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President's Shpiel by Kim Sheintal

"Write Your Life Story" a lecture and mini workshop by Ronni Miller, will be presented on Sunday, May 16, 2010 at 1:00 PM at Kobernick House for the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida. Miller is author of *Dance with the Elephants-Free Your Creativity and Write* and Director and Founder of Write It Out® a motivational and expressive writing program for individuals of all ages since 1992. She lectures and facilitates writing workshops throughout the United States and Italy. Learn how to document your story for posterity and enjoy writing out the adventure. Bring pen and paper. Psychologists and the American Medical Association recommend writing out the events of your life story as an aid to personal growth and healing. Health care professionals and individuals who have benefited from the process have endorsed Miller's unique Write It Out® program.

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Speaker: Ronni Miller

Program: Write Your Life Story

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<http://www.lithuania-photo.com/all-cities/>

Aerial Photographs of Lithuanian Cities -

on toolbar, click rightmost icon to get a full-screen view

<http://www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org/NR/default.aspx>

Cook County Naturalization Declarations of Intention 1906-29

(type surname to get the following for people with that surname: first name, birth date, birth town, birth country, occupation)

<http://eagle.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/>

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle was published from 1841 to 1955 and revived for a short time from 1960 to 1963. Indexed information from 1841 to December 31, 1902 is online.

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703382904575059113221038280.html?mod=WSJ_hpp_RIGHTInDepthCarousel

Jamaica's Beaches, Reggae and Jews

<http://catskills.brown.edu/>

Organization to promote research and education on the significance of the Catskill Mountains for American Jewish life

<http://www.jsgsb.org.uk/1851/index.asp>

19th Century British Records

(database aims to show where British people were and what they were doing, decade by decade, throughout their life)

<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi>

RootsWeb's WorldConnect Project Global Search

The WorldConnect Project is a set of tools, which allow users to upload, modify, link, and display their family trees as a means to share their genealogy with other researchers.

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

Index of 8,092 tombstone inscriptions

found on Mount of Olives Cemetery in Jerusalem

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

JewishGen Holocaust Database

(information about Holocaust victims and survivors)

Consolidated Jewish Surname Index

The Consolidated Jewish Surname Index (CJSI) has information for 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.

The following list of the 42 databases appears on the CJSI website (<http://www.avotaynu.com/csi/csi-home.htm>). Go to the website and see where your surnames appear.

- **Jewish Records Indexing - Poland** (231,973 surnames). An index to more than 2,400,000 Jewish birth, marriage, divorce and death records located in the archives of Poland. An on-going project. More than 400 towns are represented--continuously updated. Online database
- **All-Poland Database** (79,327 surnames). An additional 600,000 records for Poland, from a variety of sources, including: vital records, business directories, voter lists, passenger manifests, yizkor books and other Holocaust sources. Online database
- **All Lithuania Database** (46,656 surnames). More than 400,000 records from many different sources, including Revision Lists (censuses), vital records, tax, voters, and cemetery lists. An on-going project--continuously updated. Online database
- **All Belarus Database** (55,652 surnames). More than 300,000 records from many different sources, including vital records, voter lists, business directories, ghetto records. An on-going project--continuously updated. Online database
- **All Latvia Database** (8,188 surnames). 75,000 records from many different sources, including vital records, voter lists, tax lists, recruitment records. An on-going project--continuously updated. Online database
- **All UK Database** (1,409 surnames). More than 50,000 records for England, Scotland and Wales, from a variety of sources, including: marriage and cemetery records, census records, business directories, and others.--continuously updated. Online database
- **All Hungary Database** (26,426 surnames). 240,000 records from many different sources, including vital records, census records, property tax records, etc.. An on-going project--continuously updated. Online database
- **All Romania Database** (45,240 surnames). More than 190,000 records for Romania and Moldova, from a variety of sources, including: voter lists, census records, business directories, vital records, diplomatic records, yizkor books, and others.--continuously updated. Online database
- **All Scandinavia Database** (2,659 surnames). More than 12,000 records for Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland, from a variety of sources, including: census, tax, cemetery records, and others.--continuously updated. Online database
- **JewishGen Family Finder** (45,240 surnames). Surnames/towns being researched by some 70,000 Jewish genealogists worldwide. An on-going project--continuously updated. Online database
- **Family Tree of the Jewish People** (184,237 surnames). 3,000,000 persons who appear on more than 2,500 family trees being researched by Jewish genealogists. Online database
- **A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire** (49,167 surnames). Surnames from the Pale of Settlement. Book
- **A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Kingdom of Poland** (32,871 surnames). Surnames from the Kingdom of Poland. Book
- **A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from Galicia** (34,597 surnames). Surnames from the Kingdom of Poland. Book
- **A Dictionary of German-Jewish Surnames** (19,726 surnames). Surnames from pre-World War I Germany. Book
- **Dictionary of Sephardic Surnames: Second Edition** (15,810 surnames). Sephardic surnames throughout the world. Book
- **Sourcebook for Jewish Genealogies and Family Histories** (10,284 surnames). Surnames for which there are published family histories and genealogies. Book
- **Index to Russian Consular Records** (38,533 surnames). 70,000 persons who transacted business with the Russian czarist consulates in the United States from about 1849-1926. Microfiche
- **Galicia Surname Index** (5,627 entries). Various lists of persons who resided in Galicia. An on-going project--continuously updated. Online database
- **First American Jewish Families** (4,758 surnames). 50,000 descendants of Jewish-American families who arrived in America in the period 1654-1838. (Out of print) Book
- **Palestine Gazette** (15,142 surnames). 28,000 persons, mostly Jews, who legally changed their names while living in Palestine during the British Mandate (1921-1948). Microfiche
- **Gedenkbuch** (18,144 surnames). 128,000 German Jews murdered in the Holocaust. Book
- **Index to Memorial to the Jews Deported From France** (26,310 surnames). 70,000 Jews deported from France during the Holocaust. Microfiche
- **National Registry of Jewish Holocaust Survivors** (14,742 surnames). 35,000 Holocaust survivors living in the United States and Canada. Book
- **Sephardic Surnames** (20,000 surnames). List of Sephardic surnames.
- **Les Fleurs de l'Orient** (9,441 surnames). Family tree, heavily Sephardic, of 70,000 people.
- **Emergency Passports** (2,383 surnames). 3,000 Jewish applicants for emergency U.S. passports, 1915-1924, processed by U.S. State Department. Microfiche
- **Index to State Department records found in the U.S. National Archives containing Jewish names in the section on protection of interests of U.S. citizens in Russia** (3,104 surnames). 5,000 records. Microfiche
- **Index to State Department records found in the U.S. National Archives which is a registration of U.S. citizens in Jerusalem, 1914-1918** (863 surnames). 9,000 records.

- **Index to State Department records found in the U.S. National Archives which is a list of Jewish names in protection of interests of U.S. citizens category in Romania, Germany & Poland (1910-1929) (3,583 surnames).** 4,500 records. Microfiche
- **Index to State Department records found in the U.S. National Archives which is a list of Jewish names in protection of interests of U.S. citizens section in Austria-Hungary (1910-1930) (1,554 surnames).** 2,000 records. Microfiche
- **Jewish Surnames from Morocco.** (4,510 surnames) 4,644 different Moroccan surnames. Microfiche
- **Jewish Burials in Hartford County Connecticut** (8,320 surnames). 13,000 burials. Book
- **Jewish Surnames from Prague** (985 surnames) Ancient Ashkenazic surnames from the 15th-18th centuries. Book
- **Cleveland (Ohio) Burials** (1,413 surnames). Online database
- **Birth Index for Buda Jewry 1820-1852, 1868. Index to certain Jewish birth records for Buda (Hungary).** (523 surnames). Microfiche
- **Obuda (Hungary) Census of 1850. Census of all households in this district of Budapest.** (588 surnames). Microfiche
- **Eliyahu's Branches: The Descendants of the Vilna Gaon and His Family** (3,292 surnames) Compiled genealogy of more than 20,000 descendants of this great scholar. Book
- **Surnames in the Lomza, Poland, yizkor book.** (2,268 surnames). Online database
- **Kiev Gubernia Duma Voters Lists, 1906-1907** (9,709 surnames). More than 32,000 Jewish men living in Kiev gubernia, eligible to vote in the Czarist State Duma elections of 1906-1907.
- **Poor Jews Temporary Shelter** (24,863 surnames). A social service facility in London designed to meet the needs of Jews who were coming to or passing through London founded in 1885.
- **Quebec Surnames** (16,227 surnames). Jewish surnames appearing in Quebec vital records.

30th IAJGS Jewish Genealogy Conference

July 11-16, 2010 in Los Angeles

<http://www.jgsla2010.com>

Conference Information Newsletter:

<http://www.jgsla2010.com/about/sign-up-for-the-announcements-newsletter/>

Conference Program Schedule:

https://www.goeshow.com/jgslaIAJGS/2010/Conference_Program.cfm

Daniel Mendelsohn, author of the genealogical memoir, *The Lost: A Search for Six of Six Million*, will be the keynote speaker at the opening session of the conference. The book is about his quest to learn the fates of six relatives who perished in the Holocaust. The critically acclaimed book won the National Book Critics Circle Award and the National Jewish Book Award.

Welcome New Members

Geet Jacobson

Mike and Jeanne Dubi

Mass Jewish Migration Database

The Mass Jewish Migration Database (MJMD) located at <http://mjmd.haifa.ac.il/> is a database of applications by Jewish emigrants from the Russian Empire through the Jewish Colonization Association (JCA) or Jewish Territorial Organization (ITO) in the early 20th century. MJMD includes records of applications between 1904 and 1914 only. The JCA database is comprised of more than 3,000 applications of Jews who migrated to the U.S., Argentina, Canada, South Africa or Palestine. ITO's database is composed of about 5,000 Jews who migrated to Galveston, Texas. MJMD is a project of the University of Haifa Data Archive.

The search engine will locate any name that includes the characters presented in the search field. Clicking the View field for any result displays a wealth of information about the immigrant including personal details (name, gender, age, marital status, occupation), country of origin (country city, district), sailing information (port of departure, date, steamship company), country of destination (country, state, city, local relatives and subsidy given) and the name of relatives accompanying, if applicable.

On the results page, click "Original Doc" to get a copy of the extracted document.

IIJG Provides Jewish Genealogy Research Grants <http://www.iijg.org> under "Research/Research Grants"

The International Institute for Jewish Genealogy in Jerusalem is once again offering grants of up to \$10,000 for original research in the field of Jewish genealogy. It has posted a "Call for Research Proposals" for projects to be carried out in the academic year of 2010-11. Proposals, submitted by May 31, 2010, will be judged by the extent to which they broaden the horizons of Jewish genealogical research and/or create innovative tools or technologies to assist Jewish genealogists and family historians in their work. The successful applicants will be announced on or about September 1, 2010.

The "Call" and "Instructions to Applicants" can be found on at <http://www.iijg.org> under "Research/Research Grants." The Instructions should be read carefully, as only applications in correct form will be accepted.

National Museum of American Jewish History

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Museum_of_American_Jewish_History

The National Museum of American Jewish History is a museum in Center City Philadelphia, located on Independence Mall within the Independence National Historical Park. It was founded in 1976, and have been sharing a building with Congregation Mikveh Israel ever since. The Museum is in the process of having a new museum built, very modern looking. The National Museum of American Jewish History is constructing a new 100,000-square-foot, five-story building, designed by Polshek Partnership Architects that will open its doors November, of 2010. The new Museum building will stand directly across from the Liberty Bell, a block south of the National Constitution Center, and one block north of the birthplace of American liberty, Independence Hall. The new building will serve as a cornerstone of the modern-day American Jewish community.

Re-read Documents

Go back through the documents you've looked at in the past and reread them, you could discover something you did not notice the first time. What did not seem obvious yesterday may seem obvious today.

Who Do You Think You Are

The "Who Do You Think You Are?" genealogy series that traces the family history of celebrities has been renewed for the 2010-11 season by NBC. To date, the show is seen by about 6.8 million adults each week.

My Family Story

by Kim Sheintal

Take the time to tell your family stories. Write it or say it in your own words – it will mean so much to your relatives. Be sure to save it and pass down to family. In 2003, I wrote this story.

Sundays at Mom and Pop's

I will always remember my maternal grandparents, affectionately known to many as "Mom" and "Pop." They worked six days a week in their drug store at the corner of Chicago and Cicero in Chicago until shortly before I married. Sunday was their day off. Every Sunday, they would have their two daughters, two son-in-laws and four grandchildren for dinner in their tiny second story apartment. Mom would do the cooking, and Pop would entertain the kids so Mom could do the cooking.

Pop was a slight man, but big in the eyes of his family. Each Sunday, Pop would give each of the younger grandchildren a ride on a chair down the hallway. Pop would tell jokes and everyone laughed. Following the jokes, Pop always imitated someone speaking Chinese. I was very impressed considering that he did not know a single word in Chinese. Mom was twice the size as Pop, yet she always looked up to him. And everyone in the family looked up to both of them.

Mom had a tiny kitchen with only a few cabinets, a tiny table, sink, stove and a short refrigerator that somehow stored enough food to feed an army. There was a single door in the front of the refrigerator. Upon opening the door was a smaller door. The inside door opened the freezer. The freezer never froze the ice cream. That was fine with me, because I like soft ice cream. Mom always served jelly as a topping for the ice cream. I enjoyed the soft ice cream with jelly. I never knew another family who served jelly with ice cream.

Before dinner was served, Mom and Pop gave each grandchild a present from their drug store. Our favorite presents were the comic books. Mom picked out the best comic books because she read lots of comic books and chose the best ones for us.

Sunday dinners were served in the dining room. There was a big table in the middle of the room with a small breakfront on one side and a floor heater on the other. A toy chest filled with toys was next to the heater. The dining room had two doorways - one led into the kitchen and the other into the hallway. The dining room was a busy place during Sunday dinners. Mom walked back and forth through the kitchen doorway several times during the meal. So many tasty dishes passed through that doorway - brisket, kugel, and cabbage soup. But the best food to pass through that doorway was the soft ice cream with jelly topping.

Search Social Security Death Index

<http://ssdi.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>

Search the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) for death information for deaths from 1961 to the present. You will also be able to obtain your ancestors' date of birth. If you are not successful, see the tutorial offered for reasons why you might not find your ancestor in the SSDI.

Jewish Genealogy Traced 1000 Years

Genealogy has become a hot topic on television and on the Internet with genealogy professionals and hobbyists alike. The reason is simple - people want to know, "where did I come from?" It's no wonder that over 50 people came to hear Isaac Azerad speak and present an amazing film about his family at the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida meeting on April 18, 2010. Isaac Azerad's maternal grandmother, Oro Shealtiel, traces her ancestry through recorded documents dating to 11th century Spain. The name Shealtiel is Hebrew and commonly translated as "asked of God". It is first recorded in the Bible as the name of a son of the last King of Judea. Isaac showed his family movie, "Shealtiel: A Family Saga" that was completed in 1998. It was premiered in Israel, shown by the BBC on New Year's Day, 2000, and also networked on Dutch and Canadian television. Financed by a joint venture of the Israeli Television Authority and the BBC, it is a unique document of his family's journey. After many years of work, the family has reproduced the famous 12th century illuminated Shealtiel Haggadah including a foreword by Moshe Shaltiel-Gracian in both English and Hebrew. An agreement with the British Museum Library, the owner of the Haggadah, reproduced this beautiful hard-bound facsimile edition in limited quantities for members of the family. Azerad brought such a reproduction to the meeting. Today, the Shealtiel family numbers approximately 2500 people, with over six hundred households in thirty nations and they're still finding more.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida Membership Application

Single Membership: \$20/year
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