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October Meeting

**An Armchair Tour
of Historic
Jewish St. Louis**

Guest Speaker:

Linda Meckfessel Koenig

Thursday, Oct. 18, 2001

November Meeting

Guest Speaker:

Sharon Quigley Carpenter

Thursday, Nov. 15, 2001

Meetings Held At:

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Jablon Youth Lounge
United Hebrew
Congregation
13788 Conway Road

REMINDERS:

**JGS Discussion Group will
not meet in October.**

Next meeting:

1 p.m.

**November 29, 2001,
United Hebrew Library.**

Please note:

Change from fourth Thursday
to fifth Thursday, since the
fourth Thursday in November
is Thanksgiving.

Volunteers needed:

Marriage Indexing Project

See article inside.

Check out our Website:

[www.jewishgen.org/jgs-
StLouis](http://www.jewishgen.org/jgs-StLouis)

Upcoming Meetings

October Meeting

Guest Speaker:

Linda Meckfessel Koenig

**“An Armchair Tour of
Historic Jewish St. Louis”**

We would surely all agree that the St. Louis in which our parents and grandparents lived was an extremely different landscape from the leafy suburbs where we live and worship today! Most of us have heard stories about the old neighborhood but probably are only vaguely aware of where it was.

Now that we have discovered the names of some of our ancestors, we need to put them into the context of the city and its institutions where they prayed, worked, and were buried.

Linda Meckfessel Koenig owns her own company that designs and executes tours of this area. For the last four years, she has very successfully led specifically Jewish oriented tours for a wide variety of organizations. The research she has done to learn about the last 200 years of St. Louis history has turned up fascinating and little known facts about our community.

Linda is a lively speaker who will put some very familiar spots in our town into an entirely different perspective. You won't want to miss this program!

November Meeting

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**“Public Records
at St. Louis City Hall”**

JGS of St. Louis is very honored to announce that the St. Louis City Recorder of Deeds, Sharon Quigley Carpenter, will be our November speaker. Ms. Carpenter has held her position since 1980. She administers the City's library of public records on the nearly 250-year-old history of the people and property of St. Louis. Her Archives Department is the first and only among Missouri's Recorders to provide specialized customer services to genealogists and scholarly researchers. The Archives includes records relating to marriage, land, profit and non-profit incorporations, trademarks, campaign finances, the City's House of Refuge orphanage, prison, nurses' registrations and much more.

In her talk to us, Ms. Carpenter will explain how to access these valuable resources. Any member of our organization whose family has lived in St. Louis City will find material of great interest to their genealogical research. We hope to see you at this meeting!

*We, along with people all over the world, join in
mourning the victims of the September 11th disasters. We
extend sympathy to those who may have lost loved ones
on that awful day and heartfelt thanks to all those brave
volunteers who have worked non-stop in the rescue effort.*



Computer Viruses 101 (Cont'd)

sender. A good rule is "When in doubt, don't open it." If you think that the sender's address may be legitimate but wish to check it, copy down the e-mail address and compose a separate message (Not a reply) requesting additional information that would enable you to positively identify the sender. Malicious users who have obtained your address through hacking and are masquerading as someone else will not respond.

6. Floppy diskettes have been a source of infection in the past, and diskettes obtained from an unknown source should be used with extreme caution.
7. Should you find that your computer has been infected, cease all operations and contact the antivirus software vendor. Often their website will give detailed information as to which viruses are active and how to effectively remove them. Continuing to operate an infected computer can result in further infecting the system as well as other systems with which it might communicate.

Viruses can cause considerable problems for the unwary and unprepared. With a little preplanning and routine maintenance, these problems can be minimized.

JGS Lending Library:

BOOKS:

Our Crowd by Stephen Birmingham. The Great Jewish Families of New York. Paperback.

The Rest of Us by Stephen Birmingham. The Rise of America's Eastern European Jews

The Grandees by Stephen Birmingham. American's Sephardic Elite

The Family Orchard by Nomi Eve

TAPES:

Jewishgen: Preserving Our History for Future Generations by Susan King, Jewishgen founder and president, 19th annual conference on Jewish genealogy

An Introduction to Holocaust Research by Gary Mokotoff at 18th annual seminar on Jewish Genealogy

The Nuts and Bolts of Oral History Interviews by Ellie Kahn at 18th annual seminar on Jewish Genealogy

Polish Genealogical Research by Warren Blatt at the 19th annual conference on Jewish Genealogy

VIDEOS:

Little America: The Flourishing and Destruction of the Jewish Community in (Metzritch, Miedzyrzec-Podlaski) Poland. Script: Ephraim Sidon; Director; David Tour Jewish Turkey

America's Synagogue: A Video Portrait of Touro Synagogue-Newport, Rhode Island. Haven

JGS Library Is Catalogued

By Art and Sylvia Jaffe,
Library Committee Co-Chairpersons

The JGS Library, housed in the United Hebrew Library, has grown from just a few books to a lot of books. It was important to categorize the books to help the members locate them easily. It was also important to categorize the books so members would know exactly what was in the library. The categorizing is now completed and a printout of the library collection was distributed and explained at the September JGS meeting.

How do we obtain books for the library? The proceeds from our tribute fund are earmarked for the library. Books are expensive! Our newest addition, *A Dictionary of Ashkenazic Given Names* by Alexander Beider, cost about \$80. So we also must try to obtain books in other ways. Many of our members have contributed books to the library. Joyce Loving, manager of Special Collections at the St. Louis County Library, is contributing duplicates of books she received from Miriam Weiner who ok'd the contribution to JGS. Art and Sylvia Jaffe obtained books from CAGE when they learned it was shuttering its library and also obtained books from the Jewish Community Center when it was donating books to charitable organizations on the last day of their book fair.

The Purpose of our Library

Why do we have a library? The JGS library does not replace the genealogical sources at any of the libraries here in St. Louis or elsewhere. The JGS library is in existence to provide JGS members with specialized sources helpful in their research. Some of the books in our library might be found in community libraries but others cannot be found in public libraries. However, the public libraries, such as Special Collections at St. Louis County Library, have resources that we cannot possibly provide our members. The various libraries complement each other; all are needed in genealogical research.

The JGS library is utilized by the monthly Discussion Group and at the JGS genealogical courses. The books are available for research during the weekdays. Members needing assistance at the library can call on the Jaffes, 314-434-8392, who usually man the library on Tuesday mornings. Norman Kling can provide assistance on Wednesday mornings. His phone number is 314-628-0523.

The JGS library books are shelved in one area in the United Hebrew Library. In our recent cataloguing of our holdings, the Wein System (the Jewish library cataloging system) was used. Barbara Raznick, director of the Saul Brodsky Jewish Community Library, provided the Jaffes with a printout of the numbers used for various categories. However, JGS had to add some society flourishes! Shirley Finger suggested that we use circles to identify the JGS library books. Norman Kling printed the signs which read "For Reference Only." The Jaffes did the cataloguing and shelving of the books.

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