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(12:45 p.m. Socializing) (1:00 p.m. Program)

Discovering One's Hidden Jewish Roots

Moderator Leah Cook (with panel of

Ellisheva Richmond and family, Jane Davis, and others)

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Welcome New Members

Dr. Roselyn Rauch

Judy Taylor

Wonderful World of Websites

<https://familysearch.brightspotcdn.com/58/a4/09bee03f41f789ad182d43812184/documentation-of-jewish-records-project.pdf>

Documentation of Jewish Records Worldwide aka DoJR

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/google-engineer-identifies-anonymous-faces-in-wwii-photos-with-ai-facial-recognition/>

Google Engineer Identifies Anonymous Faces in WWII Photos with AI Facial Recognition

<https://numberstonames.org/>

Database for Faces in WWII Photos with AI Facial Recognition

<https://synagogues-360.anumuseum.org.il/synagogue-search/>
360-degree Panorama View of Synagogues

<https://www.slideshare.net/igra3/2022-07-igra-database-release>
Israel Genealogy Research Association (aka IGRA)
(databases updated July 31, 2022)

<https://www.jpost.com/tags/genealogy>

Genealogy News from The Jerusalem Post

<https://www.ushmm.org/online/world-memory-project/>

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and Ancestry created the World Memory Project to allow anyone to help build the largest free online resource for information about victims and survivors of the Holocaust and Nazi persecution during World War II.

<https://www.visitsaltlake.com/event/2023-rootstech-conference/26870/>

Rootstech Conference 2023

President's Spiel by Kim Sheintal

Most people join a Jewish genealogical society for one of the following reasons:

- born Jewish and want to trace their Jewish heritage
- to gain an understanding of Jewish traditions and cultures
- not Jewish, but discover that they have Jewish roots
- not Jewish, but have a relative who married somebody Jewish

Most JGS of SW FL members are Jewish. Some of the members did not know they had Jewish heritage until they were adults. There are non-Jewish members who have a family member who married someone Jewish.

Madeleine Albright first learned of her Jewish identity when she was 59, two weeks before being sworn in as the first female Secretary of State in U.S. history. *Suddenly Jewish: Jews Raised as Gentiles Discover Their Jewish Roots* by Barbara Kessel is a book with stories about gentiles discovering their Jewish roots. "With humor, candor, and deep emotion, Kessel's subjects discuss the emotional upheaval of refashioning their self-image and, for many, coming to terms with deliberate deception on the part of parents and family. Responses to the discovery of a Jewish heritage ranged from outright rejection to wholehearted embrace." For details, go to <https://a.co/d/dIdiar>.

The opening JGS of SW FL meeting of the 2022-2023 season will feature a panel on Zoom of adults who discovered their Jewish identity as adults. This program, Discovering One's Hidden Jewish Roots, takes place on Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. with socializing beginning at 12:45 p.m. To access the Zoom link, contact Kim Sheintal: 941-302-1433, klapshein@aol.com. Special thanks to Leah Cook, JGS of SW FL member, for organizing this program.

Suranmes Researched by Members of Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida

Thank you to Leah Cook, JGS of SW FL member, who recently updated the Surname/Place Database for the JGS of SW FL members. Below are the surnames appearing on the website. Places appear on the website in addition to surnames.

To contact person researching any of the below surnames, go to <http://www.jgsswf.org/> and click on the "Member towns and surname searches" link on the left. You can then connect with the researcher by sending email to president@jgsswf.org.

ABRAHAM, ABRAHAMS, ABRAMS, ABRAMOWITZ, ALESSI, ALPER, AMOLOVICZ, APFELBERG, APPLEBAUM, ARCATI, ATKATS, BAALS, BANNER, BARBAGALLO, BARNETT, BARSKY, BASKIN, BAZZANO, BECK, BELEVATSKY, BELKIEN / BELKIN, BENJAMINOWITZ, BERLIN, BERMAN, BERNSEN, BERNSTEIN, BERRYMAN / BERYMAN, BERSHAS, BEYLA, BIENSTOCK, BINDER, BLACKER / BLYAKER / BLYAKHER, BLADY, BLAJWAS / BLAJWEIS, BLANK, BLOOM, BLUM, BLUMENFELD, BODELL, BRENING, BRODY, BRONSTEIN, BRUSINKE, CALDARARU, CHAITZIS, CHATZINOFF, CHIHMAN / SCHUMAN, CLARKE, COCHANSKY, COHEN, COLE, CONTORER / KONTORER, COTTON / KOTON, CREININ, CUKIERMAN, CZERWITZ / HURWITZ / HOROWITZ, DAVID, DAVIS, DOIGNY, DONOVAN, DOWBRONER, DUBINSKY, DUBOWSKI, EDELMAN / ADELMAN, EISENBERG, EMERMAN, EPSTEIN, FAIBISH, FALCOFSKY, FALK, FEINSCHNEIDER, FELDMAN, FERBER, FERRARO, FEURSTEIN / FIRESTEIN, FEINGOLD, FINKELSTEIN, FISCH, FISHBACH, FISZ / FISH, FLAM, FLEISCHER / FLEISHER, FLINK, FOTI, FRAEGAR / FRAGER, FRANK, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, FRIEDMAN, FROJMOVITS, FROST, FUCHS, GARBER, GARFINKEL, GIPS, GOISTBERG, GOLDBERG, GOLDMAN, GOLDSTEIN, GOLDWATER / GOLDWASSER, GOODMAN, GORMELY, GRABER, GRAD, GREENBAUM, GREENBERG, GREENFIELD, GROSS, GROSSFIELD, GUTENSKY / HUTENSKI / HUTTEN, GUTTMAN, HABERMAN, HANALISS / LISS, HARRIS, HEDGE, HERDINGER, HERSKOVITZ, HERZOG, HESSEL, HORVATH, HUIDE, IANAVA, IKER, ISRAEL, ISSACS, JACOBY, JACUBOVITS / JACOBS, JAFFE, JASTREBLENSCAIA / BLOOM, JOSEPH, KAHN / KAGAN, KAJZER, KAPLAN, KARASIK, KASRILZON / KESSELSOHN / KASERSON, KASTEN, KATMAN, KATZ, KATZNER, KAUFMAN, KAZAN / KAZEN, KLAPMAN / KLOPMAN, KLINKOFSKY / KLANKAVAS, KNISBACHER, KOHN, KOPLIN, KOROTINSKY, KOSCH, KRAMER, KWIATEK, LAFER, LAMARZ, LANDY, LASINSKY / LASHINSKY, LBOVITZ, LEFF, LEJSMAN, LEVIN, LEVINE, LEVINSON / BRAHAM, LEWIS, LIEBERMAN, LIMONCHIK, LINDEN, LIPOVETSKY, LIPPMAN / LEIBMAN, LIPSCHITZ, LIPSITZ / LIPSHITZ, LIPSON, LOPRESTI, LOSNER, LOW / LOEW, LOWENTHAL, MAGENHEIM, MAJERCZYK, MALAGOLOWKE / MALAGOLOW, MALAMUDM / MELMUTH, MANKOWSKI / MINKOWSKI, MARKOWITZ / MARKOVICI, MARX, MATIS / MATYS, MAY, MELASWIKI / CHASANSKY / MILLER, MENDLOWITZ, MERDINGER, MESZURES / MERSHORES / MESZORES, MIDVINSKY, MITCHEL, MORRIS, MOYSZESZ, MULLER, MUNDEL / MENDEL / MANDEL, MYERS, NAIMAN, NEMEN,

NEUMARK / NEWMARK, NEWMAN, NOACHIMOW, NUDELMANN / NEEDLEMAN, OLIPHANT, OPALINSKI, OPPENHEIMER, PALMER, PARISH / PASHELINSKY, PECKETT, PEKARSKY, PELTZER, PERELMAN, PERELMUTTER / PEARLMUTTER / PERLMUTTER, PHON, PIERSON, PITUM, PODOLIA, PRUCHNA, PUNDICK, RABINOWITZ, RAFF, RAITHEL, REES, REITER, REZNICK, RIBA, RICCIO, RICHLAND / REJCHLAND, RIEFF / ROFMAN, ROD, ROSENLICHT, ROSENTHAL / ROZINTOL ROTENBERG / REITENBERG, RUDOWSKY, SACHS, SALAT, SALZ, SANDLER, SANGREGORIO, SARON, SCHIFFER, SCHILLING, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHNEIDERMAN, SCHUDRICH, SCHWARTZ, SERESKY / SEREJESKI / SIRESKY, SHAFRO, SHAPIRO, SHEINTAL / SCHONTHAL / SZAJNTAL, SHOILET, SHRUT / SHROTT / SCHRUTT, SIMPSON, SITKOFF / SITKOVITSKY, SLOMNICKI, SLOTE, SOBEL, SOLER, SOLEWICZ, SPANIARD, SPINELLO, STEIN, STEINBERG, STERNBERG, STONE / STEIN, STRAJER / SZRAJER, SULSKY, SUSSMAN, SYLBERSTAIN, SZKLARKIEWICZ, SZPITALNIK / SZPITALNIK, SZWARCBART / SZWARCBORT, SZYDLOW, TABACZKIEWICZ, TAITZ, TAUB, THAU, TISENBAUM, TOBIAS, TONGUE, TOSACS / NOSACZ, TRAUB, TSIKANOVSKIY / TSIKANOVSKY, TURK, TWARDAGORA, VOLLKOMMER, WAGNER, WALDMAN, WEIL / WILE, WEINER, WEINSTEIN, WEISS, WEISSMAN, WEISZ, WERBNER, WEXLER, WINISKY / RUBEN, WINTER, WIZENBERG, WOLFF, WOLFGANG, WOLK, WUNSH, WYNNE, YITZHAK, YOLKEN, ZAKAR, ZAKS, ZASLAVSKY, ZYDEK

JGS of SW FL member, Dr. Roselyn Rauch, does not yet appear on the Surname/Place List on the website. She is tracing BAZER from Odessa, Russia and BLOCK and GETLER from Hamburg or Frankfurt, Germany.

How Popular is My Name?

How many have my first and last name in United States?

<http://howmanyofme.com/>

How common is my surname (last name)?

<https://forebears.io/surnames>

How common is my forename (first name)?

<https://forebears.io/forenames>

What are most popular surnames in the United States?

<https://namecensus.com/last-names/>

Where can I learn about Jewish surnames around the world?

- <https://www.scarymommy.com/pregnancy/jewish-last-names>
- <https://www.familyeducation.com/baby-names/surname/origin/jewish>
- <https://genealogy.loveto know.com/list-jewish-surnames>
- https://www.momjunction.com/articles/jewish-last-names-family-surnames-meanings_00511951/
- <https://blog.genealogybank.com/jewish-last-names-their-meanings.html>

ANU Museum Family Name Database

- <https://www.anumuseum.org.il/databases/family-names/jewish-family-names-introduction/>
- <https://dbs.anumuseum.org.il/skn/en/c6/bh>

Jewish Twins

by Kim Sheintal

Many people are interested in their family's genetic connection to twins.

"Does genetics affect the chance of having twins? That is a very interesting question! And one that many people wonder about. Twin genetics depend on what kind of twins we are talking about. Having identical twins is not genetic. On the other hand, fraternal twins can run in families. Genetics can definitely play a role in having fraternal twins. For example, a woman that has a sibling that is a fraternal twin is 2.5 times more likely to have twins than average! However, for a given pregnancy, only the mother's genetics matter. Fraternal twins happen when two eggs are simultaneously fertilized instead of just one. A father's genes can't make a woman release two eggs."

<https://www.thetech.org/ask-a-geneticist/twin-genetics>

I, like so many other people tracing their families, am curious about genetic connections to twins in my family. My cousin Linda Forman (nee Davis), daughter of Rose Davis (nee Klapman) sent me the following email on June 14, 2006: "The irony is that the only way my grandmother would get both girls out of Europe was to tell everyone that they were twins. It was pretty funny – my mother was three years younger, much darker in color and rail thin – compared to her older ruddier fuller figured sister. I had a 50th anniversary of my mother's yartzeit and wrote a story board that mentioned that: my mother came from Europe as a twin, she married a twin, I married the son of a twin, I had twins. Pretty interesting set of coincidences. Linda."

Jewish Twins and Triplets Going Separate Ways as Babies

Twins separated soon after birth, Jack Yufe was raised as a Jew in Trinidad while his sibling Oskar Stohr grew up in Nazi Germany where he joined Hitler. Yufe became an officer in the Israeli Navy. Stohr grew up Catholic and became an enthusiastic member of the Hitler Youth. In 1933, Yufe and Stohr were born in Port of Spain, Trinidad, to a Romanian Jewish father and a German Catholic mother. The brothers' unique relationship was a source of fascination for the researchers behind the landmark Minnesota twin study conducted from the late 1980s to the early 2000s. These twins are featured in the book *Indivisible by Two: Lives of Extraordinary Twins* (published in 2007) by Dr. Nancy L. Segal in which she tells the stories behind her research to reveal the profound joys and real-life traumas of twelve remarkable sets of twins, triplets, and quadruplets.

A science experiment that deliberately separated Jewish identical twins and triplets from birth in a 1960s study that purposely separated adopted twins and triplets into different families was led by prominent psychiatrists Peter Neubauer and Viola Bernard. The New York City physicians performed their hush-hush experiments on children given up for adoption between 1960 and 1978. They worked with the Jewish adoption agency Louise Wise Services, located on East 94th Street in Manhattan. The multiples were sent to different families without the knowledge of their biological mothers and the adoptive parents were never told that their new infants had identical siblings. Several of the babies given up for adoption by the Louise Wise Services are featured in *Deliberately Divided: Inside the Controversial Study of Twins and Triplets Adopted Apart* (published in 2021) by Dr. Nancy L. Segal. Segal interviewed seven Neubauer twins for her book. Many of the twins (there were 11 in all, four pairs and one set of triplets) have chosen to remain more or less private and refrained from

talking openly with Segal. Here are some of the twins and triplets from the Jewish adoption agency Louise Wise Services.

- Sharon Morello, who was born and separated in 1966 from her identical twin (not named in any of Segal's book as she declined to participate) when they were newborns. She did not know she had a twin until was 48. She was featured on the 20/20 tv ABC show. She reunited with her sister in 2015 after a filmmaker tracked them down and put them in touch.
- Two brothers, Edward and Robert, discovered the truth after two of them met as students and a third brother came forward after learning about the case in the media in 1980 at the age of 19. The movie "Three Identical Strangers" featured the triplets (Edward Galland, David Kellman, and Robert Shafran).
- Melanie Mertzell and Ellen Carbone were reunited by chance when Carbone's aunt spotted her niece's doppelganger at an IHOP in Brooklyn. Ellen Carbone and Melanie Mertzell, for the first 23 years of their lives had no idea they were identical twins. They were featured on 60 Minutes Australia on August 11, 2020.
- Allison Kanter and Michele Mordkoff were separated at birth and grew up never knowing they had a twin because of a controversial "nature versus nurture" experiment. Unlike the others, the two were fraternal twins who may have been mistaken as identical. Their adoptive families were also kept in the dark, but Neubauer excluded the girls from his study, once he realized their DNA didn't match. Allison Kanter and Michele Mordkoff first met in August 2018 at a Manhattan hotel. Mordkoff (adopted in 1964) had always wondered about her identity. After watching "Three Identical Strangers," she decided to test her DNA which led her to a match to Allison Kanter as an immediate family member. After 54 years apart, completely unaware each other existed, Mordkoff and Kanter reunited face to face in New York City in August 2018. They were featured on The Atlantic Selects, a one-woman show run by film curator and journalist Emily Buder.
- Paula Bernstein and Elyse Schein were reunited in 2004 at age 35. They are authors of the memoir, *Identical Strangers*. Schein, who was living in Paris at the time, had been trying to find information about her birth mother when she learned from the adoption agency that she had a twin sister. The two women met for the first time at a cafe in New York City.

Celebrity Identical Jewish Twins

- 1-Pauline Esther "Popo" Phillips, (aka Abigail Van Buren or Dear Abby) and Esther Pauline "Eppie" Lederer (aka Ann Landers) born July 4, 1918: advice columnists
- 2-Evan and Jaron Lowenstein born March 18, 1974: musicians (aka Evan and Jaron)
- 3-Farrell Randal "Randy" Sklar and Jason Nathan Sklar (born January 12, 1972), professionally known as the Sklar Brothers: comedians and actors best known for hosting the show Cheap Seats, which aired for four seasons on ESPN Classic.

Types of Twins

- <https://www.healthline.com/health/pregnancy/types-of-twins#unique-identical-twins>
- <https://www.twins.org.au/research/twin-and-data-resource/76-types-of-twins>

Five Most Common Ashkenazi Genetic Diseases

Because of mutations in certain genes and high carrier frequencies, five diseases are especially common among Ashkenazi Jews:

- Gaucher Disease (1 in 10)
- Cystic Fibrosis (1 in 24)
- Tay-Sachs Disease (1 in 27)
- Familial Dysautonomia (1 in 31)
- Spinal Muscular Atrophy (1 in 41)

Source:

<https://www.gaucherdisease.org/blog/5-common-ashkenazi-genetic-diseases/>

Ten Key Findings about Jewish Americans

Pew Research Center Report based on a survey of 4,718 Jewish America adults fielded from November 19, 2019 to June 3, 2020

- The size of the adult Jewish population has been fairly stable in percentage terms, while rising in absolute numbers, roughly in line with the growth of the U.S. population. An estimated 2.4% of U.S. adults are Jewish.
- Like the overall U.S. population, Jews appear to be growing more racially and ethnically diverse.
- U.S. Jews are less religious than American adults overall.
- Jewish Americans are staunchly liberal and favor the Democratic Party, but Orthodox Jews are a notable exception.
- Three-quarters of American Jews think there is more anti-Semitism in the U.S. today than there was five years ago.
- A large majority of U.S. Jews (82%) say caring about Israel is either “essential” or “important” to what being Jewish means to them.
- Majorities of U.S. Jews engage in cultural activities like cooking Jewish food (72%), sharing holidays with non-Jewish friends (62%) and visiting historical Jewish sites (57%).
- Younger Jews are more likely than older Jews to identify as Orthodox and more likely to say they do not belong to any particular branch of Judaism.
- Members of different branches of American Judaism generally do not feel they have “a lot” in common with one another.
- About four-in-ten married Jews (42%) have a non-Jewish spouse, but intermarriage rates differ within subgroups.

Source:

<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2021/05/11/10-key-findings-about-jewish-americans/>

Jewish Community Study of Sarasota-Manatee

As of 2019, Sarasota-Manatee Jewish community numbers approximately 35,300 adults and children. Since 2001, the number of Jewish individuals in Sarasota-Manatee increased by 86%. Approximately 3.6% of Sarasota-Manatee residents are Jewish.

Source:

<http://bir.brandeis.edu/bitstream/handle/10192/37052/sarasotacommstudy110119.pdf?sequence=14&isAllowed=y>

Local Genealogical Societies

Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida

President: Kim Sheintal, klapshein@aol.com, 941-302-1433, <http://www.jgsswf.org>, <https://www.facebook.com/JGSSWF>

Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay

President: Bruce Hadburg, bhadburg@tampabay.rr.com, 727-796-7981, <http://www.jgstb.org>, www.facebook.com/pg/JGSTB

Genealogical Society of Sarasota

President: Nancy Johnson, choc08448@gmail.com, 941-752-9819, www.gssfl.org

Manatee Genealogical Society

President: Karen Dwyer, president@mgsfl.org, 941-840-3939, <https://mgsfl.org>,

<https://www.facebook.com/ManateeGenealogicalSociety>

Lakewood Ranch Genealogical Club

Coordinator: Donna Moughty, moughty@mac.com, 203-247-0878, <https://www.irishfamilyroots.com/lakewood-ranch-genealogy>

South Bay Genealogical Society

President: Dru Thomas, 813-634-9513, southbaygs@gmail.com, reservations: Dianna Loudermilk 864-607-1330, <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~flsbgs/index.htm>

Englewood Genealogical Society

President: Paul Skeels, info@egsfl.org, <https://egsfl.org/contact.php>

Charlotte County Genealogical Society

President: Philip Fisher, webliasion@ccgsi.org, <https://ccgsi.org>

2022 Membership Dues

Single Membership: \$25/year

Family Membership: \$30/year

Sustaining Membership: \$50/year for Single or Family

Mail check (payable to JGS of SW FL) with your name, e-mail, phone, address and surnames/places you are researching to:

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JGS of SW FL 2022-2023 Zoom Programs

Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Discovering One's Hidden Jewish Roots

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Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Publishing Your Family's History

by Barry Halpern

Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

The Genetic Origins and Migrations of the Jewish People

by Adam Brown

Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

How to Utilize the JewishGen Discussion Group Effectively

by Phil Goldfarb

Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Using y-DNA and mtDNA in Genealogy Research

by Gil Bardige

Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Finding Your Eastern European Jewish Family on JRI-Poland

by Robinn Magid