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President's Shpiel

by Kim Sheintal

While admiring an old photo of people standing in a Greek grocery store, I was reminded of a hundred-year-old photo of my grandmother standing in a grocery store. I never thought to display that photo of my grandmother until the very moment that I spotted that Greek grocery store photo proudly displayed in my friend's kitchen. Old family photos, albums, and heirlooms should not be hidden. Old family stories should be told. Proudly display and pass along your family heritage.

Helen (nee Nathan) Glaser will address the Jewish Genealogical Society with a brief talk about her escape from Nazi occupied Denmark in 1940. She reached the USA after a thirty-five day trans-Atlantic crossing from Finland, the birthplace of her mother, to Ellis Island, NYC. Helen (aged 3-1/2), her year-old brother, and her young mother were heading for America to join her father who was already an immigrant on the island and about to be sent back to Europe. This story is fascinating so please join us.

Jewish Genealogy Gift Giving

Jewish holidays are about celebrating family and loved ones and creating warm and lasting memories - just like genealogy. With Chanukah around the corner, here are gift ideas for the genealogist in your family:

Family Tree, Family Scrapbook, Framed Family Photo, etc.
Digital Picture Frame
Wrist Camera
Family Tree Software
Avotaynu Subscription

Avotaynu: International Review of Jewish Genealogy

Human interest articles for Avotaynu winter issue can be submitted to Avotaynu editor Sallyann Amdur Sack at sallyannsack@avotaynu.com. Deadline is December 1, 2008.

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MEETING

Sunday, December 21, 2008 (1:00 PM)

Koernick House, 1951 N. Honore Ave., Sarasota

Speaker: Helen Glaser

Program: "From Denmark to America in 1940"

For details, Kim Sheintal 921-1433, <klapshein@aol.com>

**Tales, Travels and Travail: Finding Family History
with JGS of SW FL members Kim Sheintal and Hal Sterne**
(co-chaired by Eunice Cohen, JGS of SW FL member)
(presented by Temple Emanu-El Adult Education)

Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 2:00 PM

Temple Emanu-El

151 S. McIntosh Road, Sarasota

Kim will present an overview of genealogy; its history, how to begin your personal search, basic tools, and online research resources. She has successfully traced parts of her family back to the 1700's, and she has produced a personal genealogy video and had stories published.

Hal's first venture into genealogy was while on a trip to Germany in 1977. His family tree is now about 95% complete. Hal will share some of the interesting experiences he had and the wonderful people he met who helped him along the way.

JGS of SW FL

Membership Application

Single Membership: \$20/year

Family Membership: \$25/year

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

JGS of SW FL

c/o Kim Sheintal

4462 Violet Avenue

Sarasota, Florida 34233

Name _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Encyclopedia of Jewish Life Before and During the Holocaust

This remarkable three-volume, 1,824-page work provides information about more than 6,500 communities, primarily in Continental Europe where Jews lived before the Holocaust. It traces the communities' development through history. The stories and numerous photographs share small details of everyday life—the culture, politics, and faith that inspired the Jewish communities. The multi-volume work originally sold for \$325.00. Amazon.com sells it for \$199.00. Barnes & Noble is selling it for \$159.20. Through special arrangements with the publisher, Avotaynu is offering it for only \$99.00 plus shipping. Ordering information plus a complete list of towns can be found at <http://www.avotaynu.com/books/encyclopedia.htm>.

Help Grow the Shoah Victims' Names Database

Yad Vashem wants volunteers who are willing to contact local institutions and individuals to grow the Shoah Victims Database whose principal documents are Pages of Testimony. With the aid of promotional materials Yad Vashem has developed, volunteers will reach out to survivors and their families and assist them in registering the names of Jews who they know were murdered in the Shoah. This will be done through synagogues, Holocaust centers, Jewish Community Centers, Jewish student organizations, senior centers and social service agencies.

To volunteer send your name, address, phone number and e-mail address to names.outreach@yadvashem.org.il with the subject heading "Names Volunteer."

To submit a Page of Testimony, there is a link on the left portion of the screen from the Basic Search page at http://www.yadvashem.org/lwp/workplace/IY_HON_Welcome. Click the words "Submit Additional Names."

Family Members in Yiddish

<http://www.ectaco.co.uk/English-Yiddish-Dictionary/>

eidem: son-in-law
einikl: grandchild
bruder: brother
bobe: grandmother
feter: uncle
foter: father
schwesterkind, kusun, kusine: cousin
mischpoche: family
muter: mother
plimenik: nephew
plimenize: niece
schnur: daughter-in-law
schwester: sister
sun: son
tante: aunt
tochter: daughter
seide: grandfather
schwiger: mother-in-law
schwer: father-in-law

Selby Library

If you do not have a computer, go to the library and use one of their computers. Selby Library has Ancestry and Heritage Quest for FREE on their computer. Check out the website at <http://www.sclibs.net/>

Wonderful World of Websites

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2006/12/14/60minutes/main2267927.shtml>
Hitler's Secret Archive Video

<http://jewishgen.blogspot.com/>

If you have a question about the operation of the JewishGen website or mailing lists, check the JewishGen blog for updates.

www.onlysimchas.com

This is an orthodox community website to announce simchahs: engagements, weddings, births, brits & bar mitzvahs

<http://www.onlysimchas.com/v4/index.cfm/fuseaction:simcha.search>
Go to above website to search the Only Simchas database.

<http://jewishgraveyardrabbith.blogspot.com/>

This website is a blog on international Jewish cemeteries, preservation and restoration projects, Jewish traditions (death, burial and mourning), Jewish tombstone symbols, how to read a Hebrew tombstone and discover genealogical information, cemetery news and other relevant topics. The International Jewish Graveyard Rabbit was created by Shelly Talalay Dardashti, author of Tracing the Tribe - The Jewish Genealogy Blog <http://tracingthetribe.blogspot.com>

www.worldcat.org

This website will search for books, music, videos, articles and more in libraries near you.

<http://genealogyguys.com/>

George G. Morgan and Drew Smith discuss genealogy. This is the oldest regularly produced genealogy podcast in the world.

<http://www.jewishgen.org/Yizkor/database.html>

This database attempts to list all Yizkor Books known to exist, as well as many other books written about particular shtetlekh. The database currently contains the titles of over 1,000 books.

<http://www.faganfinder.com/translate/?to=yi>

Translation Wizard

<http://www.ancestry.com/jewishfamilyhistory>

To learn more about above Jewish Family History Collection go to website <http://learn.ancestry.com/LearnMore/Webinars.aspx>. This November 5, 2008 webinar by Gary Mokotoff focused on this new Jewish Family History Collection.

<http://www.doew.at/cgi-bin/shoah/shoah.pl?lang=engl>

This website contains information concerning the fates of more than 62,000 Austrian Jews who fell victim to the Holocaust.

<http://www.museumoffamilyhistory.com/atm.htm>

The Museum of Family History is a virtual, multimedia, and interactive creation that was designed for those of us who are interested in learning more about the many branches of their family trees. The Museum humbly attempts to honor the Jewish people and the Jewish family unit in particular.

<http://www6.yadvashem.org/library/listResult.do>

Yad Vashem Library Catalog is now online.

Jewish Genealogy Conferences by IAJGS

IAJGS conferences, the premier event of Jewish genealogy year:
2009 August 2-7 Philadelphia
2010 July 11-16 Los Angeles
2011 August 14-19 Washington, DC

Community Outreach Participation

With the success of the JGS of SW FL participation in the summer series of Wine and Cheese Havdalah events, JGS is eager to be one of the co-sponsors of the community outreach Chanukah celebrations. There will be five specialized Chanukah parties for specific demographic groups. Attendees will complete interest forms that are returned to each group sponsor. Those interested in JGS will be notified of JGS meetings.

Tues., Dec. 23, 2008 @ 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM: Singles 35-65

Canvas Café Wine Bar, 239 S. Links Ave. (Towles Court)
latkes, hors d'oeuvres, drinks
\$18 for those who RSVP by Dec. 19; \$30 at the door
RSVP to Judi Sterne at 349-9287

Tues., Dec. 23, 2008 @ 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM: Singles 21-37

Beach Club, 5151 Ocean Blvd. (Siesta Key)
music, good food, drinks
\$5 for those who RSVP by Dec. 19; \$10 at the door

RSVP to Blair Watkins at bwsitework@comcast.net

Wed., Dec. 24, 2008 @ 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM: Singles 60+

Canvas Café Wine Bar, 239 S. Links Ave. (Towles Court)
latkes, hors d'oeuvres, drinks
Bring a small gift if you wish to participate in the gift exchange.
\$18 for those who RSVP by Dec. 22; \$30 at the door
RSVP to Annabelle Wolter at 952-1757

Sat., Dec. 27, 2008 @ 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Interfaith Families

Bounce U, 1925 Northgate Blvd. (Sarasota)
pizza, donuts, giant slides and bounce houses, songs, dreidels
\$5 per family for those who RSVP by Dec. 23; \$15 at the door
RSVP to Rabbi Elaine Glickman at 379-1997

Sun., Dec. 28, 2008 @ 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM: GLBT

Canvas Café Wine Bar, 239 S. Links Ave. (Towles Court)
latkes, hors d'oeuvres, drinks
\$18 for those who RSVP by Dec. 24; \$30 at the door
RSVP to Judith Yaeger at 312-4984

German Genealogy Local Happenings

Genealogical Society of Sarasota Germanic SIG

The Genealogical Society of Sarasota Germanic SIG is led by Marilyn Wethington (gssgenealogy@comcast.net) and meets selected Wednesdays at LDS History Center, 7001 Beneva Rd., Sarasota.

South Bay Genealogical Society German Club

The South Bay Genealogical Society German Club meets first Monday from Oct. thru May at 10:45 AM at South Shore Regional Library, 15816 Beth Shields Way, Ruskin.

Temple Emanu-El Adult Education

Hal Sterne will speak about discovering his German roots in a genealogy program presented by Temple Emanu-EL Adult Education on Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 2:00 PM at Temple Emanu-El, 151 S. McIntosh Rd., Sarasota.

Putting Flesh on the Genealogical Skeleton

Baerbel Johnson will present Putting Flesh on the Genealogical Skeleton at a workshop sponsored by SW FL Germanic Genealogy Research Group on Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM at St. James Episcopal Church 1375 Viscaya Dr., Port Charlotte.

Florida State Genealogical Society Newsletter

The Florida State Genealogical Society Newsletter (Florida Lines) is for societies and individuals interested in learning about what is happening around Florida and the nation. To view: http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flsgs/pub_floridalines.htm

Local Genealogical Societies Calendar

Manasota Genealogical Society

Upcoming Meeting: Tuesday, December 2, 2008 (9:30 AM)
Place: Manatee Central Library, Bradenton
Guest Speaker: Alex Morris
Program: "The Most Important Moment in American History: George Washington's Resignation from the Army"
Newsletter: Cracker Crumbs

Lakewood Ranch Genealogical Society

Upcoming Meeting: Monday, December 8, 2008 (7:00 PM)
Place: member's home, Lakewood Ranch
Program: Holiday Traditions Party

Genealogical Society of Sarasota

Upcoming Meeting: Saturday, December 13, 2008 (9:30 AM)
Place: Selby Public Library, Sarasota
Program: "Holiday Traditions of our Ancestors"
Newsletter: GSS Newsletter

Englewood Genealogical Society

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, December 17, 2008 (1:30 PM)
Place: Elsie Quirk Library
Program: Holiday Party
Newsletter: Timelines

Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay

Upcoming Meeting: Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 2:00 PM
Place: Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, Clearwater
Guest Speaker: Maxine Kronick
Program: A Passport to Life - Destination Shanghai

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay meeting will present Maxine Kronick's "A Passport to Life - Destination Shanghai". A social with refreshments and library access begins at 1:30 PM, and the featured program starts at 2:00 PM.

Maxine Kronick will provide a rare insight into life in the Shanghai Ghetto - a veritable walking tour through the designated area for stateless refugees - with the composer's original musical score and memories of a young boy's life in the Ghetto. Ms. Kronick is able to give us a rare insight into the lives of European Jews fortunate enough to have received, in whatever way possible, a passport to life that meant escape from the Holocaust and survival in Shanghai during the period of 1938-1945. This program consists of a 15-minute introductory narrative by Maxine Kronick, followed by a 28 minute documentary presentation, and a 15-minute question and answer period. The program material and format will appeal to audiences of all ages. Maxine Kronick, producer, is no stranger to the communication arts. She has performed extensively on stage and film served as the Director of Special Events for the City of Flint, Michigan, and created the popular documentary presentation "From the Shtetl with Love" Ms. Kronick has been on a national speaking tour to 80 Jewish Communities and schools and is presently the President and Cofounder of Theateriffic, a nonprofit Performing Art Company for children in Central Florida. Maxine has been the recipient of the Bnai Brith Humanitarian of the Year Award as well as numerous accolades from UJA, Hadassah, and the YWCA. For more information, call Sally Israel 727-343-1652.

From "Dear Abby" Column

Dear Abby: I have always wanted to have my family history traced, but I can't afford to spend a lot of money to do it. Any suggestions? Sam in California

Dear Sam: Yes. Run for public office! Abby

What is IAJGS?

The IAJGS (International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies) is an organization of organizations formed in the late 1980's to provide a common voice for issues of significance to its members, to advance our genealogical avocation, and to coordinate items such as the annual Jewish Genealogy Conference. Virtually all of the local and national Jewish Genealogical Societies and a number of Jewish Genealogical Special Interest Groups are members. The IAJGS Board of Directors consists of four elected officers, six elected Directors, and the immediate past president.

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JGS Newsletters

(available electronically from the editor)
(underlined newsletters were inadvertently omitted in fall issue)

Atsmi Uvsari (Utah JGS)

Branches (JGS Greater Miami)

Chronicles (JGS Greater Philadelphia)

Discovery (San Diego JGS)

Dor L' Dor (Jewish Genealogical Institute of British Columbia)

Family Finding (Wisconsin JGS)

Family Gatherings (JGS Broward County)

Family Legacies (JGS Southern Nevada)

Generations (JGS of Michigan)

Illiana (Illinois/Indiana JGS)

Kosher Koala (Australian Jewish Genealogical)

Looking Back (JGS of Tampa Bay)

Mishpacha (JGS of Greater Washington)

Mishpachology (JGS of Southwest Florida)

Montreal Forum (JGS Montreal)

Morasha (JGS Illinois)

News 'N Notes (St. Louis Genealogy Society)

Newsletter (JGS Great Britain)

Perth Jewish Roots (JHGS Western Australia)

Scattered Seeds (JGS Palm Beach County)

Shalshet (JGS of Oregon)

Shemot (JGS of Great Britain)

Shem Tov (JGS Canada - Toronto)

Toldot (JGS Argentina - in Spanish)

UpFront with NGS (National Genealogical Society)

Venturing Into Our Past (JGS Conejo Valley & Ventura County, California)

Yichus (JGS of North Jersey)

Zichron Note (San Francisco Bay Area JGS)

IAJGS News

by IAJGS President Anne Feder Lee

The IAJGS is pleased to announce the formation of the following committees for 2009. And we thank all the following individuals for their service to these important JGS activities.

Achievement Awards Committee

Chair: Marc Manson - Farmington Hills MI

Members:

Gary Mokotoff - Bergenfield NJ

Phyllis Kramer - Palm Beach Gardens FL

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Jewish Genealogy Month Poster Committee

Chair: Steve Lasky - Massapequa NY

Members:

Beth Galletto - Greenbrae CA

Merle Kastner - Montreal QC Canada

Please go to www.iajgs.org to learn more about these IAJGS activities. To contact any of the committee chairs, click on their name on the relevant page of the website.

31st IAJGS Conference (2011): For Jewish genealogists doing research on family in the United States, there probably is no better place than in Washington, DC. And in 2011 that opportunity will come to fruition when the 31st IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy will be hosted in DC by the Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington (JGSGW); this time at the Grand Hyatt Hotel from August 14-19. The beautifully appointed Grand Hyatt is centrally located on H Street between 10th and 11th Streets. A tunnel from the hotel lobby leads directly to the Washington Metro system for ease in traveling about the city to the National Archives, Library of Congress, Holocaust Museum, and other area sights. Chinatown and theatres are conveniently located. The hotel has 888 rooms and 40,000 square feet of conference space, which will be dedicated to the conference. The conference programs will take place on two levels accessible from the main lobby by elevator and escalator. On one level there will be banquet and kosher food facilities, as well as the cyber classroom, resource room, theatre and smaller meeting rooms. On the other level, a massive ballroom will be divided into lecture halls and a comfortable central lounge for networking and relaxing between events. A vendor room will be adjacent to the lecture halls. The cyber café with sufficient computers connected to internet resources will be set up in the central lounge. For conference attendees who will be staying at the Grand Hyatt, the guaranteed guest room rate has been negotiated at the same rate as the 2008 IAJGS conference in Chicago - \$199. As the conference draws closer, the program will be fleshed out to excite and interest the large group of attendees. Events at venues unique to Washington are planned. The DC 2011 Co-Chairs are Marlene Bishow, Vic Cohen, and Sue Isman.