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THE JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF ILLINOIS is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the tracing of Jewish roots and recording Jewish family history.

The Society meets once a month on Sunday evening and has members from metropolitan Chicago. Meetings are held at the Mayer Kaplan Jewish Community Center, 5050 Church Street in Skokie, Illinois. Members share new materials, research methods and ideas to help each other search for their Jewish family heritage.

SEARCH IS BORN

SEARCH began with the realization that the Jewish genealogist (both amateur and professional) was in need of a basic guide and research tool. It would provide ready access to proven research techniques, be a place to share practical ideas and would act as a reservoir of helpful tips which have been developed and refined by others in their search for their families. The editors investigated materials currently being published and with few exceptions found there to be virtually nothing that could fill this rather large void. We decided to produce just such a publication, something that would contain the sort of information that could be saved and referred to often.

Each issue of SEARCH will focus on a specific genealogical topic or research technique. Although we will not be able to provide all of the answers to every possible question, we will give enough thoughtful treatment to a subject area that the researcher should have little or no problem proceeding from the point that our coverage ends. This publication will never be of regional interest but will aim to provide research aids in all areas of family history and as such, we invite participation from all Jewish family historians.

The first issue explores HOW TO TRACE YOUR JEWISH ROOTS THROUGH THE MORMON CHURCH GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY. Judith R. Frazin, an active member in the JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF ILLINOIS, takes you step by step and shows how to turn the Mormon Church Library into a treasure chest of information about your Jewish ancestors. (See Judith's feature article on page 2 of this issue).

Future issues will concentrate on topics such as; how to copy old family photographs, planning and tape recording interviews with relatives, techniques on how to make sure relatives answer inquiries, organizing and developing record keeping procedures and using cemeteries for valuable data. These are but a few of the subjects we will investigate together.

We hope you enjoy reading this first of many issues. We encourage letters to the editor and are looking forward to serving the Jewish genealogist and family historian.

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HOW TO TRACE YOUR JEWISH ROOTS THROUGH
THE MORMON CHURCH GENEALOGY LIBRARY

by
Judith R. Frazin

WILMETTE BRANCH GENEALOGY LIBRARY

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to rent a microfilm)

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The network of genealogy libraries operated by the Mormon Church (officially, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) may serve as an important source for the Jewish researcher. The main library and storehouse is located in Salt Lake City, Utah but there are branches throughout the U.S., the one in Wilmette, Illinois (see above box for details) being the most accessible to the northern suburbs of Chicago. Beside the Wilmette branch, two other branch libraries are located in the Chicago area (see page six of this issue for the other locations). The Wilmette branch has the MASTER INDEX of all the microfilms held in Salt Lake City and the branch is the clearinghouse through which films are ordered from the central depository.

The most important way in which the library can be helpful to the Jewish genealogist is through its microfilm collection of European

Judith R. Frazin is an active member in the Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois and has given lectures and seminars on Jewish genealogy in the Chicago area. She spent many hours looking through the Mormon Church's microfilms of synagogue records from Staszow, Poland. Judith traced her paternal grandfather's family back to 1742 and another side to 1795 by using the microfilms and techniques she describes in this article.

synagogue vital statistics records. The Mormons have made genealogical research an integral part of their religion; and to help their members do this sort of research they have microfilmed birth, marriage, death and other records throughout the world. The libraries are set up to help Church members, but anyone can use the facilities regardless of religion.

If your family came from Poland, Hungary or Germany, the chances are good that the Mormons have microfilmed records from your town. The records which have been filmed are not the original synagogue records but rather copies of the originals which were made for the civil authorities. They probably survived World War II because they were stored with the civil records of other religious groups instead of being kept in the synagogues. Since the records were kept for the government, they were usually in the language spoken by the non-Jewish population of the country rather than in Yiddish or Hebrew. The records mostly cover the time period 1826 to 1865. Some records begin as early as 1810 and at least one Polish town, Pinczow in Kielce province, has microfilmed records dating back to 1610. None of the records goes beyond 1865.

11. LOCATING THE RECORDS FROM YOUR TOWN

The following procedures will apply specifically to Polish synagogue records but could be adapted for Hungarian and German records.

A. You MUST first determine the province in which your Polish town is located as records are catalogued by province. At the branch library, there is a German gazetteer of Polish towns on microfilm. (MICROFILM NUMBER 844922 IS STORED IN THE GRAY METAL FILING CABINET IN THE MIDDLE ROOM OF THE WILMETTE BRANCH LIBRARY IN THE DRAWER LABELLED "GERMAN BOOKS ON FILM.")

Look for your town in this gazetteer (under all possible spellings) and if you find it, try to locate it on a map because many times, if your town is small, its records will be part of the records of a nearby larger town.

B. After you know your province and the names of other nearby towns, look in the Spring, 1978 Vol. 1, No. 4 issue of TOLEDOT: The Journal of Jewish Genealogy. In this issue, there is an article containing a list of the microfilm numbers of all the Polish synagogue records owned by the Mormon library in Salt Lake City. There is a similar article on German synagogue records in the Summer, 1978, Vol. 2 No. 1 issue and one on Hungarian synagogue records in the Winter, 1977-78, Vol. 1, No. 3 issue of TOLEDOT. The back issues are stored in the Wilmette branch library on the bottom shelf of the right-hand bookcase in an upright rack.

The lists in TOLEDOT are very accurate, but if you wish to make sure you have not overlooked any microfilms, there are two further sources which must be consulted.

C. 1 THE MCC (MICROFILM CARD CATALOGUE) is located in the gray metal file cabinet in the middle room of the Wilmette branch library. This series of microfilms contains the listings by country of materials microfilmed before January, 1979. There is a RED NOTEBOOK on a table in the first room of the library which gives a listing of the MCC film numbers by country. There are several MCC Polish films which are subdivided by province. Look up your town on the MCC film to see if there are any additional Jewish films which were omitted by TOLEDOT. The microfilms containing the synagogue records are clearly marked in the MCC. There is also a slim possibility that Jewish records were recorded on the non-Jewish films from your town. Most non-Jewish microfilms have no Jewish records, but sometimes, as many as 10% of the items on a non-Jewish film are actually Jewish.

C. 2 After you have examined the MCC, you should check the brand-new IGLC (INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY CATALOGUE) on the microfiche (sheet film) which is stored on the revolving file in the middle room of the library right next to the MCC. (The IGLC updates the MCC). This catalogue lists records which have been microfilmed since January, 1979, and once again, the entries are by country, further divided into province and then into towns. If you have any difficulty, ask the volunteer librarians to help you.

D. You should also examine the reference books which are in the bookcase in the first room of the library. They are arranged by country and some books contain maps and other research aids.

111. COMMENTS ON JEWISH RECORDS

A. Most synagogue records have an alphabetical surname index of all the births, marriages and deaths occurring in each year. Several years of records can be found on each microfilm. The index of surnames may appear at the beginning or end of each year. All the records are handwritten so depending on the clarity of the writing, you will have to work slowly at first, trying to make out the names. The years are also clearly marked at the head and tail end of each set of records. There is usually a clear (blank) space between birth, marriage and death records. If you encounter an occasional year without a name index, skip it until you have more experience with the format, the handwriting and the language of the document.

B. Finally, if you are fortunate enough to find synagogue records from your town, you will eventually face the problem of having to translate any documents which you find. I am currently preparing a Polish-English and English-Polish Vocabulary guide to Polish vital statistics records, one copy of which will be available for use in the Wilmette branch library and additional copies will be available for purchase.

IV. TIPS ON USING THE BRANCH LIBRARY

A. Once you locate microfilms from your town, you must fill out an order form for each film and pay the appropriate fee. (See box on preceding page.)

B. The branch librarian will give you a tissue paper copy of the order form. This copy is very important because if you later want to renew a microfilm, you will need the order number from your original order.

C. If you wish to place a film on indefinite loan (after you have had it on a six-month loan) you must present a photocopy of the part of the MCC film on which you originally found the film number. No film will be placed on indefinite loan without presentation of this photocopy.

D. The Mormon Library says that it fills film requests on a first-come, first-serve basis, regardless of whether you are requesting a microfilm for two weeks or six months. My experience has been, however, that two week loans are sometimes filled first.

E. At the Wilmette Branch Library, it takes from four to twelve weeks to get a film from Salt Lake City. When your microfilm arrives, you are sent a postcard by the library informing you when your microfilm is due back in Salt Lake City.

F. If your film is due back in Salt Lake City and you are still using it, call the branch librarian and she will hold your film in a special place for a day or two until you can come to the library to renew it.

G. The library has a copy machine (20¢ a copy at this date) which can only be used on the microfilm or microfiche machines. If you find synagogue records which you want to copy, you can do it at the library.

V. CONCLUSION

Making a trip to the Mormon Branch library to find out if synagogue records from your town are available should have a high priority, once you have exhausted the resources of your living relatives. If you are able to find synagogue records, they will open up a treasure chest of information because they contain not only birth, marriage and death dates but also information about occupations, family relationships and maiden names of female married relatives.

The ideas and procedures explained in this article can be applied to all of the Mormon Branch Libraries throughout the United States



ZUCHEN MISPOCHE (SEARCH FOR FAMILY)

One of the interesting things about Jewish genealogy is the fact that many people are researching the same localities and often the very same families. Valuable time and effort have been wasted in duplicating work that has already been done. As a service to our readers, SEARCH will attempt to match up those people who might be helpful to one another by allowing space for persons to advertise at nominal cost in "ZUCHEN MISPOCHE" (translated from Yiddish: Search for Family).

Each advertisement contains the family names and geographic areas of interest to the researcher. Readers have the opportunity to discover and contact family historians with similar interests. The possibilities are endless. The chance to share work and save valuable time could be just the thing our readers might need to carry on their work.

SEARCH welcomes its readers to place ads in each issue. For \$5.00 you can list surnames, towns, geographical areas or other information. Each ad can contain up to and including 25 words. For anything over 25 words, an additional charge of 25¢ per word will be charged. Names, addresses and phone numbers are free and do not count in the 25 words.

Please print or type your ad on a 3 X 5 index card or a reasonable facsimile. All SURNAMES must be in CAPITAL LETTERS and UNDERLINED.

Send your check made payable to: THE JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF ILLINOIS "Zuchen Mispoché" P.O. Box 48501 Niles, Illinois 60648.

1981-1 Jerry BARD, 1215 Arbor Vitae, Deerfield, Illinois 60017, (312) 948-0617--- Seeking relatives from Botoshan, Romania named BARAD. Also descendants named SCHNEIDER from Szinia, Austria and LASKIN from Retchitzer, Russia.

1981-2 Ethan BENSINGER, 8422 N. Harding Street, Skokie, Illinois 60076, (312) 677-5033--- Searching for descendants of BENSINGER family from Kehl, Karlsruhe and Bodersweier, West Germany.

1981-3 Julian L. BERMAN, M.D., 1501 Maple, Evanston, Illinois 60201, Home: (312) 869-2383 or Office: 942-2883--- Looking for descendants of Leo(n) BE(H)RMAN who lived in N.Y.C. Alive in 1934. Worked for a bank. Probably born about 1860 in Kroz, Lithuania or possibly Riga or St. Petersburg. Father Israel grandfather Smer (Smereyahu). Leo(n) siblings: Aige, Else, Lotte, Ida (married Dr. MANDELSTAM), Harry; 2 uncles--Max(Austria) & David(St. Petersburg). May have had these children born in 1880's, Ida, Simon, Meyer, Florence and Albert.

1981-4 Marilyn COHEN, 7162 Niles Avenue, Niles, Illinois 60648, (312) 965-4140--- Samuel KRUG from Vienna, Austria, Jennie WEINER from Korestychev, Russia & Morris KUTZOFISKY (KASS) and his wife Gussie RASKIN from Russia.

1981-5 Stu FEILER, 7773 Nordica, Niles, Illinois 60648, (312) 965-6643--- KLUGER, HOCHBERG-Lemberg(Lvov); HOCHBERG & BLDYFEDER-Cracow; OCZERETTE from Berlin & Amsterdam, FEILER, STERNBACH, SCHNEIDER from Turka & Sambor; AVERBACH & ENGLE from Czernovitzky.

1981-6 Jeffrey FRIED, P.O. Box 340, Highland Park, Illinois 60035, (312) 831-2200--- Tracing relatives with the name of FRIED, FREID, FREED & FREUD from Siemana/Simno, Pasheshak, Suwalki, Vilkaviskis, Marijanpole, Lithuania.

1981-7 Judy FRIEDMAN, 4231 Grove, Skokie, Illinois 60076, (312) 677-7806--- Seeking the grandchildren of two brothers named Aaron and Buzi SHEFTEL and a granddaughter of one of the brothers named Bethsheba. The brothers settled in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Also the name of DOPPELT from Ustriki-Dolne, and Pshemyshl, Galicia and LERNER and MUTCHNICK from Ostrog, Vohlynia, Russia. PLUTNIK or PLOLNIK from Rovno.

1981-8 Freya MASLOV, 5819 Keeney, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053, (312) 965-8277--- Tracing relatives of BLITZSTEIN from Trochenbrod/Zof'yuvka, Targowicza/Truvitz, Boremel, Berditchev, Luck, Rovno, Bazalya. Also MASLOV (CHERKOWSKI) from Lopuszno, Kielce, Poland. KRAMER from Suchawolya, Grodno, Lithuania. ROSMARIN from Mirapol, Polonnye, DROPUSHKA, DRUCH from Tschudnow/Chudnov, Comeka/Chomora, Zhitomer, BUCH, PELENBERG (PEARLBERG and GESCZONOWITZ (GERSHANOWITZ) from Rzesow, Lancut, Zolynia, Galicia.

1981-9 Belle MEST, 6030 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois 60660, (312) 275-9496--- Looking for relatives of BLITZSTEIN (See names under MASLOV above). Also seeking ancestors of MEST from Ostrolenka, Lomza, Poland and GOLDBERG from Kopyl, Lithuania.

1981-10 Cyndee MEYSTEEL, 2901 W. Estes, Chicago, Illinois 60645, (312) 973-6955--- Seeking descendants of Chassia KROIN from Kamien Koszinski, Poland. Of son in Israel and daughter of Itcha Volf (Yitzchok Velvel) MESTEL, rabbi and teacher in Stuvechba.

1981-11 Cyndee MEYSTEEL, 2901 W. Estes, Chicago, Illinois 60645, (312) 973-6955--- Seeking relatives of Yosef HURWITZ or GURWICH, born Warsaw, died in 1914 near Minsk. And descendants of his sister Chasha Weller of Boston area. Also any ROMIROWSKY or BRENER especially from Lithuania.

1981-12 Anna MOSCOVITCH, 7532 N. Kildare Skokie, Illinois 60076, (312) 676-3466--- Inquiring about ancestors of BILFELD, FUCHS, MESSING, WOLF, GROSS, SCHIFF, & ZWETCHENBAUM from Mayden, Poland. Also KASSIL and MOSCOVITCH from Vaslui, Romania (near Bucharest).

1981-13 Judith R. FRAZIN, 1025 Antique Lane, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (312) 564-1025--- Descendants of Herszl ROSNER (or ROZNER) (1795?-1864) of Polaniec(Plontch) and Staszow, Kielce, Poland. Related by marriage to: DZENHOUSE, ELGROD, FARBER, FIERTAG, FREEDMAN, GLICKSMAN, KATZELENBOGEN, KLAJNIOR, KOHN, MANDEL, PRZEORSKI, RAY, ROZMARIN, SCHWARTZ, WEINBERG, WEINBERGER AND WOLMAN (or VOLMAN).

1981-14 Judith R. FRAZIN, 1025 Antique Lane, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (312) 564-1025--- Descendants of Peysach LILIENTHAL (1770?-1858) and Meir SZTALBERG (1773?-1847), both of Staszow, Kielce, Poland. Both families related to WOLMAN (or VOLMAN) through marriage.

1981-15 Judith R. FRAZIN, 1025 Antique Lane, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (312) 564-1025--- Descendants of Morris RAY (1907-1964), furniture upholsterer. Born in Staszow, Kielce, Poland and died in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Son of Abraham Moses RAY.

1981-16 Judith R. FRAZIN, 1025 Antique Lane, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (312) 564-1025--- Descendants of Arthur, Louis, and Samuel BERNSTEIN, owners of BERNSTEIN BROS. pawnshop, in Chicago, Illinois. These men or their parents originated from Mariampol, Lithuania.

1981-17 Judith R. FRAZIN, 1025 Antique Lane, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (312) 564-1025--- Descendants of Getzel RAY (or RAJ) (1800?-1838) of Staszow, Kielce, Poland. Related by marriage to: BAUMEL (or BAUMOHL), BRANDZEL, DIAMOND, FRIEDMAN, GOLDBERG, GOLDFLUS, GRABARZ, HELFAND (or ELFAND), HONIG, NORCYA, PILTZ and RAPPAPORT.

1981-18 Judith R. FRAZIN, 1025 Antique Lane, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (312) 564-1025--- Descendants of Naphtali WOLMAN (or VOLMAN) (1752?-1834) of Staszow, Kielce, Poland. Related by marriage to GROSBERG, KIRSZENBAUM, LILIENTHAL, ROSNER (or ROZNER), SZTALBERG, ZEIFER, and ZILBERMAN.

1981-19 Helen FEINBERG, 5925 W. Madison St. Morton Grove, Illinois 60053, (312) 966-6921--- Seeking descendants of Alexander GINSBERG, a hospital administrator from Pinsk, Russia, around 1810 and Sarah BRODKIN of Minsk. Also the whereabouts of children and descendants of Chana Molker GINSBERG KATZ from somewhere in Russia or England, her sister, Rachel Leah GINSBERG and her brother Simcha.

1981-20 Helen FEINBERG, 5925 W. Madison St. Morton Grove, Illinois 60053, (312) 966-6921--- Looking for ancestors of Rabbi Fishel GINSBERG from Israel, Simcha(e) GINSBERG and Volbear GARBUS (HARBERG) from Logischien, Russia. Also KATCHOVSKI from Zeyifhier, Russia, Sarah Judith POLLACK from Minsk, KORAL family from Plotsk, Poland and BRONSTEIN/BRAUNSTEIN from Logischien, Russia.

1981-21 Chaya FRIEDMAN, 9029 Marmora, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053, (312) 967-7128--- We are researching the following names: WOLFGOLDBERG, HEIDOVITZ, Morris LEVY, DEVINITZ (DEVINE), GOOTOFF, GOODER, Rachmiel FRIEDMAN, KRANZ, PICHENIK, SAMLER, WOHL, SCHWALB and Yisrael SIEGEL, and the following towns: Grodno, Stanislawczyk and Stanislawow.

1981-22 Sara SCHAFER, 3705 Greenwood, Skokie, Illinois 60076, (312) 679-0814--- Reb Sender WEINREB, descendants from Busk, Galicia, in New York since 1895. Information re: parents of Rabbi Baruch Shelomo Zalke WEINREB and wife Sarah RATZE, Edell-Yezierna, Galicia. Also KURTZ from Pamurzan. Eulogy-Chaia WEINREB by Shelomo KLUGER.

1981-23 Alan SPENCER, 830 Dell Road, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (312) 272-7772--- Descendants of Jacob (Jake) and Anna SCHWARTZ from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania who had children named Ben, Harry, Max (Swatty), Gussie, Esther, Bessie and Libby. Jake died around 1940, possibly in California. He was born in Opatow, Kielce, Poland about 1855 and his original surname was CZERNIKOWSKI.

1981-24 Alan SPENCER, 830 Dell Road, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (312) 272-7772--- Tracking the whereabouts of children of Lora KLEIN JOSIF (or IOSIF) who was alive in February, 1967 and had a last known address of Street Avram Jaucu, Bloc C1 Apartment 5, Bacau, R.S.R. Romania. Her sister was Luiza (Lizzie) KLEIN SOHMER and lived in Brooklyn, New York until her death in 1947.

1981-25 Alan SPENCER, 830 Dell Road, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (312) 272-7772--- Searching for descendants of CZERNIKOWSKI (CHERNIKOWSKI) family from Opatow, Kielce, Poland, Avram David TURKUS and Rachmiel BLUMSTEIN from Warsaw, Samuel NACHIMOVITZ from Roman, Romania, Morris KLEIN, a grain dealer from Bacau, Romania and Gershen and Mele CAMBERG from Edinburgh, Scotland and later from Johannesburg, South Africa.

1981-26 Marilyn SPLANSKY, 330 N. Wilshire Court, Palatine, Illinois 60067, (312) 358-9270--- Hunting descendants of Morris SABATH from Schwihow, Bohemia, Joseph SPLANSKY and Ida PERSKY of Kiev, Russia in the early 1900's and Herschel Lazar GALEK from Checkanov, Poland.

1981-27 Bobbie BERKOWITZ, 9259 N. Kedvale Avenue, Skokie, Illinois 60076, (312) 677-1590--- Looking for daughters and family of Sidney RUBANOWICH and Leah HORODESKY from Priluki/Nezhin, Ukraine. Also Nezhin in letter dated 1909: MALKIN, BERLIN, EISENBERG, SHARFSTEIN, Pesha ASTRIN, Guta BRUSLINSKA, HASKEVITZ, NUSINOV(A), SPECTOROV, TISHUVIN and MUNCHIK.

1981-28 Jeanne GLENNER, 6616 N. Mozart St. Chicago, Illinois 60645, (312) 338-3833--- Searching for off-spring of Yankel and Esther CHABELSKI from Lask, Poland (near Lodz) and of David and Esther KATSOV from Zverov, Russia (near Nerotidge and Kiev).

ZUCHEN MISPOCHE (SEARCH FOR FAMILY) Continued

1981-29 Phillip SIMONS, 3321 W. Capitol, Skokie, Illinois 60076, (312) 676-2986--- Looking for descendants of Shimshon or Shimon SIMON, originally named KUTCHAK. Came from Plonsk, Poland via London in the late 1800's to Boston. Parents were Hanoch and Pearl KUTCHAK and brothers Moshe, Joe, Baruch and Phillip and sisters Bella, Sarah & Hannah.

1981-30 Linda SHAPIRO, 437 W. St. James Pl. Chicago, Illinois 60614, (312) 975-9660--- Searching for descendants of Sam SHAPIRO from Russia and Harry HALPERT from Lithuania. Harry came to the U.S. in 1902 and settled in Detroit, Michigan. His two children were Roma and Milton. Also looking for the surname of CHABELSKI. (See GLENNER ad #1981-28 in this issue).

HANDY GUIDE TO CHICAGO GENEALOGICAL SOURCES
CONTAINING INFORMATION FOR JEWISH RESEARCHERS

SPERTUS COLLEGE OF JUDAICA & MUSEUM

618 S. Michigan Avenue
LIBRARY on 5th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60605
(312) 922-9012

Richard Marcus, Librarian

An excellent collection of Memorial (Yiskor) books from Eastern European shtetls. Most of these books were written after the Holocaust, some listing names of the people who perished. Other Jewish books on a variety of subjects, many of which are of genealogical importance. Most of the Memorial books are written in Hebrew and Yiddish but some have English summaries. The library staff is very willing to help in finding books and other materials. The library also has a fantastic (excellent reproduction) copy machine next to the check out desk and its still only 10¢ a copy.

HOURS: Monday 9-5:00 p.m.
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Sunday 10-3:00 p.m.

CHICAGO JEWISH ARCHIVES

618 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60605
(312) 922-9012

A division of the SPERTUS MUSEUM & LIBRARY, it contains a large collection of manuscripts, collections of papers from Chicago Jewish organizations and other material about life in and around Chicago. The SPIEGEL family is the only one documented at the Archives. The collection is not indexed. Librarian Richard Marcus suggests you make an appointment to see the materials.

MORMON CHURCH GENEALOGY LIBRARY (Church of
Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)

3 Branches in Chicago Area

Wilmette Branch

2801 Lake Avenue
Wilmette, Illinois 60091
(312) 251-9818

Records of Eastern European Jewish communities are available from Salt Lake City, Utah on a rental basis from all branch libraries. (See Judith Frazin's feature article on page 2 of this issue for all of the details).

HOURS: Tuesday thru Thursday 10-3:00 p.m.
7-10:00 p.m.
Saturday 9-1:00 p.m.
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August CLOSED

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402 Longwood (inside Church Chapel)
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(312) 754-2525

HOURS: Wednesday 6:30-9:30 p.m.
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Naperville, Illinois 60540
(312) 357-0211

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Saturday 9-1:00 p.m.
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Friday & August

NATIONAL ARCHIVES & RECORDS CENTER

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Chicago, Illinois 60629
(312) 353-0161

Complete census records from all of the United States from 1790 to 1900. Some passenger lists from 1820 to 1890 for New York City only. Some Revolutionary & Civil War records are also available. The branch has a reference library, microfilm readers and document producing machines.

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I am joining the Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois for \$15.00 a year dues _____

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CITY _____ STATE/PROVINCE _____

ZIP CODE _____ TELEPHONE _____ COUNTRY _____

GENEALOGICAL SOURCES (Continued)

NEWBERRY LIBRARY

60 W. Walton
Chicago, Illinois 60610
(312) 943-9090

The main reading for local and family genealogy is located on the second floor. Even though this is a private library, it is open to the public, free of charge. The library has much information on genealogy but nothing specifically Jewish. I did find a whole branch of my family using the NEW YORK TIMES OBITUARY VOLUMES in their collection. The library is a closed stack library. Unlike most public and school libraries, the stacks at the NEWBERRY are not open for browsing or finding your own books. The main source for finding out what sorts of materials the NEWBERRY has is the PUBLIC CARD CATALOGUE. It is located at the west end of the main reading room on the second floor. A pass for the reading room is required and must be obtained at the information desk near the entrance.

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