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October Meeting

**An Armchair Tour
of Historic
Jewish St. Louis**

Guest Speaker:

Linda Meckfessel Koenig

Thursday, Oct. 18, 2001

November Meeting

Guest Speaker:

Sharon Quigley Carpenter

Thursday, Nov. 15, 2001

Meetings Held At:

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Jablon Youth Lounge
United Hebrew
Congregation
13788 Conway Road

REMINDERS:

**JGS Discussion Group will
not meet in October.**

Next meeting:

1 p.m.

November 29, 2001,

United Hebrew Library.

Please note:

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

Volunteers needed:

Marriage Indexing Project

See article inside.

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Upcoming Meetings

October Meeting

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**“An Armchair Tour of
Historic Jewish St. Louis”**

We would surely all agree that the St. Louis in which our parents and grandparents lived was an extremely different landscape from the leafy suburbs where we live and worship today! Most of us have heard stories about the old neighborhood but probably are only vaguely aware of where it was.

Now that we have discovered the names of some of our ancestors, we need to put them into the context of the city and its institutions where they prayed, worked, and were buried.

Linda Meckfessel Koenig owns her own company that designs and executes tours of this area. For the last four years, she has very successfully led specifically Jewish oriented tours for a wide variety of organizations. The research she has done to learn about the last 200 years of St. Louis history has turned up fascinating and little known facts about our community.

Linda is a lively speaker who will put some very familiar spots in our town into an entirely different perspective. You won't want to miss this program!

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 has held her position since 1980. She administers the City's library of public records on the nearly 250-year-old history of the people and property of St. Louis. Her Archives Department is the first and only among Missouri's Recorders to provide specialized customer services to genealogists and scholarly researchers. The Archives includes records relating to marriage, land, profit and non-profit incorporations, trademarks, campaign finances, 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 genealogic research. We hope to see you at this meeting!

We, along with people all over the world, join in mourning the victims of the September 11th disasters. We extend sympathy to those who may have lost loved ones on that awful day and heartfelt thanks to all those brave volunteers who have worked non-stop in the rescue effort.



President's Message

Response to September 11, 2001

I've received many email messages, personal and as president of JGS of St. Louis, pertaining to the events of September 11, 2001, that I would like to share with you. They are eloquent statements about our country and the thoughts of various people.

From International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies distribution list: "We in the Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain extend our condolences and sympathy to our members in the USA and to our many friends and colleagues in our fellow genealogical societies. We wish you to know that our thoughts are with you and your families at this traumatic time." (Similar messages received from other IAJGS foreign member societies.)

Received via Geshen Galicia SIG: "Go ahead, (you terrorist) and whine your terrorist whine, and chant your terrorist litany: 'If you can not see my point, then feel my pain.' This concept is alien to Americans. We live in a country where we don't have to see your point. But you're free to have one. We don't have to listen to your speech. But you're free to say one. Don't know where you got the strange idea that everyone has to agree with you. We don't agree with each other in this country, almost as a matter of pride."

Received from JewishGen: "On behalf of the JewishGen Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, staff and volunteers worldwide, we wish to express our deep and heartfelt thanks for the messages of support and solidarity coming in from all over the world. Like so many of our friends in countries throughout the world who have been targeted by terrorists, America has now experienced a terrorist attack, overwhelming in its magnitude and if nothing else, one which has served to strengthen our determination and resolve to insure that all civilized society will triumph over the forces of evil spawning these unconscionable acts."

What touched me were the pictures of a black and white person consoling each other or a neighbor hugging a neighbor. The spur of the moment of a mass of people spontaneously shouting "U.S.A.! U.S.A.! U.S.A.!" Look at the faces of these people. They are there because they want to be, not because they are told to be there. Yes, that's America. Yet, it's a shame that it usually takes a disaster for us to get to know each other or to unify as a country.

September Meeting

Our monthly meetings usually have outside speakers describing research sources to assist you in the search for your ancestors. However, at the September meeting, our members were the speakers. Their objective was to update the audience on the resources created by our members for utilization by this society. Subjects included the Website, Marriage and Cemetery Indexing, and the JGS Library. Thanks to Sylvia Jaffe, Gene Schneider, Joel Shedlofsky and Eunice Solomon for their presentations. This was an opportunity to provide your input to the design of the software projects, learn how the indexing projects can help you, and how to use the library cataloging system.

Spring Special Event

The board has begun planning our annual spring "big event." It will probably pertain to memorabilia, antiques or treasures from the past with a genealogical connection. These ideas are only a starting point and of course subject to modification. If you have any suggestions or would like to serve on a committee, please contact me. Now is the perfect opportunity to be a committee member. Don't be bashful. Become involved. Learn by participating. It's been known that an occasional question at these meetings has opened new avenues for the participants.

Membership Update

We presently have 191 members. My goal is to reach 200 members. As a means of obtaining new members, we continue to reach out to the community via our website, Beginning Genealogy course, and publicity. Our Society needs **YOUR** help. Please bring a prospective member to our meetings.



Let us pray that this year is a year of peace for our world. From my wife, Fran, and myself, good health to you and your family.

L'Shanah Tovah!

Jerry Goldberg,

JGS of St. Louis President

"Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it."

--- Helen Keller

From the Editor's Desk...

The Federation of Genealogical Societies conference in Davenport, Iowa had already begun when those four hijacked airliners crashed into the World Trade Center Towers, the Pentagon, and an isolated field in Pennsylvania. We sat glued to the television, like everyone else, all day Tuesday, the 11th. However, we had planned all along to drive to Davenport, we had paid our registration fees, and the conference was not canceled, so we decided to go ahead on Wednesday morning. We drove up the Missouri side of the Mississippi, via Highway 79 on a bright, clear, beautiful day. The river was lovely; the small towns were quiet and peaceful; except for the proliferation of American flags, there was no sign of the horrors that had befallen so many of our fellow citizens. It was a very soothing drive.

In Davenport, the talk was of genealogy and Tuesday's events. A television placed near the exhibit hall was on constantly and a crowd gathered around all day, each day of the conference, watching, waiting, not believing.

However, we were so glad we went! Although many people were stranded, they rented cars, got on trains, did whatever they could to get there. Speakers who did make it volunteered to take the place of those who couldn't get there, and the 150 registrants who didn't come were replaced by nearly that many walk-in visitors. The people in Davenport and at the FGS Headquarters who had worked so long and so hard on preparing the conference deserved to have it be successful, and that it was.

We learned a lot about genealogy over the four days we were there. Some of the workshops were truly outstanding. By the time we left, we knew we had done the right thing in being there, for what is more important now or in the future than preserving the stories and memories of our families?

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A Dictionary of Ashkenazic Given Names: Their Origins, Structure, Pronunciation, and Migrations

By Alexander Beider: Published by Avotaynu, 2001

Reviewed by Chris Flesor
Special Collections Department
St. Louis County Library

If you are a fellow bibliophile, you really have to experience this book! I would love to have it on my bookshelf at home. The author, Alexander Beider, presents a 682-page world of discovery about our Jewish given names.

The title, *A Dictionary of Ashkenazic Given Names*, is far too humble. The dictionary represents only 60% of the book. The remainder consists of the origins, structure, pronunciation, and migrations of Ashkenazic given names. Alexander Beider introduces us to a general history of Ashkenazic Jewry, including Jewish migrations in Europe since the Middle Ages. He also presents an analysis of names borrowed from Gentiles, shedding some light on the relationship between Jews and non-Jews in the Middle Ages.

The dictionary of names portion of the book is quite thorough. In addition to the etymology, each name is written in Cyrillic and Hebrew. Variations of the names are presented, as well as Christian versions or translations of the name.

Technically, at first glance, the book seems complicated, discussing the *historico-philological aspects* of given names, and further along, the *protovowels* and the *spirant consonants*. "Huh?!" was my first thought; but Mr. Beider gives us a glossary that smoothes the way, and actually delights us with an, "Oh, is that what that's called?" feeling.

This book takes us through history with our Eastern European ancestors, travels the lands they traveled, and speaks to us with the beautifully blended vernacular of their speech. Come to Special Collections to sample this and many other treasures of genealogy research.

(Editor's Note: A copy of this book has just been purchased for our library at UH. See the article on Page 9.)

JewishGenMall Online

With the holiday season approaching, you might be thinking about using online shopping for some of your gift-giving. If you haven't seen the online mall at Jewishgen yet, you should take a look at it. Unlike any other mall you've visited, the JewishgenMall is a collection of stores focusing on products of interest to those searching Jewish ancestral lines. No parking problems, no babysitters required; you don't even have to get out of your pajamas to shop; the entrance is right at your computer: <www.jewishgen.org/jewishgenmall>.

In addition to books, software, and videos, gift items are available. If you are a total newcomer to computers or to shopping in an online environment, when you first visit the mall, just click on the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) button over on the left side of the page. The selections change often; items go on sale just like they do in a real store, and the site is safe and secure, so you needn't worry about giving out personal information. Your purchases support the JewishGen budget and help them provide more and more information to all of us.

Should you forget the URL provided above, just go to the JewishGen home page at <www.jewishgen.org> and scroll down to the bottom where you'll see the Mall banner. If you haven't shopped online before, this is a good place to start.

What's In A Name? Occupations

By Chuck Jackson

The discussion of surnames and how a person's occupation, trade, or profession may have played an important role in developing certain surnames continues. Please keep in mind that some surnames were adopted due to the sound, the secondary meaning, or for other purposes, and the family may not have ever performed the occupation defined by the surname.

WAXMAN	A dealer in wax. Also appears as Wachsman, Wachsstein, Wachstein, Waxtein.
WECKER	A baker of white rolls.
WEIN	A wine merchant. Sometimes the name is just another spelling for Fein (fine).
WEINER	From the Yiddish for winemaker or wine dealer.
WEINGLASS	The owner of a wine shop. It is taken from a picture of a vintage festival on the door of a wine shop or on a sign indicating the wine shop. The German word for it was "Weinlese" and this was eventually replaced by Weinglass.
WEINLAUB	The vine garland that use to decorate a wine shop. Some upscale wine merchants are still displaying a "Weinlaub" in their logo or on their signs. Some are painted, some are fake, and, believe it or not, some are real.
WEINSTEIN	The tartar that settles in the wine casks and is frequently selected as the family name for a dealer in wine.
WINNICK	From the Russian for a distiller and adopted by those who made brandy.
WINOKUR	From the Polish and Ukrainian for a distiller.
WOLLMAN	From the German for a trader in wool.
WOSKOBOINIK	From the Ukrainian word for wax maker.
YATKEMAN	A butcher and is from the Yiddish "Yatke" (slaughterhouse).
ZEGMAN	A saw-man, a carpenter.
ZEIDNER	A silk merchant and is from the German word "Seide" (silk). Also appears as Seidner, Zeideman, and Seidman.
ZEITMAN	A watchmaker or clock seller.
ZELEZNIKOV	From the Polish for a dealer in iron.
ZEROBNICK	From the Polish word "zarobnik" (a day laborer).
ZIMBALIST	From the German for one who plays the cymbals.
ZIMMERMAN	From the German for carpenter.
ZITNIK	From the Russian for grain merchant.
ZOREF	From the Hebrew for goldsmith. Also appears as Soref.
ZUCKERMAN	A confectioner or pastry maker.
ZUNDER	A seller of tinder. Before matches, tinder was used for starting fires.
ZUPNICK	From the Polish for the government official in charge of a salt mine.
ZWIEBEL	A green grocer; one who sells onions, peas, green beans, and other greens and is from the German word for onion. Also appears as Zwibel, Swibel.
ZWIRN	A tailor and is from the German for thread.

This ends the discussion of surnames and how an occupation may have played an important role in developing certain surnames. Another source of surnames is from a secular first name adapted to the family name. Next month's column will further define a "kinnui" and will start addressing those names.

Rabbi Kaganoff, again, many, many thanks.

Genealogy Events of Interest

October/November

Genealogy for Beginners
Wednesday, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24
12:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.
United Hebrew Library
Open to JGS members only
Free
Contact: Sylvia Jaffe
314-434-8392

Family History Library Open House, 10445 Clayton Rd.
Saturday, October 13, 2001
11:15–12:15 Opening Session
Classes: 12:35–1:20 p.m., 1:35–2:20 p.m., 2:35–3:20 p.m.
"German Research," "Census Records," "FHL Catalog"
Mini-classes ongoing all day: "What's New in the FHL," "Getting Started in Genealogy," "Using the Internet," "Writing Your Story," "Photography"
Free; Call 314-993-2328 for more information 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:

**A.W. and Nancy Baum
Janet Monsey**

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>.

Inquiries

Whenever space permits, *Generations* will publish a summary of out of town inquiries pertaining to Jewish genealogy. Anyone having information pertinent to an inquiry should contact the requestor. The original e-mails are placed on a table at each meeting and then filed in our library.

I understand that some of my maternal great uncles may have settled in the St. Louis area coming from Europe. In Europe they may have lived in the Krynki, Bialystok areas. Is anyone in your chapter connected to Israel or Shmuel BARON? The family surname was originally ALKANO to avoid conscript into the Russian army. My great great grandfather, Baron (?) Schapsel Alkano divided his sons up to avoid the draft naming two Alkano and two Baron.

Barbara Meyers
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I am searching for the descendants of FRANCES MEISNER, born 1915-25 in New York, who married a St. Louis doctor, whose name we don't know. They had children, but we don't know any names. She died young, possibly in St. Louis. All there is to go with is her maiden name. She was a niece of my grandmother. Can you check your marriage and burial registers for this maiden name? Thanks

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Another researcher and I are working on the genealogies of various LIPKIND families. We have recently found reference to Dr. Goodman LIPKIND, a rabbi at United Hebrew beginning about 1912-13. We are wondering if you have any information on him. Anything and everything germane to his life and work would be of value.

Shel Bercovich
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I am seeking information about KARNER. My grandfather, David Leepah KARNER and his brother (first name unknown) arrived in St. Louis sometime between 1905 and 1911. My grandfather returned to Lanowce, Poland (now Lanovsty, Ukraine) approx. 1913. My uncle remained in St. Louis. I would appreciate any information you could send me. I am a member of JGS Michigan, by the way. Thank you.

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Looking for information on Louis Oliver CALBREATH and his sister Beulah. He graduated high school in Maplewood and may have been Jewish. He married a Catholic and may have come from Muncie, Indiana.

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The Modern View: 25th Anniversary Deluxe Edition Index

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

Many people have heard that their ancestors came to St. Louis, but when they go to search for them in obituaries, census records, court records, and vital records, they cannot find them. What we often forget is that many Jews came to East St. Louis, Illinois to live and work; thus their records are not only in another city, but another state.

East St. Louis started to develop a large Jewish population during the second half of the 19th century. Once immigrants arrived in St. Louis, many were attracted to business opportunities in East St. Louis, after the completion of Eads Bridge in 1874.

Some of the organizations that came into existence in East St. Louis during the late 1800's and early 1900's were the Jewish Ladies Aid Society, the local chapter of the Jewish Federation of Southern Illinois (Jewish Community Council), the 794 Chapter of B'nai B'rith Lodge and the Malvine Beck Chapter for women.

Some of the early Jewish businesses were "The Busy Jeweler" owned by Harry LIBERSTEIN, WEISSMAN Drug Store at 4401 Caseyville, the HARTSTEINS operated Longfellow Market, NOVACK'S Furniture and Hardware at 2206 Missouri, and Moish ROTHMAN'S workers at Veteran's Linoleum on Collinsville Ave. did carpet and tile work for many East St. Louisans. Some people worked at the East St. Louis stockyards and railroad yards.

Some of the prominent Jewish citizens and families of the 1940's and 1950's (mentioned in a Ladies Aid Society booklet), included: Joe and Sadie TZINBERG, John & Etta BUCHMAN, Dave & Florence STEINMAN, Mr. & Mrs. M. L. LIPSUTZ, Mr. & Mrs. L. GRODSKY, Mr. & Mrs. M. ARENSTEIN, Mr. & Mrs. C. GOLDENBERG, Mr. & Mrs. W. HOCHDOFFER, Mr. & Mrs. M. HARTSTEIN, Mr. & Mrs. H. SPRITZ, Mr. & Mrs. M. TENENBAUM, Mr. & Mrs. M. TZINBERG, Mr. & Mrs. B. WEISS, Mr. & Mrs. A. SILBERMAN, Mr. & Mrs. M. GOLDENHERSH, Mr. & Mrs. S. SPIRTAS, Mr. & Mrs. Newton FRANKEL, Mr. and Mrs. J. SPRITZ, Mr. & Mrs. H. ZUKE, Mr. & Mrs. L. FELSEN, Mr. & Mrs. J. TZINBERG, Mr. & Mrs. GOLDFORD, Mr. & Mrs. E. COPILEVITZ, Mr. & Mrs. Joe COHN, Mr. & Mrs. O. WAGHALTER, Mr. & Mrs. J. BECK, Dr. & Mrs. H. WALLMAN, Mr. & Mrs. F. NOVACK, Mr. & Mrs. Abe SCHNEIDER, Mr. & Mrs. I. BAUM, Mr. & Mrs. Ken HARTSTEIN, Mr. & Mrs. R. SHANKMAN, Mr. & Mrs. W. ROUTMAN, Mr. & Mrs. P. ROTHMAN, Mr. & Mrs. F. SHAFTAL, Mr. & Mrs. E. SILBERMAN, Mr. & Mrs. F. KOREIN, Mr. & Mrs. A. FLEISCHMAN, Mr. & Mrs. J. MILLER, Mr. &

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We work with basic information: bride's maiden name, groom's name, date of marriage, rabbi's name and license number if available. Indexing is done at the synagogue or temple. Original records never leave that site. Ultimately all the information goes into our computer. It is available only to JGS members.

At this time the following congregations are available on our computer: B'nai Amoona, B'nai El, BSKI, Shaare Zedek, and most of United Hebrew. Work is in progress at Temple Israel and Traditional.

Help is needed to index or enter information into the computer for: CRC, Rabbi Rosentretter's ledger (a real find), Shaare Emeth, and the remainder of United Hebrew. We are trying to contact the orthodox congregations. So far no success. Any suggestions?

The marriage records were compiled by our rabbis, housed at their congregations, and are private documents. They will not be published or found on the internet.

For further information and to **volunteer**, please send an e-mail to Eunice Solomon at: <epsolomon@msn.com> or call her at 576-5269.



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If any of these names seem familiar to you, be sure you check in Illinois for their records.

(More on East St. Louis next month.)

Computer Viruses 101

By Gene Schneider

No doubt you've heard about recent problems with computer viruses, but just what are they, what do they do, and why should we be concerned about them?

What are Viruses?

Viruses are small computer programs that are intended to disrupt the normal operation of computers and the Internet. Initiated by those whose motives range from deriving pleasure at being able to display an annoying message on someone's monitor to bringing a government agency or business to a standstill, viruses not only cause inconvenience, they cause considerable financial losses each year.

How Do They Work?

Viruses may affect a computer in a variety of ways, depending upon the intent and expertise of the individual(s) who initiated it. Viruses may manifest themselves in a relatively benign manner or they can be malignant, erasing all of the files on a system. Many propagate themselves from one computer to another in domino fashion and can cause service disruption on a global scale. The speed with which a virus can spread is such that literally thousands of computers around the world can be afflicted in a matter of seconds.

The prime targets for the more aggressive viruses are government agencies, financial institutions and large businesses. That does not mean that the home computer user is immune from their effects, however. Using customer information stored in a company's computer, a virus can distribute itself to each and every customer who has an e-mail address on file with that company. Unwittingly, the user may further spread the virus by sending an e-mail to a friend or relative. Infected computers may continue to spread the virus until they are purged of it, an often time-consuming and potentially expensive procedure.

How Do I Protect My Computer?

What can you do to protect your computer? If you purchased your computer within the last two years, it probably came preloaded with an antivirus program. If you don't have one, buy one! The two most popular packages are by Symantec (Norton) and McAfee. However, knowing that your system has antivirus software may have lulled you into a false sense of security. My computer has software to take care of viruses . . . why should I worry? True, your computer is protected from viruses that were in existence when you bought the antivirus program. New viruses are being unleashed weekly and for those you are not protected! Currently, the Norton Antivirus Program checks for over 54,000 active viruses, most of which are less than two years old. Putting antivirus software on your computer is just the first step. The digital virus signatures (called definitions) that are stored on

your computer and used to identify viruses must be kept current for proper protection. Updates to the virus definition list are generated weekly but during times of unusual activity might be issued daily. The major antivirus software packages provide a means for updating the virus definitions stored on your computer via the Internet and usually at no cost for the first year. Subscriptions to the definition update service are available after the first year at nominal cost.

What Steps Can I Take to Keep My Computer Updated?

OK, I get the message. What steps should I take to minimize having a problem with a virus?

1. If you do not have antivirus software on your computer or if it is over 18 months old, buy and install one of the latest antivirus software programs. The latest versions of these programs include protection not only for specific viruses but have the ability to detect generic viruses that may be unleashed in the future.
2. Keep the virus definitions up to date by logging on to the vendor's site or utilizing the vendor's automatic updating capabilities regularly. In general, updating on a monthly basis will provide adequate protection but weekly is even better, and there will be times when updating will be required even more often to maintain a proper degree of protection.
3. Sign up for the vendor's automatic Early Warning E-Mail service. This free service will alert you to any unusual circumstances that may require immediate attention, such as has occurred recently with the Code Red Worm and the Nimda virus.
4. PC users should periodically review the Microsoft Site for any security patches that may affect their Windows Operating System, Internet Explorer, Outlook and Outlook Express. Mac users should review the Apple site for pertinent updates. If your browser has been supplied by your Internet Service Provider or other supplier, check with their site. Keeping your operating system and other software current will help in eliminating the possibility of infecting your computer through those avenues.
5. On a day by day basis, there are some precautions you can take to minimize having your computer infected. Since many viruses gain access to your computer through e-mail and e-mail attachments, before opening any e-mail or attachment, be sure you know the

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sender. A good rule is "When in doubt, don't open it." If you think that the sender's address may be legitimate but wish to check it, copy down the e-mail address and compose a separate message (Not a reply) requesting additional information that would enable you to positively identify the sender. Malicious users who have obtained your address through hacking and are masquerading as someone else will not respond.

6. Floppy diskettes have been a source of infection in the past, and diskettes obtained from an unknown source should be used with extreme caution.
7. Should you find that your computer has been infected, cease all operations and contact the antivirus software vendor. Often their website will give detailed information as to which viruses are active and how to effectively remove them. Continuing to operate an infected computer can result in further infecting the system as well as other systems with which it might communicate.

Viruses can cause considerable problems for the unwary and unprepared. With a little preplanning and routine maintenance, these problems can be minimized.

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JGS Library Is Catalogued

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Library Committee Co-Chairpersons

The JGS Library, housed in the United Hebrew Library, has grown from just a few books to a lot of books. It was important to categorize the books to help the members locate them easily. It was also important to categorize the books so members would know exactly what was in the library. The categorizing is now completed and a printout of the library collection was distributed and explained at the September JGS meeting.

How do we obtain books for the library? The proceeds from our tribute fund are earmarked for the library. Books are expensive! Our newest addition, *A Dictionary of Ashkenazic Given Names* by Alexander Beider, cost about \$80. So we also must try to obtain books in other ways. Many of our members have contributed books to the library. Joyce Loving, manager of Special Collections at the St. Louis County Library, is contributing duplicates of books she received from Miriam Weiner who ok'd the contribution to JGS. Art and Sylvia Jaffe obtained books from CAGE when they learned it was shuttering its library and also obtained books from the Jewish Community Center when it was donating books to charitable organizations on the last day of their book fair.

The Purpose of our Library

Why do we have a library? The JGS library does not replace the genealogical sources at any of the libraries here in St. Louis or elsewhere. The JGS library is in existence to provide JGS members with specialized sources helpful in their research. Some of the books in our library might be found in community libraries but others cannot be found in public libraries. However, the public libraries, such as Special Collections at St. Louis County Library, have resources that we cannot possibly provide our members. The various libraries complement each other; all are needed in genealogical research.

The JGS library is utilized by the monthly Discussion Group and at the JGS genealogical courses. The books are available for research during the weekdays. Members needing assistance at the library can call on the Jaffes, 314-434-8392, who usually man the library on Tuesday mornings. Norman Kling can provide assistance on Wednesday mornings. His phone number is 314-628-0523.

The JGS library books are shelved in one area in the United Hebrew Library. In our recent cataloguing of our holdings, the Wein System (the Jewish library cataloging system) was used. Barbara Raznick, director of the Saul Brodsky Jewish Community Library, provided the Jaffes with a printout of the numbers used for various categories. However, JGS had to add some society flourishes! Shirley Finger suggested that we use circles to identify the JGS library books. Norman Kling printed the signs which read "For Reference Only." The Jaffes did the cataloguing and shelving of the books.

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The JGS library is divided into these groupings.

1. Syllabus and Related Items
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8. Mixed Research Brochures
9. Lending Library
10. Collection of Publications
11. Archives

Each grouping is described in a printout which is too long to publish in *Generations*. A copy of the printout can be sent by e-mail attachment to members on the internet if you send a message to <Letvak@aol.com>. A copy of the printout is also in the library for use there.

All books are for reference only, with the exception of the Lending Library, which is headed by Norman Kling, 314-628-0523. Please see the list of available books on the previous page.

JGS members are encouraged to utilize the JGS library. For further information call the Jaffes at 314-434-8392.

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