

THE SUWALK - LOMZA INTEREST GROUP

For Jewish Genealogists

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Dear Mariampoler Aid Society Member,

You may recall reading in a recent M.A.S. Bulletin about our new nonprofit organization. We publish a quarterly journal called Landsmen, rich in articles of genealogical and historical interest for descendants of Jewish families who originated in the old Suwalki and Lomza gubernias (as those political entities existed between 1866 and 1914). As the enclosed map shows, the southern part of modern Lithuania, including Marjampol, was once a part of the old Suwalki gubernia.

Enclosed also are copies of the Contents of our first two quarterly publications, the Summer and Fall (1990) issues of Landsmen. In Part II of the Summer issue there are many interesting letters from members who are researching families from Marjampol.

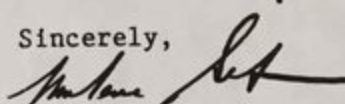
For Marjampol, like most of the major Jewish ancestral centers of today's Lithuania, there is a comparative dearth of access to original 19th century records. However, those of you who have been following the most recent developments in Jewish genealogy know that new breakthroughs are now being made with respect to American access to archival resources in Poland and Lithuania. For example, in our next publication (Winter-Spring double issue) we have an alphabetical list of over 700 early 19th century taxpayers from 8 towns (including Marjampol), transcribed by one of our members from the original records now housed in Warsaw.

We are at the beginning stages of a unique concept, the idea of a network of Jewish researchers and interested readers who wish to learn more about their ancestral towns, within a prescribed geographical area. Our membership, already over 230 in just the third quarter of our first year, is heavily weighted toward the leadership of today's American genealogical movement.

I will let the enclosed copies of the Contents of our issues published so far speak for themselves in terms of what we have to offer. If you think you may be interested, annual membership in the U.S. and Canada is \$22.00 per year for four issues of Landsmen. We also offer a trial membership option of the first issue only (Summer, 1990) for \$5.50, with the understanding that those who wish to subscribe for the full membership year may submit the balance of \$16.50 to receive the remaining three issues, if they choose to do so. Under either the \$22.00 full or \$5.50 trial option, please make checks payable to: the Suwalk-Lomza Interest Group and mail to me at the above address.

I hope to hear from you, but in any case it is marvelous that you support one of the few remaining Landsmanshaftn in the U.S. I understand that not everybody is interested in genealogy, but those of us who are never miss an opportunity to enlist another candidate. Therefore, if you personally are not interested, perhaps you might share this information with someone else in your family who might be.

Sincerely,



Marlene Silverman