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Excitement Builds For 20th JGS Meet In Salt Lake City

Plans for the 20th annual conference on Jewish genealogy, to be held in Salt Lake City at the Doubletree Hotel July 9-14, are moving along rapidly.

The response was outstanding, to a call for papers with a Dec. 31 deadline, national officers reported.

A half-dozen topnotch speakers in key areas of genealogy research already are lined up. They include David E. Rencher, Director of Library Services of the LDS Church, who will deliver the keynote speech at the Sunday night opening of the conference.

As head of the Family History Library, he will offer insight into expected innovations from the library system in the new millenium. Mr. Rencher also is president of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the umbrella group for all U.S. genealogical societies.

Other major speakers are Wayne Metcalf, director of acquisition and field services division, who will survey the current state of Jewish record acquisition and discuss the process governing microfilming of data; Tom Edlund, senior librarian for Slavic bibliography, will discuss the 1897 all-empire Russian census. He will also conduct classes in how to read/understand microfilmed Russian records and documents, Polish and German vital records, all of which are located in the SLC Family History Library.

Daniel Schlyter, collection development specialist, who has been a regular speaker at Jewish genealogical conferences for several years, will conduct a class on reading Hungarian vital records and tell where Jewish vital records were kept in the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Kahlile Mehr, collection development specialist for countries of the former Soviet Union, will discuss what the library has microfilmed for countries that comprise former USSR territory with respect to Jewish records.

Other experts will cover such topics as the Ellis Island project, Ireland/Scotland/Australian research and "a generic approach to tracing Jews in the British reference area."

President Myndel Spreads the Word About JGS Colo

President Myndel Cohen has been busy spreading the word about the Jewish Genealogical Society of Colorado and picking up new members in the process.

In early January she spoke to the Hebrew Educational Alliance's Kadima Chavurah at the

home of Sally and David Spivak.

She distributed "pedigree" charts and showed the group how to get started tracing a family's history. She was careful to advise them that "the hardest part of the whole process is in just getting started."

Myndel also advised them on what specific documents to hunt for and the many places in Denver to examine, including the detailed data available at several Family History Centers of Latter-day Saints Churches in the metro area.

She also, along with Ted Ruskin, has taped a TV show with Rabbi Stanley Wagner to be aired later.

PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT THE FORM.

In order to match your family, and your families origin country, town, village, Shtetl please follow the following rules. While the Jewish Genealogy Society, Colorado is small and matches can be made, if you choose to add your names and towns to the Jewish Gen Family Finder, you will need to be consistent with the common rules. Countries, Towns and Villages **are what they are now**. The borders and political boundaries and names in Europe have changed constantly over the centuries. The changes were especially great in the 19th and 20th Century.

Towns and Countries: The most common problem in locating the European town(s) of your family(s) is that the contemporary name of the town is not used. Especially in Eastern Europe the alternate names, spellings, and county have many variations and changes. Examples are: Vilnius, Lithuania - Current is often Vilna, Vilnia, Vilnyus, Wilnus, Wilno; Kallingrad, Russia was Koenigsburg, Königsburg, Konigsburg, Prussia; Grajewo, Poland was Grayavah, and Prussia, Germany, Russia or Poland.

Czechoslovakia, Austria-Hungary are not correct. It is Czech Republic or Slovak Republic, and Austria or Hungary.

Entries An entry consists of one surname with one town. If you have two towns list:

Taub Philadelphia, PA

Taub Humenne, Slovak Republic

(When the family immigrated it was Homonna, Zemplen County, Hungary.

The best source for names is *Where Once We Walked*, Gary Mokotoff and Sallyann Sachs. Copies are in the Denver Public Library and the Jewish Genealogy Society of Colorado library at Temple Emanuel.

Names When searching for your family name on the Internet or in the local Family finder, remember that name variations might be your family. There are many reasons for changes in spelling. For example: Levy, Levi may be the same. Similarly, Cohen, Cohn, Kahn, etc. Even small changes like Berliner to Berlin may have occurred along the line.

The Jewish Gen Family Finder

The members of the Jewish Genealogy Society Colorado are responsible for filling their own family names on the Jewish Gen Family finder. If you do not have a net connections, ask a member, child, or grandchild to help you. You are almost certain to get inquires from your filing. Be prepared to answer inquires with a brief listing of the family members. With the common practice of naming Children after their ancestors (or aunts and uncles) You can often spot probable family connections for common names, i.e., Gross, Klein, Roth, Grossman, etc. by the given (first names) of the children.

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Visit the Jewish Genealogy Web Site at www.Jewishgen.org

Do We Have Your Address?

With the new technology and cyber "stuff" dominating our lives these days, does JGS of Colorado have your current **e-mail** address? Many informative and helpful research bits can be sent to our members rapidly and efficiently via the existing 'net or Web

As one example, travel discounts have been arranged with three major airlines for the Salt Lake City conference. If you book your trip two months in advance, the discount will be 10 percent off the lowest regular air fare.

If you currently are on the 'net, please give us your address at the next meeting. And thanks.

Form for Membership Dues Date _____

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Enclosed is an additional
donation of _____ to help
build the CO JGS Library

Welcome to History!

We are pleased to welcome the following men and women who have joined Jewish Genealogical Society of Colorado since our last issue:

Say hello to Karen Lozow, Jeffery Laner, Mervin and Maxine Shpall, Esther Rombach Griswold, Debbie Stracher, Vilen Kossi and Betty Lee Hahn.

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