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### **President's Shpiel**

by Kim Sheintal

Everyone has at least one brick wall in their genealogical research. One of my many brick walls involves my "cousin" Lenora in Atlanta. She comes to many of the Klapman family celebrations. She knows most of my Klapman aunts, uncles, and cousins. She sends periodic letters to Klapman family. She calls me periodically to keep up with the family news. When I started to trace my Klapman family tree, I asked Lenora how she is related to me and her answer was, "I don't know." For those interested in tracing their family, this is not a satisfactory answer. In 1996, I asked her how she thought we were related and she mentioned that her father came to United States at age 17 from Raciaz Poland in about 1898. She thinks he had two brothers and a sister who never got to this country. She mentioned to me her father's surname used in Raciaz and how he eventually changed it in the United States. She told me what cities he lived in while in United States, who he married, a list of his siblings, and how he always talked about his time spent with my Klapman grandparents. She sent me her parents' marriage document and other papers she had about her parents. However, we never did figure out our connection. Then on November 15, 2009, I received a phone call from Lenora's niece Teri asking me if I could help her son with his immigrant ancestor school project. I was able to help her niece with some details that she did not know about her family. Now I have Teri on board to help me solve my Lenora brick wall mystery. We are now tracing our family brick wall together.

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### **MEETING**

**Sunday, December 20, 2009 (1:00 PM)**

Koernick House

1951 N. Honore Ave., Sarasota

**Speaker:** Phyllis Dreyfuss

**Program:** Oral History...in their own voices

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

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## **Wonderful World of Websites**

<http://ancestorsearch.blogspot.com/2009/08/how-google-picasa-face-recognition.html>

Google Picasa software can help you identify faces/relatives at various ages in old photos.

[http://www.theus.org.uk/support\\_services/find\\_your\\_family/marriage\\_records](http://www.theus.org.uk/support_services/find_your_family/marriage_records)

GREAT BRITAIN: Feb. 17, 1880 to Dec. 31, 1891 -  
United Synagogue Marriage Authorizations

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

Live Roots is a specialized search engine that assists you with locating genealogical resources, including both those that are accessible online and others which may require assistance from another researcher. The concept behind Live Roots was to build a search experience that bridges the gaps between independent genealogy web sites, large commercial ancestry repositories and many other printed family history materials yet to be digitized and published on the World Wide Web.

<http://www.rtrfoundation.org/Archdta1.shtml>

Roots to Roots Foundation – Introduction to Eastern European Archival Database

<http://translate.google.com>

Yiddish is now included with the other fifty languages for online translation at. Some other languages available include Galician, German, Hebrew, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian and Russian.

### **Google Calendar**

Daniel Horowitz, IAJGS Board Member / Webmaster, wants JGS members to know that the IAJGS website ([www.iajgs.org](http://www.iajgs.org)) has been renovated in design and content. Thanks to the huge help of Ellen Shindelman Kowitt, they built a new calendar of events in Google calendar.

## **Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay**

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay will meet at Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, Florida on Sunday, December 13, 2009. Library access with socializing and refreshments begins at 1:30 PM, and the program starts at 2:00 PM. The program will include a celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the Society's existence and will include lighting of the candles to celebrate the third night of Hanukkah. Refreshments will be served appropriate to the Hanukkah holiday and will be followed by a "Show and Tell" segment by members Lynn Arroya, Carol Jaffe, Deborah Radstrom, Barbara Smith and Linda Zolinsky, all of whom have experienced a breakthrough or an amusing incident in their personal research. Each will relate the circumstances of their experience and the success or failure of their effort. These "show and tells" will provide insight and give encouragement to others on how they too can achieve success in their family research. Bring a success or interesting research story with you, and tell us about it.

The Jewish Genealogical Society's library and research resources including printed materials and Internet access, along with guided assistance and information exchange from experienced researchers will be available to participants at the meeting. Members may check out library materials.

The purpose of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay is to assist interested individuals in learning about Jewish genealogy and how to research and document their own family histories. The Society does this by facilitating the exchange of research information, encouraging and facilitating research activities, educating members to help themselves and others, making available research resources and materials, arranging genealogical research tours and presenting monthly programs of interest to Jewish genealogical researchers. Anyone interested in learning how to do Jewish genealogical research is invited to attend. Beginners as well as experienced researchers are welcome. For further information on the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay or directions to the meeting call Sally Israel at 727-343-1652.

## **Genealogical Society of Sarasota**

10 AM/socializing, 10:30 AM/meetings at Selby Public Library  
Saturday, December 12, 2009

Program: Larry Berry, GSS Member - "Genealogy Research in England and Wales"

Saturday, January 16, 2010

Program: George Morgan, *How to Do Everything with Your Genealogy* author - "Bring 'Em Back to Life: Creating an Ancestor Profile"

## **Manasota Genealogical Society**

Tuesday, December 1, 2009 (9:30 AM until noon)

Manatee County Central Public Library (Bradenton, Florida)  
Program: "Child of No One: The Law and Your Illegitimate Ancestor", by Sharon Tate Moody C. G., past president of the Association of Professional Genealogists

## **Englewood Genealogical Society**

Wednesday, January 27, 2010 @ 1:30 PM

Elsie Quirk Library (Englewood, Florida)

"Social Networking for the Genealogist" by Drew Smith, \$5.00  
Limited Seating

## **Lakewood Ranch Genealogical Society**

Meetings of the Lakewood Ranch Genealogical Society are held 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 Genealogy Lectures**

JGS of SW FL member Kim Sheintal will present a one-hour program (Tracing the Tribe: A Look at Jewish Genealogy) at Temple Beth Sholom on Friday, January 22, 2010 @ 6:45 PM. Sheintal will also present a two-hour program (How to Trace Your Jewish Roots) on Monday, January 26, 2010 @ 7:00 PM at Temple Sinai.

For more information about the presentations, please contact Kim Sheintal at klapshein@aol.com or 941-921-1433.

## **Genealogy Seminar in Sun City**

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flsbgs/>

- Hosted by South Bay Genealogical Society
- Featuring Henry Z (Hank) Jones, Jr. FASG
- January 28, 2010 at Sun City Center Community Hall
- 8:30 AM: Early Bird Coffee and Muffins
- 9:30 AM - 3:45 PM: Program
- \$45 (\$40 for SBGS Members) includes the Early Bird Coffee & Muffins, a great Hot Buffet, and all the treats
- Reservations are due by January 15.
- Mail your name, address, e-mail, phone, and check to: SBGS, P O Box 5202, Sun City Center FL 33571
- For more information: South-bay@juno.com

## **Genealogy at Fort Myers - Lee County Library**

Tracing Your English Ancestors: Research Techniques & Strategies

Date: January 23, 2010 (10:00 AM -12:30 PM)

Location: Fort Myers-Lee County Library

Speaker: Shirley O'Donnell-Lee County Genealogical Society-English Roots Study Group

This seminar will focus on print and Internet sources, major repositories, and jurisdictions such as the English National Archives, Family History Library, Civil Registration Districts, and Church Parishes/Dioceses. Internet sources will include GENUKI, Family Search, and Ancestry.

February Beginners Series

Dates: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2010 (10:00 AM -12:30 PM)

Location: Fort Myers-Lee County Library

Speakers: Gina Hamister, Western Reserve Library, Cleveland, Ohio and Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers-Lee County Library

Session 1: Using Home Sources & Organizing Your Research

Session 2: Finding Your Family in the United States Census

Session 3: Using Court House Resources & Vital Records

Session 4: Using Alternative or Hidden Resources for Locating Ancestors

Pre-register with Bryan Mulcahy (reference librarian) 239-533-4626, [bmulcahy@leegov.com](mailto:bmulcahy@leegov.com) or call the Fort Myers-Lee County Library at 239-533-4600.

## Distribution of Surnames In Five European Countries

Netherlands:

<http://www.meertens.knaw.nl/nfd/index.php?taal=eng>

Poland:

<http://www.moikrewni.pl/mapa/>

Germany:

<http://www.verwandt.de/karten/>

Switzerland:

<http://www.verwandt.ch/karten/>

Austria:

<http://www.verwandt.at/karten/>

## IAJGS has link to Amazon.com

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## Session Recordings from Philly 2009

All the sessions recorded at the 29<sup>th</sup> IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy (Philadelphia, August 2 - 7, 2009) are available for purchase for online use or on CD. The recordings were done by Content Management Corp. Please note that only those sessions where the presenter gave approval for the recording are included.

You can order a set from the whole conference, specific days, or individual sessions.

BY PHONE: With your credit card, please call: (314) 487-0135

ON-LINE: Visit their secure order site by visiting:

<http://www.softconference.com/IAJGS>

If you use this second method, click on Educational Content. Then click on click here for content from the meeting. You can then click on the various options: conference set, specific days, and specific presentations to find out cost and to order.

We are pleased to let you know that some of the presenters provided their PowerPoint presentations to Content Management Corp and they are included as well as the audio. (Note that to view the power points you click on "handouts".)

There were many wonderful sessions at the conference and you can enjoy them by purchasing these recordings. They will enhance your research abilities and your knowledge.

Sincerely,

Anne Feder Lee and David Mink, Philly2009 Co-Chairs

## Group Trip to Lithuania

Howard Margol and Peggy Mosinger Freedman are organizing their 17<sup>th</sup> group trip to Lithuania - June 22 to July 2, 2010. If you would like to see the places that your ancestors lived in Lithuania, Latvia, and Belarus as well as research the records of their lives, this is the trip of a lifetime. Included are visits to the various Lithuanian Archives, synagogues, ghettos, Holocaust sites, meetings with Jewish leaders, sight-seeing, guide/interpreters, and two days to visit and spend time in your shtetl, or shtetlach of interest. All meals are included (except for one dinner and two lunches), the finest hotels (new & modern), modern buses, and much more. Howard and Peggy are very familiar with the Archives, the archivists, Lithuania and the main places of Jewish interest. The trip is sponsored by the American Fund For Lithuanian-Latvian Jews, Inc. If there is any profit from the trip, the entire profit will go to the Jewish soup kitchen in Vilnius, Lithuania. For details and a full itinerary of the trip, contact Howard Margol or Peggy Freedman at <litvaktrip@gmail.com> or <[www.litvaktrip.peggyspage.org](http://www.litvaktrip.peggyspage.org)>.

## JGS of SW FL Calendar of Events

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

**Sun., Dec. 20, 2009 @ 1:00 PM**

Phyllis Dreyfuss presents

*Oral History...in their own voices*

**Sun., Jan. 17, 2010 @ 1:00 PM**

Ava Hodous presents

*Listening to Their Lives*

Ava Hodous, Outreach and Education Coordinator for Sarasota Cares, will address the importance – even urgency – of gathering information from our older family members.

**Sun., Feb.14, 2010 @ 1:00 PM**

Mike Schwartz presents

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

**Sun., March 21, 2010 @ 1:00 PM**

Lou Ann Palmer, former Sarasota mayor, presents

*Growing Up Jewish in Sarasota*

**Sun., April 18, 2010 & Sun., May 16, 2010 @ 1:00 PM - TBA**

## Genealogical Research Is Like Charity - It Should Begin At Home

Begin by recording everything you know about your family. Inquire about the existence of official documents or memorabilia that may have been saved. Talk to your relatives. Talk to neighbors of relatives. Record the memories on video to preserve the information for future generations. Photographs can be priceless genealogy records. Besides the actual photo of what someone looked like, names and dates are often written on the back. Lucky genealogists may find additional notes on the photo, describing the place and event. Scrapbooks often hold a wealth of genealogical information. Certificates and awards from childhood as well as adult achievements may be included. Other genealogical items found in scrapbooks might include wedding invitations, baby announcements, graduation announcements, birthday cards, and funeral programs. If you discover ancestors' letters or diaries, read them. These documents not only bring an ancestor's personality to life, but can show where they were and why they did things. Find out the family stories about your heirlooms. Every family seems to have someone who is the "unofficial" family record holder. If you find that person, consider yourself very lucky!

## JGS of SW FL Membership Renewal

Dear Jewish Genealogical Society of SW FL members,

Beginning in 2010, JGS of SW FL membership renewal will be in January of each year. Please take a moment now to renew your membership in JGS of SW FL for 2010. Included in this newsletter is your 2010 annual membership dues notice. Dues have been \$20 for individuals and \$25 for families for many years.

Please mail your check (payable to JGS of SW FL) to:

Liz Klaber

4461 Violet Avenue

Sarasota, Florida 34233

Your tax-deductible contribution enables us to bring you resources and programs to help you reconstruct your family history. Our Library collection at Kobernick House includes over 100 items, including books and maps. The books are available for checkout for JGS of SW FL members only. Our website ([www.jgsswf.org](http://www.jgsswf.org)), created and maintained by Jim Haberman, has an archive of JGS of SW FL newsletters from December 2002 to the present.

JGS SW FL's programs and resources are supported almost entirely by membership dues. Your dues are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Any amount that you can contribute above the dues will be greatly appreciated. The Chapter has been running at a deficit, and our goal for 2010 is to bring the chapter out of the red. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

If you have a friend who might be interested in Jewish genealogy, please be sure to refer him or her to JGS of SW FL. Thank you for continuing your membership in JGS of SW FL.

Kim Sheintal

JGS of SW FL President

## Interfaith Families Chanukah Party!

Saturday, December 12, 2009

5:00-7:00 PM

Bounce U (1925 Northgate off 301 in Sarasota)

Spread the word about a festive and welcoming party for interfaith families to celebrate Chanukah. Young families are invited to enjoy the giant inflatable bounce houses and slides, and then candles, songs, dreidels, pizza and donuts.

The charge is only \$5 for the entire family for those who RSVP by December 9; \$15 at the door. RSVP to Rabbi Elaine Glickman at 379-1997 or [elaine-glickman@comcast.net](mailto:elaine-glickman@comcast.net).

Bring your own menorah! Although this party is designed especially for interfaith families, all families are welcome! This event is sponsored by Temple Emanu-El, Jewish Family and Children's Service, ORT America, the Jewish Genealogical Society of SW FL, AJC, and the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee.

## Discover the Consolidated Jewish Surname Index

"Avotaynu, the leading publisher of books on Jewish genealogy as well as, AVOTAYNU, the journal of Jewish genealogy is pleased to present the Consolidated Jewish Surname Index (CJSI). CJSI is your gateway to information about 699,084 surnames, mostly Jewish, that appear in 42 different databases. These databases combined contain more than 7.3 million records. CJSI is sequenced phonetically rather than alphabetically using the Daitch-Mokotoff Soundex System. Therefore, spelling variants of a name that sound the same are grouped together." <http://www.avotaynu.com/csi/csi-home.htm>)

## Discovering Our Local Jewish History

Local Jewish history facts discovered by Kim Sheintal:

- Back in 1913, the first acknowledged Jew (Phillip H. Levy) came to the Sarasota Manatee area of Florida.
- Sarasota was a small fishing village in 1913. Gradually more Jewish people moved to Sarasota. It was not until December 8, 1925, that a Jewish social organization, the Community Center of Sarasota, was formed with a membership of twenty people.
- In 1926, the Sarasota Jewish Community celebrated Yom Kippur with the first religious services held in Sarasota on the second floor of the Tyler building on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- Temple Beth Sholom opened for 1928 Rosh Hashanah services at Washington Avenue in Sarasota.
- The Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation signed its Articles of Incorporation in 1959 as the "Sarasota Jewish Community Council."
- The groundbreaking for the Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Community Campus was on March 31, 1985 and the building was completed in 1986 and became known as the Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation's Klingenstein Jewish Center.
- *The Chronicle*, the first and only Jewish community newspaper in Sarasota/Manatee, was first published in January of 1971. It was renamed the *Sarasota-Manatee Jewish News* in October of 2003.
- Jewish Family Services, a social service agency originated in 1986, and was renamed Jewish Family and Children's Service in 1996.
- The Jewish Housing Council was founded in 1988 and Kobernick House was built in 1993, as the first Jewish independent rental retirement residence.
- Sarasota has one Jewish Day School (Goldie Feldman Academy on the Temple Beth Sholom Campus) for grades K-8.

Local Jewish Organizations in Sarasota and Manatee:

- American Jewish Committee
- American Technion Society
- Americans for Peace Now
- Anti-Defamation League
- B'nai B'rith
- Brandeis University National Women's Committee
- Hadassah
- Hillel
- Israel Bonds
- Jewish Chorale
- Jewish Genealogical Society
- Jewish War Veterans
- Jewish National Fund
- National Council of Jewish Women
- ORT America
- P'nai
- Rabbinic Association
- Synagogue Council
- Association of Professional Artists

## Mishpochlogy Articles Needed

Please consider submitting stories, helpful genealogical hints and tidbits to [klapshein@aol.com](mailto:klapshein@aol.com) for future issues.