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**1st INTERNATIONAL  
 PASSPORT COLLECTORS  
 MEETING**  
**BERLIN - 12/13 May 2012**  
 presented by [www.passport-collector.com](http://www.passport-collector.com)  
 Travel documents from the past to the present and much more...



Dear readers and fellow collectors

Date and place is set for our collectors meeting but I am still working on a time schedule. Also I need your contribution. Who is willing to make some presentation or speech on a topic? Waiting for your input. By today 5 fellow collectors did sign up for the event but I know from at least 2 others they will join us too. 6 weeks to go...

Oh, and we have the first guest speaker from UK (99% sure).

*Tom*  
*Passport Collector & Editor*

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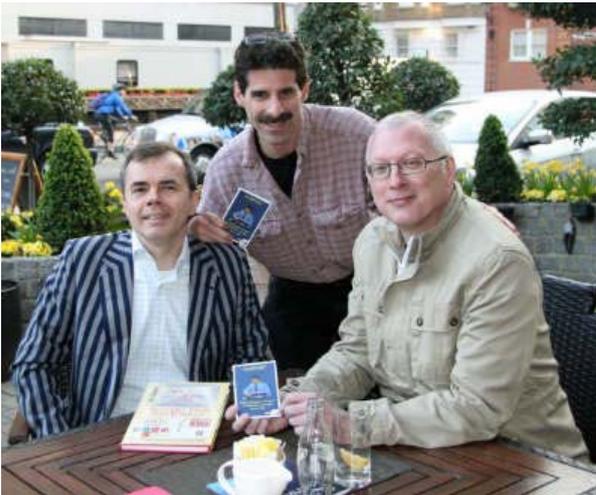
... for the large sum as shown on the picture.  
 Now I do not have any space to park my car.



*Have a nice April Fools' Day ...!!!*

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## Collectors Meeting in London



I spend a great time with my fellow collectors Ed and Brian during my trip to London where I met also interesting people like William and Danny. A English lady came all the way from Brighton to show me a lot of 16 UK family passports from the 30s to the 80s. The largest family collection of passports I ever saw. I recommended her to contact my friend Ed as he is into UK passports. However I had a nice chat with her for two hours. Another random contact just days before I departed to London was with another William who read some of my articles and he wanted to send me his father's UK passport for scanning as it has interesting stamps/visas too. We arranged it in that way that he was sending the documents to his friend ark in London, Oxford Street and I would pick it up for scanning. Unfortunately I had a flight cancellation that day and was late at all my meetings so I needed to skip to meet Mark. But he was very supportive and made some pics for me and sent them already to me. Thank you William & Mark for all your efforts.

With Ed I spent a nice evening at a pub and a Sunday afternoon trip to a local flea market. Ed is running also a website about passports - please visit his site at [www.passportland.com](http://www.passportland.com) where he is displaying all his passports (around 500). Ed will be present most possible at our Berlin event and might tell us something about border stamps.

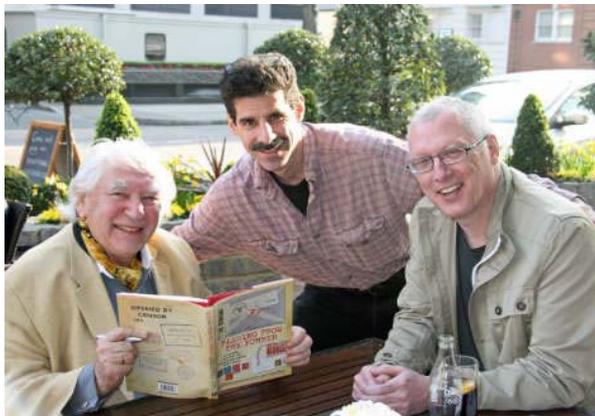
Monday I met Brian, a collector I knew for some time. We had a nice chat during a lunch at London's Financial District. He got a few UK passports from me. Unfortunately he will be in US during our event. It's fantastic to meet up with fellow collectors as the discussion is much more vivid than just by email. So I can say I had already an international collectors meeting in London these days. Thank you all for taking the time to meet up with me.

Next BERLIN...



## A Child Passport In The Name Of William Kaczynski

I got in contact with William via a friend of Danny ([Spungen Foundation](#)) as we have a hobby in common - passport collecting. Actually Danny has a much broader collection field as I do because he is searching for Holocaust Postal Documents for his foundation. William has just recently published his book "[Fleeing from the Fuhrer](#)" which is telling not only about Holocaust Postal Documents but also the story of his own family during these dark years in German history. We all three were sitting together and had a great discussion about the topic. I could also inspect the Nazi passport of Williams mother Edith with the infamous red-colored J-stamp, even Williams attached Kinderpass (Child Passport) had this red large J-stamp. A unique combination which I never saw before I all my seven years of passport collecting.



One chapter of Williams book is telling also about "*People Who Made A Difference*". A few exceptional people who made a difference in the lives of others. I posted earlier some articles on this topic at my website. Here you can see the book description of the book

which I like to recommend to all of you.

The exodus of men, women and children fleeing from the Nazi regime was one of the largest diasporas the world has ever seen. It sparked an international refugee crisis that changed society and continues to shape our culture and community today. The years between 1933 and 1945, the Nazi era in Germany, and the war years, 1939 to 1945, were a time of destruction, upheaval and misery throughout Europe and beyond. Displacement and death, whether in war or civilian life, became everyday experiences, for young and old alike. Families were torn apart by enforced emigration or deportation. Parents were separated from their children, husbands from wives, brothers from sisters. Interned in camps that spread across the globe from Shanghai to the United States of America to the Isle of Man, they became strangers in a foreign land and often the only link they had to their former lives were letters exchanged with friends and family. These scarce postal communications, therefore, assumed huge significance in the lives of both sender and receiver, one that is hard to imagine today in the age of instant communication. Fleeing from the Fuhrer is an unusual collection of correspondence that shows the incredible nature of this worldwide emigration and the indomitable spirit of these refugees. Each postcard, envelope and item of ephemera tells its own unique story and is reproduced in full colour, making this a fascinating resource for anyone wanting to understand this poignant part of our international history.

**Talking about the "*People Who Made A Difference*" **your support is needed** as William is seaching for a SUGIHARA passport / visa as shown below. Any information is most welcome and highly appreciated. Please [contact](#) me with all information you might have.**

[Chiune Sugihara](#) (杉原 千畝 *Sugihara Chiune*, 1 January 1900 – 31 July 1986) was a Japanese diplomat who served as Vice-Consul for the Japanese Empire in Lithuania. During World War II, he helped several thousand Jews leave the country by issuing transit visas to Jewish refugees so that they could travel to Japan. Most of the Jews who escaped were refugees from German-occupied Poland and residents of Lithuania. Sugihara wrote travel visas that facilitated the escape of more than 6,000 Jewish refugees to Japanese territory, risking his career and his family's lives. Sugihara had told the refugees to call him "Sempo", the Chinese reading of the characters in his first name, discovering it was much easier for Western people to pronounce. In 1985, Israel honored him as Righteous Among the Nations for his actions.



### ...and another call for your support...

We are looking for the following items for Singapore-based exhibition on migration from South Asia (India, Sri Lanka) to Southeast Asia (Singapore, Malaya) in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries:

- Travel Documents (Passports, Identification papers)
- Letters of Introduction/Reference/Employment
- Transport Receipts (Ship Tickets, Itineraries)
  - Marching Orders (for troops)
- ID Documents related to jobs held after migration (Harbour, Railways, Government, etc)

Any other material related to the migration from India to Southeast Asia will also be considered.

Please mail a list (and scans, if available) of your material to this [contact](#)



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