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ANNOUNCING FORTHCOMING MEETINGS!

Mark your calendar!

NOV. 18, 1987 - Joseph Ben-Brit: The Bundheim & Glueckstadt Families from Hamburg & Emden, and their ancestors who were Marranos in Portugal and Spain.

DEC. 23, 1987 - Elisheva Shaul, archivist, Yad Vashem.

JAN. 20, 1988 - Dr. Arye Morgenstern: The Pa'ch Family

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at Mevakshay Derekh Auditorium, 22 Shai Agnon St., San Simon, Jerusalem.

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REPORT ON SECOND INT'L SEMINAR ON JEWISH GENEALOGY, LONDON, JULY 5-10, 1987 by Rhoda L. Cohen

--See also the Report by Chava Agmon in the Hebrew section of this bulletin--

The conference was attended by about 70 delegates from Great Britain, Australia, Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland, Israel and the U.S.A. On Sunday, July 5, David Jacobs, one of the seminar organizers, gave a detailed account of the Jewish cemeteries in London. In at least one cemetery, there are tombstones that bear the addresses and occupations of the deceased. Mr. Jacobs pointed out that many records of these cemeteries were destroyed in the blitz of London during World War II. He also spoke about the Museum of the Jewish East End which was created at the place where Jewish immigrants received medical check-ups when they arrived in England. He indicated that when they got off the ships, they went up the Tower Bridge steps, were met there and examined. No records were kept by the British of this process. There are ship lists for 1878, for instance, that can be found at the Public Record Office, but they are not indexed and one must know the name of the ship on which the person arrived. It is quite difficult to obtain information on immigrants who arrived in England.

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NAME DROPPING

If you think the names Karo (diamonds), Lev (hearts), Herz (clubs) and Pick (spades) are straight from a deck of cards, you missed our October meeting with Dr. Paul Jacoby, speaking on family names originating in the 14th-16th centuries. the mikva; Kalos, Yaffe, Yoffe, Sofer - scribes/calligraphers; Prince - from "parnes"; Maas - sold horses... And by the way, Karo is from dear (the Karos with an "aleph" went to So. France and the Karos with a "hei" went to Prague), Lev is from Leib, Herz is from Hirsch and Pick is from pisk.

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HELP WANTED!!!

Our "chug" has grown into a large organization. We need your assistance in order to continue to grow. Please volunteer to help in one of the following areas: (1) library, (2) membership, (3) newsletter, (4) bookkeeping, (5) meeting notices. Call Esther Ramon as soon as possible with your response, at 424147. Thank you.

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A fascinating slide lecture was given by Jurgen Sielemann, Referent at the Dept. of Genealogy and Biography at the Hamburg State Archives, on Eastern Jewish Emigration via the Port of Hamburg 1800-1914. Between 1904-1914, 700,000 Jewish emigrants sailed from Germany, from Bremen and Hamburg. Many of the Hamburg passenger lists are available at the Genealogical Society of Utah; however, a more complete card catalog list may be consulted by people who travel to Hamburg. Also, The Univ. of Baltimore (Charles St. & Admiral Ave., Baltimore) has a collection of photographs of ships.

Among the items discussed by Charles Tucker, Archivist for the Chief Rabbi of England, were the naturalization records for which there are indexes at the Public Record Office for 1844-1935. There is also an annual list to 1961, after which date one must check the 3 monthly indexes of the "London Gazette."

Miriam Rodriguez-Pereira spoke on the Archives of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews Congregation. Its oldest records are from the 17th century. This Spanish and Portuguese collection includes account books, minute books, vital records, cemetery records.

Other speakers included Rabbi Malcolm Stern, who distributed a bibliography to aid in American research, Dr. Neil Rosenstein (author of The Unbroken Chain), who visited Poland last summer and prepared a booklet on the cemeteries in Poland, Dr. Sallyann Sack, and Gertrude Ogushwitz.

Summer Seminar 1988, being planned by the Jewish genealogical societies in America, will take place in Washington D.C.

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IGS COLLECTION OF REFERENCE MATERIALS AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS

On display at IGS monthly meetings are bulletins from genealogical societies around the world, a number of individual family trees, and related books and pamphlets, including:

- Catalogue of Publications of the Genealogical Publishing Co, Baltimore, Maryland.
- "A Guide to Jewish Genealogical Research in Israel" by Sallyann Sack
- "Our Four Families" by Marie and Lucien Harris

Do you have a family tree or genealogical reference materials which you can donate to the IGS collection?

Anyone interested in purchasing jointly the book "Scattered Seeds" by George Sackheim, please call Nancy Schoenburg, 02-864447. This 16-generation family history includes a 15,000 name index and 300 inter-related branches of his family. (Cost is \$50/copy.)

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CONDOLENCES ON PASSING OF HEMDA ZINDER

We express our condolences to the family of Hemda Zinder. Hemda addressed our May 7, 1986 meeting on the subject of "Genealogy Study on the Family Names Meuchas and Feigenbaum." A copy of the tape of Hemda's lecture has been presented to her family.

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BEIT HATFUSOT COMPUTER PROGRAM

Diana Sommers, Director of the Beit Hatfusot computer program, has announced that the procedure for submitting names to their computer program has been simplified. One need no longer fill out forms; just send in your family tree and a check for \$1 per name (discount over 500 names).

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HOT OFF THE PRESS: PUBLICATION ON TRACING JEWISH ROOTS IN ENGLAND

The Society for Jewish Family Heritage has recently published a booklet entitled "Tracing Your Jewish Roots in London: A Personal Experience," by Carol Clapsaddle. It sells for \$3.00 and is available from The Jewish Family Heritage, 17 Kaplan St., POB 7053, 61070- Tel Aviv, Israel.

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CONGRATULATIONS: New York City JGS celebrated its 10th anniversary on Nov. 15, 1987, with a program honoring its President-Emeritus Rabbi Malcolm Stern. We extend our very best wishes to Rabbi Stern and the New York City JGS.

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RECOMMENDED: the following articles in the most recent editions of -

- (1) AVOTAYNU: "Ashkenazic Rabbinic Families" by Neil Rosenstein and "Israel Re-visited: A Genealogical Trip" by Sallyann Amdur Sack, which includes a discussion with Dr. Paul Jacoby about the "400 leading Ashkenazi families". Under "From Our Contributing Editors, see Esther Ramon's collection of material from Israel.
- (2) SEARCH: two articles by Gerta Hofer, (a) Researching Material in Czechoslovakia, (b) Games with Numbers.

REMINDER: membership dues for the year 5749 are now due. 30 NIS

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