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**Zoom Program: Sunday, April 16, 2023**

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

Finding Your Eastern European Jewish Family

on JRI-Poland by Robinn Magid

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### President's Spiel

by Kim Sheintal

March is definitely the month to showcase Jewish genealogy in Sarasota. We welcome E. Randol Schoenberg to Sarasota. Mr. Schoenberg is a Los Angeles based lawyer and genealogist specializing in legal cases related to the recovery artworks looted or stolen by the Nazi regime during the Holocaust. He successfully sued the Austrian government for the return of five paintings by Gustav Klimt, including the iconic portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer, to its rightful owner, Maria Altmann. This famous case, which reached the United States Supreme Court, was depicted in the highly successful film, *Woman in Gold*, in which Schoenberg's character was portrayed by Ryan Reynolds alongside leading lady Helen Mirren. There is a sneak preview of his new film, the genealogical documentary *Fioretta*, tracing his family back 500 years to the founding of the Venetian Ghetto. *Fioretta* will be shown on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Burns Court Cinema. The Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida has arranged for Schoenberg to present "The Recovery of the Klimt Paintings from Austria" on Friday, March 24 at 10:00 a.m. at Temple Emanu-El (151 McIntosh Road, Sarasota).

I am excited to share with you a genealogy article (with several connections to Jewish roots and Israel) appearing in the March/April issue of *Sarasota Magazine*. The Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida "Discovering One's Hidden Jewish Roots" November program was highlighted in the article. The article also features a reference as to how I discovered my early roots to Israel in regard to the Bilu group.

I look forward to the April 16 JGS of SW FL Zoom featuring Robinn Magid. Join Robinn Magid, "Jewish Records Indexing - Poland" Assistant Director, in a presentation to learn how to find your Eastern European ancestors in the surviving Polish records. Many Jews know that their family came from Eastern Europe, Russia or maybe Russian Poland, but are not sure if they should be interested in the Jewish records of Poland. Borders changed and empires came and went. Robinn will mix methodology with case studies and examples to help you get more out of using the new JRI-Poland. To attend this 1:00 p.m. program, contact Kim Sheintal at klapshein@aol.com or 941-302-1433 for Zoom link

### POLIN: Museum of the History of Polish Jews

<https://polin.pl/en/about-museum>

(POLIN Museum) "The Museum is a modern institution of culture - it is a historical museum which presents the 1,000 years of Jewish life in the Polish lands."

<https://polin.pl/en/cih-genealogy>

(Genealogy at POLIN Museum) "Our services are addressed to all visitors of the Museum who wish to deepen their knowledge of their family, are looking for their Jewish roots, or simply want to learn about the history of their ancestors. You can now commission genealogical research without leaving your home. We will select the type of archival documentation and library sources to search through according to your specific needs."

<https://www.afopm.org/>

(American Friends POLIN Museum of the History of the Polish Jews website) "Winner of the 2016 European Museum of the Year Award, POLIN Museum is the only museum in the world dedicated to recovering the memory of Polish Jews. Facing the Monument to the Ghetto Heroes, POLIN Museum is located on the site of the Warsaw ghetto and prewar Jewish neighborhood."

### Wonderful World of Websites

<https://aish.com/the-jews-of-florida-a-history/?src=ac>

A History of the Jews in Florida

<https://zapthegrandmagap.com/snippets/JewishSample.pdf>

*My Jewish Ancestor Activity Book* by Janet Hovorka

<https://geneticaffairs.com/>

grouping DNA matches into clusters

<https://www.yourdnaguide.com/>

*Your DNA Guide* by Diahna Southard

<https://thegeneticgenealogist.com/author/admin/>

*The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing* by Blaine T. Bettinger

<https://www.endogamy-one-family.com/>

*Endogamy: One Family, One People* by Israel Pickholtz

<https://www.sarasotamagazine.com/news-and-profiles/2023/03/genealogical-society-sarasota>

Sarasotans Trace Their Roots

## Tracing My Jewish Roots: What happens when two sisters marry two brothers and cousins marry cousins

by Kim Sheintal

When I was a little girl, my mother tried to explain how everyone in our family was related to me, but I was too young to comprehend what she told me. In 1983 at age 33, I was ready to begin seriously tracing my family. When I first embarked on tracing my family, I had no idea that I would learn genealogy terms in addition to adding names, dates, and places to my family tree.

When tracing Jewish roots, it is not uncommon for a relative to marry a relative. It is also common among Jews for two sisters in one family to marry two brothers in another family. The custom of marrying within the limits of a local community is called endogamy. Jews were often geographically isolated from other people, thus endogamy is prevalent among Jews. Pedigree collapse will happen when two genetically-related people have children together (like first-cousin or second-cousin marriages). This causes the same person/people to appear in your tree multiple times as ancestors. My family tree has lots of endogamy and some pedigree collapse.

My great grandparents, Zlata Klopman (nee Szwarcbord) and Joel Szvia Klopman were first cousins, once removed. Zlata is the great granddaughter of Szmul Klopman and Maryem Szrajer. Joel is the grandson of Szmul Klopman and Maryem Szrajer. Because of this, Szmul Klopman and Maryem Szrajer are my ggg grandparents and my gggg grandparents. This is an example of endogamy, but it is also an example of pedigree collapse. (**Note:** My Klopman family changed the spelling to Klapman after coming to the United States.)

I have many places on my family tree where endogamy appears. My favorite endogamy examples on my family tree involve my cousin Ruth. Ruth Klapman was born 30 May 1909 in Raciaz Poland. She is my father's first cousin. My father's parents are Morris Klapman and Lena Klapman (nee Matis). Ruth's parents are Sam Klapman and Sarah Klapman (nee Matis). This is a case of two sisters (Lena and Sarah) marrying two brothers (Morris and Sam). Sam and Morris have another brother named Beryl. Beryl Klapman had a son named Frank Klapman. My cousin Ruth married her first cousin Frank. Ruth did not even have to change her last name after she married Frank.

In December 1991, my cousin Linda from Chicago visited my parents and me in Sarasota. I asked Linda if she could help me make a Klapman family tree. She suggested we call Ruth. At that time, Ruth was 82 years old. We called Ruth and she told us the names of all of the Klapman brothers and sisters (Morris, Chaya Machla, Chaskel, Miriam, Rosa, Beryl, Chawa, Sam, Wolf, Sura), their spouses, and interesting tidbits about the family. I still have the piece of paper with all of the notes that I gathered from Ruth that day over the phone.

Ruth was a character. She used to throw my dad (who was 12 years younger than Ruth) up in the air when he was a baby and say Nunny, Nunny and a ha cha cha. That is how my father Aaron got his nickname of Nunny. At age 90, there was an article with her photo in a popular magazine among gamblers called *Card Player*. In the article it said, "She's like everyone's grandmother. She is in the poker room so much that she is something of an unofficial hostess...In her career as a social gambler, she has won four automobiles and more poker jackpots than she can count." She was asked by the person interviewing her for her age. She answered, "Can you keep a secret?" The person interviewing her said that he could. She replied, "So can I!"

Tracing Jewish roots can be confusing and time consuming. But with cousins like Ruth, incidents of endogamy, and a surprising incidence of pedigree collapse, it is no wonder that I love tracing my family.

## The Recovery of the Klimt Paintings from Austria with E. Randol Schoenberg (in person)

Friday, March 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Temple Emanu-El, 151 McIntosh Road, Sarasota

No Charge

To register, go to [SarasotaTemple.org](https://www.sarasotafilmfestival.com)

## An Evening with Randy Schoenberg Featuring a Sneak Preview Screening of Matthew Mishory's

**FIORETTA**

Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Burns Court Cinema 2

506 Burns Court

Sarasota, Florida 34236

To purchase \$19.95 tickets, go to

<https://www.sarasotafilmfestival.com/event/fioretta/>

## JGS of SW FL Zoom Program

Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. (12:45 p.m. Socializing)

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## IAJGS Conference

<https://www.iajgs2023.org/>

London, England from July 30 to August 3, 2023

Conference Registration will be \$425 until May 1.

## Roots Tech Highlights from 2023 Conference

RootsTech 2023 held in Salt Lake City, Utah and virtually had 347,910 participants from 197 countries.

You can access highlights from the conference at: <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/>

You will have to register with your name and email address. The sessions are available throughout the year. There is also a link for discovering relatives around the world. In addition to highlights and programs from this year's conference the website has links from past keynote speakers.

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Jan Meisels Allen, Chairperson,

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Source: <https://www.jewishgen.org/education/>

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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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## 2023 World Distribution of Jews by Country

Source: <https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/jewish-population-by-country>

45.59% of the Jews in the world live in Israel.

39.47% of the Jews in the world live in the United States.

85.06% of Jews in the world are living in these two countries.

According to recent estimates from the Jewish Federations of North America, the following countries have fewer than 100 Jewish residents: Armenia, Bermuda, Botswana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Indonesia, North Macedonia, Madagascar, Malta, Namibia, Nigeria, Philippines, Slovenia, South Korea, Syria, and Taiwan.

The following chart lists the distribution of world Jewry by country.

COUNTRY	COUNTRY'S JEWISH POPULATION	% OF WORLD TOTAL	TOTAL COUNTRY POPULATION
Israel	6,930,000	45.59%	9,174,520
United States	6,000,000	39.47%	339,996,563
France	446,000	2.93%	64,756,584
Canada	393,500	2.59%	38,781,291
United Kingdom	292,000	1.92%	67,736,802
Argentina	175,000	1.15%	45,773,884
Russia	150,000	0.99%	144,444,359
Germany	118,000	0.78%	83,294,633
Australia	118,000	0.78%	26,439,111
Brazil	91,500	0.60%	216,422,446
South Africa	52,000	0.60%	60,414,495
Hungary	47,000	0.60%	10,156,239
Ukraine	43,000	0.60%	36,744,634
Mexico	40,000	0.60%	128,455,567
Netherlands	30,000	0.60%	17,618,299
Belgium	29,000	0.60%	11,686,140
Italy	27,000	0.60%	58,870,762
Switzerland	18,500	0.60%	8,796,669
Chile	16,000	0.60%	19,629,590
Uruguay	16,000	0.60%	3,423,108
Sweden	15,000	0.60%	10,612,086
Turkey	14,500	0.60%	85,816,199
Spain	13,000	0.60%	47,519,628
Austria	10,000	0.60%	8,958,960
Panama	10,000	0.60%	4,468,087
Indonesia	< 500	0%	277,534,122
Nigeria	< 500	0%	223,804,632
Philippines	< 500	0%	117,337,368
Egypt	< 500	0%	112,716,598
Thailand	< 500	0%	71,801,279
Kenya	< 500	0%	55,100,586
South Korea	< 500	0%	51,784,059
Yemen	< 500	0%	34,449,825

Madagascar	< 500	0%	30,325,732
Taiwan	< 500	0%	23,923,276
Syria	< 500	0%	23,227,014
Zimbabwe	< 500	0%	16,665,409
Bolivia	< 500	0%	12,388,571
Dominican Rep.	< 500	0%	11,332,972
Cuba	< 500	0%	11,194,449
Tajikistan	< 500	0%	10,143,543
United Arab Em.	< 500	0%	9,516,871
Kyrgyzstan	< 500	0%	6,735,347
Turkmenistan	< 500	0%	6,516,100
El Salvador	< 500	0%	6,364,943
Rep. of Congo	< 500	0%	6,106,869
Albania	< 500	0%	2,832,439
Jamaica	< 500	0%	2,825,544
Armenia	< 500	0%	2,777,970
Botswana	< 500	0%	2,675,352
Namibia	< 500	0%	2,604,172
Slovenia	< 500	0%	2,119,675
N. Macedonia	< 500	0%	2,085,679
Bahrain	< 500	0%	1,485,509
Cyprus	< 500	0%	1,260,138
Suriname	< 500	0%	623,236
Malta	< 500	0%	535,064
Bahamas	< 500	0%	412,623
Barbados	< 500	0%	281,995
Curacao	< 500	0%	192,077
U.S. Virgin Is.	< 500	0%	98,750
Bermuda	< 500	0%	64,069

### 2023 Jewish Population Percentage of Each State & DC

- 1.) New York 9.1%
- 2.) DC 8.2%
- 3.) New Jersey 6.1%
- 4.) Massachusetts 4.3%
- 5.) Maryland 3.9%
- 6.) Connecticut 3.3%
- 7.) California 3%
- 8.) Florida 3%
- 9.) Nevada 2.5%
- 10.) Illinois 2.3%

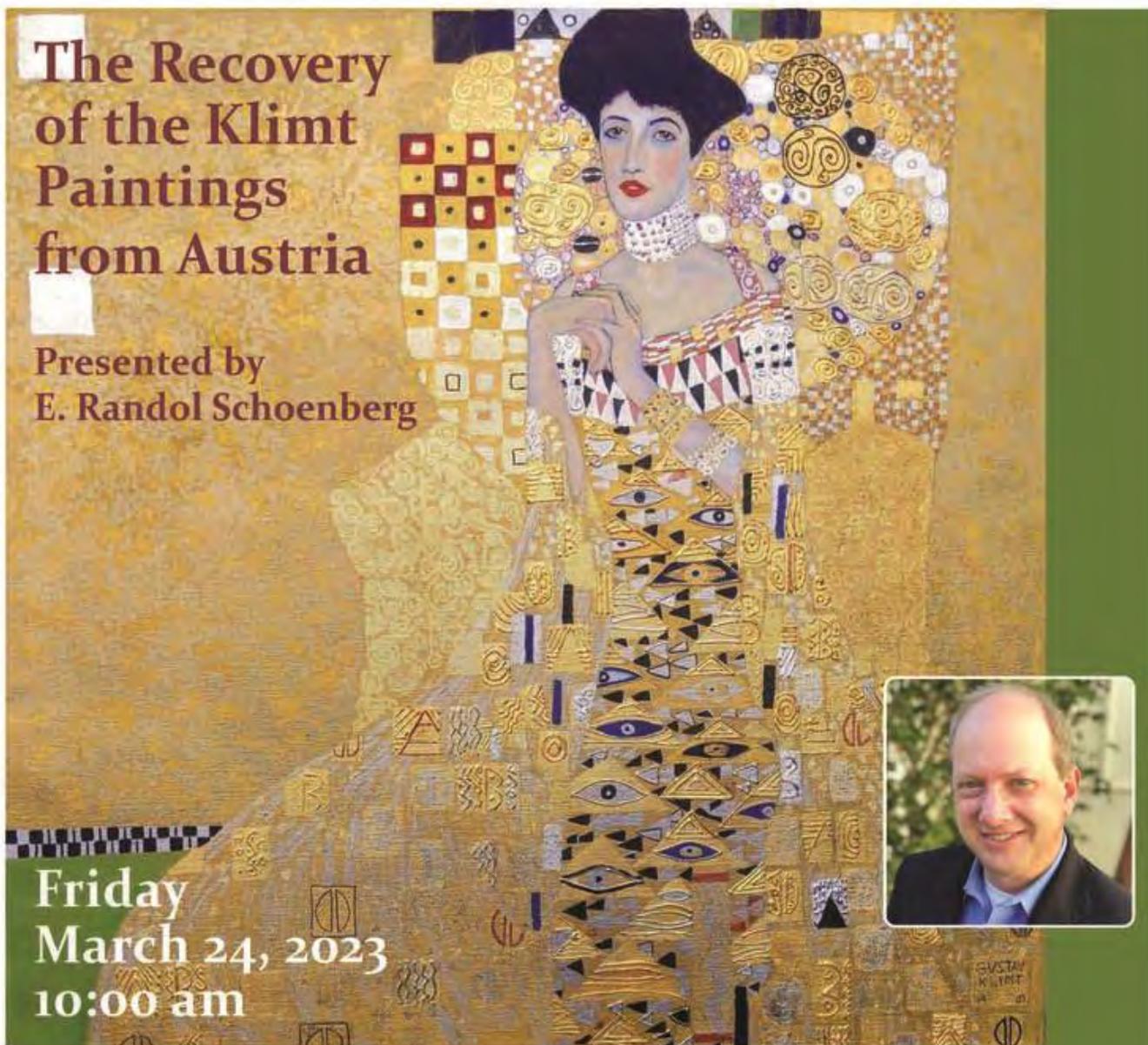
Source: <https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/jewish-population-by-state>

### Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Community Study

The 2019 Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Community Study provides a detailed socio-demographic portrait of the regional Jewish community and describes community members' participation in Jewish communal life, their private Jewish activities, and their attitudes about Judaism and Israel.

Source:

<https://scholarworks.brandeis.edu/esploro/outputs/9924088140301921#file-0>



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**Temple Emanu-El**  
Benderson Family Hall  
151 McIntosh Road, Sarasota

**RSVP by Mar 22:**  
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For more information about his March 24 presentation at Temple Emanu-El or preview of his new film on March 25 at Burns Court Cinema, contact **Kim Sheintal** at [klapshein@aol.com](mailto:klapshein@aol.com) or 941-302-1433.



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