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President's Shpiel

by Kim Sheintal

On May 28, 2016, I received my DNA matches from Ancestry.com with almost 3,000 matches. I sent messages to many of my matches with hopes of hearing from several people. One day at 2:38 AM, someone responded to me. I responded back that same day at 6:45 AM. By 3:43 PM that day, we realized our great grandmothers were sisters with proof we found on an 1858 census record. This was my first response from one of my Ancestry DNA matches and many more followed. From this first response, I was able to add all of the descendants of my great grandmother's sister to my family tree. One response can lead to many connections. This was an awesome discovery. Some would say this was luck that I made such a great discovery from the first person who responded. Part of it was luck, but there was an element of work done to make this lucky occurrence happen.

- Did I send brief messages to just a few of my DNA matches or did I send detailed messages to many of my DNA matches? I sent detailed messages to many of my DNA matches.
- Did I mail my DNA sample to one company or did I mail my DNA sample to multiple companies? I sent my DNA sample to two companies and had my mother submit her DNA too.
- Did I trace my surnames back only to my grandparents without researching from which city they came or did I trace back my family many generations with their cities of origin so that I have a huge database of possibilities to connect to my DNA matches? I traced my families back many generations with their cities of origin.

Be prepared for the "Interpreting Your DNA Results" lecture on January 15, 2017 by submitting your DNA sample now. It takes about six weeks to get your results.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida

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MEETING

Sunday, November 20, 2016 (1:00 PM)

Kobernick House

1951 N. Honore Ave., Sarasota

Program: "Special People on Your Family Tree"

by JGS of SW FL members

For details, Kim Sheintal 941-302-1433, klapshein@aol.com

Any Special People on Your Family Tree?

Share interesting stories and photos about special people on your family tree (past or present) at the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida meeting on Sunday, November 20 at 1:00 PM at Kobernick House. Share stories about your:

- famous relatives (athletes, authors, artists, entertainers, entrepreneurs, explorers, humanitarians, inventors, lawyers, Nobel Prize winners, politicians, religious figures, royalty, scientists, etc.)
- notorious or amusing relatives (criminals, eccentrics, etc.)
- unique relatives (relative with 20 children, relative who was 7' tall, relative who married numerous times, etc.)
- courageous or inspirational relatives (relative who served in military, relative who overcame difficult circumstances and difficult odds, etc.)

If you are not able to attend and have stories to share, email your stories and photos for us to read at the meeting as to who these special people are, why they are special, how you discovered that you are related to them, whether or not you ever met them, etc. Please respond to klapshein@aol.com.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida

2016-2017 Calendar

(all meetings start at 1:00 PM at Kobernick House)

Sunday, November 20, 2016 "Special People on Your Family Tree" by JGS of SW FL members

Sunday, December 18, 2016 "A Jewish Family's Letters from the Civil War" by Keren Weiner

Sunday, January 15, 2017 "Interpreting Your DNA Results" by Kathleen Callanan

Sunday, February 19, 2017 "Mapping Family Stories - Using Historical Maps to Illustrate and Better Understand Family Legends" by Mike Schwartz

Sunday, March 19, 2017 "Finding Your European Ancestor's Hometown" by Mike Karsen

Sunday, April 16, 2017 "Getting Started with Genealogy on the Internet" by Leah Cook

Sunday, May 21, 2017 "The History of Klezmer Music" by Baila Miller

JGS of SW FL Launches Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/JGSSWF/>

Please visit our new JGS of SWF Facebook page. Our page has announcements about local meetings and provides information about nearby, state, and national genealogical events. You will be able to post information on the page, and use it to seek information from others. Please give us your suggestions for the page and please "Like" us when you visit.

Genealogy on Facebook

Katherine R. Willson's latest Genealogy on Facebook list that contains more than 10,000 groups and pages is available for free to everyone. The list now has 1,600 surname-specific groups, categories such as countries, states, provinces, adoption, fraternal organizations, DNA and maps. To access this download go to: <http://tinyurl.com/gwabp9c>

The original url for above is:

<https://moonswings.files.wordpress.com/2016/08/genealogy-on-facebook-list-03-august-2016.pdf>

In addition, Gail Dever, of the Genealogy a la carte blog has a Facebook for Canadian Genealogy free download on her website at: <http://tinyurl.com/zad253w>

The original url for above is: <http://genealogyalacarte.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Facebook-for-Canadian-Genealogy-June-2016-1.pdf>

Thank you to Gail Dever for informing us of both Facebook downloads. Many genealogists use Facebook and may find these resources of assistance in their research.

Jan Meisels Allen, Chairperson,

IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee

Jewish Genealogy on Facebook

Jewish Facebook groups are on pages 215 and 216 when you go to <http://tinyurl.com/gwabp9c>. There are more Jewish Facebook groups on page 24 at <http://tinyurl.com/zad253w>.

November-International Jewish Genealogy Month

This year the dates for International Jewish Genealogy Month are November 1 to November 30, 2016 coinciding with Cheshvan 5777 in the Jewish calendar. Each year, IAJGS holds a competition for a poster to help celebrate IJGM. The Winning entry for 2016/5777 came from Jillian Beroza of Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island.

October-Family History Month

In 2001, the United States Congress first passed a resolution introduced by Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah, who wrote, "By searching for our roots, we come closer together as a human family." Family history enthusiasts continue to celebrate Family History Month every October within the United States. It is a time to remember our roots and celebrate our unique histories.

The second annual Family Heritage Festival at the John F. Germany Public Library (900 N. Ashley Drive, Tampa) on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 10:15 AM until 5:00 PM.

JewishGen Yizkor Book Project

The JewishGen Yizkor Book Project received the Outstanding Project Award at the IAJGS conference in Seattle in August 2016. Congratulations to Lance Ackerfeld, Yizkor Book Project Manager.

Ancestor Cards (see sample on bottom of page)

Begin sharing family stories and photographs with the youngest people in your family. Consider making ancestor cards, Bingo games, and playing cards with people on your family tree. Many ideas are found on the following websites.

- <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/259871840972750037/>
- <http://catchthewindow.blogspot.com/2011/09/ancestor-cards-how-i-did-it.html>
- <https://www.repurposedgenealogy.com/2015/09/24/diy-ancestor-card-game-a-mini-tutorial/>
- <https://theshygenealogist.wordpress.com/2011/01/01/genealogy-trading-cards/>
- <http://jengerbreadcreations.blogspot.com/2013/09/ancestor-cards.html>
- <http://olivetreegenealogy.blogspot.com/2007/07/ancestor-cards-for-children.html>
- <http://theycametomontana.blogspot.com/2011/02/atcsa-ancestor-trading-cards.html>

Encourage young children in your family to draw pictures of people in their families and write stories about these people. Save these pictures and stories.

Encourage people of all ages to write stories and include photographs about people in their families (including yourself) and share with others.

A great book about preserving one's family history is *How to Outlive Your Lifetime!: Preserving a Place in Your Family's Hearts and History* by Timothy W. Polk.

If you have someone special in your family that you would like to share with a story and photo, the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida meeting on November 20 is your opportunity.



Samuel Ely Lebovitz
Born 25 Sep 1894 in Vilkomir, Lithuania
Emigrated (age 14) 6 Oct 1908 on Estonia
Married (age 28) 26 Jun 1923 in Chicago, IL
to Lillian Contorer
Died (age 86) 5 Oct 1980 in La Crosse, WI

Local Genealogical Groups

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).
Web site: <http://www.jgsswf.org>

Lakewood Ranch Genealogical Club

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).

South Bay Genealogical Society

meets the third Tuesday of the month at 10:45 AM at the Royal Palm Room at Little Harbor Resort, 611 Destiny Dr., Ruskin. 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. Reservations for the lunch must be made in advance. Cost is \$18.50. For reservations, call Dotty Love 813-634-2749. President is Don Churchill (donwinch3@verizon.net).
Web site: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flsbgs/>

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 and Community Services, 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater. President is Bruce Hadburg (bhadburg@tampabay.rr.com, 727-796-7981).
Web site: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fljgstb/index.htm>

Manatee Genealogical Society

meets the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM from October thru May at Manatee County Central Library, 1301 Barcarota Blvd., Bradenton. President is Jim Reger (babeandjim@gmail.com).
Web site: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flmgs>

Roots Magic SIG: meets the second Monday of the month (but not in the summer) at 2:00 PM at the Westminster Courtyard on Main Street (12th Street West), Bradenton. Phyllis Doucette (pdoucett@tampabay.rr.com). E-mail Phyllis Doucette because location may vary.

Genealogical Society of Sarasota

meets the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM (mingling), 10:30 AM (program) from October thru May at Selby Library, 1331 1st St., Sarasota. President is Nancy Johnson (choco8448@gmail.com, 941-752-9819).
Web site: <http://gssfl.com/>

Germanic SIG: meets the third Wednesday of the month at 12:30 PM from October thru April with the exception of January meeting which will be on the third Tuesday. All meetings will be at Fruitville Library, 100 Coburn Rd., Sarasota. Karen Dwyer (karensdwyer@yahoo.com)

United Kingdom SIG: meets the last Tuesday of the month at 10:15 AM in October and January thru May. A combined November/December meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016. All meetings will be held at Fruitville Library, 100 Coburn Rd., Sarasota. Susan Well (swell01060@yahoo.com)

Republic of Ireland SIG: meets on designated Saturdays at 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM at the Braden River Library, 4915 53rd Avenue East, Bradenton. The fall meetings are November

21 and December 26. Spring meetings have not yet been scheduled. Regina Negrycz (gssirishsig@gssfl.com)

New England SIG: meets the second Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM until 2:30 PM from October thru May at the Fruitville Library, 100 Coburn Rd., Sarasota. Chuck Ford (cford1620@verizon.net)

Computer SIG: Computer SIG: meets various dates and times at Fruitville Library, 100 Coburn Rd., Sarasota: Wednesday October 12 at 10:15 to 12:45; Wednesday November 30 at 12:15 to 3:15; Saturday January 7 at 1:45 to 4:15; Wednesday February 1, at 12:15 to 2:45; Friday March 3, at 1:30 to 3:45; Wednesday April 5 at 12:15 to 2:45. Marilyn Wethington (marilyn@familyandtrees.com).

DNA SIG: meets on designated Tuesdays at 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM from October thru May at the Braden River Library, 4915 53rd Avenue East, Bradenton. The fall meetings are October 27, November 24, and December 22. Spring meetings have not yet been scheduled. Regina Negrycz (gssdnasig@gssfl.com)

Southern SIG: might be forming. If interested, please contact Kate Prugh (kprugh@gmail.com) for details.

Englewood Genealogical Society

meets the fourth Wednesday of the month (September thru May) at 1:30 PM at Elsie Quirk Library, 100 Dearborn W. St., Englewood with these exceptions: November 16, December 14 and May 10. January 25, 2017 seminar with George Morgan will be at Tringali Meeting Hall, 3460 N Access Rd., Englewood.

SIG Groups: Beginning Genealogy, British Isles/Europe, Eastern Seaboard States, Family Tree Maker, Advanced, RootsMagic, Midwest States, MAC/Reunion, and Scandinavian Contact is Sue Davis (suedavis101@comcast.net).

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

Wonderful World of Websites

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fiPq7C06zjQ>
Emigration to the United States Since 1820

<http://blog.myheritage.com/2016/05/myheritage-is-adding-free-dna-matching/>
My Heritage is Adding Free DNA Matching

<http://www.aish.com/jw/s/Jews-in-the-Wild-West.html?s=mm>
Jews in the Wild West

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txP7gYouhQw>
JewishGen Success Stories

[http://www.avotaynuonline.com/2016/09/role-jewish-genealogist-medical-genetic-family-history/?ct=t\(Weekly_Avotaynu_Digest4_2_2015\)](http://www.avotaynuonline.com/2016/09/role-jewish-genealogist-medical-genetic-family-history/?ct=t(Weekly_Avotaynu_Digest4_2_2015))
Jewish Genealogist's Role in Medical & Genetic Family History

<http://www.jewishgen.org/DNA/genbygen.html>
JewishGen-ealogy by Genetics

JGS of SW FL Library Addition

Thank you to Kathleen Dubin for donating the following book:
Endogamy: One Family, One People by Israel Pickholtz

Genealogical Proof Standard

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Genealogical_Proof_Standard

The purpose of the Genealogical Proof Standard is to show what the minimums are that a genealogist must do for his or her work to be credible. Elements to the Genealogical Proof Standard are:

- Reasonably Exhaustive Research
- Complete and Accurate Source Citation
- Analysis and Correlation of the Collected Information
- Resolution of Conflicting Evidence
- Soundly Reasoned, Coherently Written Conclusion

Recommended Books on Evidence in Genealogy

- *Genealogical Proof Standard: Building a Solid Case, 4th ed.* by Christine Rose
- *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace* by Elizabeth Shown Mills

My Jewish Roots: JGSGO Workshop Roadshow

Start on a family discovery journey with the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Orlando (JGSGO) as it launches My Jewish Roots: JGSGO Workshop Roadshow. All ten workshops are FREE at locations throughout the Orlando metro area or participate over the Internet. Get a jump on the 2017 IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, Orlando, by attending these free workshops. All topics are designed to increase your knowledge, expand your family tree, and discover new ancestors and living cousins. Workshops will include hands-on labs, so bring your LAPTOP to participate. All workshops are from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Registration is required for both in-person OR on-line participation.

Maps and parking information are available at www.jgsgo.org/MyJewishRoots. Recordings and handouts of prior workshops will be made available for JGSGO members.

For more information: www.jgsgo.org, info@jgsgo.org, www.facebook.com/jgsgreaterorlando, or call 407-494-4230.

2016 Tuesday, 6 September at Roth JCC “Begin Building Your Family Tree” with Marlis Humphrey, IAJGS President

Wednesday, 5 October at Roth JCC “Connect to the Experts and Key Resources” with Marlis Humphrey, IAJGS President

Thursday, 10 November at UCF Hillel “Find DNA Ancestors and Cousins” with genetic genealogist Diahna Southard

Tuesday, 6 December at Roth JCC “Conduct U.S.-based Research” with Marlis Humphrey, IAJGS President

Tuesday, 3 January at Temple Israel “Native Country Research” with Marlis Humphrey, IAJGS President

February (date to be announced) “Changing Borders of Eastern Europe” with IAJGS expert Hal Bookbinder

March (date to be announced) “Jewish Given Names & Surnames” with Warren Blatt, JewishGen Managing Director

April (date to be announced) “Analyze your DNA Results” with Diahna Southard

May (date to be announced) “Using Ancestry.com for Jewish Research” with Ancestry expert Crista Cowan

June (date to be announced) “Holocaust Research” with Marlis Humphrey, IAJGS President

37th IAJGS Conference in Orlando, Florida

23-28 July 2017 Walt Disney World Swan Resort

For details: Conference Chair Adam Brown info@iajgs2017.org

Google Search Engines by Country

Many of us are familiar with Google for searches which help with our genealogy research. Google runs different search engines by country. Searches will result in different results depending on which Google search engine one uses.

GenealogyInTime has posted the 192 search engines by country and region. The list will be updated periodically to reflect the latest changes on Google, and therefore, you may wish to bookmark this website: <http://tinyurl.com/z84397z>
original url: <http://www.genealogyintime.com/articles/country-guide-to-google-search-engines-page3.html>

To read the entire article see: <http://tinyurl.com/hfhudrc>
Original url: <http://www.genealogyintime.com/articles/country-guide-to-google-search-engines-page1.html>

The Google country engines are in the language of the country. If an English version of the search engine is available or is already in English it listed n/a.

Jan Meisels Allen, Chairperson,

IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee

Put the Shtetl to the Medal:

Life of the Jewish People in Tsarist Russia

Monday, November 21, 2016

by Adult and Community Enrichment (ACE)

at Suncoast Technical College (4748 Beneva Road, Sarasota)

10:30-11:45

Life in the Shtetl: Russian Towns Where Jews were Segregated

11:45-12:30 Lunch

12:30-2:00 Development of Hebrew and Yiddish Languages

The shtetls, the small, Yiddish-speaking towns in Eastern Europe, shaped the lives of millions of Jewish People for centuries. In spite of their privations, Jews living in Tsarist Russia developed a system of compassionate welfare, promoted educational institutions, and produced world-class literature, theater, and music. Their language was Yiddish--a fusion of German, Slavic, Hebrew, and Aramaic languages. The cost is \$49.00. To register, call the office at 941-361-6590 or sign up online at <http://www.campusce.net/acesarasota/cart/index.aspx>.

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Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay

Meeting: Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016 @ 1:30 Speaker: Drew Smith

Location: Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services

14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, Florida

Your Ancestor's FAN Club:

Using Cluster Research to Get Past Brick Walls

For more information: Bruce Hadburg at 727-796-7981

JGS of SW FL 2016 Membership Application

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

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

Liz Klaber 4461 Violet Avenue Sarasota, Florida 34233

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