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President's Shpiel

by Kim Sheintal

My family and friends know how passionate I am about helping and encouraging others to trace their families. As much as I enjoy researching for others, I enjoy the challenge of finding someone to help my family and friends when I don't have the knowledge to help them. Imagine how happy I was when I received an e-mail from my friend Judy letting me know that the person I suggested to her was able to document the original surname of her father.

Give yourself a genealogy challenge. Try to solve it. If you can't, find a way to get help. Often a simple posting on the JewishGen Discussion Group will solve the brickwall. Someone at the JGS of SW FL meeting may be able to guide you in the right direction.

Please join us at our first meeting of the new season with Sue Davis. Sue Davis began researching her family in 2000 after retiring to Venice, Florida. She has been actively researching both her paternal and maternal families. Her paternal family immigrated to Chicago, Illinois before 1850 and her maternal family emigrated from Norway in the 1870's. Sue's talk will be "Making Connections." Gathering accurate family history information is often not easy. Sue will discuss how the Internet assisted in making the connections. I hope to see you there!

The Joy of Making a Life Story Video

Kim Sheintal will share her experience in making a life story video at the Lakewood Ranch Genealogical Society on November 7 (7:00 PM) at Lakewood Ranch Town Hall. A life story video makes it possible for future generations to know the lives of family members by simply pushing a play button. Kim will talk about the importance of videotaping your family history and show how much fun it is to do. Guests are welcome. For information, e-mail Donna Moughty at moughty@mac.com.

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MEETING

Sunday, November 20, 2011 (1:00 PM)

Koernick House

1951 N. Honore Ave., Sarasota

Program: Sue Davis presents "Making Connections"

For details, Kim Sheintal 921-1433, <klapshein@aol.com>

International Jewish Genealogy Month

Oct. 29 to Nov. 26, 2011

(Hebrew month of Cheshvan)

International Jewish Genealogy Month honors our Jewish ancestors through the pursuit of Jewish family history research. The hope is that people will take advantage of the International Jewish Genealogy Month to encourage Jewish genealogy and publicize their organization and activities all over the world.

The winner of the "Jewish Genealogy Month" poster contest is Jillian Beroza of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island (JGSLI). Always having a passion for history and a love of family, Jillian's interest in genealogy stemmed from the frustration of a 4th grade assignment when she was asked to create her own family tree. While other students had sprawling trees dating back to the creation of their surnames, Jillian's small family tree contained mostly question marks, misspellings and vague locations. Once not even knowing the names of her great-grandparents, Jillian's research has led her to discover that she is the decedent of some of the most famous rabbis and scholars. Read more about Jillian's first attempt at genealogy in the 4th grade at IAJGS website (<http://www.iajgs.org/jgmonth.html>).

Jewish Genealogical Society of SW FL Calendar

Nov. 20, 2011: Making Connections with Sue Davis

Dec. 18, 2011: Tracing my Grandfather's Journey from Lithuania to Riga to Dublin 1891-2009 with Jo Ann Goldwater

Jan. 15, 2012: Life is Full of Stories with Ruth Adler Schneer

Feb. 19, 2012: To Tell or Not to Tell with Robin Seidenberg

March 18, 2012: Write Your Family History NOW!
with Mike Karsen

April 15, 2012: Bintel Briefs with Alice Cotman, Karen Gary,
Elyse Diamond, Rosalie Leon, Martha Kesler

May 20, 2012: Delta Jews of Mississippi
with Rabbi Allan Schwartzman

Wonderful World of Websites

<http://www.jewishgen.org/JewishGen/FirstTimer.html>
Learn about JewishGen website

<https://groups.google.com/group/jewishgnews>
Jewish Genealogy News (JGN)

<http://www.search.geshergalicia.org>
All Galicia Database (AGD)

<http://jewishgen.blogspot.com/2011/08/jewishgen-2011-update.html>
JewishGen Update

<http://www.jewishgen.org/JewishGen/Testimonials/>
JewishGen Success! Stories webzine

<http://vimeo.com/9027073>
Seven-Minute Jewish Genealogy Video

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/RKiooqeMBJc?rel=0>
Traditional Jewish Life

<http://yhoo.it/qr7U8I>
Mystery Surrounds Loss of Records, Art on 9/11

<http://www.germangenealogygroup.com>
www.nyc.gov/html/records
Helpful for Research in New York City

<http://www.jewishgen.org/Infocfiles/researchers.htm>
Finding Professional Genealogists

http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2011/05/jdc-archives-now-online-with-over-500000-names.html
JDC Archives Now Online with Over 500,000 Names

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/07/05/us/05tree.html?_r=2&nl=todaysheadlines&emc=th23&pagewanted=all
or

<http://tinyurl.com/3hw5uwq>
Who's on the Family Tree? Now It's Complicated:
adoptions, surrogates, sperm donors and same-sex parents

<http://www.progenealogists.com/citationguide.htm>
Internet Citation Guide for Genealogists

<http://rwguide.rootsweb.ancestry.com/lesson12.htm>
RootsWeb's Guide to Tracing Family Trees

<https://www.familysearch.org/techtips/2011/09/preserving-your-family-history-records-digitally>
Preserving Your Family History Records Digitally

http://www.jewishgen.org/JewishGen/Press/JG_Flyer.pdf
"JewishGen Provides" flyer

<http://www.avotaynu.com/SubscribeNWN.htm>
Nu? What's New?

<http://www.ancestry.com/wmp>
<http://www.worldmemoryproject.org/>

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and Ancestry.com have created the World Memory Project in March 2011 to allow anyone, anywhere to help build the largest free online resource for information about victims and survivors of the Holocaust and Nazi persecution during World War II. Even a few minutes of your time can help families discover what happened to their loved ones and restore the identities of people the Nazis tried to erase from history.

<http://rememberme.ushmm.org/gallery/identified>
"Remember Me" project of the USHMM publicizes photos taken by relief workers immediately following WWII's end. It has been reported that about 80 photographs have been identified. Remember Me Project started in March 2011.

<http://mashable.com/2011/05/23/holocaust-museum-crowdsourcing/>
"World Memory" and "Remember Me" Projects

http://www.iajgs.org/Jewish_Genealogy_Yearbook_2011.pdf
Hal Bookbinder, editor of the Jewish Genealogy Yearbook, has updated the Jewish Genealogy Yearbook. It has been posted to the IAJGS website. Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida is on page 76.

<http://www.search.geshergalicia.org>
This web site features 172,954 records from 41 different data sources, covering everything from birth, death, marriage and divorce records to phone books, school and landowner records, from the former Austro-Hungarian province of Galicia.

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/TheLibra>
C-SPAN's original feature documentary, The Library of Congress, is a behind-the-scenes look at the national repository.

<http://flsgs.blogspot.com>
Florida State Genealogical Society Blog

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm>
Where to Write for United States Vital Records

<http://www.fold3.com>
On August 18, Footnote announced it will focus on offering the finest and most comprehensive collection of U.S. Military records available on the Internet. As part of this new focus, the name of the site has changed from Footnote to Fold3. The Fold3 name is derived from a traditional flag folding ceremony in which the third fold in the ceremony honors and remembers veterans for their sacrifice in defending their country and promoting peace in the world.

http://genealogy.about.com/od/maillinglists/a/mailling_lists.htm
Making the Most of Genealogy Mailing Lists

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vaaugust/cook.htm>
Internet Genealogy – What's Good! What's Not

<http://www.genealogy.com/uni-internet.html>
Internet Genealogy

Searching in Poland: A Team Approach

by Daniel Kazez

My first attempt to assemble my family tree was along the lines of "Can I fit it all on one page?" But then I learned that my parents had a total of 79 first cousins!

After recording the names and birthdays of every descendant of those 79 first cousins of my parents, I sought to go backwards and to be equally complete. My grandfather Harry (Josek Hersz) Talman was from the area of Poland near the towns of Czestochowa and Radomsko. As I began my search for family that lived in Poland, I discovered a bit of drudgery: With each new document, I needed to go through the long process of not only acquiring a copy (from microfilms or from archives in Poland) but then also getting a translation of each document.

And so was born the idea of CRARG: the Czestochowa-Radomsko Area Research Group. Working with other researchers who shared my interest in this part of Poland, we set out to find, type, translate, and index all of the available genealogical documents available for our part of Poland (without any duplication of JRI-Poland's tremendous work).

What towns? Czestochowa (and nearby: Janów, Kłobuck, Kłomnice, Krzepice, Lelów, Mstów, Pilica, Praszka, Przyrów, Szczekociny, Żarki), Radomsko (and nearby: Nowa Brzeźnica, Plawno, Gidle, and Rozprza), and several towns to the east of Radomsko (Kielce, Końskie, Gowarczów, Przedbórz, Radoszyce, and Włoszczowa).

We hired a researcher in Poland to find, translate, and type documents. We found an even greater assortment of documents than we had anticipated: births, marriages, deaths, burials, tombstones, lists of residents, census records, military recruits, emigration, identity cards, voter registration, craftsmen, businesses, tax payments, records kept by the Jewish community, Holocaust forced labor, martyrs, survivors, police rosters, deportations, ghetto registrations, and, surprisingly, other types of documents too.

In the 1800s, Jews in Poland tended not to travel very far from their home cities to marry or work. In the 1900s, however, we found members of our family would fairly often move to far-away towns in Poland. So, we expanded our work to also include Holocaust survivor lists and death lists for Jews throughout Poland. So far, we have gathered over 300,000 records. Our search engine for Holocaust data provides free access to this data: www.crarg.org/search.php

Access to our pre-Holocaust area is available for persons who join CRARG. In particular, we invite researchers who are interested in our core towns to consider joining. Membership fees provide funding for our continued research in Poland.

CRARG is a tax-exempt, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. All funding is used for typing archival documents. CRARG has no staff costs or any other expenses. Please check out our web site for details on how to join CRARG: www.crarg.org/join.php

Daniel Kazez is Professor of Music at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, where he specializes in music theory and Jewish-inspired classical music. A cellist, he has performed in more than a dozen countries around the world. Dan's ancestral roots are in Poland, Ukraine, and Turkey.

Kazez is researching:

TALMAN from Plawno and Radomsko (Poland)

ENGLANDER and KIFER from Czestochowa, Mstów, Przyrów, and Żarki (Poland)

JewishGen Leads to Funny Story When You Put 2 and 2 Together

by Judilee Sterne

I've been searching for my dad's mother's family for years. I know that her name was Libba Rosenberg, and that she was from a town that started with a P near Vilna. She had 2 sisters and 3 brothers, and they all immigrated to Selma, Alabama in the early 1900's.

Three months ago I received a message on Jewish Gen telling me that a relative had found me. I recognized her last name, as my parents had kept up with her grandparents. I found out that she lived in Chicago, so made a date to meet her at my daughter's home. What a treasure trove of information she had!

The family name in the town of Plungian, a shtetl near Vilius, was Pruchna. Uncle Joe changed the name to Rosenberg when he moved to Selma because he thought it sounded better.

Why did he change his name to Rosenberg?? Selma already had several Jewish people in it – Teppers, whom my father often talked about. I found out, through an article in the American Israelite (Cincinnati's Jewish news, to which I still subscribe) that an organization is trying to restore the old synagogue in Selma as a Jewish Museum. I contacted the people involved and, when I told them the name of my great uncles, they said, "Oh, you probably still have relatives in Selma. So and so Rosenberg, whose parents owned a furniture store, still lives there." The light went on in my head. The Pruchnas wanted to start a general store in Selma. Rosenbergs already had a successful furniture store. Their name was already respected. Why use the name Pruchna, so un-American sounding? Truly, my relatives had a yiddisha kup!

JewishGen Screencasts

Phyllis Kramer, Education and Special Projects, JewishGen Inc (www.JewishGen.org/education) announced a new learning tool on JewishGen. She created a number of 5 minute screen casts to help folks navigate JewishGen. So far they include:

1. Prepare for Your Search (for USA researchers)
2. Navigate JewishGen
3. Find Your Ancestral Town (for USA researchers)
4. Communicate with Other Researchers
5. Use the JewishGen Databases
6. Special Interest Groups and Hosted Organizations:
 - a. Jewish Records Indexing - Poland
 7. Jewish Genealogy Websites & Organizations:
 - a. Jewish Genealogy Websites - Part I
 - b. Jewish Genealogy Websites - Part II

Go to <http://www.jewishgen.org/JewishGen/FirstTimer.html> or just click on the "Get Started" oval on the top of the home page, then click on First Timer...the screen casts can be linked from a box on the right hand side of the page. She would appreciate any feedback and any thoughts on what else you think might be appropriate for additional screen casts.

Sylvia Firschein

It is with great sadness that I must inform you of the recent passing of JGS of SW FL member Sylvia Firschein. Upon moving to Sarasota after retirement, she remained active in the Jewish community by volunteering at Temple Beth Sholom as the Director of their Idelson Library. Sylvia was a major asset to selecting books for the JGS of SW FL library.

Genealogical Societies

Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida meets the third Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM from November thru May at Kobernick House 1951 N. Honore Ave., Sarasota.

President is Kim Sheintal (klapshein@aol.com).

Website: <http://www.jgsswf.org>

Manatee Genealogical Society meets the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM from October thru May at Manatee County Library, 1301 Barcarrota Blvd., Bradenton.

President is Jim Reger (babeandjim@gmail.com).

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

Computer Special Interest Group: meets about 11:15 AM (after the regular monthly meeting) on the same day and place.

South Bay Genealogical Society meets the third Tuesday of the month at 10:45 AM at the South Shore Regional Library. The Regional Roundtable at 10:45 AM is followed by lunch at noon and a genealogy presentation at 1:00 PM, from September thru May (however no Regional Roundtable in September). The South Shore Regional Library is located at 15816 Beth Shields Way, Ruskin.

President is Mary McIntyre (south-bay@juno.com).

Monday Roundtables: meets first Monday from October thru May at 9:30 AM at Sun City Center's Caper Room in Atrium Building (North Course Lane) at 9:30 AM, followed by the German Club at 10:45 AM.

Genealogical Society of Sarasota meets the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM (mingling), 10:30 AM (program) from October thru May (second Saturday in December 2010) at Selby Library, 1331 1st St., Sarasota.

President is Armin Gumerman (gumerman@gmail.com).

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

Germanic SIG: Karen Dwyer (karensdwyer@yahoo.com) at 9:30 AM at LDS History Center, 7001 Beneva Rd., Sarasota.

United Kingdom SIG: Jean Wallace (walljb@comcast.net), Susan Well (swell01060@yahoo.com) meet November and January thru April at Fruitville Library. Nov. 29 meets 10:15 AM (other dates/times TBD).

Ireland SIG: Bernadette Duncan (bduncan941@aol.com) meets second Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM at 2645 Wilkinson Rd., Sarasota.

Italian SIG (sponsored by GSS & Sarasota Italian Cultural Events): Franz Schneider (franz.schneider@prodigy.net) meets on selected Thursdays at 2:00 PM at Gulf Gate Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave., Sarasota.

Computer SIG: Joe Graham (Genealogy.Ten@gmail.com) meets one day a month November thru April at 2:00 PM at Selby Library, 1331 1st St., Sarasota.

Englewood Genealogical Society meets the fourth Wednesday of the month (September thru May) at 1:30 PM for the General Meeting at Elsie Quirk Library, 100 Dearborn W. St., Englewood. November, December and May will meet the third Wednesday because of holidays. The January meeting will be at the Suncoast Auditorium in the Englewood Community Hospital, 300 Medical Ave, Englewood, Florida with a featured speaker.

President is Sue Davis (suedavis101@comcast.net).

Website: <http://egsfl.org/>

Sigs: Beginning Genealogy, British Isles, Eastern Seaboard States, Europe, Family Tree Maker, Midwest States, MAC/Reunion, and Scandinavian

Lakewood Ranch Genealogical Society meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM from November thru April at Lakewood Ranch Town Hall. Their leader is professional genealogist Donna Moughty. For inquiries please contact Nancy Johnson (choco8448@gmail.com, 941-752-9819).

Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay meets the second Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM (social with light refreshments & library access), and 2:00 PM (featured program) from September thru June with some exceptions to accommodate speakers or holiday conflicts at Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater (unless there is a very special program).

President is Clint Elbow <skyhawk54058@gmail.com>.

Website: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fljgstb/index.htm>

FSGS Orlando 2011

<http://www.flsgs.org/cpage.php?pt=63>

The Florida State Genealogical Society will hold its 2011 Annual Conference November 11 and 12 at the Sheraton Orlando North Hotel in Maitland. The two-day conference will feature keynote speaker Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck. Additional presenters will address selected genealogical topics.

Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck is a nationally known professional genealogist, educator, librarian, author, and columnist. The recipient of numerous genealogy-related awards, Lloyd has served on the faculty of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) at Samford University since 1974, and from 1979-2009, he served as the Supervisor of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. Lloyd wrote a popular weekly "Family Tree" column for The Dallas Morning News from 1991 to 2008 and has been a contributing writer to the Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter since 2008. He is also the author of *Bounty and Donation Land Grants in British Colonial America*; *Denizations and Naturalizations in the British Colonies in America, 1607-1775*; *Naval Pensioners of the United States, 1800-1851*; *Virginia's Colonial Soldiers*; *Genealogical Research in Texas*; *Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants Awarded by State Governments*. Lloyd's session topics will be *Finding the Maiden Names of Your Female Ancestors*, *American Migrations 1607- 1850*, *The War of 1812 and its Genealogical Consequences and Newspaper Genealogy*.

The Technology Tamers (Pam Treme & Pattie Schulz) will present *Dipping Your Fingers in Paint and Creating & Implementing a Family Survey*. **Drew Smith** will present *Where is the Book With My Family In it?* and *Social Networking for Genealogical Researchers*. **Patricia Charpentier** will present *Bringing Your Ancestors to Life - An Overview and Bringing Your Ancestors to Life - Getting Started*. **Donna Moughty** will present *Putting Your Family Tree Online* and *Sources for Irish Research*. **Susan Jones** will present *The Florida Pioneer Descendant Certification Program: The Research Application, Review, and Application Process Explained*. **Pam Cooper** will present *Galusha A. Grow & the Homestead Act*. **Kim Garvey** will present *21st Century Death Remembrance: The End of Cemeteries as We Know Them & Why Genealogists Should Care* and *At the Crossroads: Historians & Genealogists in the 21st Century*. Tom Ryder will also be a presenter. **Gladys Paulin** will present *Beyond Ellis Island: Other Water Ports of Entry* and *A Jewish Ancestor? An Introduction to Jewish Genealogy Online*.

Gladys Friedman Paulin, CGSM specializes in immigration topics, Jewish genealogy, and urban research. She is past editor of "OnBoard, the Newsletter of the Board for Certification of Genealogists" and has taught at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research. She has served in many positions of responsibility including vice president of the Genealogical Speakers Guild, president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Orlando, and director of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS). She speaks regularly at national, state and local conferences and presents half and full day workshops.

Vendors will exhibit new products. There will be vendor and society exhibits, a conference banquet, door prizes and drawings. Visit www.flsgs.org, for easy online conference registration and hotel information.

What is IAJGS?

The IAJGS (International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies) is an organization of organizations formed in 1988 to provide a common voice for issues of significance to its members, to advance our genealogical avocation, and to coordinate items such as the annual Jewish Genealogy Conference. Virtually all of the local and national Jewish Genealogical Societies (JGSs), and a number of Jewish Genealogical Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are members.

2011 IAJGS Stern Grant Awards

The 2011 Stern Grant Awardees were announced at the IAJGS Conference in Washington, DC. The Rabbi Malcolm Stern Grant honors Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern, widely considered to be the dean of American Jewish genealogy, and his efforts to increase the availability of resources for Jewish genealogical research. The Stern Grant provides funding to encourage institutions or organizations to pursue projects, activities and acquisitions that provide new or enhanced resources to benefit Jewish genealogists. This year there were two very worthy Stern Grant Awardees.

Gesher Galicia was awarded a Stern Grant towards the continuing efforts to inventory, index and record acquisition for the Cadastral Map and Landowner Records Project. This project will benefit a wide range of genealogists. More information on this project can be found at

<http://www.jewishgen.org/galicia/CadastralMapProject.html>

The American Jewish Historical Society (<http://www.ajhs.org>) was awarded a Stern Grant towards the Archive's continuing efforts to microfilm the Records of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (Boston), 1870-1977. The original files are in Boston and by microfilming them it would give greater access to these records both in their Boston and New York facilities. A partial finding aid is searchable on-line at <http://www.cjh.org/p/61>). This project is not only beneficial to genealogists but by providing funds to the AJHS we build better relationships between Archives and Genealogist.

2011 IAJGS Achievement Awards

The IAJGS Achievement Awards were announced on Thursday, August 18 at the Conference Gala by Mark Halpern, Chairman of the 2011 Awards Committee. The Committee also included Jan Meisels Allen, Michael Brenner, Paul Cheifitz, and Laurence Harris.

The award for Outstanding Programming or Project that Advances the Objectives of Jewish Genealogy was given to The Columbus Jewish Historical Society for their "Legacy 2010: 170 Years of Jewish Life in Central Ohio" project. Please see <http://columbusjewishhistoricalsociety.org/legacy/> for details.

The award for Outstanding Contribution to Jewish Genealogy via the Internet, Print or Electronic Product was given to Phyllis Kramer, JewishGen Vice President, Education, for her role with the JewishGen Learning Center. See <http://www.jewishgen.org/Education/>.

The IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Michael Tobias, JewishGen Vice President, Programming and co-founder of Jewish Records Indexing - Poland for his role in development and improvement of online database systems.

The 2011 award for Outstanding Publication by a Member Organization of IAJGS was not presented as there were no nominations in this category.

IAJGS and FGS Genealogy Conferences

One of the major responsibilities of the IAJGS is to facilitate and coordinate annual conferences on Jewish Genealogy. These conferences are of great value not only to those who attend, but to the Jewish genealogical community as a whole the research and preparations for each conference and the presentations made add to and enhance knowledge and learning. Each year, various Jewish Genealogical Societies teach their members information learned at the conference and often publish articles in their periodicals based on materials shared at these seminars.

IAJGS is a member of The Federation of Genealogical Societies. FGS was founded in 1976 and represents the members of hundreds of genealogical societies. FGS also links the genealogical community through its annual conference - four days of excellent lectures, including one full day devoted to society management topics. The 2012 FGS Conference will be in Birmingham, Alabama August 29 thru September 1, 2012.

IAJGS Paris 2012

by Anne Lifshitz-Krams, Jewish Genealogy in Mainland France

Thank You, Washington and Welcome to Paris. Back in Paris after a little extra tour, I wanted to thank again the organizers of the Washington Conference for their hospitality. I also want to encourage you to come to Paris in 2012. The conference will be shorter, but it will be totally bilingual (French and English) and still hopefully as exciting as the previous ones.

We already have the agreement of many renowned speakers including several archivists from Eastern Europe and the West, geneticists internationally renowned, experts who have worked on cemeteries across Europe and the Maghreb, University professors.

During the conference, the hotel Marriott Paris Rive Gauche will offer you the unexpected rate of 119 euros per night for one person (129 for two), all taxes and French breakfast included, a rate available 3 days before and 3 days after the Conference. Take the opportunity of your trip to Paris to go in the footsteps of your ancestors in Europe or to visit all that Paris and France possess as Jewish or non-Jewish heritage. And we reserve you still full of surprises in this Paris so pleasant and so calm of the post Bastille Day. For more details: www.paris2012.eu.

IAJGS Boston 2013

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) and the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston (JGSGB) announce that the 33rd IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy will be held in Boston August 4-9, 2013, at the historic Park Plaza Hotel in the very heart of Boston. "In 1996, Boston hosted the 15th International Jewish Genealogy Conference," said Howard Morris, a co-chair for the 2013 Conference.

IAJGS Salt Lake City 2014

According to IAJGS President Michael Goldstein, "The Israel Genealogical Society has informed us that they are unable to host the 2014 conference. They are eager to be hosts and we are looking forward to meeting Israel at the earliest possible date. I am pleased to announce that The IAJGS and the Utah Jewish Genealogy Society will be hosting the 2014 Conference in Salt Lake City. The exact dates to be shortly announced. The IAJGS is disappointed that 2014 will not be in Jerusalem and hope that one can be scheduled for Israel as soon as possible."

Kehila Links

I am happy to report that Jewish Gen is in the process of replacing ShtetlLinks with Kehila Links.

The word shtetl has long been a sore point for a number of non Yiddish speaking groups. The Yiddish word shtetl will be replaced on the website with kehila.

Kehila, is a Hebrew word meaning community and is more inclusive for Jews around the world.

JewishGen Gazetteer

On August 16th, at the recent IAJGS Conference on Jewish Genealogy, Warren Blatt announced that the "JewishGen ShtetlSeeker" was being renamed to become the "JewishGen Gazetteer." This name was chosen to more accurately reflect the contents of the database.

The JewishGen Gazetteer is based upon data from the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, and contains the names of one million localities from 54 countries throughout Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia.

Along with the name change, a number of significant improvements have been made:

1. The geographic scope has been expanded to include:
 - a)Scandinavia: Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and Finland.
 - b)Iberia: Spain and Portugal.
 - c)Luxembourg.
 - d)Kyrgyzstan (the only former Soviet Republic not previously included).
 - e)Yemen.
2. Improved Search Functionality:
 - a)Names in non-Latin alphabets (such as Arabic and Cyrillic) are now displayed (this is extremely useful when trying to locate towns based upon old documents).
 - b)"Beider-Morse Phonetic Matching," a more advanced and accurate form of Soundex coding, has been implemented.
 - c)Search results are now displayed in order of relevance, with the most likely matches appearing first.

The JewishGen Gazetteer has helped thousands of people identify the places where their ancestors lived. The new name of the database, along with the technical improvements, will enable JewishGen to continue helping amateur and professional genealogists as they research their Jewish family history and heritage.

The database can be accessed by visiting <http://www.jewishgen.org/Communities/LocTown.asp>. If you have any questions or suggestions, please email info@JewishGen.org.

We hope you will find this change beneficial and thank you for your continued support of JewishGen's important work.

Avraham Groll
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Site Your Sources

Elizabeth Shown Mills' book, *Evidence!*, provides the family history researcher with a reliable standard for both the correct form of source citation and the sound analysis of evidence.

Newest Jewish Genealogical Society

The Jamaica Jewish Genealogical Society is the newest society in the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay met at Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services in Clearwater, Florida on October 9 with a presentation by Clint Elbow on how to effectively use JewishGen. JewishGen is the premiere website and the widely recognized home of Jewish genealogical research on the Internet. It is affiliated with the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York. With more than 400,000 users, JewishGen provides access to 20 million genealogical records as well as links to hundreds of related websites. JewishGen is the beginning point for researching ancestors of Jewish heritage, and many of its resources are of value for non-Jewish research as well. JewishGen provides access to so much information that it can be overwhelming.

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay will meet at Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, Florida on Sunday November 13, 2011 at 2:00 PM with a presentation by Debbe Hagner, AG on using newspapers, magazines and specialized publications in genealogical research.

Family researchers typically look at newspapers for obituaries and marriage announcements to find valuable information, but there is a wealth of other useful genealogical information in newspapers, magazines and various specialty publications that is often overlooked. In her talk, accredited genealogist Debbe Hagner will identify some often overlooked newspaper resources and lesser-known publications that may contain "pearls of information" about your family. These include social event announcements, advertisements, and legal notices in newspapers, school newspapers, professional and trade magazines, church and synagogue bulletins, and other publications that can be a treasure chest of valuable family information. She will discuss how to find these publications and how to obtain copies. Debbe Hagner is a full-time professional genealogist who is accredited through the Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints (LDS) in Salt Lake City. She is one of the few fully credentialed professional genealogists in the Tampa Bay Area. Ms Hagner has been doing genealogical research on her own family for over 30 years, and she has a Certificate in Family History Research & North American Research from Brigham Young University.

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay's library and research resources are available to all meeting attendees and can be loaned out to members. Anyone interested in learning how to do Jewish genealogy research is invited to participate. Beginners as well as experienced researchers are welcome.

A pre-program social with refreshments and library access begins at 1:30 PM, and the featured program starts at 2:00 PM. For information on the organization or directions to the meeting call Sally Israel at 727-343-1652.

JewishJournal.com presents Jewish Diseases

"Dramatic progress in in-vitro detection spurs new push for Ashkenazi Jews to do genetic disease test" states that "Today, tests are available for 19 chronic conditions that are known as Jewish genetic diseases, including familial dysautonomia. Testing capabilities have risen dramatically: Just one year ago, individuals could be tested for 16 conditions; in 2009, the number was 11. Among those conditions, in addition to FD and Tay-Sachs, are cystic fibrosis, gaucher disease, Canavan disease and Niemann-Pick disease."

http://www.jewishjournal.com/health/article/dramatic_progress_in_in-vitro_detection_spurs_new_push_for_ashkenazi_jews/t/

Project HEART

Project HEART (Holocaust Era Asset Restitution Taskforce) announced its searchable database of Holocaust era property records now contains 1.5 million records, making the database the largest, publicly available single-source database of lost Jewish property assets from the Holocaust era.

The 1.5 million records contained in Project HEART's online database consist of property addresses, lists of homeowners, professions, lists of known confiscated properties, business directories, insurance policies, and other archival information that can assist potential applicants in their research.

Project HEART is an initiative of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), in cooperation and with the support of the Government of Israel, to help Jewish families identify personal property confiscated by the Nazis and to help victims seek restitution.

For more details, go to website <http://tinyurl.com/3o8gous>.

Nu? What's New

Nu? What's New is a weekly Internet magazine published by Avotaynu providing information of interest to persons tracing their Jewish family history. For only \$12 per year (equivalent to \$1 a month), you can receive the full online version of *Nu? What's New*. According to the most recent version of *Nu? What's New*, the Jewishgen.org website ranks as the 14th most popular genealogy site. To subscribe to *Nu? What's New*, go to <http://www.avotaynu.com/SubscribeNWN.htm>.

Former Synagogues of Manhattan

Ellen Levitt, author of the *Lost Synagogues of Brooklyn*, is planning books on the other boroughs of New York City. Her book, *The Lost Synagogues of The Bronx and Queens*, is in production and will soon be available. These books are picture essays about former synagogues, many of which are now churches. Now she is working on her third work, *Lost Synagogues of Manhattan*. If you are familiar with ex-synagogues in Manhattan, please write to her in care of Avotaynu identifying the name of the synagogue and exactly where it was located. Also provide any reminiscences of your involvement with the synagogue. Write to info@avotaynu.com.

The *Lost Synagogues of Brooklyn* describes 91 former synagogues and includes photographs of how they appear today. Many are now churches. Additional information about the book, including a complete list of the synagogues, is at <http://www.avotaynu.com/books/LostSynagogues.htm>.

1930 Mexico National Census

If you had family living in Mexico in 1930, the new Ancestry.com release of the 1930 Mexico National Census (El Quinto Censo General de Población y Vivienda 1930, México) is of interest for you! This is the most comprehensive historical Mexican census available online. It is estimated that this census counted approximately 90 percent of the population, (citizens from the Federal District, which includes Mexico City, were not included in the collection). The census includes approximately 12.8 million names. Ancestry is making this census free on-line and the plan is to keep this census free. Mexico's first federal census was taken in 1895 and starting in 1900 censuses were taken every 10 years. To search the 1930 Mexico National census go to: www.ancestry.com/Mexico

Sarasota-Manatee Cemeteries

With Largest Percentages of Jewish Burials

Cemeteries in Sarasota and Manatee with the largest percentages of Jewish burials:

- Temple Beth Shalom Cemetery on Circus Boulevard in Sarasota, Florida (Temple Beth Shalom 941-955-8121)
- Palms Memorial Park 941-371-4962 (170 Honore Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34232) opened in 1962 has five Jewish Gardens: Temple Emanu-El Garden, Temple Sinai Garden, Temple Beth Israel Garden, Chabad Garden, and the Shalom Garden for non-affiliated Jews.
- Skyway Memorial Garden 941-722-4543 (5200 US Highway 19, Palmetto, Florida 34207 opened in 1952 has one Jewish Garden (Temple Beth El Bradenton Garden of Abraham) (Temple Beth El Bradenton 941-792-0870)
- Jewish Community Center of Venice Cemetery (Jewish Community Center of Venice 941-484-2022)

LostNFound - A Service of JewishGen

LostNFound is a volunteer service of JewishGen to connect a genner with another genner whose e-mail has bounced or who is not answering e-mails. They will try to update the "lost" genner's address by sending your request making sure you spell names correctly to lostnfound@lyris.jewishgen.org.

JewishGen has a privacy policy that prevents us from revealing someone's e-mail address or any other identifying information. You give your permission to reveal your name and e-mail address to the person you are seeking when you make a request through LostNFound (otherwise there is no way to link you to the person you seek). If they find your genner, it would be nice if you donate to JewishGen. They would appreciate if you know. They will follow up and mark their profile RD (researcher deceased).

What to Focus on When Selecting Digital Cameras for Genealogy

<http://www.rideau-info.com/genealogy/digital/choosing.html>
<https://www.familysearch.org/techtips/2011/03/using-your-digital-camera-for-genealogy>

- Be aware of privacy, copyright, and other restrictions.
- Remember that digital photos usually end up in computers and are viewed on a computer screen.
- A camera is no good if it is left home - get used to carrying around a camera.
- Look at what you want to digitize before buying your digital camera.
- A digital "point and shoot" (P&S) is actually better than a digital Single Lens Reflex camera (DSLR) for most genealogical applications.
- Most cameras come with a built in flash. Make sure that this flash can be turned off.
- The Internet has several excellent camera review sites.
- A good photographer can take a great image with a poor camera but a poor photographer cannot take a good image with the most expensive camera available.
- Many problems with individual photos can be corrected with free programs like Google's Picasa.

JewishGen Communities Database

www.jewishgen.org/Communities/Search.asp

The "JewishGen Communities Database" is a master database of Jewish Communities throughout the world, which unifies and links together all of JewishGen's resources about each community. The JewishGen Communities Database contains information about 6,000 Jewish communities in Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East.

Previously, all JewishGen resources - the JewishGen Family Finder, KehilaLinks pages, the JewishGen Gazetteer, the Yizkor Book Project, JOWBR and other Databases, SIG and regional resources, etc. - were each independent projects, not linked together in any way, and in many cases were redundant or duplications of efforts.

The goal of the JewishGen Communities Database project is to create a master database of localities, and then link all JewishGen resources for each locality to this master database. Using this system, a user can easily see all JewishGen resources for any town, rather than having to search multiple locations on JewishGen, under various town names.

The JewishGen Communities Database contains each town's geographic/political history, and all town names synonyms. Clicking on a town name in the JGFF will bring up a page containing all historical names and jurisdictions for a town, and links to all relevant JewishGen resources for that town.

Formation and History of the JGS of SW FL

The first meeting of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida was held at Temple Sinai on January 28, 1996 (Super Bowl Sunday) with 35 in attendance. The group started with founder Lorraine Greyson as president and Kim Sheintal as vice president and editor.

Mishpocholy has served as the JGS of SW FL quarterly newsletter since March 1996. Mishpochology is on file at the Selby Public Library (1331 1st St., Sarasota, FL 34236) and the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The JGS of SW FL website <www.jgsswf.org> features every newsletter since December 2002.

In 1998, the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida compiled the *Shtetl Kettle*, a cookbook with the favorite recipes of members' ancestors.

Meetings are held from November through May on the third Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM at Kobernick House where there is a locked cabinet for the JGS of SW Florida library of books and maps.

Genealogy To-Do List

- Are you backing up your genealogical data?
- Are you interviewing the eldest members of your family?
- Are you watching for local genealogical oriented events?
- Are you citing your genealogical sources?
- Are you sharing your family tree with your relatives?
- Are you organizing your files on your computer?
- Are you scanning all of your old photos?
- Are you keeping a research log?
- Are you labeling your photos?
- Are you joining forces with other people researching the same surname or in the same area?
- Are you marking all of the JGS of SW FL program dates on your calendar?

Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida 2012 Membership Application

2012 Single Membership: \$25/year
2012 Family Membership: \$30/year

Mail Check (payable to JGS of SW FL) with this form to:

Liz Klaber
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