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NEXT MEETING FOR THE JGS OF SW FL
Sunday, December 19, 2004 (1:00 PM) @ JCC, 582 S. McIntosh Road, Sarasota
Program: Strength, Challenge and Diversity in the American Jewish Population
by Marty Haberer
Assistant Executive Director at the Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation

President's Shpiel

by Kim Sheintal

It often takes months, even years, to find a long last cousin. Sometimes discovering a long lost cousin happens when you least expect it.

From volunteer work at the Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation over the years, I have met many staff members. Many years ago, I heard from a cousin that someone working at the Federation named Lael knew someone in my family named David who I had never met. Both she and David worked at Federations in different cities and kept in touch over the years. Three years ago, David and his family came from Detroit to visit Lael in Sarasota and David visited me too. David was warm and friendly; and he looked like my grandmother. Marty Haberer, our December speaker, is good friends with David. It's a small Jewish world. The friend or acquaintance you have could possibly know or even be your cousin. Be aware of people you meet, what you read, and what you hear.

Come to genealogy meetings and watch your enthusiasm and knowledge of genealogical research grow. I look forward to seeing you at meetings the third Sunday of each month from now until May.

International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) Conferences

1998 - Los Angeles; 1999 - New York City; 2000 - Salt Lake City; 2001 - London; 2002 - Toronto;
2003 - Washington, D.C.; 2004 - Jerusalem; 2005 - Las Vegas; 2006 - New York City; 2007 - Salt Lake City

SISTER CITY COUSINS

Sarasota, Florida is a sister city of Hamilton Ontario Canada. Hamilton has formed a Jewish Genealogical Society this year.

Let's see if anyone in Hamilton is researching the same surnames and places as people in Sarasota.

What are the surnames and places in your heritage?

Submit your names and places to:

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JGS of SW Florida Scrapbooks (January 1996 – present) (includes Mishpochology Newsletters) – four volumes
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Notebook of Obituaries from The Chronicle (Published by the Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation) from 2002

Notebook of JGS of SW FL Surnames and Places

Assorted JGS newsletters and miscellaneous brochures, magazines, pamphlets, papers, and maps

1993 Summer Seminar Yearbook from Toronto, 1995 Summer Seminar Yearbook from Washington DC

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When Time Ran Out: Coming of Age in the Third Reich by Frederic Zeller
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The Jews of Czechoslovakia Volume II by The Jewish Publication Society of America and the Society for the History of Czechoslovak Jews
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The Family Orchard by Nomi Eve
The Jews of Chicago From Shtetl to Suburb by Irving Cutler
Jewish Research Outline by the Family History Library
Cemeteries of Sarasota County Florida: A Record of Births, Deaths and Burials by Genealogical Society of Sarasota
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Family Reunions Handbook by Barbara Brown and Tom Ninkovich
How to Find Almost Anyone, Anywhere by Norma Mott Tillman
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The Jewish Condition – Essays on Contemporary Judaism Honoring Rabbi Alexander M. Shindler edited by Aron Hirt-Manheimer
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German-American Names by George F. Jones
Dictionary of American Family Names (1956 edition) by Elsdon C. Smith
Dictionary of American Family Names (1973 edition) by Elsdon C. Smith
A Dictionary of Surnames by Patrick Hanks and Flavia Hodges
The Sleuth Book for Genealogists by Emily Anne Croom
Genealogical Resources in New York by Estelle M. Guzik
Genealogy Online by Elizabeth Powell Crowe
The Jews – Story of a People by Howard Fast
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Ships of Our Ancestors
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They Came in Ships
Unbroken Chain
Upon the Doorposts of Thy House
Where Once We Walked (WOWW): Revised Edition.
WOWW Companion
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List of 56,000 Jewish Burials

Mako and Battonya (Hungary) Vital and Census Records 1824-1880
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Obuda (Hungary) Census of 1850: Index and Complete Census.
Palestine Gazette
Publications of the Jewish Genealogical Societies: 1977-1990

Maps

19th Century

Austro-Hungarian Empire
Baltic States: 1845
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German Empire Circa 1875
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JEWISH GERMAN RESEARCH by EMILY ROSE

January 9, 2005 Largo, Florida

JGS Tampa Bay January 9, 2005 meeting will feature Emily Rose. For more information, contact President Marc Baron (JGSTampabay@yahoo.com).

ANCESTOR TRACKING SEMINAR – register early

January 29, 2005 North Fort Myers, Florida

The Lee County Genealogical Society will sponsor an Ancestor Tracking Seminar on January 29, 2005. Early registration is encouraged, especially since the event will feature one of genealogy's most popular lecturers, Dr. John P. Colletta. Pre-registration includes lunch and morning coffee/pastries. Dr. Colletta's books will be available for purchase. Visit the Society's web site www.rootsweb.com/~flcgs for details and a printable registration form.

GOLDA – An Evening of Theater and Dessert Reception

January 29, 2005 @ 8:00 PM Temple Beth Shalom (Sarasota)

\$30 per ticket (\$3 of which goes to JGS of SW FL)

For tickets, call Kim Sheintal at 921-1433

LUNCHEON WITH SPEAKER MIRIAM WEINER

Sunday, January 30, 2005

Crown Plaza Hotel at Australian & Belvedere - Palm Beach, Florida
Annual JGS of Palm Beach County Luncheon features Miriam Weiner, a world-renowned expert in Jewish Genealogy and Holocaust Research
Founder of Routes to Roots Foundation. www.jewishgen.org/jgspbc/

JEWISH MUSEUM OF FLORIDA presents

SHALOM Y'ALL: IMAGES OF JEWISH LIFE IN THE SOUTH

February 2005

301 Washington Avenue - Miami Beach, Florida 305-672-5044

The museum invites all Jews who now live in Florida and who came from the South to submit photographs from their hometowns with an anecdote about what it was like to live there as a Jew. The museum will accept photos until October 2004. www.jewishmuseum.com

ALL DAY GENEALOGY SEMINAR

February 15, 2005 (8:45 AM to 4 PM) Sun City Center, Florida

South Bay Genealogical Society (Sun City Center) will have an all day seminar with George Morgan and Ann Mohr Osisek. For more information, contact Russ Kenyon (russkenyon@earthlink.net).

14th Annual GENEALOGICAL WORKSHOP

Mini Conference

February 23, 2005 (8 AM – 5 PM) Boca Raton, Florida

For more information, go to www.jgspalmbeachcounty.org

2005 IAJGS CONFERENCE

July 10-15, 2005 Las Vegas, Nevada

Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada (www.jgssn.org)
Charlotte Showel, JGSSN President

Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida Programs (JCC @ 1:00 PM)

Sun., Oct. 17, 2004 Jewish Recipes and Other Ethnic Foods
by Jerry Gips of the Big Kitchen Restaurant

Sun., Nov. 21, 2004 Researching Our Ancestors
by Sue Davis

Sun., Dec. 19, 2004 Jewish Sarasota Strength, Challenge and
Diversity in the American Jewish Population
by Marty Haberer, Assistant Executive Director,
Sarasota Manatee Jewish Federation

Sun., Jan. 16, 2005 Europe in the 30s Compared with
the World Today
by Richard Bergman, Director,
Sarasota-Manatee Arch Family Holocaust Education Center

Sun., Feb. 20, 2005 Shtetl Medicine
by Dr. Michael Nevins

Sun., Mar. 20, 2005 Visit to Synagogues in Prague/Vienna/
Budapest & cities of Ludwigshafen and Augsburg/Binswagen
by Tony Joseph

Sun., Apr. 17, 2005 "The Winter of Our Discontent:
3 Months to Better Organization"
by Dear Myrtle

Sun., May 15, 2005 Pot Luck Luncheon
with "Jewish Soul Music" program
by Rosalie Leon

CITY DIRECTORIES

City Directories, arguably one of the most over-looked resources by genealogists, have been around since the 1700s. City directories are very useful tools when searching for records of your family. City directory listings include the head of each household with the spouse's name, the person's address, their place of employment (if any), possibly names of relatives living nearby and often some mention of whether the person owns, boards, or rents at that address.

You know you're Jewish if:

You never knew anyone whose last name didn't end in one of five standard suffixes (berg, baum, man, stein and witz.)

You have at least one ancestor who is somehow related to your spouse's ancestor.

Your mother took personal pride when a Jew was noted for some accomplishment (showbiz, medicine, politics, etc.) and was ashamed and embarrassed when a Jew was accused of a crime .. as if they were relatives.

SHOP ISRAEL

February 5-6-7, 2005 at Flanzer JCC – Shop Israel at the Israel Super Fest. Members of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida are needed to volunteer. Contact Kim Sheintal at klapshein@aol.com or 921-1433 for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jack and Janet Mamane

Fifth Birthday

by Kim Sheintal

At a fall 1999 JGS of SW FL meeting, our society decided to compile a membership roster with e-mail addresses. I was asked to pass around a blank sheet of paper. I put my name on the list followed by “no e-mail” because I did not own a computer. The list went around the room and came back to me after everyone signed it. I was surprised to see that I was the only one on the list without an e-mail! I took action. Shortly after that meeting (November 30, 1999 to be exact), I got my first computer.

November 30 marks the fifth birthday of my computer. How excited I was to have my very first computer. I could not wait to explore websites, send and receive e-mail, subscribe to discussion groups and learn how to use a chat room. Five years and forty-one typed sheets of websites later, I have added much to my family research.

For almost five years, I have chatted in an AOL “Jewish Genealogy Chat” almost every Thursday evening from 10:00 PM until 11:00 PM with a group of interested and involved Jewish genealogists from California, Michigan, Washington DC, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, and Florida. One of the chatters (from Washington DC) made a special trip to meet me and attend a JGS of SW FL meeting in February 2002.

It is now Thursday, November 18 at 9:59 PM and I am ready to go to my weekly AOL Jewish Genealogy Chat. (To chat here, one must have an AOL screen name.) To enter the chat: click *chat* on the welcome screen; click *create a chat*; type *Jewish Genealogy*; click *go chat*.

I asked the chatters this evening to write a few words about the AOL Jewish Genealogy Chat Room.

Milt said, “I usually pick up a new or forgotten tidbit every week.”

Judi said, “And I met Gay Lynne through the Jewish Genealogy chat room, and then we got to meet in person just a few months later at the Jewish Genealogy Summer Seminar in Boston that year. It seems like whenever I am at a Jewish Genealogy Conference, I am always happily running into Gay Lynne. Twice she has introduced my talk on tombstones at Jewish Genealogy conferences, and one summer, in Toronto, we roomed together at the conference.”

Eli said, “This chat is a genealogical playroom where we all share our new discoveries and entertain one another.”

QUESTIONNAIRE

Submit responses to (klapshein@aol.com) or
Kim Sheintal 4462 Violet Avenue Sarasota, FL 34233
You do not have to be a member to complete this questionnaire. Submissions may be printed in a future issue.

What sparked your interest in tracing your roots?

What discovery was the biggest surprise in your personal family heritage?

What makes Jewish genealogy different from other genealogical research?

What was the most unique way that you made a personal genealogical discovery?

How many years have you been tracing your family?

Why do you trace your family?

What sort of articles would you like to see in future issues of Mishpochology?

Would you like to write an article for a future issue of Mishpochology? (If so, write this article and submit to above address.)

What speakers or topics would you like to see in the future at a JGS of SW FL meeting?

What tips do you suggest in tracing one’s family?

What is your favorite aspect of tracing your family?

Are you aware of anyone in your family printing a family history? (If so, describe.)

What is your favorite hobby? (Where does genealogy rank among your hobbies?)

How is your genealogical data saved? (on hand written papers, in your head, in a genealogical program, ?)

Have you ever attended a Jewish genealogical conference? (If so, which?)

How many people have you given copies of your personal genealogical research?

Think about the last question on the questionnaire. The more you share, the more people will profit from your research – and the more you share, the better the odds of you gaining information for you to add to your tree.
