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## IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE:

### May Meeting

*Polish-Jewish Relations*  
Dr. Ronald Modras  
**Thursday, 12 May**  
**7:30 p.m.**

Meeting Held At:

B'nai Amoona Congregation  
324 S. Mason Rd.  
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### May Discussion Group

Tuesday, 24 May  
7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

AND

Thursday, 26 May  
1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

United Hebrew Congregation  
13788 Conway Road  
Room 14 (**ROOM CHANGE!**)

Note the new days and times.

See article on Page 3

### June Meeting

*Future of JGS*  
Discussion

**Thursday, 16 June**  
**7:30 p.m.**

Meeting Held At:

United Hebrew Congregation  
13788 Conway Road  
Jablon Youth Lounge

### June Discussion Group

Tuesday, 21 June  
7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

AND Thursday, 23 June  
1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

United Hebrew Congregation  
13788 Conway Road  
Room 14 (**ROOM CHANGE!**)

## May Meeting

### *Polish-Jewish Relations*

Dr. Ronald Modras, Speaker

**PLEASE NOTE: THE NEW DATE  
FOR THIS MEETING IS MAY 12,  
DUE TO A SCHEDULING  
CONFLICT.**

Beginning in the twelfth century, Poland became a haven for European Jews. In Poland they found a tolerance for their religion as they were granted freedom of worship and assembly. Jews created social institutions and formed groups of worship throughout Poland.

By the eve of World War II, the Jewish community in Poland was the largest in Europe and the second largest in the world, comprised of over three million people. However, during the 1930s anti-semitism became rampant, souring the relationship.

Dr. Ronald Modras will speak on the history of Polish-Jewish relations and then on Polish-Jewish relations in the 1930s, ending with the German invasion of Poland in 1939. This will be an informative evening you won't want to miss.

Dr. Modras is a professor of theological studies at Saint Louis University, where he has taught since 1979. He has been involved in ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue for more than thirty years. He has served on the Advisory Committee to the National Council of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations.

Dr. Modras is the author of six books and more than fifty articles. He has lectured at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Oxford University, and the University of Berlin.

## June Meeting

### *Future of JGS*

Jerry Goldberg, Moderator

There are no meetings of JGS St. Louis planned after this month. The future of the organization is in doubt. Without members stepping forward to assume leadership roles, JGS St. Louis cannot continue to thrive. Members of this group now have to determine its direction.

As has been mentioned before and as outlined again in the President's Message on the next page, there are some options that can be pursued. These involve having the group become part of Brodsky Library and/or St. Louis Genealogical Society so that fewer leaders and meetings would be required. If you want to be part of an active Jewish genealogical society, this is the time to make your feelings known and to step forward to help make it happen.

Some of the people who have worked tirelessly to keep JGS St. Louis afloat over the past few years are ready to step down. It's a huge amount of work to schedule meetings, attend board meetings, keep a newsletter and Web site up to date and interesting, have successful special events, oversee indexing projects that involve thousands of records, etc. It's fun and do-able when there are many eager volunteers. It's difficult and frustrating when it's just a few people doing all the work all the time.

Please come to the June meeting to discuss your ideas, and most importantly, to express your willingness to work for the good of this organization.

# President's Message

## April's Meeting

My appreciation to Rabbi Plotkin of B'nai El Congregation for his informative program, *The Third Wave of Jewish Immigration to America*. Also, thank you to the temple for the use of their facility. Our attendance was terrific, approximately fifty members and non-members. A few non-members expressed interest in joining our organization.

## Possible Shutdown of JGS of St. Louis, Continued

In my last *President's Message*, I discussed the possible shutdown of JGS of St. Louis. That article was a surprise to numerous members, but the truth had to be told. We are approaching the date when dues are payable for the coming year and the board decided to use that date of 30 June for determining the course of action for our organization.

## Why Must This Action be Taken?

JGS, like other volunteer groups, is having difficulty in obtaining leaders. We have volunteers for smaller projects but few volunteers to hold office or become committee heads. It is the members of a group that ultimately become its leaders. Therefore, a primary objective is to increase our membership and to convince members to serve on our board. We know we need to publicize our group, but no one will volunteer to head a publicity committee. We have had some success in obtaining new board members, but it's been very hard to do and we need more.

Last December at a well-attended general meeting, I requested suggestions on how to improve our society and ensure its long-term existence. One suggestion was to reach out to the community to hold meetings at locations other than UH. We have accomplished that, but attendance has still been light at some meetings. Another suggestion was to investigate forming an "alliance" with other organizations, specifically St. Louis Genealogical Society or Brodsky Library.

At our 7 April board meeting three options were discussed: 1) limp along and in all probability, fold; 2) affiliate with Brodsky Library (funded by the Jewish Federation); or 3) become a Special Interest Group of the St. Louis Genealogical Society (StLGS). The board agreed that Option 1 was not in our best long-term interest, even with fewer meetings and newsletters and to study Options 2 and 3.

We have met with representatives of these organizations and agreed that all discussions are preliminary. We will not formally approach either Brodsky Library or StLGS until we have explored all the options open to us.

At the 14 April general meeting, I mentioned some of the pros and cons of an alliance with these organizations. Whatever we do, we want to keep our name, JGS of St. Louis; continue our Web site; and maintain control of our indexing records (funeral, cemetery, and marriage).

Each organization cannot satisfy all our objectives. There is currently a small committee reviewing options. This group will make recommendations to the board on the pros and cons of an alliance with each organization at our May board meeting. An outline of how we want to proceed will be provided to the membership at the June general meeting. **All members are welcome to attend the May board meeting, which will be held on Thursday, 19 May at United Hebrew in Room 15.**

I want to thank the membership for their concern and recommendations for the continuance of our society and we look forward to hearing from and seeing many of you in the next few weeks. As usual, I have an open door policy for your suggestions. I prefer e-mail <jerryfrang@sbcglobal.net> or call 314-434-2566.

Jerry Goldberg

JGS St. Louis President

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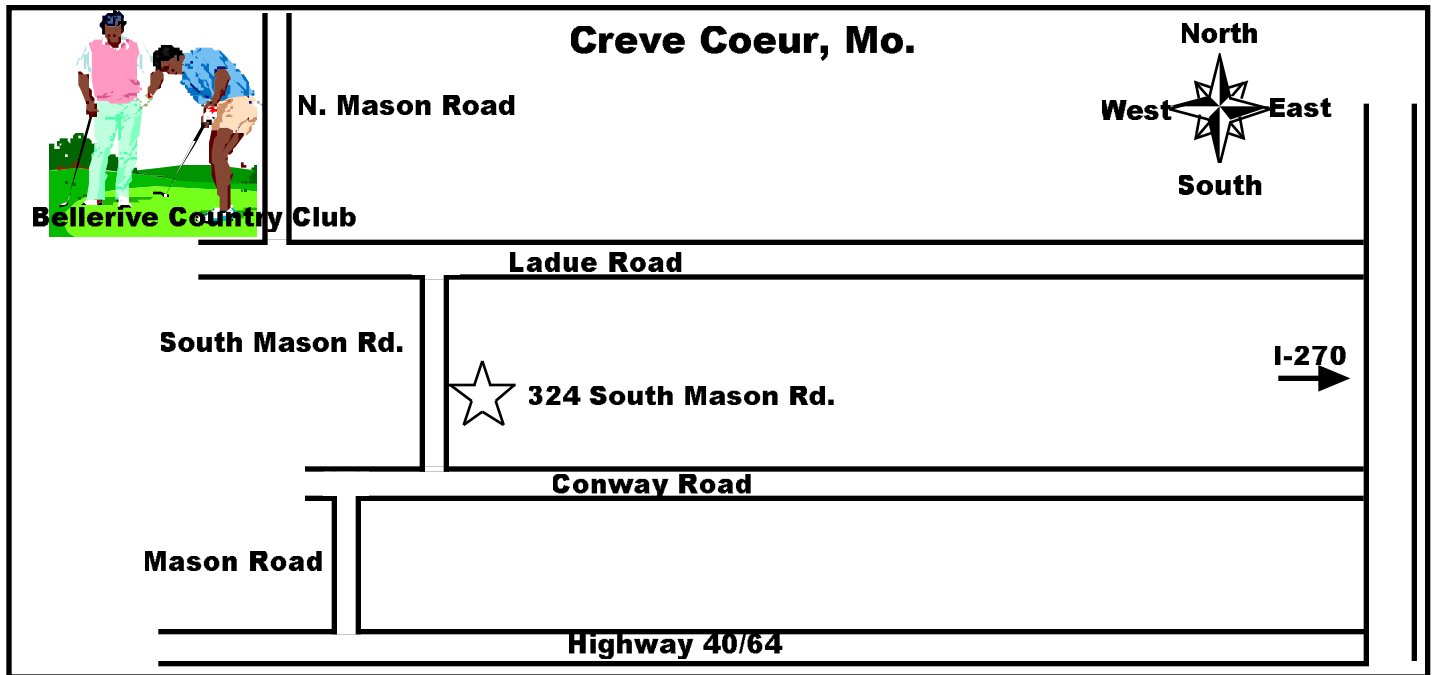
## *Jewish Genealogy Month: 10 April–9 May 2005*

### *Changing Numbers Back to Names*

*Arthur Kurzweil identified Jewish genealogy's responsibility in documenting the Holocaust with the statement, "When the Nazis rounded us up, they took away our names and gave us numbers. We genealogists are involved in taking away the numbers and giving back the names."*

*Read more about this on Page 7.*

# Directions to B'nai Amoona Congregation



## Discussion Group News

By Norman Kling,  
Discussion Group Leader

The Discussion Group held two meetings during the fourth week of April. The first meeting was Tuesday evening, 26 April from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The only person who attended besides the leader was Charles Goldman. In spite of just two people there, the discussions were wide-ranging, covering, among others, the topic of genealogy software. We talked about the evolution of Roots III to Ultimate Family Tree to Generations in some depth. Part of the discussion centered on the difficulties that sometimes occur in transferring data from one program to another. This tied in very well with another item discussed. That was an idea received from George Barber, via e-mail before the meeting, suggesting that we should all make periodic generations of GEDCOM files to save for future reference in the event our present programs, or even hardware, become obsolete and cannot be replaced in their present form. Other subjects touched on to varying degrees were obtaining records from the Social Security Administration; the upcoming St. Louis Genealogical Society's annual fair; and the St. Louis Public Library's obituary index.

The second meeting on Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. was attended by Marshall Friedman and Nelson Zucker. Mr. Friedman was interested in finding his grandmother's maiden name. We discussed the possibilities of obtaining a copy of his father's application for a Social Security number. He is also interested in finding arrival information. Mr. Zucker is looking for naturalization information on his

## Online Guide to Genealogical Resources in Israel

One of the unexpected benefits of the Israel Genealogical Society's sponsorship of the 2004 International Conference on Jewish Genealogy is that they placed information about many of Israel's resources for genealogy on their Web site. They identify a large number of institutions with names, addresses, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail addresses, Web sites, hours of operation, and public transportation to the facilities. You can get to the various facilities from the IGS home page at <[www.isragen.org.il](http://www.isragen.org.il)>. Click on "Archives in Israel" or "Resources in Israel" in the lower left corner of the screen.

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mother who he believes was naturalized in the mid-1920s. We discussed possible sources at the St. Louis County Library, Special Collections, for the St. Louis area and New York naturalizations data via Stephen Morse's site. Since Mr. Friedman does not have a computer, I agreed to try to find arrival information on his family.

The next afternoon meeting is Thursday, 24 May. The May evening meeting will be on Thursday, 26 May. Come to at least one of the meetings in May with your genealogical problems or roadblocks and let others give you the benefit of their experience. If you are fortunate enough to have no roadblocks, come and bring your latest triumph in genealogical research and brag a little. It does wonders for your ego and teaches the rest of us. I look forward to seeing you at one of the meetings.

# Meet the Members: Betty and Gene Landau

By Sylvia Letvak Jaffe

“Everyone should know where they came from,” say the Landaus. That is why they are members of an ethnic group like JGS of St. Louis. They joined JGS after reading about the society in the *Jewish Light*. Betty reveals, “I followed up with a call to Sylvia Jaffe asking if we could get some help in tracing my husband’s family, even though neither of us was from St. Louis. Of course, the answer was yes.”

**“Everyone should know where they came from.”**

The importance of an ethnic group was soon realized by the Landaus. She adds, “We attended a class taught by Sylvia when we first joined JGS. At that time we were preparing for a trip to Israel. We knew that Gene has a cousin in or near Tel Aviv, but had no idea how to contact her. A participant in the class immediately volunteered to call her friend in Tel Aviv to look up the phone number of the cousin. The member called us that very day with the information. In Israel we made contact with the cousin who in turn was able to arrange for us to meet many relatives, both old and young, that Gene never knew existed. We learned how they survived in the Holocaust by hiding in a forest in Poland, stayed together as a family, and eventually immigrated to Israel in the late 1940s. We are still in contact with the family and they have sent us information and photos through e-mails.”

Betty has always been interested in genealogy and shares that there is an active genealogist in the family living in Atlanta, Georgia. She relates, “There is a family Web site and we attend family reunions.” Gene became interested in genealogy about six years ago after attending one of Betty’s family reunions. The Landaus now have learned that their family is widespread. Betty recalls, “While on a trip we visited Gene’s elderly aunt in Denver, Colorado. The aunt, like so many others, was reluctant to talk about the past. We have always thought that Gene’s family had first settled in Denver. When Gene mentioned that to his aunt, she replied, ‘No,’ and pointed out that they had lived in Albany, New York, and blurted out the address. We took this information to the St. Louis County Library when we returned to St. Louis, and we found the family, his grandfather’s citizenship application and citizenship papers, the name and pictures of the ship on which he came to Ellis Island, and the 1910 census, telling even more about them. We found all of the information on internet Web sites because of the blurted out address and information obtained from another JGS member, Gene Schneider.”

The Landaus recently learned that they have

family in Switzerland and are now in contact with them. The newfound family has supplied them with photos and information. Betty emphasizes, “None of this could have happened if we had not attended the class where we not only learned about how to trace our roots but were recipients of wonderful help from another person in the class.” Betty and Gene have created a large book of official records, pictures, and biographies of family members, covering families in Israel, Switzerland, and the U.S. The information is constantly being updated. Copies have been distributed to the families.

Betty and Gene advise beginners in genealogy to have patience and not to be afraid to ask questions. “You might not always get answers,” says Betty, “but keep on trying.”

Now that the society has celebrated its tenth year of existence, the Landaus would like to see JGS continue helping people interested in tracing their past.

Gene and Betty have been married for forty-eight years. They met on a blind date. They have three sons and six grandchildren. Betty is a native of Kansas City, Missouri. Gene was born in Chicago and grew up in Denver. They moved to St. Louis for business reasons thirty-two years ago. Gene has worked in sporting goods and toy and party store businesses. Betty has been a nursery school teacher, part owner of a video store, and in the invitation business. Gene enjoys golf and gardening and they both enjoy traveling. Betty is involved in volunteer work at their synagogue and the Alzheimer’s Society. She is a past publicity chair for JGS of St. Louis.

The Landaus are tracing the surnames of LANDAU, LANDA, HOCHMAN, GOICHMAN, and BLOCH in Dombrovitz, Ukraine and Bessarabia.

National Genealogical Society  
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Nashville, Tennessee  
1–4 June 2005

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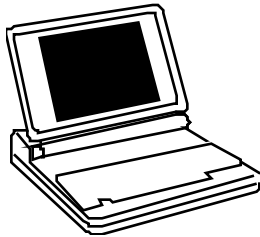
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## St. Louis County Library Offers Free Computer Classes

### June 2005 Schedule

St. Louis County Library is continuing to offer free computer classes for patrons at the computer lab in the Headquarters Building on Lindbergh Blvd. Unlike previous years, this year's registration is being done monthly. If you would like to take one of the June classes, you must register beginning 16 May. Please call 314-994-9411, Ext. 209, or register online at [www.slcl.org](http://www.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 see the Web site.)



### Classes at Headquarters in June

Thurs., June 2	Intro. to Your Computer & Windows, 9:30 a.m.–noon
Wed., June 8	File Management, 2:00–4:00 p.m.
Thurs., June 9	Intro. to the Internet, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Mon., June 13	Library's Online Catalog, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Tues., June 14	Intro. to MS Word, 9:30 a.m.–noon
Sat., June 11	Intro. to MS Excel, Part One, 9:30 a.m.–noon
Sat., June 11	Intro. to MS Excel, Part Two, 2:00–4:30 p.m.
Thurs., June 16	Intermediate Internet, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Tues., June 21	Intermediate MS Word, 2:00–4:30 p.m.
Mon., June 20	Intro. to PowerPoint, 6:00–8:30 p.m.
Mon., June 27	Adding Pizzazz to Your Presentations, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Thurs., June 23	Intro. to Yahoo! E-mail, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Thurs., June 30	Advanced Yahoo! E-mail, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

In addition, the following general interest classes are being taught at Headquarters:

Thurs., June 2	Health Information on the Web, 2:00–3:30 p.m.
Mon., June 6	St. Louis on the Internet, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Tues., June 28	Show Me Missouri, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

## Genealogy Event of Interest: May 2005

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

Tuesday, 10 May 2005 7:00 p.m. at Co. Library Headquarters Auditorium

### *Immigration and Naturalization*

Speaker: Ilene Murray

For more information on this program, go to [www.stlgs.org](http://www.stlgs.org) or call 314-647-8547

## And Coming This Summer

### St. Louis Genealogical Society Presents its First Week-long Research Institute!

A full week of research at St. Louis repositories with lectures, local experts to help you, and individualized guidance for your specific research problems.

Sunday, 31 July–Friday, 5 August

More information and registration forms available at [www.stlgs.org](http://www.stlgs.org) or call 314-647-8547

# What We Learn from Others: The Sharing of Ideas

By Marilen Pitler

*Avotaynu*, the International Review of Jewish Genealogy

*Avotaynu* is an incredible source of genealogical information. Please check the many editions on our library's shelves.

It's important to remember that the length of time between generations is ever changing, especially now in the computer age. Years ago, the average length between generations was twenty-five years; today, it is less than ten.



*Nu? What's New?*, news about Jewish genealogy from *Avotaynu's* editor, Gary Mokotoff; Vol. 5, No. 16, 12 September 2004

Gary mentioned a series of Betterway Books called *Family Tree Books*. According to his article, "They have published thirty-five books to date that cover a wide variety of topics of general interest to American genealogists. They are softcover and none have a list price of more than \$30.00. A complete list can be found at <[www.familytreemagazine.com/store/booksearch.asp?category=all](http://www.familytreemagazine.com/store/booksearch.asp?category=all)>." He goes on to say that the books he examined so far are of high quality and may be purchased at Amazon.com for "at least a 30% discount."

He also mentioned *Archive CD Books*, located at <[www.archivecdbooks.org](http://www.archivecdbooks.org)>. He said the group is "selling digital images of rare books that may be of value to genealogists. Located in the UK, their initial offerings focus on books from the UK, Canada, and England. Typical are Western Australia Post Office Directory 1914, Canadian Gazetteer and Business Directory 1930, and London Post Office Directory 1934."



*Historic Library of Jewish Music Now Accessible to Listeners in Florida and Israel*

Off the topic of genealogy, but on the topic of preserving our Jewish heritage, the Judaica Music Rescue Project at Florida Atlantic University is "creating a haven for endangered Jewish music that will both respect its past and assure its future." According to a press release, "The FAU Judaica Music Rescue Project is dedicated to finding, archiving, restoring, and digitizing all the Jewish music that has been recorded on 78-rpm phonograph records. It began in the spring of 2002 with a collection of about 1,000 vintage 78-rpm recordings of Jewish music. Today, the collection exceeds 10,000, making it one of the largest collections of vintage Jewish music in the world."

The Judaica Music Rescue Project is seeking donations of phonograph recordings of Jewish music especially 78-rpm records. "There is a sense of urgency in this work since the records are fragile and many people do not realize their historical and musical value," said Nathan Tinanoff, director of the music project.

For further information about FAU's Judaica Music Rescue Project, contact Nathan Tinanoff at 561-297-2207 or visit <[www.fau.edu/jewishmusic](http://www.fau.edu/jewishmusic)>.



*Family Legacies*, JGS of Southern Nevada, Inc., Vol. 7, No. 3, 2004

The article, *Bloom Southwest Jewish Archives*, tells about the resources available for "researchers seeking records of ancestors and relatives who traveled to or settled in the American West and Southwest." I found the Web site fascinating with information on Crypto-Jews, oral histories given by New Americans, Jewish pioneers, links to additional Web sites and Finding Aids. The Web site is <<http://dizzy.library.arizona.edu/images/swja/welcome.html>>. The archive itself is housed in the Special Collections Department at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

The article, *What is a Timeline?*, provides some interesting points on using timelines "as a tool to check research." According to the article, "Constructing a timeline is easy. Genealogists use word processing programs, spreadsheets, or 3 x 5 cards to outline research on one person or one family. List family events in chronological order. For each event list the source of your information. When you have your timeline completed, you should be able to evaluate your research. What might the timeline tell you? Looking at the dates in a timeline can illustrate research problems and suggest research plans. Some points highlighted in the article:

- Birth dates; if a mother is in her 60s, it is doubtful that she gave birth to a child.
- Several dates might be listed for a single event.
- Timelines help in locating the geographic movement of ancestors.
- Timelines aid in determining gaps in research.

*Family Legacies* is located on our library's shelves. Please read the article for more valuable information.

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*"The farther back you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see." Winston Churchill*

## IAJGS Conference in Las Vegas-- Early Registration Ends 8 May

The Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada (JGSSN) is proud to be the host society for the 25th Annual International Conference on Jewish Genealogy to be held at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas from 10 to 15 July 2005

What you can expect:

- A 750+ page conference syllabus
- Presentations throughout the conference by highly regarded national and international experts on a wide range of geographic regions and genealogical topics. Included will be knowledge needed for conducting Jewish genealogy, research talks covering lesser-known communities, the history and culture of Jews in Eastern Europe, Sephardic topics, and online genealogy for research.
- Some of the more than seventy speakers include Dr. Alexander Beider, author of *Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from Galicia*; Dr. John Colleta, expert/author of *They Came in Ships*; Dr. Stephen P. Morse, creator of "One Step" Ellis Island search engines; Miriam Weiner, well known for her first-hand unearthing of records in Poland, Moldova, and Ukraine, and author of *Jewish Roots in Poland* and *Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova*.
- Networking opportunities will be offered by attending luncheons with Special Interest Groups (SIGs) or Birds of a Feather sessions that focus on specific regions, shtetls, etc.
- Books, software, and other articles of interest
- Computer workshop with access to multiple databases and demonstrations

Conference registration rates are as follows:

- Early Registration (through May 8) \$200
- Regular Registration (after May 8) \$230

Online Registration Available at

[www.jewishgen.org/jgs/jgs-southernnevada/Shelley/home.htm](http://www.jewishgen.org/jgs/jgs-southernnevada/Shelley/home.htm)

Discounts are available for spouse/companion. For more detailed information, visit the Web site.

Register soon so that you can take advantage of the very good hotel rate of \$61 per night. You may extend your stay for five days before and/or after for the same rate.

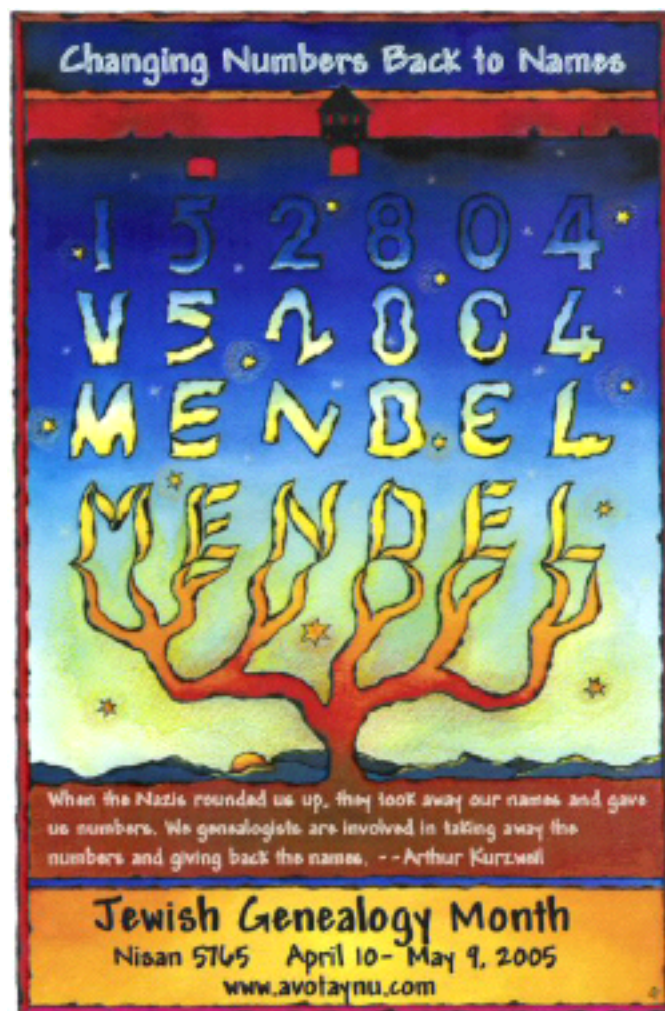
The daily planner for the conference is now online at the following address:

[www.jewishgen.org/1v2005/planner.htm](http://www.jewishgen.org/1v2005/planner.htm).

Please remember that it is still a preliminary schedule. After you register, you also want to sign up for the conference discussion list on JewishGen. To subscribe to Las Vegas 2005 please go to

<http://lyris.jewishgen.org/listmanager>.

If you are looking for a chance to combine an interesting location and a great conference, this is it.



### Celebrate Jewish Genealogy Month

The poster was created by the graphic artist, Caroline Guillot, of the French Jewish genealogical society, Gen Ami. Its theme is *Changing Numbers Back to Names*. At the 1995 International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, Arthur Kurzweil identified Jewish genealogy's responsibility in documenting the Holocaust with the statement you see on the poster. Thanks to Avotaynu for sponsoring this annual tribute to Jewish genealogy.

### Searching Eastern European Directories

There is a full-word index to a number of directories of Eastern Europe located at [www.kalter.org/search.php](http://www.kalter.org/search.php). The directories are

- 1923 Poland and Danzig Commercial Directory
- 1912 Galicia Telephone Directory
- 1901 Galicia Industry Directory
- 1925 Romania Business and Organizational Directory, Vol. I (Bucharest)
- 1924/1925 Romania Business and Organizational Directory, Vol. II (rest of Romania)
- 1938/1939 Warsaw Telephone Directory

All feature searches by exact spelling or Daitch-Mokotoff Soundex.

## Inquiries

My father recently passed away, and among his belongings I found a deed for "Four Grave Lots in Old Cemetery." The document appears to be a deed, with the heading "Shearith Israel Cemetery Association of the B'nai Amoona Congregation." A sum of one hundred dollars was paid for the lots on 28 September 1917. The deed was purchased by my great-grandfather, W.H. TRUMAN. Is the document still valid? Are there four lots reserved to my family? Anyone know these people?

Bill Truman

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I started my family genealogy years ago by interviewing all my elderly relatives. I am now validating and finding sources for the data. Problem is, I now have few names or info. about anyone born after 1930, and I don't know how to find descendants. I tried writing and asking cousins to fill in family group sheets for their descendants but got nothing

back. I had included enough info. on their ancestors to prove myself, a chart to show how we were related, and a self addressed stamped envelope. Nothing. It gets very expensive calling people. Could someone please help me with a better sample inquiry letter that I could modify as needed? And how do I find the rest of the descendants other than the few that I know of? Probably most would still be in St. Louis.

Susan Bishop Abramson

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I am seeking information about my mother, Jean KATZMAN SCHULTZ. I am trying to find out if there is a Raeborn Studio in St. Louis. I have a picture of her from about 1950 from this studio, and I am trying to find a negative. Also, I'm trying to find out if yearbooks from Soldan High School for 1950 are being sold by anyone.

Howard Schultz

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I am seeking information about Rabbi Dov Baer ABRAMOWITZ, Rabbi in St. Louis from 1906 until 1921.

Moshe Sherman

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I am seeking information about my great uncle and aunts who lived in the St. Louis area:

Nathan RUDMAN, Anna Rudman BECKER, and Gussie Rudman GLASSMAN.

Sam Lorber

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I am seeking information about Louis/Morris FEILER and Lena BURBELL, his wife.

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