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NEXT MEETING FOR THE JGS OF SW FL – Pot Luck Luncheon

Sunday, May 16, 2004 (1:00 PM) @ JCC, 582 S. McIntosh Road, Sarasota

Program: The Source and Connection of a Person's Name

by Rabbi Mendy Bukiet, youth director from Chabad of Sarasota

Please bring a dish to serve eight people (dairy or parve)

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President's Shpiel by Kim Sheintal

With all of my photo albums, pedigree charts and documents, I feel a sense of accomplishment. I have explored and discovered my family. Let's celebrate our accomplishments in the search for our roots at our 9th Annual Pot Luck Luncheon on Sunday, May 16.

As we take a break from meetings until October, let's vow not to take a break from doing research. There is so much we can be doing. Explore www.jewishgen.org for others tracing the same surnames and places as you; contact family and ask questions before it is too late; get those papers in order. I also recommend that you subscribe to "Nu? What's Nu" (the e-zine of Jewish genealogy) at: <http://www.avotaynu.com/nuwhatsnew.htm>.

If you do your homework over the summer, you should have lots of success stories to report back in the fall.

The JGS of SW FL 2004-2005 meetings are tentatively set for the third Sunday of each month from October thru May @ 1:00 PM at the JCC in Sarasota as follows:

Sunday, October 17, 2004

Sunday, November 21, 2004

Sunday, December 19, 2004

Sunday, January 16, 2005

Sunday, February 20, 2005

Sunday, March 20, 2005

Sunday, April 17, 2005

Sunday, May 15, 2005

Program ideas and newsletter articles are much appreciated. Please send to klapshein@aol.com.

IAJGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM

According to co-chairs Jean-Pierre Stoweis, Eitan Shilo, Professor H. Daniel Wagner, *"The Israel Genealogical Society (IGS) is delighted to invite you to the 24th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, which will be held in Jerusalem on July 4 – 9, 2004. The capital of Israel is a treasure trove of unique archival and family history resources unavailable anywhere else in the world! To walk over the very ground where it all began, to visit archeological sites unique to the Bible, to visit areas where your own ancestors might have lived, to meet with your Israeli cousins, is an experience you will not want to miss!"*

Jerusalem is honored to be the host.

The International Association of Jewish Genealogy Societies is comprised of chapters from all over the world, from Australia to Venezuela and from most states in the United States. Associate members include Jewish Museums, Institutes, Libraries and Historical Societies. This diversity generates fascinating annual Conferences in a different venue each year.

What can you expect this year? Lectures by the world's foremost experts on Jewish communities from around the world; in depth studies on Jewish onomastics and the origins of Jewish names in different communities; learn to read Solitreo and other archaic scripts in order to unlock the secrets of original archival sources; learn about the historical forces that caused our ancestors to emigrate and the routes of their migrations throughout different periods of our history. Prominent archivists in Israel will illuminate different aspects of their archives and how to navigate them. Arrangements are being made to facilitate research, with volunteer translators standing by and archives extending their hours during the Conference week. Known experts in different aspects of Jewish life from various communities will be present to answer questions and deconstruct brick walls that might have stymied research. There will be a group of "how to" workshops dealing with everything from different aspects of genealogy, writing and publishing family histories and newsletters, to creating family and village web pages. There is so much bundled into this week that I can't even touch on the variety and depth of the lectures and workshops. Three to four parallel sessions will be presented each hour from morning to night in both Hebrew and English. The most important lectures will be simultaneously translated into the other language.

2004 also marks the 50th anniversary of the foundation of Yad Vashem. Yad Vashem, along

with the Conference organizers, has arranged a special memorial dedicated to the Shoah which will involve lectures on how to search for those murdered in the Shoah, the vanished communities, newly developed databases by Yad Vashem and individual consultations for research. There will be a special evening event at Yad Vashem that will include a tour and explanations of the newly built facilities, a light meal and a moving ceremony at the Valley of the Lost Communities.

This is an opportunity of a lifetime, with volunteer help every step of the way! Archives are extending their hours just for us.

We look forward to seeing you this year in Jerusalem between July 4 and July 9!

Martha Levinson Lev-Zion Ph.D.
www.jewishgen.org/jerusalem2004

General Information About Conference

The Conference will be held at the Renaissance Jerusalem Hotel, which is located near the entrance to the city on the main artery leading to every section of Jerusalem. The Hotel is near the Israel Museum, Bible Lands Museum, Science Museum, Jewish National and University Library and its archives, the Israeli Parliament and other places of interest. The Renaissance Jerusalem Hotel is glatt-Kosher. It offers a high level of comfort and service with its spacious public facilities including swimming pool and 650 luxurious rooms and suites. The Organizing Committee has reserved rooms at the Conference venue, which will be offered to the participants at special reduced rates between June 27, 2004 and July 17, 2004 when ordered via the Conference Secretariat, Ortra Ltd.

The official language of the Conference is English. A few lectures will be in Hebrew, with simultaneous translation to English. For Hebrew only speakers, simultaneous translation for selected lectures from English to Hebrew will be provided; some lectures will be presented in both languages.

The official airline for the conference is El-Al.

Brooklyn Daily Eagle - Online

by Larry E. Oppenheimer

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle was published from 1841 to 1955, and then again from 1960 to 1963. During part of its life span it was a major national newspaper carrying international and national news as well as items of local interest and features about daily life in Brooklyn.

The time period around the turn of the century was one of tremendous population growth for Brooklyn, as well as a time of political change. In 1898 the independent City of Brooklyn was consolidated into the City of New York. Then, as now, Brooklyn had a significant Jewish population. This makes the Eagle archives a valuable resource for our genealogical research.

These archives exist on microfilm at the Brooklyn Public Library, making them inconvenient for most of us to access. Now, however, the Library has a project underway to put the whole archive online. Due to the mass of information in the archive, the project is being done in stages, with content from the years 1841 through 1902 currently available by clicking on "log in" at the web site <www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/eagle>.

The web site contains a substantial amount of historical information about Brooklyn and the Eagle (from which the information above was taken), as well as instructions for accessing the archive. The interface is very convenient to use, including search by date and a keyword index that can access virtually every word published. While the keyword index will occasionally misidentify a word, on the whole it is amazingly accurate.

If you had relatives who lived in Brooklyn during the time period covered, this is a resource you should not ignore. I can't wait for more recent issues to be added online.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH TRIP TO SALT LAKE CITY PLANNED

For the twelfth consecutive year, veteran Jewish genealogists Gary Mokotoff and Eileen Polakoff will be offering a research trip to the LDS (Mormon) Family History Library in Salt Lake City from October 21-October 28, 2004. To date, more than 350 Jewish genealogists from the U.S., Canada, South America, Israel and Europe have taken advantage of this program. In the past few years, the group size each year has been between 30/40 people.

The program offers genealogists the opportunity to spend an entire week of research at the Library under the guidance and assistance of professional genealogists who have made more than a three dozen trips to Salt Lake City. Each person has access to trip leaders each day except Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Library for on-site assistance and personal consultations. There is also a planned program that includes a three-hour class on day of arrival introducing the participants to the facilities and resources of the Family History Library; a mid-week informal group discussion of progress and problem solving. For those new to genealogy, a beginner's workshop on the first morning of the trip introduces them to the wonderful world of Hamburg immigration lists, U.S. passenger arrival lists, naturalization records and census records. In addition to the beginner's workshop, classes are given on problem solving, urban research and how to translate Polish and Russian records. A copy of the book, "Your Guide to the Family History Library," is part of the pre-trip literature.

Social events include a mid-week Sunday brunch for camaraderie and discussion of successes (and failures); attendance at the Sunday morning broadcast of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir; informal group dinners; and group planning parties.

For additional information: SLC Genealogy Trip, 155 N. Washington Avenue, Bergenfield, NJ 07621, 201-387-8296 e-mail: mokotoff@earthlink.net website: <http://www.avotaynu.com/slctrip.htm>

SURNAME NAVIGATOR ISRAEL

The new version of Surname Navigator Israel at <http://www.rat.de/kuijsten/navigator> is a simple one input-form mega search engine for surnames that can simultaneously search various free databases, using only one input screen. There is a global version and separate versions for 45 countries. Researchers can save many hours using mega search engines such as these. Some researchers have reported excellent results.

For Israel: Mormons Database, Geneanet Israel, Google Jewish Genealogy, Rootsweb Message Board Israel, Jewish passengers NY, 1892-1924, Genforum Jewish, Lezecher Dutch Holocaust Victims, E-mail Finder Israel

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Happy Hunting

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Wonderful World of Websites

<http://www.350th.org>
<http://obitcentral.com/>
<http://www.daddezio.com/favorites/people-finder.html>
http://www.somethingjewish.co.uk/sj_radio/listen_live__sunday.htm
<http://www.jewish-history.com/links.html>
<http://www.derbay.org/jlinks.html>
<http://www.pbs.org/pov/pov2001/thesweetestsound/popularityindex.html>
<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/heritage/>

JGS of SW FL Library Addition

Jewish Roots in Poland by Miriam Weiner

www.jgsswf.org

Explore your roots at JGS of SW FL website.

Access all newsletters Dec. 2002 to present.

Webmaster: Jim Haberman

Welcome New Members

Jean Solomon

Marvin Wolf

What's New in Jewish Genealogy?

Google Alert

The popular search engine, has added another service that might be a useful genealogical tool. Called "Google Alert," it permits the user to specify up to three sets of keywords and subsequently receive e-mail, as often as daily, whenever a new site or updated site that contains the keyword is discovered. You can use "Levy OR Levi" as only one query. <http://www.googlealert.com/>

JewishGen and Yad Vashem Drive to Record Holocaust Victims' Names

JewishGen is joining with Yad Vashem - the Holocaust Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem - in Yad Vashem's latest drive to record the missing names of Jews who died in the Shoah. For almost half a century, Yad Vashem has been compiling the names of millions of Holocaust victims, but many are still unrecorded. It has recently launched a new campaign to collect and computerize as many of the missing names as possible. JewishGen fully supports and endorses this campaign, which in essence is an urgent mission for the Jewish people as a whole, with poignant link to our broken roots. <http://www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/YadVashemDrive.htm>

Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy

edited by Sallyann Amdur Sack and Gary Mokotoff

This is supposed to be the definitive guidebook to Jewish genealogical research. It is written by more than sixty authors, and each is an expert in his field. <http://www.avotaynu.com/books/guide.htm>

How to Start Your Family History

The journey to discover your family history begins by talking or writing to your oldest and most knowledgeable living relatives.

A Genealogical Codicil to My Last Will and Testament

To my spouse, children, guardian, administrator and/or executor:

Upon my demise it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared personally by me and those records prepared by others which may be in possession, including but not limited to books, files, notebooks or computer programs for a period of two years.

During this time period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of the said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories. [If you know whom within your family or friends are likely candidates to accept these materials, please add the following at this point: "I suggest that the persons contacted regarding the assumption of the custody of these items include but not be limited to" and then list the names of those individuals at this point, with their addresses and telephone numbers.

In the event you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact the various genealogical organizations that I have been a member of and determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials.

[List of organizations, addresses and phone numbers at bottom; include local chapters, with their addresses, phone numbers and contact persons if available as well as state/national contact information and addresses.]

Please remember that my genealogical endeavors consumed a great deal of time, travel, and money. Therefore, it is my desire that the products of these endeavors be allowed to continue in a manner that will make them available to others in the future.

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