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President's Shpiel

by Kim Sheintal

The focus for the May meeting is the history of the early Jews who settled in the South. Rabbi Schwartzman will discuss the Jews who came to the Deep South after showing "Delta Jews of Mississippi" a film that aired on public television. Rabbi Schwartzman lived in Mississippi from 1960 until 1989 and served as rabbi in both Greenville and Vicksburg, Mississippi.

There is a virtual Jewish Genealogical Society to encourage and expand genealogical explorations about southern Jews and their family histories. The JGS of the Deep South was founded in 2010 covering the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Texas. Meetings are scheduled quarterly with attendance restricted to members and sponsored guests. Their inaugural edition of their *Southern Tapestry* newsletter is offered online on their website at http://www.jgsofthedeepsouth.info/southerntapestry_pages.html

1940 U.S. Census Released

The 1940 U.S. Census was released on April 2, 2012.

The National Archives partnered with Archives.com at the website <http://1940census.archives.gov/> Millions of digitized images are now available.

Archives.com has apologized for the problems their site encountered. They said that they expected a flood and got a tsunami. In the first few hours they had 22.5 million hits. To read more, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/7ch39ga>.

Welcome New JGS of SW FL Members

Cathy Makowski
Jane Traub

Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida

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MEETING

Sunday, May 20, 2012 (1:00 PM)

Kobernick House

1951 N. Honore Ave., Sarasota

Program: Rabbi Allan Schwartzman
presents "Delta Jews of Mississippi"

For details, Kim Sheintal 921-1433, <klapshein@aol.com>

Jewish Museum of Florida

301 Washington Avenue, South Beach

The Jewish Museum of Florida is housed in two adjacent lovingly restored historic buildings on South Beach that were once synagogues for Miami Beach's first Jewish congregation. The Museum's focal point is its core exhibit MOSAIC: Jewish Life in Florida from 1763 to the present and art exhibits that change periodically.

The Museum is open daily 10 AM to 5 PM except Mondays, Civil, and Jewish holidays.

Admission:

Adults/\$6

Seniors/\$5

Families/\$12

Members and children under 6/Always Free. Saturdays/Free

www.jewishmuseum.com

Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida 2012 Membership Application

Single Membership: \$25/year

Family Membership: \$30/year

Mail Check (payable to JGS of SW FL) with this form to:

Liz Klaber

4461 Violet Avenue

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Family History Writing Competition

Entries being accepted for Pinellas Genealogist 2012

Pinellas Genealogist, quarterly journal of Pinellas Genealogy Society (PGS), is accepting entries for the annual Family History Writing Competition from members and non-members of the Society. Entries should be based on the author's research of a family history or a genealogical account of family lines and lives, discussing the steps followed and the conclusions that resulted from the research. Entries may be original, unpublished papers, or published papers. If previously published, please submit permission to reprint along with the entry.

Prizes will be awarded to three submissions selected by their judges: First prize-\$50 Second prize-\$30 Third prize-\$20

The winning entries will be announced in the winter issue of Pinellas Genealogist. All entries must be received no later than 31 October 2012.

Competition rules: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flpgs/>

Competition Rules:

1. The competition is open to both members and non-members of PGS.
2. Entries should be based on the author's personal research of a family history or genealogical account of family lines and lives, discussing the steps followed and the conclusions that resulted from the research.
3. Entries may be original, unpublished papers, or published papers if accompanied by permission to reprint.
4. Entries may be submitted as either electronic file or printed hardcopy, but electronic file form is preferred. Hardcopy entries should not be fastened.
5. Entries should be 1,500-3,000 words (exclusive of the endnotes), single-spaced, and formatted with one inch margins all around. If the paper is submitted in hardcopy, it should be printed one-sided.
6. The first line of all paragraphs should be indented, and there should be no blank lines between paragraphs.
7. The font should be 12 point Times Roman (or similar).
8. Entries should have a cover sheet with the title of the paper, author's name, mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address.
9. All sources should be cited in endnotes with complete bibliographical information. Guidelines for endnote citations (same style as for footnotes) can be found in Elizabeth Shown Mills, *Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian*. The National Genealogical Society Quarterly (NGSQ) is also a good model for citations.
10. The winning entries will be announced in the winter issue of Pinellas Genealogist. The prizes will be presented at Pinellas Genealogy Society's annual Educational Seminar in February, or, if the writers are unable to attend, the awards will be mailed

after the Seminar. The author of the winning entry will be a guest of PGS at the seminar.

11. The author retains copyright of the paper, but by submitting the paper to the Family History Writing Competition, the author grants Pinellas Genealogy Society the right to publish the article in Pinellas Genealogist or a possible future anthology.

Email entries to: pgsfla@yahoo.com

Subject: PG Writing Competition

or mail to:

Pinellas Genealogy Society

c/o Largo Public Library

PG Writing Competition

120 Central Park Drive

Largo, Florida 33771-2110

May is Jewish Heritage Month

Each May since 2006 recognizes the more than 350-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture. The month of May was chosen due to the highly successful celebration of the 350th Anniversary of American Jewish History in May 2004, which was organized by the Commission for Commemorating 350 Years of American Jewish History.

The concept that "May is Jewish American Heritage Month" was initiated by the Jewish Museum of Florida, with the effort led by Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz. President George W. Bush signed a resolution in 2006 that each May would be Jewish American Heritage Month. May is time to celebrate the contributions of American Jews to the fabric of our nation's lives. Each May, the President of the U.S. issues a Proclamation and, for the past two years, President Barack Obama has hosted a reception in the White House.

The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and the Jewish Federation of Broward County are co-sponsoring a Jewish American Heritage Month Kick-Off with a "Coming to America" program on Sunday, May 6 at 2:00 PM. Stephen Whitfield of Brandeis University will speak on the topic of "The Jewish Impact & the Jewish Response." This event is co-sponsored by the Jewish Museum of Florida, Jewish Community Relations Council of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, and the Jewish Federation of Broward County. This event is free and walk-ins welcome. For more information: info@jewishmuseum.com

You can RSVP for this free event by calling 786-972-3175 or email info@jewishmuseum.com. Walk-ins are welcome too.

IAJGS Conferences

<http://www.iajgs.org/future-seminars.html>

Paris: July 15 thru July 18, 2012

Boston: August 4 thru August 9, 2013

Salt Lake City: 2014

Jerusalem: 2015

Michael Goldstein, president of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, has announced that the 35th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy will be held in Jerusalem in 2015. Israel is one of the better venues for the annual conference because of its incredible resources for Jewish genealogical research. Previous IAJGS conferences were held in Israel in 1984, 1994 and 2004.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay Emerging Technologies

To Improve Your Genealogical Research

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay will meet at Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, Florida on Sunday May 20, 2011 at 2:00 PM with a presentation by Debbe Hagner, Accredited Genealogist, on using emerging technologies to improve your genealogical research. Ms Hagner recently attended the annual Rootstech Conference in Salt Lake City where emerging technologies for genealogists were featured. She will discuss the following technologies in her talk:

- DropBox: bring all your photos, docs, and videos anywhere, and share them easily
- Evernote: helps you remember, organize and share everything
- Onenote: take freeform notes for multi-user collaboration
- 1000memories: organize, share and discover the old photos of your family
- Billion Graves: capture photos of headstones with locations & share with others
- Mocavo: World's Largest Free Genealogy Search Engine
- Google +: makes sharing online more like sharing in real life.
- Hangout: Google voice and video plugin that lets friends know you're free for a video hangout
- Dragon Natural Speaking: Speech recognition software
- Twitter vs. FaceBook: Which is more valuable?
- Flip-pal: mobile scanner
- Webinars: web based seminars

Debbe Hagner is a full-time professional genealogist who is accredited through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) in Salt Lake City. She is one of the few fully credentialed professional genealogists in the Tampa Bay Area. Ms Hagner has been doing genealogical research on her own family for over 30 years, and she has a Certificate in Family History Research & North American Research from Brigham Young University.

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay's library and research resources are available to all meeting attendees and can be loaned out to members. Anyone interested in learning how to do Jewish genealogy research is invited to participate. Beginners as well as experienced researchers are welcome.

The pre-program social with refreshments and library access begins at 1:30 PM, and the featured program starts at 2:00 PM. For information about the organization or directions to the meeting, call Sally Israel at 727-343-1652.

History of the *Forward*

The Congregation for Humanistic Judaism presents Sam Norwich, the publisher of the *Forward*, to speak on Saturday January 5, 2013, at the Unity Church, on Proctor just west of Beneva, at 10:30 AM. about the *Forward*, its readership and history.

Florida History Society Annual Conference

The Florida History Society annual 3-day conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Tampa from May 24- 26. They will be presenting well-known Florida speakers. There will be tours of the Tampa Bay History Center, Henry B. Plant Museum, Hyde Park, Davis Island, and Ybor City. There will be banquets and other social gatherings. <http://myfloridahistory.org/>

Wonderful World of Websites

http://www.yadvashem.org/wps/portal/IY_HON_Welcome
Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names

<http://www1.yadvashem.org/yv/en/remembrance/names/pdf/magazine65.pdf>

Improved Yad Vashem Central Database

<http://archives.jdc.org/>

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee Archives
(The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee provides digital access to its archival materials.)

<http://stevemorse.org/census/tracts.html>

Obtaining Census Tract for 1940 Census

<http://www.genealogywise.com/group/tracingthetribe>

Tracing the Tribe for Jewish Genealogy

<http://americanjewisharchives.org/genealogy/>

American Jewish Archives

<http://americanjewisharchives.org/pdfs/tracingYourJewishRoots.pdf>

Tracing Your Jewish Roots

<http://www.archives.com/genealogy/family-heritage-jewish.html>

Tracing Your Jewish Roots

<http://www.aarp.org/relationships/genealogy/info-07-2011/research-jewish-ancestors.html>

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WANTED!

Vintage photographs and stories of Jewish Sarasota-Manatee!

Do you have archives of old photographs or vintage postcards? Are you knowledgeable about your local history? Would you like to help preserve your community's fascinating history?

Local resident Kimberly Sheintal is currently compiling a photographic history of Jewish Sarasota-Manatee and is looking for your help! She is assembling historic images of Jewish Sarasota-Manatee and the stories that go with them to include in an upcoming book to be published by Arcadia Publishing, the nation's leading publisher of local and regional history. To share your photographs and stories, please contact Kimberly Sheintal at 941-921-1433 or klapshein@aol.com by June 1, 2012.
Help keep local history alive!



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JGS of SW FL Meetings

Sunday, November 18, 2012
 Sunday, December 16, 2012
 Sunday, January 20, 2013
 Sunday, February 17, 2013
 Sunday, March 17, 2013
 Sunday, April 21, 2013
 Sunday, May 19, 2013

Regional and Special Interest Groups

JewishGen hosts web pages for several "Special Interest Groups" (SIGs), whose interest is a geographic region of origin, or special topic. <http://www.jewishgen.org/jewishgen/sigs.htm>

Austria-Czech SIG
 Belarus SIG
 Bessarabia SIG
 Bialystok Region Group
 Courland SIG
 Danzig/Gdansk SIG
 Early American SIG
 French SIG
 Gesher Galicia
 German-Jewish SIG
 Hungary SIG
 Latvia SIG
 LitvakSIG
 Łódz Area Research Group
 Jewish Records Indexing - Poland (JRI-Poland)
 Romania SIG
 Scandinavia SIG
 Sephardic SIG
 Southern Africa SIG
 Sub-Carpathia Research Group
 Suwalk-Lomza SIG
 Ukraine SIG
 United Kingdom - Jewish Communities and Records
 Warszawa Research Group

Ancestry.com and Jewish Historical Records

Ancestry.com has partnered with JewishGen, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), the American Jewish Historical Society, and The Miriam Weiner Routes to Roots Foundation, Inc. to create the world's largest online collection of Jewish historical records. Planning to use Ancestry.com? Start by using the "Ancestry Search Box" on the JewishGen homepage. By doing this, any eventual subscription to Ancestry.com will result in JewishGen receiving a commission. It's an easy way to help JewishGen!

The Jewish Genealogical Society, Inc.

The Jewish Genealogical Society, Inc. (JGS) was founded in New York in 1977. It's the first of over 80 Jewish Genealogical Societies worldwide This JGS has more than 1,000 members.

Fourteen Databases for Israel Research

The Israel Genealogy Research Association announced that there are now fourteen databases available on its website to those researching their roots in Palestine and Israel. In order to access these databases, register on the IGRA website at <http://genealogy.org.il>.