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ANNOUNCING FORTHCOMING MEETINGS!

Mark your calendar!

(no further notices will be sent)

- April 29, 1987 - Avner Peretz, "Chinillo (Ginio) Family: From Aragon to Salonika (Thessalonike) and Jerusalem".
- May 20, 1987 - Yosef Meuchas, "The Meuchas Family in Kfar HaShiloach."
- June 17, 1987 - Annon Gaber - "Research on Groups of Families from Podolia & Bessarabia."
- July 15, 1987 - Dr. Pnina Talmon - "Sephardic Families in Jerusalem at the end of the 19th century, from an Historical-Sociological Perspective."

Meetings are held at Mevakshay Derekh Synagogue, 22 Shai Agnon Street, San Simon, Jerusalem. Genealogical materials and bulletins from around the world are on display from 7:00 p.m. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

PINKAS HAKEHILLOT: WÜRTTEMBERG-HOHENZOLLERN-BADEN (GERMANY)

An Encyclopedia of Jewish Communities from their founding until after the Holocaust - Pinkas HaKehillot, presents a historical overview of three areas of Germany. (a) Württemberg: covers 53 communities, including Heilbronn, Tübingen, Rexingen, Stuttgart; (b) Hohenzollern: 3 communities; (c) Baden: 152 communities, including Karlsruhe (written by Esther Ramon), Offenburg, Heidelberg, Mannheim, Freiburg, and Konstanz. Editor: Joseph Walk; Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, 1986, 259 pp., Hebrew. The genealogist will be particularly interested in the bibliography of places and people, the Index of Names with 4,000 listings, and the list of Towns and Cities. [Only the Towns and Cities appear in English.]

REVIEWING FEBRUARY AND MARCH

- Dr. Paul Jacoby, addressed our February meeting on the topic of "Descendants of Rashi". Dr. Jacoby distributed charts showing descendants of Rashi, with connections between various well-known families, including Treves, Ballin, Luncz, Luria, Katzenelnbogen, Isserles, Spira and others.
- Rabbi Meir Wunder, spoke at the March meeting on "Researching Families of Jews From Galicia". Rabbi Wunder explained how to gain information from sources such as introductions and prefaces of old rabbinical and scholarly writings, including the statements that other rabbis would write about an author. He brought a copy of Volume 3 of his Encyclopedia of Scholars from Galicia (which is currently at the bindery).
- A Seminar on "Researching Your Family Roots", sponsored by the Israel Genealogical Society and Moreshet Beit Saba (The Society for Jewish Family Heritage), took place on March 25th at the Sieff Community Center in Beit Hakera. Sessions were held in Hebrew and in English.

HEBREW-ENGLISH CALENDAR COVERING 1583-2001 AVAILABLE ON COMPUTER DISKETTE

Rabbi Joseph Schachter has prepared a computer program for correlating the English and Hebrew calendars. The software, which appears in Hebrew and English, is intended for use with IBM and IBM Compatible computers. Rabbi Schachter invites the public to copy his program, on the condition that the dedication page is left intact. To obtain a copy, bring a formatted disk to Largo or Compubite in Jerusalem, and request the Jewish Calendar program. Questions may also be directed to Rhoda Cohen.

YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN WRITING ENCYCLOPEDIA OF JEWISH GENEALOGY

You are invited by the editors, Miriam Weiner and Arthur Kurzweil, to participate in the writing of the Encyclopedia of Jewish Genealogy. If you have expertise in a certain aspect or experience in a particular geographical area, you may wish to submit an article for consideration. For details on how to submit your proposal, contact the bulletin editors.

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SECOND INT'L SEMINAR ON JEWISH GENEALOGY - July 5-10, London

Registration is being accepted for the International Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy to be held in London, July 5-10, 1987. The program will include English site visits and will feature lectures on a broad range of European sources outside of Britain. Further details will be available at our next meeting. Chava Agmon, a member of the Israel Genealogical Society will be attending the Seminar.

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SCATTERED SEEDS BY PROF. SACKHEIM - 15,000 NAME INDEX

"Search", the quarterly JGS magazine from Illinois, includes a review of the book Scattered Seeds by Prof. George I. Sackheim, a two volume, sixteen generation family history, with a 15,000 name index in Volume II. The study connects over 300 inter-related branches of his family. Are you a relative?

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LITHUANIAN FAMILY TREES

Rachel Levine, Director of the Archives, of the Association of Lithuanians in Israel, sent a list of twelve family trees held in the archives. The list which follows is a transliteration of the names and towns as they appear in Hebrew.

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| 1. Shifman - Leibovitz: from Shavli | 7. Fin - Kats: from Jurburg |
| 2. Yehuda Rabinovitz: from Jurburg | 8. Klein: from Akmena |
| 3. Mindel Sadur: from Utjan | 9. Blumberg: from Virbaln and Neustat-Kudrika |
| 4. Shkedi - Mendelov - Cohen: from Shavli & Shkud | 10. Pogirsky - Rabinovitz: from Janova & Zeserka |
| 5. Nevjaski - from Shavli, Eibjanski, & Kovno | 11. Hovsha - Terushkin: from Kelm and Shkud |
| 6. Zingman - lpp: from Kovno | 12. Shinanski - Faibunski: from Wilkovichki |

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LECTURES FROM MEETINGS ON TAPE

Have you regretted missing one of our monthly meetings? Would you like to review a lecture to catch all the details? Cassette recordings can be borrowed for only 2 NIS/tape.

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GUIDEBOOK ON ARCHIVAL RESOURCES IN ISRAEL

A new source book has been released by the Genealogical Publishing Company. GUIDE TO JEWISH GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN ISRAEL by Dr. Sallyann A. Sack, 1987, describes libraries, private collections and research institutes as well as archives in Israel. (Dr. Sacks is the editor of the genealogical journal "Avotanu".)

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SOURCES AT NATIONAL LIBRARY, GIVAT RAM

The Reference Room of the National Library on the Givat Ram Campus of The Hebrew University has many resources available to the genealogist. It contains Jewish encyclopedias and general books on Jewish genealogy (such as Finding Our Fathers by Dan Rottenberg and From Generation to Generation by Arthur Kurzweil). There are sets of the American Jewish Yearbook, various Who's Who volumes and a number of books on individual Jewish communities. Other books on the shelves in the Reference Room include:

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| 1. D.S. Zubatsky and I.M. Berent: Jewish Genealogy. | 8. Index to Surnames in the Palestine Gazette. |
| 2. P. Levy: Les Noms des Israelites en France, 1960. | 9. Winniger: Judische National Biographie, 1927. |
| 3. R. Singermann: Jewish and Hebrew Onomastics, 1977. | 10. World Jewish Register. |
| 4. Hermann Meyer: Bibliographia Genealogica Judaica (a list of unpublished family trees). | |
| 5. B.C. Kaganoff: Dictionary of Jewish Names and Their History. | |
| 6. Dr. A. Kohut: Beruhate Israelitisch Mariner u Frauen in der Kulturgesch der Menschen. | |
| 7. International Biographical Dictionary of Central European Imigres, 1933-45. | |

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USING MEMORIAL BOOKS IN WRITING A FAMILY HISTORY

Memorial (or Yizkor) Books can be an important resource for Jewish genealogists, especially in regard to communities in Eastern Europe. In the following report, Shmuel Even-Or Ornstein outlines the ways in which he used memorial books in writing his family history.

a. Memorial Book of Zhetl (Ziastl) - a town in Byelorussia. My grandfather, Rabbi Uri Ornstein, was born in Zhetl. I wanted to learn more about the town in order to gain a better understanding of the background and personality of my grandfather and his deep devotion to God. The Memorial Book, Pinkas Zhetl, notes that the town is situated at a cross-point of four rivers, one of which is the Zletka River - from which was derived the name of the town. The Jewish community, although small in size, was a great center of Torah learning, out of which came outstanding individuals distinguished for their self-sacrifice and their devotion to God. My grandfather, Rav Uri, acquired these attributes as well.

b. Yizkor Book of Slonim, published in four volumes by natives of the city. Slonim (Byelorussia) was a small District City on the Szczara River. The origins of the Jewish community date from the 16th century, and it pointed the way for the towns and cities around it. It was an important community; many rabbis and scholars came from the city. It was to the great Yeshivah of Slonim that my grandfather Reb Uri came at the age of ten. He studied there until the age of twenty-five, when he made his way to Eretz Yisrael.

In the pages of the book on Slonim, I found an explanation of what would have brought Reb Uri, the son of "Mitnagdim", to join the Habad Hasidim, and why he would leave his family and a lucrative position as a bank manager, to make aliyah to the Land of Israel.

c. Memorial Book of Pinsk-Karlin. In this book I found interesting material about Rabbi Yitzhak, President of the Beit Din of Karlin and author of the book "Keren Orah". (He was the father of Mrs. Zisel Ornstein.) It also contains information about his brother, the Gaon Rabbi Yakov, President of the Karlin Beit Din and author of "Miskenot" and "Kehillot Yakov." They served, one after the other, in the rabbinate of Karlin. From them are descended the Minkovsky, Bruchin, Machnes and Ornstein Families.

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ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

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| 1. Pierrette Posnowski, 14 HaPalmach Street, Jerusalem.

Karo/ Caro (Shulchan Aruch); Berlyn/ Berlijn Families
[The above is a correction of a previous listing.] | 6. Reuven Naftali, 5 Yaarot Street, Haifa 34787.

Naftali, Segal, Koslovsky, and Posnosky Families. |
| 2. Chava Agnon, 94 Zahal Street, Zahala, 69954 Tel-Aviv.

Yosef Caro (Shulchan Aruch). | 7. David Frost, 321/11 Ramot-03, Jerusalem. |
| 3. Zvi Ayalon, 45 Maalot Dafna, Jerusalem.

Weinberger, Bachrach, Spitz, Hamaharal from Prague. | 8. Alice Cooper, 8 Shmuel Hanagid St., Jerusalem. |
| 4. Aviva Halaban, P.O.B. 3400, Jerusalem 91033.

Frunkin family. | 9. Shlomo Katzav, 30 Alexander Zad Street, Neve Oz, Petach Tikva. |
| 5. Rachel Luria, 19 Binyamin Metudela, Jerusalem 92305. | 10. Carol Clapsaddle, 34 HaHayal Street, Jerusalem.

Sabad, Goldstein, Mamolan, Nieman Families. |
| | 11. Ilamar Rotlevy, 24 David Pinsker Street, Haifa 34351.

Rotlevy, Levinstein, Rubin Families. |

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