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NEXT MEETING FOR THE JGS OF SW FL

Sunday, October 17, 2004 (1:00 PM) @ JCC, 582 S. McIntosh Road, Sarasota

Program: Jewish Recipes and Other Ethnic Foods

by Jerry Gips of the Big Kitchen Restaurant

President's Shpiel by Kim Sheintal

Selby Library in downtown Sarasota featured two showcases highlighting Jewish traditions this summer. The Sarasota Music Archive designed a Jewish music display and the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida and Temple Emanu-El designed a Jewish Heritage display. The Selby Special Collections Department added several library books to the showcases about Jewish music and Jewish genealogy.

“Heritage” means all of the practices that are handed down from the past. For any ethnic heritage, this is a broad spectrum. Think about all of the things in your Jewish heritage that have been passed down to you from past generations. There are Uncle Max's jokes, Aunt Sophie's record albums, Uncle Moshe's tallis, Aunt Esther's menorah, Uncle Chaim's prayer book and who could forget Aunt Zlata's matza ball soup. I am often reminded of my Grandmother Lil when cooking, because I use so many of her recipes. When I got married, she made me a handwritten cookbook of family recipes. Because so many of us enjoy family recipes, the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida compiled a cookbook (Shtetl Kettle) in 1998 with recipes of our members' ancestors. The entire printing sold out in less than one year. The book has been reprinted and is for sale at meetings for ten dollars.

Jewish cooking is a combination of cooking styles from the many places that Jews have lived throughout time. Jewish cooking shows the influence of Middle Eastern, Mediterranean, Spanish, German, and Eastern European styles of cooking, all influenced by the unique dietary constraints of kashrut (Jewish law dealing with food). Many of the foods that we think of as Jewish are not unique to Jewish culture. Stuffed cabbage, a traditional Jewish dish, is common in Eastern Europe. Blintzes and knishes are familiar to all Germans, not just Jewish ones. Falafel and hummus, increasingly thought of as Israeli-Jewish foods, are often found in Greek restaurants. But the combination of these varied foods into one style of cooking, along with our own innovations, is uniquely Jewish. The October 17 program is an Open Forum and Discussion about Jewish Recipes and other Ethnic Foods by Jerry Gips, owner of the Big Kitchen Restaurant in Sarasota. Come hear what Jerry has to say about some of your favorite foods.

The JGS of SW FL 2004-2005 meetings are 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

The National Archives of South Africa

by Larry E. Oppenheimer

What comes to mind when you are asked to think of some positive things about South Africa? Diamond and gold mines? Spectacular scenery? Wild animal parks? How about a highly sophisticated system of national archives with excellent indexes that are easy to use and available online? Not only do these archives exist, but in my experience the archivists are extremely responsive to inquiries. If only every archive I have looked into worked as well!

It is estimated that there are between 80 and 90,000 Jews currently living in South Africa. Much of this population is of Lithuanian ancestry and dates to the late 19th century. The first half of the 20th century saw restrictive immigration laws, with relatively few Jews immigrating. The current population is slowly declining, with many emigrants to Israel. This trend is somewhat offset by immigrants from Israel, Russia, and Zimbabwe. Nonetheless, the major cities have active Jewish communities, mostly Orthodox. There are a number of active genealogy groups in the country and I have found South African genealogists whom I have contacted to be very helpful. Substantial background information can be found on the web at <<http://www.jewishgen.org/SAfrica>> and <http://www.jsource.org/jsource/vjw/South_Africa.html> as well as at the many sites that are to be found with a Google search.

The National Archives of South Africa system is found on the web at <<http://www.national.archives.gov.za/>>. The home page contains links to informational pages and to related sites. The National Automated Archival Information Retrieval System allows the user to search a set of databases that correspond to geographic regions of the country, some nationwide databases, as well as some databases of genealogical and historical interest. These indexes include "Data of the South African Genealogical Society on Gravestones" and "National Registers of Manuscripts and Photographs...", which contains references to many places of interest to Jewish genealogists. The indexes are searched with a simple to use keyword system.

These National Archives contain a variety of records covering such diverse topics as land and building issues, divorces, and immigration, among others. I was able to find references to the immigration files of an aunt of my father and those of her daughter and son-in-law. In each case I sent an e-mail to the archive asking how I might obtain a copy of the actual file and was surprised (amazed?) to promptly receive a complementary copy in the mail. The file for the daughter and her husband contained only a few bureaucratic memos. The file for my great aunt, on the other hand, contained her whole visa application. This included two photographs, information about her husband and her children, and other material of genealogical interest.

As with any archive, there is no way to predict what a search will turn up. But the National Archives of South Africa are so convenient to search that anyone who has a genealogical interest in that nation should take the time to access this potentially valuable resource.

Wonderful World of Websites

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

The JewishGen Family Finder (JGFF) is a database of ancestral towns and surnames currently being researched by Jewish genealogists worldwide. By using the JGFF, you can learn about others who are seeking ancestors of the same surname or town of origin. You can register your town and surnames on this site.

<http://www.avotaynu.com/csi/csi-home.html>

The Consolidated Jewish Surname Index has more than 500,000 different surnames, mostly Jewish, which appear in 34 different databases. These databases, combined, include more than 2,000,000 entries.

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

RootsWeb Surname List is a database of surnames currently searched by genealogists worldwide. By using the Rootsweb Surname List, you can learn about others who are seeking ancestors of the same surname. You can register your surname on this site.

<http://www.ancestry.com/default.aspx>

Find surnames listed in obits, passenger lists, census records, birth records, death records, marriage records, naturalization records, periodicals, newspapers, directories, membership lists, biographies and histories.

<http://www.geocities.com/heartland/Flats/4076>

This site, Ancestry Connections, is to help online genealogists contribute data and find data on specific surnames. For Ancestry Connections to post your data, you must have a genealogy website that offers information on specific surnames or specific locations of research.

<http://searches.rootsweb.com>

Find your ancestors on birth, death and marriage records. Find your ancestors on the social security death index.

Search ancestry.com, rootsweb.com, and a multitude of other databases, indexes and links.

<http://www.godfrey.org/scholar.html>

To access many online resources from your home at this site, call to register at (860) 346-4375.

HESITANT TO TRACE A COMMON SURNAME?

by Kim Sheintal

I feel more confident when tracing the more unusual surnames in my family such as Kasrilzon and Contorer. If I find someone tracing one of these surnames, I feel that I have a good chance of a family connection. But when someone gives me information about the more common names in my family such as Lebovitz or Taub, I have a tendency to not execute this information because I figure there is little chance of a connection to my family. A year ago, a man in Australia named Michael thought he had some information about my Taub ancestry when he wrote to me about a very intelligent and musically talented Rabbi Taub from Zwolen. I doubted any connection to my Taub family, so I dismissed the possibility of a family connection and did not keep in touch with Michael. Today, he sent me a fax of the 1840 marriage document (in Polish and English) of my great great grandparents, Berk Szwarcbork and Chaia Taub. This document, complete with names, dates, places, and occupations, gave me the names of four of my great great great grandparents. Now I plan to begin tracing all those surnames that I was hesitant to trace in years past. Maybe I am related to that well-known Rabbi Taub from Zwolen after all.

New Books in the JGS of SW Florida Library

Thank you Al and Libbie Kaplan for donating *From Generation to Generation* (updated edition with online resources) by Arthur Kurzweil.

Thank you Ira and Elsie Freeman for donating these books to the JGS Library:

Jewish Roots in Poland by Miriam Weiner

Managing a Genealogical Project by William Dollarhide

Atlas of the Holocaust by Martin Gilbert

American Surnames by Elsdon C. Smith

Dictionary of Jewish Biography by Geoffrey Wigoder

Family Names by J.N. Hook

Polish Surnames, Origins and Meanings by William F. Hoffman

A Dictionary of Jewish Names and Their History by Benzion C. Kaganoff

The New Name Dictionary by Alfred J. Kolatch

German-American Names by George F. Jones

Dictionary of American Family Names (1956 edition) by Elsdon C. Smith

Dictionary of American Family Names (1973 edition) by Elsdon C. Smith

A Dictionary of Surnames by Patrick Hanks and Flavia Hodges

The Sleuth Book for Genealogists by Emily Anne Croom

Genealogical Resources in New York by Estelle M. Guzik

Genealogy Online by Elizabeth Powell Crowe

Thank you Sandra Krisch for donating *Genealogical Resources in the New York Metropolitan Area* Edited by Estelle M. Guzik and *Managing a Genealogical Project* by William Dollarhide.

Thank you Lorraine Greyson for donating *Atlas of the Holocaust* by Martin Gilbert.

Thank you Kim Sheintal for donating *The Jews – Story of a People* by Howard Fast.

MULTILINGUAL SURNAMES

by Jake Goldstein, JRI-Poland Volunteer

A significant fraction of the vital indices for the town of Wegrow for the years 1826-1871 does not list surnames, containing instead patronymics. In trying to obtain the missing surnames, Susan Stone (JRI-Poland's Siedlce Archive Coordinator and Wegrow Shtetl CO-OP Coordinator) and I came up with a methodology to identify marital units through the spouses' first names and their fathers' names.

An interesting and useful by-product of the results that we obtained is the observation that some families used the Polish and Germanic versions of their surname interchangeably. More often than not, the use of the Polish version preceded the use of the Germanic equivalent.

Here are a few examples of the identity pairs we noted:

BLUSZTEYN - SINY KAMIEN

BUCHBINDER - INTROLIGATOR

FISZER - RYBAK

GRYNBERG - ZIELONA GORA

GOLDBERG - ZLOTA GORA

ROTSZTEYN - CZERWONY KAMIEN

ROZENBLUM - ROZOWY KWIAT

SZTEYNBERG - KAMIENA GORA

Moral of the story: If you've reached an impasse in your research, try searching for individuals whose surname is the translation of the surname you're searching into another language your ancestors may have spoken.

News from the Fort Wayne Library

According to the April 30, 2004 issue of *Genealogy Gems*, an online newspaper from the Fort Wayne Library, Yizkor books are available at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Yizkor books memorialize both the people and communities destroyed in the Holocaust, are a poignant, strong reminders of the Shoah. Published as a tribute to ancestral homes and the people killed in Eastern and Central Europe, these books are most often in Yiddish and/or Hebrew. These are hard to find historical, sociological, and genealogical reference sources that few repositories throughout the United States have. The Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library is pleased to house nearly 300 of these very special and rare volumes. We are pleased to be among such major Holocaust museums and respected repositories as the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C.; the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio; St. Louis County Public Library, St. Louis, Missouri; and the Holocaust Memorial Center in Detroit, Michigan who also maintain these books in a special collection.

In addition to the rare Yizkor books, the department offers a rich collection for the Jewish family or 20th century researcher. Supporting collections include ship passenger lists, all federal census for available years, nation wide historical city directories plus many synagogue histories, cemetery inscription books, Jewish community histories, nation wide World War I draft registration cards and published family histories all are among other deep and broad genealogical sources.

To locate what towns and countries are represented in the ACPL collection one can search the on-line card catalog at <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us>. Clicking on the library catalog link, you will be able to search for your town of interest, checking to see if a Yizkor book is available at ACPL. Search terms might include the town in Europe (remember spelling variations) or a broad search term "Memorial Books - Holocaust."

In an exciting development, Yizkor books owned by the Allen County Public Library are now listed at <http://www.jewishgen.org/Yizkor.database.html>. JewishGen is the leading Internet site for Jewish genealogical research for those interested in researching their Jewish history <http://www.jewishgen.org>. The database is searchable by location or keyword providing a list of the libraries that own these special books. As most of these books are written in Hebrew or Yiddish, JewishGen has made a concerted effort to translate many of these Eastern European Memorial Books and their necrologies. If a translation is available, the entry in the Yizkor Database will have a link to the translation.

Pages of Testimony to Be Online This Fall

Public availability of the online version of Pages of Testimony will take place this Fall, "around the Jewish High Holy Days," according to Alexander Avraham, director of the project. It is part of a "Names Memorial Database" that includes numerous sources of information about the fate of persons caught up in the Holocaust--some four million digitized records. (See "Nu? What's New?" Vol. 4, No. 13 - July 27, 2003, at <http://www.avotaynu.com/nu.htm>.)

SARASOTA'S SISTER CITY
in Hamilton, Canada
by Kim Sheintal

Sister Cities International, a worldwide organization linking cities from the United States with communities worldwide, has a huge presence in Sarasota. Sarasota Sister Cities Association has six sister cities - Dunfermline (Scotland), Hamilton (Canada), Perpignan (France), Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic), Tel Mond (Israel), and Vladimir (Russia).

I received an e-mail recently that Hazel Boon is interested in starting a Jewish genealogical society in Hamilton, Canada. As both a member of Sarasota Sister Cities and the JGS of SW FL, I was "doubly" excited.

In December 2003, Gary Mokotoff, author, lecturer and leader of Jewish-American genealogy, approached Hazel about starting a Jewish Genealogical Society in Hamilton. Hazel had just moved to Hamilton from Toronto. She told Gary that she was interested, but let the idea sit on a back burner until February when she read a post by Barry Spinner on the JewishGen list and noticed that he was from Hamilton as well. Hazel and Barry were subsequently contacted by Moishe Gold who grew up in Hamilton. Moishe helped Hazel and Barry compile a list and generally helped them with access to the local contacts they needed. Their first meeting on April 27 attracted over 40 people. Today, they have 24 members. Barry Spinner is the interim President and Hazel Boon is the interim Vice-President. Ina Levitt-Yanover has undertaken the newsletter. The Hamilton Jewish Genealogical Society will hope to publish their first newsletter by Chanukah.

HAVE YOU TALKED TO AUNT RUTH LATELY?

Tell relatives that you are doing genealogy research and share your progress.

Ask your aunts, uncles and other relatives if they have previously done any genealogy research or have any old family photos.

Welcome New Members

Aaron and Phyllis Klapman Alex and Carol Morris

GENEALOGICAL HAPPENINGS

**2004 FEDERATION
OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES CONFERENCE**
September 8-11, 2004
Austin, Texas
<http://www.fgs.org/2004conf/FGS-2004.htm>

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH TRIP
with Eileen Polakoff and Gary Mokotoff to Salt Lake City
October 22-28, 2004
<http://www.avotaynu.com/slctrip.htm>

ANNUAL FLORIDA GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE
November 12-13, 2004
Melbourne, Florida

The 28th Annual Florida Genealogical Society (FSGS) Conference will feature Sharon Tate Moody, Amy Larner Giroux, Ann Mohr Osisek, Drew Smith, George G. Morgan, Donna Moughty, Miriam Gan-Spalding, Mary P. Parker, Jim Robinson, and Elaine Powell. Conference registrations are available at the Florida Genealogical Society (FSGS) website <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flsgs>. For more information, send an email to astaley@comcast.net.

JEWISH GERMAN RESEARCH by EMILY ROSE
January 9, 2005
Largo, Florida

JGS Tampa Bay January 9, 2005 meeting will feature Emily Rose. For more information, contact President Marc Baron (JGSTampabay@yahoo.com).

ANCESTOR TRACKING SEMINAR – register early
January 29, 2005
North Fort Myers, Florida

The Lee County Genealogical Society will sponsor an Ancestor Tracking Seminar on January 29, 2005. Early registration is encouraged, especially since the event will feature one of genealogy's most popular lecturers, Dr. John P. Colletta. Pre-registration includes lunch and morning coffee/pastries. Dr. Colletta's books will be available for purchase. Visit the Society's web site www.rootsweb.com/~flcgs for details and a printable registration form.

LUNCHEON WITH GUEST SPEAKER MIRIAM WEINER
Sunday, January 30, 2005

Crown Plaza Hotel at Australian & Belvedere - Palm Beach, Florida
Annual JGS of Palm Beach County Luncheon features Miriam Weiner, a world-renowned expert in Jewish Genealogy and Holocaust Research Founder of Routes to Roots Foundation. www.jewishgen.org/jgspbc/

JEWISH MUSEUM OF FLORIDA presents
SHALOM Y'ALL: IMAGES OF JEWISH LIFE IN THE SOUTH
February 2005

301 Washington Avenue - Miami Beach, Florida 305-672-5044
The museum invites all Jews who now live in Florida and who came from the South to submit photographs from their hometowns with an anecdote about what it was like to live there as a Jew. The museum will accept photos until October 2004. www.jewishmuseum.com

ALL DAY GENEALOGY SEMINAR
February 15, 2005 (8:45 AM to 4:00 PM)
Sun City Center, Florida

South Bay Genealogical Society (Sun City Center) will have an all day seminar with George Morgan and Ann Mohr Osisek. For more information, contact Russ Kenyon (russkenyon@earthlink.net).

2005 IAJGS CONFERENCE
July 10-15, 2005
Las Vegas, Nevada

Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada (www.jgssn.org)
Charlotte Showel, JGSSN President

IAJGS BOARD AND IAJGS AWARDS

2004-2005 IAJGS newly elected board members:

Jan Meisels Allen (programming VP of the JGS Los Angeles)
Florence Elman (president of the JGS of Southern Alberta)
Martha Levinson Lev-Zion (IAJGS director and president of the Negev branch of the IGS)
Ellen Shindlemen Kowitz (IAJGS director and former president of the JGS of Greater Washington)
Daniel Schlyter (IAJGS director and webmaster; webmaster of the JGS of Utah)
Paul Silverstone (treasurer of the JGS, Inc. in NY)

2004-2005 IAJGS board members continuing to serve:

Hal Bookbinder (president)
Michael Brenner (vice president)
Joel Spector (secretary)
Michael Posnick (treasurer)
Howard Margol (immediate past president)

The Israel Genealogical Society (IGS) and the organizing committee of the 24th Annual IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy announced the following winners of the IAJGS Achievement Awards for 2004 presented in Jerusalem:

Alexander Beider: Outstanding contribution
JGS New York: Outstanding publication
David Fox: Outstanding project
Warren Blatt: Lifetime achievement

GENEALOGY OF THE FUTURE

Gary Mokotoff, *Nu? What's New?* editor, author, lecturer and Jewish-American genealogy leader, received the following e-mail recently as noted in the Vol. 5, No. 11 - June 13, 2004 issue of *Nu? What's New?* (the e-zine of Jewish genealogy).

This may be a common posting on a genealogical bulletin board some time in the future.

My Y-chromosome string is:

DYS 391 10
DYS389I 12
DYS439 11
DYS389II 28
DYS438 10
DYS437 16
DYS19 15
DYS392 11
DYS393 14
DYS390 23
DYS385 14-14

I am looking for family - can you help me??

CHECK CLASS SCHEDULES PERIODICALLY (WRITING YOUR MEMOIRS, GENEALOGY, etc.)

Longboat Key Adult Education Center 383-8811
Manatee Community College (Adult Ed) - Bradenton 755-5000
Manatee Community College (Adult Ed) - Venice 408-1300
Sarasota County Technical Institute 924-1365
Manatee Technical Institute - Bradenton 751-7900
Manatee Technical Institute - Lakewood Ranch 752-8100
Adult and Community Education Center - Sarasota 361-6590
Flanzer Jewish Community Center 378-5568

Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy

This is the definitive guidebook to Jewish genealogical research. It is written by more than 60 authors, each an expert in their own field. The list of authors is a veritable "Who's Who in Jewish Genealogy." Its more than 100 chapters cover all-important aspects of the rich body of information available to do Jewish genealogical research. This book is of immense value to both the novice just starting out and the experienced researcher.
See <<http://www.avotaynu.com/>> for more details.

Polish Sources at the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People

Avotaynu Foundation has published a book that is an annotated inventory of the Polish holdings of the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People (CAHJP). The 320-page book identifies more than 1,000 towns in interwar Poland whose records are part of the CAHJP collection. Because it is Poland as defined by its boundaries between World War I and World War II, the book includes many towns that today are in Belarus, Lithuania and Ukraine such as Brest, Grodno, Lwow (L'viv), Pinsk, Tarnopol and Wilno (Vilnius). More than 1,000 towns are identified in the book.
See <<http://www.avotaynu.com/books/cahjp.htm>> for list of towns.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail check (payable to JGS of SW FL) to:
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c/o Kim Sheintal
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Single Membership \$20 per year
Family Membership \$25 per year

Name _____

E-Mail _____

Phone _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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JGS Tampa Bay meets usually on the second Sunday of the month at 2:00 PM at Gulfcoast Jewish Family Services Center, 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, Florida.

Local Genealogical Societies

Manasota Genealogical Society meets the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM from October thru May. Meetings are at the Central Library, 1301 Barcarrota Blvd. in Bradenton, FL. A 1:30 PM workshop usually follows lunch.

President is Walter Stock (waltstock@worldnet.att.net).

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flmgs/>

Manasota PAF Users Group meets first Saturday of the month at 9:15 AM from October thru June. Meetings are at the South Branch Library, 6081 26th St. West in Bradenton. 30% genealogy software, 30% basic how-to, 30% Internet research, 10% free-for-all fun and sharing.

President is Ed Gaulin

(GenealogyOne@lycos.com) (ehgaulin@att.net).

<http://www.dearmyrtle.com/PAF/index.htm>

Englewood Genealogical Society meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1:30 PM for the Member Ancestral Circle and 2:00 to 4:00 PM for the General Meeting from September thru May. Meetings are at the Elsie Quirk Library, 100 Dearborn W. Street (1/2 block from 776 on the right) in Englewood.

President is Peggy McCoullough (PEGGYJAI2@aol.com).

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flgsg/>

Genealogical Society of Sarasota (GSS) meets the third Saturday of the month at 9:30 AM from October thru May. (Second Saturday in December.) Meetings are at the Selby Library, 1331 1st St. in Sarasota.

President is Armin Gumerman (gumermana@aol.com).

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flgss/>

Computer Interest Group (CIG) of the Genealogical Society of Sarasota meets the third Thursday of the month from 2:00 to 3:30 PM from October thru May. Meetings are at the Selby Library Auditorium.

Chairman is Ed Gaulin

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South Bay Genealogical Society (Sun City Center) meets the third Tuesday of the month at 12:00 noon from September thru May. The 15 February 2005 meeting will be an all day seminar (8:45 AM to 4:00 PM) with George G. Morgan and Ann Mohn Osisek speaking. The luncheon meeting has a speaker each month that meets at Tropics Restaurant, Bahia Beach in Ruskin. There are several SIG groups that meet in the Caper Room in Sun City Center during the month: PAF meets the first Monday night, Family Tree Maker meets the third Monday night, Family Tree Maker and PAF meet the fourth Thursday morning of the month and the German Club meets twice a year.

President is Russ Kenyon (russkenyon@earthlink.net).

Local LDS Family History Centers

7001 Beneva Road Sarasota, Florida

Tues./Wed./ Thurs./Fri (8:30 AM- 12:30 PM)

Wed. (7:00 PM – 9:00 PM)

3400 Cortez Road Bradenton, Florida

Mon./Tues. (9 AM – 1:00 PM)

Tues. (7:00 PM – 9:00 PM)

1100 S. Tamiami Trail Venice, Florida

Tues./Wed./Thurs. (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)

**SARASOTA COUNTY
MANATEE COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

Selby Library (941) 316-1181
1331 1st St Sarasota, FL 34236

Gulf Gate Library (941) 316-1214 (941) 861-1230
7112 Curtiss Ave Sarasota, FL 34231

Fruitville Public Library (941) 861-2500
100 Coburn Road Sarasota, Florida 34240

North Library (coming soon) 2801 Newtown Blvd. Sarasota, FL

Venice Public Library (941) 861-1330
300 S. Nokomis Avenue Venice, FL 34285

North Port Public Library (941) 426-4300
13800 S. Tamiami Trail North Port FL 34287

Jacaranda Public Library (941) 486-2723
4143 Woodmere Park Blvd Venice, FL 34293

Elsie Quirk Public Library (941) 474-3515
100 W Dearborn St Englewood, FL 34223

Manatee Central Library (941) 748-5555
1301 Barcarrota Boulevard West Bradenton, FL 34205

Palmetto Branch Library (941) 722-3333
923 6th Street West Palmetto, FL 34221

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PLEASE RESPOND TO ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. What was it like being Jewish where you grew up? (include when and where you grew up)
2. What was the biggest find in your genealogical research? (include details of how and what you found)
3. What tips can you give to trace Jewish roots?
4. What websites were most helpful in your Jewish genealogical research?
5. What was it like meeting family members for the first time? (this can be anything from a big family reunion or wedding to a small gathering)
6. Have you visited the shtetl of your ancestors? (if so, describe your visit)
7. Have any of your ancestors' surnames been changed for any reason other than marriage? (if so, explain)
8. Did you attend the IAJGS conference in Jerusalem in 2004? (if so, give some of your experiences at the conference)
9. What is your most precious family heirloom and why?
10. What is the most unique family tradition in your family? (describe)
11. How many people are currently on your family tree?

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BAALS
BALIZER
BARON
BAUER
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BERKOWITZ
BERMAN
BERNSTEIN
BERSHAS
BLADY
BLUMENTHAL
BRAUN
CAHN
CHOLEVA
COHEN
COLE
CONTORER
DOCTORVITZ
DOKTOROWICZ
EDELMAN
EITINGON
EMDIN
ENGELMAN
FALK
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FLEISCHER
FRANK
FRANKEL
FRANZEL
FREEDMAN
FRIEDEL
GIDA
GIDANSKY
GILL
GLICKMAN
GOLDBERG
GOLDMAN
GRABER
HABERMAN
HAFT
HARRIS
HEUMAN
HILLER
HIRSCH
HOLZER
IZIU
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JOSEPH

JOSKOWICZ
KASRILZON
KERBEL
KERBL
KLAPMAN
KOCH
KOHL
KOHLMANN
KRAMER
KRAUS
KUSHNER
LAFER
LAKSZ
LAUFER
LAX
LEBOVITZ
LEBOWITZ
LEPIS
LEVENSON
LEVENTHAL
LEVITAN
LEWIS
LICHTIGMAN
LIEBERMAN
LIEBERMANN
LISSAUER
LOEWENSTEIN
LOW
MAGENHEIM
MALAMUT
MATUS
MEDVEDIR
MEISLER
MELAMED
MENZER
MIDLER
MILLER
MILLNER
MINTZ
MIODOWNIK
NAIMAN
NEMEN
NEUFELDER
OHRENSTIEL
OPPENHEIMER
ORENSTILL
OSHEROFF
PARISH
PASELTINER
PASHELINSKY
PASSELTINER
PERVIN
PLOTKIN
RABI
RACHMAN
RAISHER
REBACK
REGEN
RIBARSKY

RIBARSZKY
RICHMAN
ROSENBERG
RUGALOVITZ
RYKE
SALAT
SALOP
SAPOFF
SAPOSNAKOV
SAXE
SCHARFSTEIN
SCHMULEVITZ
SCHNELLER
SCHUSTER
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STROWITZ
SUDACK
SUMMERFELD
SUMMERFIELD
SWARTZ
SZARGIEL
SZMUL
SZWARCBART
SZWARZ
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TANNENBAUM
TASH
TAUB
TRESTIN
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WEINBERG
WEISSMAN
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