

CHAI FROM COLORADO

A BI-MONTHLY TIP SHEET
April-May 2001

COMING EVENTS

MAY 8, 2001
JGSCO MEETING
TEMPLE EMANUEL, 6:30p.m.

JUNE 12, 2001
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
POT LUCK SUPPER
TEMPLE EMANUEL, 6:30p.m.

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

If you missed the March 13, speaker, Mrs Diana Wilberg, of the Aurora Family History Center, her phone number is 303-680-6827. She is very well informed and will welcome your call or your visit to 8th and Laredo St., Aurora.

ELLIS ISLAND DATABASE

This database, which is scheduled to go on line April 17, 2001, will cover the arrivals at the port of New York from 1892 to 1924, which are probably the most important years for Jewish researchers. Seeing is believing. Right? [Http://www.ellislandrecords.org](http://www.ellislandrecords.org) We wait with bated breath for your success stories.

JULY - AUGUST

Take a break and have a great summer!
NO Genealogy meetings until September.

21 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY

London, England, July 8-13, 2001
A 15 page list of speakers and topics can be found at the conference web site (www.jewishgen.org/london2001)

ELECTIONS

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS

President:	Myndel Cohen
V. President:	Holly Wolfe
Secretary:	Rita Jo Tensly
Treasurer:	Sol Flax

If you will consider serving on the Board of JGSCO, please call the nominating committee:
Anne Fendrich, 303-759-9824
Miriam Ohr 303-757-6301
You may also contact Anne or Miriam at the May 8, meeting. Your help is needed so come on board. Election of officers is June 12, 2001.

ALSO,

For those honoring a life event with a contribution to JGSCO, please note: We are incorporated in the state of Colorado. As a registered 501c(3) corporation, JGSCO complies with federal and state regulations, regarding charitable organizations. Contributions to the JGSCO are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

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BREMEN PASSENGER LISTS: HISTORY

The Ordinance Concerning the Emigration Traveling on Domestic of Foreign Ships of 1832 in Bremen was the first state law to protect emigrants.

Among other things, it required the ship owners to maintain passenger lists. In 1851, the Bremen Chamber of Commerce established the Information Office for Emigrants to which the ship captains had to deliver their lists. The rules and regulations of the Office considerably improved the quality of both the stay at Bremen prior to the sailing and the seaworthiness of the ships.

Unfortunately, from 1875-1908, because of the lack of office space, staff of the Emigrant Office decided to destroy all lists older than three years.

Additionally, more lists were lost in W.W.II. The surviving lists had been stowed away in a salt mine in 1942 together with other archives for the purpose of protection. They were transferred into the custody of Moscow Archives at the end of W.W.II. In 1987 and 1990 the lists were given back to the Bremen Chamber of Commerce.

Some passenger lists have been transcribed (1920-1939) and are offered at <http://www.bremen-passengerlists.de/> or <http://www.passengerlists.de/>

PASSPORTS

Except for brief periods i.e. WWI, passports were not required of US citizens who traveled out of the country prior to 1941. These Passports are on microfilm at NARA and there are indexes and registers to help you use them. The Family History Library also has microfilm of passports.

Early passport applications contain little information, but from 1906 to 1925 they included the name, place of birth of spouse and children, residence and occupation at the time of application, immediate travel plans, physical description and a photograph.

For passports after 1925, write to the Passport Office,

Department of State, WashingtonDC, 20520. If the applicant of the passport is still alive, you will need a letter from the applicant; if the person is deceased, you need to provide a copy of the death certificate and state your relationship to the deceased.

CENTRE FOR JEWISH HISTORY

After six years' planning and at a cost of \$52million this new Centre at 15 West 16th Street, New York, brings under one roof major archives of the "American Jewish Historical Society", the "American Sephardi Federation", the Leo Baeck Institute", the "Yeshiva University Museum" and the "YIVO Institute for Jewish Research". It offers access to 100 million documents, 500,000 books and tens of thousands of art objects. The Jewish Genealogical Society of New York is to move into the complex to create the Central Genealogical Institute.