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### President's Shpiel

by Kim Sheintal

Last issue, I wrote that "On October 5, I will present Tracing Your Roots at the Jewish Center of Venice for their Adult Education Lecture Series." To my amazement, I met someone at that lecture who appeared on my family tree. I had no idea that I had a cousin living less than 30 minutes from my home.

A few weeks ago, a friend of mine met me for lunch because she wanted to share with me a family book that she had borrowed from a friend. She was so impressed with the book and knew that I would enjoy seeing it. About ten minutes before November's meeting, a Kobernick resident handed me a book about her family to show to the members at the meeting. You cannot imagine the shock I experienced when both of these books were about the same family.

Genealogists are curious people who discover things on a regular basis. At December's meeting, we will go beyond discovering. We will show you how to share what you discover with a two-fold program - Preserving Your Life Story on Video and Preserving Your Life Story in Writing.

The JGS board has worked very hard this past year. Lee Ruggles continues to write and submit creative articles into the Jewish News announcing upcoming meetings. Bernie Spitalnick is in the process of organizing a spreadsheet of the JGS of SW FL library collection. Libbie Kaplan warmly greets everyone at meetings and encourages prospective members to join. Jim Haberman graciously does the JGS of SW FL website making sure to include all newsletters. Liz Klaber stepped up to the plate as treasurer this year. Irene Midler continues to find interesting programs for us. I encourage you to rejoin the JGS.

Please find your 2011 dues bill inside this newsletter. Any amount that you can contribute above the dues will be greatly appreciated.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida

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### MEETING

Sunday, December 19, 2010 (1:00 PM)

Kobernick House

1951 N. Honore Ave., Sarasota

**Program:** Preserving Your Life Story

Preserving Your Life Story on Video by Bob West

Preserving Your Life Story in Writing by Neil Rudin

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### Growing Into My Genes: A Genealogical Memoir

The Jewish Genealogy Society of Southwest Florida is pleased to host the launching of Dr Neil Rudin's new book, *Growing Into My Genes: A Genealogical Memoir*. The author, a member of our local chapter as well as the Western New York chapter, will discuss his book and be available for book signing. This event will take place at the beginning of the December 19th meeting at 1PM at the Kobernick House.

Dr Rudin completed an academic career in the SUNY system spanning more than three decades. A successful professor, dean and author of many academic papers and publications, his favorite research topics included a study of Yiddish language, literature and culture and related areas. A life long love of Eastern European Jewry was inspired by his youth in Detroit, immersed in the old country traditions of his beloved grandparents.

Following retirement the author felt beckoned by his ancestors to preserve their memories and document their lives and immigration from Belarus to Detroit. The resulting book reflects a unique style based on the integration of genealogical analysis, socio-historical essays and memoir writing. In particular, the portrayal of his idyllic childhood from the innocent perspective of youth creates a realistic context tinged with tenderness, pathos and humor.

Books will be available for signing at the event or may be purchased at Amazon.com or Authorhouse.com. All profits will be donated to ALS Research.

### Two Exciting January JGS Events at Kobernick!

Sunday, January 16, 2011 at 1:00 PM

The Family Tree - Between the Branches with The Six Pearls, Barbara Berkowitz, Gloria Scheiner, Marilyn Shapo, Janet Stollman, Karen Weinstein, and Sandi Yoffee will read tales of their life experiences, those truths so often stranger than fiction, focusing on their growing grove of family trees.

Monday, January 17, 2011 at 7:15 PM

Early Jewry in America with Phil Steel begins with his family in Portugal in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, followed by their arrival in the Colonies in 1773, through the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, and on into the 19<sup>th</sup> Century through today. His family has been on these shores for eleven generations.

# Wonderful World of Websites

<http://www.jewishgen.org/safrica/newsletter/index.htm#MENU>  
Newsletters for South African Sig

<http://shoahconnect.org/>

Reconnecting families separated by the Shoah (Holocaust)  
using Yad Vashem's collection of Pages of Testimony

<http://www.topica.com/lists/Baalshemtovfamily>

E-mail group of Rabbi Yisroel Baal Shem Tov descendents

<http://www.competitivegenealogy.com/playcompetitivegenealogy.html>

"Genealogy Competition" by stephenweinstein@yahoo.com

<http://www.competitivegenealogy.com/selectalevel.html>

Levels of Competition for the "Genealogy Competition"

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

Israel Phone Book online and in English

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBmgIA-yCCK>

National Museum of American Jewish History

<http://corporate.ancestry.com/press/press-releases/2010/11/ancestry.com-family-tree-maker-for-mac/>

Ancestry.com Unveils New Family Tree Maker for Mac

<http://www.youtube.com/user/PathstoYourPast#p/u>

Finding Your Family on the National Archives (You Tube)

[http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/paths\\_to\\_your\\_past](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/paths_to_your_past)

The National Genealogical Society (YouTube)

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

Vintage Photo Blog

## Allen County Public Library

The Allen County Public Library (Fort Wayne, Indiana) has launched a new genealogy website which includes several free databases and portals including Our Military Heritage. See: [www.genealogycenter.org](http://www.genealogycenter.org). For those who are not familiar with the Allen County Public Library it is known as one of the premiere genealogy libraries in the United States. The Fred J. Reynolds Historical Genealogy Department, located in the Main Library Branch of the Allen County Public Library, is the second-largest genealogy department in North America. A valuable online service of all is the "As a Librarian" section. Contact them at [Genealogy@ACPL.Info](mailto:Genealogy@ACPL.Info) for additional information about The Genealogy Center.

## What is IAJGS?

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) is an organization of organizations formed in the 1988 to provide a common voice for issues of significance to its members, to advance our genealogical avocation, and to lend its name and expertise to such areas as the annual Jewish Genealogy Conference. Virtually all of the national and international Jewish Genealogical Societies (JGSs), and a number of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are members.

## Welcome to New Members

Scott Barde  
Dennis Gries  
Stephen Weiss

## Ordering Copies of NARA's Holdings

<http://www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2011/nr11-18.html>

"The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has expanded the formats available to members of the public who wish to purchase copies of records from its holdings. Copy options for immigration and naturalization records, land files, military service and pension records, court records, World War I draft registration cards, Native American records, census pages, and many other archival documents now include the possibility of purchasing a digitized version."

1) Visit the National Archives online ordering system  
<https://eservices.archives.gov/orderonline/>

2) Download the appropriate form

<http://www.archives.gov/contact/inquire-form.html#part-a>

Passenger Arrival Records (NATF Form 81)

Federal Census Records (NATF Form 82)

Eastern Cherokee Applications (NATF Form 83)

Federal Land Entry Files (NATF Form 84)

Military Pension/Bounty Land Warrant Applications (NATF Form 85)

(Pre-WWI) Military Service Records (NATF Form 86)

(Post-WWI) Military Records (SF 180)

3) Contact the National Archives through the Inquire Form  
<http://www.archives.gov/contact/inquire-form.html#part-b>

## Jewish Heritage Trip to Lithuania

by Howard Margol & Peggy Freedman

Peggy Freedman and I are organizing our 18th annual Jewish Heritage Trip to Lithuania for July, 2011. The group spends time in Vilnius and in Kaunas. During the trip, two days are set aside during which group members can visit the areas of their personal choice. A car, driver, and guide/interpreter are arranged. From Vilnius, it is easy to go to Latvia, Belarus, and Eastern Poland as the distances are not great. The size of the group will be limited to 25 members. This is not a commercial venture. Neither Peggy nor I receive any personal remuneration from the trip. The trip is sponsored by the American Fund For Lithuanian-Latvian Jews, Inc. If there is any profit from the trip, 100% of the profit goes to various Jewish communities in Lithuania. For full details about the trip, please go to <http://www.litvaktrip.peggyspage.org/>.

The Fund has become a major contributor to the Jewish communities in Vilnius, Panevezys, and Siauliai. Over the years, the American Fund has contributed thousands of dollars to the various Jewish communities in Lithuania as well as the Jewish Hospital in Riga, Latvia. During the past four years, the Fund has contributed \$50,000.00 each year to the Jewish community in Vilnius. The majority of the money has been to the soup kitchen, and meals on wheels, for the elderly, needy Jews.

Last winter, we winterized windows in many apartments of Jews, particularly those who were mainly homebound. The winters there are very cold and, open cracks around windows allow a lot of cold air in. To make matters worse, most are pensioners who cannot afford high heating bills. We do what we can to make their remaining years more comfortable.

## Yearbooks Go Online

Both WorldVitalRecords.com and Ancestry.com have announced they digitized and indexed college and high school yearbooks and placed them online at their sites.

World Vital Records has 8,000 books at:  
<http://www.worldvitalrecords.com/contentsearch.aspx?cat=eyearbook>.

Ancestry has 10,000 yearbooks at:  
<http://www.ancestry.com/yearbook>.

## Genealogy on TV: Who Do You Think You Are

NBC has announced that the second season of Who Do You Think You Are will return on Fridays at 8:00 PM starting on January 21, 2011. NBC has not yet announced who will be featured in the series.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/11/16/business/media/16nbc.html?src=busln>

## 2011 IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

### “Call for Papers” Opened October 17, 2010

<http://www.DC2011.org>

The 31st IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy will be hosted by the Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington (JGSGW) from August 14-19, 2011, in Washington, DC.

More than 1,200 genealogists from across the US and more than 30 countries will attend the Jewish genealogy event of the year in the richest genealogical resource location in the US.

The program will offer some 160 lectures, panels, workshops and breakfast sessions, as well as a Film Festival, Repository Fair, Vendor Showcase, Gala, Keynote Address and more.

The Call for Papers opened October 17, and presenters with unique expertise and experience are invited to submit proposals covering an unlimited range of relevant themes and programs.

To submit a program proposal, go to [www.DC2011.com](http://www.DC2011.com), click on "Call for Papers," read the instructions and FAQ. The submission deadline is January 15, 2011. Accepted speakers will be notified on March 15, and will receive free conference registration.

#### Suggested Topics:

Ashkenazi, Sephardic, Mizrahi, and geographic area in Russia, Great Britain, Spain, Italy, Greece, Germany, Austria, Ukraine, Lithuania, Poland, Palestine, Israel, Australia, Ukraine, Romania, Czech Republic, India, and others.

Research using the records of the International Tracing Service (ITS)

Jewish life in the Southern US

Repositories in the Greater DC area

Getting the most out of the 1940 census

Technology and computer workshops

Publishing family histories

DNA and genealogy

Cemetery research

Geographical/historical resources and methodology

See <http://dc2011.org/index.php/call-for-papers> for complete list of geographic and topic categories.

## About JGSGW

Founded 30 years ago, JGSGW's membership is drawn primarily from DC, Maryland and Virginia. Monthly meetings with diverse speakers address topics of mutual interest. The society publishes a quarterly journal, Mishpacha- and other publications including: "Capital Collections: Resources for Jewish Genealogical Research in the Washington, DC-area." It supports a research library with more than 2,000 books, recordings and unpublished items. The society has previously hosted the IAJGS conference in 1982, 1984, 1988, 1995 and 2003. The 2011 conference anticipates more than 1,200 genealogists from 35 states and more than 30 countries.

## 2011 IAJGS International Conference Contacts

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## JGS of SW FL in Connection Magazine

The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee is proud to announce a new publication for the Jewish community. "Connections Magazine 2011 – A Guide to Jewish Living in Sarasota-Manatee" will be a full-color, glossy magazine-style annual resource guide with about 100 pages. With a distribution of over 12,000, it will be mailed to over 8,000 households in our area in December 2010 and close to 5,000 copies will be available at numerous locations through the spring of 2011. Look for JGS of SW FL article and calendar in this magazine.

## Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay Meeting

(Lunch & Learn Social with Election & Installation of Officers)

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay will meet at Imperial Palms at the West Clubhouse at 3600 Imperial Palm Dr, Largo, Florida on Sunday, December 12, 2010 at 12:00 PM. A luncheon will be served at 12:00 PM followed by a brief business meeting and a program at 1:30 PM. New officers will be elected and installed. The program will be success stories in researching their families by members. There will be no charge for the catered Italian luncheon for members. Non-members and guests will be charged \$5 for the luncheon. Reservations must be made by December 5 to ensure there will be ample food for those attending. Make your reservation by calling Sally Israel at 727-343-1652.

This is the JGSTB's annual opportunity to "schmooze," to socialize and get to know each other - members and guests - better, and to exchange genealogical tips, research successes and failures, and plans and ideas. This meeting will be a combined social and learning experience in a casual and informal setting. 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.

## The Florida State Genealogical Society And Member Benefits

Did you know that there is a state genealogical society? Did you also know that joining is easy to do and possibly beneficial to your research? The Florida State Genealogical Society's website is <http://www.flsgs.org>. Once there, you can join for \$25 per year.

The Society's goal is to promote the study and collection of genealogies, family history and local history. The Florida State Genealogical Society (FSGS) provides Florida source materials through the publication of books, the periodic journal, *The Florida Genealogist*, and the newsletter, *Florida Lines*. Research services are available to those who are seeking a Florida Pioneer Certificate. Educational opportunities are given through the annual conference and workshops. In order to further promote and support genealogy throughout the State, FSGS provides honorary membership to every genealogy society in Florida, although individuals within that society must join independently.

The Society conducts a Florida Pioneer Descendant Certificate Program to recognize living descendants of those residing in Florida before statehood on March 3, 1845, or in any Florida county before it was formally created. Certificates are awarded at the annual conference which takes place in the fall each year.

Both publications of the FSGS accept articles for publication, so if you have a topic you'd like to research, a query, or simply a noteworthy piece of genealogical news you would like to share with other FSGS members, please contact either Pamela Treme ([ptreme@hotmail.com](mailto:ptreme@hotmail.com)), editor of *Florida Lines* or Cori Downing ([ckd79duke@cfl.rr.com](mailto:ckd79duke@cfl.rr.com)), editor of *The Florida Genealogist* with your information. Longer articles or genealogies are published in *The Florida Genealogist* while shorter, less in-depth articles and genealogical news events are published in *Florida Lines*.

### Hal Sterne

We mourn the recent passing of Harold "Hal" Sterne. Hal was an active JGS member who made sure that we had a suitable cabinet to store the JGS library. Harold was born in Frankfurt, Germany and frequently spoke about his genealogy projects such as his research trip to Germany. His wife Judi Sterne remains active in the JGS of SW FL.

### Interfaith Families Chanukah Party at BounceU Saturday, December 4, 5:00-7:00 PM

The Interfaith Families Chanukah Party is a festive and welcoming party for interfaith families to celebrate Chanukah. Although this party is designed especially for interfaith families, all families are welcome! This event is sponsored by Temple Emanu-El, JFCS, AJC, and the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida.

Enjoy the giant inflatable bounce houses and slides, and then candles, songs, dreidels, pizza and donuts. Bring your own menorah!

BounceU is located at 1925 Northgate off 301 in Sarasota. The charge is only \$10 for the entire family for those who RSVP by December 1; \$20 at the door. RSVP to Rabbi Elaine Glickman at 379-1997 or [elaine-glickman@comcast.net](mailto:elaine-glickman@comcast.net).

## A Call for Articles for *The Florida Genealogist*

The triannual publication of the Florida State Genealogical Society needs you! As editor of *The Florida Genealogist*, I want to publish your thoughtful, well-researched articles for our journal to help make ours a premier publication.

Need some inspiration? Here are some broad ideas of what we need:

- **Case studies** (how you used genealogical records and proof standards to clarify, substantiate or uncover problems or questions in researching your Florida ancestors or those of someone else)
- **Methodology** (types of records or research methods that are helpful in tracing genealogy, especially those concerning Florida research)
- **Interesting family histories or stories** (especially those of early Florida settlers)

Here are some more concrete ideas:

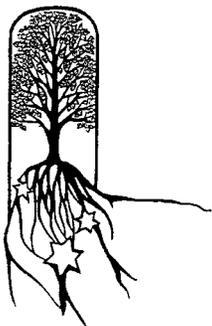
- DNA and genetics (especially how it may relate to your own Florida genealogical research)
- Internet tools and computer aids
- Photographic identification, preservation and restoration
- Family bible records, church records, and cemetery records
- Vital, military, and census records
- Documenting early Florida settlements and their records
- Minority and immigrant genealogical research
- Court records (wills, deeds, probate, lawsuits)
- Source citation and types of document recording (transcription, abstraction)
- Early Florida pioneers
- Early Florida occupations (cigar making, sponge diving, railroading, ranching, logging)

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4461 Violet Ave.  
Sarasota, FL 34233

JGS of Southwest Florida is a tax-exempt organization under the umbrella of the IAJGS IRC 501 (c) (3) status.

**Any amount that you can contribute above the dues will be greatly appreciated. The Chapter has been running in the red, and unfortunately, we have accumulated a sizable deficit. Thank you in advance for your consideration.**

Please return the stub below with your check.

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