressed with your format and articles.

Our editor/publisher recently passed away so we are in the process of re directing our efforts into going digital. Thanks for your input. Good luck in your research

Laurence Morrell

Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Orlando

James Rosenbloom, born about 1818 in Poland, first appears in the 1861 Census in Bath, in a household containing 7 domestic servants. He was described as a Butler. In 1871 he is in Egham, in a household of 2 women and 10 servants, with Rosenbloom again as a Butler, the first in the list of the 10 servants. His surname and place of birth both strongly suggest that he was a Jew, although the forename James might be considered unusual, unless he adopted it as a 'typical' butler's name. He obviously did well financially. In the 1881 Census he is a 'Stockholder' and in 1891 'Living on own means'. Perhaps like the butler, described by William Thackeray, who made a fortune in railway securities during the railway mania of the 1840s - and became James de la Pluche - Rosenbloom may also have speculated on the Stock Exchange.

Harold Pollins



The 30th IAJGS

International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

Los Angeles, California

11-16 July 2010

Hosted by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Los Angeles

The LA IAGS Conference just finished. It was terrific, almost overwhelming in the variety of lectures available. Attendance was 1, 016 - amazing considering the GFC we're all experiencing. A pleasing innovation was "Midnight with the Mavens" which left people tottering with exhaustion till the small hours.

The Film Festival was brilliant & the entertainment quite wonderful; we had klezmer of an unusual brilliance, magic & a fine Yiddish singer to close the event. The Holocaust was extensively covered, both with lectures & films. Beginners were particularly well catered for.

I didn't go on any of the trips arranged as I know the area, but there were many expeditions to local cemeteries, film studios, etc. The hotel was large & comfy & the Resource Room a hive of activity- a great deal of freebies on offer & translation & computer help. Washington is next in 2011; I can't wait; they'll have to pull out all the stops to beat this one.

Miriam Margolyes

Report back on the 30th International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, Los Angeles July 2010.

See <<http://www.jgsla2010.com/>> From **Saul Issroff**.

I suppose at this stage, having attended many of the conferences over the past 20 years, that I'm a bit of a 'groupie'! I actually enjoy meeting old friends and making new ones, and usually combine a holiday and connecting with (non-genealogical) family and friends whom I have not seen for years. This conference was held at a new Marriott Hotel, with a specially designed conference section. Like most things in LA the venue was large and the distances between some of the meeting rooms were long! This did not detract from a very well organised conference. Over 1000 attendees, mainly from LA area and the east coast of the USA, but many from Canada, Israel and South America. Very few attended from the UK, probably around 5 people! But there was considerable interest in UK genealogy, and, with Gerry Winerman, I presented an overview of UK resources. We also had an informal 'Birds of a Feather' meeting on the subject.

The conference catered for all levels, with a lot of beginner type lectures and workshops. Computer workshops were very popular. Examples were 'How to create your family history' (2 hours), Genealogy Super Search engines, Family Tree Maker (beginners, intermediate and advanced), JRI-Poland for beginners, How to make your database searchable etc.

There were a number of tours. Old LA from the First Jews Forward, The New Holocaust Museum. See <<http://www.jgsla2010.com/tours/>> .

In addition there were a wide variety of films (over 40) on genealogy and Jewish related themes, showing throughout the day and evenings. Aumie Shapiro's 'Going Down the East End' was well attended. Live entertainment was of a high standard with several shows specifically produced around genealogical themes.

The full programme is still on the web

https://www.goeshow.com/jgsla/IAJGS/2010/Conference_Program.cfm and only some personal highlights will be given here.

The opening session had an outstanding keynote address by the writer Daniel Mendelsohn, author of "The Lost. A search for six of six million". This was followed by a short overview of the Shoah Foundation, Spielberg's visual archive, by Stephen Smuth, who now directs this centre at UCLA. On a lighter vein the evening ended with a spoof of 'who do you think you are' directed by Jordan Auslander and Pamela Weisberger, 'Who do you want to be?'

There were a large number of lunches and BOF meetings, often with interesting speakers and topics.

Approximately 25 vendors included booksellers, genealogical software vendors, Genetic DNA vendors etc. see<<http://www.jgsla2010.com/sponsorsvendors/>>

The Holocaust was well covered with speakers from Yad Vashem and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and a number of other genealogy speakers on various aspects of the Holocaust. There were, in addition, lectures on Arolsen and the tracing section of the International Red Cross.

Genetics, both from the medical aspect of Jewish genetic diseases and from the genealogical genetics viewpoints, was also well catered for. Family Tree DNA was well represented, both with speakers and a vendor stall.

Migration, shipping records, Naturalisation and in particular the history of Ellis Islands were very well covered.

The use of new technology such as Google Maps and GPS in mapping old towns and cemeteries was very interesting.

Other highlights for myself, as a somewhat jaded Ashkenazi genealogist, , were great Sephardic orientated talks.

Its difficult, if not impossible to convey the excitement and buzz, the overall atmosphere of a conference like this. Much of the fun is in talking to people outside the formal lectures and workshops, and making new connections and getting new insights and techniques.

I compliment and thank the co-chairs, Sandy, Lois and Pamela, together with the considerable team of volunteers who gave unstinting time and effort in making this one of the best conferences I have attended.

It will be a hard act to follow, but next year will be in Washington, DC., August 14 to 19, 2011 <www.dc2011.org>. Paris is hosting a bilingual conference July 15-18, 2012 and Boston, Mass. in 2013.

Saul Issroff

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE IAJS CONFERENCE

Fifteen countries were represented at the 2010 Conference in Los Angeles by some 1050 registered attendees. With the majority coming from various parts of the United States, half were from California and over 40% were attending for the first time.

UK attendance was well down on previous years.

The annual IAJS awards were presented at the closing banquet: **IAJS Lifetime Achievement**: Hal Bookbinder, past president of IAJS, Active in genealogy for over 22 years.

IAJS Outstanding Contribution to Jewish Genealogy via the Internet, Print, Electronic Product:

Judith R. Frazin for her book "A Translation Guide of 19th Century Polish-Language Civil Registration Documents"

IAJS Outstanding Programming or Project that Advanced the Objectives of Jewish Genealogy:

JGS of Greater Philadelphia for a project: *The Philadelphia Area- Jewish Genealogical Resource Guide*. Fred Blum, president of JGSGP, accepted the award.

IAJS Outstanding Publication by a Member Organization of IAJS:

JGSLA for their quarterly journal **Roots Key**. Accepting the award were David and Sonia Hoffman, editors of Roots Key. Sonia and David are members of JGSCV.

Malcolm Stern Grant:

The Stern Grant provides funding to encourage institutions to pursue projects, activities and acquisitions that provide new or enhanced resources to benefit Jewish genealogists. The voluntary \$1.00 contribution individual JGS members contribute when paying their annual JGS dues funds this award.

The 2010 Stern Grant of \$2,500 was awarded to ISRAGEN (the Israel Genealogy Society) for work on databases in both English and Hebrew in preparation for the IAJS 2014 conference. The ISRAGEN work included: (1) recreating missing parts of the British Mandate Census; (2) scanning resources and professionally translating the Osmanli documents into Hebrew or English— [the period prior to the British Mandate, when Israel was governed by the Ottoman Empire]; and (3) locating and scanning books of residents and/or directories of citizens thereby making them accessible to researchers both in Israel and abroad.

Jeanette's Tutorial

Preservation of Documents Introduction

This tutorial deals with conserving and preserving old documents and photos. It does not cover digitisation, digital formats and digital storage media, which may become the subject of a future tutorial!

Cologne Archives Collapse

The idea for this tutorial came from my plans for a genealogy research visit to the place where my mother was born, and the realisation that possibly some of the documents I had planned to view were no longer available. Probably at least some had been destroyed when the six-story archives building in Cologne, Germany, collapsed on 3 March 2009 due to unsupported underground construction nearby, and taking with it two neighbouring apartment buildings and killing two people. The archives were built relatively recently, in 1971 and had at one time been considered state of the art in terms of both construction and the conditions under which the collections were stored. The building had contained over 65,000 documents, some of world class historical importance, dating back to 922 AD.

I turned my thoughts to the kinds of disaster that could befall each of us in a far smaller way. For each of us, these would feel just as devastating as what happened in Cologne. I wanted to find out more about how we genealogists might best look after our precious findings that form part of our family history. I wondered whether we had considered how we might protect our valuable research and our own priceless family documents from disasters like fire and flood, or whether we were looking after our documents and pictures properly. Whilst clearly we won't need formal plans like those developed by the UK National Archives, each of us will need to look after our documents and make sure we are storing them properly.



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This link goes to the UK National Archives caring for archives website:

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/information-management/projects-and-work/caring-archives.htm

Preserving old documents

The two main causes for the disintegration of paper are the paper itself and light. The acid content of the paper, usually the result of the bleaching of the original wood pulp, has a destructive effect that is difficult to rectify. A second major problem is damage by light. Best to keep your important documents in a cool, dry and dark place.

What to do if the paper has faded

If the written word on the document you're looking at has faded it is worth photographing the document or scanning the document into a computer and then using photo editing software to turn the image into a negative, so you can manipulate it. White words on a black background are usually easier to read. Sometimes even adjusting brightness and contrast will increase legibility.

It may also be worth contacting a document conservator at a library or museum near you that has old documents. They may be able to advise you on other methods or resources, e.g.

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sometimes infrared photography can bring out faded documents. This was the method used successfully on the Dead Sea Scrolls, but individuals are unlikely to have access to the specialized equipment needed for this.

Far cheaper and as far as I'm concerned, the best thing to use if I'm visiting an archive and can't read something is to try looking at the document using a yellow plastic (polypropylene) sleeve or transparency. If you have document that is hard to read you place the yellow transparency over the faded or light print to darken the characters on the document which will help you to read it.



Scanning Documents

One of the best ways to copy a document is with a scanner. One should normally use a camera only if the document is too large or too fragile to be scanned or no scanner is available.

Some of the main paid for genealogy services now bring along fast high tech scanning equipment to larger genealogy conferences and offer attendees an opportunity to pre-book sessions to have their family history records digitized. Sessions are usually 15 minutes in length and people need to liaise with the facility in advance regarding the quantity of items and their condition. Generally 15 minutes slot allows about 50 pre-prepared documents to be scanned.

Guidance on preparing documents for scanning

Before your scanning session, you are asked to remove all staples, pins, and fasteners as well as any tape or sticky material from your photos and documents, because these items can harm the scanning equipment.

Next, you must sort all of your documents and pictures by size, largest to smallest. This will enable the scanners to work most effectively to finish your documents in the time allotted.

Photos mounted in an album will be digitized as a single image. Bound books do not need to be unassembled, but can be quite slow to digitize. Material stored in sleeves should be removed prior to the scanning session.

Scanners Beware!

There is always a possibility that damage to older, more fragile documents may occur during the scanning process. The scanning organisation takes no responsibility for this.

Copyright and re-publishing rights for the material remain with the owners of the original document, however the scanning organisation invariably reserves the right to reject or refuse to scan any document for any reason.

Taking Photographs of Old Documents

- Use the screen on your camera rather than the viewfinder – this helps to centre the image.
- Avoid using flash as it will reflect on the page. Use a tripod to steady the camera. It will also help to speed up the process. Upside down tripods are best, so I'm told! Even the slightest movement may render the document unreadable.
- Fit a hand-held clicker to your camera so you gain more control over the images you take and don't nudge your tripod.

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Your tripod doesn't even need to be full-sized, a mini or table top tripod will be perfect for general photography!

After taking the first one or two pictures, try to transfer them to your computer. It may seem like a waste of time at the moment, but may save you much time of redoing things later.

Under many circumstances, setting the camera for black-and-white gives a sharper image. However some faded or blurry detail can be better interpreted if you photograph in colour and then play with the colour balance.

You may want to offer copies to the library or archive as a way of thanking them and perhaps minimizing wear on the original. If you do this, you might want to make a complete copy of the volume or document series, so that they have a complete digital copy.

Using Gloves When Handling old Documents

At The UK's National Archives, the policy is that people are not required to wear gloves unless easily-damaged materials are being consulted. People are asked to ensure that their hands are clean and dry, and to refrain from applying hand cream or licking fingers before handling documents. They believe that the disadvantages of wearing gloves outweigh the advantages.

They consider that wearing gloves makes it difficult to handle paper due to the loss of the sense of touch in the finger tips, which can be potentially hazardous for fragile materials. Cotton gloves may catch on damaged edges of leather or parchment as well as labels. Ill-fitting gloves make it difficult to get a firm grip on large, heavy items such as books, so there is an increased risk of an item being dropped.

Laminating - How not to preserve and conserve your documents

Lamination was a popular preservation method, adopted by many people from the 1930s onwards, and it quickly became the primary choice for repairing and strengthening papers on a large scale. However it is now recognised that the materials used in lamination may degrade and will almost certainly damage the documents they contain and were intended to preserve.

Further information about lamination is available from the Smithsonian Institute:
<http://anthropology.si.edu/conservation/lamination/>

Useful Resources

1. UK National Archives

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/caring-for-your-records.htm

The UK National Archives offers guidance on caring for particular types of documents. The links below are to three short documents co-written by The National Archives and The Institute of Paper Conservation:

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/caring_books.pdf

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/archivesconservation_photo.pdf

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/caringforprints_leaft.pdf

Ask an Expert - www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/information-management/projects-and-work/consulting-a-conservator.htm

If you are really stuck, they also offer expert advice or consultancy. This service may be particularly useful to you if you have valuable items in need of care and repair. You will be offered guidance on what can be done to preserve and safeguard it for the future. The advice will focus on the item's condition and environment.

2. US Library of Congress - www.loc.gov/preserv/care/paper.html

The US Library of Congress offers practical advice on preserving works on paper: manuscripts, drawings, prints, posters, maps and documents.¹⁷ The information covers:

Relative humidity and temperature, Lighting, Pollution, Dust, and Pests, Storage, Handling paper materials, Damaged Paper Items

The preservation procedures described are those used by the Library of Congress in the care of its collections, however, the Library is careful to note that it will not be responsible for damage to your collection should damage result from the use of these procedures!

3. US National Archives - www.archives.gov/preservation/

NARA offers specialist advice on the preservation maintenance and conservation of documents. They also offer some specific tailored advice to family historians which is recommended reading www.archives.gov/preservation/family-archives/

This covers topics including:

- How do I preserve my family papers? How can I safely mount my documents, memorabilia, and photographs into albums or scrapbooks? What kind of photo album should I use? How should I attach my photos to the album pages? Should I remove my photographs from old albums, such as black paper albums or self-stick albums? How should I caption my photographic prints; is there a safe way to write on the back of photographs? How should I frame and display my photographs? How should I store my photographic prints? Should I convert my home movies to video tape? How can I get some important documents that I own repaired? Should I digitize my photo collection? Is it safe to throw away my original film and prints after I digitize them?

1. Cyndi's List- www.cyndislist.com/preservation.htm

Cyndi's List, the one stop categorized and cross-referenced index to genealogical resources on the Internet, offers genealogists and family historians useful information and links about preservation of documents under each of the following categories:

General Resource Sites, Electronic Media, Paper & Books, Photographs, Publications, Software & Supplies, Textiles, Vendors, Video & Audio,

Please note, some of the categories contain links to paid-for websites and outlets.

Want More Information?

If you want to find out more about all of this, or you've reached a brick wall and you'd like a genealogy mentor from JGSGB, please contact Jeanette Rosenberg for more information. Email education@jgsqb.org.uk

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Special Interest Groups

JGSGB Anglo- Jewish Special Interest Group

A meeting of the JGSGB Anglo-Jewish Special Interest Group was held on 1st August 2010 at 33 Seymour Place. There were 27 members present. Doreen Berger was in the chair.

A video recording was made of this meeting. It was a new experiment, and it is hoped that in the future recordings of meetings can be made available to members who are unable to attend.

Doreen Berger introduced our guest speaker and member Tony Allen. His talk was entitled "The Raphaels: A Prominent Victorian Family".

He started his research about fifteen years ago after he was given a wedding list, a ketuba, and photograph album by an aunt.

Tony's ancestor, Ralph Raphael. was living in Whites Row, Portsmouth when in 1800 he married Leah, daughter of Moses and Rachael Hart). They had nine children. Their son, Philip, moved to London and married Elizabeth Hart in the Great Synagogue in 1829 and went on to have at least seventeen children. Philip changed his occupation several times and had connections with the theatre. One of his sons ran the St. James Tavern in Duke Street for several years and several of their children moved to Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

He had found that members of the family had met violent ends. Tony's great grandmother Julia Raphael married Alexander Posner in 1879 and his grandmother's family were involved in the china and glass business. Several members present had connections to the Raphael family and Tony answered questions from members.

After a short break for refreshments members spoke about their personal research, which were many and varied.

Diane Barnett urged members to redo internet searches as new material is constantly appearing on the internet. Jerry Newman suggested

that members looked at the London Lives website at www.londonlives.org for ancestors who were in London before 1820 and Hazel Dakers had written an article for "Jewish Affairs" on her Norden family.

Daniel Morgan-Thomas had found an ancestor who had been an artist and Joel Levy, who was researching his Bloom family, had managed to find the grave of another ancestor in Manchester.

Hazel Newton had been looking into the life of a petty criminal on her family tree.

Doreen Berger had been researching some London Sephardi families and had found that the majority of these families, with famous names, were quite poor themselves.

Sue Woolf reported that she had made a breakthrough on her Hyman line and Steven Jacobs said he found the Mormons website very useful. Philip Roth had been looking at his Roth line and was also interested in the Streatham Burial Society.

After the meeting finished the library was opened for members' research.



Anglo-Jewish SIG meeting
1st. August 2010
Photos by Gina Marks

Special Interest Groups continued**Dutch and Sephardi SIG**

Considering that there was only a small gathering of about a dozen, at June's DUTCH&SEPHARDISIG - all Dutch/Dutch Sephardi researchers this time - it was a very successful session.

JGS' Dutch "Mentor Supreme" Henri Obstfeld, gave an excellent talk centred around his OBSTFELD family - together with a Power Point Presentation - on the Dutch Red Cross' and their 'cartotheek' (records) of the Joodse Raad. 1940 – 1945, the Red Cross have 110,00 Jewish records, all maintained by the Jewish Council. These are original Registration Cards that will contain some useful information for some .

We were told of how he had obtained copies of record cards, together with cryptic notes, for most of his whole family - plus other Obstfelds. These records are likely to include Jewish people who moved to Holland before the start of the Second World War.

(Contact - (Raymund Schuetz phone 0031 70 4455818 e-mail: RSchutz@redcross.nl - should you be interested. Definitely another very useful tool for Dutch research)

The next DUTCH&SEPHARDI meeting will be on Sunday 21st of November (3-6pm at 33). Content details nearer the time.

Some Dutch/Dutch Sephardi names being researched. Contact me - raymusik@aol.com -if you want further information

FELLERMAN/VODERADER

FONTYN/FONTIJN

NATEL/NATAL

WUGMAN

WYZENBEEK - (various spellings)

ROZELAAR

DE HAAN

DE HANE

DE SOUZA

MESSEELIA

DA COSTA

LOPES PEREIRA

ALVARO DINIS YACHIA

VAN MINDENO

ZELDENRUST

STODEL

DAVIDSON

MENDOZA

DE LA FUENTE

DELARA

SAMPSON

KOOL

ASSENHEIM

DE YOUNG

DE JONGE

BENSUSAN

GERRITS

HARRINGMAN

DIAMOND

NUNES NABARRO

HART

SWART

SUGARMAN

KLEEREKOPPER

WALVISCH

VAN RIJN/VAN RYN

DRIELSMA

SCHHAP

MOOY

ELDERSTEIN

Raymond Montanjees

Special Interest Groups Continued**German SIG**

A busy German Sig meeting took place on Sunday 5 September 2010. Over 20 of us met and heard about Jeanette and Mark's recent family history research visit to the archives at Detmold.



Jeanette

Jeanette explained how the visit had been timed to coincide with a seminar on Jewish genealogy. She also described how the local archives in North Rhine-Westphalia are organised and how genealogy research can be undertaken there.

The talk covered the seminar and also provided some insight into Detmold, the town where the archives are located, Jeanette showed photos of Jewish interest including the former synagogue and pictures of the old half timbered buildings found throughout the centre of the town.

Sig members asked about the different kinds of records available at the archives and how and where they can best be accessed.

During the trip, Jeanette had also given a radio interview in German about her research and participation in the seminar. The interview was played to those at the meeting, who also viewed a promotional film about the archive.

After the presentation, Sig members shared research interests and undertook research in the Sig Convenor's library. Several people found things of use for their research, in particular in the newly purchased book about the former Jewish community of Bonn. The next meeting in December will discuss genealogy research in Heidelberg and we will have a round the room discussion about Sig members own research.

Jeanette Rosenberg

(Photos are on page 28)



Gina & Raymond Reporting

**EE SIG 15TH AUGUST 2010 AT
33 SEYMOUR PLACE**

The latest meeting of the East European SIG was attended by around 27 people. Most were interested in Polish research, whilst many supported the Litvak session.

There wasn't a Romanian interest this time, but there were a couple of Ukranian/Russian/Baltic areas being researched.

The meeting started with the afternoon's speaker, Filip Slipaczek. from The Institute of Polish - Jewish Studies

Filip first talked about himself, telling us that he was not aware of his Jewish background until he was 17 years old. He is British by birth, a Polish citizen by choice, had an Irish mother and a Polish father whose mother was Jewish. Since discovering his Jewish roots, he has become very enthusiastic to find out more about himself and Judaism.

He then proceeded to tell the group about the various projects in which he has been involved over the past few years, since becoming interested in Jewish history. These included involvement with the Institute of Polish Jewish Studies – see website for full details - <http://www.polishjewishstudies.pl/> - a Conference at the Polish Embassy about the Jews of Krakow, a Klezma evening, Rabbinical sites in Poland, renovation of a synagogue in Poland (Bobova) and maintaining the Jewish heritage of that town, twinning of Polish and English synagogues. A future project is to take a group of people, including Rabbis, to visit the Camps in Poland.

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The talk was followed by a Q & A session.

Recommended websites were:

<http://www.jewishgen.org/jri-pl/> (Jewish
Records Indexing, Poland)

[http://www.yadvashem.org/wps/portal/IY_HO
N_Welcome](http://www.yadvashem.org/wps/portal/IY_HO_N_Welcome) (Yad Vashem Database)

[http://www.its-
Arolsen.org/en/homepage/index.html](http://www.its-Arolsen.org/en/homepage/index.html) (Bad
Arolsen Database)

After a short break, members separated into the above mentioned groups, according to which area individuals were researching, with each group having a mentor to assist them.

It was a very successful meeting and we hope those members who attended will return for the next EE SIG on Sunday 16th January 2011, joined by others who were unable to be with us for the meeting of 15th August.

New attendees offered their following wants – see below the list from the day.

(Apologies to those whose requested names are herein misspelt, as some on the hand written list, aren't legible. If you want the locations associated with these names - plus the member's contact addresses, in turn contact Raymond Montanjees at raymusik@aol.com)

ALTMAN

BASH

BECCER/BAKER

BERGER

CZATSKIS

DOMB

EPEL

FINEMAN

GLICK

GOLDSTON/GOLDSTEIN

GOLZBECK

GUTMAN

HAIMOVITCH

HOLZER

HOROWITZ

KAMMERMACHER

KANOWITZ

KASSMAN

KATZ

KLEINOT

KLINKOWSTEIN

KREISMAN

KUKIELKA

KURCZAK

LAUBER/LAUFER

LECHNER

LEFCOVITCH

LEHMANN

LEVINSOHN

LIBSUN

LITVIN

LUBALSKI

MAIDART

MITTERMAN

PAIKERT

POPPER

POVLOTSKY/BECOW

REICH

ROSEN/ROSENKRANG

ROTH

ROTHENBERG

RUTTISH/RATUSCH

SAFFER

SCHLOSKI

SCHULMAN

SCHWARTZ

SEGAL

SHOFFREN/HOUSE-SCHONHAUS

SMOLENSKY/SMOLIANSKY

SOMETSKY

STERN

SUCHALSKI

SUCHESKI

SUCHESKY

SUCHESTSI

SURATSKY

WAGNER

WEBER

YARMALMSKY/YOUNG



Mark Nicholls photos
from the EE SIG



Regional Group Meetings



Francis Harris



Contact:

Leeds Regional Group
Judith Williams

Frances Harris the current Chair of the Leeds Branch is moving to Oxford, and the Committee are actively seeking a new Chairperson.

Our function for the Autumn will be by way of holding a 'stall' at the '150 Years of Leeds Jewry' at the Leeds City Museum from 12 noon til 4.00 pm on Sunday 28 November 2010. The Committee looks forward to many visitors and will have members of JGSGB - London and Manchester assisting on the day.

The Committee's diary for 2011 will be planned as soon as possible.

Manchester Regional Group

DIARY DATE -
Monday, 25th October
2010

VENUE - Meade Hill
Road (United)
Synagogue

TIME - 2.00pm to 4.30pm

ALL MEETINGS ARE FREE TO MEMBERS -

Visitors pay £5 to include refreshments, the use of our resource material and the expertise of our committee members

Join on the day and save £5

The first of our Autumn/Winter meetings will take place at our new venue, the Meade Hill

Road (United) Synagogue on Monday, 25th October from 2.00pm until about 4.30pm. We will start with a chat about the "back to roots" visits to Latvia of two of our members - Carl Goldberg who was there in July, and Lorna Kay who will be there in October immediately prior to the meeting.

After the tea break, we will split into groups as at the last meeting, catering for beginners and more advanced members. Again, we will have internet access and all our books and files will be available for some in-depth research.

Reminders will be sent out nearer the time, and if you can then let us know your specific requirements, we will do our best to prepare answers for you.

Best regards
 Lorna

South West London Regional Group

Ena Black

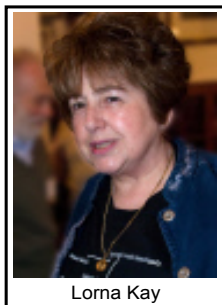


Our "summer break" is going on a lot longer than intended - far longer than the actual summer - due to some of us being more than usually involved with family affairs - both sad and happy ones. Our August meeting did not happen and we shall not actually get together again in Teddington until November, when we have a speaker from amongst our own group.

JOHN GOULD seems to be more successful than many of us in his family researches, and wrote in Shemot in 2007 about his Birmingham forbears, who were closely tied up with the community there from the late 1750s,

He is not sure at this stage which strand of his family findings he will be telling us about when we meet on 21st NOVEMBER - when all will be revealed. S W London members will of

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Lorna Kay

course be sent more details nearer the time. If anyone else would like the address and travel information, please send me an email.

In the meantime we are looking forward to the Conference in October, when there is usually a large and enthusiastic contingent from the South West.

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Good wishes for 5771 to all our friends nationwide.

>ENA BLACK,
Convenor

>dandeeblack@waitrose.com



The Chilterns Regional Group

Two meetings have been held since the last

Newsletter, in July and again in September.

The evening of 8th July started as usual with a Tutorial and once again we were fortunate to have

Jeanette, head of the Society's Education and mentoring facilities. Most members early and we were pleased to have three non-members present, especially as they may well become members.



Main speaker was Sharon Hintze, Director of the London Family History Centre (LDS) in South Kensington, a former Trustee of the Society of Genealogists and a fifth generation genealogist.

She spoke on the subject: "Jewish Resources for the Family Historian (with a London FHC section)", explaining the set-up of the organisation, how it holds the largest collection of genealogical records, but not online. Access is through LDS family history centres with the largest UK collection in South Kensington.

An accomplished speaker, Sharon held the members attention throughout her talk, and there were plenty of questions for her.

We were indeed, fortunate to have had her come to the meeting for she has to make frequent trips to Salt Lake City, to the LDS Head Quarters.

Following the meeting we were pleased to have received a message from her which included the following: "*The TNA people were right - yours is a great group. I enjoyed the evening very much*"

And Sharon joined the Society at the meeting!

Our meeting of 2nd. September was very well attended with just over 30 signing the register for a very full evening.

Laurence started the Tutorial with a demonstration of the facilities offered through the 'My Heritage' website and, in particular, their remarkable 'Megadex' search engine.

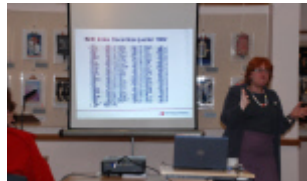
Entitled "Genealogy Supersearch and Megadex", he showed how a much wider range of hits may be obtained over the Soundex and D-M searches. A quantity of the 'My Heritage' software CD's were freely available.

There was a very welcome return of our speaker Audrey Collins, of the National Archives in Kew. Originally due to speak to us in October, she had stepped into the breach when Gerry Toop was unable to appear. Audrey is very popular with The Chilterns RG and we were reluctant to let her go, so we overran our time by nearly half an hour.

The talk subject was "Births, Marriages and Deaths in the National Archives and Elsewhere". A

detailed description of the many documents; how to access them; what may be revealed from them and where and how they

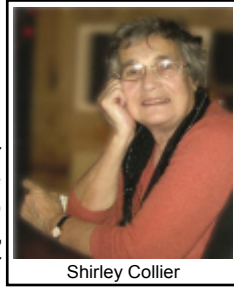
originated. So many questions arose and were ably answered by Audrey, who is surely one of the most knowledgeable and entertaining expert speakers we have had.



Stan Rose

East of London Regional Group

Due to the High Holydays in September the next meeting of the East of London group will be held on Monday, 4th October when our guest speaker will be Stefan Dickers, Bishopsgate Institute's Library Manager.



Shirley Collier

Stefan looks after the Raphael Samuel Archive, along with other numerous collections on the history of London.

The Bishopsgate Institute holds research materials for local and family historians, particularly the East End, and maintains general reference materials and current national and local newspapers.

A report of the proceedings will appear in the January issue of Newsletter.



Jeanette outside the Detmold Archive

Mark Nicholl's photos from Detmold, Germany (See report page xx)

A typical refurbished early Detmold building



Hebrew writing on an Old Detmold house

I would like to remind you all that we have many extremely knowledgeable members who would come and speak at any outside venue on any aspect of genealogy . So if you know of any group who would be interested in having a talk, eg your local Synagogue, Wizo group, educational group, JAC's club, friendship club, etc., do let them contact me at <elainejgay@yahoo.co.uk> or telephone 02089082871 when I will connect them with the perfect speaker for their needs. Our aim is to inspire others and give them the thirst for family history (otherwise known as the genealogy bug) Let's hear from you.

Elaine Jacobs. Programme Committee.

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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

from Lydia Collins

Sunderland Jewry at War by Harold Davis publishes an interesting collection of the Sunderland Jewish Community Bulletin for the Forces 1942-1946 which was sent to every member of the armed forces from Sunderland serving in WW2 giving them all the local news from home.

The list of Jewish merchants in London from London Directories 1677-1820 is an original typescript compiled many years ago by Paul F. White of Jamaica. It has recently been donated to us together with typescript copies of several eighteenth century subscription lists and a list of Jewish bankruptcies 1732-1785 and will be of interest to anyone looking for ancestors in eighteenth century London. The other accessions range as usual far and wide.

Recent accessions to JGSGB library

List of Jewish Merchants in London 1677-1820 including their Residences and Occupations, compiled by Paul F. White from The Little London Directory 1677 and Kent's Directory 1738-1820. Typescript bound with list of Jewish Bankruptcies from The London Magazine 1732-1785 [120 150 1677]

The United Synagogue 1870-1970, by Aubrey Newman [150 4.US New]

Sunderland Jewry at War 1942-1946, by Harold Davis [160 SUN.2 Dav]

The Traveller's Guide to Jewish Landmarks of Europe, by B. Postal and S. Abrahamson [205 715 Pos]

Le Cimetiere Israelite de Hegenheim, Alsace, by F. Huttenmeister and L.Rogg [220 4.HEG Hut]

Ein Stuck Matzen, Nachbarin. Erinnerungen an die juedischen Familien in Kronach [Memories of Jewish families in Kronach] by C. Zeckai [260 4.KRO Zee]

A Heves Megyei Zsidóság Története [History of the Jews in Heves, Hungary from the 18th century to the Holocaust], by Agnes Orbanne Szego [325 3.HEV Sze]

The Jewish Cemetery in Lodz, by M. Z. Wojalski [340 4.LOD 5.Woj]

The Chronicles of Lena Barden: 93 years of memories, by Lena Barden [655 BARD Bard]

List of Hart Burials in Melbourne General Cemetery 1857-1978, by Liz James [655 HAR 551]

Vermögen Jüdischer Kunden im Postsparkassenamt in Wien 1938-1945 [list of Austrian Jewish Bank Accounts confiscated by Nazis], by O. Rathkolb [800 320 Rat]

New Members Report



Mark Nichols
Membership Secretary

Mark has kindly undertaken to submit the list of newly joined researchers. These have joined the Society since the issue of the last Newsletter in April.

JGSGB New members 4 June to 28 August 2010

David Hayes	Colliers Wood London SW19
Lorens Rifkin	Ashkelon Israel
Donald Marks	Salford Lancashire
Lionel Levy	Radlett Herts
Peter Lewis	Northampton England
Graham & Shelagh Jaffe	Newhaven East Sussex
Monica Smith	Bristol England
Carmel Donnelly	Concord NSW Australia
Kathy Blessing	Rumford Rhode Island USA
Guy Lipman	London W2
Mary Price	Mount Herob Wisconsin USA
Merton Siegleman	Bury Lancashire
Naomi Lesser	Edgware Middlesex
Sharon Hintze	London SW10
Elizabeth Joan Tasker	Greystanes NSW Australia
Shirley Collett	
& Leon Silverman	London NW11
Jean Warwick	Coventry West Midlands
Brian Grant	Wesmount Quebec Canada
Annie Radin	Manchester
John Allen	London NW11
Liz Hartheimer	Birmingham England
Cheryl & Simon Sokel	London NW6
Neal Bloom	Bournemouth Dorset
Sue Coleman	Kenton Middlesex
Michal Meyer	London NW4
Laurence Fineman	Reading Berkshire
Victoria Wilcox	Toronto Canada
Barry Burke	Woodford Green Essex
David Stern	London NW2
Ruth Logsdail	Kirkby in Ashfield Nottinghamshire
Joanna Sovin	London N4
Sheila Pickford	Radcliffe Manchester
Barry Semp	Birmingham England

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For appointments outside normal opening hours, contact :

Jenny Osorio <jen@osorio40.plus.com>

or Tel: 020 8977 4640

Non-members may visit the Library by prior arrangement, for which there is a fee of £5, deductible from the subscription on joining the JGSGB

Access to the Library is through the entrance in 33 Seymour Place, where you will be required to sign-in at the Reception Desk

Members of the Society are on hand to help in the use of the Library where there is a significant Genealogical Resource. This is constantly being added to. There are computers with internet access and a number of CDs containing genealogical data.

MENTORING

Just beginning and need some help on how to start your research?

Need guidance with appropriate research strategies or sources?

Moving into a new area of research (eg. A different geographical area or different time period) which requires a different research approach or different record sources?

Need specialist advice on a genealogical topic?

"Brick Wall" problem and need fresh ideas/suggestions?

If any of the above applies to you, then JGSGB offers services that are available free of charge to members only. One-to-one advice over a period of time, to help new members or members moving to a new research area. This may be by e-mail, phone or face-to-face meetings as agreed between the mentor and the member being assisted. or any further details about mentoring then please contact Jeanette Rosenberg using <education@jgs.gb.org.uk>

The Society also has a Register of Professional Researchers and Translators, available on request from the Newsletter Editor.

All correspondence, comments and suggestions regarding this publication and any subject relevant to the Society and Jewish Genealogical research, are welcome and should be sent to the Editor: <stan@stanrosefamily.com>

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