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**Monthly Musings from the Peas**  
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*We will be sending you our literature on a monthly basis and we will be updating our contact list. So, if you want to make any changes, additions or deletions, please contact us at [whirledpeasband@gmail.com](mailto:whirledpeasband@gmail.com).*

**WEEKLY GIG**

We are regulars at Catherine Rooney's in Trolley Square, Wilmington. From 7:30 until 10 we perform every Wednesday. For info or menu, directions and so on [www.catherinerooneys.com](http://www.catherinerooneys.com)

**PEAS MERCHANDISE**

Peas shirts and all four of our CD's can be purchased at our gigs or by going on-line to [www.whirledpeasband.com](http://www.whirledpeasband.com)

**ELLIS ISLAND CELEBRATES ITS 120TH**

Happy 120th to Ellis Island...this tiny, 27.5 acre land mass, was created mostly through land reclamation.

Over 100 million Americans - a third of our population - can trace their ancestry to the immigrants who first arrived at Ellis Island before dispersing to points all over the country.

Immigrants, who were approved to stay in America, generally spent 2 to 5 hours at the Island after being asked 29 questions including name, occupation and amount of money they carried. The government wanted the immigrants to have between \$18 and \$25.

A medical exam was conducted and those with visible problems were either sent home or held at the hospital facility. More than 3000 would-be immigrants died in there.

Unskilled workers were rejected for admission to America as the government felt they would become public charges.

After 1924, Ellis Island became primarily a detention/deportation center. During and immediately after WW II, the Island was used to intern German Merchant Marines and enemy aliens as well as becoming a processing center for wounded US soldier.

On October 15, 1965, Ellis Island was proclaimed part of the Statue of Liberty National Monument and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**ELLIS ISLAND ALUMS**

Annie Moore, 1st arrival, Ireland .. 1892  
Israel Berlin, aka Irving, Russia .. 1893  
Johnny Weissmuller, Serbia .. 1905  
Gustav Mahler, Bohemia .. 1908  
Carl Jung, Switzerland ..1909  
Lily Chauchoin, aka Claudette Colbert, France .. 1911  
Rudolph Valentino, Italy .. 1913  
Javier Cugat, Spain .. 1915  
William Tyson, Cicely's father, West Indies ..1919  
Bela Lugosi, Hungary .. 1920  
Archibald Leach, aka Cary Grant, England .. 1920  
Albert Einstein, Germany .. 1921  
Jascha Heifetz, Lithuania .. 1924

**PEAS PONDERINGS**

*"Here is not merely a nation, but a teeming nation of nations."  
~ Walt Whitman*

*"The making of an American begins at the point where he himself rejects all other ties, any other history, and himself adopts the vesture of his adopted land."  
~ James Baldwin (1924-1987)  
African-American writer*