

JGS of Toronto
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CHANUKAH PARTY

The annual Chanukah party and social will be held on December 16, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Bernie and Sylvia Morris, 2121 Bathurst Street, #424. Please RSVP Sylvia - 787-8982 or Annette - 782-4646.

CEMETERY PROJECTS:

1) Pape Avenue: The names on all the stones have been recorded and have been computerized. Some corrections need still to be made to this list, as well as some additional biographical information. Hopefully, this can be done in the late spring.

2) Jones Avenue: The caretaker had prepared a list of all the stones inscribed in English and three volunteers completed the list by recording all the Hebrew and Yiddish inscriptions.

It is unfortunate that heretofore no records of the earliest Jewish cemeteries were available.

We are also aware that the earliest sections of the Dawes Road cemetery need to be recorded. Interments in Dawes Road date to about the time that the Jones Avenue Cemetery was started - to about 1890. The recording of Dawes Road is a mammoth task and will require a large number of volunteers.

JGS of NEW YORK- 10th. ANNIVERSARY

JGS of New York celebrated its 10th. anniversary by honouring Rabbi Malcolm Stern at a Sunday brunch. Many well-known Jewish Genealogists attended - mostly from the New York area, but also some from further afield, including Baltimore, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Boston and Toronto (Rolf Lederer) and Vancouver. A short business meeting of Presidents was held after the brunch to discuss progress of the International Society of Jewish Genealogists.

LOGO AND NAME FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

Several interesting suggestions have been received and are being considered.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

At the January 27, 1988 meeting, we will have the pleasure of hearing Jerry Diamond discuss the Landsmanschaften of Toronto. Jerry, a former Director of Jewish Family & Child Services, is working on a project for Canadian Jewish Congress, to document the different Landsmanschaften. It promises to be an interesting talk and will, as usual, be held at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Avenue, Toronto, at 7:30 p.m.

PAST MEETINGS

October 1987 - Rolf Lederer discussed Genealogy and the Holocaust, focusing on resources from which to obtain information.

November 1987 - Alan Simons traced his ancestry to Zacheri Gelernter Mendel, (1581), Chief Rabbi of Lublin. Alan is a 19th. generation descendant. We heard that the Gelernter family hold Conventions (with seminars, papers, etc.) every three years. Alan is organizing the next Convention to be held in Toronto in 1990.

RECORD OF REUNIONS

Rolf Lederer has appealed for information via the Canadian Jewish News, on family reunions that have been held (either from persons who attended or those who organized such gatherings).

COMPUTERIZED NEWSLETTER AND BULLETIN TOPICS

The New York group is computerizing all topics appearing in JGS Newsletters and Bulletins country-wide during the past decade. This will go a long way in providing ready access to the wealth of information that has appeared.

NEW MEMBERS

We cordially welcome the following new members: Cheryl Erenberg, Frederick Rose, Kaila Cramer, Gertrude Rogers and Bev Applebaum.

1988 DUES

It's that time of year again! Please help our treasurer by sending your dues for 1988 (\$20.00) to Annette Otis, 1632A Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5P 3J3, as soon as possible.