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## IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE:

### April Meeting

*"Mind-Mapping"*

Alan Gerstein, Speaker

**Thursday, April 10  
7:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Held At:**  
Jablon Youth Lounge  
United Hebrew  
Congregation  
13788 Conway Road

### April Discussion Group

Questions/Answers  
Bring problems;

Discuss possible solutions

**Thursday, April 24**

**Meeting Held At:**  
Room 15, United Hebrew  
1:30 p.m.

### May Meeting

*"Ask the Panel"*

**Thursday, May 15  
7:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Held At:**  
Jablon Youth Lounge  
United Hebrew  
Congregation  
13788 Conway Road

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**Registration Form  
for the  
Spring Seminar  
Sunday, 8 June 2003!**

## April Meeting

Guest Speaker:  
Alan M. Gerstein,  
"Mind-Mapping"

Our February meeting was cancelled due to the snow and ice. Therefore, we have rescheduled this repeat of a very successful Discussion Group session held last spring on Mind-Mapping. The participants at that time enjoyed it so much, they asked for the topic to be brought to the attention of the whole group.

Mind-Mapping is a way to free up your creative abilities. This approach is particularly useful in constructing personal histories. Bring a pen, a few pieces of paper, and a memory. It's a great way to begin that family history you've been meaning to write.

Our speaker, Alan M. Gerstein, is an experienced facilitator and adult educator. He never thinks inside the box; in fact, he says he doesn't know where the box is!

**Please note: Due to Passover, the date of our April meeting will be Thursday, 10 April.**

## It's Jewish Genealogy Month!

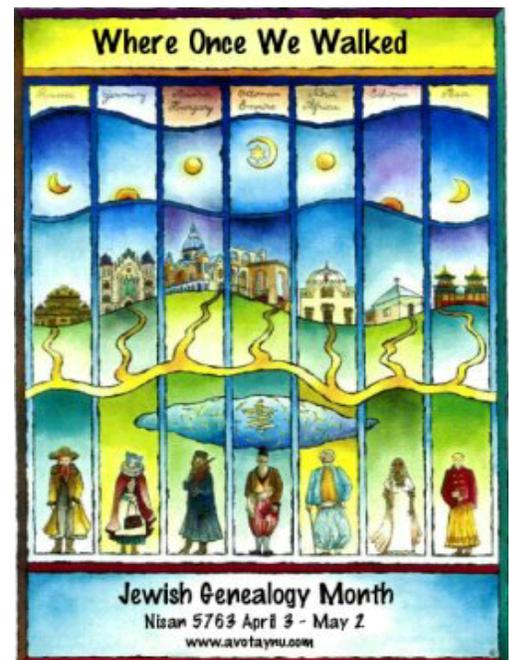
The month of Nisan 5763 (April 3–May 2) is "Jewish Genealogy Month." To celebrate, *Avotaynu* has commissioned a poster created by the graphic artist, Caroline Guillot, of the French Jewish Genealogical Society, Gen Ami. Its theme is "Where Once We Walked," and this lovely poster, in shades of blue, green, red, and yellow reminds us of the varied places, many no longer in existence, from which our ancestors came.

The poster has been distributed to

## Coming in May . . . Our Second Edition of "Ask the Panel"

Start writing down your questions, as the May program will feature three local genealogists who can help you unlock genealogical mysteries and solve puzzles. The panelists are all familiar with research techniques, resources in our libraries and on the Internet, and problems you may be encountering. Get ready for a helpful, informative evening!

**Thursday, 15 May at 7:30 p.m.**



Jewish genealogical societies. We have hung our copy in the library at United Hebrew Congregation. Individuals who would like to receive copies of the poster can send \$6.00 to cover postage and handling (\$11.00 outside North America) to *Avotaynu's* offices at 155 N.Washington Ave., Bergenfield, NJ 07621.

# President's Message

## March Meeting

Our thanks to Mr. Fred Longshaw, "The Postcard Man," for an informative presentation at our last general meeting. It has been a number of years since his last visit, and we enjoyed this talk as much as the first. The many examples of Jewish-related and St. Louis themed postcards that Mr. Longshaw brought with him is just a small portion of his collection. We appreciate the enthusiasm and the historical information that Mr. Longshaw shared with us, as well as his tips on preserving old paper collectibles.

## Change in Officers

Because of scheduling and job responsibilities, former vice-president, Joel Shedlofsky, has resigned his position. We thank Joel for the hard work he put into his office in the year that he served as vice-president. Patti Labell has been approved by your Board of Directors as the new vice-president and chairperson of the Membership Committee. She takes her responsibilities very seriously, and we know she will use her considerable energy to promote our Society and make it even better than it is. Thank you, Patti, for volunteering.

## Food for Thought

Recently I received a telephone call from the daughter of a friend who passed away, asking me if I knew where her mother kept her genealogy information about their family. My friend had been researching her mother's family for several years but had neglected to tell her children or grandchildren where all her findings were stored because none of them had shown much interest. I knew that Ann had several albums of old family pictures as well as a computer program filled with data. Her family was in the midst of sorting through her possessions and would, eventually, come across the genealogy work.

How many of us have made access to our work available to our families in case something should happen to us? Many of us are the older generation of our family now, and this is something we should contemplate. It's time for us to write our memories down before they are forgotten; time to identify the people in the photos we've taken during our lives; time to organize the data we have so lovingly gathered. What a waste it would be if we do not insure that someone will at least care for the information we have, if not continue to add to it.

Happy Passover from my home to yours.

*Cassie Weinberg Buerki*

President, JGS of St. Louis

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## Jewish Genealogy Month 3 April–2 May 2003

### Record Your Family History: Preserve Your Stories

By Cassie Buerki

*Not long ago, Dr. Walter Ehrlich spoke with our group after he published Volume Two of **Zion in the Valley**, the history of the Jewish community of St. Louis. Cassie wrote this as a reaction to his talk, but there was not enough space to publish it at that time. In honor of Jewish History Month, and because we hope you will be inspired to write after Alan Gerstein's "Mind-Mapping" workshop, we include it in this issue.*

Each of us can carry on Dr. Ehrlich's work for our own family. The story of the Jewish community is a vital one, and we can each help to preserve it for future generations. Our stories are invaluable as a means of documenting recent history and for giving our descendants a different way of examining the past. They will also make history a more personal one for those to come. If we record our personal histories, our thoughts, actions, hopes and dreams, we will pass on our

heritage and give our grandchildren a sense of who they really are.

I am concerned that those of us researching our ancestors will overlook the fact that someday our descendants will want to know how we lived our lives. Just as we are attempting to discover how our grandparents lived at the turn of the last century, so will our grandchildren want to know what life was like in our lifetime. History is happening all the time. In order to link generations, we need not only to understand our ancestors, we must create a heritage for our descendants as well.

Recording our individual memories gives us the opportunity to present our own view of history. It preserves our memories and personal stories and those of the community in which we live. By taking the time to record our stories, we will enable future generations to appreciate what has been done for them and to recognize how their families strove to make the world a better place in which to live.

# What's In A Name?

## Pronunciation

By Chuck Jackson

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We are taking a break from the normal list of names and their possible meanings to interject a valuable lesson on pronunciation. *The Journal of the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society*, Volume XXIII, Number 1, (February, 2003), in an article written by James Koenig, explains some of the characters not found in English and their pronunciation. The following information has been adapted from Mr. Koenig's article.

### Unique Characters

Certain characters may be unfamiliar to English speakers. These include some from the Romanian language ("s" with a dot under it is pronounced "sh," and "t" with a slash under it is pronounced "ts") and some from Polish ("e" with a dot under it is pronounced as nasal "en;" lower case "l" with a diagonal slash in it is pronounced almost as "w;," "s" with an accent mark above it is pronounced as "sh;" "c" with an accent mark above it is pronounced as "tsh," and "z" with a dot above it is pronounced as "zh."). For the Czech, Lithuanian and Latvian, "c" with a line above it is pronounced "ch;" "s" with a line above it is pronounced as "sh," and "z" with a line above it is pronounced as "zh." For the Czech, "r" with a curved line above it is pronounced almost like "rzh." For the Turkish, "s" with a cedilla under it is pronounced "sh" and "c" with a cedilla under it is pronounced "ch."

### Unusual Pronunciations

Certain characters with which we are familiar have different values from English. "C" by itself is pronounced "ts" in Polish, Czech, Latvian, Lithuanian and Hungarian. "Ch" is pronounced "k" in these same languages. But, in Romanian, when followed by "i" or "e," "c" is "ch," and when followed by "a," "o" or "u," it is "k." The German "ck" is also pronounced "k." In Hungarian, "cs" is "ch;" in Polish "cz" is "ch." In Turkish, "c" is pronounced as the English "j." "Dz" in Polish is usually pronounced similar to the English "j." "J" is pronounced like the English "y" in all these languages except Romanian where it carries the value of the French "j" (zh). Therefore, "j" and "y" often are interchangeable.

"W" is pronounced as "v" in all these languages except in certain foreign words where the "w" sound is attempted. "Z" in German is pronounced like "ts." In Hungarian, "gy" is pronounced "dg" (as in "fudge"), "s" is "sh," "sz" is "s," "ly" is pronounced almost as English "yuh," "zs" is "zh," and "ty" is almost the same as "ts" or "tsh."

The English "sh" is transcribed in German as "sch" and in Yiddish as "sh." "Sch" in Romanian is pronounced "sk" and in Czech, Polish, Latvian and Lithuanian as "skh."

The preceding is just a start. Then there are the various alphabets, such as Old German and Cyrillic. What does that have to do with naming conventions, you ask? Take a close look at the pronunciations for, as an example, Lithuanian, and move that person to France. Phonetically, the spellings would change drastically. An example of a "tough-to-pronounce" surname is that of one of my ancestors - Szmaklavich. For an American, the name would be a tongue twister. But, with our pronunciation guide above, we would probably pronounce it "Smaklavich" and it might be anglicized as "Smackla" if not changed totally and completely.

### Name Changes

Keeping all this in mind, try to pronounce your ancestor's surname and then write it the way it sounds. It is this written example of the surname that is to be used PHONETICALLY to search out your elusive ancestor.

Now you see why many from Eastern Europe changed their names upon arrival on the shores of the United States. Remember, it was not Ellis Island officials that changed their names; the people did that themselves.

My great-grandfather's name supposedly was Itzhik Yaakov in Fordon, Prussia. The first appearance of his name in this country was not Itzhik Yaakov but Isaac Jackson. Why he did not change it to Isaac Jacob, I do not know. Family theory has it he wanted to truly become an American. Perhaps, someday, I'll know. My Rosenthal ancestors also spelled their surname in other ways, such as Rozental, Rozenthal, etc.

For those of you who know Hebrew, much of Hebrew is written without the vowels. Take your last name, remove the vowels, and see how many different ways it may be pronounced. Take two of the names above - Yaakov and Rosenthal. The first would be YKV and the second would be RSNTHL. Pretty tough, isn't it? *Editor's Note: And watch out for that "th," since many European languages do not contain that sound at all!*

Keep in mind there are at least two reasons for our ancestors to have changed their names. One might have been because the original name was very difficult to pronounce in America. Second, they may have wanted to Americanize their names. Of course, it could have been a combination of both. Many immigrants also felt, in changing their names and starting a new life, they would leave the horrible and tortuous life of "The Old Country" behind forever.

# Spring Computer Classes at St. Louis Co. Library Headquarters

1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., Computer Lab  
314-994-3300

Be sure to call and register, as these fill up quickly.

## APRIL

2	Mouse Skills	9-11 a.m.
3	Introduction to Your Computer and the Windows Environment	2-4:30 p.m.
7	Customizing Your Web Browser	2-4 p.m.
8	Introduction to Word	2-4:30 p.m.
9	Introduction to Excel, Part One	9-11:30 a.m.
14	Intermediate Word	6:30-9 p.m.
16	Introduction to Excel, Part Two	9-11:30 a.m.
17	Introduction to PowerPoint	9-11 a.m.
23	Intermediate Excel, Part One	9-11:30 a.m.
25	File Management	2-4 p.m.
29	Introduction to Excel, Part One	6:30-9 p.m.
30	Travel Planning on the Internet	2-4 p.m.



## MAY

2	Mouse Skills	2-4 p.m.
5	Introduction to Word	2-4:30 p.m.
6	Introduction to Excel Part Two	6:30-9 p.m.
8	Free Games on the Internet	2-3:30 p.m.
12	Dress Up Your Documents	2-4 p.m.
13	Intermediate Excel, Part One	6:30-9 p.m.
16	Creating a Newsletter with Text Boxes	2-4:30 p.m.
21	Keyboard Shortcuts and Mouse Tricks	9-11 a.m.
27	File Management	2-4 p.m.
28	Advanced Yahoo! E-Mail	2-4 p.m.
29	Intermediate Word	9-11:30 a.m.



## JUNE

3	Mouse Skills	2-4 p.m.
5	Introduction to Word	2-4:30 p.m.
6	Introduction to Yahoo! E-Mail	2-4 p.m.
9	What's Cooking on the Web?	2-3:30 p.m.
11	Introduction to Your Computer and the Windows Environment	2-4:30 p.m.
12	File Management	9-11 a.m.
18	Publisher-Using Wizards	9-11 a.m.
19	Purchasing a PC	2-4 p.m.
23	Intermediate Word	2-4:30 p.m.
25	Publisher-Publications from "Scratch"	9-11 a.m.
30	Introduction to PowerPoint	2-4 p.m.

"Progress always involves risks; you can't steal second base and keep your foot on first."  
Frederick B. Wilcox

# More on City Directories: Jewish Fraternal and Benevolent Societies (Part 3) By Joel Shedlofsky

(Please see *Generations*, January 2003 for a more complete explanation of these listings. Again, note the spelling of the societies and streets came from the various city directories.)

## Fraternal and Benevolent Societies

Improved Order O.K.S.B.

St. Louis Lodge No 115

1874 Jackson cor Marion

1875-1889 8th cor Franklin

Eben Ezra Lodge

1875-1878 Cardt. Av cor Carroll

1879-1881 9th se cor Market

Missouri Lodge No 117 (1876-1881), No 121 (1882-1889), No. 126 (1892-1903)

1875-1878 8th cor Franklin av

1879-1886 9th se cor Market

1887-1889 Olive se cor 21st

1890-1891 not listed

1892-1903 21st cor Olive

Wessely Lodge No 128

1882-1889 9th se cor Market

Rebecca Lodge No 5

1874 10th cor Franklin av

Associated Hebrew Charities of the U.S.

1886-1887 no address listed

1888-1889 310 Locust

Daughters of Israel

Fortschritt Lodge No 4

1874-1878 Nies Hall

1879-1886 9th, se cor Market

Fortschritts Toechter No 1

1891 Locust and 7th

1892-1898 620 Locust

Daughters of Rebecca

Mary Ann Lodge No 1

1878-1883 Wenzel's Hall

1885 no address listed

Free Daughters of Israel

Rachel Lodge No 7

1876-1879 8th, cor Franklin av

Independent Lodge Daughters of Rebecca

1890-1901 Hall, 8th ne cor Franklin Av.

Independent Sisters of Rebecca (1883-1886)

Independent Lodge Sisters of Rebecca (1887-1889)

1883-1886 Hall, 7th ne cor Franklin

1887-1889 Hall, 8th ne cor Franklin

B'nai Amoona Aid Society

1908-1909 1327 Carr

B'nai El Ladies' Aid Society

1904- 11th and Chouteau

(To be continued next month.)

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## From the Editor's Desk...

Everywhere we look, we see the renewal of the earth as spring comes to St. Louis. It's a bit early this year, but after the cold, snowy winter, we welcome the bright colors and the warmth. Soon it will be Passover, and we will celebrate again the endurance of our people, the solidarity of our families, and the continuity of our traditions.

However, all is not well in the world. It is a tumultuous, insecure time in which we are living with potential for great destruction everywhere. At this time of new beginnings, we thank those that are about to go overseas for their sacrifice. And we pray for the safe return of loved ones already in harm's way.

Happy Passover to all of you.  
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# Synopsis Of March Program

By Eunice Solomon

Adventures in Postcards: Fred Longshaw

Mr. Longshaw has been collecting, buying, and selling postcards for 30 years. Some of the first postcards for sale in the U.S. were at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893.

One way to tell the age of a postcard is to look at the back. Up to 1907 the backs of the cards were plain. From 1907 to 1918 postcards had a line down the back dividing the area for the message from the address.

From 1918 to 1938 a white border was displayed on the front of many of the cards. Other designs appeared from 1938 to 1958. In 1958 chrome postcards made their debut along with linen postcards. From 1958 to 1980 oversize postcards appeared. From 1980 to the present, postcards on racks have been available.

The approximate age of a card can also be determined by its design. Early postcards have beautiful artwork. Many are signed by the artist. Quality of the art makes a postcard great. Value is determined by what a person will pay for a card. A postcard featuring a Jewish temple is worth \$50 in New York but only five to ten dollars here. An exceptionally beautiful postcard can cost up to \$12,000.

To some people a postcard without writing and a stamp proclaims it is in mint condition. To others there must be writing and/or a stamp since that helps determine the date of the card. Any kind of picture can be on a postcard. Mr. Longshaw displayed cards of Jewish holidays, family life in Russia, the Lemp Brewery, and Charles Lindbergh. People collect what they like. In his personal collection, he has 1700 postcards of Thanksgiving, since he was born on Thanksgiving Day.

It is important to preserve postcards. They should be kept in acid-free sleeves, away from heat and light. Postcards depict the history of a specific time. Generally, the older a card, the more valuable it is. Today's postcards are not valuable, but in the future, they might be.

## Want to learn more about old postcards?

Attend the Midwest's largest "Great American Paper Show."  
60 dealers from eight states: Books, Magazines, Stamps, & More!  
Sunday, 27 April; 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.  
4532 South Lindbergh at Gravois; \$2.00 admission  
Call 314-496-6225 for more information.

## Put Your Address on Your Binders

Here's a very helpful reminder from *Ancestry Daily News*,  
Tuesday, 25 March 2003

At the North Carolina State Library, in the Genealogy Section, there is a lost and found basket filled with notebooks left behind by researchers. Other libraries undoubtedly have a similar collection. Make sure you have your name, address, and phone number on any note pad that you take to the library so if you leave it behind, they can let you know.

Judy Rysdon

## With Sympathy

We mourn the loss of another of our members, Mel  
Loewenstein, who passed away on 26 Mar 2003. Our  
deepest condolences to his family.



# What We Learn from Others: The Sharing of Ideas

By Marilen Pitler

*Newsletter*, The JGS of Great Britain, July 2002

## Traditions - Superstitions

I had forgotten about so many of my mother-in-law's quirky habits, until I read this in Great Britain's *Newsletter*: "There is more to genealogy than just recording names and dates. Our ancestors' traditions and superstitions are surely worth recording for future generations."

What if traditions and/or superstitions could supply the name of that missing shtetl? As one woman stated, "I've asked lots of people about it, but so far it seems to be limited to my family, so maybe it stems from one small shtetl in Poland. My mother always used to gently pull the top of her or someone else's ears if she or they sneezed when the conversation was about someone who was dead. She got it from her mother, who got it from hers, and so on, and now I automatically do it too! She didn't know why it was done. . ."

Now that I think back, I always put my fingers around a button when passing a cemetery. Could this be a clue to the region from where my ancestors came?

## Useful Website

One of the JGS Great Britain members mentioned the value he received from the **Archive Database** (Miriam Weiner's Routes to Roots Foundation) at [www.rtrfoundation.org](http://www.rtrfoundation.org). He was able to find the years for existing 19th century archive records listing births, marriages, and deaths in a particular Lithuanian community.



*ZichronNote*, The Journal of the San Francisco Bay Area JGS, May 2002

We are reminded that "Preparation Pays Off in Hiring a Professional Researcher." A professional genealogist spoke at one of the SFBAJGS meetings and stressed the importance of pre-planning when hiring a professional researcher. The research questions should be clear, and all known information should be shared in written form, along with copies of all pertinent documents. One should ask a lot of questions when hiring a researcher and ask for references. The speaker suggested asking members of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) for names of suitable researchers.



*Mishpochology*, Newsletter of the JGS of Southwest Florida, Summer 2002

Have you ever looked at a family group sheet and wondered to which line it belonged? Here's a helpful tip from one of Southwest Florida's members, "Sometimes, when I am referring to a new family

group, I have to ponder a bit about with which line the family belongs. This is especially true with new, young families and new surnames. I have begun writing the name of the ancestor in the upper right hand corner of the family group sheet. This way, I can tell immediately which line the family belongs to. This is a good reminder and a good time saver."

## That Cheap, Really?

Check out *dMarie Time Capsule*, at <http://dmarie.com/timecap/> and have some fun. When entering a month, day, and year, fascinating tidbits of information appear. I entered my birth date and discovered that bread was nine cents a loaf, milk was 62 cents a gallon, eggs were 63 cents a dozen, a car was \$1,225, gas was 21 cents a gallon, a home was \$8,649, a stamp was 3 cents, the average annual income was \$2,675, the minimum wage was 30 cents an hour, and the DOW average was 152! Want to guess the year?

If you wish to give your ancestors a historical perspective, this site could prove to be a very useful tool.

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## IAJGS Sponsors Genealogy Cruise

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies announces its first genealogy cruise: a mid-winter opportunity to learn, share, and explore Key West and Cozumel on the Carnival Line's "Fascination." The ship will depart from Miami on December 1st and return on the 5th.

"Genealogists, and those interested in getting started on their family research, will benefit from the lectures, informal gatherings, opportunities to build relationships with others doing similar research, ask-the-experts opportunities, take-home genealogical materials, assistance with translation, and help in using the shipboard computers for Internet access."

Rates start at just \$150 per person, double occupancy. Add to this registration, port charges, gratuities and taxes and the inclusive price is just \$464, or \$116 per day for this 4-day cruise. Because many genealogists have partners who are not particularly interested in genealogy, the inclusive price for a non-participating companion starts at just \$394, or less than \$100 per day.

To learn more or to register, go to [www.iajgs.org](http://www.iajgs.org) or call (888) 840-5240, toll-free, for information. This is a great, low-pressure way to get started on your genealogical quest.

# Upcoming Genealogical Events of Interest

In addition to our society's one-day workshop on 8 June, there are four major genealogical conferences coming up of interest to all researchers.

## NGS: Conference in the States

The first is the National Genealogical Society's Conference in the States, which will be held in Pittsburgh from 28–31 May 2003. One of the focuses of this national conference will be on colonial American research, so if your ancestors were among the earliest of America's settlers, there will be many opportunities for you to learn how to research them. There is a track on immigration, several tracks on methodology, ethnic research, technology, the Internet, and other areas of interest to Jewish genealogists. Many of the country's finest genealogical speakers will be there.

For more information, call 800-473-0060, or visit the NGS website <[www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org)>.

## IAJGS: A Capitol Conference

If you are heading east this summer, make time in your schedule to attend the 23rd International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, held by the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies in Washington, D.C. from 20–25 July. Not only is there an exciting program focusing on Jewish genealogical research, featuring many prominent speakers, but attendees will have the opportunity to work at the Library of Congress, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and the National Archives. Special tours and events will be held throughout the conference week.

To register for this most important Jewish genealogical conference, you can call 800-805-3976, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, or go to the conference website <[www.jewishgen.org/dc2003](http://www.jewishgen.org/dc2003)>, where you will find specific information on conference sessions, hotel and registration costs, banquet speakers, etc. You can register online at any time.



## FGS: Countdown to Discovery: A World of Hidden Treasures

If your travel plans are holding you in St. Louis till the summer is almost over, then you might like to head to Orlando for the 2003 Conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. Our JGS, along with most others, belongs to the FGS.

“Find Your Genealogical Treasure” is the theme of this year's conference to be held from 3–6 September at the Renaissance Orlando Resort at Sea World. With an emphasis on exploration, immigration, and Southern research, this conference will give you the opportunity to combine the excitement of the Orlando area and networking with fellow genealogists from around the world.



The full conference schedule is now posted on the Federation's website, <[www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org)>.

There is a conference e-zine which you can subscribe to at <[www.fgs.org/2003/conf/conf-ezine.htm](http://www.fgs.org/2003/conf/conf-ezine.htm)>. This free electronic newsletter will keep you abreast of upcoming conference plans.

## NGS GENTECH:

### Preserving the Past - Exploring the Future

Finally, from 22–24 January 2004, there will be a conference here in St. Louis at the Millennium Hotel overlooking the riverfront for genealogists working with technology. For those of you using computers, scanners, digital cameras, and genealogical software, or those looking for techniques to manage data files or to use your computer more productively, this will be the conference for you. Hosted by the St. Louis Genealogical Society, this national conference will be bringing many prominent genealogy/technology speakers to our doorstep.

To learn more about this conference, check the StLGS website: <[www.stlgs.org](http://www.stlgs.org)> and watch for more information as we get closer to next January.

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## JGS Member Writing Book on Early Residents of University City

JGS member, C. Edwin Murray, is compiling a book on early University City residents. He is collecting 300 to 400 word essays about people that lived in University City between 1906 and 1929. If you had parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents living in University City during that time, please leave a message for him at 314-647-8547 (St. Louis Genealogical Society) or e-mail him directly at <[emurray1@mindspring.com](mailto:emurray1@mindspring.com)>. (That's a numeral one after his name, not an "l.")

The essays will go into a book to be published for the 100th anniversary of the city of University City in 2006. Some of them may be also published in the *Quarterly* of the St. Louis Genealogical Society over the next few years.

## Inquiries

I am seeking information about "Dr. LILLY" in St. Louis in the early 1900s. My GM, Rae COHEN, graduated as a nurse from Jewish Hospital in 1903 and was supposed to have worked as a private duty nurse for Dr. LILLY, but I haven't been able to find out anything about him. Thank you.

Lisa Stark

Rt 3 Box 166A-1  
Pauls Valley, OK 73075  
405-238-7096  
starky@brightok.net

I am seeking any information about Henry WALDSTEIN, buried in United Hebrew Cemetery, grave 5?, having died 5 Feb 1880. I would like to learn his age at death (or birth year) and where he was from, whether married, and name of his father. Thank you in advance.

Jacqueline Waldstein Schwab  
Greenhouse Circle  
Rye Brook, NY 10573  
914-939-6522  
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I am interested in finding out about my great grandmother buried in St. Louis, Friederiche COHN. I don't know her maiden name. Her daughter, Henrietta COHN,

married my grandfather, Julius FREED. I had a cousin, Raymond FREED, who is dead, and a cousin, Jay FREED, who lives in St. Louis now. Any information you can give me will be appreciated.

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I am seeking information about Levi AARD and his wife, name unknown. Levi died 1933/37. His wife was gone by 1940. She was Roman Catholic but converted and is buried next to him in a Jewish cemetery in St. Louis. They had a daughter named Ida whose married name was SENTMAN. Both Levi and his wife supposedly came from France about 1883. They lived in Indiana, then moved to Iowa, then St. Louis. I was hoping to find the names of Jewish cemeteries I could make inquiries to. Perhaps someone could look at the death indexes and see if they are there. The name could also have been spelled ARD. Any help I can get would be greatly appreciated. I am a member of the Los Angeles JGS.

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