



# GENERATIONS

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## IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE:

### February Meeting

*"Oy, Klezmer"*  
Yidn Klezmer Band

**Sunday, Feb. 15**  
**2:00 p.m.**

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

### PLEASE NOTE:

**We are on  
the winter  
Sunday afternoon  
meeting schedule**

### Feb. Discussion Group

Thursday, Feb. 26  
1:30 p.m.  
Room 15 at U.H.

### March Meeting

*"Famous People We Talk  
About—Were they Jewish?"*  
Eunice Solomon, Speaker

**Thursday, Mar. 18**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Held At:**  
Brith Sholom Kneseth  
Israel (BSKI) Congregation  
1107 E. Linden Ave.  
Richmond Heights, MO

### March Discussion Group

Thursday, Mar. 25  
1:30 p.m.  
Room 15 at U.H.

## February Meeting

### Oy, Klezmer!

With the Yidn Klezmer Band

Clap your hands, snap your fingers, stomp your feet, dance, enjoy! Our February meeting will be about the music of Eastern Europe and our connection to it. Do you enjoy "Fiddler On the Roof" music? Do you like Ziggy Elman's "And The Angels Sing?" Then learn about its history and hear some excerpts of it. Yes, some real, live music and it's called "Klezmer!"

In April 2000, mandolinist Jeff Miller and bluegrass violinist Jeremy Brown were looking to play Klezmer. They recruited bassist Iggie Tiemann from the Smokehouse All-stars and classically trained clarinetist Paul Wexler to form *Yidn*, which simply means "Jews." Incidentally, do you know the great violinist Izhak Perlman also plays a fiddle in a Klezmer band?

Come enjoy the music of our heritage and feel free to dance, to sing, to hum, to clap your hands, snap your fingers, tap your feet—in other words, ENJOY! It will warm your toosh! Bring your friends!



### Note on the March Meeting:

Because of prior commitments at United Hebrew, our March meeting will be held at Brith Sholom Kneseth Israel (BSKI) at 1107 E. Linden Ave. in Richmond Heights.

Linden Ave. is located south of Clayton Road, between Brentwood and Hanley. Parking is in the rear and the back exit is also handicap accessible.

## Coming in March . . .

### Famous People

### We Talk About— Were They Jewish?

Eunice Solomon, Speaker

Jewish people have contributed to every aspect of American life. Many became famous or infamous for their deeds. This program will name names of famous people who may have been Jewish. None of these people are living and most are buried in Jewish cemeteries. However, some of these people are buried in non-sectarian cemeteries which raises the question—were they Jewish?

Joseph Pulitzer is an example. Come learn about entertainers, such as Cass Elliot, Andy Kaufman, Jeff Chandler, and Judy Holliday. Ever hear of Nudie Cohen, designer of western clothes who popularized the use of sequins? Do you know where Albert Einstein is buried? What have you heard about Kid Twist or Louie the Dip? Who was Uriah Phillips Levy? Social reformers, organized crime figures, business tycoons and almost all walks of life have Jewish representation.

Our speaker, Eunice Solomon, has presented this program to her Chavarah and the Monday Seniors Group at United Hebrew. When Eunice is not doing genealogical research, she plays the ukelele, sings with the UH choir, works in the UH gift shop, and performs in puppet shows with the Trooping Puppeteers. She says that in her "former life" she was an occupational therapist. This will be a lighthearted and entertaining look at the lives of the Jewish rich and famous. Get the date on your calendar!

# Presidents' Message

Our January meeting included an election of new officers for the coming year. Jerry Goldberg and Ilene Wittels will be co-presidents, Peggy Nehmen will be vice-president/Membership and Howard Rader will be treasurer. Leslie Popelka will be board-member-at-large. Our founders, Sylvia and Art Jaffe, continue as board members.

Ilene Murray will continue as editor of the newsletter *Generations*, Ed Rosen will continue as archivist, and Morton Bearman will be the Fundraising Committee chairperson. Gene Schneider will continue as technology chairperson, as will Carolyn Altman as Tributes chairperson, Jerry Goldberg as Funeral Home Indexing chairperson, Gene Schneider and Cassie Buerki covering cemetery indexing, and Eunice Solomon marriage indexing. Dick Franzel will continue responding to questions about research in St. Louis.

We want to thank those who finished their term of office for jobs well done.

Patti Labell, Acting President  
Morton Bearman, Vice-President Fundraising  
Eunice Solomon, Recording Secretary  
Marcia King, Corresponding Secretary  
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Betty Landow, Publicity  
Joel Shedlofsky, Webmaster

Many of us have been helping out covering those positions which are not filled in order to keep the Jewish Genealogical Society of St. Louis functioning. What the group does is valuable for the members and the community. And active members find their research efforts go better because of interaction with other members.

So again, we are asking for volunteers! The following positions are still open:

Secretary  
Program Chairperson  
Publicity Chairperson  
Webmaster  
Librarian

Please call or e-mail Jerry Goldberg at 314-434-2566 or <jerfransl@cs.com> or Ilene Wittels at 314-692-2444 or <igwittel@artsci.wustl.edu> to volunteer yourself or someone else who can help.

*Jerry Goldberg and Ilene Wittels,*  
JGS of St. Louis Co-Presidents

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## A Letter to the JGS Membership: How You Can Help the JGS-St. Louis

By Sylvia Letvak Jaffe

The Jewish Genealogical Society of St. Louis affiliated with United Hebrew Congregation has since 1995 awakened the Jewish community to the fact that genealogical information is available and can be obtained through research. Member Dick Franzel, at a recent JGS board meeting, stated that his family history would never have been written without the help and encouragement of the society. He is a charter member. The society was founded by my husband, Art, and me with the cooperation of United Hebrew Congregation. The success of the society over the years has proved that an ethnic society was needed and wanted by the Jewish community. However, JGS of St. Louis is not only for Jewish researchers. The society is open to anyone researching Jewish ancestry. These researchers play an important role in the leadership and growth of the society.

A JGS of St. Louis timeline appeared in

*Generations* in 2002. The timeline outlined the progress and success of events our society has undertaken. Then there's the indexing of death records and marriage records, the JGS of St. Louis Web page, the Speakers Bureau, and the Discussion Group, all important to the Jewish community and membership. We have made a remarkable amount of progress in just eight and a half years of existence.

However, now JGS of St. Louis needs help, not monetary help, but volunteer help so that the society can continue with its projects and serve as mentor to researchers of Jewish genealogy. The organization has not had leadership for several months since the president resigned because of illness. Vice-presidents also resigned for personal reasons. An amendment was made at the November 2003 meeting to the bylaws to allow new officers to be elected in January 2004 instead of April 2004.

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# What's In A Name?

## Multiple Meaning Names And Others

By Chuck Jackson

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Some names may have multiple meanings. Which meaning applies to the surname you are tracing is probably an unknown. Perhaps, while digging deep in the dusty files you may find the real meaning of the surname. Again, a reminder: search via the sound of the name, not the spelling. Also, keep in mind the various nationalities which have had an effect on the name. A famous one is the city in Lithuania - Vilna. "Vilna" is the Yiddish name for the city. "Vilnius" is the Lithuanian name for the city. "Wilno" is the Polish name for the city.

And a few had the name forced upon them by the naming authorities. One name of memory to me was Moise Metzger. I knew him as "Moise the butcher," and that was his occupation. It was much later that I found out that "Metzger" is German for "butcher."

Some names that appear in this list are names which I believe I missed in previous articles. If the name is a repeat from a previous article, then we may call it a "refresher."

- GOULD** An older form of the word for "gold." Probably a dealer or craftsman in precious metals or the family adopted the name as it has prestige.
- GROBTUCH** Given to a person by the naming authorities because the person was wearing clothing of a coarse material. Just the opposite of Feintuch, which describes a person wearing clothing of a fine material.
- HAHN** Means "rooster" in German. There were two houses in Frankfurt that had house signs of roosters. One had a red rooster and the other had a golden rooster. The name may have been adopted by those families. The name also may have been an unpleasant one bestowed upon a person by the naming authorities. Also, the name may be a corruption of Hebrew first names such as Hanoch, Elhanan, or Manoah.
- HINDIN** German for "female deer." There may be a connection with a female ancestor whose name was Hinde or Hinda, both names being associated with female deer. (Incidentally, the meaning is complimentary.) Another meaning may be "descendent of Hannah" as the name Hinde could be a version of Hanah via Hendl and Henda. Also appears as Hindes, Hindus, Indis, Indes.
- HIRSCHHORN** Several meanings are attributed to this name. One is taken from a town in Germany. Another is taken from the sign of house number 103 in Frankfurt. Yet another meaning is it is an extended form of the name Hersch ("hart") which is the symbolic name for Naphtali.
- HODES** The Hebrew name for Esther, "Hadassah," had many variations including, but not limited to, Hodes, Hodi, Hodel, Hode, Hudel. (Remember "Hodel" from *Fiddler on the Roof*?) Hodes means descendent of Hode (Hadassah).
- HOFFMAN** A farmer who owns his own land is known, in German, as a "Hofman" and a Jew taking this name was possibly such a person. Some Jews were employed at the court ("hof") of a prince or a duke. But, it seems most Jews took the name as a symbol of Hoffnung ("hope") and, in this sense, Hoffman means "a man of hope."
- ITKIN** Yetta or Yitta may be derived from Henrietta or from Yudis. Adding the Russian suffix of -kin yields Yitkin or Itkin.
- JACKSON** There are two known sources for this name. One is that it is an Americanized version of Yaakov (Yaakov—Jacob—Jackson). The other is that it is taken from the name Zaks which is an acronym for "zera kodesh shemo" ("his name descends from martyr") and may refer to a rabbi in Middle Age Saxony who was martyred for his religion. In the latter meaning, the "Z" is pronounced like the "S" in pleaSure and the -on suffix may mean "the son of" or "descended of." As to my surname, we think it is from the first source.
- JAFFE** A name derived from the Greek name Kalonymos ("beautiful name") and is the Greek version of Shem Tov which was popular among the Jews in the Middle Ages. One family, in the 16th century, selected only Kalon ("beautiful") and translated Kalon into the Hebrew form of Yafeh (Jaffe). Much later, other Jews selected the name in honor of a matriarch by the name of Shayndel (from the Yiddish for "beautiful"). Also appears as Yaffe, Yaffin, Joffin, Jaffin.

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

## How You Can Help (Cont'd)

Two members have agreed to be co-presidents and their names and a slate of officers were announced by Past President Jerry Goldberg, nominating committee chair, at the January meeting.

The new officers will need the help of the membership. We need members who are willing to devote some time and energy to an organization which has helped hundreds of people and will help hundreds more research family history so our ancestors will always be remembered by their descendants. Such family histories are the history of the Jewish people.

It has been said that to remember an ancestor is a mitzvah. To help JGS of St. Louis to prosper in 2004 will bless the Jewish community and researchers of Jewish genealogy. Members must bring in new members and take an active role, thus sharing in the success and growth of JGS of St. Louis. JGS of St. Louis is an organization for all generations: children, parents, and grandparents.

To borrow from what President John Kennedy said, "Do not ask what JGS of St. Louis can do for you. Ask what you can do for JGS." Please volunteer now to help the society, to serve as a leader, or to help chair or work on a committee.

## JGS Member Creates Family Web Site

JGS Member, Martin Fischer, who lives in Oak Park, Illinois, has created a new Jewish family Web site with St. Louis connections at: <<http://mefischer1.home.comcast.net>>.

In a letter to the *Generations* editor, he wrote, "My earliest immigrants include the FISCHER and KOBER families who settled in St. Louis, Mo., in around 1865. Other St. Louis surnames include: COHEN, DAUST, FOERDER, GELHORN, LEVIK, ALEXANDER, SLUPSKY, WEISS, and WEISSKOPF. Original hometowns include Grobitz, Germany; Kiev, Ukraine; Kepno, Poland; Motol, Belarus; Pinsk, Belarus; Wagrowiec, Poland; and Zittau, Germany.

It is a work in progress, both in terms of content and design. I hope you find at least part of it interesting and I am open to suggestions for improvements. Future additions are planned for the site."

Martin's site is filled with stories and family photographs. It is easy to navigate, easy to read, and visually interesting. If your family has St. Louis Jewish roots, you'll want to take a look at it. And if you have a family Web site with St. Louis connections that you think would be of interest to JGS members, please let us know about it.

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## JGS Library Update

Our January meeting in the United Hebrew Library was a great success. On a cold Sunday afternoon, about thirty people were there to look through our books and newsletters and use the computers. Several members were on hand to assist those that needed help on the computers or with using any of the reference material.

Jerry Goldberg has updated our library catalog to reflect recent donations. Ilene Murray has edited the catalog and passed on an electronic copy to Gene Schneider, who is working at getting it posted on our Web site. Those members who attended the meeting got a copy of the catalog. Any member who was not there (or who wants a copy with the newest revisions) will soon be able to print a copy from the Web or can contact Jerry or Ilene M. for a printed copy.

The JGS of St. Louis thanks Cassie Buerki, former president of our society, for the donation of several genealogical research books. They are a welcome addition to our library. Our newest books include:

*Netting Your Ancestors* by Cindi Howells

*BCG (Board for Certification of Genealogists) Genealogical Standards*, Millennium Edition

*They Became Americans—Finding Naturalization Records and Ethnic Origins* by Loretto Dennis Szucs

*From Generation to Generation* by Arthur Kurzwil

*Lion of the Valley, St. Louis, Missouri* by James Neal Primm

*From Horror to Hope (Germany, The Jews and Israel)*

*Guide to Yivo's Landsmanshaften Archive, From Alexandrovsk to Zyrardow* by Schwartz and Mitamed

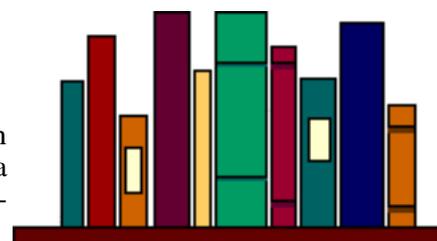
*Colonial St. Louis, Building a Creole Capital* by Charles E. Peterson

*Map of the Baltic States*

*How to Publish Your Genealogy* by L. J. McGrady

*Handybook for Genealogists*, Ninth Edition

The catalog numbers are in the revised catalog. Do you have a written family history? We are building a section for that area and would appreciate a donation or copy of your research. Please contact Jerry Goldberg at 314-434-2566 or <[jerfransl@cs.com](mailto:jerfransl@cs.com)> for library donations.



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## Meet the Members: Rayna Chervitz

By Sylvia Letvak Jaffe

Rayna joined the society after attending the fifth birthday celebration dinner featuring Susan King of JewishGen. "We read about the event in the *Jewish Light*," says Rayna. "I'm the one interested in researching my family. My husband, Larry, supports my interest."

Rayna questioned her dad about the family. The original name was Petruhska. The name was changed to Petrovsky. Rayna, Memphis-born, says some folks shortened the name to Peters. The Petruhska family hailed from Kamenets-Podolskiy. Rayna declares, "I think the spelling of the town is Katarit." She adds, "However, I had not done any archive or Internet research prior to becoming a member of JGS of St. Louis affiliated with United Hebrew Congregation."

She has now compiled eight generations of family history. Rayna has reconnected with family that had not been in touch for forty years. Information and photos have been exchanged. A family reunion is planned. She is involved in scrapbooking photos.

The Chervitzes met while attending Gradwohl School for Lab Technologists. Larry works in the technologists' field. Rayna has given up work and cares for a grandchild during the day. They married in 1963 and have lived in St. Louis since then. They now reside in Olivette. The Chervitzes have a son, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

Rayna says of JGS, "We like the society. The meetings are interesting and it's great sharing a common interest with the members." She, however, would like to see more Jewish content at the meetings and would like to hear success stories shared at meetings as in the past. "The stories are inspiring and motivating," she says. When asked how to increase membership, she replied, "Encourage family and friends to join the society." Rayna and Larry attend the evening meetings regularly but find Sunday meetings impossible to attend.

We welcome new members:

**George & Roz Barber**

**Mark Erickson**

**David Meyer**

If you know of anyone who would like to join JGS-St. Louis, please contact Treasurer, Howard Rader, at 636-519-0949 or by e-mail at <[howardrader@aol.com](mailto:howardrader@aol.com)>.

## Genealogy Events of Interest: February/March 2004

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

Sunday, 8 February 2004

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

St. Louis Genealogical Society's Second Annual Open House

#4 Sunnen Drive, Maplewood, MO

All prospective and current members invited to attend. New computer lab will be dedicated at 12:45 p.m.

Saturday, 14 Feb. 2004

10:00 a.m. at Co. Library Headquarters Auditorium (**Winter schedule means Sat. morning meetings**)

"Using the Family History Catalogue"

Speaker: Patricia Walls Stamm, CGRS

For more information on any of these programs, go to <[www.stlgs.org](http://www.stlgs.org)> or call 314-647-8547.

# What We Learn from Others: The Sharing of Ideas

By Marilen Pitler

*Dor L'Dor—Generation to Generation*, the Jewish Genealogical Institute of British Columbia, May 2003

In the article, “City Directories—What They Are & Their Uses,” the author points out the directories’ importance in genealogical research; in many instances, providing much valuable information about a vicinity, town, individual, and individual’s family because the telephone was not in existence and this was a means of connecting people. The article states, “Some are called General Directories, which list the surname, given name, occupation, and address of every head of household, often they will list all working members of a household as well.” It then states, “Business Directories—Is a directory compiled of all businesses in the said area, usually listed by trade, such as Baker, Butcher, etc. They list the business name, business owner, and business address.” It’s unfortunate that as the years progressed and people got phones, “occupations were omitted and telephone numbers were added . . . thus a telephone book.” Many of these directories can be found at local libraries.



*The Evergreen Mishpacha*, JGS of Washington, Spring 2003

The article, “Obstacles in Searching for a Moldovan Shtetl,” provides research hints that could be helpful when conducting research in Moldovan and Romanian towns.

1. Use the letter **c** for the (**k**) sound, and **j** for the (**zh**) sound . . . Also that **Kazh** might be **Korz**.
2. Soundex, which usually works for Central European languages, may not work well for towns in Moldova and Romania. Using ShtetlSeeker, (on the JewishGen.org site) try to restrict the search to the country it is likely to be in, to speed up the search.
3. It is worthwhile to contact organizations that represent a nearby town or region. Known as landsmanshaften, they are typically located in Brooklyn or Israel. They are likely . . . to be able to correlate a Jewish town name with an official town name.
4. Search and use as many geographical and linguistic clues as you can develop, such as where relatives lived and the peculiarity of the language. . . (*In this case, the author was able to verify the authenticity of the suggested village he was researching.*)



*Illiana*, JGS, Flossmoor, Illinois, Spring 2003

It’s easy to forget the wonderful resources right

in our own backyard, and *Illiana* reminds us of one. In the article, “Service Records for WWII,” one of their readers writes, “How do I learn about my father’s service in World War II? I found his discharge papers, but would like to know more.” The answer suggested contacting the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, requesting information by filling out Form-180. Additional information will also be needed, such as name, Social Security number, and date of birth. Even though many records were destroyed in the 1973 fire, it “never hurts to ask. The National Personnel Records Center has some alternate records that may prove useful.” Suggested Web site: <[www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/st\\_louis/military\\_personnel\\_records/standard\\_form\\_180.html](http://www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/st_louis/military_personnel_records/standard_form_180.html)>.

“New Wis. Name Index” tells about the Wisconsin Historical Society’s Wisconsin Name Index found at <[www.wisconsinhistory.org/wni](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/wni)>, an online tool to help genealogists research their Wisconsin ancestors. The index “leads to more than 100,000 obituaries, personal sketches, and other short biographies of Wisconsin people.” The Wisconsin Historical Society can be found online at <[www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy/ogrs/index.html](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy/ogrs/index.html)>.

The article, “A Special Genealogy Guide,” tells about Dr. Michael Bernet’s *Hebrew Alphabet Guide* that was found to be particularly helpful when visiting cemeteries and reading tombstones, “or to an archive which may have material in Hebrew that you would ordinarily be unable to translate.” For more information, visit the JewishGenMall at <[www.jewishgenmall.org](http://www.jewishgenmall.org)>, scroll down to “Browse By Title,” then type in MBE101. Finally, click on “Search” and the item will appear.

“A New ‘Companion’ Feature on the Morse One-Step Jewish Passenger (Blue) Search Form,” mentions a field that has been created to help narrow searches, “First Name of Companion.” This could prove to be very helpful when searching common names. Go to <[www.jewishgen.org/databases/eidb/ellis.html](http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/eidb/ellis.html)>. Then click on “Jewish Form,” at the top of the page; this will bring you to the “Blue Search Form.”



*Newsletter*, JGS of Great Britain, July 2003

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain’s library catalogue is now online. If researching family members in Great Britain, check out the site at <[www.jsgsb.org.uk/library1.shtml](http://www.jsgsb.org.uk/library1.shtml)>.

For information on Jewish immigration to the United Kingdom and all stages in between, check out **Moving Here**, at <[www.movinghere.org.uk](http://www.movinghere.org.uk)>. The site contains material on how and why Jews left Eastern Europe, their journey, how they traveled, shipping routes, maps, and a “mass of other information essential to family history researchers.”

# Excerpts from *The Modern View* (Part Three)

Compiled by Ilene Kanfer Murray

At the Missouri Historical Society Library on Skinker Blvd., tucked safely away in the back, are copies of *The Modern View*, a weekly journal of "Modern Jewish Life and Thought," published every Friday by A. Rosenthal, Editor. This was a publication that focused mainly on St. Louis's German Jews and their activities, and there are only scattered issues in the collection. Over several afternoons last year, I read these journals, looking for genealogical information of interest. Here is the third (and final) installment of some of the things I found:

**21 Jun 1912**, Vol. 23, #14

Page 10:

. . . death of Mr. Simon SUMMERFIELD of Summerfield and Co., wholesale wool and fur dealers, 312 North Main Street, who resided at the Washington Hotel. He died on Monday afternoon in the Jewish Hospital. . . Mr. Summerfield was born in Germany, August 18, 1852 and came to St. Louis in 1864. . . He is survived by his widow and several brothers and sisters.

Entered into rest on Monday, June 17, 1912 at 8 a.m., Solomon FRY, beloved brother of Mrs. Max ROSENKRANZ and Mandel Fry. The funeral took place from the residence, 2924 Sheridan Ave., Tuesday, June 18 at 9 a.m.

Page 14:

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus L. HIRSH, of 5147 Fairmount Ave. celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last Sunday. Mr. Mont LEVY of 4933 Washington Blvd. and Miss Elma LINZ, daughter of Mrs. Ella Linz, of Dallas, Texas, were married in Chicago last Sunday. The bride had been visiting her fiance's mother, Mrs. J. D. Levy, in St. Louis for the last few weeks. . .



**Friday, 27 Aug 1915**, Vol. 30, #24, Front Page

Obituary of Mr. David EISEMAN: Died Monday, August 23; buried Wednesday, August 25 in Mt. Sinai Cemetery. Died near Grand Rapids, Michigan. Was 70 years old. President of Rice-Stix Dry Goods Co. for 50 years and president of Jewish Hospital of St. Louis. Survived by widow, Aurelia STIX Eiseman; children: David Jr., Richard, and Mrs. Florence HIRSCH, Mrs. Etta STEINBERG, Mrs. Helen WOLFF, and Miss Alice Eiseman. Born in Baden, Germany on April 10, 1845. Came to the U. S. in 1865 and was employed by Rice, Stix and Co. in Memphis. Admitted as partner in 1872 and came to St. Louis when the firm moved here . . .

Page 7, Deaths: Sunday evening, August 22, Mr. James HORCKITZ, dear husband of Mrs. J. Horckitz, father of Mrs. H. ADLER, Mrs. J. WHITE, Mr. L. Horckitz and Mrs. S. GINSBURG of New York and dear brother of Mr. M. Horckitz and Mrs. J. EPSTEIN of Hillsboro, Ill.

Mr. Isadore S'RENCO. . . Monday, August 23 at 9:25 a.m. at the age of 49. . . husband of Mrs. Annie S'Renco (nee FELDMAN), father of Ada, Lillian, Oscar, Maurice, and Jack S'Renco; Mrs. Rose GLASSMAN and Mrs. Bessie GREENBAUM . . . grandchildren Mildred and Harold Glassman. . . sons-in-law: Herman Glassman and Nathan Greenbaum. Mother-in-law, Mrs. Sophie Feldman. . . funeral Tuesday, August 24. . . interment at Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery.

Page 10: Marriage of Miss DeVera RUBENSTEIN and Mr. Max BURG of Quincy, Illinois took place Thursday afternoon, August 19.

Nuptials of Miss Rhoda GATES and Mr. Harry I. WATEL were solemnized Monday morning at 11:00. . .

Page 11: Miss Bettie BROWN and Mr. Max WALERSTEIN were married Tuesday afternoon. . .



This ends the series. There is much more information in these newspapers that may be of interest to those researching the Jewish community in St. Louis. To view the originals for yourself, pay a visit to the Missouri History Society's Library and Research Center on Skinker Boulevard. Ask any of the librarians to show you the collection.

## A Look at Life in Poland Before the Holocaust

Do you have ancestors who lived in Poland, especially the province of Bialystok and the surrounding area: Grajewo, Kolno, Lomza, and Suwalki? For a look at the way life used to be prior to World War II, you will want to go to Tomasz Wisniewski's Web site: <[www.aforgottenodyssey.com](http://www.aforgottenodyssey.com)> to see his amazing collection of photographs of early Poland. Be sure to click on each photo, as they layer on top of each other.

## Inquiries

I am trying to find out where Simon BARUCH is buried. He died in Sept. or Oct. 1968. Any help would be appreciated. I have tried on my own and can not find out. He was my grandmother's uncle. Thanks for your help.

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I am seeking information about Armand NEWBURGER/NEWBERGER born 1874, married Lillie WEBSTER about 1900. Their daughter, Armond, was born 12 Nov 1901. He was a printer and worked for one of the St. Louis newspapers. Lillie died in 1909 and their daughter, Armond, was raised by her grandmother, Anna Webster, in Collinsville, Ill. Her father Armand moved to Arizona. We think he married again and had a son, but we don't know his name. We heard that he lived in Collinsville, Ill. Thanks for your help.

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I am seeking information about Sidney STEINER, born abt 1863 in Feodosya, Crimea (wife Sallie LIEBHART Steiner not Jewish). He had 2 daughters born in St. Louis: in 1906 (Ruth) and in 1908 (Cleo), and a third daughter born in E. St. Louis in 1911 (Lottie). The family info says he was a devout Jew who attended temple and observed the passover dinner. Any information appreciated.

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Hello-

I am trying to find out some information about my grandmother who is buried at an Orthodox Cemetery in St. Louis. Her name was Sophi Anna ERBESFIELD or ERBESFIELD and she was buried in 1968 (I believe). There are 2 other Erbesfields buried there, my grandfather Isaac, and their daughter, Frieda. Anyone with any information about her history?

Thank you.  
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