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## Toronto and Canada stand at the Top of the Mountain A Report on the 20th International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

By Garry Stein

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20th International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

July 9-14, 2000

Salt Lake City, Utah

Over 620 genealogists from around the globe gathered in Salt Lake City on July 9-14, 2000, to explore their Jewish heritage at the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies' 20th International Conference. Representatives from over 50 Jewish genealogical societies attended, including over 30 Canadians from across the country.

Held with the theme "A Mountain of Records" the conference was an opportunity for Canadians to make their presence strongly evident in the expanding world of Jewish genealogy. A number of exciting events reflected the strong Canadian presence and contribution.

A highlight was the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies 2000 Achievement Award for **Outstanding Project that Advances the Objectives of Jewish Genealogy**, presented to the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada (Toronto). Toronto received the Award for its **Jewish Youth Genealogy Project**. Funded with a Continuity Grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, the project involved the development and distribution of a curriculum and booklet to Toronto's Jewish schools introducing students to Jewish genealogy. The plaque presented to Toronto read as follows:

Presented to **Jewish Genealogical of Canada (Toronto) for the Jewish Youth Genealogy Project** -  
- You have created the potential to expose over 40,000

children annually to Jewish genealogy and their heritage as part of the family tree of the Jewish people. You have raised funds, developed an introductory guide and introduced it into Jewish schools throughout the Toronto area. The conceptualization and implementation of this outstanding project has the potential to create the Jewish genealogists of the future, raise public awareness of Jewish genealogy and sets an example for all Jewish genealogical societies of the world.

In accepting the Award on behalf of the JGS of Canada (Toronto), Gert Rogers, President, thanked Howard Markus who headed the project; the Action

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Programs organized by the  
Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada (Toronto)  
at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue  
470 Glencairn Avenue

### Wednesday, September 27, 2000 - 8:00 p.m.,

Doors open at 7:30 p.m.  
Report on the Genealogical Seminar held  
in July at Salt Lake City, Utah:  
Some of our members who participated in  
this important event will talk about  
their experiences.

### Tuesday, October 31, 2000 - 8:00 p.m.,

Doors open at 7:30 p.m.  
*The Devil's Inkwell*  
Speaker: Ms Charlotte Opfermann  
The speaker is a Holocaust survivor and an internationally  
recognized authority on Holocaust research.  
Her talk will focus on transportation lists.  
Note: The date of this event has been set to coincide  
with our society's participation in the  
annual Holocaust Education Week.

### Wednesday, November 29, 2000 - 8:00 p.m.,

Doors open at 7:30 p.m.  
Program to be announced

### Wednesday, December 27, 2000 - 8:00 p.m.,

Doors open at 7:30 p.m.  
Program to be announced

Please watch the "What's New" column in the  
Canadian Jewish News for the date and program of  
our November and December meetings.

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The Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada was founded in 1985 and currently has about 150 members. Membership costs \$30 per calendar year, \$20 for persons living beyond both Metro Toronto and its adjacent suburbs. Meetings are held September to June, usually on the last Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. (doors open at 7:30) at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Avenue, Toronto (unless announced otherwise). Guests are always welcome. Details are usually printed in the *Canadian Jewish News*.

The goals of the Society are to provide a forum for the exchange of knowledge and information through meetings, outings, workshops and guest lecturers, and thereby to promote an awareness of genealogy within the Jewish community of Canada. The Society is affiliated with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and is registered as a non-profit charitable organization.

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## Finding My Ancestors at the North York Central Library

By David Price



The 6th floor of North York Central Library (otherwise known as the Canadiana Room) has a copy of the microfilms Sharon Cooper talked about in last June's Shem Tov. Form 30A, the Canadian immigration document covering the years 1919-1924, and the passenger lists covering the years 1925-1935 are microfilms which can be found by asking the librarian which drawers they are in. The librarian will also show you how to operate the reader and print at 20 cents a copy. The passenger lists are now on the internet so you can type in the surname in order to get the film number. The website is [www.archives.ca](http://www.archives.ca)

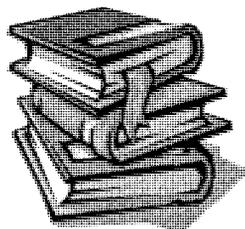
My paternal grandfather Boruch PRAJS came to Canada in 1921. The letter P for Form 30A was on film T-15162. The surnames are not in alphabetical order for the letter. I at first looked for PRICE and found nothing. Then I remembered the Polish spelling PRAJS and found two of my four aunts but not my grandmother or father. The instructions suggested I try PR\$\$\$ which turned up the alternate spelling PREISS and it worked. I found the other two aunts, my grandmother and father.

Towards the end of the reel I was getting tired of looking for my grandfather's elusive record. With only a few P's left to go I found him. I thought my father, who is 86 years of age, would be happy to see these documents. When I showed them to him he said "Where is Herschel?" I had forgotten that he had a brother who died of typhus at an early age but came on the boat with the family. I went back to the microfilm and had no trouble finding Herschel. My Boruch came first in 1921 on the same boat featured in the last Shem Tov, the S.S. Sicilian. When he could afford to he sent for the oldest daughter in 1923 who came on the S.S. Ausonia, then another in the same year who came on the S.S. Melita. In 1924 the rest of the family came (having been delayed by my grandmother's eye infection, "traucoma" just as in Sharon Cooper's story on the S.S. Zeeland.

My maternal grandfather Lew BADACZ came in 1930. I went to website [archives.ca](http://archives.ca) and found the film was T-14826, and that I had to look at volume 11, page 181 on the film. I discovered he came on the S.S. Koscuizsko, Baltic American. My grandmother, mother and aunt came in 1933. On film T-14784, volume 6,

page 217 I found them.

If you have any questions about this article email me at [dprice@sympatico.ca](mailto:dprice@sympatico.ca). I am also the Librarian of JGS of Toronto. You can also ask me about our genealogical collection kept in the Canadiana Room, at North York Central Library. ☆



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### ADVERTISING RATES

SHEM TOV is now accepting display advertising for publication. Advertisers are requested to supply camera-ready art and payment by November 2000 for the Winter issue. Please indicate how many insertions you would like. As the chart indicates our basic rate is discounted for advertisements placed in four consecutive issues (one year) instead of a single issue only. By placing an ad in SHEM TOV, you are reaching a growing number of readers in Toronto, across Canada and internationally, and helping to support a unique and vital journal.

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Eighth Page	\$10	\$ 32

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## *A Family Reunion in Toronto*

*by Marilyn Platnick Glass*

**M**oishe David (1835-1895) and Sarah (1837-1910) Taub of Plonsk, Poland had eight children. One died before WWII and four died during the holocaust. Three of their children left Poland. Arya Leib Tobe moved to England at the end of the 19th century. Dora (Tobe) Landau Fine (my bubba) immigrated to Canada in 1904 followed by her brother Schlomo Tobe who arrived here in 1910. Another sister Mindele (Tobe) Kohn who perished in the holocaust had one child who moved to Switzerland before the war and two children who survived the concentration camps.

They were found after the war by our English cousin Clive Hartstone who read an ad in a Jewish newspaper about Taub relatives from Plonsk, Poland who were looking for family. The English family were reconnected with the North American family during World War II when Canadian cousins David Tobe and Kelly Gollish were stationed in England.

This is indeed an immigration success story of a prolific family that is now spread out all across various parts of Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Israel and Germany. The name Taub was changed to Tobe by immigration officials when family members arrived in Great Britain and North America.

A year ago, two Tobe cousins Larry Schwartz of Detroit and Gwen Ison of Toronto noticed each other in a shul in Israel. They felt at that time that many cousins did not know one another. Shortly after their arrival back in North America a few cousins were contacted to see if there was an interest in a first ever Tobe family reunion. There was.

Toronto was the chosen location for the Tobe Reunion 2000 for two reasons: one, the vast majority lived in the Toronto area and it was easily accessible for most people, and two, the Canadian dollar assured that costs would not be exorbitant.

Joan Tobe, Gittie Gollish and myself became the Toronto organizers with Larry Schwartz from Detroit as well.

We were most fortunate in the planning stages of our reunion to meet sisters Brenda Freedman and Sherryn Lang who organized their own family reunion for the Lockshin/Micay Family in 1999. Brenda and Sherryn's family had held several reunions in the past. They made many suggestions which we were able to follow and we used a similar weekend format to theirs.

Names were gathered from the four surviving segments of the family to form a mailing list. Our first letter was sent out shortly thereafter to see if indeed there was an interest in a reunion from a majority of family members. There was.

A location was obtained, the food was arranged and a block of hotel rooms were reserved. This was all to take place at the Holiday Inn/Inn on the Park Complex August 18th to 20th, 2000. Cost for the entire weekend was \$240.00 per adult and \$140.00 per child thirteen and under. Children three and under were free. Hotel accommodation was extra. An Angel Fund was established and we asked family members who were able to donate to this fund. The money was used to help people that wished to attend but were unable to afford the cost of the weekend. This information was kept strictly confidential.

In the meantime, cousins Eden and Alastair Haythornthwaite, from Duncan, British Columbia, began a family website at [www.tobefamily.com](http://www.tobefamily.com) to complement our family adventure. Cousins were asked to contribute as much family information as possible to the site. A family tree produced by Joan Tobe containing over 600 names and spanning seven generations was placed on the site; pictures were scanned, letters were sent describing family anecdotes; family history and biographies were e-mailed to the website and cousins were being kept informed as to what was to take place.

Three more letters were sent via e-mail and snail mail to describe exactly what we had planned for the weekend. Frankly, we did not know what to expect; saying one wants to attend, and attending, are two different things. The cheques however did begin to trickle in and our attendance goal was 150 people. We far exceeded this as 260 cousins came from Canada, the United States and Great Britain.

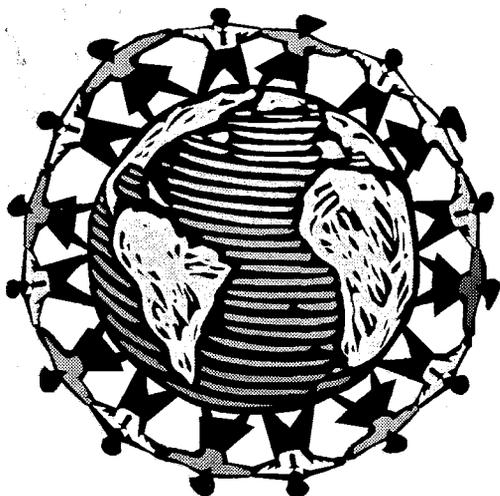
The weekend began with a Sabbath dinner at the Holiday Inn, followed Saturday by a picnic at Wilket Creek Park with games and fun for the children, and a Saturday evening buffet dinner at the hotel which included entertainment by Tobe family members. A Sunday brunch was held at the Ontario Science Centre. We had a hospitality suite open for continental breakfasts and snacks as well and souvenirs and reunion t-shirts were handed out. Babysitting was also available in the hospitality suite on both Friday and Saturday evenings

during dinner. Tables and wall space in the hotel ballroom were available to display memorabilia such as: family trees, pictures, photos albums and many other items of interest. Family members took pictures and videos during all the events.

The weekend was a resounding success due to our wonderful volunteers who helped out with many aspects of the reunion and the enthusiastic family members who attended this delightful experience. People did not want to leave after each and every venue.

There is talk that another reunion may take place in two or three years. Moishe David and Sarah Taub would be proud.

*Marilyn Platnick Glass is a member of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada (Toronto).*



## ***Useful Websites for Study of the Holocaust***

Professor Kenneth Waltzer

James Madison College, Michigan State University

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum:  
<http://www.ushmm.org>

Yad Vashem: <http://www.yad.vashem.org.il>

Museum of Jewish Heritage/NYC: <http://mjhnyc.org>

Simon Wiesenthal Center/LA: <http://www.wisenthal.com>

Holocaust Memorial Center/Detroit:  
<http://www.holocaustcenter.com>

Cybrary of the Holocaust: <http://www.remember.org>

Nizkor Project: <http://www.nizkor.com>

Holocaust History Project:  
<http://www.holocaust-history.org>

Fortunoff Video Archive/Yale:  
<http://www.library.yale.edu/testimonies>

Holocaust Oral Histories/UM-D:  
<http://holocaust.umd.umich.edu>

Holocaust & Jewish Studies Sites:  
<http://www.vwy.edu/wwwpages/dgraf/holocaust.htm>

Teachers Guide to Holocaust:  
<http://fcit.coedu.usf.edu/holocaust/>

Alan Jacobs/Auschwitz-Birkenau:  
<http://www.bravenewweb.com/Birkenau79/index.html>

Photos from Auschwitz:  
<http://www.xs4all.nl/~watisie/auspic2.html>

Lest We Forget:  
<http://www.melizo.com/jewishpost.html>

Holocaust Pictures Exhibition:  
<http://jentaoris.simplenet.com/holo/pic.htm>

Holocaust Sites:  
<http://www.jewishnet.net/subjects/holocaust.html>

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## Another Austrian "Discovery"

By Peter Landé

Will wonders never cease? It has taken the Austrian Government a mere 55 years to "discover" that its Finance Ministry had complete records on the deportation of Jews from Austria and the seizure of their property. As was the case in Germany, the Gestapo regularly sent lists of deportees to the Finance Ministry, which was responsible for the seizure of real estate, bank accounts and other financial assets, and every other "asset" down to furniture and dish towels. What is unique about Austria, is that this government consistently denied having these files although for all these years it knew that these records were held at the Finance Ministry.

Grotesque aspects of this cover up have now appeared in the Austrian press. For example, one person wrote to the Finance Ministry seeking information on the financial assets of a relative who had perished in Theresienstadt. The Finance Ministry replied that, unfortunately, such information was not held at the Finance Ministry, adding that it would appreciate any information that the inquirer could provide. The correspondence was then filed with the financial records, which the Ministry had claimed did not exist.

The entire files have now been transferred to the Austrian National Archives, where, after they have been catalogued, perhaps, they will probably be made available to inquirers. Of course, since Austria has never enacted restitution laws similar to those which exist in Germany, the release of this information, if it takes place, will have no practical effect. The issue of restitution and the entire history of Anschluss is currently being examined by a panel of "wise men". The report may some day appear but do not hold your breath for any Austrian action, since after all, we all know that Austria was a "victim".

There is, however, a positive footnote to this "discovery". The Dokumentationsarchiv in Vienna, which has for many years been trying to put together a memorial book based on only partially legible deportation lists obtained from Yad Vashem, now has a better and more complete source of information on Jews deported from Austria.

My confident prediction-during the next decade Austria will cease to be the only country in Western Europe which does not have a memorial book of some sort and by the next century Austria will acknowledge its active collaboration with Germany in the plundering and

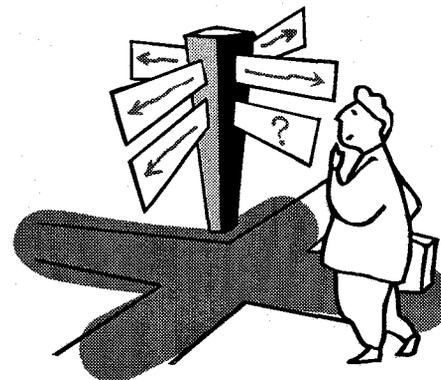
murder of Austrian Jews. As to restitution, this is likely to take place in accordance with the famous Austrian legend, "Remember that Beethoven was an Austrian and Hitler a German". Keep tuned for new "discoveries". ✧

*Peter Landé, a member of the JGS of Greater Washington, is a retired US Foreign Service Officer. As a volunteer at the Holocaust Memorial Museum, he has worked on a major project of compiling in one database, all victims and survivors of the Holocaust.*

### Plan Ahead

The Organizing Committee of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain, invites you to attend the Jewish Genealogical Seminar, being held in London, England, from July 8 to 13, 2001. It will be held at The Intercontinental Hotel at Hyde Park Corner, overlooking the park on one side and Buckingham Palace Gardens on another. Accommodation has been set aside at the hotel at concessionary rates. Special fares from the U.S. to London are also being arranged.

There will be a selection of tours to Eastern Europe before and after the Seminar as well as tours to places of genealogical and historical interest within the U.K. Facilities will be available for Special Interest Group meetings during the events. Archivists from Eastern European countries are being invited to the Seminar and it will be possible to book appointments with them in advance. Genealogical Societies from Europe are being invited to send teams of speakers to cover specialist aspects of their own.



## NEWS ABOUT JEWISH GENEALOGY FROM AVOTAYNU

### News About Jewish Genealogy

Gary Mokotoff

Did you have family members who served in British Commonwealth forces and died during WW I or WW II? There is an online searchable database at <http://yard.ccta.gov.uk/cwgc/register.nsf>. It also includes 60,000 civilian casualties of World War II. For military personnel, it gives regiment, serial number, date of death, next of kin, and place of commemoration (which may be the place of burial). A distant cousin of mine, Leonard Mokotow, was killed as a civilian in a London bombing raid. The database not only included date of death but address at time of death, where he died, and where he is buried.

### Hamburg Emigration Index Grows

Avotaynu has been informed that by the end of August the Hamburg City Archives plans to include data for the year 1894 ON its online index of passengers who emigrated from the port of Hamburg. The database has grown to some 450,000 emigrants. The URL is:

<http://www.hamburg.de/LinkToYourRoots/english/welcome.htm>.

It currently includes the years 1891-1893.

### Jewish Burial Registry Started at JewishGen Site

JewishGen and the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) have joined forces to create an Online Worldwide Burial Registry (OWBR), a searchable database of Jewish burial records the world over. The project links two databases: one of burial records and one with information on cemeteries worldwide that had been an integral part of the former IAJGS Cemetery Project. The project also plans to include photos of gravestones.

To help accumulate burial data, the project is initiating an "Adopt a Cemetery Plot" program to encourage Special Interest Groups, local Jewish genealogy societies, synagogue youth groups, Jewish Federations, and other interested parties. The idea is to adopt a cemetery or a landsmanschaft plot and index its records for submission to the project. The appearance of the database will be similar to the one at <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/bristol.htm>, for Bristol Cemeteries.

### More JPEGs of Eastern Europe

Avotaynu has added another 250 pictures of more than 100 towns in Poland to the collection located at <http://www.avotaynu.com/postcards>. Previous images were provided for towns in Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Ukraine. There is a large number of pictures of major cities in Poland including Warsaw (22), Lublin (20), Lodz (30) and Bialystok (50). The Polish towns are: Biecz, Biezun, Blazowa, Chelm, Chorzow, Czarnkow, Czestochowa, Czudec, Dabrowa Tarnowksa, Deblin, Dzialoszyce, Elk, Fryszak, Gabin, Gdansk, Glogow, Glubczyce, Gorlice, Grodzisk, Hrubieszow, Inowlodz, Inowroclaw, Janowiec, Jaroslaw, Jaslo, Jedrzejow, Jordanow, Kalisz, Kaluszyn, Katowice, Kazimierz, Dolny, Kielce, Kolbuszow, Kolo, Konin, Konskie, Koronowo, Krasnik, Krasnystaw, Krzeszow, Kurow, Kutno, Lanckorona, Lancut, Lask, Leczyca, Lesko, Leszno, Lezajsk, Lowicz, Lubaczow, Lubartow, Lutomiersk, Miedzyrzec Podlaski, Mielnica, Mlawa, Mszana Dolna, Myslenice, Nasielsk, Noworadomsk, Nowy-Targ, Opatow, Opole, Ostroleka, Ostrow, Wielkopolskia, Ostrowiec, Oswiecim, Otwock, Ozorkow, Pabianice, Palestine, Parczew, Pilica, Pinczow, Piotrkow Trybunalski, Plock, Plonsk, Poddebice, Poznan, Pruchnik, Przedborz, Przemysl, Przeworsk, Przysucha, Pulawy, Rabka, Radom, Rejowiec, Ropczyce, Rozan, Rozniatow, Rozwadow, Rudnik, Rybnik, Rypin, Rzeszow, Sandomierz, Siedlce, Sieradz, Skalmierzycze Nowe, Skierniewice, Skoczow, Sobow, Sochaczew, Sopot, Strzyzow, Szczakowa, Szydlow, Tarnobrzeg, Tarnow, Tomaszow Lubelski, Tomaszow Mazowiecki, Turek, Wadowice, Warta, Wieniawa, Witkowo, Wloclawek, Wodzislaw, Wolbrom, Wroclaw, Zamosc, and Zgierz.

### JewishGen and Yad Vashem Agree to Develop Databases

In yet another instance of Jewish genealogy partnering with major institutions to develop databases of mutual interest, JewishGen has signed an agreement with Yad Vashem to develop databases of Holocaust victims and survivors. These databases will be created by JewishGen volunteers from data that exists at Yad Vashem. The results will be placed on the JewishGen and Yad Vashem internet sites.

Examples are: inquiries from people trying to locate relatives, 650,000 names, deportation lists from Slovakia, 23,000 names, surviving Jews in Yugoslavia - 9,500 names, inhabitants of Brest - 6,500 names.

## Genealogy Software

Steven Chall, Minneapolis, U.S.A.

We frequently see a request such as, "I am looking to purchase a software program to keep track of my family tree. What is the best program I should buy? What are the pros and cons?" Since JewishGen cannot endorse any product (s), I usually respond directly to the writer. However, I thought that a "generic" response would be acceptable with JewishGen policy and perhaps preclude the repeated request. The following is an excerpt of the response I typically send out.

Your choice of which software program to use will be determined by how "serious" a researcher you are, your comfort with the way each program works and your pocketbook. Most are affordable and several are shareware which allows you to test them before you spend any money. Many people outgrow the introductory programs within a year or two and then have to transfer their data to another program. It is worth the investment of time to try several before you spend too much effort entering your data into a program that you'll be unsatisfied with. There is no "best" program!! Readers of the JewishGen Discussion Group are using a wide variety of programs. The choice of what to purchase depends also on what you want to do. Some people merely want to know the family relationships so they can draw the familiar "tree".

Everyone includes at least basic BMD (Birth/Marriage/Death) data. Others want to include locations for these events. Still others want to record other events in each individual's life. This may include photographs or even sound recordings.

Some want to be "more professional" and record where they obtained each piece of information and how reliable they consider it to be. Then comes the question of what you plan to do with this data. Do you want to write a family history book? Some programs automatically create basic sentences from the data you provide. These can be exported to a word processor and polished for publication. For the PC user, many of the better programs can be examined for free to assist you in making your decision.

Shareware programs, like Brother's Keeper and Cumberland Family Tree, allow total testing. Mid-range programs, like Family Origins and Family Tree Maker, also have demos that allow you to work with up to about 20-25 people in a family. Top of the line programs, like Generations (the PC version of Reunion) and The Master Genealogist offer many more bells and whistles that you may or may not like or want. I cannot comment on Ilanot, the only Hebrew package, because no trial or demo of their software is available. Currently, it is the only program capable of printing in Hebrew, provided you have the fonts available.

Finally, do not be swayed by the added CDs of data that accompany some of the programs. Most are worthless for Jewish genealogists and others have equivalent (and more up-to-date) information available on-line.

I hope this will get you started in your decision. My strongest advice is to "try it before you buy it". The features may not be as important as the ease of working with the different screens for entering and recalling your data. This is often a personal preference. If you have other specific questions, don't hesitate to drop me a line.

Here is an alphabetical listing of a few of the programs that are available. There are several other programs that may be better choices for non-English speaking areas. Amounts shown are in US dollars

A&D - Ancestors and Descendants (\$50),  
<http://www.aia-and.com>

AQ - Ancestral Quest (\$45 - 55),  
<http://www.ancestralquest.com>

BK - Brother's Keeper (shareware),(\$50),  
<http://www.brotherskeeper.com>



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CFT - Cumberland Family Tree (shareware), (\$45),  
<http://www.cf-software.com>

FM - Family Matters (shareware), (\$25),  
<http://www.matterware.com>

FO - Family Origins (\$30 - \$50),  
<http://www.familyorigins.com>

FTM - Family Tree Maker (\$20 - \$70),  
<http://www.familytreemaker.com>

Generations (\$50),  
<http://www.sierra.com/sierrahome/software/catalog/familytree>

Heritage (for Mac),  
<http://www.eskimo.com/%7Egrandine/heritage.html>

Ilanot - Hebrew capability (\$40),  
<http://www.jewishstore.com/Software/Ilanot.htm>

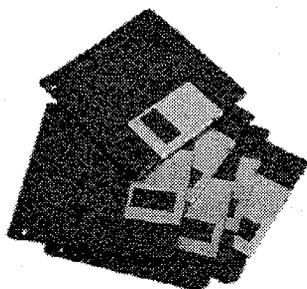
KK - Kindred Konnections (free),  
<http://www.kindredkonnections.com>

Legacy (\$50), <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com>

PAF - Personal Ancestral File (free),  
<http://www.ldscatalog.com>

TMG - The Master Genealogist (\$80),  
<http://www.whollygenes.com>

UFT - Ultimate Family Tree has been discontinued



*(Useful Websites for Study of the Holocaust continued)*

Beyond the Pale:  
<http://www.friends-partners.org/partners/beyondthepale/>

Undeniable Holocaust Pictorial:  
<http://www.parascope.com/gallery/galleryitems/holocaust/>

And I Still See Their Faces:  
<http://motlc.wiesenthal.org/exhibits/faces/>

David Dickerson's site:  
<http://www.igc.apc.org/ddickerson/holocaust.html>

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(A Report on the 20th International Conference continued)

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Gert Rogers, President of the Toronto JGS receiving the Award for **Outstanding Project that Advances the Objectives of Jewish Genealogy** from Garry Stein of Toronto acting on behalf of the IAJGS

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, as the leader in the world of Jewish Genealogy, established its Achievement Awards in 1997 and they have been presented annually since 1998. This year's recipients reflected the continued development in Jewish genealogy and the ongoing trend of an even higher standard of excellence. This year the Awards Committee was chaired by Toronto's Garry Stein, who abstained from any consideration of the Toronto nomination.

Other award winners presented at the Conference Closing Banquet were the **IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award** to Sallyann Amdur Sack, the award for **Outstanding Contribution to Jewish Genealogy via Print** to Miriam Weiner for her book *Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova*, **Outstanding Contribution to Jewish Genealogy via the Internet** to the Litvak Special Interest Group for creating the All

**Lithuania Database, Outstanding Publication by a Member of the IAJGS to The Jewish Genealogical Society of Michigan** for their publication *Generations*, and **Outstanding Programming that Advances the Objectives of Jewish Genealogy to The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Washington.**

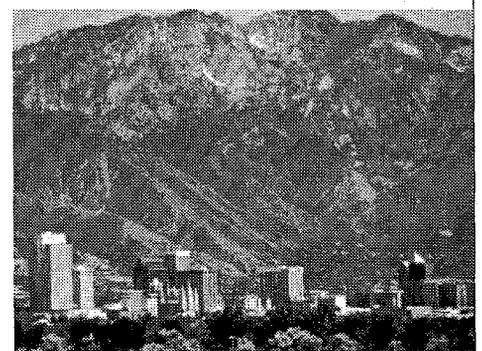


Back (L – R) Howard Margol, IAJGS President; Garry Stein, Awards Committee Chair and IAJGS Board Member; David Fox, Awards Committee Member

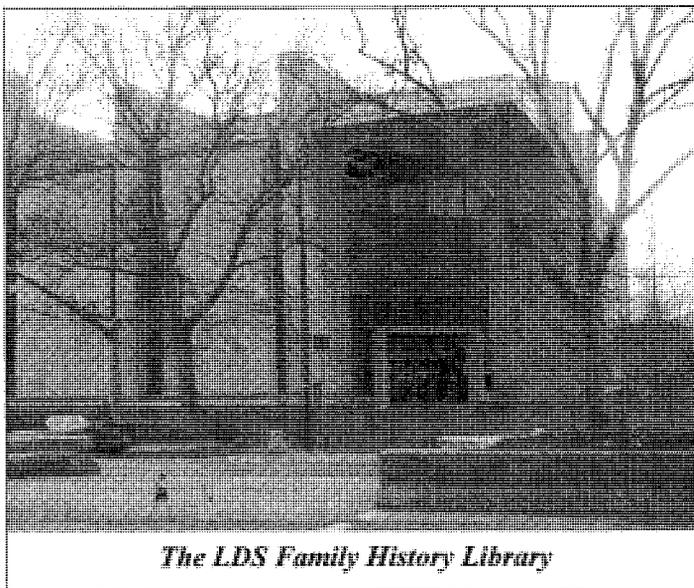
Front (L – R) Davida Noyek Handler, President Litvak SIG, Marilyn Natchez, Immediate Past President and Editor of *Generations* for the JGS of Michigan; Gert Rogers, President of JGS of Canada (Toronto); Sallyann Amdur Sack, Lifetime Achievement Award recipient; Ellen Shindelman, President JGS of Greater Washington; and Miriam Weiner, Award recipient for Outstanding Contribution via Print

Salt Lake City is the home of the LDS Family History Library, the largest genealogical collection in the world, compiled by the Mormon Church as part of their religious beliefs and commitment to family. The Library's collection of over 2 million rolls of microfilm, over 1 million sheets of microfiche and over 750,000 books, all of interest to genealogists, are stored inside a vault in a granite mountain outside Salt Lake – "A Mountain of Records".

Salt Lake City



The LDS Family History Library retains the largest amount of Jewish records on microfilm in the world. On behalf of the Genealogical Society of Utah, Richard E. Turley, Jr., Director of the Family History Department, and Nancy Goodstein, a volunteer at the Family History Library, presented a gift of the multi-volume "Jewish Records in the Family History Library" index and CD-ROM to the Association. Additionally, participants had access to a special index of microfilms of Jewish vital records at the Lithuanian archives, an exciting new finding aid. The IAJGS is making arrangements for broad distribution of this major index, including availability on the JewishGen web site.



Outstanding programs at the Conference featured notable speakers, including Alexander Abraham, Director of Yad Vashem in Israel; Alexandre Beider, author and specialist in the field of Ashkenazic names; Angelika Ellmann-Krueger, German research specialist, Dr. Michael Hammer, a geneticist noted for his work on the kohanim gene; Regina Kopilevich, a Lithuanian researcher; Marian Smith, Historian for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service; and Vladislav Soshnikov, Director of the Russian-American Genealogical Archival Service, among others. Banquet speakers Eileen Douglas and Ron Steinman, presented a portion of their upcoming film, "My Grandfather's House," a documentary about Ms. Douglas' research that guided her back to her grandfather's Eastern European origins. Toronto's Henry Wellisch presented a talk on "The Establishment of Jewish Names in the Austrian Empire".

Researchers enjoyed special "Breakfast With Experts" sessions and small group tutorials designed to facilitate a

productive exchange of research tips on a variety of topics. Twenty special interest groups, focused on the study of specific family surnames or research of a certain geographical area, provided networking sessions to share new information of interest to genealogists. These included researchers interested in South Africa, Sephardic genealogy, Latvia, Rzeszow, Grodno, Polonnye Uezd, Nesivizh, Denmark, South Africa, Bohemia, Lodz, Belarus, Galicia, Germany, Romania, Litvak research, Hungary, Suchostav Region, Kolbuszowa Region and the Mirvis family surname.

On Wednesday, July 12 at 7:15 AM a meeting was held to which all Canadian attendees were invited. Thirty-three Canadians, including the Presidents of five of Canada's six current societies and a number of Canadians resident in the USA, braved the early morning heat (an un-Canadian 100 degrees Fahrenheit) to discuss the future of Jewish genealogy in Canada. Co-chaired by Garry Stein, Vice President of the JGS in Toronto and the only Canadian on the Board of the IAJGS, and by Stanley Diamond, President of the JGS of Montreal, the meeting provided an opportunity for participants to deal with issues of special interest to Canadians.

The meeting agreed to establish an initial Board of Directors to develop the terms of reference for a new Federation of Canadian JGS's. The new Federation would allow, among other things, for development of joint Canadian projects (such as a Canadian information web site), and for societies to deal more effectively with national issues (such as the release of Canadian census data) and provide a forum for mutual aid and support.

The meetings also discussed the concept of converting Toronto's newsletter, *Shem Tov*, into a National Jewish genealogical publication for Canada. It was agreed that this raised a number of issues on content, cost allocation, and so on. The new Federation Board has been asked to form a committee to further examine this concept.

Garry Stein introduced the concept of a Canadian Jewish Genealogical Foundation. This non-profit organization could be used to fund particular Canadian projects, but it might also allow Canadians to receive tax receipts for donations to international projects and organizations such as JewishGen and JRI-Poland. If so desired, it could be used by currently unregistered Canadian Societies to get tax-free status and to provide tax receipts to their members. Garry advised that a major Toronto law firm had agreed to provide pro bono work on this concept.



Canadians at Salt Lake City

Stephen Rosman from the JGS Michigan was invited to speak to the Canadian Group about the IAJGS Conference that will take place in Dearborn in 2002. Michigan is desirous of having significant Canadian content and participation at their Conference. They have requested that we recommend Canadian content and speakers to participate in their event. Everyone agreed to take this request back to their respective JGS's.

The Canadian meeting was a great success. In addition to the progress evident at the meeting, it provided a forum for the establishment of new friendships. It was suggested that another meeting to discuss ALL the ideas raised in this meeting should be held in Winnipeg. Again, it was agreed that the new Federation Board would deal with this possibility.

The following day the IAJGS held its Annual Meeting attended by the Presidents of member societies. In addition to normal business the Annual Meeting held elections for its Board of Directors. Garry Stein, Vice President of the Toronto JGS, was elected to a two-year term on the IAJGS Board. Garry is the only Canadian and one of only two non-US members on the Board. Garry's election

ensures strong Canadian representation at the international level of Jewish genealogy.

"The astute planning, great programming, and excellent management of the IAJGS 20th International Conference on Jewish Genealogy really paid dividends," stated Howard Margol of Atlanta, Georgia, president of IAJGS. "Without a doubt, the conference was the friendliest on record. Sufficient time was allowed to enable the attendees to do lots of networking, renew old acquaintances, and make new contacts and friends. All in all, every aspect of the conference was simply outstanding."

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies' 21st International Conference on Jewish Genealogy will be hosted by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain, on July 8-13, 2001 in London, England. In 2002, the Jewish Genealogical Society of Michigan will host the Conference in Dearborn, Michigan. In 2003, the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Washington will host the Conference in Washington, D.C. ✪

