



Chai from Colorado

Jewish Genealogical Society of Colorado

Spring, 2004

JGS OF COLORADO TO BE HONORED TO HAVE DR. JEFFREY MALKA AS SPEAKER ON MAY 11

Dr. Jeffrey Malka is the author of the highly acclaimed book, *Sephardic Genealogy: Discovering Your Sephardic Ancestors and Their World*, which guides readers through Sephardic history, describes the origins and meanings of common family names, and lists genealogical resources available in the many countries that Sephardic Jews inhabited. The book is the recipient of the prestigious Judaica Reference Book of the Year Award for 2002. In a review of the book, Harriet Kasaw of the Israel Genealogical Society says, "...this work represents a culmination of all his previous efforts in the area of Sephardic genealogical research."

Dr. Malka is descended from a long line of Sephardic rabbis, his grandfather having been Chief Rabbi of the Sudan from 1906 to 1959. In researching his own family roots, he has accumulated unique expertise in the resources available to Sephardic genealogists. Malka, who lives in Virginia, will be in Denver visiting family at the time of his speech.

Not only will Dr. Malka show those with known Sephardic lineage how to search for ancestors, he will also show those of pure Ashkenazi descent how to uncover the trail to Sephardic ancestry. It is not generally known that many Jews living in Eastern Europe were descendants of exiles from the Iberian Peninsula.

This is a special opportunity for all those interested in Jewish history as well as those involved in Jewish genealogy. Guests are welcome.

APRIL MEETING CHANGE IN LOCATION, TIME & DATE

A limited number of members, ten in all, will be able to meet for a special tour of the Beck Archives at the University of Denver. The April 20, 2004 tour will start at 1 p.m. in the basement of the Penrose Library. It will be led by Jeanne Abrams, Ph.D., Director of the Rocky Mountain Jewish Historical Society, and by Thyria Wilson, her assistant. The group will be made aware of all of the resources available at the archives and how they can be accessed.

Beck Archives houses the JCRS records which are being indexed with the help and encouragement of members of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Colorado. The archives recently received a grant through a Stern Award of the International Jewish Genealogical Societies to further efforts to make important pertinent information on the patients, once housed in the Jewish Consumptive Relief Society's facility, available to all. Find it at: <http://library.du.edu/about/collections/SpecialCollections/JCRS/alphabetical.cfm>

Because of space limitations this activity is limited to members only by reservation. If there is sufficient interest, additional trips can be planned later in the year. Please call Anne, 303-759-9824 or Myndel, 303-756-6028.

Time for you to become a valuable, valued volunteer for JGSCO.

Volunteer commitment to JGSCO is sorely needed. Work at your convenience; once a week, once a month, or once a year. Want to work at home? Want to work in your car? Want to work on the phone?

1. Read newsletters from all over the world and take out pertinent information for other members.
2. Bring snacks to one or more monthly meetings at Temple Emanuel. Set it up monthly.
3. Help the program chairman to set up interesting meetings for the group. Perhaps you've heard of a good speaker or have seen a good film and can share it with the group. Have you come across a Reference book at the Library that we should know about?
4. Work with our volunteer librarian at Temple Emanuel keeping the book list current. Make sure the Avotaynus are updated; monthly or semi monthly.
5. Contact previous members by phone or mail as to why they are not current members. Give a ride to interested or potential members, so that they can share in our meetings.
6. Distribute fliers, posters, newsletters to Synagogues, Temples, and places where Jews gather. This is done weekly, monthly, or yearly.

Perhaps you can think of duties that are being ignored and need attention. The Board is open to all suggestions.

Welcome to new Board Member, Ted Ruskin! Ted is a long time member of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Colorado and we welcome him as a new member to the Board. Ted works with many Jewish organizations in the Community and will bring new ideas and suggestions to the meetings. Ted, thanks for being a valuable, valued, volunteer.

Wishing you and your family a happy Passover.

Best,

Myndel Cohen
President

Brainstorming at the JGSCO Library A Workshop Opportunity to Conduct Your Personal Research

Sunday, April 25th, 1pm-4pm
Congregation Emanuel Library

The JGSCO invites members to attend a special workshop at our very own library. If you haven't utilized the resources available in the JGSCO collection, then this is an opportunity you won't want to miss. Join other members as we pick one another's brains for ideas on how to break through personal research barriers. No formal lecture will be presented so that each participant has ample time to browse books and can ask questions. You might possibly break down a research barrier that has been lingering for some time!

Join this informal session to focus on and make real progress with growing your family tree. Come prepared to ask those questions you never seem to have time to address in a regular evening meeting. It is recommended that you bring printouts of your family tree including surname and shtetl names, as well as copies of relevant family documents, and prepared questions.

We look forward to seeing you there!

KERRY'S JEWISH GENEALOGY

At the request of the Boston Globe, Felix Gundacker of the Institute for Historical Research in Vienna began research on presidential candidate John Kerry's family in Europe. Born of Czech Jews, Kerry's grandfather, Fritz Kohn, changed his name to Frederick Kerry and converted to Catholicism before he came to America in 1902. A great uncle and a great aunt of John Kerry died in the holocaust.

Introduction to Jewish Genealogy A Workshop For Beginners Only

Do you know someone interested in beginning their family search? Then this is the workshop for you to tell them about. It is geared at absolute novices new to the world of organized Jewish genealogy and unfamiliar with the JGS of Colorado. It is our hope that this annual workshop will be a successful recruitment tool to growing our local membership. For this reason, we ask that current members of the JGSCO not attend the beginner level program. So far, the response has been outstanding and we expect a dozen new members to join JGSCO as a result.

There is still time and space left for you to recruit your friends, neighbors or relatives to participate. The beginner's workshop will be held at Congregation Emanuel, April 18, 2004 from 1-4 p.m. For more information or to register, please contact Ellen Kowitt at (303) 583-7902 or grapevynwest@comcast.net.

AN INVITATION TO THE 24TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY

BY MARTHA LEVINSON LEV ZION, PH.D.

The Israel Genealogical Society is delighted to invite you to the International Association of Jewish Genealogy Societies' 24th annual International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, which will be held between the 4th and 9th of July in Jerusalem!

The International Association of Jewish Genealogy Societies is comprised of chapters from all over the world. Associate members include Jewish museums, Institutes, Libraries and Historical Societies. Once in a decade, Jerusalem, with its unique resources, is honored to be the host.

What can you expect this year? Lectures by the world's foremost experts on Jewish communities and by experts on Jewish migration. Prominent archivists in Israel will illuminate different aspects of their archives and how to navigate

them. Arrangements are being made to facilitate research, with volunteer translators standing by and archives extending their hours during the Conference week. There will be a group of "how to" sessions dealing with everything from different aspects of genealogy, writing and publishing family histories and newsletters, to creating family and village webpages. Three to four parallel sessions will be presented each hour from morning to night in both Hebrew and English. The most important lectures will be simultaneously translated into the other language.

2004 also marks the 50th anniversary of the foundation of Yad Vashem. Yad Vashem, along with the Conference organizers, has arranged a special memorial dedicated to the Shoah which will involve lectures on how to search for those murdered in the Shoah, the vanished communities, newly developed databases by Yad Vashem and individual consultations for research. There will be a special evening event at Yad Vashem which will include a tour, a light meal and a moving ceremony at the Valley of the Lost Communities.

The Conference will take place at the Jerusalem Marriot Renaissance Hotel. Inexpensive room rates have been arranged: between \$40 - \$48 per adult in a double room, including our enormous Israeli breakfast and all service charges and taxes! El Al is offering a 10% discount and is waiving all requirements for a minimum stay. Tours are being arranged before, during and after the Conference. Want to meet your Israeli cousins? Translators are available for your first telephone contact and to help you locate them.

There will be a private shuttle bus to run from archive to archive and a private bus to take our participants to all activities outside the hotel. Security is strict at the hotel and everywhere else. For more information on the 2004 Jerusalem Conference, check our website at: <http://www.jewishgen.org/jerusalem2004>.

We hope to see you this year in Jerusalem!

New indices added to JRI-Poland database!

Stanley Diamond, Executive Director, Jewish Records Indexing-Poland <www.jri-poland.org> announced that approximately 120,000 new entries for 46 towns have been added to their database. For most of these towns it is a first listing. For others, later years have been added. In some cases there is information up to 1903, “the cut-off year for the 100 year Polish privacy rule.”

The towns are listed with their Gubernia code which is the first two letters of the name of the Gubernia. You can determine the years and types of records in the database for your town by going to the “Your Town” feature on the JRI-Poland website at www.jri-poland.org. The towns are:

Belzyce (LU)
 Bialobrzegi (RA)
 Bilgoraj (LU)
 Biskupice (LU)
 Bobrka (LW)
 Bolechow (ST)
 Bursztyn (ST)
 Bychawa (LU)
 Chelm (LU)
 Gologory (TA)
 Horodenka (ST)
 Izbica-Kujawska (KL)
 Izbica-Lubelski (LU)
 Janow (Ivano Frankovo) (TA)
 Jarczow (LU)
 Jaroslawiec (LU)
 Kazimierz Dolny (LU)
 Klodawa (PO)
 Kolomyja (ST)
 Komarno (LW)
 Kozminek (KA)
 Kremenets (VO)
 Kromolow (KI)
 Mordy (SI)
 Olesno (PO)
 Piatek (KA)
 Plonsk (PL)
 Praszka (KL)
 Przedecz (WA)
 Radzyn Podlaski (LU)
 Rejowiec (LU)
 Rozdol (ST)
 Skala (TA)
 Slawatycze (SI)
 Solec Nad Wisla (RA)
 Stanislawow (Iwano Frankowsk) (ST)
 Stoczek Lukowski (SI)

Strusow (TA)
 Tarnowbrzeg (LV)
 Tarnogora (LU)
 Tartakow (LW)
 Tomaszow Mazowiecki (PI)
 Warszawa (WA)
 Zalozce (TA)
 Zgierz (PI)
 Zwolen (RA)

According to Mark Halpern, JRI-Poland Order Processing Coordinator, the order system continues to expand as well. The PSA branches just added are:

Katowice
 Kielce
 Leczyca
 Pinczow
 Piotrkow Trybunalski
 Radom
 Sandomierz
 Starachowice
 Tomaszow Mazowiecki
 Torun
 Wloclawek

<http://www.jri-poland.org/psa/psabasketlist.htm> lists all the PSA branches which are part of the Shopping Basket system.



SOMETHING OF INTEREST
**Connections...With Your Families, With
 Your Friends**

“Connections...With Your Families, With Your Friends” is a two-day conference being held in Denver, Colorado on August 20-21, 2004. National and regional speakers will lecture at the beautiful, 110-year old Teikyo Loretto Heights University campus.

Thomas Jones, Ph.D., CG, Pamela Boyer Porter, CGRS, CGL, and Gladys Friedman Paulin, CGRS, will headline the speakers’ roster offering talks which will benefit the beginner as well as the experienced researcher. Local noted speakers will supplement the lecture schedule, providing 2 tracks of simultaneous talks. Exhibitors and regional society tables will showcase their wares.

Gladys Friedman Paulin, CGRS, will be a speaker of special interest to JGS of Colorado members. She is a certified professional Jewish genealogist. Her topics will be:
 -Non-Urban Jewish Immigrants; farmers, cowboys and small town Jews, including a little bit on Cotopaxi, and Deadwood, SD as examples of farm colony & small town Jews.
 -Lost in the City? Researching Urban Ancestors
 - That Other Line: An Approach to Ethnic Research, providing the strategy for understanding and researching any ethnic group.
 - Genealogical Myths & Misconceptions, including name changes at Ellis Island and the need for thorough research.

TIMELY TIP:

Did someone in your family serve in the Austrian military? Celia Male reminded us, through the JewishGen Discussion Group, that the Kriegsarchiv in Vienna could be a wonderful source of information. Its archives are massive, and the records can be very detailed. The url address is:

<http://www.genealogienetz.de/reg/AUT/krainf-e.htm>

Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies
SEMINAR 2004
 Registration Form

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Which Single Day: __Fri __Sat

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Make checks payable to:

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P.O. Box 40270

Denver, CO 80204-0270

Registration must be received by

August 10, 2004 to assure syllabus and packet materials. Refund minus \$10 service fee given upon written request if postmarked by August 10, 2004

TIMELY TIP:

The Arizona Department of Health Services, the Arizona State Library and Archives, and the Mesa Family History Library, have just made 40,000 birth and death indexes available online. The URL is <http://genealogy.az.gov> .

NEW BOOKS & NEW LIBRARY HOURS

The following are the Congregation Emanuel Library Hours where our JGSCO Books are housed:

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00AM to 5:00PM*

Fridays and Saturdays: Closed

Sundays: 8:45 AM to 1:00PM

when religious school is in session*

(*Subject to change during the summer months. It is wise to call the temple (303) 399-4013 before you come to the library).

NEW BOOKS FOR THE JGSCO LIBRARY

Genealogical Resources in New York: The most comprehensive guide to genealogical and biographical resources in New York City and Albany. Published by: Jewish Genealogical Society, Inc. NYC; Revised and edited by Estelle Guzik. (A good guide for those who are tracing New York ancestors.) The IAJGS Summer Seminar will be held in New York in 2006. This book will be very useful to those who attend and wish to locate archives and resources in the New York area as well as to those who need to send for records from New York.

There Once Was A World; Published by: Little, Brown and Co., Back Bay Publishers; Author: Yaffa Eliach (Creator of The Tower of Life at the US Holocaust Museum, Washington, DC). (a 900 year chronicle of the shtetl of Eishyshok). Two copies are available: One for resource at our JGSCO library – the second copy for circulation from the Congregation Emanuel library.

Sephardic Genealogy – Discovering Your Sephardic Ancestors and their World; Winner: Best Judaica Reference Book (2002) by Association of Jewish Libraries. Author: Jeffrey S. Malka, MD who will soon be speaking to our JGS here in Denver. Look for his book and attend his lecture.

The American Pocket Medical Dictionary – 17th Edition – 1942, W.B. Saunders Co
A dictionary covering the whole field of medicine and surgery. We find medical dictionary explanations for old named illnesses which we might find on death certificates, etc.

Thank you to all those who have contributed money and/or books to build our library. Please call me at: (303) 755-8384 if you have any questions regarding the library and/or the books and materials on our shelves.

Sandra A. Greenberg, JGSCO Librarian

YIZKOR BOOK NECROLOGY DATABASE

Warren Blatt, JewishGen Editor-in Chief, announced in February that the JewishGen Yizkor Book Necrology Database has been updated with over 16,000 additional entries from 15 Yizkor Books:

Lenin, Rakov, Rubezhevichi, and Ruzhany, Belarus; Orgeyev, Moldova; Ciechanowicz, Kolo, Przedborz, Wysokie-Mazowieckie, Zarki and Zloczew, Poland; Kralovsky Chlmec, Slovakia; and Khoshchevatoye, Ukraine. Also updated were the necrology lists for Radomsko and Sokolka, Poland.

The Necrology Database may be searched at: <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Yizkor> .

The JewishGen Yizkor Book Necrology Database indexes the names of persons in the necrologies -- the lists of Holocaust martyrs -- published in the Yizkor Books appearing on the Yizkor Book Project site at:

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

This database is only an index of names; it directs researchers back to the Yizkor Book itself, where more complete information may be available. This database currently contains over 165,000 entries from the necrologies of 177 different Yizkor Books. The JewishGen Yizkor Book Necrology Database can be found at:

<http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Yizkor>.

Blatt thanked Michael Tobias, Ernie Fine, Lance Ackerfeld, and all of the Yizkor Book donors and translators for the success of this project.

Cover photo courtesy of John Gaudio.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

“Nu! What’s New?” is an excellent free resource on the internet. Gary Mokotoff keeps us informed of the latest developments in genealogy. I was led to two new JewishGen databases by a recent article.

For years I have searched for the ship’s manifest for my paternal grandmother, my father and his two sisters. It has become obvious that they may not have landed at Ellis Island. The two resources concern immigrants who landed at Boston or Philadelphia.

JewishGen now has a Boston HIAS database which is an index to microfilmed reels held by the Family History Library since 2002. The database lists immigrant passengers requesting assistance and the persons and places of their final destination.

The port city represented in another new database is Philadelphia. The Blitzstein Bank of

Philadelphia gave early immigrants the opportunity to save money to purchase steamship tickets for family members remaining in the “old country.” These records are at the Philadelphia Jewish Archives Center and are being made available through the efforts of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Philadelphia and JewishGen. They include information on the immigrant who is being brought to this country and often information on the name and address of the person who established the account, the port of entry, and final destination.

All of the databases can be found at:
<http://www.jewishgen.org/databases>.

Did I find what I was looking for? No, but I did find others with the same surname to try to link to family. Meanwhile the search goes on!

Anne Fendrich, Newsletter Editor

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2004

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN APRIL EVENTS

April 18: Beginners Workshop. "An Introduction to Jewish Genealogy"
1-4 p.m., Temple Emanuel

April 20: Trip: Beck Archives, University of Denver,
Basement of Penrose Library.
Starting at 1 p.m.. By reservation only.

April 25: Intermediate Workshop. "More Resources and Tearing Through Research Brick Walls."
1-4 p.m. Temple Emanuel Library

May 11: Jeffrey S. Malka. "Sephardic Genealogy."
6:30 to 9:30. Temple Emanuel

June 8: Election of Officers. Share "Triumphs and Tribulations".
6:30 to 9:30. Temple Emanuel

August 20-21: CCGS Seminar 2004,
Teikyo Loretto Heights University Campus.
See article this issue.

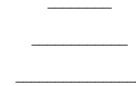
TIMELY TIP:

Gary Mokotoff in *Nu? What's New?* reports that he recently found an Internet site in France that lists persons deported from France during the Holocaust. It is located at <http://www.mortsdanslescamps.com>.

The database can be searched by birthplace for those born in France, and by country and alphabetically for those born in other countries. The site is in French.

TIMELY TIP:

Ancestry's name index to passengers arriving in the Port of New York prior to the creation of Ellis Island is now complete. It covers the years 1850-1891. The fee-for-service index is at: <http://content.ancestry.com/iexec?htx=List&dbid=7488>



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