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President's Shpiel

by Kim Sheintal

Have you ever subscribed to Google Alerts? Have you even heard of Google Alerts? My answer to these questions was "no" and "no" until I got the following message in an e-mail: "Hi! I recently subscribed to Google alerts for 'Klapman' and got notice of your recent Mishpochology newsletter." This e-mail was like music to my ears. Klapman is my maiden name and my most successful line that I have traced in my family. Because of Google Alerts, I helped a fellow Klapman trace his family. I had this person on one of my 17 Klapman charts and had already completed a five-page family tree for his Klapman line. After I sent to him the five-page family tree via e-mail, he told me that I had more names and dates about his family than his parents had. This man gained a lot by contacting me. Someday, I hope to turn my 17 Klapman lines into one tree. Until I started tracing my maiden name, I had no idea that there are people spelling that name in so many ways (Klapman, Clapman, Klopman, and Klopmann). As I write this article, I hope that someone interested in the name Klapman will find me once again on Google Alerts and surprise me with another e-mail.

The Sarasota-Manatee Section of the National Council of Jewish Women presents "March Medley: A Day of Experiences for the Mind and Body" at Temple Beth Sholom (1050 S. Tuttle Avenue, Sarasota) on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 from 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM. Nine people are presenting lectures representing a wide range of topics. I will explore the path to genealogy success in my "Have Fun Tracing Your Family" in an afternoon lecture. For more information, contact Nancy Miller 941-924-5900 or Nancy Gold 941-924-4866.

Welcome to JGS of SW FL New Members

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MEETING

Sunday, March 21, 2010 (1:00 PM)

Koernick House

1951 N. Honore Ave., Sarasota

Speaker: Lou Ann Palmer, former Sarasota Mayor

Program: My Memories of Sarasota's Jewish History from 1948

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JGS of SW FL - March and April Updates

The JGS of SW FL website <www.jgsswf.org> has been running for many years and recently got a face lift by our webmaster Jim Haberman. Since the face lift, two people with common roots have connected via e-mail after viewing the JGS of SW FL "Members Surnames and Towns" link.

What do you know about the Jewish history of Sarasota? Come to the March 21 JGS meeting at 1:00 PM at Koernick House. Former Sarasota Mayor, Lou Ann Palmer, will tell us about her experiences as a Jewish girl and woman living in Sarasota since 1948. Did you know that Lou Ann has been mayor of Sarasota in three decades, two centuries and 2 millennia?

Isaac Azerad's maternal grandmother traced her ancestry through recorded documents dating to 11th century Spain. In 1998, her family completed the movie "Shealtiel: A Family Saga." Azerad will present this movie and bring a reproduction of his family's 12th century Haggadah that is now housed in the British Museum's Library. After many years of work, his family has reproduced the famous 12th century illuminated Shealtiel Haggadah including a foreword by Moshe Shaltiel-Gracian in both English and Hebrew. An agreement with the British Museum Library, the owner of the Haggadah, permits his family to produce this beautiful hard-bound facsimile edition in limited quantities for members of the family.

IAJGS

(International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies)

Be a part of the world's largest Jewish Genealogy conference in Los Angeles (July 11-16, 2010)! The 30th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy will be held at the brand new JW Marriott Hotel, part of the new LA LIVE entertainment district in downtown Los Angeles. Join hundreds of other researchers as they explore their roots and build their family trees. Whether you're a beginner, just starting to trace your family's history, or a pro looking for the latest information and tips, the IAJGS conference will have something for you! Go to <http://www.jgsla2010.com/>. To access past IAJGS conference archives from Jerusalem (2004), Las Vegas (2005), New York (2006), Salt Lake City (2007), Chicago (2008) and Philadelphia (2009) on the IAJGS website go to <http://www.iajgs.org/prior-seminars.html>.

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Genealogy Television Shows Gain Popularity

"Who Do You Think You Are" will air on March 5 on NBC. The family history-focused series will lead seven celebrities on a journey back in time as they discover more about the ancestors who came before them. Lisa Kudrow, who executive produced the show and is Jewish, will be featured in the episodes, along with Sarah Jessica Parker, Spike Lee, Matthew Broderick, Susan Sarandon, Emmitt Smith, and Brooke Shields. Matthew Broderick and Sarah Jessica Parker have Jewish mothers.

"Faces of America" aired February 10 on PBS. Professor Henry Louis Gates Jr. hosted this genealogy TV show. The show chronicled the family history of twelve media-friendly faces - Meryl Streep, Eva Longoria Parker, Mario Batali, Stephen Colbert, Yo-Yo Ma, Dr. Oz, Malcolm Gladwell and Kristi Yamaguchi, among others - and discussed how their backgrounds and ethnicities have helped change the way we define "American." Genetic testing revealed that director Mike Nichols, of Eastern European Jewish heritage, and surgeon and television host Mehmet Oz, the son of Turkish Muslim immigrants, had a common paternal ancestor thousands of years ago.

Allen County Public Library

The Allen County Public Library houses JGS of SW FL newsletters (March 1996 to present). If you would like to subscribe to their online newsletter "Genealogy Gems," simply use your browser to go to the website <www.GenealogyCenter.Info>. Scroll down toward the bottom of the first screen where it says, "Enter Your E-mail Address to Subscribe to "Genealogy Gems." Enter your e-mail address in the yellow box and click on "Subscribe."

Australian National Conference on Jewish Genealogy Lionel Sharpe, Secretary, AJGS (Victoria) Melbourne, Australia

The Australian Jewish Genealogical Society (Victoria) is hosting the 2nd Australian National Conference on Jewish Genealogy and a number of outstanding internationally well known genealogists will be making the long flight to Australia to participate in this event. The conference will be held in Melbourne, the capital city of the State of Victoria, and will be held on the long weekend of 7th - 9th March, 2010. Further information and the registration form can be found on the society's website <www.ajgs-vic.org.au>. For details, contact Allan Jankie, Conference Convener, <ajgs2010@gmail.com>.

Jewish American Heritage Month

Ethnicity is and has been a determining factor in where ancestors settled, and may have influenced where they lived, where they traveled, what schools their children attended, what synagogues they attended, and what newspapers announced their births, weddings, burials, and social activities. On April 20, 2006, President George W. Bush proclaimed that May would be Jewish American Heritage Month. The announcement was the crowning achievement in an effort by the Jewish Museum of Florida and South Florida Jewish community leaders that resulted in resolutions introduced by Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida and Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania urging the president to proclaim a month that would recognize the more than 350-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture. The resolutions passed unanimously, first in the House of Representatives in December 2005 and later in the Senate in February 2006. The month of May was chosen due to the highly successful celebration of the 350th Anniversary of American Jewish History in May 2004, which was organized by the Commission for Commemorating 350 Years of American Jewish History. Jewish Genealogical Societies give people with Jewish roots the opportunity to share their common research.

Beit Hatfutsot and MyHeritage.com

In December, MyHeritage.com and Beit Hatfutsot (Museum of the Jewish People) announced their new partnership to grow the Museum's Jewish family tree database and help to preserve Jewish identity. This partnership will add millions of data elements to the existing multimedia database at the Museum.

Wonderful World of Websites

<http://faujsa.fau.edu/jsa/home.php>

Judaica Sound Archives, a major center for the collection, preservation and digitization of Judaica audio recordings, at FL Atlantic University

http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/

Online Genealogy Newsletter offers free standard edition subscription.

<http://iajgs.org/IAJGS%20JGS%20Yearbook.html>

The 2008 Jewish Genealogy Yearbook has 131 pages about Jewish Genealogical Societies and their continuing projects.

http://genealogy.about.com/od/jewish/tp/free_jewish.htm

Ten Jewish genealogy online databases are listed by Kimberly Powell. Most of these Jewish genealogy databases are even free!

<http://www.yadvashem.org/>

Yad Vashem Shoah Names Database

<http://www.jewishgen.org/GEDcom/>
Family Tree of the Jewish People (FTJP)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/jgff/>
JewishGen Family Finder (JGFF)

<http://landing.ancestry.com/jewishfamilyhistory/>
Jewish Family History Collection at Ancestry.com

<http://www.avotaynu.com/csi/csi-home.htm>
Consolidated Jewish Surname Index

<http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/cemetery/>
JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR)

<http://www.onderzoekinformatie.nl/en/oi/nod/onderzoek/OND1283239/>

Digital Monument to the Jewish Community in the Netherlands

<http://www.rtrfoundation.org/>
Routes to Roots - Eastern Europe Archival Database

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

<http://knowlescollection.blogspot.com/>
Knowles Collection at Family Search

<http://www.museumoffamilyhistory.com/ce/ghetto/lodz-ghetto-cemetery.htm>
The Łódź Ghetto Cemetery Burial Lists

www.leadel.net/jews-that-do-contest/videos/connecting-your-roots
Connecting to Your Roots by Jewish Genealogical Society of Colorado

<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/how/interactive-form.php>
Preview the 2010 US Census Form

<http://www.scribd.com>
Document-sharing website which allows users to post documents

JGS of Tampa Bay

Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services (14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater)
(1:30 refreshments and socialize, 2:00 program)

Sun., March 14, 2010: Guide to Jewish Genealogy Research (Part 2): A Foundation for Beginners and an Update for Experienced Researchers

Sun., April 18, 2010: Genealogical Clues on Tombstones

For information, call Sally Israel at 727-343-1652.

Genealogy Relationship Chart

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|----|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | Common Ancestor | Son or Daughter | Grandson or Daughter | Great Grandson or Daughter | 2nd Great Grandson or Daughter | 3rd Great Grandson or Daughter | 4th Great Grandson or Daughter | 5th Great Grandson or Daughter | 6th Great Grandson or Daughter | 7th Great Grandson or Daughter |
| 2 | Son or Daughter | Brother or Sister | Niece or Nephew | Grand Niece or Nephew | Great Grand Niece or Nephew | 2nd Great Grand Niece or Nephew | 3rd Great Grand Niece or Nephew | 4th Great Grand Niece or Nephew | 5th Great Grand Niece or Nephew | 6th Great Grand Niece or Nephew |
| 3 | Grandson or Daughter | Niece or Nephew | First Cousin | First Cousin Once Removed | First Cousin Twice Removed | First Cousin Three Times Removed | First Cousin Four Times Removed | First Cousin Five Times Removed | First Cousin Six Times Removed | First Cousin Seven Times Removed |
| 4 | Great Grandson or Daughter | Grand Niece or Nephew | First Cousin Once Removed | Second Cousin | Second Cousin Once Removed | Second Cousin Twice Removed | Second Cousin Three Times Removed | Second Cousin Four Times Removed | Second Cousin Five Times Removed | Second Cousin Six Times Removed |
| 5 | 2nd Great Grandson or Daughter | Great Grand Niece or Nephew | First Cousin Twice Removed | Second Cousin Once Removed | Third Cousin | Third Cousin Once Removed | Third Cousin Twice Removed | Third Cousin Three Times Removed | Third Cousin Four Times Removed | Second Cousin Five Times Removed |
| 6 | 3rd Great Grandson or Daughter | 2nd Great Grand Niece or Nephew | First Cousin Three Times Removed | Second Cousin Twice Removed | Third Cousin Once Removed | Fourth Cousin | Fourth Cousin Once Removed | Fourth Cousin Twice Removed | Fourth Cousin Three Times Removed | Fourth Cousin Four Times Removed |
| 7 | 4th Great Grandson or Daughter | 3rd Great Grand Niece or Nephew | First Cousin Four Times Removed | Second Cousin Three Times Removed | Third Cousin Twice Removed | Fourth Cousin Once Removed | Fifth Cousin | Fifth Cousin Once Removed | Fifth Cousin Twice Removed | Fifth Cousin Three Times Removed |
| 8 | 5th Great Grandson or Daughter | 4th Great Grand Niece or Nephew | First Cousin Five Times Removed | Second Cousin Four Times Removed | Third Cousin Three Times Removed | Fourth Cousin Twice Removed | Fifth Cousin Once Removed | Sixth Cousin | Sixth Cousin Once Removed | Sixth Cousin Twice Removed |
| 9 | 6th Great Grandson or Daughter | 5th Great Grand Niece or Nephew | First Cousin Six Times Removed | Second Cousin Five Times Removed | Third Cousin Four Times Removed | Fourth Cousin Three Times Removed | Fifth Cousin Twice Removed | Sixth Cousin Once Removed | Seventh Cousin | Seventh Cousin Once Removed |
| 10 | 7th Great Grandson or Daughter | 6th Great Grand Niece or Nephew | First Cousin Seven Times Removed | Second Cousin Six Times Removed | Third Cousin Five Times Removed | Fourth Cousin Four Times Removed | Fifth Cousin Three Times Removed | Sixth Cousin Twice Removed | Seventh Cousin Once Removed | Eighth Cousin |

Select two people in your family and figure out which ancestor they have in common. For example, if you chose yourself and a first cousin, you would have a grandparent in common.

1. Look at the top row of the chart and find the first person's relationship to the common ancestor.
2. Look at the far left column of the chart and find the second person's relationship to the common ancestor.
3. Move across the columns and down the rows to determine where the row and column containing these two relationships (from #3 & #3) meet. This box is the relationship between the two individuals.

Connecting Researchers with Similar Research Interests

<http://rsl.rootsweb.com/#search>

Rootsweb has database of surnames currently being researched by genealogists worldwide.

<http://landing.ancestry.com/memberconnect/>

Member Connect helps you stay in touch with other members who also happen to be researching your ancestors.

You can contact them, share research and be notified when they add new content about your ancestors to their public family trees.

<http://genealogy.about.com/cs/chat/>

Learn about Genealogy Chat Rooms.

<http://www.linkpendium.com/>

Linkpendium's goal is to index every family tree, surname, vital records, biography, or otherwise genealogically-related site on Internet.

Connecting Researchers with Similar Jewish Research Interests

<http://www.jewishgen.org/>

JewishGen is the primary Internet source connecting researchers of Jewish genealogy worldwide and based on the concept of free sharing of information with access to over 35 databases of information from various countries around the world. The database list is located at <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/>. To learn about Jewish genealogy, go to <http://www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/faq.html>.

<http://www.jewishgen.org/jgff/>

JewishGen Family Finder (JGFF) is a database of surnames and towns currently being researched by over 80,000 Jewish genealogists worldwide. It contains ancestral surnames and town names, and is indexed and cross-referenced by both surname and town name. Its purpose is to allow people who are researching the same surnames and towns to discover each other, and then share information with each other. To submit your surnames and town names, go to the JGFF online at <http://www.jewishgen.org/jgff> and select the enter/modify button. If you are not already registered with JewishGen and logged in, you will be asked to register and log in. The JGFF was created in 1982 by Gary Mokotoff, and is now maintained by JewishGen, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation.

1982: The New York-based Jewish Genealogical Society published a 37-page typewritten roster of ancestral towns and surnames being researched by 83 members of the society. This was the start of what became the Jewish Genealogical Family Finder.

1994: JGFF was made available on the Internet, via a world wide web and e-mail retrieval system developed by Warren Blatt for JewishGen.

1996: A new online system was developed for JewishGen by Michael Tobias, which included the ability to enter and modify entries online. Ownership of the JGFF was transferred from the Jewish Genealogical Society (New York), to JewishGen, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, in order to make the data more widely available.

2009 Statistics:

- An average of 10 new users and 100 new surname/town entries are added every day.
- As of September 30, 2009, the JGFF contained over 449,000 entries, submitted by over 87,000 Jewish genealogists worldwide. The database contains more than 113,000 different surnames, and 17,000 different ancestral town names.
- JewishGen is completely free of cost to users, but there are costs to administer and maintain the database. It is suggested that those who are benefiting and using the JGFF for their research to send a voluntary \$25 annual donation.

<http://www.jewishgen.org/JewishGen/DiscussionGroup.htm>

The JewishGen Discussion Group is an Internet forum which unites Jewish genealogical researchers worldwide as they read and discuss each day's messages. There is an archived database that contains all messages posted to the JewishGen Discussion Group since Sept. 1993. You must be registered with JewishGen to receive or post messages and to view the archived database.

<http://www.jewishgen.org/family/>

The JewishGen Family Links Database is a list of family web pages submitted to this website by Jewish researchers. You must be registered with JewishGen to post and view the family web pages.

<http://www.jewishgen.org/JewishGen/ValueAdded.asp#JGFFAlert>

The JGFFAlert System is an immediate advisory system which constantly monitors all entries and changes made to the JGFF, and alerts JGFFAlert System participants immediately if a new entry into the JGFF is a potential match with one of their own entries. The JGFFAlert System relieves you of the need to check for new entries. This service is a thank you to all who contribute a minimum of \$100 annually to the JewishGen General Fund. To contribute, send check to: JewishGen, Inc., Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Pl., New York, NY 10280.

<http://www.jewishgen.org/JewishGen/sigs.htm>

JewishGen hosts web pages for several Special Interest Groups (SIGs), whose interest is a geographic region of origin, or special topic. You must register with the specific JewishGen SIG in order to post and read the postings.