## Spring Meeting of

## OREGON MENNONITE HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

for members and friends of all Oregon Mennonite and related groups Sunday, April 24, 1988, 2:30 p.m.

Bethany Mennonite Church 3615 Spicer Road SE, Albany (near the T&R on I-5)

WELCOME - Hope Lind

PRAYER - John Willems

EARLY HISTORY OF THE ZION MENNONITE CHURCH, HUBBARD - Margaret Shetler Many Oregon Mennonite congregations have connections with this earliest continuing MC congregation.

THE JOSEPH ROTH FAMILY - Beulah Fretz

Descendants of this family have spread into many congregations and have played significant roles in communities and institutions in Oregon.

BUSINESS ITEM - appointment of a planning committee

CLOSING PRAYER - John Fretz

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Margaret Shetler has done extensive research regarding the Zion congregation and its families. She compiled Zion Mennonite Cemetery Records, a 152-page book that combines elements of genealogy and history in model format. She also has published several articles on genealogies of her children's ancestors.

Beulah Fretz is a descendant of Joseph Roth and other Oregon Mennonite pioneers and has a long-time interest in family and church history. Her sister Sadie Roth compiled a book on the Joseph Roth family, a major resource.

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Each congregation and family is unique, and all congregations and families are alike.

Details differ, but learning about others helps us understand and appreciate our own and often shows us relationships we did not know existed. Learning about other families and congregations can also motivate us and instruct us about how to research our own roots.