THE JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF ILLINOIS
is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to
the tracing of Jewish roots and recording Jew-
ish family history.

The Society meets once a month on Sunday eve-
ing and has members from metropolitan Chicago.
Meetings are held at the Mayer Kaplan Jewish
Community Center, 5050 Church Street in
Skokie, Illinois. Members share new materials,
research methods and ideas to help each other
search for their Jewish family heritage.

SEARCH IS BORN

SEARCH began with the realization that the
Jewish genealogist (both amateur and profes-
sional) was in need of a basic guide and re-
search tool. It would provide ready access to
proven research techniques, be a place to
share practical ideas and would act as a res-
ervoir of helpful tips which have been develop-
ed and refined by others in their search for
their families. The editors investigated
materials currently being published and with
few exceptions found there to be virtually
nothing that could fill this rather large void.
We decided to produce just such a publication,
something that would contain the sort of in-
formation that could be saved and referred to
often.

Each issue of SEARCH will focus on a specific
genealogical topic or research technique. Al-
though we will not be able to provide all of
the answers to every possible question, we
will give enough thoughtful treatment to a
subject area that the researcher should have
little or no problem proceeding from the point
that our coverage ends. This publication will
never be of regional interest but will aim
to provide research aids in all areas of fam-
ily history and as such, we invite participa-
tion from all Jewish family historians.

The first issue explores HOW TO TRACE YOUR
JEWISH ROOTS THROUGH THE MORMON CHURCH GENE-
alogical Library. Judith R. Frazin, an active
member in the JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF
ILLINOIS, takes you step by step and shows
how to turn the Mormon Church Library into a
treasure chest of information about your Jew-
ish ancestors. (See Judith's feature article
on page 2 of this issue).

Future issues will concentrate on topics such
as: how to copy old family photographs, plan-
ing and tape recording interviews with rel-
atives, techniques on how to make sure rela-
tives answer inquiries, organizing and devel-
oping record keeping procedures and using
cemeteries for valuable data. These are but
a few of the subjects we will investigate to-
gether.

We hope you enjoy reading this first of many
issues. We encourage letters to the editor
and are looking forward to serving the Jewish
genealogist and family historian.

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HOW TO TRACE YOUR JEWISH ROOTS THROUGH
THE MORMON CHURCH GENEALOGY LIBRARY

by

Judith R. Frazin

WILMETTE BRANCH GENEALOGY LIBRARY

LOCATION: 2801 Lake Avenue
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(Between Skokie Blvd & Locust St)

TELEPHONE: (312) 251-9818

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(The most it can cost to rent a microfilm)

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The network of genealogy libraries operated
by the Mormon Church (officially, The Church
of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) may
serve as an important source for the Jewish
researcher. The main library and store-
house is located in Salt Lake City, Utah, but
there are branches throughout the U.S. the
one in Wilmette, Illinois (see above box
for details) being the most accessible to
the northern suburbs of Chicago. Beside the
Wilmette branch, two other branch libraries
are located in the Chicago area (see page six of this issue for details)
The Wilmette branch has the MASTER
INDEX of all the microfilms held in Salt
Lake City and the branch is the clearing-
house through which films are ordered from
the central depository.

The most important way in which the library
can be helpful to the Jewish genealogist is
through its microfilm collection of European
synagogue vital statistics records. The
Mormons have made genealogical research an
integral part of their religion; and to help
their members do this sort of research they
have microfilmed birth, marriage, death and
other records throughout the world. The
libraries are set up to help Church members,
but anyone can use the facilities regardless of
religion.

If your family came from Poland, Hungary or
Germany, the chances are good that the Mor-
mons have microfilmed records from your town.
The records which have been filmed are not
the original synagogue records but rather
copies of the originals which were made for
the civil authorities. They probably sur-
vived World War II because they were stored
with the civil records of other religious
groups instead of being kept in the syna-
gogues. Since the records were kept for the
government, they were usually in the lan-
guage spoken by the non-Jewish population
of the country rather than in Yiddish or Hebrew.
The records mostly cover the time period
1826 to 1866. Some records begin as early
as 1810 and at least one Polish town, Pinczów
in Kielce province, has microfilmed records
dating back to 1610. None of the records
goes beyond 1895.

2. LOCATING THE RECORDS FROM YOUR TOWN

The following procedures will apply specifi-
cally to Polish synagogue records but could
be adapted for Hungarian and German records.

A. You MUST first determine the province in
which your Polish town is located as records
are catalogued by province. At the branch
library, there is a German gazetteer of Pol-
ish towns on microfilm. [MICROFILM NUMBER
844922 IS STORED IN THE GEORGE METAL FILING
CABINET IN THE MIDDLE ROOM OF THE WILMETTE
BRANCH LIBRARY IN THE DRAWER LABELLED "GER-
MAN BOOKS ON FILM."

Look for your town in this gazetteer (under
all possible spellings) and if you find it,
try to locate it on a map because many times,
if your town is small, its records will be
part of the records of a nearby larger town.

B. After you know your province and the
names of other nearby towns, look in the
Spring, 1978 Vol. 1, No. 4 issue of TOLEDOT:
the Journal of Jewish Genealogy. In this
issue, there is an article containing a list
of the microfilm numbers of all the Polish
synagogue records owned by the Mormon
Library in Salt Lake City. There is a similar arti-
cle on German synagogue records in the Sum-
mer, 1978, Vol. 2, No. 1 issue and one on
Hungarian synagogue records in the Winter,
1977-78, Vol. 1, No. 3 issue of TOLEDOT
The back issues are stored in the Wilmette
branch library on the bottom shelf of the
right-hand bookcase in an upright rack.

The lists in TOLEDOT are very accurate, but
if you wish to make sure you have not over-
looked any microfilms, there are two further
sources which must be consulted.

Judith R. Frazin is an active member in the
Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois and
has given lectures and seminars on Jewish
genealogy in the Chicago area. She spent
many hours looking through the Mormon Church's
microfilms of synagogue records from Staszów,
Poland. Judith traced her paternal grand-
father's family back to 1742 and another side
to 1795 by using the microfilms and techniques
she describes in this article.
C. 1 THE MCC (MICROFILM CARD CATALOGUE) is located in the gray metal file cabinet in the middle room of the Wilmette branch library. This series of microfilms contains the listings by country of materials microfilmed before January, 1979. There is a RED NOTEBOOK on a table in the first room of the library which gives a listing of the MCC film numbers by country. There are several MCC Polish films which are subdivided by province. Look up your town on the MCC film to see if there are any additional Jewish films which were omitted by TOLEDOUT. The microfilms containing the synagogues' records are clearly marked in the MCC. There is also a slight possibility that Jewish records were recorded on the non-Jewish films from your town. Most non-Jewish microfilms have no Jewish records, but sometimes, as many as 10% of the items on a non-Jewish film are actually Jewish.

C. 2 After you have examined the MCC, you should check the brand-new IGLC (INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY CATALOGUE) on the microfiche (sheet film) which is stored on the revolving file in the middle room of the library right next to the MCC. (The IGLC updates the MCC.) This catalogue lists records which have been microfilmed since January, 1979, and once again, the entries are by country and subdivided into province and then into towns. If you have any difficulty, ask the volunteer librarians to help you.

D. You should also examine the reference books which are in the bookcase in the first room of the library. They are arranged by country and some books contain maps and other research aids.

III. COMMENTS ON JEWISH RECORDS

A. Most synagogue records have an alphabetical surname index of all the births, marriages and deaths occurring in each year. Several years of records can be found on each microfilm. The index of surnames may appear at the beginning or end of each year. All the records are handwritten so depending on the clarity of the writing, you will have to work slowly at first, trying to make out the names. The years are also clearly marked at the head and tail end of each set of records. There is usually a clear (blank) space between birth, marriage and death records. If you encounter an occassional year without a name index, skip it until you have more experience with the format, the handwriting and the language of the document.

B. Finally, if you are fortunate enough to find synagogue records from your town, you will eventually face the problem of having to translate any documents which you find. I am currently preparing a Polish-English and English-Polish vocabulary guide to Polish vital statistics records, one copy of which will be available for use in the Wilmette branch library and additional copies will be available for purchase.

IV. TIPS ON USING THE BRANCH LIBRARY

A. Once you locate microfilms from your town, you must fill out an order form for each film and pay the appropriate fee. (See box on preceding page.)

B. The branch librarian will give you a tissue paper copy of the order form. This copy is very important because if you later want to renew a microfilm, you will need the order number from your original order.

C. If you wish to place a film on indefinite loan (after you have had it on a six-month loan) you must present a photocopy of the part of the MCC film on which you originally found the film number. No film will be placed on indefinite loan without presentation of this photocopy.

D. The Mormon Library says that it fills film requests on a first-come, first-serve basis, regardless of whether you are requesting a microfilm for two or six months. My experience has been, however, that two week loans are sometimes filled first.

E. At the Wilmette Branch Library, it takes from four to twelve weeks to get a film from Salt Lake City. When your microfilm arrives, you are sent a postcard by the library informing you when your microfilm is due back in Salt Lake City.

F. If your film is due back in Salt Lake City and you are still using it, call the branch librarian and she will hold your film in a special place for a day or two until you can come to the library to renew it.

G. The library has a copy machine (20¢ a copy at this date) which can only be used on the microfilm or microfiche machines. If you find synagogue records which you want to copy, you can do it at the library.

V. CONCLUSION

Making a trip to the Mormon Branch Library to find out if synagogue records from your town are available should have a high priority once you have exhausted the resources of your living relatives. If you are able to find synagogue records, they will open up a treasure chest of information because they contain not only birth, marriage and death dates but also information about occupations, family relationships and maiden names of female married relatives.

The ideas and procedures explained in this article can be applied to all of the Mormon Branch Libraries throughout the United States.
ZUCHEN MISPOCHE (SEARCH FOR FAMILY)

One of the interesting things about Jewish genealogy is the fact that many people are researching the same localities and often the same families. Valuable time and effort have been wasted in duplicating work that has already been done. As a service to our readers, SEARCH will attempt to match up those people who might be helpful to one another by allowing space for persons to advertise at nominal cost in "Zuchem Mispoche" (translated from Yiddish: Search for Family).

Each advertisement contains the family names and geographic areas of interest to the researcher. Readers have the opportunity to discover and contact family historians with similar interests. The possibilities are endless. The chance to share work and save valuable time could be just the thing our readers might need to carry on their work.

SEARCH welcomes its readers to place ads in each issue. For $5.00 you can list surnames, towns, geographical areas or other information. Each ad can contain up to and including 25 words. For anything over 25 words, an additional charge of 25¢ per word will be charged. Names, addresses and phone numbers are free and do not count in the 25 words.

Please print or type your ad on a 3 x 5 index card or a reasonable facsimile. ALL SURNAMES must be in CAPITAL LETTERS and UNDERLINED.

Send your check made payable to: THE JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF ILLINOIS "Zuchem Mispoche" P. O. Box 48501 Niles, Illinois 60648.

1981-1 Jerry BARD, 1215 Arbor Vitae, Deerfield, Illinois 60017, (312) 948-0617—Seeking relatives from Botoshan, Romania named BARAD. Also descendants named SCHNIDER from Sznia, Austria and LASERIN from Retchitz, Russia.

1981-2 Ethan BENSINGER, 8422 N. Harding Street, Skokie, Illinois 60076, (312) 677-5033—Searching for descendants of BENSINGER family from Kehl, Karlsruhe and Dodersweiler, West Germany.


1981-4 Marilyn COHEN, 7162 Niles Avenue, Niles, Illinois 60648, (312) 965-4140—Samuel KUG from Vienna, Austria, Jennie WEINER from Kurestych, Russia, & Morris KUTZFOSSKY (KASS) and his wife Gussie RASKIN from Russia.

1981-5 Stu FEILER, 7773 Nordica, Niles, Illinois 60648, (312) 965-6643—KLUGER, HOCHBERG-Lemberg (Lvov); HOCHBERG & BLDYFEDER-Cracow; OZERETTE from Berlin & Amsterdam; FEILER, STERNBACH, SCHNEIDER from Turka & Sambor; AVERBACH & ENGLE from Czernowitz.

1981-6 Jeffrey FRIED, P.O. Box 340, Highland Park, Illinois 60035, (312) 831-2200—Tracing relatives with the name of FRIED, FREID, FREUD & FREUND from Siemens/Simno, Pasheshak, Suwalki, Vilkaviskis, Marijanpole, Lithuania.

1981-7 Judy FRIEDMAN, 4231 Grove, Skokie, Illinois 60076, (312) 677-7806—Seeking the grandchildren of two brothers named Aaron and Buzi SHEFTEL and a granddaughter of one of the brothers named Bethsheba. The brothers settled in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Also the name of DOFFET from Ustriki-Dolne, and Psheymshy, Galicia and LERNER and MUTCINICK from Ostrog, Vohlyna, Russia. PLONTNII or PLOBNII from Rovno.

1981-8 Freya MASLOV, 5813 KeeneY, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053, (312) 905-8277—Tracing relatives of BLITZSTEIN from Troschen-brod/Zof'eyvuka, Targowizca/Turett, Borenel, Berditchev, Luck, Rovno, Babylon. Also MASLOV (CHERKOWSKI) from Lopuszno, Kielce, Poland. KRAMER from Suchawola, Gradno, Lithuania, ROSMARIN from Mirapol, Polonne, DROPSIUKA, DRUCH from Tschudnoven/Chudnov, Comoka/Chonora, Zhitomer, BUCH, PELENBERG (PEARLBURG and GESCHINOWITZ (GERSHONOWITZ) from Krosno, Luncut, Zolynia, Galicia.

1981-9 Belle MESTEL, 8630 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois 60660, (312) 275-9496—Looking for relatives of BLITZSTEIN (See names under MASLOV above). Also seeking ancestors of MEST from Ostrodenka, Lomza, Poland and GOLEBERG from Kopyl, Lithuania.

1981-10 Cyndee MEYSTEI, 2901 W. Estes, Chicago, Illinois 60645, (312) 973-6955—Seeking descendants of Chassia KROIN from Kamien Koshirska, Poland. Of son in Israel and daughter of Itcha Volf (Yitshok Velvel) MEYSTEI, rabbi and teacher in Stettin.

1981-11 Cyndee MEYSTEI, 2901 W. Estes, Chicago, Illinois 60645, (312) 973-6955—Seeking relatives of Yosef HERZBERG or GURWICH, born Warsaw, died in 1914 near Minsk. And descendants of his sister Chasha Weller of Boston area. Also any KOMOROWSI or BRENER especially from Lithuania.

1981-12 Anna MOSCOVITCH, 7532 N. Kildare Skokie, Illinois 60076, (312) 676-3466—Inquiring about ancestors of BILFELD, GIFSCHE, HESSING, WOLF, GROSS, SCHIFF, & SATZCHEINBAUM from Mayden, Poland. Also KASSIL and MOSCOWITCH from Vaslui, Romania (near Bucharest).
1981-13 Judith R. FRAZIN, 1025 Antique Lane, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (312) 564-1025--
Descendants of Herszl ROSNER (or ROZNER)
(1765-1878) of Poland and his wife, Z Shocka, and his
wife, Kliez, Poland. Related by marriage to:
DZENHOUSE, ELGROD, FARKER, FIEKAG, FREEDMAN,
GLICKMAN, KATZELBOS, KLEIN, KONDOR, KOW,
MANDEL, PLEZINSKI, RAY, ROZANIN, SCHWARTZ,
WEINBERG, WEINBERGER AND WOLMAN (or WOLMAN).

1981-14 Judith R. FRAZIN, 1025 Antique Lane, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (312) 564-1025--
Descendants of Pyschak LILLENFIELD (1770-1852) and his wife, DOTZ, both of
Staszow, Kielec, Poland. Both families related to WOLMAN (or WOLMAN) through
marriage.

Descendants of Morris RAY (1907-1967), furni-
ture upholsterer. Born in Staszow, Kielec, and
married in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Son of Abraham Moses RAY.

1981-16 Judith R. FRAZIN, 1025 Antique Lane, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (312) 564-1025--
Descendants of Arthur, Louis, and Samuel
BERNSTEIN, owners of BERNSTEIN BROS. pawnshop,
in Chicago, Illinois. These men or their
parents originated from Mariampol, Lithuania.

1981-17 Judith R. FRAZIN, 1025 Antique Lane, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (312) 564-1025--
Descendants of Cottol RAY (or RAY) (1800-1830) of Staszow, Kielec, Poland. Related by
marriage to: BAUDEL (or BAUMOH), BRANZEL,
DIAMOND, FREIDMAN, GOLDFURK, GOLDFURG,
HAYMER (or ELFAND), HENIC, NORDYCA, FELT,
and RAPPAPORT.

1981-18 Judith R. FRAZIN, 1025 Antique Lane, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (312) 564-1025--
Descendants of Naphtali WOLMAN (or WOLMAN)
(1752-1834) of Staszow, Kielec, Poland. Related by
marriage to: GRONBERG, KIRSZLENBAUM,
LILLENFIELD, ROSNER (or ROZNER), SZTALBERG,
ZEIFER, and ZILBERMAN.

1981-19 Helen FEINBERG, 5205 W. Madison St.,
Morton Grove, Illinois 60053, (312) 660-1421--
Seeking descendants of Alexander GINSBERG,
a hospital administrator from Pinsk, Russia,
around 1810 and Sarah BRODEN of Minsk. Also
the whereabouts of children and descendants of
Chana Wolter GINSBERG KATZ from somewhere in
Russia or England, her sister, Rachel Leah
GINSBERG and her brother Simcha.

1981-20 Helen FEINBERG, 5205 W. Madison St.,
Morton Grove, Illinois 60053, (312) 660-1421--
Looking for ancestors of Rabbi Fishel GINSBERG
from Israel, Simcha (e) GINSBERG and Volbor
GARBUS (HARBERG) from Logoschen, Russia.
Also KATCOVSKY from Zeyhiv, Russia,
Sarah Judith POLLACK from Minsk, KORAL family
from Plotse, Poland and BRONSTEIN/BRAUNSTEIN
from Logoschen, Russia.

1981-21 Chaya FRIEDMAN, 9299 Marmora, Mor-
ton Grove, Illinois 60053, (312) 967-7128--
We are researching the following names:
WOLFGOLDBERG, HARTOITZ, Morris LEVY, DE-
VINITZ (DEVINE), GOOD, GOODER, Ruchmiel
FRIEDMAN, KRAUSE, Pechenik, SAMLER, WOH, SCH-
MAN, and Yitzchak SIEGEL, and the following
towns: Gradno, Stanislawczyn and Stanis-
lawow.

1981-22 Sara SCHAFER, 3705 Greenwood,
Skokie, Illinois 60076, (312) 509-0551--
Seeker for descendants of John and Anna SCHAFER
from Pittsburgh, Pennslyvania who had chil-
ren named Ben, Harry, Max (Sawtett), Gustie,
Esther, Bessie, and Libby. Jake died in 1940,
possibly in California. He was born in
Opatow, Kielec, Poland about 1885 and his
original surname was CHERNIN.

1981-23 Alan SPENCER, 830 Dell Road, North-
brook, Illinois 60062, (312) 272-7772--
Descendants of Jacob (Jack) and Anna SCHWARTZ
from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania who had chil-
ren named Ben, Harry, Max (Sawtett), Gustie,
Esther, Bessie, and Libby. Jake died in 1940,
possibly in California. He was born in
Opatow, Kielec, Poland about 1885 and his
original surname was CHERNIN.

1981-24 Alan SPENCER, 830 Dell Road, North-
brook, Illinois 60062, (312) 272-7772--
Tracking the whereabouts of children of Lora
KLEIN JOSIF (or IOSIF) who was alive in Feb-
uary, 1967 and had last known address of
Street Avram Jacew, Bloc C1 Apartment 5,
Bacau, R.S.R. Romania. Her sister was Luiza
(Lizzie) KLEIN SOHMER and lived in Brooklyn,
New York until her death in 1947.

1981-25 Alan SPENCER, 830 Dell Road, North-
brook, Illinois 60062, (312) 272-7772--
Searching for descendants of CZERNIKOWSKI
(HERNIDESKI) from Opatow, Kielec, Poland,
Avram David TURKUS and Rachmiel BLUM-
STEIN from Warsaw, Samuel NACHMIKOWITZ from
Roman, Romania, Morris KLEIN, a grain dealer
from Bacau, Romania and Gershen and Mele
CAMBER from Edinburgh, Scotland and later
from Johannesburg, South Africa.

1981-26 Marilyn SPLANSKY, 330 N. Wilshire
Court, Palatine, Illinois 60067, (312) 358-
9270--Hunting descendants of Morris SABATH
from Schmow, Bohemia, Joseph SPLANSKY and
Ida PERSKY of Kiev, Russia in the early 1900's
and Herschel Lazar GALEK from Checkow,
Poland.

1981-27 Bobbie BERKOWITZ, 9259 N. Kedvale
Avenue, Skokie, Illinois 60076, (312) 677-
1560--Looking for daughters and family of
Sidney RUBENOWITZ and Leah HOBODESKY from
Paliuki/Nezki, Ukraine. Also Nekzin in
letter dated 1909: MALKIN, BERLIN, EISENBERG,
SHARFSTEIN, Pesia ASTRIN, Guts BRUSINSKA,
HASEKOVITZ, NUSINOV (A), SPECTOROV, TISHUV
and MUNCHIK.

1981-28 Jeanne GLENNER, 6616 N. Mozart St.
Chicago, Illinois 60645, (312) 338-3883--
Searching for off-spring of Yankel and Esther
CHABEILSKY from Lask, Poland (near Lodz) and
of David and Esther KATSOV from Zverov,
Russia (near Neretodie and Kiev).
MORMON CHURCH GENEALOGY LIBRARY (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)

3 Branches in Chicago Area

Wilmette Branch
2801 Lake Avenue
Wilmette, Illinois 60091
(312) 251-9818

Records of Eastern European Jewish communities are available from Salt Lake City, Utah on a rental basis from all branch libraries. (See Judith Mrazin's feature article on page 2 of this issue for all of the details.)

HOURS: Tuesday thru Thursday 10-3:00 p.m.
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Naperville, Illinois 60540
(312) 357-0211

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Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 1-4:00 p.m.
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CHICAGO JEWISH ARCHIVES

618 S. Michigan Avenue
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A division of the SPERTUS MUSEUM & LIBRARY, it contains a large collection of manuscripts, collections of papers from Chicago Jewish organizations and other material about life in and around Chicago. The SPIEGEL family is the only one documented at the Archives. The collection is not indexed. Librarian Richard Marcus suggests you make an appointment to see the materials.

ZUCHEN MISHPOCHE (SEARCH FOR FAMILY) Continued

Looking for descendants of Shoshon or Shimon SIMON, originally named KUTCHAK. Came from Plonsk, Poland via London and the Russian empire to Boston. Parents were Hanoeh and Pearl KUTCHAK and brothers Moshe, Joe, Baruch and Phillip and sisters Bella, Sarah & Hannah.

Chicago, Illinois 60614, (312) 975-9666--
Searching for descendants of Sam SHAPIRO from Russia and Harry HALPERT from Lithuania.

HANDY GUIDE TO CHICAGO GENEALOGICAL SOURCES CONTAINING INFORMATION FOR JEWISH RESEARCHERS

SPERTUS COLLEGE OF JUDAICA & MUSEUM

618 S. Michigan Avenue
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Richard Marcus, Librarian

An excellent collection of Memorial (Yiskor) books from Eastern European shtetls. Most of these books were written after the Holocaust, some listing names of the people who perished. Other Jewish books on a variety of subjects, many of which are of genealogical importance. Most of the Memorial books are written in Hebrew and Yiddish but some have English summaries. The library staff is very willing to help in finding books and other materials. The library also has a fantastic (excellent reproduction) copy machine next to the check out desk and its still only 10¢ a copy.

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The main reading for local and family genealogy is located on the second floor. Even though this is a private library, it is open to the public, free of charge. The library has much information on genealogy but nothing specifically Jewish. I did find a whole branch of my family using the NEW YORK TIMES OBITUARY VOLUMES in their collection. The library is a closed stack library. Unlike most public and school libraries, the stacks at the NEWBERRY are not open for browsing or finding your own books. The main source for finding out what sorts of materials the NEWBERRY has is the PUBLIC CARD CATALOGUE. It is located at the west end of the main reading room on the second floor. A pass for the reading room is required and must be obtained at the information desk near the entrance.

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THE SHTETL FINDER GAZETTEER $8.25
by Chester G. Cohen
Published by Periplus Co. 1980 Box 583
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Jewish communities in the 19th and early 20th centuries in the Pale of Settlement of Russia, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Galicia and Bukovina with names of residents. Valuable research tool.

TOLEDOT: The Journal of Jewish Genealogy
155 East 93rd Street Suite 3C
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FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION $17.95
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Most useful book on Jewish genealogy to date.

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ABOUT OUR PRESIDENT

Stu Feiler, Co-Founder and President of the JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF ILLINOIS is the first person to teach Jewish genealogy at the high school level. Stu, currently teaching for the Board of Jewish Education of Chicago, also conducts seminars, workshop and gives lectures on Jewish genealogy throughout the Chicago area.

Stu created a new interest in Jewish history and related Judaic studies by teaching these areas through the experiences of the students and their families. In order to develop the necessary curriculum materials, Stu traced one branch of his own family back to the early 1700's.

Stu's success in his own search for his ancestors led to many speaking engagements, adult education programs and the co-founding of the JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF ILLINOIS.

Stu was in Israel this summer where he addressed the "First World Conference on the Jewish Family Heritage." He shared his expertise with Jewish genealogists and educators from all over the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERNATIONAL JEWISH GENEALOGIST CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO, SUMMER 1982

The first International Conference of Jewish Genealogists is being planned for the summer of 1982 in Chicago, Illinois U.S.A. All Jewish genealogists and Jewish Genealogical Societies are invited to participate in the planning and execution of this most important effort. Suggestions for seminars, workshops, and committee meetings should be directed to: Mr. Alan Spencer, 830 Dell Road, Northbrook, Illinois 60062 U.S.A. This conference will not be a regional get-together but an opportunity to discuss and present material relevant to all Jewish family historians. We hope to present seminars at every level from novice to trained researcher, covering a whole range of genealogical topics. Specific dates of the conference and further details will be forthcoming in our Winter issue. We are waiting to hear from you.

Plan on attending next summer in Chicago.

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Is your synagogue or Jewish organization interested in having a speaker or series of lectures on Jewish genealogy? Contact the JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF ILLINOIS SPEAKERS BUREAU for some of the most fascinating and best qualified people in the field. For further information and rates contact Mrs. Marilyn Cohen (312) 965-4148.

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

Harry Green, artist & sculptor, who specializes in work closely related to Jewish genealogy, has been named Artist-In-Residence to the JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF ILLINOIS.