19TH ANNUAL WORKSHOP/MINI-CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

PLACE: Beifield Auditorium, Sandler Center for Jewish Life Enhancement, Levis J.C.C. Campus
Glades Road and 95th Ave. South, Boca Raton

***Registration: 9:30 A.M. ***Program Begins: 10 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

FEE: [Includes Kosher Box Lunch] - Members: $25.00 (advance registration)
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Phyllis Kramer, Vice President of Education, JewishGen, "Aleph Bet of Jewish Genealogy"

Patricia Charpentier, Writer, Instructor, author, “Writing Your Life”

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Don Jennings, Director of Family History Center, Boca Raton

“How to Use the Family Search Records of Family Search International, the largest genealogy organization in the world.”

Mona Freedman Morris, A.P.G. Co-founder JGSPBCI

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Hi Everyone,

I can’t believe its November already. Our “season” has started off beautifully with the largest attendance ever for September and October. Our future programs promise to be just as exciting.

Did you know that the JewishGen Discussion Group Archives is a wonderful resource to help in research and to see what discussions and questions have been posted in the past. Access the Archives through the main JewishGen website at http://www.jewishgen.org/ under the category “Databases.” You will be pleased to see that so many of your questions are answered simply and clearly.

Our aim for this season is to provide much needed assistance to our members, whatever their level of expertise. To help in this area, we are frequently calling upon our own “experts” such as Phyllis Kramer, Vice President of JewishGen for Education, as well as a newly appointed member of their Board of Governors, and I am proud to say, a member of our own Board. You can also look for Jerry Naditch, our Webmaster, a Board member, as well as a fine genealogist and our computer expert, to offer teaching aids.

Glad to hear that JewishGen’s Belarus SIG newsletter finally has an editor. Taube Import volunteered right after the Conference and has already begun work. If you’re ancestors were from Belarus, join the SIG (free of course) and read the emails and the wonderful previous newsletters.

Best of all, our December 9th Mini-Conference will provide a raft of information for beginners and intermediates on all topics. Get your check in today to be sure to reserve a spot.

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If you are considering a subscription to the Ancestry.com website, keep in mind that they frequently offer a 14-day free trial. For many of you that will suffice to get the information you are working on presently. A few tips if you are having difficulty locating a person. Try using his/her given name only. The Ancestry.com database has a superior image of a ship’s manifest to that shown on the Ellis Island Database.

If you find a person in the EIDB but cannot find him/her in the Ancestry.com database, undoubtedly the name was indexed improperly. Pick any other person on the page where the spelling of the name is obvious, and search for that person to retrieve the page.

Finally, Ancestry.com has added phone directories (1915–1981) for certain cities of Germany. They are Berlin, Hamburg, Munich, Frankfurt am Main and Leipzig. Additional information is at http://content.ancestry.com/iexec/?htx=List&dbid=1564&offerid=0%3a7858%3a0

International Tracing Service

During its two-day annual meeting, the International Commission for the International Tracing Service (ITS) dealt with the question of the future organizational structure and administration of the ITS. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), which manages the institution, indicated it wants to withdraw from running the archives now that ITS will have an increased focus on research rather than humanitarian efforts. In response to the ICRC request, the only conclusion reached was that something should be done about the problem.

More significantly, ITS handed over additional digitized copies of documents to Yad Vashem, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Institute of National Remembrance in Warsaw. These are the only institutions of the 11-member countries that have requested a copy of the ITS records. The new material includes documents from German camps for displaced persons consisting of 180,000 so-called CM1 questionnaires (care and maintenance). They provide information on the fate of those who were rescued from concentration camps, on forced labor and, in some cases, on war captivity.

ITS also handed over copies of lists of Holocaust survivors, which are referred to as F18 lists (ITS classification). These lists were compiled after WWII mostly by Jewish organizations from different countries. The 55,000 documents helped the Tracing Service clarify individual fates and reunite families.

Ed. Note: Thanks you to Nu? What’s New? for the above. IT’S FREE! Do you subscribe to AVOTAYNU’s Internet magazine, Nu? What’s New? Published biweekly, it provides subscribers with recent-breaking news of interest to Jewish genealogists. Subscribing is easy. Just go to www.avotaynu.com/nuwhatsnew.htm on the Internet.
Judaica Sound Libraries at Florida Atlantic University

The Judaica Sound Archives at Florida Atlantic University (Boca Raton, Florida) collects rare Jewish music that might otherwise be trashed.

After a gentleman named Jack Saul died in May 2009, Nathan Tinanoff (a long-time member of our JGS) of the Judaica Sound Archives was called to the Sauls’ home in Cleveland. The Saul family wanted to donate the Judaica portion of Jack’s huge collection of sound recordings to the JSA. Although Nat had spoken with Jack Saul several times over the years and had been told by many people of his incredible collection of recordings, he was still unprepared for what he found. The small suburban bungalow was unremarkable. But what was inside was remarkable indeed!

What Nat saw were stacks of records! Stacks of records in the living room. Stacks of records in the basement. Stacks of records on the stairs. Stacks of records on the dining room table. The house was literally jam-packed with phonograph recordings, tapes, and CDs.

The first task that Nat faced was to locate the Judaica recordings. He was able to identify over 12,000 recordings that could be added to the archives. But there were other treasures that he discovered. For example, he found tens of thousands of 78 rpm phonograph recordings that were in mint condition. Even though they weren’t Judaica, he knew they were important.

When Nat returned to Florida he and Dr. William Miller (Dean of FAU Libraries) had a talk. Dr. Miller agreed that the collection of 78 rpm recordings were just too rare and valuable to be left behind. Dr. Miller decided to bring those records to FAU Libraries to start a new collection of vintage phonograph recordings at the Wimberly Library.

Ed. Note: From: Tracing the Tribe by Schelley Talalal Dardashii, October 14, 2009
Steve Morse continues to add new utilities to his website <http://stevemorse.org>. One new utility called "When did...?" to the "Calendar, Maps, etc." section of his website, allows you to answer questions relating civil and Jewish dates and days of the week as well as several major holidays. For example, when did Labor Day fall on Rosh Hashanah? When did Christmas and the first day of Hanukkah coincide? When will the first Seder again fall on Saturday evening, as it did last Pesach?

For other examples of the kinds of questions you can answer with this new utility, navigate to it from the main page of Steve's site or go directly to <http://stevemorse.org/jcal/whendid.html>.

Dick Plotz, Manager of Mailing Lists for JewishGen, Inc. also advises that Steve Morse has also added three new resources to his One-Step website:

One-Step search interfaces for the Germans to America, Italians to America, Russians to America databases recently made available by the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Links to the One-Step search forms can be found on Steve's site. Look at the third section, "Other Ports of Immigration," and scroll down to the bottom of the section. The databases generally cover the latter part of the 19th century.

For further information, click on the link, "About this Website and how to use it," at the top of the main page.

At the IAJGS conference in Philadelphia, Stanley Diamond, Executive Director for the Board of Jewish Records Indexing - Poland spoke concerning the renewal of cooperation between JRI-Poland and the Polish State Archives. Those in attendance were told that a new indexing project and the re-institution of an order processing system are both under discussion.

While it may be possible to have a new agreement in place by early next year, there are many points to be clarified and negotiated. As a result, there could be a considerable delay in resuming both the indexing of records and the order-processing system. Therefore, should you be interested in ordering records from the Polish State Archives, please note the following two options:

1) You can immediately order records from the appropriate branch of the Polish State Archives. See the suggested procedure at http://www.jri-poland.org/psa/neworder.htm or

2) You can wait until the new JRI-Poland order processing system goes online and then order the records using a system that we expect will be far more streamlined and will not require payment by costly bank transfers.

When there are more definite developments, we will let you all know.
Please read the following prepared by YAD VASHEM.

New in the Yad Vashem Archives

The International Tracing Service (ITS) and Yad Vashem

Overview

With some 125 million pages of documentation, as well as photographs, testimonies, Pages of Testimony and more, Yad Vashem’s archives comprise the largest collection of information on the Holocaust. Sources of this information include documents microfilmed by Israel in the mid-1950s at Bad Arolsen, Germany, in the central repository of the International Tracing Service (ITS).

The ITS was established by the Allies at the end of World War II to help reunite survivors with relatives and friends. The ITS gathered all the documentation possible that pertained to individuals and groups during the war – including information about Holocaust victims, the deportations, concentration camps, forced labor and displaced persons’ camps.

Due to mounting public pressure to allow easier access to the vital documentation housed at Bad Arolsen, the International Commission of the ITS recently signed a new agreement whereby scanned copies of the entire collection will be transferred to its member states, among them Israel. Part of this material duplicates what Yad Vashem already has, but it also includes new material collected in the last 50 years by the ITS as well as documents not copied at that time.

The public is welcome to come to Yad Vashem to search all of our archival material, including information we have from the ITS. Our reading room is open 08:30-17:00 Sunday-Thursday. Click here for Information on a Victim from the Holocaust Period.

FAQS

- What kind of information do Yad Vashem’s Archives currently hold?
- When did Yad Vashem first acquire documents from the ITS? Why?
- How has Yad Vashem helped with searches for information on Holocaust victims?
- How is the ITS material now being released different from what Yad Vashem already has?
- What is the Central Names Index?
- How has Yad Vashem prepared for this new influx of material?
- How can the ITS information help in Names Recovery?
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When did Yad Vashem first acquire documents from the ITS? Why?
In charging the ITS with its enormous task to help reunite families “torn apart by war,” the Allies gathered all the documentation possible that pertained to individuals during the war – including its victims, deportations, concentration camps, forced labor and displaced persons’ camps. Since a large proportion of the ITS documentation included first-hand evidence of the fate of Jewish victims of Nazism, the Israeli government requested permission in the early 1950s to photograph the sections of the ITS collection relating to Jewish suffering during World War II. Permission was granted, and from June 1955 to November 1957 a project was run by a team of experts at Yad Vashem to microfilm some 20 million pages of documents with information about Jewish victims, as well as items of specific Jewish interest, which were then placed for permanent storage in its archives. Thus Yad Vashem became the only place in the world other than Bad Arolsen to hold copies of ITS documentation. Over the years, Yad Vashem also provided the ITS with copies of various collections in its archives.

How has Yad Vashem helped with searches for information on Holocaust victims?
Over the past half century, Yad Vashem has amassed unrivaled research and technical skills answering some 25,000 annual requests for information about Holocaust victims. As Yad Vashem held a copy of much of the ITS Holocaust-period documents, many people turned to Yad Vashem for information even if they knew the original source was in the ITS. Over the decades, experts at Yad Vashem have helped thousands of members of the public in the complicated search for information from the many sources in its vast archives, including that stored on these microfilms. Our online Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names also holds much information on Holocaust victims.

How is the ITS material now being released different from what Yad Vashem already has?
Due to mounting public pressure to allow easier access to the vital documentation housed at Bad Arolsen, the International Commission of the ITS recently signed a new agreement whereby scanned copies of the entire collection will be transferred to its 11 member states – Israel, Belgium, France Great Britain, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, the United States, Germany, Greece and Poland – over the next three years. Israel’s representative to receive the documentation remains Yad Vashem; the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) is the repository in the US; and in Poland, the IPN (Institute of National Memory) received the documents. Part of this material duplicates what Yad Vashem already has, but it also includes new material collected in the last 50 years by the ITS as well as documents not copied at that time.

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What is the Central Names Index?
Among the ITS documents microfilmed by Yad Vashem in the 1950s were the reference cards that made up the so-called “Central Names Index” (CNI – previously known as the “Master Index”), one card for every appearance of a person on any original document in the ITS. Over the years the number of these cards increased, and Yad Vashem has received the complete collection – over 50 million cards. The cards provide a concise version of the essential facts as understood from the ITS documentation, and thus allow Yad Vashem to convey to members of the public at least an outline of the fate of many individual Holocaust victims. In some cases the original documents that the CNI cards were based on had been microfilmed in the 1950s and are thus also available at Yad Vashem.

Among the new material Yad Vashem received from the ITS is an updated scanned and partially indexed version of the CNI. It is important to note that until Yad Vashem receives a full copy of all ITS material (expected by 2010) there will still be instances, mostly in cases of post-war documentation, where the original document a CNI card refers to will not be available at Yad Vashem.

How has Yad Vashem prepared for this new influx of material?
Even before all 11 member states had ratified the treaty, expert staff in the Yad Vashem archives began the groundwork to prepare for the transfer of the material, including working with ITS staff to understand the systems and expertise required to ensure that members of the public receive the information they request in a timely and efficient manner. In August 2007, the first portion of digital material from the ITS arrived at Yad Vashem. The documents primarily include material describing concentration camp prisoners: personal records of various prisoners in the Nazi camps, as well as lists prepared within the camps themselves, including transfer records, personal prisoner accounts, and details of the sick and the dead.
Yad Vashem is currently using its decades of expertise to assess these documents and discover which material supplements or complements what it already received from the ITS five decades ago, and to make the information in the digitized documents available in the most efficient way possible. Staff at Yad Vashem was bolstered to attend to the influx of queries, so that it can continue to respond to each public enquiry with as comprehensive an answer as possible, using the different sources in its archives.

How can the ITS information help in Names Recovery?
Yad Vashem continues its mission to memorialize each individual Jew who perished in the Holocaust by recording their names, biographical details and photographs on Pages of Testimony. To date some 3.6 million names are digitized and documented in the Central Database of Shoah Victims’ Names, but millions are still unknown. Archival experts at Yad Vashem are working to glean more names from the wealth of information contained in the ITS documents.
YAD VASHEM  Continued.

While the addition of the ITS information to Yad Vashem’s archives will create an unrivaled Holocaust repository, many victims who were never listed in any archival source will remain unnamed, unless those who remember them submit Pages of Testimony on their behalf. Yad Vashem therefore continues to call for the submission of these unique personal testimonies, which serve as an invaluable resource for commemorating and restoring the individual identities of the victims of the Holocaust.

How can members of the public search for information at Yad Vashem?
As has always been the case, the public is welcome to come to Yad Vashem to search all of our archival material, including information we have from the ITS. Click here for Yad Vashem’s Reference and Information Services.

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TO LOOK AT THE LINKS THAT YOU NEED TO CLICK ON, YOU MUST GO TO: http://www1.org/yv/en/about.archive/new_its.asp

IF YOU NEED HELP, CONTACT ANY JGSPBCI BOARD MEMBER OR:
Don Hirschhorn, Chairman, Yad Vashem Names Recovery Campaign, JGSPBCI at sdh2381@comcast.net or 561 883 8566

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Anne Feder Lee, former president of IAJGS, announced that the Boards of Directors of both the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) and the National Genealogy Society (NGS) have voted to make the IAJGS a member of the Records Preservation and Access Committee (RPAC). Since 2004 IAJGS has been serving on this committee as a non-board member. Jan Meisels Allen, IAJGS Board Member and chairperson of the IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee (PRAMC) has been and continues to serve as the IAJGS representative.

The mission of the RPAC is: “To advise the genealogical community on ensuring proper access to historical records of genealogical value in whatever media they are recorded, on means to affect legislation, and on supporting strong records preservation policies and practices.”

The 1919 Directory of the Kingdom of Bulgaria was a commercial directory, like today’s Yellow Pages, arranged alphabetically by geographic locations and then by professions and occupations. Jewish names from the directory have been indexed, and are now available in a searchable database at SephardicGen.com. There are some 1,350 names in 22 localities. If your ancestors lived in Bulgaria, it is a good place to search. From “Tracing the Tribe” Schelly Dardashti’s blog.
Bulgaria's Jews

A great many Jews know the story of how the Danes rescued 8,000 Jews from the Nazi's by smuggling them to Sweden in fishing boats. Very few Jews, know the story of how all 50,000 Bulgarian Jews were saved. Not a single Bulgarian Jew was deported to the death camps, due to the heroism of many Bulgarians of every walk of life, up to and including the King and the Patriarch of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church. In 1999, Abraham Foxman, the National Director of the Anti Defamation League flew with a delegation to Sophia to meet the Bulgarian Prime Minister. He gave the Prime Minister the first Bulgarian language copy of a remarkable book, 'Beyond Hitler's Grasp,' written in 1998, by Michael Bar Oar, a professor at Emory University. (A Bulgarian Jew who had migrated to Israel and then to the USA).

This book documents the rescue effort in detail. The ADL paid for and shipped 30,000 copies to Bulgaria, so that the population could partake in the joy of learning about this heroic facet of their history. This story is clearly the last great secret of the Holocaust era. The story was buried by the Bulgarian Communists, until their downfall in 1991. All records were sealed, since they didn't wish to glorify the King, or the Church, or the non Communist parliamentarians, who at great personal risk, stood up to the Germans. And the Bulgarian Jewish Community, 45,000 of whom went to Israel after the War, were busy building new lives, and somehow the story remained untold.

Bulgaria is a small country and at the outset of the War they had 8 million people. They aligned themselves with the Nazi's in hopes of recapturing Macedonia from Yugoslavia and Thrace from Greece. Both provinces were stripped from them, after W.W.I. In late 1942 the Jews of Selonica were shipped north through Bulgaria, on the way to the death camps, in sealed box cars. The news of this inhumanity was a hot topic of conversation. Then, at the beginning of 1943, the pro Nazi Bulgarian government was informed that all 50,000 Bulgarian Jews would be deported in March. The Jews had been made to wear yellow stars and were highly visible.

As the date for the deportation got closer, the agitation got greater. Forty-three ruling party members of Parliament walked out in protest. Newspapers denounced what was about to happen. In addition, the Patriarch of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church, Archbishop Krill, threatened to lie down on the railroad tracks. Finally, King Boris III forbade the deportation. Since Bulgaria was an ally of Germany, and the Germans were stretched militarily, they had to wrestle with the problem of how much pressure they could afford to apply. They decided to pass.

Several points are noteworthy. The Bulgarian Jews were relatively unreligious and did not stand apart from the local populace by virtue of garb, or rites. They were relatively poor by comparison to Jews in other countries, and they lived in integrated neighborhoods. Additionally, the Bulgarians had many minorities, Armenians, Turks, Greeks, and Gypsies, in addition to Jews. There was no concept of racism in that culture. Bulgarians saw Bulgarian-Jews as Bulgarians, and not as Jews. And, being a small country, like Denmark, where there was a closeness of community that is often missing in larger countries. So, here was a bright spot that we can point to as example of what should have been. The most famous of those saved was a young graduate of the Bulgarian Military Academy. When he arrived in Israel, he changed his name to Moshe Dayan.

Ed. Note: With thanks to The Shekel
Continuing the successful concept of last season’s Chai Event, our 19th Annual Workshop/MiniConference, scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2009, promises to be another full day of innovative programming focusing on beginner's research as well as expanded skills for the intermediate researcher.

The morning session will feature the return of two exciting speakers with new presentations - by popular demand:


Concurrently, in Classroom 137, **Patricia Charpentier**, Memoirist and Writing Instructor, will present *Bringing Your Ancestors to Life* - various approaches to writing your family history, converting your genealogical research into compelling and interesting narratives.

The 90 attendees registered at our 2008 MiniConference Workshop clamored for more - in their critiques of both Kramer and Charpentier!

Following a delicious Kosher boxed lunch, the afternoon sessions highlight three speakers: **Mona Freedman Morris, A.P.G.; Don Jennings, and Dennis Rice.**

Professional genealogist Morris, Co-founder of JGSPBCI, will present *Ways to Spice up your Genealogy: Newspaper and other Sources Make your Family History Interesting!*

Jennings, Director of our local Family History Center, Boca Raton, will relate the latest changes in the Utah based Family History Library and Center by sharing with you *How to Use the Family Search Records of Family Search International, the Largest Genealogy Organization in the World!*

Rice, Past President of JGSPBCI, will introduce the latest Internet craze for Family History research – *Genealogy Research Through Social Networking on the Internet [Facebook, Bing, You Tube, etc.]*

The Sandler Center's Plough Library of the Levis JCC which contains your JGSPBCI collection, will be open throughout the day. Researchers will be assisted by Librarian Irving Skorka and Ben Karliner, Librarian Emeritus, in perusing the JGSPBC's Genealogy and Judaic Book collection, and will aid in the use of on-site computers.

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Resource tables set up in the Library, displaying family search memorabilia, maps, etc., will be manned by Dr. Marvin and Natalie Hamburg. Bring your German, Polish, Hebrew and Yiddish language documents requiring translation to our on-site translators, available by appointment only.

Co-Chair Joel Sisitsky has been diligently collecting genealogically related Door Prizes to be awarded to lucky winners!

Just in case you may feel thirsty or are in need of a snack – at any time – we’ll have continuous coffee service, snacks, tea, and ice water available throughout the day.

Our Genealogy Workbook - Sources for Research of your Ancestry – may be purchased at the Registration Desk.

Join us in learning how to research your Family History by using the latest resources available. Discuss your "brick walls" with our "experts", and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow genealogists!

For additional information see Page 1 of this edition of Scattered Seeds or visit our web site:  www.jgspalmbeachcounty.org

For reservations, complete the Registration Form on Page 1 or phone Cindy Potter Taylor, Reservations Chair [561-742-2337]

With thanks to Sylvia Furshman Nusinov
GENEALOGY - GENEALOGY -

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois (JGSI) announced the publication of the newly expanded and enhanced third edition of what has become a classic genealogical reference: A Translation Guide to 19th-Century Polish-Language Civil-Registration Documents (including Birth, Marriage and Death Records) by former JGSI President, Judith R. Frazin. Despite the length of the title, it does not cover the full scope of the book, which helps the reader locate Polish ancestral towns on a modern map, determine if old vital records exist, learn how to acquire them and, through its unique step-by-step method, decipher and translate the records. To order the book visit [www.jewishgen.org/jgsi/TheGuide.html](http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsi/TheGuide.html). Questions may be addressed to TheGuide@JGSI.org.

Starting June 1, 2009 adopted adults and birth parents can apply for information from birth and adoption records, if the adoption was registered in Ontario. See [http://www.ontario.ca/en/residents/111872](http://www.ontario.ca/en/residents/111872).

The IAJGS International Jewish Cemetery Project site has moved from [jewishgen.org](http://jewishgen.org) to the [iajgs.org site](http://iajgs.org/cemetery). It is now within a content management system so it is expected to be more easily kept up to date. Please check over the information for your towns and let IAJGS know if any corrections are needed. Perhaps even donate a photo of the cemetery if you have one.

A JewishGen researcher advised about a link to a Russian to English online translator that he says has been a real lifesaver when it comes to visiting websites. The link for that site is: [http://www.rustran.com/](http://www.rustran.com/) An equivalent Ukrainian to English translation program is: [http://www.stars21.com/translator/ukrainian_to_english.html](http://www.stars21.com/translator/ukrainian_to_english.html) (Ed. Note: spaces are probably underscores in case you have a problem with this URL.)

You simply "cut" the word or words from the website and "paste" them into the box and press the GO button and voila! The other neat feature is the virtual keyboard. If you have a scanned document or maybe something from a PDF file that will not allow you to cut & paste, you can type in the words on the keyboard and get the same results. Another fantastic feature is that you can paste the URL of a Ukrainian website and it will translate the whole thing for you!

As you will see when you click on the link, this site has many other languages such as Russian, Hebrew, Lithuanian, German and Polish to name just a few.

Zev Griner advised: I want to make everyone aware of The DNA Shoah Project, [http://dnashoah.org/](http://dnashoah.org/). This is a free non-profit service that is collecting Holocaust survivor DNA to facilitate connecting lost families and perhaps even associating Holocaust victims' remains. Here is a FAQ: [http://dnashoah.org/index.php/about-mainmenu-57/faqs.html](http://dnashoah.org/index.php/about-mainmenu-57/faqs.html)

Sam Schleman, Project Coordinator of the Hungarian Vital Records Project [Samara99@verizon.net](mailto:Samara99@verizon.net) advises that the All-Hungarian Database (AHD) has been updated with approximately 105,000 new vital records. The AHD, which now contains around 800,000 records, includes 180,000 birth, 45,000 death, and 25,000 marriage records. Included among the new records are vital records for Bezi, Budapest, Cenger, Eger, Erdotelek, Erk, EPerejes, Fuzesabony, Gyomor, Gyongyos, Hodasz, Jarmi, Kassa, Kemcse, Kisleta, Koszeg, Mateszalka, Miskolc, Moson, Sztropko, Szeged, Szobrance, and Vag Beszerce.
FAMILY MEMBERS IN YIDDISH

eidem: son-in-law
einikl: grandchild
bruder: brother
bobe: grandmother
feter: uncle
foter: father
schwesterkind, kusin, kusine: cousin
mischpocha: family
mutter: mother
plimenik: nephew
plimenize: niece
schnur: daughter-in-law
schwester: sister
sun: son
tante: aunt
tochter: daughter
seide: grandfather
schwiger: mother-in-law
schwer: father-in-law

For other translations of English/Yiddish see: www.ectaco.co.uk/English-Yiddish-Dictionary

Ed. Note: With thanks to “Mishpochology” (Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida newsletter).

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(Official or Unofficial Names for the Civil War)

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Second American Revolution
Second War for Independence
Southern Rebellion
The Brother’s War
The Civil War Between the States
The Confederate War
The Great Rebellion
The Late Friction
The Late Ruction
The Late Unpleasantness
The Lost Cause
The Uncivil War
The War
The Yankee Invasion
War Against Northern Aggression
War Against Slavery
War Between the States
War for Constitutional Liberty
War for Abolition
War for Nationality
War for Separation
War for Southern Freedom
War for Southern Independence
War for Southern Nationality
War for Southern Rights
War for States’ Rights
War for the Union
War of 1861
War of Secession
War of the North and South
War of the Rebellion
War of the Sixties
War of the Southern Planters
War to Suppress Yankee Arrogance
War of the Southerns

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MORE GENEALOGY TIDBITS

The (USA) National Archives started a new blog on online public access to records of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). It is called NARAtions. They plan to post questions and want the public to share their opinions, ideas and stories. They will also post news items about descriptions or digitized archival materials available online.

Mark in your favorites: http://blogs.archives.gov/online-public-access/

Thanks to Dick Eastman and his Online Genealogy Newsletter for alerting on this new blog and to Jan Meisels Allen, Director, IAJGS for passing the information on.

How to order individual documents from the LDS library

All you need is the name of the individual/couple, year of event, town, microfilm number, AKT number, and if known, parents or spouse's name. You simply fill out a form (see below for instructions) and mail it to the library in Utah. Within a month the documents should arrive. They will still need to be translated. Cost is $2.00 USD with a $4.00 minimum. Payment is by check, money order or credit card. Maximum order allowed is 8 documents every 2 weeks.

Instructions to locate the form on the LDS website is as follows:
Go to the Mormon web site at www.familysearch.org Click on tab: "SEARCH" Click on tab: "Research Helps" Click on Left hand Words, "Sorted By Document Type." Click on document number 31768, "Requests For Photocopies."Download the Request form (pdf) Follow the instructions

A short cut to obtain the form is to go directly to the following webpage:
http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/RG/images/FReqMicrofilm.pdf Thanks to Joyce Oshrin

THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM is now providing access to ProQuest's "Digital Sanborn Maps, 1867-1970" database collection of more than 660,000 large-scale maps of more than 12,000 American towns and cities. Sanborn maps are useful historical tools for genealogists, local historians, architects or urban planners seeking the history and development of American communities. Digital maps are available online for the Palm Beach County communities of Belle Glade, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach, Lake Worth, Pahokee, Palm Beach, and the Greater West Palm Beach area.

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