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Program: Sun., April 21, 2024 @ 1 p.m. on Zoom only

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President's Spiel by Kim Sheintal

This is definitely the season for Jewish genealogists in Sarasota-Manatee. From January thru April, there are twelve programs geared to Jewish genealogists sponsored by Jewish organizations or synagogues of Sarasota-Manatee. In addition, there are five more programs within 60 miles of Sarasota-Manatee that will be presented in person by Daniel Horowitz that may interest you too. This season, learn about doing genealogy the old way, traveling to America on steerage, using MyHeritage, writing your memoirs, getting started in Jewish genealogy, using JewishGen, using JRI Poland, getting DNA tested, and much more.

See page four to learn what genealogy programs are available from January thru April. Some programs require registration. Some of the programs are free. One program includes lunch.

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida will have their programs on the third Sunday of the month from January thru April at 1:00 p.m. (with 12:45 p.m. socializing). Two of the programs are on Zoom only and two of the programs are in person only.

ORT and the Jewish Federation are co-sponsoring a luncheon with speaker Daniel Horowitz presenting The Funny Side of Genealogy at Meadows Country Club on Wednesday, February 21 at 11 a.m. If JGS of SW FL members are interested, we can sit together. Price is \$40 per person. Details are on page four.

2024 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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Sarasota, FL 34238

JGSSWF ON-LINE

JGSSWF web site

www.jgsswf.org

JGSSWF YouTube Channel

www.youtube.com/@JGSSWF

JGSSWF speaker's handout archive

www.tinyurl.com/mr3d8jw

JGSSWF Facebook page

www.facebook.com/JGSSWF

Welcome Newest JGS of SW FL Members

Lois Goldman

Nina Levitt

Susan and Ronald Schwartzman

Sue Spector

Mark Weinberg

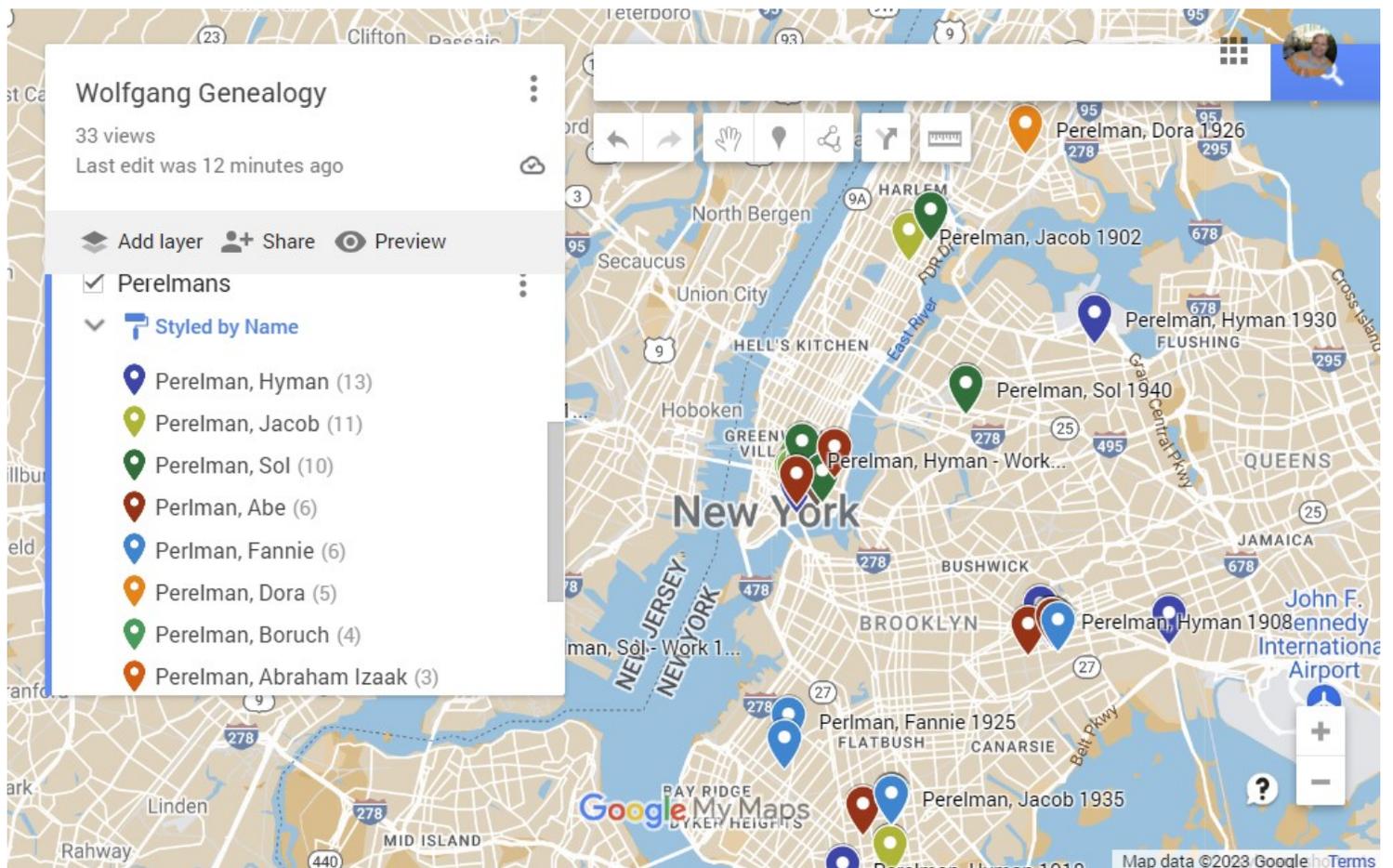
Eric Wolfgang

Mapping Your Ancestors

by Eric Wolfgang

As you've often heard, the three most important factors when looking at real estate are location, location, and location. And although location may not be the top factor for genealogy, it does play an important role. Families tend to live together, whether it be in the Shtetls of Eastern Europe or the streets of New York City. And we are awash in location information from birth, marriage, death, census records and other sources. Perhaps you've extracted these addresses into lists for handy access. But a list of addresses doesn't readily show when two families lived around the corner from each other. Or moved together from neighborhood to neighborhood over the decades. Only when this information is transformed into a map can we visualize the hidden relationships.

Fortunately, in the computer age taking lists of addresses and converting them into map format is easy. The time consuming part is extracting all the addresses from your source documents and putting them into a list in spreadsheet format. Once that is done, it only takes a few minutes to import that list into Google Maps and format it appropriately. Here is a link to an example of what can be done: <http://tinyurl.com/227f2zay>



The addresses from the list show up as individual markers. Each person has their own marker color. Each marker is labeled with the person's name and the year they lived there. Clicking on a marker brings up further information, such as the data source (i.e. marriage certificate) and a link back to the person's entry on Ancestry.com. All of this happens automatically based on the information that was included in the imported spreadsheet.

To make a map with your own addresses, you would need a Google account (they are free) and some basic computer skills. If you've done basic spreadsheet work in the past you should be all set. Instructions for doing so are located here: <http://tinyurl.com/8vpmtsnk>

Hebrew Versus Gregorian Calendars

Hebrew calendar aka Jewish calendar is lunisolar, based on lunar months of 29 days alternating with 30 days. An extra month is intercalated every three years, based on a cycle of 19 years.

The date of Jewish holidays does not change from year to year. Holidays are celebrated on the same day of the Jewish calendar every year.

Jewish genealogical researchers may find dates in their resources that use the Gregorian calendar and/or the Jewish calendar.

The Gregorian calendar is a solar calendar based on a 365-day common year divided into 12 months of irregular lengths. 11 of the months have either 30 or 31 days, while the second month, February, has only 28 days during the common year. “Nearly” every four years is a leap year, when one day is added on 29 February, making the leap year in the Gregorian calendar 366 days long. To be a leap year, the year number must be divisible by four – except for end-of-century years, which must be divisible by 400. This means that the year 2000 was a leap year, although 1900 was not. 2024, 2028, 2032 and 2036 are all leap years.

More about Hebrew Calendar

<https://www.science.co.il/jewish-studies/Hebrew-calendar.php>

“The Hebrew calendar is based on both the lunar and the solar cycles (lunisolar calendar). Months are measured by one revolution of the moon around the earth. According to the Talmud, one complete revolution of the moon around the earth takes 29.53059 days (Masechet Rosh Hashana). This value is very close to the average value measured by NASA: 29.530588. Since the average value is about 29.5 days, months alternate between 29 and 30 days in the Hebrew calendar (see Table below). The common year in the Hebrew calendar includes 12 months. But there is a difference of about 11 days between 12 lunar cycles and one solar cycle. One complete rotation of the earth around the sun takes 365.25 days. Within a one-year period, 12 lunar cycles are completed in $12 \times 29.53059 = 354.36708$ days. Therefore the difference between 12 lunar cycles and one solar cycle is precisely $365.25 - 354.36708 = 10.88292$ days. To synchronize the lunar counting of days with the solar cycle, every 19 years a leap year is added wherein the month of Adar is replaced by two months, Adar Alef and Adar Beit (אָדָר אַ' וְאָדָר ב'). Thus, a leap year in the Hebrew calendar includes 13 months.”

Wonderful World of Websites

www.jpost.com/tags/genealogy

Genealogy News and Latest Stories

www.shiva.com/find-a-synagogue

United States Synagogues

www.shiva.com/learning-center/burial-and-cemetery/what-is-a-jewish-cemetery

What is a Jewish Cemetery?

www.jgsswf.org/searches.htm

JGS of SW FL Members Research List

https://dbs.anumuseum.org.il/skn/en/c6/BH?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_term=jewish%20surname&utm_campaign=g&device=c&gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCCQiA1rSsBhDHARIsANB4EJZB2vpty7AniSwxPBavXvVM-m1m-CyTDnoevVQvRK5hL3AH773_2g0aAvWpEALw_wcB

ANU Museum Online Database for Family Trees, Pictures, Music Pieces, Stores, and More

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/05/30/us/race-ethnicity-difference-explainer-cec/index.html>

Differences between Race and Ethnicity

“A Virtual Evening with Dani Shapiro on Her Memoir, *Inheritance*”

Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

New York Times Bestselling Author Dani Shapiro in Conversation with Dr. Miriam Klein Kassenoff

Register Online at

<https://cwbpg.org/event/a-virtual-evening-with-new-york-times-bestselling-author-dani-shapiro-in-conversation-with-dr-miriam-klein-kassenoff-on-her-memoir-inheritance/>

IAJGS 2024 Conference



Where We Lived
44th IAJGS Conference on Jewish Genealogy
Philadelphia
Aug 18-22, 2024
iajgs2024.org

IAJGS logo and JGASGP logo are also present.

www.iajgs.org/conferences/future-conferences/

Jewish Genealogical Society of SW FL

Sunday programs begin 1:00 p.m. (12:45 p.m. social)
No Charge, Register at klapshein@aol.com

Sunday, January 21, 2024 via Zoom only: "Traveling to America in Steerage and Whether to Admit or Deport our Ancestors" by Phil Goldfarb

Sunday, February 18, 2024 at Aviva (1951 N. Honore Avenue, Sarasota): "Finding Jewish Records in MyHeritage Search Engine" by Daniel Horowitz, MyHeritage expert genealogist

Sunday, March 17, 2024 at Aviva (1951 N. Honore Avenue, Sarasota): "How to Write My Memoirs" by Barbara Field and Rosanne Ullman

Sunday, April 21, 2024 via Zoom only: "Alliance Community Reboot" by William and Malya Levin

JGS of SW FL and Temple Emanu-El

Friday, January 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Temple Emanu-El ~ 151 McIntosh Road ~ Sarasota
"Genealogy: Sometimes the Old Way Works Even Better"
by Ken Bravo, Past President of International
Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies
No Charge ~ Register Online at

www.sarasotatemple.org/event/jewish-genealogical-society/membership-program.html

ORT America and Jewish Federation

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Meadows Country Club

3101 Longmeadow

Sarasota, FL 34235

"The Funny Side of Genealogy"

by Daniel Horowitz

Expert Genealogist from MyHeritage was the teacher and study guide editor of the family history project "Searching for My Roots" in Venezuela for 15 years.

Daniel holds a board level position at the Israel Genealogy Research Association.

Tickets: \$40.00

Entrée: field greens with tomatoes, mangos, dried cranberries, pepitas, toasted almonds, served with a lemon truffle vinaigrette on the side, with your choice of salmon, chicken, or black bean patty.

Mail check (payable to ORT America) to:

Ethel Gross, 3919 Panola Lane, Sarasota, FL 34232

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Temple Sinai Jewish Genealogy Series

All six sessions are 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Temple Sinai ~ 4631 S. Lockwood Ridge ~ Sarasota

Temple Sinai or JGS members: \$36 for series

Non-members: \$54 for series

Register Online at

www.temple-sinai-sarasota.org/event/jewish-genealogy-series.html

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Genealogy Basics by Doug Cohen & Kim Sheintal

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

MyHeritage Tree & Photo Features + Jewish Records

by Daniel Horowitz, MyHeritage expert genealogist

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Crossing the Pond by Doug Cohen

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

JewishGen Resources

by Avraham Groll, Director, JewishGen

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Jewish Records Indexing, Poland

by Robinn Magid, Assistant Director, JRI Poland

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

DNA Basics: Getting a Solid Foundation by Peggy Jude

More Daniel Horowitz Genealogy Lectures

"MyHeritage Search Engine Library Edition"

Saturday, February 17, 2024 (2:00 p.m.) at Tarpon Springs Public Library, 138 E Lemon St., Tarpon Springs, FL

"Genetic Genealogy and the MyHeritage DNA Test"

Monday, February 19, 2024 (10:30 a.m.) by Charlotte County Genealogical Society at Military Heritage Museum 900 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda, FL

"Maximizing MyHeritage Technologies for Family History Research"

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 (2:00 p.m.) by Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay at Gulf Coast Jewish Family Community Services; 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, FL

"If I Only Knew Then What I Know Now"

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 (5:00 p.m.) by Manatee Genealogical Society at State College of Florida, 5840 26th St. W., Bradenton, FL

"MyHeritage Features & Benefits"

Thursday, February 22, 2024 (10:30 a.m.) by Englewood Genealogical Society at Englewood Library, 100 West Dearborn St., Englewood, FL