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Jewish Historical Documents

The Generations Network, the parent company of Ancestry.com, with JewishGen and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) have formed a partnership to provide access to millions of Jewish family history records from around the world. JewishGen is an affiliate of the Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in New York City that maintains the world's premier Jewish genealogy Web site. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) is an overseas humanitarian aid organization which provides relief for Jews in more than 70 countries. The records include photographs, immigration records, Holocaust records and memorials. They can be searched with all the other records available on Ancestry.com. The collection is the largest collection of Jewish family history records on the Web, with more than 26 million records. Many documents digitized as a part of this partnership have never before been available online. Two important databases now available for the first time online are: Jewish Transmigration Bureau Deposit Cards, 1939-1954 (JDC) These records show the amount of money paid by American Jewish citizens to support the emigration of friends and relatives from European countries during and after WWII. Munich, Vienna and Barcelona Jewish Displaced Persons and Refugee Cards, 1943-1959 (JDC)

These records are of displaced Jews who were provided with food, medical care and clothing and emigration assistance by the JDC.

More than 300 databases from JewishGen from 14 different countries and containing more than 5 million records are also part of the collection. They include:

The JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry, an invaluable collection with more than 1 million names of Jews represented in nearly 2,000 Jewish cemeteries around the world.

Yizkor Book Necrologies, a list of the names of those murdered in the Holocaust which directs users back to the Yizkor Books themselves – memorials which offer vivid, first-hand accounts of the Holocaust and its aftermath. The Given Names Database, which enables one to learn possible European, Hebrew and Yiddish translations of an ancestor's given name.

A Holocaust Database of 2 million names such as Schindler's List, which includes names of 1,980 inmates in Oscar Schindler's factories in Plaszów, Poland and Brünnlitz, Czechoslovakia.

Jewish Records Indexing (JRI-PL) Poland and All Lithuania Database, representing more than 2 million indexed names from databases in Lithuania and Poland containing vital information on the regions.

JewishGen entered the partnership in July 2008. The agreement provides Ancestry.com with access to more than 10 million records, some of which date back to the 1700s. Also the JewishGen user base, numbering more than 250,000, will be notified of the data available at Ancestry.com. Ancestry.com also agreed to

provide technical support to the JewishGen site.

The JDC and JewishGen databases included in this release are searchable at no charge in the new Jewish Family History experience on Ancestry.com. Go to: www.ancestry.com/JewishFamilyHistory

Family Tree Maker User

For those who use or are interested in Family Tree Maker 2009, the latest version of this genealogy database software, there is a new blog dedicated to the program. Russ Worthington is the author of the blog and has included five articles about how to use Family Tree Maker 2009's menus to create new data entries. The articles include many screen shots showing the program in operation. More material is added each week. The blog only addresses the 2009 version of the program. To view the blog, go to: <http://ftmuser.blogspot.com> •

Genealogy Events

The events listed here are some of the major events that may be of interest to our members who may be traveling, vacationing, live nearby, or who may want to attend a special event.

Massachusetts Lecture

The Essex Society of Genealogists will host a lecture on November 15 at Lynnfield, Massachusetts. Connie Reik, Government Publication Coordinator and Reference Librarian, Tisch Library, Tufts University, will discuss *Farmers, Soldiers & Sailors in Government Publications*. For more

information, e-mail:
pfurbush@rcn.com

Indiana Workshop

The Genealogy & Local History Services Department of the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library will hold a workshop, "Genealogy on the Internet," on November 20 at Kokomo, Indiana. To register for the workshop, call (765) 457-3242.

Florida Workshop

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Palm Beach County Inc., will host a full day conference on November 19 at Boca Raton, Florida. The event is open to the public and geared to both beginner and intermediate researchers. Five well known educators will conduct sessions on how to research your Family History by using the latest resources available: Phyllis Kramer, V.P. of Education for JewishGen, Inc.; Beau Sharbrough, V.P. of Content at the History Website FOOTNOTE.COM; Bob Davidsson, Supervisor, and Isabel Toolsie, Research Librarian, of the Palm Beach County Library System's Genealogical Research Staff; and Patricia Charpentier, writer/instructor of the program "Writing Your Life." For more information, go to:
www.jgspalmbeachcounty.org

Florida Seminar

The Charlotte County Genealogical Society will host their Fall Seminar on November 22 at Port Charlotte, Florida. George G Morgan will be the featured speaker. For more information, e-mail:
km1386@embargo.com

Florida Lecture

The Roots and Branches Genealogical Society will host a

lecture on November 23 at DeLand, Florida. The feature presentation will be by Lee Folino, who will be speaking about Researching New York City Records Long Distance. Prior to the general meeting, there will be a basic genealogy lesson entitled, Obits and Cemeteries by Jerry Hale. For more information, e-mail:
jizzo3@cfl.rr.com

Massachusetts Lecture

The Essex Society of Genealogists will host a lecture on December 20 at Lynnfield, Massachusetts. Michael J. leclerc, Director of Special Projects, NEHGS, will discuss Genealogical Writing and Publishing in MS Word. For more information, e-mail:
pfurbush@rcn.com

2009 Events

California Seminar

The San Diego Genealogy Society will hold a seminar on January 10 at San Diego, California. featuring Lloyd Bockstruck will be the featured speaker. For more information go to:
www.rootsweb.com/~casdgs

Irish Genealogy Cruise

An Irish Genealogy Cruise will be held on January 10-18. The cruise departs from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. This cruise will focus on Irish research. All speakers have presented at national genealogical conferences and are recognized as knowledgeable in their fields. There will be two tracks. Track 1 will have lectures on basic resources and techniques for Irish research. Track 2 will focus on more advanced topics and is intended for those with

experience in using Irish records. The first thirty registrants will be given a one-hour private consultation with one of the professional genealogists on the program. For more information, go to: www.tiara.ie

Utah Institute

The 2009 Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy will be held on January 12-16 at Salt Lake City. There will be 10 courses taught by experts on various genealogy topics. For more information, go to:
http://www.infouga.org/site/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=103&Itemid=103

Australian Conference

The Australasian Genealogical Congress is held once every three years and will be held on January 16-20 at Auckland, New Zealand. It attracts more than 1000 delegates from around the world, with four days of genealogical conference sessions, lectures and exhibits. Watch the Web site for date, place and program:
www.affho.org/

Florida Seminar

The Volusia-Flagler Council of Genealogical Societies will host a seminar on January 24 at Daytona Beach, Florida. The speakers will be George G. Morgan and Drew Smith of Aha! Seminars, Inc. Their topics will be The Genealogist as CSI, George G. Morgan. Where is the Book with My Family In It, Drew Smith. The U.S. Naturalization Process & Documents: 1790-1954," George G. Morgan and The Genealogy Guys™ Podcast Live, George Morgan & Drew Smith. For more information, go to:
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flv/cgs/

Texas Seminar

The Genealogical Society of Kendall County, Texas will host a seminar on February 7 at Boerne, Texas. Dr. George K. Schweitzer, PhD, ScD, will speak on the Civil War, German Genealogical Research, and Genealogy in the Southeastern US. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txgskc/seminar.htm

Texas Seminar

The Genealogical Society of Kendall County, Texas will host their annual seminar on February 7 at Boerne, Texas. Dr. George K. Schweitzer, PhD, ScD, will discuss the Civil War, German Genealogical Research, and Genealogy in the Southeastern US. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txgskc/seminar.htm

Arizona Seminar

The West Valley Genealogical Society will host a seminar on February 21 at Youngtown, Arizona. The speaker is Laura Prescott, Professional Researcher, Writer and Speaker; regular columnist for Ancestry, contributing editor for New England Ancestors, contributor to Genealogical Computing and NGS News Magazine. She will discuss: Finding the Unexpected in Unexpected Places. For more information, go to: www.azwvgs.org

Massachusetts Lecture

The Essex Society of Genealogists will host a lecture on February 21 at Lynnfield, Massachusetts. Rhonda McClure, Staff Genealogist, NEHGS, will discuss Embracing Technology in Genealogy: A Look at the variety of tools and toys that can aid today's genealogist in collecting, preserving and sharing the family

history. For more information, e-mail: pfurbush@rcn.com

Illinois Conference

The DuPage County Genealogical Society will host a conference on February 28 at St. Charles, Illinois. The conference will feature Everton's Genealogical Helper Managing Editor, Leland Meitzler. Mr. Meitzler will speak on The Witness – An Often Overlooked Source, Using Tax Records to Establish Relationships, Chasing Women – Finding the Women in Your Pedigree, and Your Ancestor Was Not Lost in the Courthouse Fire. Contributing editor, Jeff Bockman will speak on They Came On This Ship, and Drilling Down for DNA. Additional tracks by speakers, Don Litzer, Lesley Martin, and Craig L. Pfannkuche, are also planned on Chicago research as well as Allen County Public Library research. For more information, go to: www.dcg.org

2009 BYU Conference on Computerized Family History and Genealogy

The 2009 Brigham Young University Computerized Genealogy Conference will be held March 13-14 at the Conference Center in Provo, Utah. This is a major conference and will feature many speakers and topics. The speakers are not yet announced. For more information, go to: <http://familyhistoryconferences.byu.edu>

Texas Event

The Houston Genealogical Forum will present "Ante Bellum Military Records" with Craig Scott as speaker on March 21 at Houston, Texas. For more information, go to: www.hgftx.org

Massachusetts Lecture

The Essex Society of Genealogists will host a lecture on March 21 at Lynnfield, Massachusetts. David Allen Lambert, Online Genealogist, NEHGS, will discuss Beyond the Grave: Researching Massachusetts Cemeteries. For more information, e-mail: pfurbush@rcn.com

The Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society will host a day long conference on March 28 at Kalamazoo, The speaker is Paula Stuart-Warren. She will give four lectures: NUCMC & its Cousins: Keys to Lost Ancestral Records; Tho' They Were Poor, They May Have Been Rich in Records; Organizing Your Genealogical Materials; and Finding Ancestral Places of Origin. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mikvgs/spring_conference.html

Virginia Conference

The Virginia Beach Genealogical Society will hold a conference on March 28 at Virginia Beach, Virginia. The conference will feature John Philip Colletta, Ph. D. - author, publisher, lecturer, workshop leader & teacher with NARA, the Smithsonian Institution, universities & institutes, radio & TV guest and genealogical authority. www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vavbgs/

Massachusetts Lecture

The Essex Society of Genealogists will host a lecture on April 18 at Lynnfield, Massachusetts. David Dearborn, FASG, Genealogist, NEHGS, will discuss Using Torrey's N. E. Marriage Index. For more information, e-mail: pfurbush@rcn.com

New England Regional Conference

The New England Regional Genealogical Conference will be held on April 22-26 in Manchester, New Hampshire. Featured speakers will include Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak, Tom Jones and Jim Hansen. For more information, go to: www.nergc.org/

California Seminar

The Sonoma County Genealogical Society will host a seminar on April 25 at Santa Rosa, California. Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck will be the seminar speaker. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ca_sgs/bockstruck.htm

Indiana Conference

The Indiana Genealogical Society will host a conference on April 25 at Indianapolis, Indiana. Pamela K. Boyer, C.G., C.G.L. will be the featured speaker. She is Educations and Publications Director at the National Genealogical Society and has lectured at national genealogy conferences. Other speakers will be: Dr. Jack Early, Curt B. Witcher, Bennie J. McRae, Dr. Alan January, Kevin Flanagan, Dona Stokes-Lucas and Ronald L. Darrah. Topics will include military records, African American research, and Internet sources. For more information, go to: www.indgensoc.org/conference.html

Massachusetts Seminar

The Massachusetts Genealogical Council will host a seminar on April 26 at Waltham, Massachusetts. Speakers are sponsored by the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) in Boston and include:

Michael LeClerc, speaking on Online Resources for New England Research

Josh Taylor will give two presentations on Essential Tools for Genealogists: What to buy and How to buy it! and Genealogical Networking in Today's World
Ann S. Lainhart will give two lectures on State Census Records and Massachusetts Institutional Records at the State Archives

The program includes specialized topics such as Researching Parish Records in Portugal and Recovering the Lost History of Annie Londonderry: An Idiosyncratic Search for the World's First Female Sports Star. There are two lectures from New England History Festival founder John Horrigan including Great American Fires of the 19th Century and Winters of the Revolution. For more information, go to: mbrophy@brophygen.com

London, England Event

The Family History Event will be held Sunday May 3rd 2009, the May Bank Holiday Weekend, at Barbican Centre, Golden Lane, London. For more information, go to: www.cabinter.net/cabs/thefhevent

NGS 2009 Conference

National Genealogical Society Conference will be held on May 13-16 at Raleigh, North Carolina. For more information, go to: www.ngsgenealogy.org.

Scotland Genealogy Conference

The Aberdeen & North-East Scotland Family History Society will hold a conference on April 25 at Aberdeen, Scotland. For more information, go to: www.anesfhs.org.uk/safhs2009.htm

Ontario, Canada Conference

The Halton-Peel Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society will host the Provincial Conference on May 29-31 at Oakville, Ontario, Canada. There will be ten workshops plus the Houston Memorial Lecture on Friday, a plenary session and 20 lectures on Saturday, and 15 lectures on Sunday. The Houston Lecture will feature Mr. Kory L. Meyerink, BS, MLS, AG®, FUGA, Founding Director of the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. For more information, go to: www.ogs.on.ca/conference/index.htm

2009 FGS Conference

The Federation of Genealogical Societies will hold its annual conference on September 2-5 in Little Rock, Arkansas. For more information, go to: www.fgs.org/

Michigan Seminar

The Michigan Genealogical Council will host a seminar on October 15-17 at Midland Michigan. Thursday a tour of the Midland County Historical Society facilities is scheduled. On Friday and Saturday, sixteen instructors will teach 32 sessions covering 4 tracks of genealogy topics. For more details or to register, e-mail: faeae@chartermi.net

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Newsletter back issues if available, per issue	US\$1 (order by mail or purchase at meetings)
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