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## IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE:

### January Meeting "Jewish War Veterans"

Ralph Shower,  
Guest Speaker

**Sunday, Jan. 19**  
**2:00 p.m.**

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

### Jan. Discussion Group

Questions/Answers  
Bring problems;  
Discuss possible solutions  
**Thursday, January 23**

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

### February Meeting

"Mind-Mapping"  
Alan M. Gerstein, Speaker

**Sunday, Feb. 16**  
**2:00 p.m.**

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

## January's Meeting

Guest Speaker:  
Ralph Shower,  
World War II Veteran,  
"Jewish War Veterans"

Was your St. Louis ancestor a veteran of any United States war? Has he/she received proper recognition for time served in the military? Ralph Shower, a paratrooper wounded in World War II, is chairman of the Gravesite Search Program. He, along with a small group of men and women, has been identifying, researching, and marking the graves of St. Louis Jewish war veterans. They begin with checking obituaries. Then the group determines date of death, verifies the military record of the deceased, logs the information into their records, and finally, in a gravesite ceremony, they place a marker by the grave.

Ralph, who will be accompanied by his fellow researcher, Raye Bankendorf, will be the featured speaker at our January meeting. Ralph and Raye will tell us more about their group and their patriotic project. They eventually intend to mark the grave of every Jewish war veteran in all eight Jewish cemeteries in St. Louis. Come learn more about this amazing task!

## 1930 Census Index Done!

Ancestry.com <[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)> has completed an online index of the 1930 U.S. federal census. Although a small number of states were Soundexed, this is now the only national index to the 1930 enumeration anywhere. This 124 million name index includes every name, rather than just heads of households, allowing family historians much greater flexibility in searching for ancestors.

## Coming in February

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

Our February meeting will be a repeat of a very successful Discussion Group session held last spring on Mind-Mapping. The participants at that time enjoyed it so much, they have asked for the topic to be brought to the attention of the whole group.

Just what is Mind-Mapping? Have you ever been told to think outside the box? It's hard. Some of us prided ourselves, and were rewarded for, coloring between the lines. But in this session the only rule is there are no rules. Mind-Mapping will help to free up your creative abilities. This approach is particularly useful in constructing personal histories. Come prepared to work and to have fun. All it requires is 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.

For those who have learned about this technique already, we hope you will come for a refresher and to share your experiences.

Alan M. Gerstein will lead us through this activity. Alan 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!

The index can be accessed with a paid subscription to the Ancestry.com census databases. There are many libraries, including St. Louis County Library Headquarters and St. Louis Public Library, that pay for a subscription through Ancestry Plus, making it easy for most to use this excellent new resource.

# President's Message

## New Year's Resolution

The New Year! Can it already be 2003! Surely time passes more quickly than it used to! The New Year brings an opportunity for renewal, for forging ahead, for correcting mistakes of the past, for new beginnings. What an opportunity we, as genealogists, have to create a lasting tribute for our families. We, more than others, understand how past generations have helped determine who we are, and we have the capability, through our research, to give our relatives a wonderful gift: the gift of family. Every time we discover a new leaf on a branch of our family tree, we are adding to the treasure that is our individual history.

With this in mind, renew acquaintances with those with whom you've been out of touch. Forge ahead and write or call a family member you've not contacted. Apologize for a misunderstanding and restart a friendship. Continue, or restart, your research.

## With Thanks

Sincere thanks are extended to Rabbi Joseph Rosenbloom for his enlightening and enjoyable presentation on the history of Jewish migration. JGS of St. Louis was able to conduct our December meeting through the generosity of Temple Emanuel and we appreciate the opportunity. We had a wonderful turnout of both members and guests. Our thanks also go to Morton Bearman for arranging this event for us.

My personal best wishes to everyone for a healthy, safe, and peaceful New Year.

*Cassie Weinberg Buerki*

President, JGS of St. Louis

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## Mentoring Program Begins in January

By Cassie Weinberg Buerki

Very often we find ourselves at a brick wall in our genealogical research. Sometimes this is due to a lack of information about a certain individual or branch of a family; sometimes it is because of a name change of which we are unaware. Seldom, however, do we come to the end of the line with no further hope of discovering new facts. I have heard people complain that they just don't know what to do or where to look next or that they are considering giving up their research because they are so discouraged.

This could be the time to ask a mentor for help. Some people have given up their membership in our organization after hitting the proverbial brick wall and discovering that we do not do their research for them. A mentoring program falls somewhere between the poles of merely giving guidelines and actually taking someone by the hand and leading him or her through a search. JGS of St. Louis is now hoping to introduce a program whereby personal assistance will be given to a member in his or her research.

A mentor, according to the dictionary, is a teacher or coach, an advisor. We have a list of members who are willing to be advisors, to guide other members who are having difficulty moving ahead with research, on a one-to-one basis. Some of these volunteers specialize in certain areas, either geographically or by subject. Others have general knowledge in several areas. Mentors still will not do your research for you, but they may be able to help you learn to do it yourself in ways you never thought of.

## German Names for Polish, Hungarian, and Czech Towns

Information obtained from

*Nu, What's New?* Vol. 3, No. 23

One of the problems we face working on European genealogy is the tendency for the same towns to have different names, depending on which government was in power. We know that many Russian/Polish towns carried multiple names, and now there is some help for those researchers working on Eastern European towns that were given German names.

There is a comprehensive list on the Internet of German names for Polish towns. It is located at <[www.kartenmeister.com](http://www.kartenmeister.com)>. The site states it "contains 59,143 locations with over 25,500 name changes." The area covered is all the eastern provinces that Germany lost at the end of World War I including East Prussia, Memel, West Prussia, Brandenburg, Posen, Pomerania, and Silesia. Therefore, it also includes a small number of towns in today's Lithuania and Russia. When you locate a town of interest, click on its name

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Our first meeting for the mentoring program will be during our Discussion Group meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2003, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., at United Hebrew Congregation, Room 15. Mentors will be available for questions or to set up future dates to meet for personal help. Those who seek assistance but who cannot attend may contact me at (314) 275-7136 or <[cbuerki@aol.com](mailto:cbuerki@aol.com)>. We encourage everyone who would like to volunteer to be a mentor or who needs help to join us.

# What's In A Name?

## Symbolism/Acronyms/Abbreviations And The Like

By Chuck Jackson

The discussion continues of surnames and how symbolism, acronyms, synonyms, abbreviations and the like developed into names. Please keep in mind that some surnames were adopted due to the sound, the secondary meaning, or for other purposes. Also, say the name and listen. The spelling may be a little different but the sound may be the same as the name for which you are searching.

**A special note:** An example of this phenomenon: my mother's maiden name was Bressler. The chief meteorologist at a St. Louis TV station has the last name of Preszler. Now Preszler does not look even close to Bressler. But, pronounce the two names and they will sound quite similar.

**Another special note:** The suffix -kin or -in means, in Russian, a descendent of the person. Often, the -kin or -in suffix eventually became a -kind or -ind suffix as the Russian meaning became lost over time.

- TEITELBAUM** Based upon Pslam 92:12, "the righteous shall flourish like the palm tree." "Teitelbaum," in German, is "date palm." The verse continues with "they shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon" which yielded the name ZEDERBAUM ("cedar tree"). Since our ancestors were not horticulturists nor versed in botany, some also selected the name TANNENBAUM ("fir tree") as a reference to this verse.
- TEOMIM** The Hebrew name for the Zodiac sign of Gemini. Many children born under the Gemini sign were given that name. As time progressed, it eventually became a family name. Sometimes a person born under the Gemini sign selected it as a family name as the sign, in Hebrew, is "mazel" and it was a wish for good luck. Superstition was quite dominant in everyday Jewish life and anything that would bring good luck would be quickly embraced. Incidentally, the English name "Thomas" is derived from Teomim. Also appears as Tomim.
- TRAININ** A Jewish development of the woman's name of Terine which was originally from the French name of Estérine. Also appears as Treinel, Trandel, Trana, Treine.
- VARON** A Sephardic name and, in Spanish, means "man." It is a reference to Moses who was called "Varon de Dios" ("the man of G-d").
- del VECCHIO** One of the oldest Roman Jewish families who were Roman citizens long before Titus was Emperor and long before Titus destroyed Jerusalem and forced many Jewish families to move to Rome. "del Vecchio" means "old timers" to distinguish this family from the newcomers.
- VELIKOFF** A Russian translation of the Hebrew name of Gedaliah. Also appears as Velikov, Velikovsky.
- VITKIN** Vita (Wita) is a translation of Hayah, "life" in Hebrew. Vitkin means "descended from Hayah." Also appears as Witkin. Perhaps it does, indeed, mean that Vita Herring gives life. My palate thinks so!
- WIEDER** From the German "Widder" which means Ram or Aries, the Zodiac sign. Usually assumed by a person born during that sign. See Teomim above for more on Zodiac signs.
- WINKLER** The owner of a shop on a corner. In German, it is Winkel.
- WOLFBERG** One of the many disguises for the name Wolff which is the symbolic name for Benjamin. Also appears as Wolfenberg, Wolfsfeld, Wolfheim, Wolfsheimer, Wolfenstein, Wolfenthal, Wolfshaut, Wolfinger, Wolfenfeld, etc.
- WOLFISH** Means "whale" and is the symbolic name for Ephraim whose "descendants were to multiply like fish." Obviously, our ancestors were not at all knowledgeable as to the differences between fish and the various mammals who live in water. Also appears as Walfisch.
- WOLPER** The symbolic name for Benjamin is Wolf or Wolfe, and Wolper is an extension of Wolf.

To be continued. Rabbi Kaganoff, Arthur Kurzweil, and Eli N. Evans, many, many thanks.

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## Genealogy Events of Interest: January 2003

**St. L. County Library & St. L. Genealogical Society Present:**

Saturday, 11 January 2003

10:00 a.m. at the Co. Library Headquarters Auditorium

"What's New in Special Collections?"

Speaker: Ruth Ann Abels Hager, CGRS, CGL

**St. Louis Genealogical Society**

Open House

Sunday, 19 January 2003

1 p.m.–3 p.m.

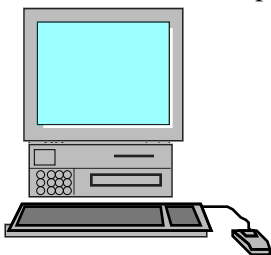
#4 Sunnen Drive, Maplewood, MO

Everyone invited!

# St. Louis County Library Offers Free Computer Classes

## Winter 2003 Schedule

Once again, St. Louis County Library will be offering free computer classes for patrons this winter at the computer lab in the Headquarters Building on Lindbergh Blvd. If you would like to take one of these classes, please call or send an e-mail to Kathie Lamb, (314) 994-9411, Ext. 290; <klamb@slcl.org>. These classes fill up quickly, so call without delay to insure your spot. (This schedule is for the Headquarters Building only; for classes at other libraries, please contact Kathie.)



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### January

- Tues., January 7 Mouse Skills, 2–4 p.m.  
 Weds., January 8 Using Search Engines 2:00–3:30 p.m.  
 Thurs., January 9 Travel Planning on the Internet, 2–4 p.m.  
 Mon., January 13 Intro to Word, 6:30–9 p.m.  
 Tues., January 14 Intro to Yahoo! E-Mail, 2–4 p.m.  
 Thurs., January 16 Health Information on the Net 2:00–3:30 p.m.  
 Fri., January 17 Publisher: Using Wizards, 2–4 p.m.  
 Weds., January 22 Introduction to the Internet 2:00–3:30 p.m.  
 Fri., January 24 Publisher: Publications from “Scratch,” 2–4 p.m.  
 Mon., January 27 File Management, 2–4 p.m.  
 Weds., January 29 Advanced Yahoo! E-Mail, 2–4 p.m.  
 Thurs., January 30 Searching Useful Government Sites 2–3:30 p.m.

### February

- Tues., February 4 Mouse Skills, 2–4 p.m.  
 Weds., February 5 Intro to Facts.com/World Book Online 2:00–3:30 p.m.  
 Intro to Your Computer and Windows Environment, 9–11:30 a.m.  
 Thurs., February 6 Customizing Your Web Browser, 2–4 p.m.  
 Mon., February 10 Intro to Yahoo! E-Mail, 6:30–8:30 p.m.  
 Tues., February 11 Intro to Word, 2–4:30 p.m.  
 Weds., February 12 Using Search Engines 2:00–3:30 p.m.  
 Keyboard Shortcuts and Mouse Tricks, 9–11 a.m.  
 Weds., February 19 Finding Book Reviews 2:00–3:30 p.m.

- Thurs., February 20 Intro to Excel, Part One, 9–11:30 a.m.  
 Fri., February 21 Dress Up Your Documents, 2–4 p.m.  
 Weds., February 26 Intro to PowerPoint, 2–4 p.m.  
 Thurs., February 27 Using Valueline Online and Morningstar.com 2:00–3:30 p.m.  
 Intro to Excel, Part Two, 9–11:30 a.m.

### March

- Tues., March 4 Mouse Skills, 2–4 p.m.  
 Weds., March 5 Health Information on the Net 2:00–3:30 p.m.  
 Thurs., March 6 Intermediate Excel, Part One, 9–11:30 a.m.  
 Tues., March 11 File Management, 6:30–8:30 p.m.  
 Weds., March 12 Advanced Yahoo! E-Mail, 2–4 p.m.  
 Thurs., March 13 Introduction to the Internet 2:00–3:30 p.m.  
 Weds., March 19 Introduction to Periodical Databases 2:00–3:30 p.m.  
 Thurs., March 20 St. Louis on the Internet, 2–3:30 p.m.  
 Tues., March 25 Purchasing a PC, 2–4 p.m.  
 Weds., March 26 Using Search Engines 2:00–3:30 p.m.  
 Fri., March 28 Intro to PowerPoint, 2–4 p.m.

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## German Town Names

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and a display appears that includes the German name, current name, German Kreis (county), current province, and location. It even includes a list of people doing genealogical research for the town and the surname being researched.

Some other Internet sites for German town names:

German names for Polish towns:

<[www.kaszubia.com/de/geschichte/namen/](http://www.kaszubia.com/de/geschichte/namen/)>

This small subset of the Kartenmeister site allows you to browse the list.

German names for towns in Silesia:

<[www.genealogienetz.de/reg/SCI/orte-d.html](http://www.genealogienetz.de/reg/SCI/orte-d.html)>

Again, the advantage is that you can browse the list.

German and Hungarian names for towns now in Romania:

<[www.ars-transylvanica.de/versch/Ortslisten/A-li.htm](http://www.ars-transylvanica.de/versch/Ortslisten/A-li.htm)>

German names for Czech Republic towns:

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## From the Editor's Desk...

Have you made your New Year's Resolutions again? Do they include things you know you probably will not do, like get more exercise and lose weight? How about starting this new year with a promise to yourself that you will approach your family history research in a more disciplined, professional manner and that you will follow the NGS guidelines published on this page as best you can? What better time to get organized, take a class, or begin to plan to attend a national or regional conference? There are some exciting ones coming up this year and we'll have more details in future issues. Meantime, why not sign up for a free class at the library?

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## Genealogical Standards

*These are guidelines for genealogical self-improvement and growth, recommended by the National Genealogical Society.*

Faced with ever-growing expectations for genealogical accuracy and reliability, family historians concerned with improving their abilities will on a regular basis:

- Study comprehensive texts and narrower-focus articles and recordings covering genealogical methods in general and the historical background and sources available for areas of particular research interest, or to which their research findings have led them.
- Interact with other genealogists and historians in person or electronically, mentoring or learning as appropriate to their relative experience levels, and through the shared experience contributing to the genealogical growth of all concerned.
- Subscribe to and read regularly at least two genealogical journals that list a number of contributing or consulting editors, or editorial board or committee members, and that require their authors to respond to a critical review of each article before it is published.
- Participate in workshops, discussion groups, institutes, conferences and other structured learning opportunities whenever possible.
- Recognize their limitations, undertaking research in new areas or using new technology only after they master any additional knowledge and skill needed and understand how to apply it to the new subject matter or technology.
- Analyze critically at least quarterly the reported research findings of another family historians, for whatever lessons may be gleaned through the process.
- Join and participate actively in genealogical societies covering countries, localities and topics where they have research interests, as well as the localities where they reside, increasing the resources available both to themselves and to future researchers.
- Review recently published basic texts to renew their understanding of genealogical fundamentals as currently expressed and applied.
- Examine and revise their own earlier research in the light of what they learned through self-improvement activities, as a means for applying their new-found knowledge and for improving the quality of their work-product.

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## *In Memoriam*

*We mourn the death of long-time JGS of St. Louis member,*

*Jean Heyman, who passed away on 24 December*

*2002. Jean served most recently on the Bylaws*

*Committee, was a Board member, and was in charge*

*of the Tribute Cards. Our deepest condolences go to*

*her husband, Sam, her two daughters, and other*

*family members. We will all miss Jean very much.*



# What We Learn from Others: The Sharing of Ideas

By Marilen Pitler

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

## The Development of Jewish Surnames

Did you know . . . The Chinese were the first nation to systematically develop and impose hereditary family names, the practice going back to perhaps the 7th Century B.C.E. This practice extended even to the Chinese peasantry. Obviously, surnames made it easier to identify, tax, and otherwise control a large and growing population. Chinese surnames were based not only on patronyms and personal characteristics, but also on occupation, place of origin, tribal or clan affiliation, and pleasant sound, auspicious meaning, and even attractive written form. Sound familiar?

*Chronicles*, JGS of Greater Philadelphia, Summer 2002

## *Finding Answers in U.S. Census Records*

By Loretto Dennis Szucs and Matthew Wright

According to Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter (Vol. 7, No. 6–February 11, 2002), *Finding Answers in U.S. Census Records*, by Loretto Dennis Szucs and Matthew Wright, is a book that assists the genealogist in locating and understanding U.S. census records. It covers Federal population, state and local, and special census schedules. U.S. counts started in 1790 and are repeated every ten years. The book describes each type of census and explores the points a researcher should keep in mind when working with a census. It also includes a description of the material available in the recently released 1930 U.S. census.

The book points out some interesting tidbits of information. In an 1857 Special Census, seven Minnesota counties listed hundreds of fake names because some local officials were trying to pad the population count in order to obtain statehood! Utah juggled household information to disguise polygamy in the 1880 Utah census! This was during the time Federal officials were gathering evidence to prosecute residents for unlawful cohabitation.

I have not read the book, but it could prove to be a helpful tool. It can be purchased at Amazon.com, <[www.amazon.com/](http://www.amazon.com/)> for \$8.95. Copies are also available at the St. Louis County Library.

## Ancestral Quest to Help Jews Document Holocaust Victims

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter (Vol. 6, No. 25–June 18, 2001) contained an article about Ancestral Quest, a genealogy program for Windows. Incline Software produced the program, and at the time this article was written, it was expanding its capabilities by teaming up with Yad Vashem in Israel to insert a special feature to help Jews document Holocaust victims.

According to the article, "Ancestral Quest Jewish Edition now produces a Page of Testimony in the format used by the Hall of Names at Yad Vashem. The collection of these Pages of Testimony is slated to become a very important resource for Jewish genealogists in the near future."

To read more about the product, go to <[www.ancquest.com/pr052401.htm](http://www.ancquest.com/pr052401.htm)>. The article goes on to say you can download a demo version of the Jewish Edition at the website. "You can use this demo to enter Page of Testimony information for an individual by using the **Page of Testimony** button on the Individual Edit screen and then previewing your Page of Testimony. You can learn more about the Page of Testimony by reading the on-line help for this screen and report, including how to send completed pages to the Hall of Names at Yad Vashem in Israel."

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## Synopsis Of December Program:

Rabbi Joseph Rosenbloom

By Eunice Solomon

Migration has been going on forever. It started with the Nomads. The first Hebrew was a migrant. America is based on migration for religious freedom, economic opportunities, and unsupervised movement. The earliest Jews probably came from what is now the Arabian part of the world. There have been several periods of great Jewish migration: to Egypt, to Spain and to America. After 300 years in Spain the Jews were expelled in 1492. They went to North Africa, Italy, and later Brazil. In the 17th Century Jews migrated to New Amsterdam. They were unwelcome because they were poor. It was feared they would become a burden. The Jews took care of themselves and were allowed to stay. One of the Czars of Russia had a three-part plan for handling the Jews. One-third to be converted, one-third to go into the military, and one-third to be put to death.

As a group Jews move only when necessary. They have never been part of the aristocracy or the very poor. Jews have always been in the middle class acting as a buffer zone between the other two groups. Often when there is economic decline, Jews are blamed. That's when they move. Jews tend to be more law-abiding than others because the law is essential to survival. Jews were expelled from Germany and Russia due to social, economic, and political unrest.

It is sensible for Jews to leave a country when the situation becomes unbearable. People with money are traditionally the first to leave. Israelis have lived with uncertainty since 1948. If the circumstances do not improve, there may be another large migration of Jews.

## Research Hints: St. Louis Jewish Cemeteries Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol By C. Edwin Murray

Cemetery records and tombstones can give us dates of birth and death, plus, for some Jewish people, a Hebrew name and the Hebrew given name of their father. In addition, you might find a place of birth in the records or on the tombstone. Often you will find the spouse and young children nearby. Sometimes whole family groups are located in the same block/lot. This is the first of a series of articles on Jewish Cemeteries in the St. Louis area.

Name: Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol  
Address: 9125 Ladue Road, St. Louis, MO 63124  
Phone: 314-991-0264  
Contact Person: Mr. Hilton Epstein  
Office hours: Monday–Friday, 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.  
Cemetery is closed on Saturdays and Jewish holy days  
Records are on the computer in the office.

Size of cemetery: 9 3/4 acres  
Founded: December 1901  
First Burial: January 1902  
Congregations: Any Jew may be buried here. It is mainly an Orthodox cemetery.  
No. of people buried as of December 2002: 4422  
No. of possible graves in cemetery: abt. 8000

### Some “famous people” buried in the cemetery:

1. Jack Herman, sports writer for the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*
2. P. N. Hirsch, owner of the Hirsch Department Stores
3. Sue Shear, politician; Missouri State Representative
4. Stanley Rosenblum, tax lawyer, faculty member at Washington University

### History of the cemetery:

There is a small history written about the cemetery. This cemetery never had an earlier cemetery from which bodies were moved. It is one of the few Jewish St. Louis cemeteries still planting ivy on the graves. This is an old German custom. Most of the tombstones have the Hebrew name of the person and his/her father.

### Finding an ancestor in the cemetery:

Take your name(s) to the office, get a block, row, and grave number. Using the map of the cemetery, go to the area where the grave will be found. Rows go from east to west except for the lots east of the Old East Road. See the special insert for a map of the cemetery. Please note: the map is not to scale.

## More on City Directories: Jewish Fraternal and Benevolent Societies (Part 1)

By Joel Shedlofsky

In recent newsletters, C. Edwin Murray listed the various congregations found in 20th century census years in Gould's St. Louis City Directories. For more information about congregations in other years and their rabbis, please see the JGS website <[www.jewishgen.org/jgs-StLouis](http://www.jewishgen.org/jgs-StLouis)>.

Many of our ancestors belonged to religious fraternal and benevolent organizations. These were also listed in city directories, beginning in the early 1870s. 1874 was the first year Hebrew Societies were listed separately. In 1872 and 1873, recognizable Hebrew societies were listed under “Religious and Benevolent.”

Please note the spelling of the societies and streets came from the various city directories. Each city directory had a section listing “Societies.” These were reviewed, not the alphabetical business listings.

### Fraternal and Benevolent Societies

#### I. O. B. B. (Independent Order of B'nai Brith?)

##### Endowment Fund of District No. 2

1891–1903	no address listed
1904–1908	4429 Page Blvd
1909	4348A Forest Park Blvd
1910–1916	4023 Lindell Boul

##### Missouri Lodge No. 22

1872	Nies Hall, 901 N 4th
1873–1878	Nies Hall, 4th nw cor Franklin av
1879–1889	9th, se cor Market
1893–1897	9th, se cor Market
1898–1901	11th cor Locust
1902–1903	2737 Locust
1904–1906	3137 Pine
1907–1914	1042 N. Grand av
1915–1916	King's Highway boul and Von Versen av

##### Eben Ezra Lodge No. 47

1872	4th and Franklin
1873	no listing
1874–1878	Nies Hall
1879–1888	9th, se cor Market
1889	Olive, se cor 9th
1893–1898	Olive, se cor 9th
1899	no listing
1900–1901	Olive, se cor 9th
1902–1914	1042 N. Grand av.
1915–1916	United Hebrew Temple, King's Highway boul and Von Versen av

(To be continued next month.)

## Inquiries

Seeking information about Nathan ROSENTHAL, who lived at 5574 Pershing, St. Louis, in 1920. I believe he died in 1924. Any information would be appreciated. Thank you.

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Seeking information about the ZEBELMAN family: two brothers, Louis and Phillip. Louis married a GOODHEART and had thirteen children. He left for Chicago after 1915. At least two children died while the family lived in St. Louis. One was Isadore. Phillip stayed in St. Louis. Any info. on family names or deaths would be appreciated.

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"Timelines" (on the JGS website) shows that the St. L Hebrew Relief Society was organized in 1855. Is there any record of Jacob BERNARD asking for the Society's help between August and December 1858? Jacob's wife died in August 1858 leaving him with 3 young sons. He left St. L for New Orleans in January 1859. Appreciate your help.

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Seeking information about my family on my mother's side. All information would be greatly appreciated. My grandmother was Gertrude SPIWAK, born and raised in St. Louis, died in 1937. If possible, maiden names, birthplace, anything would be great.

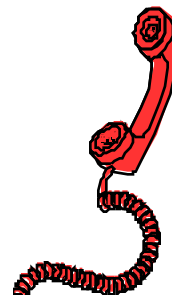
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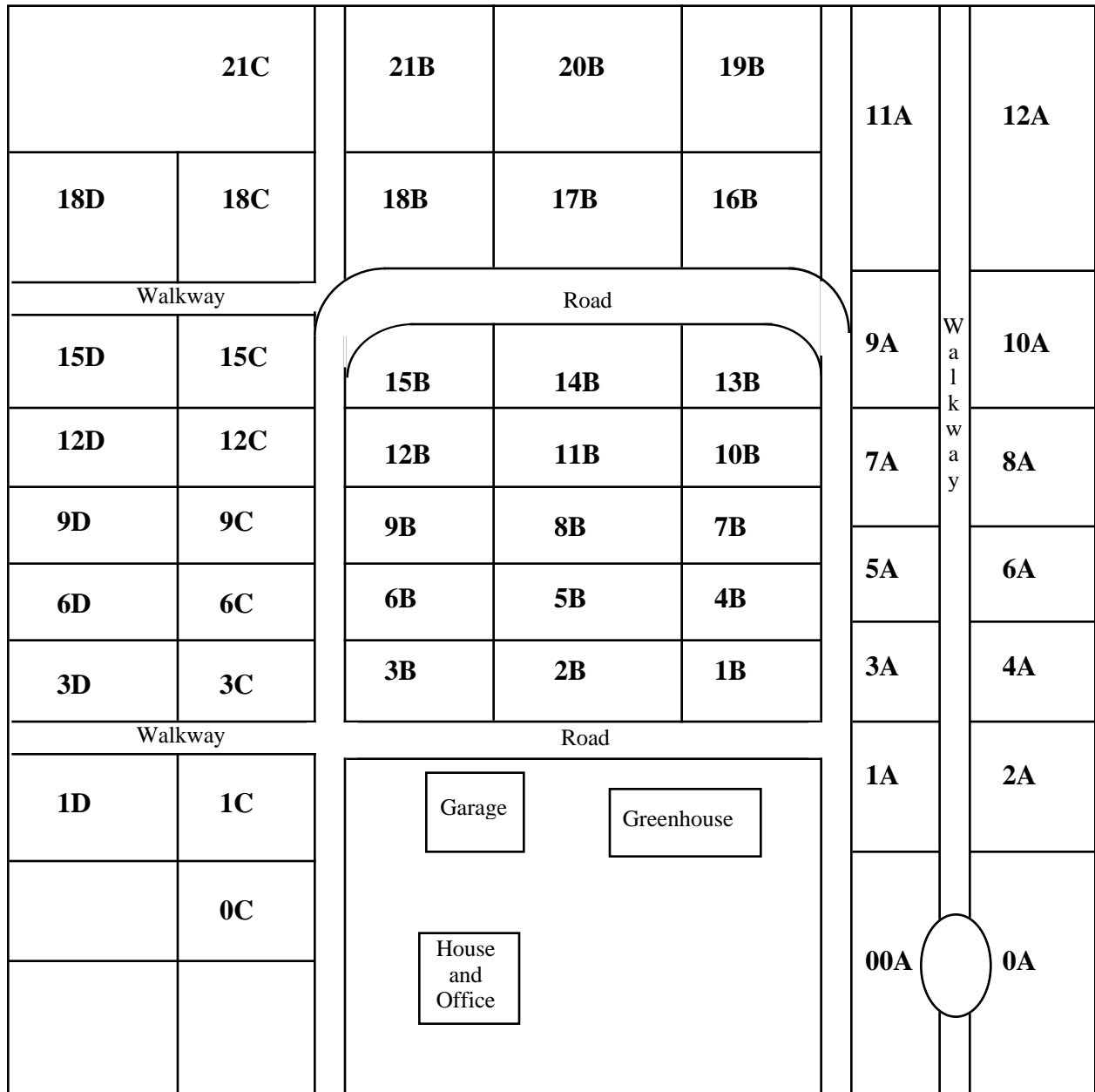
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# Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol Cemetery Map

(Copies available at the cemetery)



Ladue Road

## Entrance Gates to Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol Cemetery Facing Ladue Road



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