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\*\*\* WELCOME! \*\*\*

to the latest issue of *Gen Dobry!*, the e-zine of PolishRoots®. If you missed previous issues, you can find them here:

<<http://polishroots.org/GenDobry/tabid/60/Default.aspx>>

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### \*\*\* GENEALOGISTS AS CRIMESTOPPERS? \*\*\*

by Fred Hoffman <[wfh@langline.com](mailto:wfh@langline.com)>

I try to read at least three newspapers a day, in addition to news-related websites that let me graze through their offerings. Sometimes I question the wisdom of this – mainly when I find myself shaking and saying, “I’m going to hide under the bed until this all blows over.” The thing is, it never all blows over. The current storm will pass; but count on it, another one will be coming along soon. Having lived much of my life in Kansas and Texas and survived close calls with several tornadoes, I have learned: it’s better to know when they’re coming and take cover than to ignore the warnings and hope for the best.

What I’ve found most fascinating this week is the news of the capture of the Golden State Killer, or East Area Rapist, or whichever name you prefer. At first, I thought, “OK, another dirtbag nailed, we’ll never run out of them.” Then I started reading headlines such as “DNA from genealogy sites cracked East Area Rapist case, DA says.” As the story develops, the genealogy angle is getting more and more attention.

It’s worth noting that the DNA links that led to the suspect were not from any of the major DNA testing services, which generally promise not to let results be used by law enforcement. Gary Mokotoff, editor of *Nu? What’s New?*, wrote, “Comment: Note that law enforcement people did not go to testing services such as Ancestry, MyHeritage, and Family Tree DNA for assistance. Instead, they used GEDMatch, where individuals volunteered to publicly display their DNA results. The DNA testing services have stated often that they would resist law enforcement agencies attempts to use their clients’ information.”

You can easily learn more, if you wish, by searching online with a phrase such as “Genealogy sites DNA killer.”

Predictably, we’re already seeing two main reactions: “Be very afraid, they’re coming for you,” and “What have you got to fear if you’ve done nothing wrong?” Some are howling that the privacy implications of this development are horrifying; it will lead to be people being refused jobs, for example, because of DNA analysis. Others are praising DNA analysis as a new way to make sure people will not be implicated in crimes they didn’t commit. (I’ve noticed a lot of stories about convicted felons being released in recent years, after DNA proved they weren’t guilty. It seems to me this positive may outweigh the negatives.)

In any case, I try to resist all the politicians and pundits who drone relentlessly about how we should be terrified of everything: immigrants, police, bedbugs, hackers, carbon dioxide, and so on endlessly. I think they forget, the deadliest thing you can do is be born, because it guarantees you will die someday.

I think this is one more stage in our complicated relationship with the tools we make. Humans have proven to be awfully clever (probably too clever) at finding new and different ways to do

things. When we have great ideas, new tools help us execute them. The same is true when we have terrible ideas. I have no doubt DNA analysis will undoubtedly enable us to do wonderful things, and awful things. What else is new?

If you want to be afraid, think of the coming gout of TV shows about clever and beautiful genealogists catching criminals. That's the only bad thing about knowledge and experience; they warn you what may be coming, and you don't always want to know. Or as Baroness Karen von Blixen-Finecke (Isak Dinesen) wrote, "God made the world round so we would never be able to see too far down the road."

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**\*\*\* LETTERS TO THE EDITOR \*\*\***

*Subject:* Misery Loves Company

*Editor* – Jan Meisels Allen responded to my remarks in the last *Gen Dobry!*, specifically these: "This is baffling. We most definitely do NOT want to spam anybody! The two-step verification process whereby you sign up to receive this publication is supposed to make sure it goes only to people who really want to receive it. How is it happening, then, that people who signed up to receive *Gen Dobry!* complain when it shows up in their inboxes? It's beyond me."

With my IAJGS Records Access Alert, I get the same thing, especially from AOL subscribers. They complain it's spam and they had to request to be on the mailing and then confirm with an email that they subscribed and each month we get complaints it's spam! I don't get it either.

Jan Meisels Allen

*Editor* – I told Jan I was sorry to hear she was having the same problems. Misery loves company, but I hate it whenever good people encounter needless aggravation. I guess it's not a bad idea to share this info with you, because you may find yourself in the same boat with other publications. Incidentally, this is also a chance to remind you that Jan's alerts are an excellent way to keep up with developments in access to genealogical records. You can sign up at <<https://lists.iajgs.org/mailman/listinfo/records-access-alerts>>. Once you sign up, you can visit the archives at <<http://lists.iajgs.org/mailman/private/records-access-alerts>>. It's free, and does not require IAJGS membership.

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*Subject:* Geneteka Indexes Update

*Editor* – Henry Szot sent me this note and allowed me to pass it along to you.

Here is an easy way to find out if an index has been updated.

On the top right of results pages, there is a list of options (*opcje*). The last item is “Wyszukaj tylko indeksy z ostatnich” (search only indexes in the last), with a choice of 1, 3, 7, 14, 31, and 60 days. This permits receiving results only in the chosen time period.

Example of use:

- 1) Select the search page icon,
- 2) Select świętokrzyskie,
- 3) Select parish Sokolina and the wyszukaj option with 31 days,
- 4) If any, only results entered for the last 31 days will be shown.

A surname might be added to further limit results.

Henry Szot

*Editor* – Thank you, Henry, for a tip that will certainly help people save a lot of time!

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### **\*\*\* POLISH ARCHIVES IN A NUTSHELL \*\*\***

In the last couple of issues, I have mentioned Geneteka index updates posted to the Facebook group Polish Genealogy by Waldemar Chorażewicz. I did not notice any updates this month; but Waldemar did make two interesting posts.

“As promised, once again link to ‘Polish Archives in a Nutshell’ with another set of details for Archives in Łowicz, Otwock, Łódź, and Sieradz.”

“Update, archives: Bydgoszcz, Inowrocław, Koszalin, Słupsk, Szczecinek, Gdańsk, Gdynia, Malbork, Szczecin, Starogard, Międzyzdroje.”

In both cases, he gave a link to “Polish Archives in a Nutshell,” which is part of a page FBPGG (FB POLISH GENEALOGY GROUP AID). Anyone can access this aid at the home page:

<<https://sites.google.com/view/polishgenealogygroup/home>>

There is a lot of good material there, including the page Waldemar referred to:

<<https://sites.google.com/view/polishgenealogygroup/polish-archives-in-a-nutshell>>

This is a great collection of info on Polish Archives offices, including not just addresses and links, but also lists of collections, info on prices and research fees, and, in some cases, details on how to make payments. The Polish Genealogy Group administrators include a notice at the top that the page will be updated frequently.

From now on, whenever anyone asks me for info on the State Archives, I’m going to tell them to check this page first. It is already quite useful, and has the potential to become outstanding.

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**\*\*\* AN OVERVIEW OF RECENT PERIODICALS \*\*\***

*Editor*—This is an ongoing feature, meant to inform you of articles published recently in newsletters and journals that may interest you.

**FGS Forum, Spring 2018**, Vol. 30, No. 1, Federation of Genealogical Societies, PO Box 200940, Austin TX 78720-0940 <<http://fgs.org/>>.

- State Historical Society Periodicals: Treasures Beyond the Articles, Dian Dittgen
- FGS 2018 Conference Preview: Program Tracks & Speakers
- Take Your Society's Policy & Procedure Manual Online, Denise Barrett Olson
- Next Generation: Just Ask!, Shannon Combs-Bennett
- Records Preservation & Access—OCLC Partners with Internet Archives, New Indexes Online, & More, Linda McCleary, MLS
- Forensic Genealogy—Forensic Genealogy and the Genealogical Proof Standard, Helen Haldeman Daglas
- Ethics & Standards—A Lecture on Lectures: Copyright & Ethics, Judy G. Russell, JD, CGT, CZGL

**Project to Discover Schenectady County's Eastern European Roots Newsletter, April 2018, Vol. 5, No. 2**, <<http://www.schenectadyhistory.org/resources/eer/index.html>> contact Phyllis Zych Budka <[abudka@nycap.rr.com](mailto:abudka@nycap.rr.com)>

- Genealogy Jamming, Craig Siulinski
- DNA Connections, edited by Phyllis Zych Budka
- A Small Mystery, Phyllis Zych Budka
- More Nowy Targ Connections – More Cousins!, Phyllis Zych Budka
- My Polish Grandmother's West Prussian Roots: The Amsterdam-Schenectady Connection, Jeff Brozyna
- Things the Eastern European Roots Newsletter Community Should Be Proud Of, Bernice Izzo
- About Our Family, Susan Glowacki Luccini and Mary Glowacki Cummings
- Pani Katarzyna Kornacka, Part 12 – The Forties, Marty Byster

**Polish Eaglet, Summer 2018, Vol. 38, No. 2**, Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan, c/o Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48202-4007, <<https://www.pgsm.org>>

- St. Hedwig Catholic Church in Detroit, Michigan, Nancy Kapron-Caims
- Emigration from Northern Poland to Michigan, Dariusz Rzańska
- Warczak/Warchock/Warchuck Families of Paris Township, Huron County, Michigan, James Trombly
- Polish in Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, Roger Laske
- Member Obituaries, Nancy Caims
- Member Queries, Nancy Caims
- Surname Index, compiled by Nancy Caims

*Tatrzański Orzeł – The Tatra Eagle, Volume 71, Number 1*, Tatra Eagle Press, 31 Madison Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604 (this publication is bilingual)

(We did not get a list of articles, but we want to share the info that this issue has been published.)

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**\*\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS \*\*\***

*Note: see also <<http://eogn.wikidot.com/>> for a large selection of upcoming events in the world of genealogy.*

**May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, and September 20, 2018**

**SERIES OF TALKS ON CAMP KOSCIUSZKO  
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada**

*Editor* – Paul S. Valasek shared with us this info on a series of talks to be held by the Niagara Historical Society & Museum at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada.

The lectures will be held on the third Thursday of each month from March to September. Lectures start at 7:30 p.m. This year's series focuses on the unique story of Camp Kosciuszko, the Polish training camp in Niagara-on-the-Lake during the First World War.

March 15 | Piotr Wrobel – A long way to freedom: Poland before 1918

**April 19 | Paul Valasek – Haller's Army at 100: End of WWI, Beginning of Polish-Soviet War**

May 17 | Richard Merritt – Camp Kosciuszko: Why Colonel Butler Would Be Spinning in His Grave

June 21 | Stan Skrzyszewski – Everyday Life at Camp Kosciuszko with Elizabeth Ascher

July 19 | Sarah Kaufman – The Spanish Flu and Niagara Camp

August 16 | Roman Baraniecki – Not Only Soldiers: Women's Organizations in Camp Kosciuszko, Niagara-on-the-Lake 1917-1919

September 20 | Anthony Adamsky – Falcons of Freedom

Tickets are \$10 for the general public or free for Niagara Historical Society Members.

Reservations required as seating is limited.

For more information, visit <<http://niagarahistorical.museum/about/index.html>>

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**May 7 – 20, 2018**

# THE ROAD HOME

## A genealogy oriented trip to Poland and Ukraine.

*With certified American and Polish genealogists Professor Jonathan Shea and Aleksandra Kacprzak.*

*The trip includes opportunities to visit your ancestral village.*

The Road Home trip will leave from New York on 5/7/18 and return on 5/20/18.

The trip cost is \$2,995\* per person, double occupancy if you sign up by November 1, 2017.

After November 1, 2017 the trip cost is \$3,195\* per person, double occupancy. There will be an additional \$450 fee for single occupancy. The cost includes airfare between New York JFK and Kraków, hotels, three meals daily, professional tour guide, private tour bus, and admission to scheduled attractions.

You must sign up for the trip by December 20, 2017 and submit a \$300 non-refundable deposit and fill out the pre-trip questionnaire.

You must pay for your trip in full (non-refundable) by February 1, 2018. You must have a valid passport for this trip.

If you are traveling alone, would you want a roommate and save the single supplement charge? Please let us know if you would like a roommate and we will try to accommodate you.

***\*Price Subject to change due to change in exchange rates or airline fees.***

### DAILY ITINERARY

May 7: Depart from New York

May 8: Kraków

May 9: Auschwitz/ Częstochowa May 10: Wadowice/Żywiec Brewery

May 11: Zakopane

May 12: Sanok/Solin/Polańczyk

May 13: Bieszczady/Przemyśl

May 14: Przemyśl/Depart for Ukraine

May 15: Lwów in Ukraine

May 16: Various towns in Ukraine

May 17: Zamość/Sandomierz

May 18: Krzyztopor Palace/Wieliczka Salt Mine May 19: Kraków/Wawel Castle

May 20: Depart to New York

### INDIVIDUAL VILLAGE DAY TRIPS

There are a limited number of day trips available so you can travel to your ancestral village. There

will be an additional cost for this service. The village must be within 75 miles of a city we are visiting. Requests must be submitted by January 2, 2018. We will notify you by January 31, 2018 if your trip is possible and the estimated cost for the trip. Payment for the village trip will happen the day of the trip in Poland.

Check us out on Facebook: The Road Home-Polish American Foundation.

To sign up or more questions e-mail: <[dorena726@yahoo.com](mailto:dorena726@yahoo.com)>

## **POLISH AMERICAN FOUNDATION OF CONNECTICUT**

27 Grove Hill Street New Britain, CT

<<https://www.paf-ct.org/>>

### Bring your family tree to life

[Note: *the deadline for registering for this trip has passed*. But it seemed worthwhile to present this information again, just in case anyone has questions or wants to check on their status.]

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**10 May 2018**

### *Berkshire Family History Association* *Presents ...*

Julie Roberts Szczepankiewicz

“The ABCs of DNA: First Steps in Understanding and Using Your DNA Test Results”  
&  
“Finding Uncle Frank: Confirming the Identity of a Soldier Buried Under the Wrong Name”

6:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Country Club of Pittsfield  
639 South Street (Rte. 7 & 20)  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

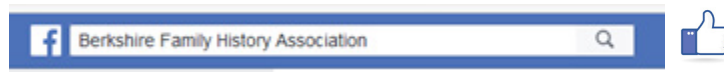
Light refreshments will be served between lectures.

Pre-registration and payment is required. A fee of \$10.00 will cover the cost of the program and refreshments. Join BFHA or renew your membership and receive free admission. Complete the registration form below and return by May 1



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**20 May 2018**

**QUARTERLY MEETING – POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA  
“NAVIGATING THE COOK COUNTY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT ARCHIVES  
– CHICAGO, ILLINOIS”**

***Speaker:* Ray Johnson**

***Location:* Arlington Heights Memorial Library • 500 N. Dunton Avenue • Arlington  
Heights, IL 60004**

**2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

This program at the library is open to the public. It will also be offered as a free Webinar to members. To defray costs, non-members will be charged a \$10 fee. Webinar registration for members and non-members can be made at the PGSA website <<https://pgsa.org/>> by clicking on the PGSA Store tab, then clicking on the “Webinars” tab and following instructions. Mail-in registrations will not be accepted.

*Topic Summary* – The Circuit Court Archives are a great, often overlooked resource. This class concentrates on a very practical approach to on-site court research including, civil, law and chancery cases, divorces, wills and probates, county naturalizations, declarations of intentions, criminal cases, and burnt records.

*Speaker's Bio* – Ray was born in Chicago and has been a life-long resident of the Chicagoland area. He is also a life-long enthusiast of Chicago history, legends, and folklore. He has been actively involved in genealogical research for over thirty years, with the last nine as a professional genealogist and lecturer. He is a former Chicago Area Chapter Representative and current member of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

He is a former gang/narcotics investigator and police instructor with the West Chicago Police Department in Du Page County. Upon leaving police work, he started his own historical and genealogical research company at <<http://www.historycop.com/>> where he provides research services for other authors, television shows, researchers, attorneys, and family historians.

Ray is a Chicago history blogger on ChicagoNow (owned by the *Chicago Tribune*) under the name “Chicago History Cop”. He has published two books through Schiffer Publishing, *Chicago's Haunt Detective* (2011) and *Chicago History: The Stranger Side* (2014). Both books look at the stranger side of Chicago history from an investigator and historian's perspective.

He has taught classes in genealogical research for the LaGrange Park District, Lyons Township Adult Education and for Lyons Township High School Life Skills Classes. He was also a police instructor with the Northeast Multi Regional Training Corporation and taught classes at College of DuPage under the criminal justice curriculum.

Ray is currently a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, The Jackson Park Advisory Council and runs a §501(c)(3) called Friends of The White City which educates the public on the historical significance of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition.

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**7 June 2018**

**PGS-MASSACHUSETTS SUMMER MEETING**  
***A POLISH ODYSSEY* – Sara Campbell**

**Chicopee Public Library • 449 Front Street • Chicopee, MA 01013**

The Connecticut River Valley, home to many immigrants from Eastern Europe, opened up opportunities for jobs in factories and on farms far away from war-torn Europe. Cities such as Springfield, Chicopee, Holyoke, and Ware experienced a building boom from the late 1700s to the mid-1960s.

On Thursday June 7, local Genealogist **Sara Campbell** will share her story of the Rzewski Family who immigrated to Western Massachusetts. The Chicopee Library will host Sara's talk as she highlights documents, census information, military records, and life in Western Massachusetts for those who have an interest in immigrant history.

**Free Admission, please bring a friend.**

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**13-16 June 2018**

**PALATINES TO AMERICA GERMAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY  
*WILLKOMMEN TO BUFFALO – GATEWAY TO A NEW HEIMAT* (home)**

**Adams Mark Hotel • 120 Church Street • Buffalo, NY 14202**

The 2018 National Conference will be held at Adams Mark Hotel in Buffalo, NY on June 13–16, 2018. Speakers include John Philip Colletta, Ph.D. For more information, see the brochure:

<<https://www.palam.org/Revised2018-02-18PALNatConf.pdf>>

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**24 June 2018**

**POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN  
40TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER**

**American Polish Cultural Center • 2975 East Maple Road• Troy, Michigan 48083**

This dinner will cost only \$40 per person and will include a complete Polish dinner with entertainment. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., Polish dinner at 1:30 p.m., entertainment by the Zajączek Dance Ensemble. For more info, check in at PGSM's website, <<https://pgsm.org/>>.

[From the Spring 2018 *Polish Eaglet*]

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**9 August 2018**

**QUARTERLY MEETING – POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA  
“LIFTING THE FOG: USING DNA TO DISCOVER YOUR POLISH AND  
EUROPEAN ANCESTORS”**

***Speaker:* Jane G. Haldeman**

***Location:* Schaumburg Township District Library (NW) Rasmussen South • 130 S. Roselle  
Rd. • Schaumburg, IL 60193**

**2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

This meeting is open to the public and will be held in the Rasmussen South room of the library. Library attendees (PGSA members and the public) will need to register by phone, 847-985-4000, or online at the library website, <<https://www.schaumburglibrary.org/>> prior to the meeting.

The presentation will also be offered as a free Webinar to members and to non-members for a \$10 fee to defray costs. Webinar registration for members and non-members can be made at the PGSA website <<https://pgsa.org/>> by clicking on the PGSA Store tab, then clicking on the “Webinars” tab and following instructions. Mail-in registrations will not be accepted.

*Topic Summary* – Due to wars, invasions, partitioning of lands, boundaries and name changes through the generations, DNA may be the only common connection with your ancestors. The cause of war and nation boundary movements may have obscured the paper trail of your ancestors. DNA can give us clues of where to look and what questions to ask. Learn techniques to use DNA to answer your questions.

*Bio* – Jane Gwynn Haldeman is a professional speaker and owner of It's Relative with more than 25 years of research experience. The Chicago area-based genealogist lectures on a wide range of topics both locally, at national conferences, and webinar presentations. She enjoys speaking about topics including family history technology and genealogy research methodology. She is the author of *A Genealogist's Guide to Springfield, Illinois*. Jane has been very active with the genealogical community in Illinois. She was President, Illinois State Genealogical Society; President, Fox Valley Genealogical Society; Registrar, Fort Payne Chapter NSDAR; and Registration Chair, Federation of Genealogical Societies 2016 Conference in Springfield, IL.

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**8 October 2018**

## **PULASKI DAY PARADE 2018**

The Polish Heritage Committee of Northampton, Massachusetts hopes you will mark your calendar for the parade, to be held Columbus Day, Monday, October 8.

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### **\*\*\* MORE USEFUL WEB ADDRESSES \*\*\***

<<https://sites.google.com/view/polishgenealogygroup/internet-tools>>

The administrators of Facebook's Polish Genealogy group have put together a list of "internet tools" that every researcher should check. And I'm not just saying that because they mentioned *Gen Dobry!*....

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<<https://fromshepherdsandshoemakers.com/>>

Some time ago, researcher Julie Robert Szczepankiewicz posted a very helpful blog entry on how to use Geneteka. This week, she revised it and posted a new version in three parts. You can find all three at this URL, the permanent address for her blog. The direct link to Part I is <<https://fromshepherdsandshoemakers.com/2018/04/23/a-step-by-step-guide-to-using-geneteka-part-i/>>. It's both thorough and massively helpful.

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<<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1867931>>

*Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter [EOGN]*, among other publications, mentioned that recent additions to FamilySearch's collections included an addition of 5,790 indexed records to "Poland, Lublin Roman Catholic Church Books, 1784-1964." This link takes you to that collection.

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<<https://www.familysearch.org/collection/1910265>>

*EOGN* also mentioned that recent additions to FamilySearch’s collections included an addition of 8,3601 [!, *sic*] indexed records to “Ukraine, Western Ukraine Catholic Church Book Duplicates, 1600-1937.” This link takes you to that collection.

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<<https://tinyurl.com/yc8utxjy>>

In a post to the JewishGen newsgroup, Michael Moritz talked about records in Ukraine that Alex Krakovsky has scanned and put online. Most, so far, are from Kiev oblast, but it seems certain more and more records will be added as Mr. Krakovsky’s efforts pay off. The link above is a TinyURL that takes you to a page on Ukrainian Wikipedia that presents the info in an organized fashion; it’s much easier than trying to key in the Ukrainian URL. Note that the information focuses primarily on Jews (but does include some material helpful to non-Jews), and that opening the page with Google Chrome allows you to translate it—and in this case, the translation is close enough to be worthwhile. (I can forgive the translation of Ревізька казка євреїв as “Revision Jewish fairy tale,” because the term is archaic, and I think most researchers dealing with Ukrainian records will recognize it as meaning “revision list,” if only by comparison with the Russian term ревизская сказка. If you don’t know it, see the *Avotaynu* article by Boris Felblyum at <<http://www.bfcollection.net/fast/articles/ruscensus.pdf>>.)

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<<http://www.avotaynu.com/books/On-Oldness.html>>

The mention of *Avotaynu* reminded me of an item in a recent edition of *Nu? What’s New?* The publisher, Gary Mokotoff, talked of a new book by *Avotaynu* editor, Sallyann Amdur Sack, Ph.D., *On Oldness: How to Successfully Navigate Old Age*. Granted, this has nothing to do with genealogy; but it’s no secret genealogists tend to “skew old,” as they say. Dr. Sack is a clinical psychologist and now an octogenarian, and her book argues that “with attention and planning—plus a significant dose of health and good luck—old age can be a delightful, rewarding and pleasurable final stage of life. She challenges the assumption that the progress of life is one long, slow stage to oblivion.” I’m starting to think this is a book I need to read, and perhaps some of you would like to learn more. If so, click on the above URL.

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<<https://tinyurl.com/WDYTYA2018>>

*Nu?* also mentioned that the new season of *Who Do You Think You Are?* begins May 21. This TinyURL takes you to a page on the TLC.com site with information on this season.

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<<http://nevrologi.wyborcza.pl>>

On Facebook, Valerie Warunek wrote “Are you looking for death notices in Poland? This site may be of interest to you. It can be searched by region or surname.”

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<[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUV8xttIn93AwJX2\\_I0AIAg/feed](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUV8xttIn93AwJX2_I0AIAg/feed)>

Nolan Altman posted a note to the JewishGen newsgroup to announce the latest video from the Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island, "My Ancestors Came for Ivangorod. I Mean Deblin! (Dealing with Country, City, and Street Name changes." He explained, "As genealogists, we need to consider that when we see a country, city or street name on a document, that information belongs to a point in time. Information as of a point, that may have since changed." You can access this and all the JGSLI's short instructional videos at the above YouTube channel.

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<<http://szlachtapolnocnegomazowska.pl/>>

I saw an interesting post to the Facebook group Genealogy.PL by Zbyszek Mierzejewski. He thanked Garret Mierzejewski and Adam Dobkowski for their help in his research, but has reached the point where he can longer find parish registry data for links in his family tree. It's kind of good news, because he's gone back a long way; but it's bad news because it will be harder to make further progress. Still, he's trying; and anyone with Mierzejewski ancestry may want to see his family tree. It's on the above website, "Nobility of Northern Mazovia." The Mierzejewski info is at <<http://szlachtapolnocnegomazowska.pl/o-poczatkach-projektu-czyli-przodkowie-zbigniewa-mierzejewskiego/>>. I'm glad to see you got this far, Zbyszek (and Garret and Adam), and hope someone can help you go even further.

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<<https://pgsa.org/polish-poster-auction/>>

The Polish Genealogical Society of America announced it has received a generous gift of original, vintage Polish advertising posters from the collection of a serious collector. "The PGSA has decided to make these posters available through a silent auction, fund-raising event. Each winning bidder will enjoy a beautiful example of Polish art and history while assisting the Society in its mission to provide the highest level of research services to its members." You can learn more, and download a catalog, at the above link.

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