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NEXT MEETING FOR THE JGS OF SW FL

Sunday, May 15, 2005 (1:00 PM) @ JCC, 582 S. McIntosh Road, Sarasota

Program:

**Pot Luck Luncheon with "Jewish Soul Music" program
by Rosalie Leon**

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

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President's Shpiel

by Kim Sheintal

The one name that I never knew anyone was tracing is no longer the one name that I never knew anyone was tracing! Last week, a man from Israel sent me an e-mail that he, like me, is tracing KASRILSON from Lithuania. And to top that off, next week while I am on vacation in Israel I will call him.

The man in Australia with whom I have been corresponding about my TAUB line for over two years finally figured out that we are cousins and presented me with papers stating the names of two of my gggg grandparents and one of my ggggg grandparents with hundreds more names and dates among my relatives. Sorry to say, I am not planning a trip to Australia in the near future.

This has been a great week for my genealogy charts and me. And with an upcoming trip to Israel, next week should be even better.

2005 IAJGS Achievement Awards

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) is pleased to invite nominations for the 2005 Achievement Awards to be presented the 25th International Conference on Jewish Genealogy to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada from July 10th - 15th, 2005. Nominations must be received by Saturday, May 14, 2005.

1. IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award
2. Outstanding Contribution to Jewish Genealogy via the Internet, Print or Electronic Product
3. Outstanding Programming or Project that Advances the Objectives of Jewish Genealogy
4. Outstanding Publication by a Member Organization of IAJGS

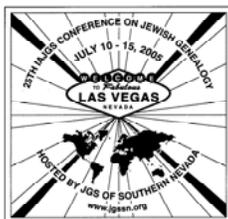
For more information, http://www.iajgs.org/awards_files/awardnomincall.html.

IAJGS International Conferences on Jewish Genealogy

2005 – Las Vegas

2006 – New York

2007 – Salt Lake City



THE 25TH IAJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

JULY 10-15, 2005

**EARLY REGISTRATION RATES
AVAILABLE THROUGH MAY 1!
ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT:**

www.jewishgen.org/jgs/jgs-southernnevada/Shelley/home.htm

The Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada (JGSSN) is proud to be the host society for the 25th Annual International Conference on Jewish Genealogy to be held at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas. We are inviting all who have an interest in finding their family history to join us.

This Conference has several new features to help advance your research efforts. You'll be introduced to new databases and exposed to an array of topics that will only whet your appetite for more. Conference attendees will be able to question a number of experts, and meet with people researching the same family lines or ancestral towns.

Plans for the Conference include activities and events for registrants and their spouses or companions that will appeal to all. The comprehensive Conference will be organized around themes so that registrants can easily attend multiple sessions related to their interests. Subjects will be presented in a variety of formats such as lectures, workshops, hands-on demonstrations, panel discussions, films, book and author talks and author signings. Time will be available to have discussions, ask questions and interact with the presenters. "Breakfast with the Expert" sessions will be available throughout the Conference.

What you can expect:

- A 750+ page Conference syllabus
- Welcome address at the opening reception by Congresswoman, Shelley Berkley (D-NV)
- Presentations throughout the Conference by highly regarded national and international experts on a wide range of geographic regions and genealogical topics. Included in this will be knowledge needed for conducting Jewish genealogy, research talks covering lesser-known communities, the history and culture of Jews in Eastern Europe, and online genealogy for research persons, families and shtetls.

- Some of our more than 70 speakers include:
 - **Dr. Alexander Beider** – author of [Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from Galicia](#)
 - **Dr. John Colleta** – expert/author of [They Came in Ships](#)
 - **Dr. Stephen P. Morse** – creator of "One Step" Ellis Island records search engine and other major genealogical records research engines
 - **Miriam Weiner** – well known for her first-hand unearthing of records in Poland, Moldova, and Ukraine and author of [Jewish Roots in Poland](#), and [Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova](#).

- E ➤ Networking opportunities will be offered by attending luncheons with Special Interest Groups (SIGs), or Birds of Feather sessions that focus on specific regions, shtetls etc.
- Peruse books, software and other articles of interest as shown by our vendors
- Computer Workshop with access to multiple databases and demonstrations

Our closing **BANQUET** (with kosher and vegetarian entrees available) will feature His Honor **Mayor Oscar Goodman** of Las Vegas. You don't want to miss the world's happiest mayor. In addition, professional musical entertainment will also be provided.

Conference registration rates are: **Early Registration** (through May 1) \$200; **Regular Registration** (after May 1) \$230. Discounts are available for spouse/companion. For more detailed information about registration, visit their website at:

www.jewishgen.org/jgs/jgs-southernnevada/Shelley/home.htm

Register soon so that you can take advantage of the very good hotel rate of \$61 per night. You may extend your stay for 5 days before and/or after for the same rate. Special Tour rates have been made available for conference attendees.

The Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada was established in 1989, small but determined. The Society has grown from the original 8 members to almost 80. We publish a quarterly newsletter, "Family Legacies" and a monthly "News to Note" handout. As a group, we participate in Jewish community activities such as providing a genealogy booth at the Israel Independence Day celebration, volunteering to assist our local PBS station, and working with the Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Center. The conference, hosted by JGSSN, is the recipient of a Las Vegas Centennial grant.

A library of research material has been established and is available to our members. It has books, periodicals, CD's and videos. The Society recently received a grant from the Jewish Federation to purchase additional books for the library. Our active Speaker's Bureau spreads the good word for our Society. A database of Jewish names from headstones at local cemeteries will soon be available on our website.

Additional information re: the JGSSN can be found on their website at: www.jgssn.org

Maybe You'll Get Lucky... **by Larry E. Oppenheimer**

We've all spent time tracking down old documents, looking through census records, and otherwise trying to glean bits of information about our ancestors. When this kind of research is successful, it can be rewarding and educational while filling in the blank branches on the family tree. There is a lot of work involved here, which can be both tedious and frustrating when it seems to lead to dead ends. On the other end of the scale is the "stroke of good luck", where you find someone who, for one reason or another, has already worked out a significant part of your family tree. I'll describe three different cases where my fellow researcher/brother and I benefited from this kind of luck.

When we started our genealogy project, we knew little beyond the identities of our grandparents. Fortunately, our mother had drawn out family trees for both herself and our father that showed their grandparents, the siblings of their parents, and most of the descendants of these relatives. This gave us an excellent base of information with which to start.

Also early in our project, by using the Internet we found two people who had researched the town where the family of our father's mother lived. One was a fairly well known German genealogist who had actually worked out much of that branch of the family from the early 1700s into the 20th century. Starting with the information he provided us we were able to document his work as well as expand on it. The second contact we made was a part time genealogist who had an ancestor who had married into the same branch of the family around 1800. He had information that complimented what we had previously obtained and related to what turned out to be a notorious and well documented murder case in which an ancestor of our grandmother was killed.

We had only fragmentary information about our father's paternal grandmother. We knew her last name (but not first name), that she had had some sort of relative living in Chicago in the early 1970s, that this relative had two sons who were chemists, and that the family had moved to Israel in the mid to late 1970s. Using a standard biographical reference work of scientists, we were able to locate one of the sons, who turned out to be my third cousin. He referred us to his brother, who in turn put us in contact with another cousin. This gentleman shared with us a family tree with approximately 150 related people (plus spouses and other not-quite-relatives)! We were fortunate to be able to contact some of them and to learn that the diary of one family member was deposited in the Leo Baeck collection. It gave us a fascinating insight into life in prewar Germany.

There are lessons in all this. First, the standard admonition to beginning genealogists: Interview your relatives to see what they know about their (your) family history. Second, let people know about the family you are looking for. Internet newsgroups and JewishGen are excellent places to do this. Check resources, like the Family Tree of the Jewish People, where other genealogists post their work. Finally, run down even tenuous leads. You never know when you might get lucky ... Larry E. Oppenheimer (leoppen7@earthlink.net)

Jewish Medical Mission to Israel

May 15-22, 2005

Co-sponsors:

American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel
The Center for Jewish Medical Heritage (Tel Aviv)

Co-leaders:

Michael Nevins, MD (APF) and Gerald Baum, MD (CJMH)

Michael Nevins spoke at the February JGS of SW FL about Shtetl Medicine.

Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference

Sept. 7-10, 2005 in Salt Lake City, Utah

<http://www.visitsaltlake.com/genealogy/email/0205.html>

Florida State Genealogical Society 29th Annual Conference

November 11-12, 2005 in Panama City Beach, Florida

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flsgs/liaisons/index.htm>

Genealogy Breakfast

Linda Bee, a resident of the Tampa area, is a frequent "February" visitor to our meetings. Each President's Weekend, she arranges a "Genealogy Breakfast" for genealogists from all over the country in Bradenton. Linda spoils each one of them with books, pedigree charts and lots of fun. She donated several genealogy books and genealogy knick-knacks when she came to our February 2005 meeting. The following JGS of SW FL members won items graciously donated by Linda: Harold Atkins, John Baron, Mark Magenheim, Alex Morris.

German Jewish Cemeteries

Hal Sterne has two books with German Jewish Cemeteries (1662-1939) from southern Germany for Berlichingen, Hohebach, Krautheim, Laibach and Ohringen. The books have pictures, names and dates of all graves. (halsterne@msn.com)

JGS of SW FL Library

Lorraine Greyson, founder and first president of the JGS of SW FL, moved to Lake Oswego, Oregon in March. Because of her insight, enthusiasm, and devotion the JGS of SW FL is prospering today. Lorraine, a strong believer in the importance of reference material, has donated many maps and book to our library over the years. We wish Lorraine mazel in her new home. We thank Lorraine Greyson for the following books that she donated this month: *Resources for Jewish Genealogy in the Boston Area* by Warren Blatt; 15th Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy Syllabus (Boston 1996); 20th IAJGS Conference on Jewish Genealogy Yearbook (Salt Lake City 2000)

Mishpochology

Mishpochology is mailed quarterly to JGS of SW FL members and Jewish genealogical societies around the world. Mishpochology is sent and kept on file at three libraries: Selby Public Library in Sarasota (Florida), Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne (Indiana) and Price Library of Judaica in Gainesville (Florida). Mishpochology issues (December 2002 to present) are available at www.jgsswf.org.

Wonderful World of Websites

Florida State Genealogical Society Liaison Newsletter

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flsgs/liaisons/index.htm>

The South African Jewish Rootsbank

http://grub.its.uct.ac.za/cgi/cgi_RootWeb.exe

This website is a comprehensive database of records and information relating to Jewish immigration to South Africa. Research the estimated 15,000 core families who migrated to Southern Africa between 1850-1950 from England, Germany, Lithuania, Latvia and Belarus.

Surname Navigator

<http://www.rat.de/kuijsten/navigator/>

American Jewish Archives

<http://www.americanjewisharchives.org/aja/catalog/index.html>

The American Jewish Archives online catalog contains bibliographic records from their collections of manuscripts, microfilm, video and audio materials, nearprint, genealogy files, and photographs. The system allows the user to search the catalog entering a keyword, main entry or author's name, subject heading or geographic place name. When on this site, one can click on the online catalog. Help information is provided for more advanced and Boolean search strategies.

Note: The online catalog does not yet contain records for all of the materials available at the American Jewish Archives. It includes all new accessions since 1997, and we are presently at work retro-cataloging our entire collection. If you do not find what you are looking for or have any questions, there is a reference request form on this website.

SUBMITTING RESEARCH REQUESTS: The American Jewish Archives welcomes research requests. All inquiries should be in writing by fax, email (aja-ref@huc.edu) or regular mail. One must include a postal address and phone contact with each request.

The American Jewish Archives does not perform extensive searches. Our goal is to assist all who come to us by providing some information or guidance that will be of help in your research. If we locate requested or needed materials in our files the AJA will - for a fee - provide photocopies or other duplication of requested items in compliance with copyright and restrictions.

Each inquiry will receive a personal response. Of course, visitors are always welcome to visit the American Jewish Archives where their staff will personally assist you.

Jewish Genealogy Month

by Kim Sheintal

The April issue of the Sarasota-Manatee Jewish News featured an article with my phone number about Jewish Genealogy Month and a picture of the 2005 Jewish Genealogy Month poster. A restaurant owner on Siesta Key read the article, called me, and asked for a poster to hang in her restaurant.

Jewish Genealogy Dictionary Humor

MISHPOCHAMARKS n. The assorted lipstick and makeup stains found on one's face and collar after kissing all one's aunts and cousins at a reception.

JGS of SW FL Has A Website!

www.jgsswf.org

Archived editions of the newsletter of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida (published quarterly)

List of towns and surnames being researched by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida

I Have Questions – Do You Have Answers?

If so, contact Kim Sheintal 921-1433 or klapshein@aol.com.

Summer is the time for our society to plan for the eight JGS of SW FL programs for 2005-2006. Do you have any ideas for speakers?

Summer is the time to put our society board in place. Would you like to be on the board?

Would you like to be Mishpochology bulletin editor?

Summer is the time to write articles for Mispochology. Do you have some genealogical expertise or a personal genealogy discovery to share?

Do you have a copy of a book about your family?

Do you speak a language other than English?

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail check (payable to JGS of SW FL) to:

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4462 Violet Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34233

Single Membership \$20 per year
Family Membership \$25 per year

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