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## November Meeting

### Guest Speaker:

St. Louis Recorder of Deeds,  
Sharon Quigley Carpenter

**Thursday, Nov. 15, 2001**

**Time: 7:30 p.m.**

## December Meeting

### Guest Speaker:

Teacher at Solomon  
Schechter School,  
John Wilder

**Sunday, Dec. 16, 2001**

**Time: 2:30 p.m.**

**(Winter Meeting Schedule  
Begins: Sunday Meeting!)**

### Meetings Held At:

Jablon Youth Lounge  
United Hebrew  
Congregation  
13788 Conway Road

### REMINDERS:

**JGS Discussion Group  
will meet**

**1 p.m.**

**November 29, 2001,  
at Special Collections,  
St. Louis County Library**

Please note:

Change from fourth Thursday  
to fifth Thursday, since the  
fourth Thursday in November  
is Thanksgiving.

### Volunteers needed:

**Marriage Indexing Project**

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[www.jewishgen.org/jgs-  
StLouis](http://www.jewishgen.org/jgs-StLouis)

## Upcoming Meetings

### November Meeting

#### Guest Speaker:

Sharon Quigley Carpenter

**“Public Records  
at St. Louis City Hall”**

JGS of St. Louis is very honored to announce that the St. Louis City Recorder of Deeds, Sharon Quigley Carpenter, will be our November speaker. Ms. Carpenter administers the City's library of public records on the nearly 250-year-old history of the people and property of St. Louis. The Archives includes records relating to marriage, land, both profit and non-profit incorporations, campaign finances, trademarks, the City's House of Refuge orphanage, prison, nurses' registrations and much more.

In her talk to us, Ms. Carpenter will explain how to access these valuable resources. Any member of our organization whose family has lived in St. Louis City will find material of great interest to their genealogical research. We hope to see you at this meeting!

### December Meeting

#### Guest Speaker:

John Wilder

**“Exciting the Next  
Generation of Genealogists”**

As interest in genealogy has grown over the past few years, many schools have incorporated family history projects into their curricula as a lively way of combining the teaching of many skills. John Wilder, a fifth grade teacher at Solomon Schechter Day School, has recently received community-wide recognition for a family history project done by his students. He has agreed to share with us some of his methods and experiences which we, hopefully, can adapt to our own families.

Mr. Wilder was raised in New England and received a degree in English from Brown University. He is currently working, taking courses at a local university, and writing a history of German refugees and their efforts to defeat the “Nazi plague.”

We are honored that he is going to share his ideas and perspectives with us. (Look for a wonderful autobiographical article written by him next month!)

## Discussion Group News

The Discussion Group will take a field trip on Thursday, November 29, 2001, to the Special Collections area at the St. Louis County Library, Clayton and Lindbergh. Members will meet at 1 p.m. in the Special Collections area housed on the fifth floor of the library.

Joyce Loving, Manager of Special Collections, has added new Jewish resources while expanding the overall genealogical collection. JGS members will be able to research and obtain help from Joyce and the knowledgeable staff.

Sylvia Jaffe heads the Discussion Group. Shirley Finger, 314-994-0318, and Marianne Goldstein, 314-989-1519, remind members of the sessions, held the fourth Thursday of each month. Contact Shirley or Marianne to join the Discussion Group. It's free to all members of the society.

# President's Message

## October Meeting

Our October meeting proved to be a lively educational experience and an exercise for our grey cells. The speaker, Linda Meckfessel Koenig, asked us to recall local Jewish history of familiar and not so familiar names and places. Talk about memory lane. It's amazing to find out what we don't know about our own community.

## Ben A'Kiba Aid Society Memory Books

I received an e-mail inquiry for information about the former Ben A'Kiba Aid Society of St. Louis. My wife Fran saw the e-mail and in a matter of six phone calls over the next hour, she located a dedicated member of the society. We met her and spent an enjoyable hour talking about the society and members of that group. She was so interested in the research of JGS that we were able to borrow donor books from the 40's and what may have been the last book published by that group. A donor book contains, as a minimum, the history of the organization, membership and advertisements. Please contact me to examine these memory filled books.

## Newsletters Available for Research

At each meeting, newsletters from sister JGS societies are placed on the display table. These papers have the potential of offering new approaches to genealogical research, listing of new or recently discovered web sites, and of course, naming resources in that vicinity. Usually not enough time is allocated for members to thoroughly review these documents at each meeting, but after being on display, they are placed in our library. Contact Art and Sylvia Jaffe, 314-434-8392, for additional information.

## Attendance and Volunteers

The average membership attendance has increased slightly for each meeting to 40 attendees. My goal is 50. Please attend our meetings!

For our new members, an effective means of helping your own research is to participate in our documentation efforts. The cemetery and burial records indexing and marriage records indexing projects need your help. These projects can only be completed with volunteer help, and as a volunteer, you gain access to these valuable research tools. I've stated it previously; you'll be amazed at the type and amount of information contained in these records, not available to the public. Without our efforts, these records might never be available to the Society.

*Jerry Goldberg,*

JGS of St. Louis President

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## Donated Publications Offer New Research Possibilities

*News and Views*, the publication for Weight Watchers in Greater Missouri and Illinois, is now available for research at the Missouri Historical Society Library, 225 S. Skinker Blvd. The tabloid size publication, from 1970-1989, has been donated by Sylvia Jaffe, a founder and past president of JGS. Mrs. Jaffe was PR director for Weight Watchers in Greater Missouri and Illinois. In that capacity she served as editor, writer, and advertising manager for the publication which was mailed to 100,000 homes and distributed in over 300 classes monthly.

Sylvia points out that "in depth features" of Weight Watchers members appeared in the publication. She says, "*News and Views* is a great resource for genealogists researching family members who were members of Weight Watchers in this area."

In addition, *The Jewish Post and Opinion* and some Sunshine publications have been donated by Mrs. Jaffe to the Special Collections department of the St. Louis County Library and are to be microfilmed, according to Joyce Loving, manager of Special Collections. Sylvia was society editor, feature writer, and columnist simultaneously for these publications. Mrs. Jaffe adds that the *Jewish Post* is another fine genealogical resource for researchers. She explains, "I covered all

lifecyle events." The Saul Brodsky Jewish Community Library has bound copies of the *Jewish Post and Opinion*, a weekly newspaper that is no longer in existence.



## Synopsis of October Meeting

By Eunice Solomon

An Armchair Tour Of Jewish St. Louis:

Linda Meckfessel Koenig

Linda gives many kinds of tours. One of the most popular is a Jewish tour for non-Jews. The sites visited are accompanied by an explanation of Jewish beliefs and customs. The first stop is Ohave Shalom Cemetery on Olive east of Hanley. This very small cemetery was established by and for German refugees after World War II. The second stop is at the Holocaust Museum and the Mikveh. From there, they go to the Bagel Factory and the kosher food aisle at Dierberg's. The final phase of the tour is University City. The regular Jewish tour does not go west of Lindbergh.

Linda discussed Jewish contributions to St. Louis. She said that St. Louis is the only American city with a chief rabbi. We did not know Rabbi Rosentretter wrote a

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## Introducing our Members Surname Register

We hope those of you with computers have already spent some time looking at our new and improved website. One of the parts of the site that is of potential value to every member of our organization (and researchers from afar who visit our site) is the Surname Register. As a service to those without computers, and to entice those of you who just haven't gotten around to submitting your surnames yet, we print the Surname List as it stands as of 15 Oct 2001.

We would really like all members to submit their surnames if they have not already done so. You can do it by accessing the website, clicking on the "Searching" Tab and then on the "Submission Form." For those who do not have access to the Internet, call either Cassie Buerki (314) 275-7136 or Gene Schneider (636) 861-7117 with your data and they will see it gets included.

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We hope we have whetted your appetite for more names. Look for the list to continue next month. And in the meantime, be sure to submit your own names, so we can include you and your family!

Cassie Buerki has a videotape of the October meeting on Jewish St. Louis that she will donate to the library so that those who were unable to attend may check it out. Thanks, Cassie!

# What's In A Name? Symbolism/Acronyms/Abbreviations And The Like

By Chuck Jackson

Symbolism is found throughout Judaism and some surnames are the result of it. For example, Judah's sign, the Lion or Leo, may have been adopted into the family name. Sometimes the surname would be a corruptive or a diminutive form of the Hebrew or of the Yiddish with a symbolic overtone; i.e., Baruch Bendit and Jacob Koppelman. "Laughter" is the common element of Isaac and "goodness" is found in Tuviah and Gutman. "Peace" is Solomon, Shalom, Fried, and Friedman. Please keep in mind that some surnames were adopted due to the sound, a secondary meaning, or for other purposes.

<b>AARON</b>	Common derivatives of this name are Agron, Agronsky, Aren, Arkin, Arkush, Orlik, Orun.
<b>ABBA</b>	An acronym for " <u>A</u> vo <u>B</u> egevurot <u>A</u> donai" ("may I come into thy strength, Lord"). Strength is symbolically associated with the age of eighty. Abba is also an Aramaic personal name.
<b>ABEL</b>	A diminutive of Abraham or Avraham. Also appears as Avril, Avil, Abil, Abel, Apel, Appel.
<b>ABRABANEL</b>	A diminutive of Abravan, a Sephardic form of Abraham. Non-Sephardic families also adopted it as an attest to the famous Spanish family of statesmen and thinkers. Also appears as Abravanel, Abarbanel.
<b>ARKULES</b>	A popular diminutive for Aaron. Also appears as Arke.
<b>ARONIN</b>	Either the son of Aaron or a descendent of Aaron. Also appears as Aronoff, Aronow.
<b>ASTRUC</b>	Means "born under a lucky star" in Provencal and is the equivalent of the Hebrew names Mazal Tov or Gad. Asterius, a Latin name, appears on Jewish catacombs in Rome. Astruc first appeared in the 11th century in southern France and later became a surname.
<b>AUSLANDER</b>	One who came from another country.
<b>AUSTERN</b>	Austrian officials demanded that any Jews whose name was Pesach select a German name. The name Austern was taken, which is a garbled version of the German "Ostern," Easter.
<b>AVIGDOR</b>	The Midrash states that Avigdor is one of the names of Moses. It is also phonetically associated with the Latin name Victor. Also appears as Vigder, Vigdorichik, Vigdorowitz.
<b>AVRECH</b>	The word appears as a tribute to Joseph. Another interpretation of the word is it is an acronym for " <u>a</u> v <u>b</u> ekokhmah <u>r</u> akh <u>b</u> eshanin" (old in wisdom and tender in years). Also appears as Averick, Africk.
<b>AXELROD</b>	Various interpretations are made as to the origin of this name. One thought explains it as the inverted form of Alexander. Another is that it is taken from the German name Axel. Yet others believe the name means "shoulder" and "wheel" ("Achsel" and "Rad," in German) which references the circular badges Jews were forced to wear on their shoulders. Also appears as Axelrad, Axeldar, Axelrood, Achselrad.
<b>BANET</b>	From Bonet, which is the symbolic French form of Yom Tov (holy day, good day) and was found among Jews of Provence and Spain as early as the 11th century. It later spread to France, England, Austria, and Bohemia. Also appears as Panet, Baneth, Paneth.

To be continued. Many thanks to Arthur Kurzweil and Rabbi Benzion Kaganoff.

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## Genealogy Events of Interest

November/December

### Preserving Your Family History

Thurs., Nov. 15 & Thurs., Nov. 29

7 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Cost: \$12.50

Florissant Valley

Community College Campus

For more information, or to enroll,

call Patsy O'Connell at

(314) 595-4237

### St. Louis City Library Presents: Military Records Symposium

Saturday, December 8, 2001

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Soldiers' Memorial Museum

"Designed to help genealogists discover what types of military records are available in the St. Louis area and how to access them, from Revolutionary War through 20th Century Wars."

Speakers from City & Co. libraries, Jeff. Barracks, Mo. Historical Society, National Personnel Records Center, & U.S. Army Military History Inst.

Free; preregistration requested. Call Kathy Smith at (314) 539-0385 or

Tom Pearson at (314) 539-0381 for more information and/or to register.

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## New Members

Welcome! We wish to acknowledge and welcome the following new members to JGS of St. Louis:

**James Fischer**      **Larry Petty**  
**Regina Frederick**   **Nelson Zucker**  
**Randy Silverstein**

We hope you will enjoy and benefit from your membership in our organization and that you will participate in our many informative activities. We are pleased to have you as members.

If you know of any prospective members, please submit their names to Cassie Buerki, Membership Chairperson. She can be reached at (314) 275-7136 or e-mail her at [<cbuerki@aol.com>](mailto:cbuerki@aol.com).

## St. Louis County Library Partners with the National Genealogical Society

Submitted by Joyce Loving

The National Genealogical Society's (NGS) circulating collection of more than 20,000 volumes in Arlington, Virginia will have a new home by the end of this year. At its September board meeting in Davenport, Iowa, the NGS Board of Directors ratified its decision to create a strategic partnership with the St. Louis County Library. The NGS circulating collection will be moved to the Special Collections Department at St. Louis County Library Headquarters, 1640 S. Lindbergh, where it will be available to researchers by January 2002. In February of 2002, the NGS circulating book collection will become available for check out and interlibrary loan. While the St. Louis County Library will maintain its core genealogy collection as a non-circulating reference collection, the NGS collection will provide the local genealogical community with access to a significant and growing circulating collection of genealogical reference materials.

The addition of the NGS collection will provide an enhanced and expanded genealogy and local history collection. Combining the two unique and valuable collections in St. Louis will produce a superb resource library, attracting researchers from a variety of ethnic and geographic backgrounds. Both St. Louis County Library and NGS are committed to significantly growing the circulating collection so that genealogists have a dramatically larger number of books available to them. The County Library's expert Special Collections librarians and their experienced Interlibrary Loan staff make this partnership particularly strong.

Transportation of the sizable book collection from Virginia to Missouri was contributed by St. Louis-based United Van Lines and its president/chief executive officer, Robert J. Baer.

The ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2002 at St. Louis County Library Headquarters. Further details will be announced later.

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## Synopsis of October Meeting (Cont'd)

"gossip column" in the Jewish newspaper, *Modern View*. He did not want his name to be used so he signed each article "M. Uno."

The first Jewish worship service was held at Max's Grocery on 2nd and Spruce in 1836. In the museum beneath the Arch is a fountain in the center court to commemorate that service. There is a Jewish connection to the Old Courthouse. Louis D. Brandeis was admitted to the bar there. Isidore Bush was a member of the City Council, on the Board of Education and active in civic organizations.

In 1840 United Hebrew established the first Jewish cemetery at Jefferson and Chouteau. In 1841 it became the first Jewish congregation in St. Louis at Cerre and 6th Street. U.H. was the first synagogue west of the Mississippi. In 1852 Emanu-el and B'nai Brith merged into B'nai El and ultimately became a congregation.

Three major department stores were founded by Jews: Famous-Barr, Stix, Baer, and Fuller, and Rice-Stix. Louis P. Aloe was the first and so far the only Jewish mayor. His bond issue revitalized the city with the construction of the Old Post Office, Kiel Auditorium, Soldiers Memorial, and wider streets. Nathan Frank, the first Jewish Congressman from St. Louis, lobbied for the 1904 World's Fair. The Nathan Frank Bandstand in Forest Park was built in his honor.

# The Modern View: 25th Anniversary Deluxe Edition Index

## (Part Two)

*The Modern View: 25th Anniversary Deluxe Edition* (published in St. Louis in 1925) was edited by A. Rosenthal. *The Modern View* was a periodical published for St. Louis' Jewish-American community in the first part of the 20th century. A copy of this special edition is available in the Stacks at the St. Louis Public Library, Call Number: 071 (Oversize) and a copy is available at the Missouri Historical Society. There is much of genealogical interest in this special edition, including many individual biographies.

This index was compiled by Thomas A. Pearson. Many thanks to the St. Louis Public Library for posting this index on their website, and to Mr. Pearson and Gerald Brooks, Director of Marketing, for permission to print.

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## Research Hints: East St. Louis

By C. Edwin Murray

In 1903, Jewish families in East St. Louis met for the high holidays in the Lovington Building at 408 East Broadway. In 1906 a Zionist society was formed and met in the Lovington Building and the Metropolitan Building at 437 Missouri. Meyer HURWITZ was the chairman of the society. The first rabbi was Abraham LASSEN. The first officials were elected in 1907 and included I. COHEN as President, Alexander CHACKES as Vice President, I. PATTIZ, Treasurer, and C. COHEN, Secretary. In 1909, this group obtained a charter from the state of Illinois. Sixty-five families made up the congregation when it formally organized in 1911. Their first building was at 736 North 7th Street.

The Agudas Achim synagogue was built at 9th and Pennsylvania in 1916. It had a membership of 125 people. Louis F. FELSEN was president of the congregation from 1914 to 1917. He was succeeded by Leopold WEISS from 1918 to 1926. Abel HIRSH was the rabbi in 1917. After him followed Rabbi Adolph BERGER, 1918-20; Rabbi Simon WINOGRED, 1919-21; Rabbi Jacob MAZUR, 1921-30; Rabbi M. NODEL, 1930-32; Rabbi Maurice STISKIN, 1932-35; Rabbi Philip PINCUS, 1936-39; Rabbi Harry SHECTMAN, 1940-42; Rabbi Ben COHEN, 1945-57; and Rabbi Stanley WEBER, 1958-61. Secretaries for the congregation included Max ADELMAN, Sam FITTER, and Max GOLDENBERG. Louis ROCKMAN served as treasurer from 1917 to 1940. Presidents of the congregation included Ben SHATZMAN, 1926-29; Jacob BECK, 1929-33; Abe SHAFTAL, 1933-38 and 1946-58; and Joseph SPRITZ, 1942-46.

Prominent members of the synagogue were Mr. and Mrs. Frank ALTMAN, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob ALTMAN (Frank and Ben were brothers who owned the J. J. ALTMAN Construction Co.), Arnold and Betty COHN, Philip COHN, Sr., Maury and Rose COPILEVITZ, Sam and Sylvia FITTER, Joseph and Katie GOLDENBERG, Marvin and Phyllis GOLDENBERG, Charles and Fay GOLDENBERG, Joseph and Maxyne GOLDENHERSH, Marvin and Tamadean GOLDENHERSH, Joseph and Jean GROSS, Bernard and Helen JANKLOW, Harold and Mildred KEYSER, Sandor and Carol KOREIN, David and Ada KRAMER, Frank and Rose PLATTNER, Murray and Donna ROTHMAN, Abe and Lena SHAFTAL, Ben SHANFELD and Ralph SILVERMAN (who ran National Auto Supply, near 11th and Illinois), Rosa SILBERMAN, Arthur and Shirley SILBERMAN, Jack and Esther TZINBERG, Dr. and Mrs. Harold WALLMAN, Morry and Mildred WEISS, and Irwin and Dorothy YARE.

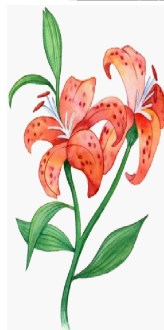
In 1961 the congregation moved to 425 North

## From the Editor's Desk...

I've had several people ask recently how the articles get into *Generations* or if it is all right to submit something. Let me answer the second question first. It is more than all right; it is fantastic that members want to submit stories! PLEASE, PLEASE, if you are inspired to write something you think others will enjoy, PLEASE send it to me. There are other newsletter editors struggling to fill newsletters, but I usually have the good fortune to have so many articles ready to go that I have to stockpile them. It is so lucky for me as the editor that we have people who are willing to write. This is **your** newsletter, so it is only fitting that it is filled with things that you write and you enjoy reading.

Now, as to the first question. The easiest way to submit something is via e-mail, which saves me from having to retype. If your submission is fairly short, then just a plain e-mail message is all you need to send. I'll copy and paste it into my word processor. If you have a page or two, you can send it in Microsoft Word or AppleWorks. Many of you know I work on a Mac, but I have great translation software and can open most anything. Of course, if you don't have a computer, you can just use the mail and I'll work with whatever you send. Don't worry about errors. I always try hard not to let any of us look bad in print!

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### With Sympathy...

*Our heartfelt condolences go out to member, Chris Flesor, on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Phyllis Sheritz, who passed away on Tuesday, October 16, and, belatedly, to the family of member, D.J. Stamm, who passed away earlier this year.*

88th at Route 157. Rabbi Stanley KROLL served from 1968 to 1972 and was succeeded by Rabbi Emmanuel RAVAD in 1973. Membership declined after that year and the building was sold in 1986. Some of the members who remained attended the Jewish synagogue in Belleville.

Many members of the congregation shopped at SEIDEL'S Clothing, across from the Majestic. Also, a Ben CHUSED operated a clothing store at 107 Collinsville. The pharmacist on 40th Street was Dan SUSSMAN.

(More on East St. Louis next month.)

# Someday the Present Will Be the Past

By Cassie Weinberg Buerki

Most of us realize that in our search for ancestors we need to begin with ourselves, but do we truly understand what that means? Certainly we know we must record important dates such as births and marriages. We do not question the importance of our personal medical history. And, of course, we know to write down what we remember of our own parents and other known relatives.

Many of us do extensive research on our ancestors, spending hours in libraries reading census microfilms, sending away for naturalization papers and ships' manifests, delving through boxes of old documents and family photograph albums. But have we taken the time to compile a personal journal, so that our descendants will have a more complete knowledge of the type of people we were, the times in which we lived, or what we thought about events that occurred during our lifetimes?

How wonderful it would be to have had a written account of an ancestor's journey from his/her Russian shtetl to the new homeland! How exciting to have a description of a great grandparent's wedding day! What a thrill to hold a loved one's diary telling of experiences and events in another time and place!

It is time for us, as family historians, to

impart our knowledge and our emotions to our descendants. Our children and our children's children deserve more than mere glimpses into our lives. If we remember some of the difficulties we have faced in our own quests, the brick walls we have encountered, the misinformation and the conflicting data we have discovered, we realize how necessary and welcome first-hand information can be.

The use of video recordings is a terrific tool; our voices and our mannerisms can be recorded for posterity in a way our ancestors never dreamed of. Many of us use the Internet to write e-mail messages but we often don't save and print what we have written. Revive the use of letter writing, write in a journal, or make an audio or visual recording, and give your family a special gift this year. Record your thoughts and feelings so that, many years from now, someone will know who you were and not just think of you in terms of vital statistics. Set an example for your children and grandchildren and tell them what you are doing; ask them to do the same. Not only will you be leaving a record of your existence to future generations; you may discover wonderful lost memories along the way. And, you may learn more about your own children and grandchildren as well.

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