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## From the Chairman's Desk



Mark Nicholls

The first thing that I would like to say is thank you to all of the JGSGB members who responded to my e-mailed plea for donations to cover JGSGB's financial position. Over £2,000 was received in donations and this has helped ensure that the JGSGB bank balance is healthier than it was in August. I shall be responding individually to each donor to thank them for their support. For those members who are unaware of the situation, the amount of funds in JGSGB's bank accounts dropped dramatically in August once some major expenses had been paid out, we had just over £1,000 in the bank. This meant that there might not be sufficient money available

to publish the next editions of the Newsletter and Shemot. As I am writing this message, the position is still not fully clear about whether there will be the funds available but the outlook is very much more optimistic. We should be getting tax back through Gift Aid and the current rate of new memberships and renewal memberships are very healthy.

The financial situation and the level of membership fees needs addressing though to ensure that JGSGB has a sound long-term future. The JGSGB Council Officers have met to review the position and consider how to resolve things. The obvious steps are to look at increased membership fees and reducing expenditure where practicable. I want to be sure that the membership is content with any proposed increase in fees, mainly to ensure that it is not counter-productive through loss of memberships. A survey of the membership will be conducted to gauge your views.

On a much more positive note, JGSGB and UK Jewish genealogy has had good exposure both here and abroad. The International Jewish Genealogy conference in Washington DC was a great success for us, as you will see from the report on the conference in this newsletter. We had the opportunity to promote our excellent set of genealogy guides and to provide one-to-one help on UK genealogy to conference delegates. We picked up new memberships and made new friends. Next year the conference will be held in Paris (15-18 July), which means that it will be on our doorstep and will be easy to get to. So book your place now. JGSGB also featured in the Jewish Chronicle as part of the coverage of the European Day of Jewish Heritage on 4 September. We held a genealogy workshop at the West London Synagogue as part of the heritage day.

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## From the Chairman's Desk.

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Since the last newsletter, we have announced that the Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Lithuania has been revised and reprinted and is now available to purchase through the JGSGB website. I would like to thank Sam Aaron for the work that he put into revising the Guide, which now contains a wealth of new information about on-line resources.

The latest series of Who Do You Think You Are? has featured a couple of Jewish themes; June Brown's Sephardic roots and Larry Lamb's discovery of Jewish connections. In both of these episodes some of the background research had been carried out by JGSGB members, who then featured in the programmes themselves. Miriam Rodrigues-Pereira, archivist for the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Congregation was in June Brown's episode and Laurence Harris, ex-JGSGB Chairman, in Larry Lamb's one. Congratulations to both Miriam and Laurence. I should also like to thank JGSGB's Genealogy Enquiries Officer, Rosemary Hoffman, who also helped in providing information on the Larry Lamb episode. There are many more enquiries from TV and radio programmes that JGSGB responds to throughout the year.

Our next big event is the London Conference on 30 October at 33 Seymour Place. We are pleased to have five very interesting speakers at the conference and also to have a number of exhibitors available for attendees to talk to. This year we will have Ancestry as one of the exhibitors and they have donated two Worldwide Ancestry subscriptions to a prize draw. All tickets will automatically be entered into the draw, so an exceptionally good reason for coming to the conference! See the JGSGB website for full details about the conference.

Finally, and not least I hope, JGSGB has launched its own Blog called Jewish Ancestors? A Blog is, for those not sure about them, a means of informally communicating useful information on a particular subject to other people. It is different from a discussion list, in that only a few people can post messages. So far the items on the blog have been about JGSGB and about the IAJGS Conference in Washington DC. The intention for the future is to include stories about UK Jewish Genealogy as well as to promote JGSGB's activities. It is really easy to get to the Blog – click on the Blog tab on the JGSGB home page.

**Mark Nicholls**

Chairman,

19 September 2011

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## IAJGS 31<sup>st</sup> International Conference Washington DC

This is a very, very, compressed report of the recent International Jewish Genealogy Conference held in Washington DC from 14 to 19 August. A fuller report day-by-day report is available through the JGSGB Blog called Jewish Ancestors?

The conference was attended by a small number of JGSGB members from the UK but we made up for it by being involved in many aspects of the event. This report is very much a personal perspective of what I saw and did. Around 1200 people attended the conference over the week and they had the choice of a massive range of events, talks, films and visits to select from. My overall impression of this conference was that there was still as much to learn at any previous ones I had been to. The topics also covered newer developments in genealogy, which hadn't been covered so much at other conferences I'd been to. These included DNA, social networking and virtual mapping.

The UK content of the conference was limited to four events, a SIG Fair, a breakfast Q&A session, a UK-SIG meeting and a talk by Laurence Harris on UK records and resources. All three sessions were successful, with great interest shown in the records available to trace trans-migrants in particular. First off Michael Hoffman and I dealt with UK enquiries at the SIG fair on the Sunday afternoon. We were able to help people with a very wide range of queries, covering most of the UK. In the evening there was the Keynote Address on the subject of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. This was a very moving address by Sara J Bloomfield, Director of the museum. She explained about the ethos of the museum and the work that it was doing to encourage the memory of the Holocaust. The talk also included details of the World Memory Project, which is about bringing millions of records about the Holocaust on-line, and Sara reported that the first set of records were now on-line. The project is a collaborative project with Ancestry.com and is being undertaken by volunteers worldwide – see <http://www.worldmemoryproject.org/>.

On Monday we all started to attend the lecture sessions, I attended one on the US National Archives, learning about their record holdings and how to use the archives. The US National Archives contains about 9 billion federal records back to around 1780. The next session was on reading old German script and this showed just why it is so difficult to read and also so important to get used to different scripts before going to archives in Europe. The German theme continued with the GerSIG luncheon. My next session was on Polish Court Records, these are the legal records held in Polish archives. Personal data was included in the records, such as names, dates and places of birth, parents, education level, physical characteristics, as well as the details of each court case. There was news during the day that JRI-Poland were expected to sign an agreement that would allow people to order birth, marriage and death certificates on-line, with payment by credit card. There will also be access to further records for indexing through the agreement.

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Tuesday was the UK-SIG meeting, which was reasonably well attended. I talked about new databases on the JGSGB website and on the JCR-UK site. Earlier in the morning there had been a UK-SIG Q&A session, where several UK experts at the conference gave help to conference delegates. Thanks to Jackye Sullins, Michael Hoffman, Laurence Harris, Michael Tobias, Todd Knowles and Jeanette Rosenberg for being the experts. In between the UK meetings there was the GerSIG (JewishGen's German SIG) meeting, chaired by JGSGB member Jeanette Rosenberg. In the afternoon Jeanette delivered her first full presentation on German Jewish genealogy at an IAJGS conference. The topic was about what was changing in German archives and how the changes impacted on genealogy. The room was packed, with some people having to stand up throughout and the talk was really well received. A further social event followed for GerSIG and then the big presentation on JewishGen developments. The main announcement was the change of ShtetlLinks to KehilaLinks, which has caused some interesting discussion post-conference.

Day four began with a GerSIG breakfast Q&A session run by Jeanette and her fellow GerSigger Roger Lustig. At almost the same time Laurence Harris gave his talk on UK records 1870-1930, which was very interesting and he covered all sorts of civil and Jewish records that could be used to trace many of the people who stayed in the UK or transmigrated. About 60+ people turned up. Now we were able to attend lots on non-UK sessions such as one about Village Jews in the Pale of Settlement. It was very useful to learn about the differences between the Jews living in towns and villages and how the records could differ about them. Following a talk on research in Nassau Hessen, Jeanette and I had lunch with Allan Hirsch, a long-standing member of GerSig and now a member of JGSGB. Allan is an amazing person, as he is now 91 years old and still going strong with his family history research. We had a really nice chat about our research and life in general. In the afternoon I represented JGSGB at the IAJGS Annual Meeting. This was my first IAJGS Annual Meeting, so I wasn't sure what to expect. It was a good meeting, with a lot of humour going on throughout, as well as talking about serious issues. It was explained that the 2014 conference would not be held in Israel as planned and that Salt Lake City would take its place. The winning design for the International Jewish Month poster was announced. I spoke about the problems with access being restricted to archives in the UK through budget cuts and that JGSGB would be doing its best to try to ensure there was sufficient access to records.

Day five involved learning about Google Earth and using it for genealogy, particularly being able to overlay old maps onto Google Earth images and then to see how places had changed over time. This is really useful for finding the true locations of streets that had changed names or had been removed. Outside the conference schedule Jeanette and I had a meeting with Neville Lamdan of the International Institute for Jewish Genealogy to talk about the possible involvement of JGSGB and our members in an academic project on Scottish Jewry. The next session was on Jewish DNA research and Jewish lineages.

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The first part was about research that had been done into the Cohen lineage, which had shown that there was a lineage back at least 106 generations to between 2,500 and 3,100 years ago. DNA research also confirmed that the Jews of the Diaspora were descended from middle-eastern populations going back over 2000 years ago.

The afternoon was taken up mostly with talking to other delegates, helping people with their UK research and getting the UK experts together for group photos.



Michael Tobias

The evening event was the Gala reception, which I have to confess I didn't attend. At the Gala, Michael Tobias, a long-standing JGSGB member and also a Vice-President of JewishGen received the IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award for all his work in setting up the various JewishGen databases such as the JewishGen Family Finder – that indispensable tool for finding your cousins. JGSGB had nominated Michael for the award. Michael has also done an incredible amount of work for JGSGB on our databases and records over the years and for that alone I feel he deserved the award.

The final morning of the conference had very little going on but I attended one last session on maps. This included a presentation on the David Rumsey maps; he has put 28,000 of these maps on-line using high-resolution images. They can be seen at [www.davidrumsey.com](http://www.davidrumsey.com), as well as on Google Earth. He was also put the maps into the website called Second Life. Other maps were explained such as cadastral and insurance maps.

So then the whole thing was over and now planning starts for going to the 2012 conference in Paris from 15 to 18 July. The conference will be bilingual, so no need to be fluent in French. Take a look at the conference website at

<http://www.paris2012.eu/>. It looks like a really exciting event, just as this one was.

## Mark Nicholls

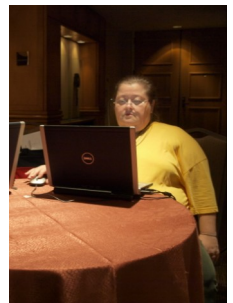
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Michael Hoffman, Jackye Sullins,  
Mark Nicholls & Jeanette Rosenberg



Laurence Harris, Michael Hoffman,  
Mark Nicholls, Jeanette Rosenberg,  
Todd Knowles.



Jeanette relaxing in  
the lobby.



## Announcements and Events

### Project HEART- Searchable Database of Holocaust Era Property Records

Project HEART (Holocaust Era Asset Restitution Taskforce), announced its searchable database of Holocaust era property records now contains 1.5 million records, making the database the largest, publicly available single-source database of lost Jewish property assets from the Holocaust era.

The 1.5 million records contained in Project HEART's online database consist of property addresses, lists of homeowners, professions, lists of known confiscated properties, business directories, insurance policies , and other archival information that can assist potential applicants in their research.

Project HEART is an initiative of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), in cooperation and with the support of the Government of Israel, to help Jewish families identify personal property confiscated by the Nazis and to help victims seek restitution.

For more information go to: <http://tinyurl.com/3o8gous>  
<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/project-hearts-comprehensive-archive-of-jewish-holocaust-victims-assets-now-contains-15-million-records-126111748.html>

#### Jan Meisels Allen

IAJGS Director-at-Large

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### The War Graves Project

The War Graves Project <http://www.twgpp.org/index.php> intent was to photograph every war grave, individual memorial, Ministry of Defence grave from WW1 to the present. They are now working as a joint venture with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and assisting the Office of Australian War Graves, Canadian Veterans Affairs and the New Zealand Ministry of Heritage and Culture enabling families to obtain a photograph of a grave or memorial. As of 2011 they have been able to record over 1.6 million graves and memorials. Look at the countries around the world-not just Commonwealth countries, where a soldier may be buried. Go to:

[http://www.twgpp.org/cemetery\\_locations.php](http://www.twgpp.org/cemetery_locations.php) They are continuing to add to the collection. The photograph does require a minimum payment of £3.50, for a 5x7 glossy mailed overseas from the UK costs £6.50 - less within the UK. however, searching and obtaining information on the grave-site is free. I have done several searches with "Jewish" sounding Names (Cohen, Goldberg, Katz and Shapiro) and there are a number of grave-sites with those names.

#### Jan Meisels Allen

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**Announcements and Events cont.**  
**The Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain**  
**East European SIG and Members Meeting**  
**2.00pm-6.00pm Sunday 20th November 2011,**

**Council Room,  
33, Seymour Place,  
London W1H 5AU**

**“Budapest-Jews and the Modern World”**

**Guest Speaker: Richard Goldstein**



**Richard Goldstein is the Director of the LJCC's Holocaust and Anti-Racism Education Department and the Tours Department. Previously he was Director of UJIA Israel Experience and the Director of the *Lessons from Auschwitz* project at the Holocaust Educational Trust. He originally worked as Director of European Programmes for the Israel Experience department.**

**Guest Speaker: Karen Franklin**

**At 4.00pm Karen Franklin who is visiting the UK from America, will give a short “Power Point” presentation on the recent changes at JewishGen followed by comments and ideas from members.**

**RSVP** Gina Marks <ginagem@hotmail.co.uk> for all events at 33 Seymour Place

**Announcements and Events cont.****The Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain  
Leeds Regional Group****Researching your Family History?****JEWISHGEN-The Home of Jewish Genealogy.****A Genealogical Website with Hundreds of Databases.****Come and attend a Tutorial given by the man who  
created most of them.****Guest Speaker: Michael Tobias, Vice President Programming of JewishGen**

We are delighted to welcome Michael Tobias, Vice President of Programming JewishGen who has just been honoured with the IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award for his work in setting up the JewishGen databases. He will be giving a tutorial on the JewishGen databases, and an example on how he used the databases in re-uniting 2 Holocaust Survivor cousins.

**2.30pm-4.30pm Sunday 27th November 2011,****Sinai, Roman Avenue,  
Leeds LS8 2AN****To book your place please contact Ann Lightman****c.lightman@sky.com or 'Phone 0113 261 1363****Admission charge £3****JGSGB Members free**

## Announcements and Events cont.

### Announcing NALDEX the GerSIG Name Adoption List Index

Dear JGSGB Members

Because this is important for those whose ancestral roots lie in Germany and because as well as being Chair of the JGSGB German Sig, I am also one of the Directors of GerSIG (the German Jewish Special Interest Group) at JewishGen, I am cross posting this information about an exciting new database that has just been launched by GerSIG. The database is called NALDEX and it is the Name Adoption List Index

for Germany. It gives me great pleasure to tell you about this database, where I have personally already found some new information about my own family.

**Subject: Announcing NALDEX - [Name Adoption List Index]**

**From:** Roger Lustig [GerSIG.Research@verizon.net](mailto:GerSIG.Research@verizon.net)

**Date:** Fri, 29 Jul 2011

GerSIG, the German Special Interest Group, is proud to announce the on-line publication of the first phase of NALDEX, the Name Adoption List INDEX for Germany, at: <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Germany/Naldex.htm>

NALDEX is accessible via this link, or through the All-Germany Database. <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Germany/>

\*\*\*\* Those parts that relate to former German territory east of the Oder-Neisse line are also included in the All-Poland Database.

This first phase presents, in database form, almost all of the published naturalization and surname-adoption lists from Prussia that are known to survive. These lists were created in two different eras: 1812-16 in Brandenburg and most of the eastern parts of the Prussian state; and 1845-47 in the Rhineland (east of the river), Westphalia and the Culm Region of West Prussia.

One other published list is included as well: Lippe-Detmold, 1810-11.

The database contains over 16,000 entries, each representing a head of household. Some of the lists contain little information--only the head of household's name and residence. Others list spouses and offspring (generally in age order, as far as I can tell!), occupations and/or maiden and former names.

To the extent possible, we have included all the information found on the lists, and have transcribed names and places as read. Occupations are given in German and English, and modern place names are given in Polish or Czech where appropriate. (Still to come: Russian and Lithuanian.)

## Announcements and Events cont.

### Announcing NALDEX the GerSIG Name Adoption List Index.

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More information about the project is available at the link given above. We hope to have more extensive information about each of the source lists on-line very soon.

We look forward to receiving comments, recommendations and contributions toward the next phases of the project. I and many other contributors will be in Washington, DC for the IAJGS meeting beginning August 14, and hope to hear from people who have used NALDEX already, plan to, or have ideas for extending and improving it. Both of my presentations at the conference will touch on NALDEX.

In the meantime, please let me know of your experiences using the database. Success stories are especially welcome, of course!

**Roger Lustig** Princeton, NJ USA research co-ordinator, GerSIG

Cross posted by **Jeanette Rosenberg**

Chair of JGSGB German Special Interest Group & Director of GerSig at JewishGen

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## Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain



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## Announcements and Events cont.

### Next time in Paris

## 32 IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

15-18 July 2012

The Paris Marriott Rive Gauche Hotel

For details see <http://www.paris2012.eu/>



### London Family History Centre Important News

Dear All,

You may have heard that the London Family History Centre, Exhibition Road, South Kensington has recently closed.

However, this resource for Eastern European records, and others, is not going for long; the Centre is temporarily relocating to the National Archives at Kew, for at least the next 6 months, where it shall re-open on Tuesday 13th September 2011.

If you haven't been to Kew, or indeed the Centre before, the next few months would be a great time for our members with Eastern European origins to visit: one might be able to see the naturalisation record for an ancestor, then stroll to the other side of the premises, and see the records (on microfilm) for that particular shtetl (in fortunate cases)

**Daniel Morgan-Thomas**

London, UK

### Genealogical Workshop at the Sternberg Centre, 11 September 2011.

We had a very good meeting this afternoon, despite having only 5 'customers'.

We started a little late, due to some traffic incident, but we did not need the full 2 hours

Having such a small number meant that each person had individual attention and we could concentrate on being really helpful. I felt that this did happen and that everyone went away having some idea of what to do next in their research.

One of our mentors, Michael Hoffman, made a family connection with Martin Goldman and Natasha Scharf. This is always a sought after result of these events.

The Sternberg Centre provided an airy room with tables and chairs all laid out to suit us.

**David Roth**

**MEMBERS LETTERS & E-MAILS to the JGSGB Editor**

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

**The disease “erysipelas”**

I was interested to read Bernard Valman's lead article in the last issue of Shemot that gave a transcription of his mother's recollections of her childhood in London in the early years of the 20th century. She gave an account of falling off a chair and her leg becoming infected - this was diagnosed as erysipelas. My grandmother Rachel 'Ray' Bockner (nee Solomons) grew up at the same time and as a young child the extended family lived in nearby Steward Street, Bishopsgate. We also have a series of audio tapes of her early life in London and she often refers to her father Charles becoming seriously ill with the same disease and almost dying, at one point she said that his father Judah Solomons had died of the same disease but I have a Canadian death record for Charles that lists cause of death as stomach cancer. Both men had worked as furriers so I wondered if their exposure to toxic chemicals such as arsenic were a factor in this disease.

I have looked up a definition for 'erysipelas' and it would appear to have been a common streptococcus infection at a time when there were no antibiotics. I would be interested to hear comments from anyone else who has come across this term in relation to their ancestors.

**Caroline Berlyn,**  
Adelaide, South Australia

**Morris Isaacs and Hannah/ Harriet Hyam(s) of Love Court in Spitalfields / Whitechapel - mid 19th century.**

Is anyone familiar with or researching the family of Morris Isaacs and his wife, Hannah (Harriet) Hyam(s) of Love Court in Whitechapel? They were married in the Great Synagogue, Duke Place, London E1 (Lewin marriages ref.). Their children included Leah, Joseph, Solomon, Betsy, Lazarus, and Rebecca. Several of these individuals are listed as Bell Lane/ Jewish Free School students (e.g. in 1851 census).

Their eldest son (born in Whitechapel 1832/33), Joseph, was a cigar maker. He settled in Boston, Massachusetts circa 1860 and served in the Mass. 4th Heavy Artillery during the U.S. Civil War. I am one of his great-great grand daughters.

**Kathy Blessings**  
Rhode Island, USA

## Snippets from JGSGB-Discuss.

### Czernowitz

There is much to be found about **CZERNOWITZ**. Up to the first world war Czernowitz was in Austria-Hungary. My paternal grandfather came from there. It had a large Jewish population and was known as a centre for the Yiddish language. The Austro-Hungarian authorities gave the Jewish population its own civil status bringing official recognition of Jewish births marriages and deaths.

WW1 led to the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. So between the was Czernowitz and the Bukowina province of which it was the chief town were transferred to Romania. Many of the Jewish population emigrated to other countries and to Vienna. Those who stayed fared reasonably well until 1941 when Romania was taken over by the dictator Antonescu. A ghetto was created and there were mass deportations to Transnistria.

After WW2, Czernowitz became part of Ukraine and was effectively closed to anyone looking for their family history. But since Ukraine's independence from the Soviet Union, many records have become available and the Jewish cemetery is being restored. The name on maps is Chernovtsy.

A great deal of material is now available.

There is a wonderful website at <http://czernowitz.ehpes.com> This contains maps, photos and street directories for several years (downloadable in Excel format) which are well worth searching. There is also a telephone directory, though not many of the population had phones. Graves in the cemetery have also been photographed and data-based. I found a picture of my great-grandmother's grave there.

The above website has an associated discussion list based at Cornell University USA, which works similarly to JGSGB-discuss.

This can be found via <http://czernowitz.ehpes.com/>

I understand that many town records have survived and microfilms are with the IGI awaiting database work, and I am hoping that this will allow me to do a fuller reconstruction of my great-grandparents' families. Meanwhile a few records appear on the IGI at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

**Nigel Siederer**

### Looking for the ancestors

I am looking for UDALEVITCH, Tamara-Leah, born 1870 in Szczuczyn, Poland, 2nd marriage to Davis KRASNOSELSKY (later KRASNY) from Zabludow/Zaludok in the area of Vilna, and her sister Hetty UDALEVITCH married to Barnet WILOVITCH (later WILLOW) Tamara-Leah was my grandmother and, although I know quite a lot about the KRASNY family, I know nothing of the UDALEVITCH branch.

**Miriam Landsman**



## Snippets from JGSGB-Discuss

### Larry Lamb - WDYTYA

Dear Doreen and other JGSGB Members

I would also like to add my congratulations to Laurence Harris for his part in the WDYTYA programme on Larry Lamb and his grandmother's conversion to Judaism. I should also add some congratulations to another JGSGB member, Miriam Rodrigues - Pereira for her part in the first programme of the current series. Miriam appeared in the June Brown episode in her role as archivist to Bevis Marks synagogue.

Some other praise should also be given to those who helped Wall to Wall Productions in the background. Not least, JGSGB's Genealogical Enquiries officer, Rosemary Hoffman, who spent two hours at the end of last year talking to the company's researchers about the conversion process and other issues featured in the Larry Lamb episode.

JGSGB receives several requests for help with researching television programmes each year and we help them by providing background information, finding out facts or by recommending researchers. However, we do not often, if at all, get the acknowledgement of our input, which is something we are now trying to rectify.

Once again congratulations to everyone involved in these endeavours.

**Mark Nicholls**

Chairman JGSGB

## Tracing Ancestors

Hello all,

I have recently started tracing when my grandparents (Brawerman or Schwartz-Brawerman) immigrated from Krasilov, Ukraine around 1910 and Shenfeld/Shinefeld, Shenfield) from Lipkani, Moldova around 1900 to London. I have tried JewishGen Family Finder, online records available through [ancestry.co.uk](http://ancestry.co.uk) and online resources through JGSGB, but no luck so far! I have found them on the 1911 census in London, the latter name in the 1901 census, but nothing earlier.

As I live in Canada, I am not able at this time to research directly in London.

Any thoughts on where else I might try online to find records before and as they arrived in the UK would be appreciated.

Many thanks,

**Gillian King**

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

## Website Resources

### South African Jewish Rootsweb updates

There have been major updates to SA Jewish Rootsweb at  
[http://chrysalis.its.uct.ac.za/CGI/cgi\\_RootWeb.exe](http://chrysalis.its.uct.ac.za/CGI/cgi_RootWeb.exe)

Most of these were received earlier in the year. for example, Westpark is up to about the end of 2010. Many thanks to Janine Blumberg at the Kaplan Centre, and Yafa Abraham of the IT unit at UCT for their work in getting this online.

#### 1. Germiston Marriage Register.

Submitted by: Basil Kletz. This listing contains 629 entries.  
Database Compiler wishes to be anonymous.

#### 2. Johannesburg: Braamfontein Cemetery.

The Johannesburg Braamfontein cemetery listing was supplied by the JHB Chevra Kadisha. The listing contains 4284 entries.

Submitted by: JHB Chevra Kadisha Compiled by: Janine Blumberg  
Original format: Excel spread sheet Date received: 29 August 2011

#### 3. Johannesburg: Brixton Cemetery.

The Johannesburg Brixton cemetery listing was supplied by the JHB Chevra Kadisha. The listing contains 7954 entries.

Submitted by: JHB Chevra Kadisha Compiled by: Janine Blumberg  
Original format: Excel spread sheet Date received: 29 August 2011

#### 4. Johannesburg Westpark Cemetery.

The Johannesburg Westpark cemetery listing was supplied by the JHB Chevra Kadisha. The listing contains 42506 entries.

Submitted by: JHB Chevra Kadisha Compiled by: Janine Blumberg  
Original format: Excel spread sheet Date received: 29 August 2011

#### 5. Johannesburg Other Cemetery.

The Johannesburg Westpark cemetery listing was supplied by the JHB Chevra Kadisha. The listing contains 1 entry.

Submitted by: JHB Chevra Kadisha Compiled by: Janine Blumberg  
Original format: Excel spread sheet Date received: 29th August 2011

#### 6. Queenstown Cemetery.

listing contains 182 entries. Supplied by Sunelia Heath

Original format: Excel spread sheet Date received: 29th August 2011

NOTE: Cape Town has an additional searchable database compiled by UOS Cape Town  
<http://www.jewishcemetery.co.za/>

**Saul Issroff**

## My Visit to Krakow

Firstly, as I came out of the aeroplane to walk down the steps, completely unbidden, my eyes filled with tears and my great grandmother, Marya Tilles came into my mind. I thought about what her feelings must have been all those years ago, leaving three dead babies and setting out for a new life with four other little ones. Tragically that new life didn't last long as within a few months she had lost the youngest one, only to die herself, ten months later, together with a still born. It was as though she was crying out to me, "Why have you come here - why have you come?"

We got a taxi from the airport to the Regent Hotel, Kazimierz, 19 Bozego Ciala. I had found this hotel by googling an address where members of my family lived when it was an apartment block. Not having got in to my first choice of hotel I decided that this was where I had to stay.

After unpacking we went for a walk and to get something to eat. As it was hot we found a nice shady café. Looking at the menu we decided to have pierogi, dumplings filled with cheese and potato and advertised as a typically Polish dish. It turned out to be kraplech which is one of the recipes so many immigrants had brought with them to the UK.

We then met up with Daniel Tilles who is the great great grandson of Emanuel Tilles, an older brother of my great grandmother, Marya Tilles. He is doing a degree in history and at present is working on a project on the East End of London. He lives in Krakow with his Polish wife. I discovered this branch of the Tilles family in the London phone book when I first started doing my research.

Later we walked through the main town. It was Sunday and there was a wonderful holiday atmosphere everywhere. Little golf carts taking passengers around, and people in carriages being drawn by horses, some of which were dressed with fancy plumes. I gave a royal wave to some people as they went by and they laughed and returned my wave. My daughter hurriedly walked on, disassociating herself from me. I know she thinks I am too much sometimes. We sat at a pavement restaurant watching the world go by.

On Monday we went on a tour to Auschwitz I and Birkenau. So much has already been written about these nightmare places, much more eloquently than I could even begin to do. From the first moment of actually walking under the sign that said Arbeit macht frei from the time we left Auschwitz to go to Birkenau brought forward one emotion after another. We were a silent group just trying to absorb what we were actually seeing, and what we were being told. At Birkenau there is a memorial with 'matzevot' commemorating people of the different countries who had suffered there. I placed a stone on each of the three relating to the Jewish people.

On Tuesday we were exhausted from our three hour walk the previous day so rested and just strolled around the Jewish Quarter. I found some other buildings where my family lived, and the shop one of them had had as a boot maker and is now a bank. The area is now full of little shops selling antiques and paintings. We sat and had a drink in a garden courtyard that had been featured in Steven Spielberg's film, Schindler's List, looking at the balconies leading to the flats and remembering what had taken place there. We hired a driver of a golf cart to take us around the old town of Krakow which really didn't hold much genealogical interest for me except that I could admire the many different buildings of architectural interest.

On Wednesday we hired a tour guide to walk us around Kazimierz and point out all the different synagogues and other places of interest that had been a part of the ordinary lives of our people before the war. The streets there are 'alive with the sounds of groups of children' being taken around the area, and being told what had happened there to the Jews. Apparently it is now compulsory for school children to learn about the Holocaust.

**My visit to Krakow** Continued on page 34

## From Auschwitz to Ambleside



Marie Padgett, Carl Goldberg (Meade Hill Road United Synagogue, Vice President) Don Padgett



Errol Gross (Committee Member) Trevor Avery (Organiser) Karen Phillips OBE DL (Opener)

Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2011 saw the launch of a very special exhibition hosted by our **Manchester Regional Group**, at the United Synagogue in Meade Hill Road, Manchester, to pay tribute to the 300 or so children who were airlifted out of the Theresienstadt concentration camp on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 1945. The exhibition is entitled From Auschwitz to Ambleside, and it is a photographic record of the flight from Prague to the Crosby-on-Eden airfield near Carlisle and the rehabilitation of the children, (mainly boys) who were housed in hostel accommodation in Calgarth, near Windermere. In addition, there is a video film which runs for about 30 minutes, archive film combined with recent film of four of the children (now in their 80s), telling their own personal story of how they eventually managed to escape death against all the odds. The children, aged between 3 and 17 years, almost unanimously described this as "Paradise", which it was - compared to the horrendous years they had spent incarcerated, enduring beatings, starvation and worse.

At the launch several of The Boys and their families attended, one with his daughters, granddaughter and great granddaughter – what an amazing legacy from a little boy who arrived with absolutely nothing. Others came despite failing health, simply to be part of this special event to pay tribute to the 300 or so children who made it, and to honour those who unfortunately didn't.

The website <http://www.anotherspace.org.uk/a2a/> gives the full story, and the oral testimonies of several of The Boys (as they came to be known) can be heard.

Manning the exhibition has taken up most of our spare time, but the following things are planned – a visit to Urmston cemetery on the 12<sup>th</sup> September and participation in the Local History Day at the Salford Museum and Art Gallery on the 18<sup>th</sup> September.

We continue to digitise the archives of the United Synagogue, Manchester which will be available on-line in the near future.

**Lorna Kay**

## Visit to the London Metropolitan Archives Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 14 members of the JGSGB visited the London Metropolitan Archives. We met at 11am in the archive hall and our guide showed us where to find indexes for everything from workhouse records, through prison records and Jewish records. Although he presented huge amounts of information at lightning speed, we were assured that if you go to the archives and need help; there is always someone around to help.

I found this archive less intimidating than the archives in Kew – it is smaller for one thing, and the records are limited to those previously held by the old London County Council, county of Middlesex and some of the Guildhall records. As Mark Nicholls said in the July newsletter, many of the images are being digitised and can be accessed online through collage, which is easily accessed from the LMA website, or

<http://collage.cityoflondon.gov.uk/collage/app?service=page/Search>

If you are going to the archives for the first time, get yourself a history card. It is free, and allows you access to view the documents, as well as being used as a printer credits card. It can be loaded at the information desk with printer credits for a fee. There is an option to take your own digital photos, but you need to get a bright yellow card from the information desk at a cost of £3 per day. Digital scans and copies cost upwards of £5 each depending on the size. If you are taking a laptop, get there early as power points are only available around the edge of the document room. It has a solid floor as it used to be a bomb shelter. There are however plenty of computers available to use, which have free access to ancestry, and limited access to Findmypast, as well as the LMA site.

Unlike Kew, there is no fresh food available, although we found a delightful road nearby with a huge variety of bars and restaurants. There is a park opposite the archives which is a good place to eat sandwiches on a sunny day!

So, what can you find at the archives? To start with, there are many leaflets outlining records available relevant to the topic you are researching. There are ordnance survey maps, school maps, Booth's poverty maps, weekly dispatch maps (useful for finding old terraces that have long since disappeared, all available on open access in well labelled drawers. There are business collections, hospital records, court records, Jewish records, and trade directories all indexed in different coloured files. Once you have found what you want, you need to fill in a slip in pencil and take it to the desk. Documents come up every 20 minutes, so you never have to wait too long. You can order up to five documents every 20 minutes, although you are only allowed to look at one at a time. It is worth knowing that a lot of the Jewish records require written permission before they can be viewed, but the people at the information desk will tell you how to get this permission. Family history resources cover London and Middlesex, and many are available on microfilm and microfiche. If like me you are a total novice, there are always people to help!

If you want to be really organised and you have a history card, you can look online and pre-order the documents you wish to look at, up to a month in advance, just select the date and time on the website.

We all had a thoroughly enjoyable day, and thank you Elaine for organising it !

**Sarah Bernarde**

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# Programme

**The programme is subject to late changes-see website for the latest details.**

Updated each January, April, July and October and during each period as further events are announced.

**The library is situated at 33 Seymour Place, London W1H 4AU and all London meetings are held at this address unless advised to the contrary within the programme itself**

## October 2011

Sunday 2nd Midday	Cemetery Visit	<b>Novo Cemetery</b> , Mile End, London E1 For details Contact: Raymond Montanjees
Sunday 9th Midday	Cemetery Visit	<b>Balls Pond Road</b> , Kingsbury Road, London N1 For details Contact: Raymond Montanjees
Wednesday 12th 10.30- 3pm	Library Session	Open 10.30-3pm for general research. All visitors welcome. Members of the society are on hand to help you use the library
Sunday 23rd 3-6 pm	S.W. London Regional Group	Guest Speaker; <b>Diane Barnett</b> “ <b>Nathan Henry - A Bystander of History</b> ”. He founded the Borough Synagogue. Contact: Ena Black
<b>Sunday 30th</b> <b>10-5pm</b>	<b>All Day</b> <b>Annual</b> <b>Conference</b>	<b>Programme Speakers:</b> Sam Aaron, Richard Goodwin, Carol Reeves, Todd Knowles, Philip Walker. Contact Shirley Collier, See back page of this Newsletter
<b>Sunday 30th</b> <b>4.30-6 pm</b>	<b>Library</b> <b>Session</b>	Open <b>4.30-6pm</b> for general research. All visitors welcome. Members of the society are on hand to help you use the library

**RSVP** Gina Marks [<ginagem@hotmail.co.uk>](mailto:<ginagem@hotmail.co.uk>) for all events at 33 Seymour Place

## November 2011

Tuesday 8th 7.30 – 10 pm	Chilterns Regional Group	Mark Nicholls & Jeanette Rosenberg will speak about <b>“JewishGen: Getting the most effective use of its website”</b> This includes JGFF, FTJP, the SIG’s and their discussion Groups. Plus Jeanette will talk of her own personal family research. Contact: Stan Rose
Wednesday 9th 10.30 – 3 pm	Library Session	Open 10.30-3pm for general research. All visitors welcome. Members of the society are on hand to help you use the library
Sunday 13th 2-6pm	Dutch & Sephardi SIG	Guest Speaker: <b>Maurice Bitten</b> curator at the <b>Bevis Marks Synagogue</b> . General Discussion Group - plus library and use of computers in the Council Room. Contact Raymond Montanjees
Thursday 17th 7.30 – 9.30 pm	Education Evening	<b>“Getting the Most out of Using JewishGen”</b> Contact Jeanette Rosenberg for further details.
Sunday 20th 2.30-6pm	EE SIG & Members Meeting	Guest Speakers: <b>Richard Goldstein</b> , Director, International Programmes, London Jewish Cultural Centre <b>“Budapest - Jews and the Modern World”</b> . Followed by <b>Karen Franklin</b> who is visiting the UK from America who will give a “Power Point” presentation on the recent changes at <b>JewishGen</b> . Contact Raymond Montanjees
Sunday 27th 3-6pm	Library Session	Open 3-6pm for general research. All visitors welcome. Members of the society are on hand to help you use the library
Sunday 27th 2.30-4.30pm	Leeds Regional Group	Guest Speaker: <b>Michael Tobias, Vice President of JewishGen</b> , Michael has recently been awarded the IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award for his work in setting up the JewishGen databases. Michael will conduct a tutorial on the databases. Contact: Ann Lightman, see page 10 full details.

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## December 2011

Sunday 4th 2-5pm	German SIG	<b>“Hamburg as a Genealogical Destination”</b> Edgware, Contact Jeanette Rosenberg for further details.
Monday 5th 7.45-10pm	East Of London Regional Group	Guest Speaker: <b>Bill Hall</b> A “Power Point” presentation, and talk on <b>“Hackney and Stoke Newington”</b> . Ilford Synagogue, Beehive Lane, Ilford. Contact Raymond Montanjees for further details.
Sunday 11th 2.00pm-4.30pm	South East Essex Group	<b>Jeanette Rosenberg &amp; Mark Nicholls</b> will conduct a tutorial covering all aspects of the Society’s website, incorporating JCR-UK & JGSGB–discuss. Contact: Ann Marcus for further details at <avoceta@hotmail.com>
Wednesday 14th 10.30- 3pm	Library Session	Open 10.30-3pm for general research. All visitors welcome. Members of the society are on hand to help you use the library
Thursday 15th 7.30-9.30pm	Education Evening	<b>“Family Tree Programmes &amp; Recording Data”</b> Contact Jeanette Rosenberg for further details.

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## January 2012

Wednesday 11th 10.30 – 3 pm	Library Session	Open 10.30-3pm for general research. All visitors welcome. Members of the society are on hand to help you use the library
Thursday 19th 7.30-9.30pm	Education Evening	<b>“Lesser used Sources in the JGSGB Library”</b> Contact Jeanette Rosenberg for further details.
Sunday 22nd 2.00-6pm	EE SIG & Members Meeting	Guest Speaker: <b>Geoff Munitz</b> . <b>“Records from Olkiniki a Shtetl near Vilna &amp; Traki District Lithuania”</b> . Contact Raymond Montanjees for further details.
Sunday 29th 3-6 pm	Library Session	Open 3-6pm for general research. All visitors welcome. Members of the society are on hand to help you use the library

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## Leeds Jewish Heritage Admired

On 28<sup>th</sup> July 2011, 25 members of the Leeds branches of the JGSGB and JHS made a joint evening visit to the Discovery Centre belonging to the Leeds City Museum. They were welcomed by Social History curator, Kitty Ross and her colleague, Gemma Pollard. Kitty explained that the state of the art building opened in 2007 – a year prior to the Leeds City Museum, as part of the same package, so that now Leeds had a Museum and storage facilities of which it could be proud – as befitting a museum with several nationally famous collections.

We toured the storage area and were impressed by the quantity (about a million - some admittedly very tiny) the variety and the storage of the items. The guided tours can be tailored to an individual group's interests, so Kitty's tour encompassed quite a number of the larger Jewish objects including photographs, prayer & notice boards plus my favourite – a beautiful circumcision robe and bonnet.

We then visited the education room where Gemma introduced us to a display chosen from approximately 200 Jewish-related items in store. Textiles included beautifully embroidered pillowcases with crochet trim, Ark curtains, mantles, tallit bags, cantor's hat, skull cap. Paper items were numerous – a most wonderful presentation scroll, a bible belonging to a Levy family; letter heads, photos (some of which we were able to identify for the museum), letters. A small selection of items fitted neither category, for instance a brass plaque.

The evening ended with one of our members, Alan Harris, presenting an oil lamp to add to the collection. He had been asked by neighbours in Hebden Bridge to find a home for the lamp – preferably with the original family. The brass oil lamp had been given to Barry and Linda Gelderd as a wedding present in 1966, in Leeds. It was engraved as follows: "Presented by the Leeds Pride of Israel Independent Friendly Society (Jewish Friends) to Bro. Walter Gaunt in appreciation of his valuable services rendered for the past 20 years January 30th 1927." Requests in the local Jewish press to find members of the Gaunt family were unsuccessful as was a quest to find more about the Friendly Society. The decision was thus made to donate it to the Museum. An interesting twist to the story is that the lamp was bought from the late Nat Gaunt, antique dealer, who was uncle to Alan's wife, but no relation to Walter. A strange coincidence!

Presentations were also made to each of our guides of a copy of Amanda Bergen's "Leeds Jewry, 1930-1939, the challenge of anti-Semitism" published by the Thoresby Society. (Copies are available from the Leeds branch for £3.00 inc p & p.). Details of the Museum's collection of Jewish items are available from the Leeds branch of JGSGB, together with a list of family names mentioned in the catalogue. If anyone with Leeds ancestry wishes to check whether their name is included, please contact Ann Lightman on [c.lightman@sky.com](mailto:c.lightman@sky.com)

For more information on the Discovery Centre, its collections and tours see their website at [www.leeds.gov.uk/discoverycentre](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/discoverycentre). They currently run "behind the scenes" tours on Thursdays at 11 am and 2 pm.

**Ann Lightman**, Visit organiser & Joint Chair of the Leeds branch of the JGSGB

## Tutorial

### Access to the 1940 U.S. Census.

In the US on 1 April 1940 it was Census Day. However, because 1 April 2011 is a Sunday, the release date for the 1940 Census has been pushed back to one day later than the legally required 72 years. Therefore, on 2 April 2012, the 1940 US census will be released by the US National Archives and Records Administration, (NARA). This census includes the continental United States, Alaska, American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, the Panama Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, military and consular services abroad, as well as all US naval services abroad or in American waters, but not at a fixed station. The census comprises over 3.8 million document images containing over 130 million records comprising 20 Terabytes of data, from 4,745 rolls of the 1940 Census microfilm. In addition NARA has created metadata for the images, facilitating searches at Enumeration District (ED) level. To take a census, the US government divides the US into EDs, which unfortunately do not remain the same for each census.

There will be no charge to view the census images, which will be accessible at NARA facilities in the US, as well as via the internet. Everyone will gain access at the same time, but initially the census will be un-indexed, and so it won't be easy to find your family. Instead, you will need to do an address search to find your family. Address searching involves knowing the ED in which their address is located, and then you will need to use traditional search techniques to find them. Further information can be found at [www.archives.gov/genealogy/census/1940/index.html](http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/census/1940/index.html)

### What can we find out from the 1940 US Census?

The information on the 1940 census is extensive. There were up to 50 columns of information about every person in the household. Everyone was enumerated at their usual place of residence on 1 April 1940 along with their relationship to the head of the household. People away from home on census night were noted with the abbreviation "Ab" following their name. For each person we will find out the person's name, gender, age and place of birth, and marital status. This census also asked for the highest grade of school completed, as well as whether that individual had attended a school or college that year. While this census did not ask about immigration dates, it did ask about citizenship of the foreign born. The usual "Na" abbreviation indicated the person had been naturalized. "Pa" meant they had begun the naturalization process by filing their "first papers" but had not completed the process.

The 1940 census was the first to employ sampling techniques. Each page of the census includes an additional sixteen questions for individuals who appeared on lines 14 and 29 on each page, (5% of the population). If you were lucky and your family were enumerated on one of these two lines, you will learn far more about them. You also will be able to learn where the individual lived on April 1, 1935. This information may be very important given the effects of the Depression on the mobility of the US population. The enumerator was asked to specify if the individual lived "in the same house" if there was no change in residence; "in the same place" if they were in the same city, but a different address; or the exact city/town, county and state in which they lived in 1935, if they had moved elsewhere.

### Preparation for the Launch

The best time to prepare to use this forthcoming new resource is during the time leading up to launch day. It is expected that it will take about a year for the hosting organisations, (including Ancestry and Family Search) to transcribe and index the records and to make them available online. By way of preparation for the census release, you can:  
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- View a copy of the Census Form at [www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/1940.pdf](http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/1940.pdf)
- Read the instructions issued to the census takers (enumerators) which can be seen here: <http://usa.ipums.org/usa/voliii/inst1940.shtml>. This website also has links to the instructions to enumerators for a number of other US censuses.
- Learn more about the 1940 enumeration process by watching the National Archives YouTube channel's four short videos created by the US Census Bureau prior to 1940 at [www.youtube.com/user/usnationalarchives#g/c/9C64D8D2FD4C281D](http://www.youtube.com/user/usnationalarchives#g/c/9C64D8D2FD4C281D)

Next step is your own preparation:

- Make a list of the people you want to look for, based on their birth date and/or their enumeration in the 1930 census
- Next, use other resources such as family documents, city directories, telephone books, etc. to determine an address for each individual.
- Then find out which ED the people lived in.

**1940 Website Tools**

Until all of the name indexes are released, using Census ED Finding Tools will be almost the only way to find our families. The only website that currently has location tools for the 1940 census is the Steve Morse's One Step site <http://stevemorse.org>. There are several tools there, and it could be overwhelming to figure out which tool to use when. There is a tutorial that attempts to clarify it and an extensive FAQ. Essentially, there are two ways to find the Enumeration District for a family in the 1940 census. Perhaps the easiest way is by using the 1930/1940 ED Converter utility found on Steve Morse's website.

NARA has uploaded the 1940 ED maps to their website. They are very useful for searching rural and small urban areas, see: <http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/BasicSearchForm>. The map search form isn't the easiest to use, so Steve Morse also has produced a simpler search form for rapidly getting to these maps. His utility entitled: "Viewing 1940 ED Maps in One Step" is at [www.stevemorse.org/census/arc1940edmaps.html](http://www.stevemorse.org/census/arc1940edmaps.html)

**Where will you be able to see the 1940 US census?**

Family Tree Magazine has produced a one page help sheet for the 1940 US Census which is available at: <http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider/content/binary/1940census.pdf>

Ancestry.com has promised to make the 1940 US census records available free online until the end of 2013. They promise their subscribers will be able to search more than 45 data fields. Family Search will also have the records freely available in perpetuity. Having two separate sources for the data will mean two separate sets of indexed data, making it more likely that you will be able to find your family in the records. NARA has specified that the organisations hosting the 1940 Census will be able to cope with an expected 10 million people searching the 1940 census every day, with 25,000 concurrent users. NARA's technical spec has ensured all host organisations can cater for this level of interest. They are also advertising the Morse website, and clearly anticipate there will be a large volume of traffic as census release date approaches. Of course the big question with the 1940 Census is whether it will be available to those outside the US, or even to those with international subscriptions to paid for genealogy websites.

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## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SIG Co-ordinator: Michael Hoffman

### SIG CONVENORS

**Anglo-Jewish** Doreen Berger    **Dutch/Sephardi** Raymond Montanjees  
**German** Jeanette Rosenberg    **East European** comprising **Lithuania/Latvia/**  
**Poland/Galicia/Ukraine/Rumania** Raymond Montanjees/Michael Hoffman

See the **JGSGB PROGRAMME** included with this **Newsletter** or visit the **JGSGB website**  
for details of meetings.

## East European SIG Meeting, Sunday 17th July 2011

The East European SIG was combined with a Members Meeting, when our guest speaker was Richard Goldstein from the London Jewish Cultural Centre, who gave us a very interesting talk on "Polin -The extraordinary life of Jews in Poland" After this excellent talk by Richard Goldstein, we had a successful gathering of Eastern European researchers mentored by Sue Fifer, Ric Cooper, Jeanette Rosenberg and Mark Nicholls - plus our regular knowledgeable SIG attendees.

Only 3 out of the attendance of 30 were LITVAK researchers - unfortunately our regular LITVAK mentors, Judith Diamond and Dr. Saul Issroff, could not be with us to assist - but all was not lost, as the said three joined in with the main Polish group and were pointed in the right direction.

On this occasion, no one was researching Romania. Our mentor David Roth could not attend, but Richard Goldstein would have assisted with the other regional inquiries and would have been invited to sit in with the main group along with the LITVAKS.

It is always worth attending our SIGs for further education. Connections come from all directions.

Ric Cooper reported the following:" As well as the Litvak's", there were quite a few who thought they were 'Polacks' but turned out to be 'Yekkes' so we referred them to Jeanette. I made contacts myself as there was a lady researching SHAFFER and another with ancestors from Portsmouth".

Please do not forget about the Jewish Gen Family Finder. Here you can add the family names you are researching together with the locations being researched.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday the 20th of November, when Richard Goldstein will return with another Power Point Presentation entitled " Budapest - Jews of the Modern World ". Our guest speaker on Sunday 29th January 2012 will be a return visit by Geoff Munitz with a Lithuanian research talk, including the all Lithuanian databases plus other useful Lithuanian information.

**Raymond Montanjees**

## Anglo Jewish SIG Meeting, Sunday 14th August 2011

A meeting of the JGSGB Anglo-Jewish Special Interest Group was held on 14th August 2011 at 33 Seymour Place. There were 12 members present and Doreen Berger was in the chair.

Doreen introduced our speaker for the afternoon Stephen Jacobs, whose talk was entitled "How I Found My Jacobs Clan". Stephen has concentrated his research on the main line of his family tree, wishing to find out more about the lives of his close ancestors, rather than the more remote ones. He told us about the main sources he used in his research, and which he thought might prove to be useful to others. His talk was illustrated with a series of photographs.

Both Stephen's grandfather and his great uncle had always been reluctant to discuss their origins. He had discovered that his four times great-grandfather, Jacob Rintel was born in Holland as was his son, Moses who took the name of Moses Jacobs. Father and son came to England in the latter part of the 18th century, but Jacobs' wife died in Holland and the family were never reunited. Moses married Hannah or Ann Joseph, also born in Holland. One son lived in Cambridge and his daughter, Mary, married into the Marks family. Members of the family drove horse drawn taxis and Stephen has found a number of taxi drivers in the family. One member of his family, Benjamin Marks, died in 1907 of strychnine poisoning after an error made in his prescription.

Doreen thanked Stephen for his very interesting presentation and the meeting adjourned for tea, returning shortly to report on the progress of their own research.

Diane Barnet has passed with flying colours a genealogy course at Birkbeck College and David Isaacs has been photographing WWI gravestones which he will submit to AJEX.

Stanley Melinek has been transcribing birth marriage and death certificates for the society, while Jenny Osorio has continued researching her Jacobs, Isaacs, and Abrahams families. Naomi Fellerman is studying her Isaacs family line.

Danielle Sanderson found that some of her friends had ancestors who appeared on her family tree. Linda Brin is working on her own Isaacs family. Stephen Jacobs has been researching his Lazarus line and Raymond Montanjees his Isaacs and Levy families.

After the meeting was closed there was time for the library to be opened.

The next meeting will be on February 12th 2012.

**Doreen Berger**





## German SIG Meeting, Sunday 4th September 2011

Jeanette Rosenberg

There was a packed house, quite literally, for the German SIG meeting on 4 September, as 23 people crowded into our front room to hear about developments from the IAJGS Washington DC Conference. A detailed presentation was given on the GerSIG events and meetings held at the international conference. In particular the discussions and presentations at the GerSIG meeting were explained. Of particular interest were the Obermayer awards for German Jewish History; the new Name Adoption Lists database (NALDEX); an update on the GerSIG databases on JewishGen; the Harburg database project; a proposal for an All Germany database similar to the JRI-Poland one; and the re-launch of the Stammbaum journal for German Jewish genealogy articles. It was explained that volunteers were needed to help with some of the database projects, doing work on transcribing records and indexing information and that many people had signed up for this work in Washington. Articles were also needed from JGSGB German SIG members for the new Stammbaum journal, which is an on-line English language publication. Before the presentation, everyone introduced themselves and said which families they were researching in Germany. Following the presentation there was the opportunity for people to ask questions and to use the extensive resources in our study. Once again, it was possible to help people find out more information about their families and also about the locations that they lived in. One very important thing that came out of the meeting was that we very much need to buy some more folding chairs!

### Jeanette Rosenberg

German SIG Co-ordinator

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At least initially, this is by no means certain, however as Carolyn L. Barkley notes in her "The 1940 Census is Coming" blog post at [www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com/?p=618](http://www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com/?p=618), if you are in frantic need of 1940 census information before the release date in April 2012, for a price you can request a transcript now, from [www.census.gov/genealogy/www/data/agesearch/index.html](http://www.census.gov/genealogy/www/data/agesearch/index.html)

### 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@jgs.gb.org.uk](mailto:education@jgs.gb.org.uk)

Jeanette Rosenberg

**IN THE REGIONS****Regional Co-ordinator - Michael Hoffman**

The *Members' Corner* of the Society's website has web pages devoted to **Regional Groups**

<[www.jgsgb.org.uk/members/groups/groups.htm](http://www.jgsgb.org.uk/members/groups/groups.htm)>.

You will find links to your Group with diverse information including dates and subjects of forthcoming meetings.

**The Chilterns Regional Group**

As ever, we were treated to a first-class talk and demonstration by Jeanette and Mark at our last meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> June. The recent developments in the Society's website were explained and demonstrated, showing how it 'houses' so much data and information on the many pages available to members. Databases are constantly being added by some very dedicated and able researchers and transcribers.



The jgsgb-discuss and JCR-UK online discussion groups were also given prominence. Greater use should be made of these excellent facilities.

Our library books were again on display, this time gracing the new embroidered tablecloth on its first outing!

**Bucks Family History Society Open Day - Chilterns RG representing JGSGB**

Early assessment of the JGSGB participation in the Bucks Family History Society Open Day on 30<sup>th</sup> July was that of success, with a great deal of interest. Invitations to take part in similar shows in Huntingdon and Oxford, with a repeat in next year's Buckinghamshire event were received.

Situated comfortably in several halls of the large Grange School on the edge of Aylesbury, the exhibition is a long-standing show that has grown significantly in recent years. Attendance figures for this year's event are not yet known but are expected to exceed the 500 of last year. Free parking and free entry are, of course, an attraction, and there is plenty of space for vehicles!

Our Society stand was staffed by members of the Chilterns Regional Group: Jane and Rod Moulding, Gina Marks, Joel Levy and Stan Rose, and all were kept busy for much of the six hours with many enquiries from persons researching their Jewish connections or seeking advice on name derivations.

First enquiry was from the leader of the "Romany & Travellers" stand whose ancestors include a strong Jewish line. At least one member of our Society stopped to say hello!

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The large sports hall accommodated some 15 or more guest family history societies, including Beds, Dorset, East Surrey, Sussex, Manchester and Lancs., London, Westminster etc., and, of course, JGSGB. Facilities available elsewhere covered a very wide range of subjects and Various museums had stands alongside Bucks Archaeological Society, Family History Partnership and many more.

Our table-top was 20ft.long, which we covered with the new, embroidered, Chilterns RG cloth, displaying our range of Guides for sale. We had many free leaflets and there were other books and objects for sale, helping swell the funds! Many membership application forms were taken with the JGSGB brochure/leaflet and so we hope that we may be gaining some new members as a result.

Two laptops were in use, one showing a continuously running slide show featuring the Society. The other was intended for use in helping enquirers with “look-ups” and searches. Unfortunately, the school’s internet connection failed in the hall. Everyone had the same problem although it appears that other halls didn’t have the same problem.

We sold guides and books, answered many enquiries, and generally made JGSGB more visible.

We all agreed that it was a successful day, that we should do more of these events and, most importantly, that we should become more professional in our displays and approach. We packed up and left for home - exhausted but satisfied in the knowledge that we were beginning to get our message seen and our existence known!

This is perhaps one of the most effective ways to promote our Society, a sort of ‘hands-on’ opportunity for visitors to express their possible Jewish connections and to gain new members. It is well accepted that exhibitions create greater interest than mere leaflets and posters alone which often are binned without reading.

Please do take advantage of the research our new local library offers and also consider which books you may like to sponsor for a minimum of £2 per book. In exchange we will attach a specially designed label bearing your name as the book sponsor.

We don’t charge individual members for attending our meetings and neither do we charge for the refreshments. We have no group income other than from the nominal charge we make to non-members (which is set-off against the membership fee when joining as a result of the meeting). We enjoy free use of the premises at NPLS, which includes use of the kitchen and the internet connection, and so we make a nominal donation at each meeting, via a cheque from the Society.

**Stan Rose**

Chairman , Chilterns Regional Group

## S.W. London Regional Group

After a delay of far too long the S.W. London Group got together again on 26th June 2011. Everyone seemed pleased to meet up once more, and the meeting was probably our best-ever, so well worth the long wait.

We were delighted to welcome **JEANETTE ROSENBERG**, the JGSGB Education Officer, who led us through one of her education programmes for Members "Using Maps and Directories in our Genealogical Research". Jeanette's demonstration, about five minutes into her talk, of a computer programme which pulls up a map of Poland at any date you care to mention, whereupon the thick red line of the Polish border adjusts itself to recent changes as if made of elastic, got us all totally hooked and scared to blink in case we missed anything. The talk covered a tremendous amount of ground, with a 3-page list of all the different sites covered sent to us all afterwards. If you didn't get this from me, do please let me know. The afternoon was a real "double-act" - Jeanette was accompanied and most efficiently assisted by her husband, **MARK NICHOLLS**, who is currently Chairman of JGSGB, and gave us his own report and thoughts on current developments in the genealogical field. As we realised more and more what a tremendous job this couple is doing for JGS and the world of genealogy, all on top of their day jobs, we were even more grateful to them both for giving up part of their weekend to visit our rather remote outpost, and several people decided they would try to get to more of Jeanette's Thursday evening courses at Seymour Place.

**DIANE BARNETT**, who spoke to us in 2008 on "Fact, Fiction & Lateral Thinking" has been pursuing her researches into her family very successfully and is working up her discoveries into a couple of talks. The first will tell us the stories she has discovered about her 4 x Great-Grandfather, Nathan Henry - A "Bystander of History," she has called him. He founded the Borough Synagogue and it was outside his house in St. George's Fields, Southwark, that the meeting took place which led to the Gordon Riots in 1780.

This meeting will be on Sunday 23rd October, and as usual **JONATHAN & HELEN BORCHARD** will be our hosts, and welcome us to their home, Coburge House, 5 Gloucester Road, Teddington, TW11 0NS.

I hope that many of us will meet again the following weekend, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2011, for the **ONE-DAY CONFERENCE** at 33 Seymour Place, London W.1.

Then, early in 2012 I have all-but persuaded another of our assiduous local researcher members to share his family stories with us - some of them sound quite lurid. I will send out another circular before Diane's talk and hopefully by then all can be revealed.

**Ena Black**

Convenor, <dandeeblack@waitrose.com>

## SE Essex Regional Group Meeting, Monday 11th July 2011



Ann Marcus

July is often a quiet month with many people reporting that they would be a way, so it was pleasing to see a number of new members attending this meeting in the Talmud Torah in Westcliff on Sea. As many of our group are fairly new to genealogy we started with a small power-point presentation covering the location and ordering of Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates, Wills and Naturalisation papers and chatted along the way as to how these documents can aid our research and what is essential documentation and what is nice to see, but not really necessary.

After our tea break we taxed the brains of our two expert visitors, Heather and Fred Feather from the Essex Society of Family History. Whilst Heather gave some individual advice to members who were stuck, Fred gave us the benefit of his many years of experience as a Genealogist, Author and Researcher answering all sorts of interesting questions and including a few amusing anecdotes along the way. Fred also served for many years as a police officer and writes extensively about historical crimes so we now know who to contact if we discover that any of our ancestors were on the wrong side of the law.

### **Anne Marcus**

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#### **My visit to Krakow - Continued from page 17**

We then took a taxi with our guide to Schindler's factory. I would have liked to have seen it as it originally was but it has been newly made into a museum full of photographs and artefacts from the original establishment. When we got back to our hotel I downloaded a copy of the e book Schindler's List and although I had read it before, it made it all so much more personal, being able to follow on the map the places that we had by now visited.

On Thursday my daughter went to find a market as she was looking for a Polish teapot which she had seen at a friend's house, and admired. I walked by myself around the area, taking a few photographs relating to my own history. I didn't take photographs of buildings, etc. as they are featured so much better in the Kazimierz books.

Early on Friday morning I left our hotel to return home with very mixed thoughts. Although it is good that the Jews are remembered, it also crossed my mind that now the Poles can enjoy having had the Jews living there because now they are mostly dead and gone but they have given them the opportunity to turn it into an industry and make a lot of money out of them. Cynical? Maybe, but that is how I feel.

My last emotional feeling in Krakow was at the airport. We were ushered into a bus to take us to the plane. It was hot and crowded and we had to wait like that for ten minutes or more until the plane was ready. There were loud speakers uttering instructions in a foreign language and my mind immediately switched to the cattle trucks! All that was missing was the sound of rifle shots.

Return to Krakow? I don't know. In a way I felt that a part of me is buried there with all my family and that I still had many of them to find.

### **Shirley Collier**

## Joint Leeds Regional Group and Leeds Branch of the JHSE Meeting<sup>1</sup>

Our last meeting, on the 6<sup>th</sup> June, was the first joint meeting with the Leeds branch of the Jewish Historical Society. A packed hall greeted our member, **Dr David Lewis**, who presented an illustrated talk on “**The Jews of Hull, What can the Hull Jewish Archive do for you?**” Many of the forebears of the audience had entered the United Kingdom from Eastern Europe via Hull and so there was a great deal of interest in the subject. He had brought along the substantial directory of Jews who settled in or passed through Hull which was available to consult after the talk.

Dr Lewis did not disappoint. In a talk packed with information he talked us through the immigration archive, covering three distinct periods after the Aliens Act of 1793. In the National Archives under HO2 are certificates of aliens entering via Hull in 1837/8 and 1851. These list the date of arrival, nationality, last country visited, occupation and signature. In 1837/8 682 aliens entered the country through Hull, 307 (45%) were Jewish. Just half of 1851's records survive. The UK Alien entry books 1826-1849 in HO5, are not as useful as just names, dates and port of arrival are given.

The third, very valuable resource available is the 1913/14 ledger kept by the Jewish Association for the Protection of Girls and Women (started in 1885). This association was concerned for the welfare of the many unaccompanied women arriving to in Britain, often to meet up with their young men who had gone before. Some of these young men had disappeared by the time their women arrived, so the elders decided that all ships should be met and set up agents throughout Britain who they could alert about the arrival of a female dispatched (via train) to their part of the country. This was no small task. This ledger alone evidenced 508 ships met in 7 different docks, with 621 young Jewish girls and women met – albeit a small fraction of the 53,803 passengers that passed through immigration in Hull in 1913. A hand-out with names of 13 women destined for Leeds was given out. Four out of the 13, one with 2 children, were noted as having a contact name and address that was not found - a heart-breaking statistic.

The ledger provides a wealth of detail for anyone lucky enough to find a family member – date, time, dock, name of boat, from, passenger name, onward destination address, occupation (for single women only) was basic, but extra detail would be given for those travelling through northern England to Liverpool and on to (mainly) America. In fact, of those immigrants who came through Hull, 80% continued to the USA, 12% to Canada, 2% to the rest of the world (mainly because of Hull's location - those wishing to emigrate to say South Africa, would use a port in Southern England). Just 6% stayed in the UK (most to Leeds initially). It was interesting to hear the breakdown of occupations – 92% were stated to be tailoresses, but if you added in related occupations e.g. milliners, stocking makers, the clothing industry accounted for a massive 96.5%. Just one hairdresser (a male occupation then), cigarette makers, shop assistants, and a musician were examples given of the non-textile employment.

Dr Lewis finished his talk with outlining what other resources the Archives held – mainly synagogue records, including membership, burials, marriages (some authorisations), birth records. He stressed that the records held were non-governmental. A wide-ranging question and answer session finished the formal part of the evening – after which refreshments and a chance to chat led to a convivial atmosphere. The first joint meeting was a great success from our point of view!

**Ann Lightman**

Leeds Regional Group Chairman

**NEW PUBLICATION**  
***Jewish Ancestor Series***

**A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Lithuania**

**ISBN: 0-97809551023-2-5 (140 pages paperback) First Published August 2005**

**By: Sam Aaron. (Revised July 2011)**

**Price: £7.50 (UK) - £9.50 (Overseas) including postage & packing.**

**Description**

"Genealogical research in Lithuania is often difficult because so many of the old records from czarist times (1794 to 1917) were lost or destroyed. Here is a practical Guide that will tell you what types of records there were, which have survived for each of the three provinces that Lithuania was divided into, how to access them, and what information you can expect to find.

Archives often take a long time to reply to researchers because of the large number of enquiries they receive. The Guide describes the large amount of information that can be directly accessed in online databases, or in databases which are made available by e-mail to subscribers, and provides an up-to-date list of all these resources, and should help you make quicker progress with your researches.

For beginners, the Guide explains how to identify your ancestral *shtetl* (the small town in which Jews were obliged to live), how to start off your research, and eventually find information on your ancestors. Included are also suggestions as to where you can look for clues to your ancestors in UK, USA, Israeli and South African records. The latter section should be useful also to those researching their roots in Eastern European countries other than Lithuania".

**Copies are available via. The JGSGB website : <[www.jgsgb.org.uk](http://www.jgsgb.org.uk)>**

**By e-mail <[publication@jgsgb.org.uk](mailto:publication@jgsgb.org.uk)>**

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**SPEAKER PANNEL**

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, e.g. your local Synagogue, Wizo group, educational group, JAC's club, friendship club, etc. do let them contact me at <[elaineyg@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:elaineyg@yahoo.co.uk)> or telephone 020 8908 2871 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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It is now up to all to ensure that your membership details are correct and to change them when and if necessary. If you do not have an e-mail address then please inform Mark Nicholls <membership@jgsgb.org.uk> and he will make the changes on your behalf.

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**Louise Messik**

### ***jgsgb-discuss - - - - - your own online discussion group***

The objectives of the Society's **Online Discussion Group**..... ***jgsgb-discuss*** are to: help one another to learn and discover more about **Jewish Genealogy**, research methods and resources; share information and resources amongst **JGSGB** members; facilitate establishing contact with members researching the same families or the same geographical areas and promote the activities of **JGSGB**. ***jgsgb-discuss*** is for both beginners and experienced genealogists alike. The geographical scope of the research discussed is global (although much obviously relates to **UK** genealogy). There is no obligation to post any messages and you are welcome to just read and enjoy the messages. However, by actively participating and posting messages, you may get one of your problems solved.

***JOIN NOW — IT'S FREE — it's a JGSGB membership benefit.***

Just send an e-mail to the Moderator **Louise Messik** at <moderator@jgsgb.org.uk>.

**Past and current messages posted are archived and can be accessed.**

You may search for messages on a particular topic or just browse - fascinating stuff. Do try looking at the archives first, prior to posting a message to the Group - you may find your question has already been answered!

Use the following website link to obtain instructions:

<http://lyris.jewishgen.org:81/read/login/?forum>.

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## News from the Library, Lydia Collins

Many of us will have used Petra Laidlaw's invaluable online database of the Jewish community in Britain in 1851 on our website. The index of names in the database was later published as a book which runs to over 700 pages. It is very useful to be able to browse the complete list of names even though it does not include all the details on the website and we are most grateful to Petra for having kindly given the society a copy.

We also thank Melody Amsel-Arieli for her memorial book on the community of Stropkov in present day Slovakia. The work contains a comprehensive list of the inhabitants in 1942 indicating who perished and who survived. The author has amassed an impressive list of sources in her compiling her history and provides a good example of how similar research on other places should be undertaken.

### Recent accessions to the JGSGB Library

Plea Rolls of the Exchequer of the Jews. Vol.6. Edward I, 1279-1281, by Paul Brand [115 1 EXCH6]

An Index to the Jewish Community of the British Isles in 1851, Petra Laidlaw [115 2 Lai]

Jewish Merchants in 17th and 18th Century London. List extracted from trade directories by Gina Marks [120 150 1677/1800]

A guide to Jewish Genealogy in Lithuania, by Sam Aaron. 2nd edition, 2011 [346 760 JGSGB]

The Life that is Yours [ on Samson, Klozenberg, Whitefield (Weisfeld) and related families], by Karen Lebon [655 SAMS Leb]

Victims, Heirs and Insurance. A study of the Palestinian Enemy Debts Registrar's forms 1946-47. International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Policies [800 300 ICHEIP]

Between Galicia and Hungary. The Jews of Strapov, Melody Amsel-Arieli [800 300 STRO]

#### WHAT'S IN THE LIBRARY?

The list of **ALL** available data in the **JGSGB Members' Library** is available for download at <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/jgsgblib>

The JGSGB Library and Resource Centre at

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is open at the times and dates as specified in the programme.

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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 £5.00, which is deductible 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

### MENTORING

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

***Need guidance with appropriate research strategies or sources?***

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

***Need specialist advice on a genealogical topic?***

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**18th Annual London One-Day  
Conference and Genealogical Fair**

**Sunday 30 October 2011**

**33 Seymour Place, London W1H 5AU**

**Speakers**

**Sam Aaron**

**“The changing face of Genealogical  
Research in Lithuania”**

**Richard Goodwin**

**“The London Gazette 1665-2011”**

**Todd Knowles**

**“The Knowles Collection and other  
ways to find your ancestors through  
Family Search”**

**Carol Reeves**

**“A new resource for family  
historians – Jewish Patients in  
Colney Hatch Asylum and the  
National Hospital”**

**Philip Walker**

**“My Jewish East End journey - from  
the East London Christian Mission to  
the Hebrews to the Jewish East End  
Celebration Society”.**

Conference Newsletter & booking form.

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