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President's Report at the 11TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the AUSTRALIAN JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC. on 9 March, 2003 held in the Wilson Hall of the North Shore Synagogue, Lindfield.

I am happy to welcome you to the 11th Annual General Meeting of the Society and a special welcome to Dr Suzanne Rutland, our guest speaker.

The last year has been very busy, very productive and very satisfying. Our efforts have been directed towards achieving the aim of the Society, that is,

*to encourage and assist
those with Jewish ancestry
to research their family histories.*

Many members have taken advantage of the talks and workshops that have been held as well as following up the leads described in Koshers Koala. This year we have developed a new web site and we have just completed the creation of a resource CD that all members will receive.

Many of you have contributed with new ideas, support and a great deal of enthusiastic effort and I would like to acknowledge that work.

I would like to thank on behalf of all our members

- the Board and Staff at the North Shore Synagogue for their continued support and publicity about our efforts. Being able to use these facilities has been important for our society. Thank you Rabbi Rogut, Dafna, Ruth and Calvin.

- the Members of the Society for their continued support, attendance at events and especially those who donate resources and funds to us. The membership on December, 2002 stood at 162.

- our hardworking Committee (in alphabetical order) who have each taken on special tasks.

Bernard Freedman has completed the huge task of indexing the family trees that have been deposited over the years in the archives of our Society and of the Australian Jewish Historical Society in Sydney. From the index of over 10,000 names, researchers will more easily be able to identify relevant trees in the collections. This database is available on the Resource CD.

David Laufer after eleven years of committee meetings, is stepping down. A foundation member of the committee, his knowledge and participation has in no small way contributed to the success of many of our activities. We thank David, the longest serving member, for his long and continuing commitment to the Society.

Gary Luke our energetic member who combines the tasks of treasurer, member of our Internet

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EDITORIAL

By Miriam Shifreen

While Australia has been held in thrall by the long hot summer drought and raging bushfires, I have been held in thrall by my computer.

At first it was all joy and discovery. I discovered the place where my maternal grandmother was born with the help of Naomi Fatouris through the Ukraine SIG. (See www.jewishgen.org). Then I found my paternal grandparents and my husband's paternal grandparents on the 1901 British Census.

After reading in Dor L'Dor, Newsletter of the Jewish Genealogy Institute of British Columbia Nov 2002 volume 5, issue 1, that theoretically we all have more than one trillion ancestors, I checked this out at www.familyforest.com/resources.html. You can print off a chart and you can also print out Family Record sheets from www.ancestry.com for setting out your Family Tree.

Then I searched www.war2roll.gov.au the World War Two Nominal Roll created to honour and commemorate the men and women who served in Australia's defence forces and the Merchant Navy. You can search for service record details by specifying name, service number, honours, place (of birth, of enlistment, or residential locality at enlistment). Once you find an individual service record you can print a certificate of service.

But then came disaster. Firstly, my computer did not seem to be responding properly, and finally it crashed! AND I had not backed up my files! With the help and advice of many computer literate friends, and especially our Stuart Shaw, my computer is now back in good working order. I have been most fortunate! None of my files was lost. The 384 names in my family tree were still there! Here is the lesson for all of us. Back up all your files regularly.

All the Koshers Koala files were still intact in the computer! Serendipity: for this is an edition packed with stories that you will enjoy and find most informative. My thanks to those whose articles appear in this issue and to Rieke without whose strong support this issue would not have yet reached you.

The January 25 – 26, 2003 Icon Magazine in the Weekend Sydney Herald, contained an article by Nicole Manktelow, author of *The Australian Guide to Online Genealogy*, with simple rules for the beginner and interesting web sites to research.

For those not on the Internet, Beryl Bauld reveals some interesting *Printed Resources for Research in Australia* on page 7 of this issue.

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THE MYSTERY OF MY BIRTH FAMILY

By Dianne Johnstone

Almost three years ago, at the age of 56, I discovered I was adopted. Since then, I've taken on the roll of detective, uncovering the mystery of my birth family with amazing results.

Through the assistance of the Benevolent Society, I was able to contact my birth mother who ironically had been searching for me at the same time. It was a happy reunion with the added thrill of meeting my half-sister, the custodian of family photos and documents, of all of which have been invaluable in formulating my new family tree.

I was fascinated to learn that my mother's family was Jewish and had come to England from Poland and Austria around the mid 1850s. Here was a completely different cultural background from the one in which I'd been raised. My adoptive family was fifth generation Australian, coming from Irish stock with two English convicts thrown in for good measure. Now, I discover I'm first generation Australian and my mother's family migrated to Australia in 1930!

My family search began in earnest fifteen months ago when I visited the Latter-Day Saints Family History Centre at Carlingford, Sydney. Armed with a copy of my grandmother's birth certificate I looked through the Catherine House Records and found the marriage of my great-grandparents. Their union took place in Hull, Yorkshire, England.

Next, with the help of Jeannette Tsoulos from the Australian Jewish Historical Society, I located the local studies department in the Hull Library. Upon investigation into the 1901 Census, they found that my great-grandfather was registered in the 1904 Trades Directory as a carpenter/upholsterer. A letter from Richard Cooper at the Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain revealed that my great-grandmother had been born in England in 1877 and my great-grandfather had been born in Egypt. Now, there's an interesting path of discovery waiting for me!

Meanwhile, back to my great-grandmother. Last week I received her birth certificate. My family tree now goes back to my great-great-grandparents: Davis Goldstein and Jane Lazarus. Rieke Nash, President of the Australian Jewish Genealogical Society, has given me contacts in New South Wales who are researching the Lazarus family name and I look forward to uncovering possible connections there.

The Latter-Day Saints in Hull have done research on my behalf, contacting the offices of the Chief

Rabbi in London. They were kind enough to give me the London offices' direct number so on Friday morning around 6.30 a.m. I rang and left a message. I'm waiting with anticipation for a reply!

Yesterday, I plucked up courage and rang the daughter of a great-aunt whom I haven't yet met. When she learnt about my research, she told me there were relatives who were still in Leeds, England, and gave me their address. She assures me they would love to hear from me and could help with more information.

And so the story continues....

I have been overwhelmed by the knowledge, advice and goodwill extended to me since my search for family began. And I owe much to both my families who continued to encourage and support me.

*Dianne Johnstone is a new member of our Society
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THE JEWS' FREE SCHOOL, LONDON

If your family went to London in the 1800's there is a good chance that the children attended the Jews' Free School (JFS) in the East End. Some of the records on the microfilms of the JFS enrolments from the London Metropolitan Archives (LMA) can now be found at:

<http://www.movinghere.org.uk/search/default.asp>

With luck you might find that elusive date of birth, a parent's name, address at the time of enrolment or the date and reason for leaving. If you know a parent's name you might find the child's name.

The online information stops at 1900 but there are records up to 1939 at the LMA.

On the *Moving There* site, on Community and Theme tick 'Jewish Community', in format select 'Text' and from Source tick 'London Metropolitan Archives'. Choose the reference to boys or girls and then one of the 118 pdf files. The searching is tedious and the indexing is marginally helpful but the results are worthwhile and much cheaper than a flight to London and a night in a B&B.

LMA/4046/C/01/001 Jews' Free School Admission and Discharge register: boys 1869 to 1893

LMA/4046/C/01/004 Jews' Free School Admission and Discharge register: girls 1868 to 1900

Our thanks to Laurence Harris and Mandy King from the JGS of Great Britain Discussion Group for alerting us to this latest opportunity for accessing records in London. Laurence estimates that there are approximately 20,000 pupil records on these downloadable pdf file.

EDINBURGH TO AUSTRALIA - THE STORY OF JOHN LAZAR

By Harvey L Kaplan MA

Few people today will be aware of the Edinburgh Jew who became Mayor of Adelaide in Australia. John Lazar (or Lazarus) was born in Edinburgh on 1 December 1801, at a time when there were only very few Jews in the city (the Jewish community was not established until 1816). His parents were Abraham Lazar, a stockbroker, and Rachel Lazarus. He married Julia Solomon in London on 2 November 1825.



In 1836, John and Julia left with their young family for Australia on the *Lady McNaughton*. John was listed as a tailor who could read and write. Julia, aged thirty, was also literate. The ship was struck by an outbreak of scarlet fever, and

more than 120 passengers died, prompting an official enquiry. Amongst the fatalities were three of the Lazar children (Mary, Lazarus and Priscilla).

Soon after the family's arrival in Australia, Lazar wrote to the government to say that he had been paid only £2/3/- for clothes that had been destroyed at the quarantine station. Their value was £5/4/6d. His claim was rejected.

In the late 1830s and the 1840s, John Lazar was an actor in, and manager of theatres in Sydney and Adelaide. He was highly regarded as a comedian and a competent manager, although he was sometimes criticised for the racy nature of the entertainment he provided. His daughter Rachel Lazar became a dancer, while his son, Abraham Lazar, was also a theatre manager.

The Lazars were active in the Jewish community. In 1839 Mr and Mrs John Lazar pledged £25 to the Sydney Synagogue Building Appeal - surely a vast sum in those days. Later John became a founder member of the Adelaide Hebrew Congregation. He sang Kol Nidrei at the first Yom Kippur service there in 1848.

In the early 1850s, Lazar left the theatre for the jewellery business, and in 1853 was elected an Alderman of Adelaide City Council. From 1855-1858 he served as the fourth Mayor of Adelaide, and his portrait in oils hangs in the Freemason's Hall there. He retired from the City Council in 1859.

Not a man to stay put for long, Lazar and his family emigrated to New Zealand in 1863. He took up politics again, becoming Town Clerk in Dunedin and Hokitiki. He died on 8 June 1879 in New Zealand (Julia died in Sydney in 1889).

Sources:

Helen Bersten: Jewish Sydney - The First Hundred Years 1788-1888

Abram Levy: The Origins of Scottish Jewry (JHSE, 1958)

Philip Parsons (ed): Companion to Theatre in Australia

Douglas Pike (ed): Australian Dictionary of Biography Vol 2 1788-1850

The Official Civil Record of South Australia Centenary Year 1936

Johanna Parsons Nicholls, Sophie Caplan, Jeanie Susman and Marjorie Luno of the Australian JGS

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Note: Their database of Scottish Jewry holds 20,000 names and welcomes new information.

NEW SYNAGOGUE RECORDS, LONDON

Compiled by Angela L. Shire

Our Society has acquired a CD containing the following valuable London records:

New Synagogue Birth Records 1771-1838 - taken from LDS Film No. 0094668

New Synagogue Marriages 1791-1823 - taken from LDS Film No. 0094688

New Synagogue Ketubah 1819-1832 - abstracted from the late Dr. Susser's transcripts of NEW SYNAGOGUE DUPLICATE KETUBAH BOOK <http://www.eclipse.co.uk/exeshul/susser/index.htm>

The material is presented in several formats: Text Tables (.rtf); Excel 2000 Datasheets (.xls); Portable Document Format (.pdf); Hypertext Markup Language (.htm) and SYLK (.slk).

JEWISH CHRONICLE (UK) PROJECT 1900 - 1906

AJGS member, Miriam Pollak, has transcribed more than 22,000 entries covering those years. For full details about this important ongoing project see Kosher Koala Vol. 8 No. 3 September, 2001.

If you have family from England and you believe that they may have used the London Jewish Chronicle for some family event, please contact her and she will try to locate the records of the event for you. Contact her at:

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MY GRANDFATHER, PETER SOLOMON

A country tale - Part 1

By Dennis Leonard

This is only part of the story of Peter Solomon, my maternal grandfather, as only some of the problems left unanswered by incomplete, non-existent and missing records could be solved. Frequently the answer is missing from our history because we can't ask the people involved and they haven't written the answers down. However some information is sometimes available and various libraries and institutions were used to try to solve some of the puzzles.

The beginning

Sometime in 1885 or 1886 Peter Solomon left Vilna (Wilna, Vilnius) in what is today Lithuania but at the time was controlled by Russia. Like most migrants from the east at the time, he may have travelled to Bremen where he caught a ship to Australia.

The ship

One of Peter's descendants noted that he travelled to Australia on a ship called the *Hohenstauffen* in 1883 at the age of 15. Since Peter was born 14 July 1868 that estimate of his age could have been correct.

Problem

The State Archives of New South Wales had arrival dates for the *Hohenstauffen* sailing from Bremen. The records show that it did not start voyaging to Australia until 1886 so there is no way he could have travelled to Australia on it in 1883. Thus he would have been at least 18.

Problem.

There is no record for a Peter Solomon travelling on the *Hohenstauffen*. Unfortunately the third class or steerage class passengers were not always recorded even though the *Hohenstauffen* carried up to 800 third class passengers. Details of the ship were found on the Internet sites:

www.theshiplist.com, www.conell.de and

www.fortunecity.com/littleitaly/amalfi/13/

shipgh.htm and in the book *Ships of Our Ancestors* by Michael J. Anuta.

Fortunately a cousin had a suspicion that he had changed his name from Siegelnitsky to Solomon. Subsequently on Film 487 (X195) September – 25 October, 1888, I found the entry: Piekev Siegelnitsky, steerage, workman.

The Index of Naturalisation Certificates (COD204), a handwritten index at the NSW Colonial Secretaries Office, contained the entry "Solomon, Peter (Native of) Russia, 30 May 1894. This reference led to the microfilm with the

Naturalisation Certificate which noted his birthplace as near Wilna, Russia. Correspondence in the microfilms of the Colonial Secretary's Letters listed his sponsor as one, Nathan Bassor of 15 York lane, Sydney, warehouseman and merchant.

Problem.

What was Peter's occupation up to the time of his departure from Vilna? Was that where he acquired his business skills? After all he was described as a "workman" in the shipping lists.

Problem.

At what date did Peter's surname in Vilna of Siegelnitsky change to Solomon in Australia and why Solomon?

Marriage

In 1889 in Sydney Peter married Fanny who also came from Vilna.

Problem

How and when did Fanny get to Australia?

Problem

According to her tombstone, she was born in 1867 but on one of her children's birth certificates she was aged 33 in 1902 making her birth date 1869. From a notebook of birthdays kept by her daughter, Ettie Leonard her birthday was 29 November.

To the bush

Peter and Fanny travelled to Bombala in southern New South Wales in 1891.

Problem

How did they get there? This has two possible answers: Steamer to Eden or Tathra and horse drawn wagon up the Mountain; or Steam Train to Cooma and coach to Bombala.

Problem

Why on earth did they choose to go to an obscure country town?

Bombala

Fortunately there were two newspapers being published in those years, The Bombala Herald and the Bombala Times. The information gleaned from the following extracts helps to provide a vivid picture of life in Bombala.

At the time of Peter's arrival in Bombala, south of Sydney on the coast of NSW there were a surprising number of Jews already in the town and surrounding areas. One, H.J. (Hyam Moses) Joseph, became the first mayor of the town in 1890 and a wealthy landowner. There were other Solomons (as far as I can tell not related) in the area as well as a Goodman, Emanuel, Cohen, another Joseph and an Alexander who were all shopkeepers as well as Jewish Commercial Travellers.



My Grandfather, Peter Solomon

In an unpublished 1910 document¹ there is the note

It is a noteworthy fact that the Jews were so strong in Bombala in those early days that the town was called 'The modern Jerusalem'.

A Maurice Solomon (no relation) died September 3, 1873 and is the earliest marked Jewish burial in Bombala.

There is a record of a Rabbi travelling from Sydney to perform a marriage in the 1860's between a Mr Alfred Moses, who managed a store for Henry Solomon, and a Miss Moses.

It may well be that Peter met co-religionists in Sydney who knew Bombala well. The wife of one prominent citizen of the town was the sister of the secretary of the Great Synagogue – Mr J. Frankel.

Bombala Herald (established 1872)

22/5/1891 on p.3 Advertisement "Sydney House...P. Solomon...next to Australian Arms Hotel" [seems to be first Advertisement not noted in Local & General News. The Australian Arms later became the Hotel Bombala. There is still a very old (empty) shop in about the right location]

25/9/1891 A. I. Joseph *The Arcade* closed for Jewish Holiday 3rd October and *Emanuel* also.
2/10/1891 p.1 Advertisement for M. Cohen "in Walker's old premises in Caveat Street just around the corner from Commercial Bank".

23/1/1907 p.2 Report of death of Mrs E. Jonas (nee Frankel): came out from England at an early age. Married 1860 (to manager of Maharatta Station) 7 sons, 2 daughters. Mr J. Frankel, the Secretary of the Great Synagogue is her brother. Was related to H. M. Joseph... Funeral conducted by M. S. Emanuel and P. Solomon" [H. M. Joseph was the owner of Maharatta Station]

29/1/1907 Local & General News: P. Solomon elected to Hospital Board and his tender accepted to supply groceries

23/3/1909 Local & General News: paragraph about H. M. Joseph "Grand old man of Bombala..."

26/1/1912 N&N "Mr H. M. Joseph was the first Jew born in NSW" [not true] "The last token of respect to Mr H. M. Joseph...Rabbi Cohen of Sydney read the Jewish burial service..."

Bombala Times (established 1863)

13/9/1918 p.4 "Old Monaro...I must not omit to mention a function, to wit a Jewish marriage...Mr Alfred Moses who was at the time managing Mr Henry Solomon's store [an unrelated Solomon who had a store on the northern side of the river—there is no sign of such commercial premises there today] to a lady of the same name Miss Moses a sister of Mrs Joseph [H.M. Joseph's wife] conducted by a rabbi from Sydney."

(To be continued)

1. C. Schofield "Bombala – Hub of Southern Monaro" Bombala Shire Council 1990

While Peter Solomon has many descendants, Dennis is the only member of the Leonard family of his generation.

1828 HUNGARIAN PROPERTY TAX CENSUS

This Census contains the names of 8,000 Jews owning taxable property in Hungary in 1828: www.jewishgen.org/databases/hungary/census.1828.htm

PHOTOS OF THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE 1909 – 1915

www.loc.gov/exhibits/empire/gorskii.html

SEEKING OWNERS OF SEALED ENVELOPES IN BELGIUM

Marcel Apsel of the JGS of Belgium posted this message.

The Service of the Ministry of Finance of Belgium has published a list of over 100 names of people living or passing through Belgium before or during World War 11 who left behind sealed envelopes. Don't expect lost treasures or the big lottery as the sealed envelopes probably only contain personal matters.

Relatives can contact

Andre De Bruecker during office hours at:

tel: 32-2-210-27-27

fax: 32-2-210-42-66

email andre.debruecker@minfin.fed.be

JEWISH GENEALOGY MONTH

April 3 – May 2, 2003

This year's theme is Where Once We Walked, the areas of the world where Jews once walked but few Jews walk today.

WRITING YOUR MEMOIRS

A Talk by Julie Meadows

Reported by Peter Nash

In front of an enthralled audience of about 90, Julie Meadows described a program of writing and book publication that she initiated in Melbourne over five years ago in Melbourne and fostered by the Makor Jewish Community Library.

This event took place at the Sydney Jewish Museum on Monday February 24, 2003 and was jointly sponsored by the Museum and the Australian Association of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Descendants. AJGS President Rieke Nash also briefly outlined how the AJGS can assist in researching the available resources for family research.

Julie started the program on an *ad hoc* basis and now with five years experience and with more than thirty biographies published she was able to describe the steps that led to effective results. She emphasized that anyone, even someone whose English is not their first language, could achieve a successful outcome. Initially biographers join a writing session led by a facilitator, for which they pay, and gradually their story builds up. The next phase is editing and this is on a one-to-one basis, also on a user-pays basis. Julie stressed that at all times the story writer is the "owner" of the manuscript and that it must be "their" words.

The time taken to achieve a final manuscript can range from a handful of weeks up to two years or more. Once the story is considered completed and the author wishes to proceed to publish, at their own cost, then decisions on cover and other artwork, photo scanning, printing, binding and importantly the number of copies required are made. Book launches proceed at the rate of about ten a year in Melbourne usually led by prominent figures in the wider community.

While in Sydney Julie also met potential program organizers, facilitators and editors and also inspected a possible venue for writing sessions. With a list of those who expressed interest in joining a Writing Your Memoirs Program at the information night, the Sydney Jewish Museum will now set up a Working Group from which the program can be launched.

Anyone interested in this program should contact Rene Alexander at the Sydney Jewish Museum by email at : admin@sjm.com.au or by phone : (02) 9360-7999

SOME PRINTED RESOURCES FOR RESEARCH IN AUSTRALIA

By Beryl Bauld

In the late 19th Century there were a number of books published which give short biographies of Australians. They range from the Governors down to local shopkeepers and businessmen, and many of them include photographs. Here are just a few.

Australian Men of Mark. There are several volumes from 1 to 7. These were indexed by the late Peter Doyle in 1992 (ISBN 0 9588028.5.8). Different copies are available at the State Library, Wollongong Library, and The Society of Australian Genealogists, Sydney. Version 1 was printed in 1889, Version 6 in July 1890.

I noted an entry for Solomon Herbert Hyam who was born at Jamberoo. It included a photograph and three pages of biography.

Several States brought out Cyclopedia. I noted that the **Cyclopaedia of South Australia**, which was published in 1909, had an entry for Mr Lewis Cohen, this detailed his birth in Liverpool, England, his marriage and children and all the societies he belonged to, and a good photograph.

The Cyclopedia of Victoria was published in 1903 and 1904 and ran to three volumes. There is also a **Cyclopedia of Tasmania**.

Another good source of records are the Primary Records held by the Society of Australian Genealogists. These records have been donated by members of the society. They are indexed on computer and are available for perusal.

A quick check of the index for some Jewish surnames listed the following records.

Aarons 5, Abrahams 39, Cohen 143, Levy 99, Samuel 62, Samuels 23 and Solomons 26.

These records often include copies of birth certificates, marriage certificates, family trees and wills.

It is possible to visit the Society of Australian Genealogists, 120 Kent Street, Sydney as a day visitor for \$20.00. Check their web site for more information www.sag.org.au

Beryl Bauld is very active and knowledgeable about genealogy in Sydney and has been a member of our Society since 1995.

(We share the distinction of being grand-daughters of English stick dressers. What are they? Umbrella makers, of course - Rieke Nash)

MEET SOME OF OUR MEMBERS OF TEN YEARS' STANDING

SELMA JACKSON

I really don't know when I joined the Society, but I do have all the Koshers from Vol.1 No 1 September 1993, (and you would be surprised how often I have referred to them when someone has asked me something!) I remember attending an early meeting with Gael Hammer in the chair, down stairs in the Great Synagogue Hall, when she explained her way of setting out one's information.

My interest in genealogy started in about 1967 when our oldest son Michael started school at the age of five at Weizman Primary School in Sea Point, Cape Town, South Africa. The children were told to ask their parents to give details of parents and grandparents, so that the class could make family trees! I still have **that** first family tree from Michael's exercise book.

My mother, Golda Horwitz, born Salamson, was very family oriented, and was in constant touch by letter (I still have some of them), with cousins in Chicago and Boston, as her father Hyman was the only member of his family to go to South Africa. In 1968 my mother went to America for two family simchas (celebrations), and I asked her to sit down with a cousin in each city, and write down names, dates of birth, marriage and death of everyone they could think of. I *filed away* all that information, and it wasn't until after 1989 when we were already living in Sydney, and all three sons were busy on the computer, that I came across a family tree shareware program for the computer, which I bought, and so my interest grew.

In 1991 my husband Harry and I went to America to meet as many cousins as I could – in Chicago there was a Sunday picnic for 74 cousins, and in Boston there was a huge Shabbat dinner for us all to get together.

I now realise that I still didn't ask enough relevant questions - knowing what the names of Dad's aunts and uncles were, would have helped today.

My dad, Nathan Horwitz (of the LEVI tribe, who didn't eat turkey!) born in 1896 in Chveidan (Kvedarna today) Lithuania, would never speak about *those days*, and when I used to say that I would like to go and see Chveidan one day, he



begged me not to go. To escape being drafted into the Russian army, his mother put him - aged 17 on a boat in Memel (Klaipeda today), with some Russian gold coins in his pockets to go to London, to board the *Dunbar Castle* en route to South Africa where his two older brothers were already living in Wepener, South Africa. Dad then applied for two of his younger brothers to join him in the following years, but unfortunately two other brothers didn't get out in time, even though they had the necessary papers - unfortunately they didn't realise of what their Chveidan friends and neighbours were capable. I am thankful that I was fortunate in June 1996, to have realised my dream, when I travelled to Lithuania, after a few days in Moscow, and *walked where 'they' walked before*, and now I understand why Dad had those feelings!

From Lithuania, I flew to Tel Aviv, where together with my brother and nephews, I attended the *International Gathering of the Horowitz/Horwitz/Hurwitz/Gurwitz Families* and in July 1998 I attended the 18th Genealogy Society Conference in Los Angeles.

Having originally registered my Family Trees at Beit Hatefutsoth in Tel Aviv in 1993, I have had many enquiries concerning my family names. Unfortunately I have not gleaned any useful information for myself, but have, on occasion, been of some help to others, which has been very fulfilling. Only recently, Francoise Richez of France contacted me about an aunt's maiden name, *JUDES* and I was able to put her in touch with South African and now Australian families. Another name that comes to light is *GAYLIS* (*GAILIS*), when I was even able to give photographs of the family! Only last month I sent information from our Koshers, about available books on Dutch Jewry to someone in Ohio.

I have enjoyed the friendship of members of the Jewish Genealogy Society, a few Sunday afternoon workshops, and sincerely thank Sophie, Rieke and others, for all their help and enthusiasm – Sophie's knowledge and memory is just *something else*.

JOHN M STANHOPE

My serious interest in family history started about 1980 when my wife and I returned to Sydney after 20 years overseas. Our parents passed along some sketchy details but knew little beyond the names of their parents. Two cousins had started research but had given up – they passed their



material on to me. I set out with the goal of documenting our ancestors back to their arrival in Australia. When I started we knew the year and ship of arrival of one person only.

Now 22 immigrants have been identified, arriving between 1790 and 1888. Full arrival details are known for 17; a highly probable arrival has been ascertained for three, and the other two cannot be documented earlier than their marriage in Australia. Eight came as single young people, the rest as members of family groups.

My own family were storytellers, and three grandparents survived to age 88 to 92. Some stories were frankly implausible, and research has sifted out the untrue and suggested how misconceptions were generated. Facts when ascertained have proved more entertaining than the myths woven round them.

My wife's family lore was more impoverished, as she knew only one grandparent, and her parents were more reticent, or more ignorant of the facts. I will describe the ancestry of Olive, Loreen's mother; because researching it illustrates some pitfalls of genealogy, and involves the Jewish connection. She died in 1980, just before my interest in family history was awakened, so was not available as a primary source. Her mother died in Melbourne in 1924 and was buried as Mary Rebecca Hughes *nee* Barr. Mr Hughes was already dead (now known to be never legally married), and the children were aged 14 to 31. She told them she had been born in Wagga Wagga NSW, but I could find no relevant birth index entry. Her death certificate named her parents as Robert Barr and Rebecca Shannon, the informant being her son Ernest Edgar Hughes aged 21. Rebecca Barr *nee* Shannon died in Melbourne in 1904, and her certificate named her parents as John Shannon and Amelia unknown.

I found that the Barr/Shannon marriage took place at Big Badja near Cooma NSW in 1860, by Anglican rites, and that her father was Samuel Shannon. Three births followed during 1861-65. These did not include Mary Rebecca. Several Robert Barrs died in NSW and Victoria in the later 19th century but who was the right one? On a visit to Cooma we strolled around the old cemetery and found his grave – he died in 1865! He couldn't be Mary Rebecca's father.

A search for a second marriage revealed Rebecca Barr *nee* Shannon married Daniel Boon in Cooma by Presbyterian rites in 1866. They moved to Wagga and had six children including Rebecca Maude (no Mary Rebecca) born in 1871. In 1876 Daniel shot a man over an unpaid debt, and was

hanged. His widow remained in Wagga and acquired a third "husband" William Lancaster (no proven marriage). In 1883 she took her five remaining children and moved to Melbourne, resuming the name Barr for herself, one Barr child and four young Boons. In Daniel's ordeal of trial and waiting for execution, he was assisted by Catholic clergy, and the children thereafter attended Catholic schools. The boys acquired Joseph as a second name, and the girls acquired Mary, probably they were baptised as Catholics, but I cannot prove this. So Rebecca Maude Boon became Mary Rebecca Barr.

GLEND A GOLDBERG

My genealogical research is focussed on the Jewish community of Sunderland in northeast England. I am descended from the SAMUEL and JOSEPH families who settled in Sunderland in the second half of the 18th century.

There was a Jewish presence in Sunderland from about 1755. Abraham SAMUEL is said to have been the first Jewish resident. His brother, Hart SAMUEL, was responsible for securing the services of Jacob JOSEPH in 1790 to act as rabbi for the community. The smattering of Jewish families in Sunderland at that time are thought to have been either Dutch or Germans who had lived in Holland for some time.

Rabbi Jacob JOSEPH, who was born in Amsterdam, married a daughter of Hart SAMUEL. Members of Rabbi Jacob JOSEPH's family who also settled in Sunderland included his brother, Hyman JOSEPH, and two sons of his brother, Nissan JOSEPH. With SAMUEL women marrying JOSEPH men, cousins marrying cousins, and large families being the norm, I have spent many hours in libraries, archives, on the internet and on the phone unravelling the relationships between the numerous family members.

More interestingly, I have discovered the significant role that the JOSEPH family played in the unusually devout nineteenth century Jewish community of Sunderland. Rabbi Jacob JOSEPH was the religious leader of the community for over 70 years. Various other JOSEPH men were founding members of the Israelite synagogue, mohels (ritual circumcisionists), shochets (kosher butchers) and readers in the synagogue. With this background, it's not surprising that my grandmother taught Hebrew in Sunderland before she immigrated to Australia in 1897.

The question that is currently directing my research is why did so many JOSEPH family members



emigrate from Sunderland to Australia in the latter half of the nineteenth century. Was it a chain of migration that followed Morris JOSEPH, the convict who made good and founded the York Street Synagogue in Sydney? He is alleged to have

had links to Sunderland but I've yet to confirm this. Or was it more to do with the fact that, when the British government discontinued its policy of convict transportation, the ship owners of Sunderland converted their convict ships into migrant ships and ran aggressive campaigns in the Sunderland press promoting emigration to Australia?

After many years of research on Sunderland, having visited the city and made friends with a number of its residents, I now feel an immense affection for my ancestors' hometown. I have become a Sunderland Football Club supporter, much to the amusement of anyone who knows anything about English soccer (3 own goals within 8 minutes - unbelievable!). I am also a member of the Sunderland Jewish community on-line (groups.msn.co.uk/SunderlandJewishCommunityOnline), the fastest growing Jewish community in the United Kingdom (94 members at 5 February 2003).

I have accumulated an extensive amount of information on the early Sunderland Jewish community and may be able to assist other genealogists with a similar interest. I can be contacted by email tiarem@hotmail.com

RESEARCH IN THE USA

Talk by Nancy Goodstein-Hilton

Reported by Peter Nash

Nancy is a member of the Latter-Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah/USA and authored an index for specifically Jewish Records in the Family History Library Catalogue. In her talk on February 2, 2003, she recommended the logical sequence she took to trace her Jewish ancestors who emigrated to the US from Europe in the second half of the 1800's.

Research in the US is facilitated by access to ten-yearly Census Records 72 years after Census

taking. On-line access to the 1930 Census is now available and is aided by a One-Step 1930 Census Website developed by Stephen Morse. City Directories (similar to phone books) can aid in pin-pointing addresses for a Census search. A Soundex coding system can also be used.

Another key source is the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) database which depending on the year of death can lead to birth, death and other family connection data. For those not listed on the SSDI applications under the Freedom of Information Act can be made.

Naturalization records prior to 1906 can be requested in writing and a copy of an index card will be provided giving data such as naturalization and arrival dates, country of origin and occupation. From 1906 naturalization records were centralized and additional data including town of birth, birth date, wife and children's names and their vital data was then recorded.

Probate records can be a valuable source to find the deceased's heirs, including married names and locations of children. They can be ordered from the County Clerk's Office where the person died. Obituaries can also be a valuable source of Birth, Marriage and Death information as well as a variety of life achievement information while Cemetery records will not only provide the deceased's Birth and Death data but also data on spouse and children. To search for Probate, Obituary or Cemetery records the place for the event must be known.

Passenger arrival lists are another vital source of family data but require the port of entry into the US. They can lead to the towns of origin. The myth of name changes at the port of entry was also exploded by Nancy as the names on arrival were taken from the passenger manifest at the port of departure. So name variations started at that point and clearly occurred frequently. Other record sources highlighted were Court, World War I Draft, Published Genealogies, Gazetteers and Name Guides. In any case certificated records are obtained by direct contact with the authority holding the records.

A Handout with details of the mentioned data sources was provided and copies can be obtained from the AJGS (per Peter Nash). Other source contact details can be found in the AJGS Library's Resources.

Peter Nash is our society's Program co-ordinator and author of Navigating Berlin Resources To Solve A Family Puzzle which we published over a series of newsletters in 2002.

SOME SPECIAL THANKS

David Laufer is stepping down from the committee after eleven years of continuous service. He is one of the Founding members and the longest serving Committee member. He has been Vice-President, minute secretary, representative on NSW Jewish Board of Deputies, attending workshops regularly, always asking good critical questions during committee discussions and volunteering for that extra job, like helping out at our stall at the Chanukah Fair. We wish David well and look forward to his continued interest in the Society.

Stuart Shaw has been a diligent recorder of speakers at our gatherings and a most valued monitor of our email post-office for three years from late 1999.

Philip Baynash will be taking on the task of redirecting general business emails to the appropriate committee member.

Selma Jackson over the years has donated many resources to our library, the latest being the syllabus from the 18th International Jewish Genealogy Conference held in Los Angeles 1998 *Hollywood Chai* and Newsletters of the South African SIG.

PLANNING AN OVERSEAS TRIP THIS YEAR?

Here are several exciting choices.

20 – 25 July, 2003 The 23rd Jewish Genealogy International Conference in Washington D.C. to be held at JW Marriott Hotel 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW. Website: www.jewishgen.org/dc2003 for full details. If you are thinking of going, contact our President, Rieke Nash.

2 – 16 July, 2003 A Living History Tour to Eastern Europe visiting Krakow, Warsaw, Prague, and Berlin with Tour Leader Professor Konrad Kwiet, historian and lecturer on Holocaust Studies at the University of Sydney. Contact Voyager Travel on (02) 9356-4700 or the Sydney Jewish Museum on (02) 9360-7999

11 – 21 June, 2003 A Trip to Lithuania
A Jewish Life and Heritage Tour with Howard Margol. For details 4430 Mt Paran Parkway, NW, Atlanta, GA 30327-3747 USA,
Ph: (404)261-8662 Fax: (404)228-7125(press*)
email: homargol@aol.com

1 – 5 December, 2003 A Genealogy Cruise
from Miami, Florida to Key West, Florida and Cozumel, Mexico has been organised by the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies. Nine experts on Jewish genealogy will be giving talks.

www.jewishgen.org/iajgs/cruise/cruise.htm

CONGRATULATIONS TO GARY LUKE

on receiving his *Diploma in Family History Studies* (Dip FHS) through the Society of Australian Genealogists, Sydney. When Gary decided to join us in November, 1993, our Society acquired one of its most valuable resources. His creative and dedicated approach to genealogy continues to benefit most of our members and has helped the world-wide Jewish genealogical community by his foundation of the AJGen Discussion Group. With his vast knowledge, exploring mind and enthusiastic interest and energy, his contribution to the committee has also been appreciated.

We wish him success in the future and thank him on behalf of all the past and future beneficiaries of his generosity.

IN REMEMBRANCE

DIANA WRIGHT died on 3 December, 2002.

Diana had a passion for researching her family heritage and was the self-published author of *Our Jewish Connections: The Eight Children of Deborah and Moses Levy*, which we reviewed in the KK Vol.7 No.1, March, 2000. Even after the book was published, Di kept up a correspondence with many *family members* including Verna Rouvray and Dinah Harvey daughter of Paul Cullen and connected to Moses Levy.

Diana's careful research of the descendants of each of the eight children will be one of her lasting legacies as it includes many prominent families like Sir John Monash, Nancy Keesing Hertzberg, and Sir Lewis Cohen. Diana donated a copy of her book to both our Society and to the Australian Jewish Historical Society.

Jeanette Tsoulos who devotes her time to both organisations says that as so many of the descendants migrated from England to Australia this book has been invaluable in helping many people trace families such as Levy, Levey, Hart, Yates, Marks, Harris, Moss and Alexander, (*which includes the family of my husband, Joe Shifreen, so I also kept up a correspondence with Di - Editor*) as well as Evelyn Wilcox in England, John Nathan, Ian Nicol and Heather Davis to name but a few.

PETER FLECKER

We were sorry to hear that our long-term member from Garbutt, Queensland, Peter Flecker, died on 11 October, 2002 after an illness first diagnosed in 1999. His wife, Margaret, has written that, in spite of his illness, Peter concentrated on achieving a medical degree. She says that it was such a shame that he never succeeded in finding his Jewish ancestry.

REPORT FROM VICTORIA

By Lionel Sharpe

The past few months has witnessed a surge in new members. Nineteen new members were welcomed since December bringing our membership to 150. This year has started with a busy program.

Rodney Eisfelder, a committee member of AJGS (Vic) spoke on 'Documenting a Family History' on Wednesday, 12th February showing some of the documents covering his own family history from the 18th to the 21st century. This talk was not so much the story of his family, but rather a discussion of the influence of historical events on the records and how and where the records were obtained. Rodney is a very experienced and knowledgeable researcher who has been gathering family history for over fifteen years.

Nancy Goodstein-Hilton paid a short visit to Melbourne and spoke about Jewish Records in the Family History (Mormon Library) on Monday, 3rd March 2003 at the Jewish Museum of Australia in St.Kilda. This follows some very successful talks she gave to our colleagues in Sydney.

Nancy is the author of an index entitled, "Jewish Records in the Family History Library Catalog", which has been jointly published by the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies and the LDS Family History Centre. The index covers Jewish records in 90 countries and territories including Australia, United Kingdom, Eastern and Western Europe, North and South America and Africa. The index is available on CD and comprises thousands of records and publications of significant value to Jewish genealogical research.

In April we decided to hold a hands-on workshop for beginners and others in the evening rather than the usual Sunday morning. This workshop will be held on Wednesday 2nd April 2003, 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm at the Beth Weizmann Community Centre.

"In One Voice Festival" Celebration in the Park will take place on Sunday 16th March 2003, 10.00am to 5.00pm in Caulfield Park. The AJGS (Victoria) will have a display and information table. The event usually attracts thousands of visitors and many community organisations have displays.

The 5th Annual General Meeting of the AJGS (Vic) Inc. will be held on 21st May 2003 at 7.30 pm at the Beth Weizmann Community Centre.

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REPORT FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA

By Jeanie Susman

Our first meeting of the year was held on Tuesday, February 25th at the home of our Treasurer, Ben Carr.

It was a business meeting arranged to discuss a number of important issues relating to the restructuring of our group for the future. Our President, Marjorie Luno, has been corresponding with Rieke Nash and Lionel Sharpe, and as a result put forward various proposals. It was unanimously decided that the South Australian Branch becomes autonomous and that our subscription rates not be changed at this stage. Satisfactory arrangements are now being finalised for members to receive individual copies of "The Kosher Koala" from Sydney and "Jewish Genealogy Downunder" from Melbourne, to be sent by bulk delivery to us for distribution.

It was also decided to see how we fare under the new management before committing ourselves to the purchase of any material for the resources collection.

The President outlined some very interesting and exciting activities being planned for this year. These will be confirmed with further details at our forthcoming A.G.M. arrangements for which are now in progress.

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BACK TO ILLAWARRA

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTHERN SYDNEY SYNAGOGUE

**Saturday 10th May 2003
at Southern Sydney Synagogue at 9.00 am**

Special Shabbat Service followed
by our famous Kiddush.

If you have any special memories/photos etc
contact Bert Kahana at 9567-7603 or
Fel Prentice at 9661- 6306

RELIVE SIXTY YEARS

**Our Diamond Jubilee Special Viewing
on Sunday 11th May, 2-4 pm**

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committee, AJGen convenor, technical creator of the Resource CD, research advisor and many more important roles.

Peter Nash who has taken on the Programme and Publicity roles with vigour, organising informative and entertaining events and increasing communication with members.

Kim Phillips for the most appreciated task of converting Koshier Koala to a format suitable for sending to overseas Jewish Genealogical Societies by email. This has saved the Society a significant amount in printing and postage. Kim also prints out copies of emailed overseas journals we receive.

Miriam Shifreen our valued editor of Koshier Koala whose hard work, enthusiasm, ideas and reliability have created a new look edition which has received many compliments.

Steve Traurig who has inspired our new web site design in order to attract potential researchers to our Society as well as alerting current members about our activities.

Jeannette Tsoulos our resource librarian and as researcher with the Australian Jewish Historical Society also handles the many queries on Australian family research.

- other volunteers for their help this year, in particular Stuart Shaw for time spent on computer and email tasks, Ken Lipworth for photography help, David Landor for workshop assistance and Philip Baynash for advice and email assistance.

Interstate activities

This year our thoughts were with members living in Canberra whose years of research may have been at risk during the recent fires. Every genealogist must have identified with such a dreaded possibility. Thankfully all were safe. Activities continued in South Australia and Western Australia and together with Queensland and Victoria supplied reports for Koshier Koala.

Resources

The new AJGS Resource CD contains the catalogues of the libraries and archives of our Society and of the Australian Jewish Historical Society in Sydney. Local and distant researchers should now be able to identify resources previously unknown to them. As new resources become more expensive we are looking at ways we can continue to provide quality research facilities for our members, e.g. we still exchange newsletters with many overseas societies but now Koshier Koala is sent by email. Members who are researching particular areas of Jewish genealogy might like to help subsidise any of the four special interest journals that the Society has been buying till now. By co-operating with other organisations in

Sydney, the duplication of expensive books can be reduced. e.g. the four volumes, *The Holocaust in Lithuania 1941-1945* is available for reference at the Sydney Jewish Museum.

Research Interests

Over the past eleven years the research interests of members were collected, published in Koshier Koala and entered on JewishGen's Family Finder. This database has been included in the new AJGS Resource CD to give new and old members the chance to check if others are researching similar names and places.

Events

The monthly workshops are usually well attended. They are especially useful for beginners as the help given by the long-time members who attend is usually individualized and specific to the needs of the researcher. Almost always, everyone finds a new lead to chase up.

Our talks this year have addressed the opportunities for local research. Tinny Lenthem described the resources in the library of the Sydney Jewish Museum. At this session the Society presented an illuminated address to our retiring President, Sophie Caplan. A wonderful attendance at Waverley Library heard Nancy Goodstein-Hilton describe the research opportunities at the LDS Family History Centres through the use of the CD of Jewish Records in the Family History Library Catalogue. John Stanhope highlighted the Overseas Collection at the Society of Australian Genealogists. Over eighty enthusiastic people attended the fascinating talk by Julie Meadows about the Makor Writing Project, Melbourne. The response has inspired the Sydney Jewish Museum to commence a similar project in Sydney.

Finances

Income has exceeded expenditure last year, with around 40% spent on the printing and posting of four editions of Koshier Koala. The increased membership dues will help defray the increases in postage, insurance and the distribution to members of the AJGS Resource CD.

Future activities

Further databases on CD are planned including local community projects and a searchable CD of all past editions of Koshier Koala. We plan to develop techniques for facilitating members' research strategies, look at the problem of our resources only being available on the North Shore and the implications for the Society of ethics and privacy matters. I hope that this year will be as fascinating, productive and enjoyable as the last.

Rieke Nash
President

ANNOUNCEMENTS 2003

Sunday, April 6, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Workshop, Lindfield

Sunday, May 4, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Workshop, Lindfield

Sunday afternoon May 11, 2 pm – 4 pm
at Waverley Library, 32-48 Denison Street,
Bondi Junction

Different Approaches to Documenting Your Research

At this event some of our members will display and talk about the many different approaches that can be adopted when recording the results of family history research. This is an opportunity to show us what you have done or to find out what you would like to do.

Sunday, June 1, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Workshop, Lindfield

June 7 - 9, 2003 Limmud-Oz

The Society will be manning a stall as well as talking about genealogy at Limmud-Oz this year. This is a long weekend of presentations on Jewish learning organised by the Shalom Institute at Shalom College, University of New South Wales, Sydney. Website: www.shalom.edu.au

Sunday June 15, 2 pm – 4 pm **Visit to the Family History Centre at Carlingford**

Parramatta Family History Centre,
827 Pennant Hills Road
Carlingford NSW 2118

As a practical follow-up to her previous two presentations Nancy Goodstein-Hilton and her FHC colleagues will demonstrate how best to use the Mormon's resources. They will demonstrate the procedures used to search for microfilms and how to order them from Salt Lake City. It will also be an opportunity to discover the resources that are permanently held at Carlingford and probably at most of Sydney's other Family History Centres.

**Check on the web site for the latest at:
www.ajgs.org.au or phone 9427-6075**

JEWISHGEN JOINS THE MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE

JewishGen has become a division of the Museum of Jewish Heritage located in New York effective January 1, 2003. Susan King, founder and president of JewishGen, will be employed by the Museum and hold the title Managing Director of JewishGen. In addition, two key JewishGen technicians, Warren Blatt and Michael Tobias, will become full-time employees of the Museum and will now be able to devote their efforts to projects which have stalled due to lack of available time. The Museum has developed a strong interest in making genealogy an integral part of their public program.

In recent years, JewishGen has been struggling as a volunteer-based organization that relied on contributions for its operation. Susan King can now focus on the growth of JewishGen.

JewishGen focused much of its energy on servicing people who are already involved in family history research, and it is likely that the Museum connection will help involve more people in genealogical research.

The Museum is located on the waterfront of Lower Manhattan not far from the former site of the World Trade Center. The building will contain a theatre, classrooms, and special exhibition space, among other facilities. The East Wing, set to open in Autumn 2003, will enhance the Museum's mission of remembrance, education and genealogy.

For more information: <http://www.jewishgen.org/JewishGen/pr/MJHAnnounceQs.htm>

THREE VALUABLE NEW RESOURCES

We welcome the arrival in our library of the new, updated *WHERE ONCE WE WALKED, Revised Edition, A Guide to the Jewish Communities Destroyed in the Holocaust* by Gary Mokotoff, Sallyann Amdur Sack and Alexander Sharon published by Avotaynu, Bergenfield NJ 2002.

This gazetteer is usually the first reference for any beginner and is definitely the most used resource in our library.

Another eagerly awaited Avotaynu publication, *SEPHARDIC GENEALOGY, Discovering Your Sephardic Ancestors and Their World* by Jeffrey S. Malka, 2002 has arrived and will be reviewed in the next Koshers Koala. Without a doubt this is a book that anyone with Sephardic roots will find valuable.

For Lithuanian research, don't forget to consult the latest important publication, the four volume, *THE HOLOCAUST IN LITHUANIA 1941-1945*. This can be studied in the Library of the Sydney Jewish Museum, Darlinghurst.

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SYDNEY WORKSHOPS

All workshops are usually held at the Rev Katz Library, North Shore Synagogue, Treatts Road, Lindfield, once a month on Sunday mornings, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. See front page for dates.

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AUSTRALIAN JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY DATABASE

Names being researched by our new members

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513	DRUSHKOWITZ			ISRAEL	
513	GIDISH			SOUTH AFRICA	1910+
513	GIDISH/GEDESZ		KREKENAVA	LITHUANIA	1880-1910
506	GOLDSHTEIN		LODZ	POLAND	
506	GOLDSHTEIN		PIOTRKOW	POLAND	
506	GOLDSTEIN		LODZ	POLAND	
513	GORDON			SOUTH AFRICA	1910+
506	KREUZEL		LODZ	POLAND	
514	MARKS		LONDON	ENGLAND	Up to 1903
515	PRINZ		WROCLAW	POLAND	Up to 1939
513	RINKOWSKY	LENDVEROVA?	LIUTAVARISKES?	LITHUANIA	
513	RINKOWSKY		LONDON	ENGLAND	
515	ROSENBERG		WROCLAW	POLAND	Up to 1939
515	ROSENBERG		SHANGHAI	CHINA	1939-1946
515	ROSENBERG			ISRAEL	1937+
514	SHULMAN/SCHULMAN		LONDON	ENGLAND	
506	TRAJSTER		LODZ	POLAND	
506	TREISTER		LODZ	POLAND	

AJGS RESOURCE CD Edition 1

March 2003

The first edition of the Australian Jewish Genealogical Society Resource CD has been produced by *Bernard Freedman, Rieke Nash, Kim Phillips and Jeannette Tsoulos* from the Australian Jewish Genealogical Society (AJGS) and *Helen Bersten* from the Australian Jewish Historical Society (AJHS). It contains the

- **FAMILY NAME INDEX FROM THE FAMILY TREES**

at the Australian Jewish Genealogical Society and the Australian Jewish Historical Society in Sydney compiled by *Bernard Freedman*

- **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

of members of the Australian Jewish Genealogical Society, Sydney, compiled by *Rieke Nash*.

- **RESOURCES**

in the catalogues of the library of the Australian Jewish Genealogical Society, Sydney, compiled by *Rieke Nash, Kim Phillips and Jeannette Tsoulos* and of the library and archives of the Australian Jewish Historical Society, Sydney, compiled by *members of the AJHS*, Sydney.

All current members of the AJGS will receive a copy as part of their membership dues for 2003.

Special thanks must go to *Gary Luke* who has produced a CD which should be easily accessible by most computer systems.
