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NEXT MEETING FOR THE JGS OF SW FL

Sunday, October 16, 2005 (1:00 PM) @ JCC, 582 S. McIntosh Road, Sarasota

Program:

Get Started in Jewish Genealogy NOW

The time to get into genealogy and to start your family tree is NOW. Don't delay starting your family tree – don't wait until an elderly or sick relative dies. Get their story now! If you wait too long, their knowledge of the family history will be lost forever. The Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida will help you trace your Jewish ancestors. A personal printout of the names and addresses of other people tracing your family surnames will be given to you at the October 16 program if you mail a list of each of your parents' and grandparents' last names and residing cities at the times of their births by October 1, 2005 to info@jgsswf.org. You must come to the meeting to get your printout. We can't guarantee results, but we'll use our numerous sources.

President's Shpiel by Kim Sheintal

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida will feature eight programs this year to help people trace their Jewish ancestors. To celebrate the tenth anniversary of the JGS of SW FL, a very special program on immigration and naturalization is scheduled in January. In addition to these programs, the JGS of SW Florida has an extensive collection of books to aid members with their Jewish genealogical research. But most helpful is the interaction among members who have traced their roots from the United States to Mexico, Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, Poland, Lithuania, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Spain, France, Netherlands, Russia, Australia, Israel, and beyond.

International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies

At the Annual IAJGS General Meeting on July 13, Anne Feder Lee, former president of the JGS of Hawaii and former IAJGS vice president, was elected president of the IAJGS. Re-elected to their positions as IAJGS officers were Michael Brenner (vice president), Joel Spector (secretary) and Michael Posnick (treasurer). Their terms are for two years, running until the conclusion of the 2007 Annual General Meeting. The following directors are at the midpoints of their two-year terms: Jan Meisels Allen, Florence Elman, Ellen Shindelman Kowitz, Martha Lev-Zion, Daniel Schlyter and Paul Silverstone. Hal Bookbinder will remain on the board as immediate past president. Howard Margol, former immediate past president, has left the board.

You can purchase a set of three CDs containing thirty-one recorded presentations at the 2005 IAJGS conference in Las Vegas. All this is thanks to Ron Arons and his small army of volunteers. Conference attendees as well as those who were not able to go to Las Vegas now have an opportunity to listen to 31 of the sessions. The set is available at a very affordable \$35 plus modest shipping and handling costs. Nothing is charged to your credit card until you approve, so don't be timid about using the system. To see a complete listing of which of the sessions were recorded, visit the JewishGenMall at www.jewishgenmall.org. The quickest way to find the complete description is to either enter the full title into the search field, "IAJGS 2005 Conference Lectures in a 3 CD Set (MP3 audio files)" or just select "Recorded Lectures" from the topic drop down box.

2006 IAJGS Conference will be hosted by JGS, Inc. (NY) in New York. 2007 IAJGS Conference will be hosted by IAJGS in Salt Lake City.

Local Genealogical Societies

Manasota Genealogical Society meets the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM from October through May. Meetings are at the Central Library, 1301 Barcarrota Blvd. in Bradenton. A 1:15 PM workshop usually follows lunch.

President is Walter Stock

(waltstock@worldnet.att.net).

Website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flmgs/>

Manasota PAF Users Group meets first Saturday of the month at 9:15 AM from October through May. Meetings are at the South Branch Library, 6081 26th St. West in Bradenton. 30% genealogy software, 30% basic how-to, 30% Internet research, 10% free-for-all fun and sharing.

President is Bill Ball

(wball003@tampabay.rr.com).

Website: www.rootsweb.com/~flmpafug

Englewood Genealogical Society meets the fourth Wednesday of the month from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM for the General Meeting for October, January through April; November and December on the third Wednesday; September and May are Saturday mornings from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Meetings are at the Elsie Quirk Library, 100 Dearborn W. Street (1/2 block from 776 on the right) in Englewood. Check our website for more details.

President is Sue Davis

(suedavis101@comcast.net).

Website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flegs/>

Genealogical Society of Sarasota (GSS) meets the third Saturday of the month at 9:30 AM from October through May. (Second Saturday in December.) Meetings are at the Selby Library, 1331 1st St. in Sarasota.

President is Denton Fitzgerald

(dvfitz@comcast.net).

Website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flgss/>

Germanic SIG is led by Marilyn Wethington

(mwethington@comcast.net).

Scottish SIG is led by Jean Wallace

(walljb@comcast.net).

Irish SIG is led by Bernadette Duncan.

Computer Interest Group (CIG) of the Genealogical Society of Sarasota meets the third Thursday of the month from 2:00 to 3:30 PM from October through May. Meetings are at the Selby Library Auditorium. Interim leader is Denton Fitzgerald (dvfitz@comcast.net).

South Bay Genealogical Society (Sun City Center) meets the third Tuesday of the month at 12:00 noon from September through May at the Mangroves Restaurant at The Inn at Little Harbor, 611 Destiny Drive in Ruskin (see website for directions). A Regional Round Table precedes each regular meeting at 10:45 AM. President is Russ Kenyon (SBGS@earthlink.net).

Website: www.rootsweb.com/~flsbgs

Roundtable SIG meets 9:00 AM –10:00 AM, first Monday from October through May with leader Maurice Musholt.

German Club SIG meets 10:15 AM -11:15 AM, first Monday from October through May with leader Jack Reiber.

Family Tree Maker SIG meets 7:00 PM, third Monday from October through May with leader Basil Percy.

Personal Ancestral File SIG meets 7:00 PM, first Monday from October through May with leader Bill Patterson.

An additional Personal Ancestral File SIG meets the fourth Thursday at 9:00 AM followed by a Family Tree Maker SIG at 10:15 AM from October thru May.

Lakewood Ranch Genealogical Society meets once a month on a Monday at 7:00 PM at the Lakewood Ranch Town Hall. President is JoAnn Froman (cjhfroman@verizon.net).

Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida (JGS of SW FL) meets the third Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM from October through May at the Flanzer Jewish Community Center, 582 S. McIntosh Road in Sarasota. President is Kim Sheintal (klapshein@aol.com).

Websites: www.jgsswf.org. <http://www.sarasota-online.com/jcc/jgs/jgsofswfl.htm>.

E-mail: info@jgsswf.org

Wonderful World of Websites

Two "Mega Search Engines" Worth Investigating:
www.surnamenavigator.org
www.academic-genealogy.com/topsearchenginesdirectories.htm

<http://jnul.huji.ac.il/dl/ketubbot/>

The ketubbot digitization project aims to create a worldwide registry of ketubbot in public and private collections throughout the world. Based on the collection of the Jewish National and University Library with over 1200 items, the project contains ketubbot originating from dozens of different countries, and covering a time period of over 900 years. It is a major resource for research in Jewish history, law and art.

<http://www.1media.org/English/database.htm> This site, JEWISH CEMETERY DATABASE GERMANY, is a free public database with over 5300 database-records online from the Jewish cemeteries around Frankfurt/Germany.

<http://www.myfamily.com/isapi.dll?c=home&htx=onlinetraing&class>

Online Jewish Genealogy Courses now include:
Jewish Basic Research Class
Jewish Internet Research Class

Berlichingen, Germany

Hal Sterne, JGS of SW FL member, copied data from a book (published in 2002), which listed information from 1400 gravestones in a Berlichingen, Germany cemetery. This cemetery was established in 1662 and covers the towns of Berlichingen, Bieringen, Dorzbach, Ernsbach, Hungheim, Korb, Krautheim, Kunzelsau, Merchingen, Nagelsberg, Neunstetten, and Olnhausen. Hal's cousin found someone in New York to convert the information to a digital file. They emailed the file to a webmaster in Germany who then put this information onto a website:
http://www.alemannia-judaica.de/berlichingen_friedhof.htm

Genealogy Calendar

JGS of SW Florida programs at the Flanzer JCC are the third Sunday of month at 1:00 PM:

Sunday, October 16, 2005
Sunday, November 20, 2005
Sunday, December 18, 2005
Sunday, January 15, 2006
Sunday, February 19, 2006
Sunday, March 19, 2006
Sunday, April 16, 2006
Sunday, May 21, 2006

Join Gary Mokotoff and Eileen Polakoff on a Jewish Genealogical Research Trip to Salt Lake City from October 27 through November 3, 2005. For more information, write to SLC Genealogical Trip, 55 North Washington Avenue, Bergenfield, NJ 07621.

Learn about the census, methodology, computers, naturalization, archives, military, cemeteries and land records at the 29th Annual Florida Genealogy Conference sponsored by the Florida State Genealogical Society in Panama City Beach, Florida. For more information, write to C. A. Staley, PO Box 441364, Jacksonville, FL 32222.

Locating Eastern European Towns of My Ancestors

Difficulties in doing genealogical research for specific towns in Eastern Europe:

- variation in place names caused by political borders (for example, the town of L'viv, now in Ukraine, was previously in the Soviet Union, Poland, and the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and went by the names Lvov, Lwow and Lemberg)
- knowing how the place is spelled, because you may have only heard it spoken or seen it spelled incorrectly

Tips:

- look for the town using its latitude and longitude
- Jewish Gazetteer: *Where Once We Walked: A Guide to the Jewish Communities Destroyed in the Holocaust*
- Online Gazetteer for general place names: <http://earth-info.nga.mil/gns/html/index.html>
- Go to JewishGen Family Finder (JGFF) – <http://www.jewishgen.org/jgff/>
This is a widely used searchable database which connects people who are searching the same ancestral towns as you.

Welcome New Members: Liz and Neil Klaber

Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail check (payable to JGS of SW FL) to:

JGS of SW FL
c/o Kim Sheintal
4462 Violet Avenue
Sarasota, Florida 34233

Single Membership \$20 per year
Family Membership \$25 per year

Name _____

E-Mail _____

Phone _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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www.jewishgen.org

“the primary Internet source connecting researchers of Jewish genealogy worldwide”

JewishGen FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions about Jewish Genealogy about how to do Jewish genealogical research with an extensive discussion of methods and resources.

JewishGen InfoFiles - A comprehensive directory of information resources, organized by both topic and country.

JewishGen - Tools Calculation aids (soundex, calendar, distance).

JewishGen Family Finder (JGFF) - A widely used searchable database, which connects people who are searching the same ancestral towns and surnames.

JewishGen Databases - A source of all kinds of genealogical information including the JewishGen ShtetlSeeker, Discussion Group Archives and much more.

The Family Tree of the Jewish People (FTJP) - A searchable compilation of family trees of Jewish researchers.

JewishGen Discussion Group - (via electronic mailing list or newsgroup) - Share information, ideas, methods, tips, case studies, and resources with other Jewish genealogy researchers.

ShtetlLinks - Web pages devoted to individual Jewish communities.

Yizkor Book Project - Access to Yizkor books and their contents.

Holocaust Global Registry - Searching for Holocaust survivors.

JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR) - Data from Jewish cemeteries.

Family Links - Family web sites.

ViewMate - Post photos and documents for identification, analysis or translation.

JewishGen ShtetlSchleppers - Visit your ancestral shtetl.

Genealogy by Genetics - DNA testing.

Record the Names of Holocaust Victims - JewishGen has joined with Yad Vashem to record the missing names of Jews who died in the Holocaust.

The JewishGenMall - Genealogy items for sale to help support JewishGen.

JewishGen-erosity - Contributing to JewishGen

JewishGen Volunteer Opportunities

JewishGen Contributors, Donors, Volunteers, and Wall of Honor

JewishGen Hosted Projects - Including Jewish Record Indexing-Poland, IAJGS Cemetery Project and others

Ellis Island Foundation Database - One-Step Search Tools with enhanced search capabilities for easier access to data on www.ellisland.org

JewishGen-eral Information

JewishGen Special Interest Group (SIG Mailing Lists) - Discussion groups/forums on specific topics for the exchange of information, ideas, methods, experiences, and resources:

Austria-Czech SIG - A forum for those researching Jewish genealogy in the areas formerly known as Bohemia and Moravia (now the Czech Republic), plus parts of Austria, especially Vienna, but not Galicia.

Belarus SIG - A forum for researchers with Jewish family roots in country now known as Belarus and more specifically from the former Russian Gubernii (provinces) of Grodno, Minsk, Mogilev, and Vitebsk

Early American SIG - A forum for those researching Jewish immigrants to the United States before 1880.

French SIG - A forum for Jewish genealogical research in France and French colonies, as well as other French-speaking areas such as Belgium, Luxembourg and Switzerland.

German Jewish SIG - A forum focused on geographic, historic and linguistic Germany, including parts of Switzerland, Poland, and Alsace-Lorraine.

Gesher Galicia SIG - A forum for those interested in researching their Jewish roots in the former Austrian province of Galicia (now southern Poland, western Ukraine).

H-SIG - Hungarian Jewish Special Interest Group is for those with Jewish roots in the area known as "greater Hungary" including areas that at one time were predominantly Hungarian speaking.

JCR-UK SIG - Jewish Communities and Records (JCR-UK): A project to record genealogical and historical information concerning the Jewish communities of the United Kingdom.

Latin America SIG - A forum for researchers with Jewish family roots in all countries of Latin America.

Latvia SIG - A forum for researchers of Jewish families of Latvian descent.

LivakSIG - Encourages preservation and computerization of primary sources of genealogical data, for the descendants of the Lithuanian Jewish community.

Rabbinic Genealogy SIG - A forum for those interested in Rabbinic genealogy or researching rabbinic ancestry within any geographic area or time period.

Romania SIG - A forum for those with Jewish roots in Bessarabia, Bukovina, Dobruja, Maramures, Moldavia, Transylvania and Wallachia (all within the modern nations of Romania, Moldova, and southwestern Ukraine).

Scandinavia SIG - A forum for researchers with Jewish roots in Finland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark, including former Danish colonies and protectorates.

Sefard Forum - A forum for researchers of Sephardic genealogies. English is the preferred language.

South Africa SIG - A forum to discuss the genealogy and family history of Jewish communities of South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Zambia (Rhodesia), Swaziland, Mozambique and the former Belgian Congo.

Ukraine SIG - A forum for researchers with family origins in the former Russian Empire gubernias now in the Ukraine: Podolia, Volhynia, Kiev, Poltava, Chernigov, Kharkov, Kherson, Taurida and Ekaterinoslav.

DNA Testing - Scientific questions on the core of DNA technology and its reliability. Discussions encompass all areas relating to when and how to best utilize DNA testing for your personal genealogical pursuits.

ShtetlLinks - Participants create web pages of their own, devoted to a Jewish community (shtetl), which is then uploaded to the JewishGen website.

Yizkor Project - Memorial books, assembled by survivors of communities liquidated by the Nazis, give accounts of the customs and lifestyles of people in a world that is no more. The forum works to facilitate access.

JRI-Poland Jewish Records Indexing Poland - A project to create a searchable database containing all available vital record indexes for Jews of Poland.

BIALYGen: Bialystok Region Jewish Genealogy Group

Borislav, Drogobych, Sambor and Vicinity Research Group

Ciechanow Research Group

Courland Area Research Group

Lodz Area Research Group

Warszawa Research Group

YT and V Research Group - Yiddish Theatre and Vaudeville Research Group