



### Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida

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### President's Shpiel by Kim Sheintal

Arlene and I had an interesting morning in early June when we met at a Sarasota restaurant. We chatted over breakfast. She came with her husband Harry and I came with my grandson Alan. As a gift, she gave me two books she wrote about her family. Immediately after our chat, I went to a book store to buy her third book. We could have talked for hours, but she and her husband had to start their long drive home. It took Flora in Virginia to connect me to Jim in Las Vegas who connected me to Arlene who lives in Tamarac (and used to live in Sarasota).

As genealogists know, the more we trace our families, the more brick walls we hit. Flora connected me to Jim, because she thought he was a cousin of mine. I called Jim and although his mother was born with my maiden name and had heard she was related to my family, Jim and I could not determine a connection. Jim suggested that I call Arlene, the genealogist of his family. As it turned out, Arlene was not related to the part of the family that I have in question. Coincidentally, Arlene was making a trip to Sarasota soon after I called her and we arranged to meet for breakfast. Arlene's detailed books filled with family stories inspired me to write more about my family.

### Jewish Consumptives' Relief Society (JCRS)

JGS of SW FL member Jim Haberman will present "Desperation and Salvation: The Legacy of the Jewish Consumptives Relief Society" for Temple Sinai Men's Club on October 11 at 8:45 AM and Temple Emanu-El on November 22 at 2:00 PM. He presented a similar program in 2008 at a meeting for the JGS of SW FL For more information about Jim's upcoming presentations, please contact Jim Haberman at [<info@curtistrade.com>](mailto:info@curtistrade.com).

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### MEETING

Sunday, November 15, 2009 (1:00 PM)

1951 N. Honore Ave., Sarasota

Speaker: Robin B. Seidenberg

**Program:** Skeletons in Our Closets: Researching a Family Scandal  
Robin B. Seidenberg will reveal an intriguing tale of wealth, romance, betrayal, jealousy and murder. After investigating rumors of an old family scandal that took place during the roaring 20's in Chicago, Robin uncovered a sensational story that made newspaper headlines across the entire nation. Find out who the "Kissing Blonde" was, and how Robin was able to unravel this family mystery by researching historical newspapers.

For details, Kim Sheintal 921-1433, <[klapshein@aol.com](mailto:klapshein@aol.com)>

### New Database from Israel Genealogical Society

<http://www.isragen.org.il/siteFiles/1/153/4977.asp>

*Helkat Mehokek* is a Hebrew book by Asher Leib Brisk published in 1913. It includes tombstone inscriptions from part of the Mount of Olives cemetery in Jerusalem, since destroyed.

The Israel Genealogical Society (IGS) is proud to announce that *Helkat Mehokek* has been completely indexed and digitized. The result is a bi-lingual (Hebrew-English) searchable database of 8,092 tombstones, mostly covering the period between 1740 and 1906, although the earliest inscription dates from 1646. There are 1,500 graves of Sephardim and 6592 of Ashkenazim. The inscriptions listed by Brisk cover graves from the top part of the Mount of Olives Cemetery, a part that was totally destroyed under Jordanian rule (1948-1967) in order to make room for the building of a hotel and a road. The destruction of the tombstones thus makes this book the only source for part of this information, while some of the information also can be found in records of the various Hevra Kadishas in Jerusalem. Before searching the database, IGS team highly recommends first reading the instructions preceding the search engine.

### Millions of Alien Files to Become Permanent Records

<http://www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2009/nr09-90.html>

"A joint signing ceremony between the National Archives and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at the National Archives will designate as permanent the immigration files created on the millions of aliens residing in the United States in 1944, as well as those arriving since then. These Alien Case Files (commonly referred to as A-Files) document the famous, the infamous, the anonymous and the well-known, and are an historical and genealogical goldmine. The new agreement authorizes the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services/Department of Homeland Security to send A-files to the National Archives when 100 years have passed since the birth date of the subject of a file. The National Archives expects to receive the first transfer of A-files later this year, and will store the files at National Archives facilities in San Francisco and Kansas City. Researchers will be able to access the files at these two sites, or request copies of files. An index will be available to support research use."

## Local Genealogical Societies (Fall 2009)

**Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida** meets third Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM from Nov. thru May (with the exception of the second Sunday in February) at Kobernick House 1951 N. Honore Ave., Sarasota.

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

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

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

President is James McHugh (jamchugh@ix.netcom.com).

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

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

**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 Sept. thru May (however no Regional Roundtable in Sept.). The South Shore Regional Library is located at 15816 Beth Shields Way, Ruskin.

President is Judy Jouglet (south-bay@juno.com).

**Monday Roundtables**: meets first Monday from Oct. thru May at 9:30 AM at South Shore Regional Library, 15816 Beth Shields Way, Ruskin.

**German Club**: meets first Monday from Oct. thru May at 10:45 AM at South Shore Regional Library, 15816 Beth Shields Way, Ruskin.

**Genealogical Society of Sarasota** meets third Saturday of the month at 9:30 AM (mingling), 10:00 AM (program) from Oct. thru May (second Saturday in Dec. 2009) at Selby Library, 1331 1st St., Sarasota. Occasional workshops, led by Jan Young, are held at Venice Library, 300 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice.

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

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

See the web site for specific dates of meetings.

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

**Scotland/Northern Ireland SIG**: Jean Wallace (walljb@comcast.net) meets in Jan., Feb, Mar. Dates, times, and places are not available yet.

**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 third Thursday of the month at 2:00 PM from Oct. thru May at Selby Library, 1331 1st St., Sarasota.

**Englewood Genealogical Society** meets fourth Wednesday of the month at 1:30 PM for the General Meeting for Sept., Oct., Jan. thru Apr.; third Wednesday Nov., Dec. and May at Elsie Quirk Library, 100 Dearborn W. St., Englewood. January: meeting place TBA

President is SueDavis (suedavis101@comcast.net).

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

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

**Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay** meets second Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM (beginner's session), and 2:00 PM (featured program) from Sept. 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 Bettylou Rosen (brosen1316@yahoo.com).

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

## Chernoff In Memorium

It is with great sadness that the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest reports of the passing of our good friend and former treasurer Gerald Chernoff. He was a hard worker who not only served as treasurer, but graciously shared his knowledge of genealogy and computers with so many others.

## JewishGen ShtetLinks Update

Susana Leistner Bloch, VP, ShtetLinks, JewishGen, Inc.

Barbara Ellman, ShtetLinks Technical Coordinator

We are pleased to welcome the following web pages to JewishGen ShtetLinks. We thank the owners and webmasters of these shtetl pages for creating fitting memorials to the Jewish Communities that once lived in those shtetlach and for providing a valuable resource for future generations of their descendants.

Chynadiyovo (Szentmiklos), Ukraine

Created by Adam Smith

Webpage Design by ShtetLinks volunteer Gregory B. Meyer

<http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/Chynadiyovo/>

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Edeleny (Balajt, Ladbesenyo), Hungary

Created by Viviana Grosz & Leah Kraus

Web Design by ShtetLinks volunteer Sam Glaser

<http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/Edeleny/Edeleny.html>

[http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/W\\_Europe.html](http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/W_Europe.html)

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Kovel (Kowel), Ukraine

Created by Bruce Drake

<http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/kovel/kovel.htm>

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Selets (Shiletz), Belarus

Created by Bob Ruskin

[http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/selets/Selets\\_ShtetLink/ShtetLink-Selets.html](http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/selets/Selets_ShtetLink/ShtetLink-Selets.html)

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Vamospercs, Hungary

Created by Eugene Katz and Marshall J. Katz

<http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/Vamospercs/>

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Zloczew, Poland

Created by Felicia P. Zieff

Webpage Design by ShtetLinks volunteer Judith Goldsmith

<http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/Zloczew/>

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ShtetLinks webpages recently updated:

Bodrogkeresztur (Keresztur), Hungary

<http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/Bodrogkeresztur/Welcome.html>

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Jewish Agricultural colonies in the Southern Ukraine

[http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/Colonies\\_of\\_Ukraine/index.htm](http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/Colonies_of_Ukraine/index.htm)

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Kormend, Hungary

<http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/Kormend/>

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Tiszalok, Hungary

<http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/tiszalok/Welcome.html>

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If you wish to follow their example and create a ShtetLinks webpage for your ancestral shtetl or adopt an existing "orphaned" shtetlpage please contact us at: < shtetl-help@jewishgen.org >

GOOD NEWS!! As a result for our appeal for HTML volunteers we now have a team of dedicated people who will help you create a webpage for your ancestral home. Please contact us if you would like help in creating a ShtetLinks webpage.

## Wet Your "Genealogy" Palette

The following quotes from websites should pique your interest – enough so that you must read more.

"Our ancestors in Europe and in foreign countries of immigration used many different types of given names: Hebrew, Yiddish (several types), secular (several types). Partially, these different names were selected by them for use in different environments: government documentation, formal Jewish community functions, shul services, social life, business, and family life. As a result, most Jews in Europe and in foreign countries of immigration had a large number of given names, all linked together logically, sometimes as many as several dozen...."

<http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/GivenNames/problems.htm>

"In addition to the problem of defining the boundaries of a European "country" in 1795-1925, there is the complication of Yiddish dialects. The four main Yiddish dialects (Western, Litvish, Polish/Galician, and Ukrainian), cut across several of these countries. This resulted in different pronunciations of words in general and of given names in particular, as well as in the choice of different patterns of name-making..."

<http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/GivenNames/geografc.htm>

"In the near future, provided Dan Rolls realizes his vision, any Jew in the world could easily visit a Web site where he would be able to trace back his genealogical tree in a way that would show him his or her family connections with thousands of relatives he had never known about across the globe. Rolls and his partners at Famillion believe that they need 300,000 Jews - figure that constitutes 2 percent of the Jewish people - to upload their genealogical tree. So far, Famillion's servers have received the genealogical tree of 70,000..."

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/pages/969662.html>

"AVOTAYNU presents a list of World Wide Web (WWW) sites that might prove useful for Jewish genealogy research..."

<http://www.avotaynu.com/wwwsites.html>

## How Do You Spell That Surname?

by Kim Sheintal

From doing my personal genealogy research and finding other people doing research on my surnames, I have learned that the spellings of surnames often vary among relatives. The surname with the most spelling variances in my research is for my great grandmother Naomi KASRILZON. I have learned from others that members of my KASRILZON family have been known to spell their name in many other ways such as Kasselson, Kaserzon, Kasrilson and Cassfieldson. I used to think that the only relatives from my KASRILZON family were living in the United States. From finding others researching the same surname, I have learned that the KASRILZON family that lived in Vilkomir Lithuania in 1858 spread to the United States, South Africa, Israel, and Brazil. I know little about how or why names change. I find it very helpful to find others who are already doing research on the same surnames as me. Many times, the Jewishgen Family Finder website has helped me find others doing research on the same surnames as me. Connecting with others doing research on the same surnames as me has helped me with many brick walls in my research.

## Family Finder Websites

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

Click "search the database" on the left side of the screen. Type the surname (last name) that you want. Then select which type of search (sounds like, is exactly, starts with, contains). For example, type in "Klapman" and select "is exactly" and you will see on the screen that you have to register. If you have already registered, then type in your "Your Email Address or JewishGen ID" and "Your Password" and login. Once you do this, you will see the researchers.

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

Go to the above website and type in the surname (last name) that you want. Check off the type of search (surname, soundex or metaphone). Soundex and Metaphone are for sounds like matches. Surname is for exact match. When you click "submit" it will show you who else is researching the surname as you.

## Yearbook Project Update

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Long Island initiated a project where it acts as an intermediary to match researchers with yearbook owners. High school, college or other miscellaneous school yearbooks or class lists can be an interesting source of genealogical information and photographs. To date more than 900 yearbooks have been made available by volunteers through this program. Additional information can be found at [http://www.jgsli.org/yearbook\\_project.htm](http://www.jgsli.org/yearbook_project.htm). It includes the procedure for how to add yearbooks in your possession to the program.

## New Orleans Public Library

Popular culture and history have helped create the idea that American Jews live only in big northern cities like New York. The fact is, over one million Jews live in the South, from tiny towns in Louisiana to Atlanta. There is a long history of Jews settling in New Orleans. Judah P. Benjamin of New Orleans, helped finance the Civil War, and served as Secretary of War and Secretary of State for the Confederacy. You too may have ancestors that settled in New Orleans. Check it out...the Louisiana Biography and Obituary Index references obituaries and death notices published in New Orleans newspapers from 1804-1972 and biographical information published in older Louisiana collective biographies. The original index, housed in the Louisiana Division of New Orleans Public Library, is an alphabetical card file of more than 650,000 names. To access the Louisiana Biography and Obituary Index, and to view a list of the newspapers and other publications referenced go to <<http://www.nutrias.org/~nopl/spec/speclist.htm>>. Scroll to Genealogy; click link for Louisiana Biography/Obituary Index.

## JGS of SW FL Summer Activities

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida was one of seven Jewish organizations that coordinated Havdalah community outreach events on July 18 (Wine Tasting at Selby Gardens) and July 25 (Family Picnic at Summerfield Park in Lakewood Ranch) open to the local Jewish community. Everyone who came to the JGS table had a family story to tell and a desire to learn more about their roots. On July 18, Irene Midler sat at the table set with JGS of SW FL material. On July 25, Kim Sheintal sat at the table set with JGS of SW FL material. These events were an excellent opportunity to make our community aware of Jewish Genealogy.

## IAJGS Update

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) is an independent non-profit umbrella organization coordinating the activities and annual conference of more than 75 Jewish genealogical societies around the world. The IAJGS was formed in the late 1980's 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. For more information go to <<http://www.iajgs.org/>>.

The 29<sup>th</sup> IAJGS Conference on Jewish Genealogy, held in Philadelphia in August brought together nearly 1000 attendees. Michael Goldstein was elected IAJGS president. This year's IAJGS Board of Directors election on August 5, 2009 was marked as the first time an Israeli, let alone someone from outside the United States was elected as President of the IAJGS. Michael Goldstein is the current president of the Israeli Genealogical Society. Goldstein was the featured speaker at the JGS of SW FL meeting in December 2006.

**IAJGS Lifetime Achievement:** Joyce Field Retired VP, Research, JewishGen.org

**IAJGS Outstanding Contribution to Jewish Genealogy via the Internet, Print, Electronic Product:** Harry Boonin for his books: *Jewish Quarter of Philadelphia: A History & Guide 1881-1930* and *The Life and Times of Congregation Keshar Israel. - The Story of the Synagogue at 4th & Lombard Streets, Philadelphia and its Surrounding Neighborhood.*

**IAJGS Outstanding Programming or Project that Advanced the Objectives of Jewish Genealogy:** JGS of Greater Boston for "creating and teaching an innovative seventeen-hour course at Hebrew College that moves students from the basics to finding ancestral records in Europe."

**IAJGS Outstanding Publication by a Member Organization of IAJGS:** JGS, Inc (NY) for their quarterly journal *Dorot*

**2009 Stern Grant of \$2,500:** "Shamir" a non-profit organization based in Latvia for "The Guide to Jewish Materials Stored in the Latvian State Historical Archive". The grant will help in preparing an overview of existing materials about the Latvian Jewish Community that are in the Latvian State Archive. The Stern Grant provides funding to encourage institutions to pursue projects, activities and acquisitions that provide new or enhanced resources to benefit Jewish genealogists. This award is funded by the voluntary contributions from JGS groups around the world.

Upcoming Conferences locations are as follows:

**2010 July 11-16:** Los Angeles (JGSLA) - Officially approved by IAJGS Board

**2011 August 14-19:** Washington DC (JGSGW) - Officially approved by IAJGS Board

**2012:** Paris (conditionally approved by IAJGS board. - Official approval pending receipt of signed conference hotel contract.)

**2013:** OPEN

**2014:** Jerusalem (tentatively planned)

## Go West for the 30<sup>th</sup> IAJGS International Conference Los Angeles, California

The website for the 30<sup>th</sup> IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy is now live! Find out the exciting details at <http://www.jgsla2010.com>.

## JewishGen Website Redesign

<http://www.jewishgen.org/JewishGen/PR/2009.07.27.NewHomePage.html#>

On July 27, 2009, JewishGen announced the completion of the first phase of the redesign of the JewishGen website. Visit JewishGen directly at <http://www.jewishgen.org/> or via the Ancestry.com website. According to Warren Blatt, Managing Director of JewishGen, "JewishGen is pleased to announce the completion of the first phase of the redesign of the JewishGen website. JewishGen is the premier website for online Jewish genealogy, and has been an affiliate of the Museum of Jewish Heritage since 2003. The free, easy to use website features thousands of databases, research tools, and other resources to help those with Jewish ancestry research and find family members... Future phases will involve updating additional components of the website, which consists of over 40,000 web pages, and improving functionality for all levels of users. In addition, JewishGen continues to add new data on a continuous basis, with approximately one million items of data added each year." If you prefer the previous version of the JewishGen homepage, there is a link on the right side of current homepage that says click here to use the previous version of the homepage.

## Ancestry.com Collaborates with JewishGen & AJHS

"Ancestry.com built the largest online collection of Jewish family history records last year, through its collaboration with JewishGen and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee," said Gary Gibb, Vice President of Content for Ancestry.com. "Now with the addition of records from the AJHS and Routes to Roots, Ancestry.com will be able to offer an even more diverse collection of Jewish-related documents that will help people discover their life story."

## JGS of Denmark Newsletters Online

Links to all of the previous JGS of Denmark newsletters can be found at <<http://www.jgs-danmark.dk/jgs-nyt.htm>>. The newsletters are in Danish, but if you find something of interest (names, places, etc.) contact Elsebeth Paikin, JGS of Denmark President, <[elsebeth@paikin.dk](mailto:elsebeth@paikin.dk)> and she will send you either a translation, a summary, or put you in contact with the person who wrote the article.

## JGS of SW FL Calendar of Events

(meetings at Kobernick House, 1951 N. Honore Ave., Sarasota)

### Sunday, November 15, 2009 @ 1:00 PM

Speaker: Robin Seidenberg

*Skeletons in Our Closets: Researching a Family Scandal*

### Sunday, December 20, 2009 @ 1:00 PM

Speaker: Phyllis Dreyfuss

*Oral History...in their own voices*

### Sunday, January 17, 2010 @ 1:00 PM

(to be determined)

### Sunday, February 14, 2010 @ 1:00 PM

Speaker: Mike Schwartz

*Where our Ancestors Lived: Using Historical Maps to See into the Past*

### Sunday, March 21, 2010 @ 1:00 PM

(to be determined)

### Sunday, April 18, 2010 @ 1:00 PM

(to be determined)

### Sunday, May 16, 2010 @ 1:00 PM

(to be determined)

# Wonderful World of Websites

<http://www.museumoffamilyhistory.com/visit.htm>

The Museum of Family History is a virtual, multimedia, and interactive creation that was designed for those interested in learning more about modern Jewish history.

<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/index.html>

This Jewish Virtual Library allows you to walk in the shoes of the ancient Israelites and modern Israelis.

<http://jnul.huji.ac.il/dl/ketubbot/>

Ketubbot digitization project of the Jewish National and University Library

<http://www.newspaperarchive.com/>

Get up to three newspaper pages each day with your FREE membership or get a wide variety of sources for an annual membership fee.

<http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/cemetery/>

The JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR) is a database of names and other identifying information from cemeteries and burial records worldwide, from the earliest records to the present.

[http://www.sothebys.com/video/movies/index\\_valmadonna.html](http://www.sothebys.com/video/movies/index_valmadonna.html)

Join Sotheby's experts and Jack Lunzer, custodian of the Valmadonna Trust Library, for an intimate tour of this fabled collection of Hebrew books and manuscripts. The library, currently offered for private sale, was exhibited for the first time in its entirety at Sotheby's New York in February.

[www.genealogysearch.org/canada](http://www.genealogysearch.org/canada)

Canadian Genealogy Records Online  
Find the first census of Quebec from 1666.

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/naturalization-1915-1932/index-e.html>

Two databases produced by the Jewish Genealogical Societies of Montreal with initial digitization funding from the Jewish Genealogical Society of Ottawa make it possible to search the Canadian Naturalization databases containing over 200,000 people who applied for and received status as naturalized Canadians from 1915 to 1932. According to Stanley Diamond, President, Jewish Genealogical Society of Montreal, "They came from about 80 countries, and we estimate that about 1/3 of them were Jewish." To see other Canadian historical collections: <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/index-e.html>

<http://www.jewishpress.com/pageroute.do/39835>

Learn about the "Virtual Shtetl Portal" in this article by Shmuel Ben Eliezer.

[http://www.sztetl.org.pl/?cid=15&lang=en\\_GB](http://www.sztetl.org.pl/?cid=15&lang=en_GB)

The Museum of the History of Polish Jews

[http://www.werelate.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://www.werelate.org/wiki/Main_Page)

World's Largest Genealogy Wiki

<http://www.accessgenealogy.com/>

<http://www.distantcousin.com/>

Sites with valuable genealogy links

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

Family Search Labs showcases new family history technologies that aren't ready for prime time. Your feedback will help us refine new ideas and bring them to market sooner. Have fun playing with these innovations and send your feedback directly to our development teams.

<http://www.footnote.com/>

Historical Documents Online

<http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/>

Family History Records-Newspapers

<http://www.interment.net/>

Transcriptions from 5,000+ cemeteries across the world

<http://www.findagrave.com/>

Graves of famous people from around the world

<http://www.mortalityschedules.com/>

Census Mortality Schedules

<http://www.newspaperabstracts.com/>

Newspaper abstracts

<http://www.sharedtree.com/>

The Shared Family Tree

<http://anywho.com/>

Find a person or business

<http://www.whitepages.com/>

The official White Pages

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

International Institute for Jewish Genealogy & Paul Jacobi Center

<http://pipl.com/>

Pipl is a people search engine.

[www.google.com/advanced\\_search](http://www.google.com/advanced_search)

Suggested keywords are living, born, married, and resides.

[www.progenealogists.com/genealogysleuthb.htm](http://www.progenealogists.com/genealogysleuthb.htm)

Find Living Relatives Online

<http://names.whitepages.com/last/>

How many with each surname in US by state

<http://www.flickr.com/>

Users sharing personal photographs

<http://www.fau.edu/library/depts/judaica9.htm>

Famous Jewish People in US History

<http://www.iajgs.org/startjgs.html>

Starting a Jewish Genealogical Society

## Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay

### Genealogy and DNA by Drew Smith - Sunday, October 11, 2009

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay will meet at 2:00 PM on Sunday October 11, 2009 at Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, with Drew Smith speaking on DNA and Genealogy. A social with refreshments and library access begins at 1:30 PM. Are you afraid to try DNA as a research tool because the science seems too intimidating? This overview will explain how DNA relates to genealogy, what kinds of DNA tests are available, and how researchers can share test results with each other as a basis for determining a relationship. Drew Smith, nationally known genealogist, is an instructor for the School of Library and Information Science at USF. He has more than 30 years experience in the field of computing, and he has extensive experience as a genealogist. His genealogical credentials include: co-host of the weekly "Genealogy Guys Podcast," columnist for 2 computer magazines, and leadership roles in many local, national and international genealogy organizations too numerous to list. Drew is an expert in digital genealogy, and his latest book "Social Networking for Genealogists" was recently published. For information, go to <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fljgstb/> or call Sally Israel at 727-343-1652.

### "Hands-On Genealogy Workshop" - Sunday, November 8, 2009

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay will meet at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 8, 2009 at Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, for a hands-on working session for individual research using the Internet and resources of the JGSTB library. Several experienced JGS mentors will be available to provide individual assistance. A social with refreshments and library access begins at 1:30 PM. The workshop will begin with a brief overview of the genealogical research resources that are available for use at this session. Full access to Ancestry.com will be available on a few computers. While this workshop is intended to be a working session for those who have already begun their research and wish to further it or seek assistance with problems, rank novices will be given an abbreviated "jump start" session on how to get started. The overview will be followed by actual use of available resources for your own individual research under the guiding hands of our experienced mentors. Attendees should bring their own research materials and information and be prepared to work. Attendees should also bring their own laptop computer if they have one. Several computers with Internet access will be available if they can't bring their own. For information, go to <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fljgstb/> or call Sally Israel at 727-343-1652.

## Jewish Names Conference

The "Ninth International Conference on Jewish Names" was held as part of The Fifteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, August 2-6, 2009, at The Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

## Major Holocaust Collection - Free in October

Footnote's Major Holocaust collection is free for the month of October 2009. Go to <http://www.footnote.com/holocaust> to see this collection. *Tracing the Tribe: The Jewish Genealogy Blog* wrote in their September 29 issue, "One of the darkest times in world history is seen in the release of an important new digital Holocaust collection. In a timely move - as some in today's world continue to loudly deny that this tragedy ever took place - Footnote.com, the National Archives and the US Holocaust Memorial Museum have today released these original records and images. For the first time online, view one million Holocaust-related records, millions of names, 26,000 photos, some 600 interactive survivor and victim accounts, concentration camp records, maps, timelines and more."

## Jewish Genealogy Book for Students

Published in 2009

*Genealogy for the Jewish Student* by Linda Reiss Volin

## Florida State Genealogical Society Conference

The Florida State Genealogical Society annual genealogy conference is November 13-14, 2009 in Melbourne, Florida.

The Keynote Speaker is Craig Roberts Scott, M.A., CGSM. Mr. Scott is the author of *'Lost Pensions': Settled Accounts of the Act of 6 April 1838 and Records of the Accounting Officers of the Department of the Treasury, Inventory 14 (Revised)*. He is the President and CEO of Heritage Books, Inc., a genealogical publishing firm with over 4,000 titles in print located in Westminster, Maryland. A professional genealogist and historical researcher for more than twenty-four years, he specializes in the records of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), especially those that relate to the military. He is a member of the Company of Military Historians, recently a Governor-at-Large of the Virginia Genealogical Society, on the editorial board of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, and recently a Director of the Association of Professional Genealogists. Mr. Scott is a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research and is the Coordinator of the Advanced Military Records Course. He was awarded the Grahame T. Smallwood, Jr., Award by APG in 2008.

His presentations will consist of:

Basic Military Research

Treasury Records: Follow the Money

Problem Solving

Publishing Your Genealogical Material: Getting Ink on Paper

## Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library 2050 Central Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida

### Genealogical Research in New York City - Nov. 21, 2009

Session 1: 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Session 2: 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM

This seminar will touch on research topics relevant to research in the region of New York City. While the main focus will be on the 19th century, information will also be provided on the early 20th century when the number of immigrants entering through Ellis Island increased dramatically. Our discussion will also touch on repositories in the New York metropolitan area including adjacent counties in New Jersey. This seminar is presented by Dr. John LaCoste, Research Fellow, New York Genealogical and Biographical Record and Bryan Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers-Lee County Library.

### DNA and Genealogical Research - Dec. 12, 2009

Session 1: 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM (The Importance of DNA to the Genealogical Research Process)

Session 2: 11:15 AM to 12:30 PM (The Testing Process)

Session 3: 1:30 PM to 2:45 PM (Consulting - Questions and Answers)

This seminar is presented by Dr. John LaCoste, Research Fellow, New York Genealogical and Biographical Record and Bryan Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers-Lee County Library.

Pre-register for these seminars by (1) calling Bryan Mulcahy at 239-533-4626, (2) e-mail the request to [bmulcahy@leegov.com](mailto:bmulcahy@leegov.com) or (3) calling the Fort Myers-Lee County Library at 239-533-4600.

## It's Jewish Genealogy Month

Visit the IAJGS web site <<http://www.iajgs.org/>> and click on "poster" to view the Jewish Genealogy Month poster. Jewish Genealogy Month is Cheshvan (October 19 to November 17). Celebrate this month by spreading the word about the JGS of SW FL. Invite people you know to the November 15 meeting.

## Submitting Articles

If you discover a new genealogy website or even a new cousin and what to spread the word, please e-mail your submission to the editor, Kim Sheintal at [klapshein@aol.com](mailto:klapshein@aol.com). Or, you can send mail to Kim at 4462 Violet Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34233.