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President's Shpiel

by Kim Sheintal

Researching my Jewish roots has been a passion of mine for over 25 years. This past year, I have an additional passion – researching the Jewish history of Sarasota-Manatee. On January 28, 2013, my book *Jews of Sarasota-Manatee* will be available. See details on the last page of this newsletter.

JGS of SW FL Upcoming Programs

Location - Kobernick House
(1951 N. Honore Ave., Sarasota)

Sunday, December 16, 2012 @ 1:00 PM

How I Brought My Lost Relatives to Life
by Jo Ann Goldwater

Sunday, January 20, 2013 @ 1:00 PM

Jewish Experience of "Russification" in Tsarist Russia,
1825-1894

by Doug Cohen

Sunday, February 17, 2013 @ 1:00 PM

My Cousin the Gangster
by Mike Karsen

Sunday, March 17, 2013 @ 1:00 PM

Mining for Gold: Online Historical Newspapers
by Robin Seidenberg

Sunday, April 21, 2013 @ 1:00 PM

Nothing is Forever
by Helga Harris

Sunday, May 19, 2013 @ 1:00 PM

Show and Tell

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How I Brought My Lost Relatives to Life

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Wonderful World of Websites

<http://www.zionistarchives.org.il/en/about-us/Pages/Default.aspx>

The Central Zionist Archives

<http://www.iiig.org/>

International Institute for Jewish Genealogy
and Paul Jacobi Center

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

<http://www.lbi.org/2012/10/digibaecck-launch-access-centuries-of-germanjewish-history-online/>
DigiBaeck – German-Jewish History Online

You can now view the recording of the launch of DigiBaeck, the online archive of 3.5 million documents at the Leo Baeck Institute. The speeches and panel in this video will be of interest not only to those with German-Jewish heritage, but to anyone concerned with the digitization of archival material.

<http://generousgenealogists.com>

volunteers who agree to provide free genealogy research and assistance, as an act of kindness, to 'those in need'

<http://www.avotaynu.com/SubscribeNWN.htm>

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Internet Websites for Jewish Genealogy Research

<http://www.cjh.org/p/34>

Center for Jewish History

The Triangle (North Carolina) Jewish Genealogical Society: A Strong Start

by Deborah Long, Interim President

October 2012

At the end of 2008, I began to experience how utterly addicting genealogy can be when a researcher begins to make major discoveries. I have been looking for relatives for more than 50 years, but prior to the advent of Internet research tools, such as Google Translate, I made little progress. This was partly due to my inability to read Hebrew, Polish, Hungarian, Yiddish or German, languages that were necessary to make any steps forward in my family's history. Both of my parents were Holocaust survivors, and with the exception of my father's mother, none of my aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents survived. Until the day my mother died, she kept trying to find remaining fragments of her Polish family. My father never spoke of his losses, perhaps considering himself fortunate that his Hungarian mother had survived Auschwitz and other unspeakable places. So my quest for information about my family's past was largely an effort to understand what had happened to my parents' families and their lives before and during the war.

After my mother's death in 2008, I picked up the pieces of information that I had about my mother and father's family and discovered Jewishgen, JRI-Poland, Google Translate and other Internet resources, and much to my amazement and utter joy, within six months, I had acquired some precious photographs of three of my mother's siblings. A few months later during a remarkable trip to Poland, Hungary, and Germany, I discovered many documents which helped me to assemble the family tree. Within a year, thanks to the staff of the U.S. Holocaust Museum and the wisdom gleaned at an International Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) conference, I found the descendents of my mother's uncle now living in Sweden, descendents of my maternal grandmother's sister living in Canada, and my father's granduncle's descendents in a small town in Hungary.

You can read about my experiences at <http://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/jezow/AStoryofHope.htm> and/or listen to them on the last half of the segment at National Public Radio at <http://tinyurl.com/94gcz4e>.

As genealogists know, having these kinds of successes is positively addicting. Each one gives you the fuel to go on the next. These stories also make you rather boring at parties where you know that listeners are yearning to escape your tales about your second cousins once removed. So when Marlis Humphrey of IAJGS contacted me in 2012 about the possibility of starting a chapter in the Triangle, North Carolina area (Chapel Hill/Durham/Raleigh), I seriously pondered her offer. I knew it was going to take a lot of time (I still work full time as a real estate teacher), but I also had run out of friends and family willing to listen to any more genealogy stories. With Marlis' second call of encouragement, I

decided to go for it and organize the Triangle Jewish Genealogical Society.

I am fortunate to live in an area with a growing Jewish population and with three major universities and some of the best-educated people in the U.S. Many of them are retirees and have no trouble finding an outlet for their interests at the many venues offered by three major universities (UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke, NC State), several synagogues, and numerous civic and social clubs. But as yet, not even in a time when TV programs such as "Who Do You Think You are" is so popular, had anyone tried to begin a Jewish genealogy society.

So in September, I sent out notices of a first meeting to every Jewish group and place of worship in all of North Carolina as well as my Jewish friends and acquaintances. Jewishgen was kind enough to send me their subscribers in several critical zip codes, as did Gary Mokotoff of Avotanyu.com. Notices also appeared on Jewishgen's online bulletin board. Coincidentally, I noticed the name of Kim Sheintal in the latest Avotanyu, the journal of Jewish genealogy, and I remembered that a mutual high school friend of ours had once told me that Kim was living in Sarasota and was also equally consumed by genealogy. I contacted Kim (whom I haven't seen since high school graduation), and she generously shared some great ideas for getting the word out and how to run the first and subsequent meetings.

In a few weeks, I had 20+ RSVPs to my notice and more than 50+ interested people in the group. I planned a dynamic first meeting, complete with refreshments and a one-hour presentation that I brought to IAJGS in 2010 titled "Three Guides, Four Countries: A Daughter of Holocaust Survivors Travels to Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, and Germany." Though I had several sleepless nights worried about the success of the venture, our first meeting on Sunday, October 21 this year was a rousing success: 35 people showed up, and when, after my presentation, I asked "Did you like what you heard? Would you like to learn more? If so, I need membership dues from you so we can continue this effort," 30 of them wrote checks or paid cash on the spot. Moreover, a significant number of them volunteered to help with hospitality, bylaws, the newsletter, financial infrastructure, and all the other elements so necessary to an organization's success.

And the nachus continues. As a direct result of our first meeting, one member found two cousins from two different sides of his family. Others have told me that they have contacted elderly family members to obtain valuable information a direct result of my presentation. It is these kinds of transformative experiences that I hope will continue as we continue to plan for future meetings of the Triangle Jewish Genealogical Society. We welcome everyone to our second meeting, December 9th. If you are visiting our area, please contact us.

For more information, join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TriangleJewishGenealogicalSociety.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida 2013 Membership Application

2013 Single Membership: \$25/year
2013 Family Membership: \$30/year

Mail Check (payable to JGS of SW FL) with this form to:
Liz Klaber
4461 Violet Avenue
Sarasota, Florida 34233

Name _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

IAJGS and Amazon

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Florida State Genealogical Society's Genealogy Outstanding Achievement Award

Please join me in congratulating, Genie Milgrom, president, JGS of Greater Miami, on being awarded the Florida State Genealogical Society's Genealogy Outstanding Achievement Award! Genie's research involved the evidence of the Medieval Notary Records that helped her trace an unbroken maternal lineage as proof of Jewish roots found through Catholic records. Genie has been able to trace back 15 grandmothers to her ancestral roots to Feroselle, Spain. Her research took her genealogical journey from Jewish (pre Inquisition) to Crypto Jewish to Catholic back to Jewish. Genie's recently published book, *My 15 Grandmothers*, tells her story--the Florida State Genealogy Award is not for the book, but for her extensive research which led to her writing the book.

Genie just returned from a trip to Feroselle, Spain where the town's mayor proclaimed to be making an Official Act and handed her the Symbolic Key to the Jewish Quarter of The Village along with a Pergamino to serve as a Document of Historical Memory being given to a descendent of the Jews that had lived in this town of Feroselle. In history this is only the second time that a Mayor in Spain has given a Symbolic Key to a descendent of the Spanish Jews.

The Florida State Genealogical Society Genealogy Outstanding Award in Genealogy is given to an individual, society, or institution to recognize contributions toward the promotion of genealogical interests or activities within the state of Florida. This could include a publication; a sustained work in the area of extracting, preserving, accumulating or collecting genealogical/historical data (regardless of what state in which the data originated or to what state they apply) for the genealogical community; an instructor of genealogy or local history; or any person who has aided in furthering the interests of research in genealogy over a period of five (5) or more years. To read more about the award and award recipients go to: <http://flsgs.org/cpage.php?pt=12>. The award was given on November 9; therefore, it may take a few days for Genie's name to be added to the list of previous award recipients on the above-mentioned website. Michael Milgrom, Genie's husband, nominated her for the award.

IAJGS is proud of the accomplishment that Genie has done as an example of the excellence that a Jewish genealogist achieved. It is an example for all of us to strive to attain. IAJGS and its member societies are indeed fortunate to have leaders of such caliber. Please join me in congratulating Genie Milgrom!

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When Did and Does Chanukah Fall?

In 2013, Chanukah starts on November 27. That's the day before Thanksgiving which falls on November 28.

The "When Did" tool in the Calendar section of <http://stevemorse.org/jcal/whendid.htm> is ideal for answering "When did?" Calendar Questions in One Step.

Unique Family Chanukah Traditions

<http://www.sheknows.com/parenting/articles/820953/Unique-Hanukkah-family-traditions>

**Interfaith Family Chanukah Party for Families
with Young Children at Bounce U**

Saturday, December 8, 2012 (5:00 PM - 7:00 PM)

You are invited to a festive and welcoming party for interfaith families to celebrate Chanukah with their young children. Enjoy the giant inflatable bounce houses and slides, and then candles, songs, dreidels, pizza, donuts, and a photo op with Judah Maccabee. The charge is only \$10 for the entire family for those who RSVP by December 4; \$20 at the door. RSVP to Rabbi Elaine Glickman at 379-1997 or elaineglickman@comcast.net. Bounce U is at 1925 Northgate off 301 in Sarasota. Bring your own menorah!

Although this party is designed especially for interfaith families, all families are welcome! This event is hosted by Temple Emanu-El, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee, and funded by an Incubator Grant from the Union for Reform Judaism. Co-sponsors include JFCS, AJC, Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida, and BBYO.

Chanukah Entertainment from Tel Mond Israel

If you enjoy watching Israeli dancing, what could be better than watching outstanding dancers from Tel Mond, Israel perform classic, jazz, modern, and Israeli dance in person? The finest dancers, ages 16 and 17, from the dance school at the Tel Mond Cultural Center are coming to Sarasota in December. Their performance, open to the public on December 10, will be at 7:00 pm at the Beatrice Friedman Theater on the Jewish Federation campus as part of the Israel @ 65 celebrations. They call their group NOOA, which means movement. NOOA, formed over 15 years ago, consists of 20 dancers and one singer who are beautiful, strong, flexible, elegant, graceful, and amazing performers. A Chanukah reception with potato pancakes and "sufganiyot" (jelly doughnuts) will follow the performance. Price is \$18 and \$5 for students.

Tickets are available at www.jfedsrq.org/events.aspx. Scroll down to NOOA Dancers from Israel.

**It Is No Dream: The Life of Theodor Herzl
The Dreamer who became the Father of a nation...**

www.ITISNODREAM.com

**Regal Hollywood Stadium 20 November 30 - December 6
1993 Main Street, Sarasota, FL 34236
941-365-2000**

The untold story of how one man changed Jewish history forever, *It Is No Dream*, is the latest production from Moriah Films, the two-time Academy Award™ winning documentary film division of the Simon Wiesenthal Center. The film examines the life and times of Theodor Herzl who was responsible for creating the political movement that led to the founding of the Jewish State in 1948.

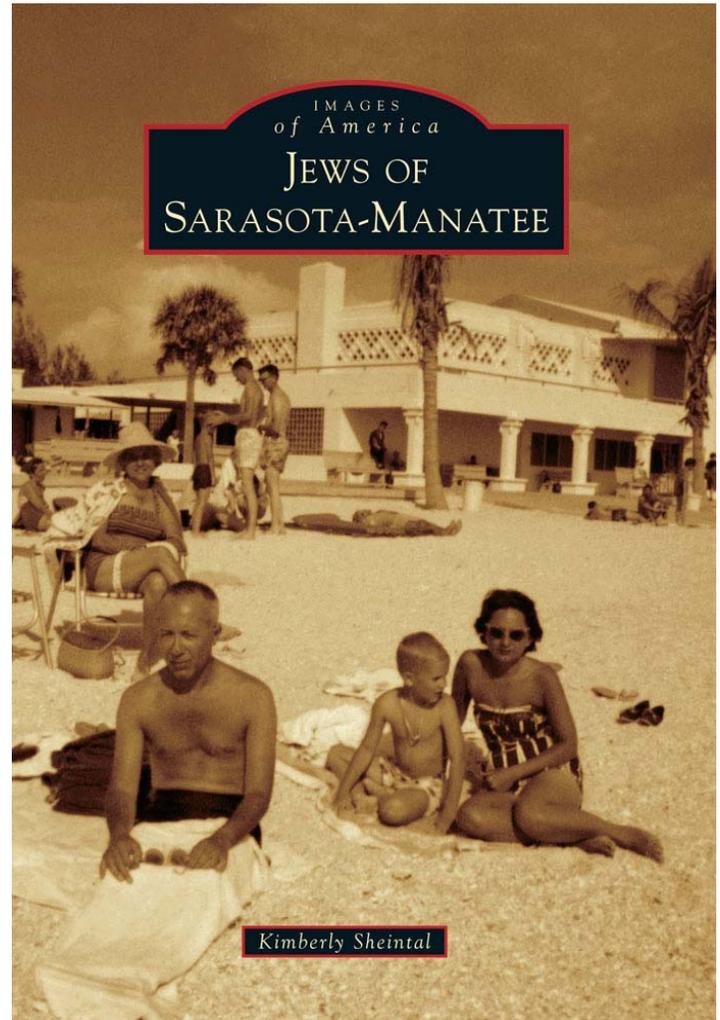
Narrated by Academy Award™ winner Ben Kingsley and starring Academy Award™ winner Christoph Waltz as the voice of Theodor Herzl, *It Is No Dream* examines how Theodor Herzl — an assimilated Jew, a successful playwright and author, born into a traditional but mostly non-religious family in Budapest in 1860 — was changed by the trial of Captain Alfred Dreyfus in Paris, which he covered as a journalist in 1895.

New Local Book Coming Soon!!

Available January 28, 2013

Author: Kimberly Sheintal, JGS of SW FL President

<http://www.arcadiapublishing.com/9780738590677/Jews-of-Sarasota-Manatee>



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Emigrate, Immigrate and Migrate

<http://www.vocabulary.com/articles/chooseyourwords/emigrate-immigrate-migrate/>

The choice between *emigrate*, *immigrate*, and *migrate* depends on the sentence's point of view. *Emigrate* is to *immigrate* as *go* is to *come*.

If the sentence is looking at the point of departure, use *emigrate*. If the sentence is looking at the point of arrival, use *immigrate*. If the sentence is talking about the actual process of moving, use *migrate*.

Emigrate means you are exiting your current homeland.
Immigrate means you are coming in to a country to live.