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Biographical

Mr. Preisler is a free-lance researcher, professional genealogist and documentarian now residing in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, outside the Washington, DC area. He is a graduate of the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida and Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia and has a background in archives administration and historic preservation. He has been a professional genealogist and researcher for nearly 20 years.

Published books include: *Through The Years: Congregation Beth Israel of Media, Pennsylvania; Jewish Cemeteries of the Delmarva Peninsula; Pioneer American Synagogues: A State By State Guide; Jewish Genealogical Resources: Mid-Atlantic States; Historic Synagogue of Philadelphia & The Delaware Valley; and Jewish West Virginia.* He also researched & compiled his family genealogy: *Descendants of Jonah Goldman & His Wife Sarah Michalski: Genealogy & Brief History* and has compiled numerous Jewish Cemetery Indexes. Mr. Preisler's articles have appeared in the Delaware Jewish Voice, The Golden Times and Montgomery Village News. His photographs have appeared in Moment Magazine and in the book *Down Home: Jewish Life in North Carolina.*

The son of Holocaust Survivors from Germany & the Czech Republic, Julian is a native of Detroit, Michigan and has had an interest in Jewish history/genealogy and synagogue architecture for over 25 years. His current project involves the photographing and collecting of photographs of synagogues from all over the United States. The result is an extensive e-Book, *American Synagogues: A Photographic Journey*, featuring over 3200 original color photographs of 1410 current & former American synagogue buildings. Volume One is available on one CD-ROM disc. Mr. Preisler is now working on Volume Two with a planned release date of 2011. He is also working on a book about historic American synagogue buildings and pioneering Jewish congregations.