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President's Shpiel by Kim Sheintal

August 25, 2011 (9:26 am): Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee received the following e-mail from an acquisition editor at Arcadia Publishing. "As the Jewish community of Sarasota is rich with history, we're currently looking for a local historian or group there to possibly work on the photographic history with us. I'd love to see if this is something that you/your group may be interested in working on with us."

August 25, 2011 (10:40 am): I received the following e-mail from the Federation. "Is this something you would be interested in? It seems like it's right up your alley. If you are, I'll be happy to send her your contact info."

August 29, 2011: I received the following e-mail from Arcadia Publishing. "Thank you for calling today. It was a pleasure speaking with you regarding possibly working on a Jewish pictorial history of Sarasota book. I have mailed a packet of information to you with a sample Jewish history book."

October 10, 2011: I submitted my proposal with 20 sample photos with captions to Arcadia Publishing.

October 20, 2011: I received the following e-mail from Arcadia Publishing. "I am pleased to inform you that your proposal, *Jews of Sarasota-Manatee*, has been approved. We are delighted that we can anticipate adding your book to Arcadia's list of titles in our Images of America series, and we look forward to working with you in the coming months."

August 13, 2012: I sent this e-mail to Arcadia Publishing. "Attached is the copy and layout for my book *Jews of Sarasota-Manatee*."

January 10, 2013: I received this e-mail from the Jewish Federation. "I received a copy of your book today. It looks great! Mazel Tov!"

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MEETING

Sunday, March 17, 2013 (1:00 PM)

Koernick House

1951 N. Honore Ave., Sarasota

Program: Robin Seidenberg

Mining for Gold: Online Historical Newspapers

For details, Kim Sheintal 941-302-1433, klapshein@aol.com

JGS of SW FL Upcoming Programs At Koernick House in Sarasota

Mining for Gold: Online Historical Newspapers with Robin Seidenberg

JGS of SW FL on Sunday, March 17, 2013 @ 1:00 PM

Robin Seidenberg will present Mining for Gold: Online Historical Newspapers. While researching a family scandal involving her great aunt, the "Kissing Blonde," Robin realized that historical newspapers were a fantastic resource. She discovered that another great aunt had had a career on Broadway and in Hollywood. Robin ultimately uncovered a sensational story that made headlines across the entire nation. Using this shocking story and other examples, Robin will teach you how to unlock your family secrets using online historical newspapers.

Writing Memoirs

with Helga Harris, *Nothing is Forever* author

JGS of SW FL on Sunday, April 21, 2013 @ 1:00 PM

Helga Harris will read excerpts from her new book, *Nothing Is Forever*, a collection of short memoir stories. When finished, she will do a Q and A. She will be happy to answer questions about stories in her book as well as how she went about the process of writing the book. Her book will be for sale for cash or checks at the meeting.

Show and Tell with JGS members

JGS of SW FL on Sunday, May 19, 2013 @ 1:00 PM

Learn from others as we share our personal Jewish genealogical research experiences. Members, please bring your books, charts, albums, etc.

JGS of Tampa Bay Upcoming Programs Guide to Immigration Research:

Finding Your Grandma's Immigration Record

A Two-Part Jewish Genealogy Seminar at Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Blvd., in Clearwater, Florida.

Part 1: Sunday, February 10, 2013 @ 2:00 PM

Part 2: Sunday, March 10, 2013 @ 2:00 PM

For more information: jgstampabay@gmail.com

Wonderful World of Websites

<http://www.iajgs2013.org/>
IAJGS Conference in Boston

http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2012/12/us-holocaust-memorial-museums-remember-me-project.html
Holocaust Remember Me Project

<http://www.jahm.us/statestories.aspx>
50 stories from 50 States about unknown famous Jews in history from each state

<http://familyhistorydaily.com/about/>
Family History Daily Newsletter

<http://mashable.com/2012/12/13/craig-kanalley-dna-ireland/>
DNA test uncovers family for someone

<http://www.worldcat.org/>
1.5 billion items available here through a library

<http://www.higginsonbooks.com>
resources include reprints of over 4000 Local Histories, 8000 Genealogies, 6000 maps and more than 700 Civil War Regimentals

<http://www.jgsny.org/>
Jewish Genealogical Society of New York was founded in New York in 1977, becoming the first of over 80 societies worldwide

<http://www.avotaynu.com/books/GettingStarted.htm>
Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy by Gary Mokotoff
To order, call 800-286-8296

JewishGen History

More than twenty-five years ago, a group of people formed JewishGen with the belief that anyone in the world should be able to research their Jewish family history.

1987: JewishGen's first bulletin board was created. Today, there are more than 10,000 daily participants in their Discussion Groups.

1994: The Yizkor Book project began. Today, more than 600 books are partially or completely translated.

1996: The Family Finder (JGFF) went online. Today, it has been responsible for thousands of family connections.

1999: The first "all country" database launched. Today, they have more than 21 million records online.

200: The Holocaust Database was launched. Today, there are more than 2 million entries.

2003: The Burial Registry (JOWBR) was launched.

Welcome New JGS of SW FL Member
Susan Herring

JewishGen Success Stories

We invite you to read the four inspiring stories in the latest issue of JewishGen Success! Stories; you can access these stories from the "About Us" button on the JewishGen home page (www.JewishGen.org) or by following this link: <http://JewishGen.org/JewishGen/Testimonials/>.

In this webzine issue:

*Andrew Lenard searches for Rozsi, his musical partner during his teen years, who had been transported to Auschwitz from their home town in Hungary...

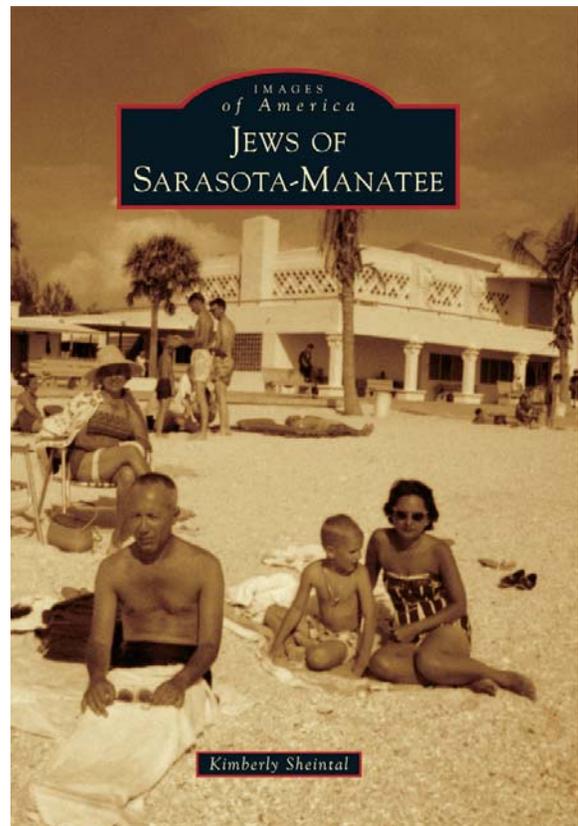
*Ruth Marcus looks for descendants of the former residents of Lunna-Wola to invite them to a town reunion and finds her own third cousins...

*Marla Raucher Osborn locates and contacts her estranged grandfather when she was only fourteen. Years later she researches the history of his family in Przemysl...

*Edwin Parks was writing a book on British military involvement in the Middle East when he came across some medals of Jacob Aptekman, who served in the Royal Fusiliers in World War I, resulting in a fascinating story of a "Warrior of Zion".

This issue was prepared by JewishGen volunteers: Nancy Siegel, Editor, and Anna Blanchard, Webmaster. We are sure you will be moved by these stories and we encourage you to submit your success stories to success@lyris.JewishGen.org.

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Google Cultural Institute

Google has blogs that may be of interest to the genealogical world specifically Google Cultural Institute. There are 42 stories, several that caught my attention include: *They Were Children: Deportation and Rescue of Jewish Children in Paris 1940-1945*; *19 Kilometers From Auschwitz: The Story of Trzebinia*; *The Fate of the Children of Marais*, *Grandchildren of the Righteous: Ambassadors of Memory*, and more that are not specific to the holocaust or to Jewish-specific-issues. To view the stories go to: <http://tinyurl.com/9aans5x>. Original url: <http://www.google.com/culturalinstitute/#!home:page=1>

Thank you to the National Genealogy Society Upfront with NGS to alerting us to this find.

Jan Meisels Allen, IAJGS Vice President and Chairperson,
IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee

Jewish American Heritage Month

Jewish American Heritage Month JAHM recognition was started by President George W. Bush in 2006 as a result of the Jewish Museum of Florida and South Florida Jewish Community leaders resulting in congressional leaders urging then-President Bush to recognize the more than 350-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture. The recognition of Jewish American Month has been continued by President Barack Obama. Jewish American Heritage Month had its origins in 1980 when Congress passed Pub. L. 96-237, which authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation designating a week in April or May as Jewish Heritage Week. President Carter issued this first proclamation, Presidential Proclamation 4752, in April 1980.

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Online Guide to the YIVO Archives

The YIVO Institute announced the launching of its new website, the Online Guide to the YIVO Archives at yivoarchives.org. The new site expands and upgrades the original Guide to the YIVO Archives, published in 1998 by offering information on several hundred additional YIVO collections, as well as detailed finding aids to selected collections. The new website provides information to YIVO's archive of about 23,000,000 documents, manuscripts, photographs, films, sound recordings, and art works and artifacts. The YIVO Archives holds materials about Jewish life around the world, with special focus on Jewish life in Eastern Europe, Yiddish language, literature and culture, the Holocaust and its aftermath and Jewish life in the United States with emphasis on the period of migration. YIVO will continue to update with newly cataloged and newly acquired collections. This was accomplished due to grant from the Kronhill Pletka Foundation. Second grant from them will enable YIVO to carry out Phase II by adding new databases and collections throughout 2013. Go to: <http://www.yivoarchives.org/> to access the archives and to read more about this project go to: http://www.yivoarchives.org/index.php?p=pages/about_guide.

Thank you to Saul Issroff for alerting us to this new website for the YIVO Archives.

Jan Meisels Allen, IAJGS Vice President and Chairperson,
IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee

IAJGS Conference in Boston this August



Registration is now open for the 33rd IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy to be held in historic Boston on August 4-9.

The conference is the leading genealogy event of the year for people researching their family history. Experts will give 200 lectures, hands-on workshops and programs during the conference.

Over 1000 researchers ranging from beginners to professional genealogists from all over the United States and around the world are expected to attend the conference in Boston. The early registration discount will end on April 30. For more information or to register, visit www.iajgs2013.org.

Attendees will have a special rate at the centrally located Boston Park Plaza Hotel (hotelinfo.iajgs2013.org).

The rate will be in effect from July 29 to August 14, so consider spending extra time doing research or enjoying Boston and its wonderful vacations areas nearby. Within a few hours' drive of Boston are Cape Cod, the Tanglewood Music Center in western Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Connecticut.

For people who have never attended an IAJGS Conference, see this video, *Passport to Your Past*, to learn about the experience: video.iajgs2013.org.

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) and the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston (JGSGB) are co-hosts of the conference. Co-chairs are Marlis Humphrey representing IAJGS and Jay Sage and Heidi Urlich for JGSGB (chairs@iajgs2013.org).

Registration:

http://www.iajgs2013.org/register_conference.cfm

Conference Website:

<http://www.iajgs2013.org/>

Discussion Website:

http://www.iajgs2013.org/discussion_list.cfm

Yiddish Conference in Pittsburgh this April

The International Association of Yiddish Clubs (IAYC) will be celebrating its 15th conference, *A Feast of Yiddish Language and Culture*, at the beautiful DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton in Pittsburgh, PA, April 26-29, 2013.

Among the 40 speakers will be Prof. Ruth Wisse, Prof. Iosif Vaisman, Prof. Refoyl Finkel, Prof. Yoshiji Hirose, Dr. Barney Zumoff, Dr. Harry Bochner, and Dr. Itzik Gottesman. Among the three nights of packed entertainment will be Yale Strom, Elizabeth Schwartz, Binyumen Schaechter with the Schaechter Tekhter, Leo Melamed, and each evening after 11pm there will be *Yiddish in Slippers: A Dream Sequence*.

To learn about all of the above and the re-creation of The Ger Mandolin Orchestra and the personal appearance of Avner Yonai, go to www.derbay.org/pittsburgh/.

Steeltown, USA has been voted one of the three most improved cities in America. It is at the confluence of three rivers.

Steven Lasky, steve@museumoffamilyhistory.com

“Digging Deeper: Researching Our Ancestors With Technology” in Chicago this June

Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois

Save this date: Sunday, June 9, 2013

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois will hold a daylong Jewish genealogy conference, “Digging Deeper: Researching Our Ancestors With Technology,” on Sunday, June 9, 2013, at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie, Illinois.

The featured speakers will be Warren Blatt, managing director of JewishGen, the major Jewish genealogy website; and Duff Wilson, senior product manager of Family Tree Maker, the genealogy database software. Warren Blatt will deliver a keynote address on advanced searching with JewishGen and will also conduct sessions on Jewish given names and Jewish surnames.

Duff Wilson will lead two instructive Family Tree Maker sessions, one for beginners and one for advanced users of the family tree software.

A unique aspect of this conference will be a free mini-conference for youths from sixth grade through high school. Two consecutive programs introducing Jewish genealogy with beginning methodology will be held from 1:25 to 3:40 p.m. Robin Seidenberg and Harriet Rudnit, experienced genealogists and JGSI board members, will be the mini-conference speakers.

“Digging Deeper: Researching Our Ancestors With Technology” will include presentations on DNA, translating Polish records, the Pale of Settlement, familysearch.org, naturalization and cemetery records, and much more.

Conference attendees will register beginning at 8:15 a.m. at Temple Beth Israel, and the conference will be held from 9:15 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Early registration fees are \$50 for JGSI members and \$65 for non-members paid by May 15. After May 15, the fees are \$60 for JGSI members and \$75 for non-members. Members of any IAJGS-affiliated society can attend the conference at the member rate.

For youths who plan to attend just the mini-conference, it's free; but if they want to attend all day, it's \$25 for early registration and \$35 for late registration.

Attendees from out of town are invited to stay at the Hampton Inn & Suites Chicago-North Shore/Skokie at the special conference rate of \$119/night, which includes a complimentary hot and cold breakfast buffet, free Wi-Fi, and a free shuttle service within three miles of the hotel. Temple Beth Israel, the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, and Westfield Old Orchard mall are within this radius. Rooms may be reserved at the Hampton Inn at <http://bit.ly/14zseDW>. The special room rate will be available until May 9.

About JGSI: The Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois is dedicated to helping members collect, preserve and perpetuate the records and history of their ancestors. JGSI also serves as a resource for the worldwide community to research their Chicago-area Jewish roots by maintaining a free website that includes useful family history databases, including an online searchable death index.

The organization holds monthly meetings, usually at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. Most meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. Prior to each meeting, the JGSI meeting facilities at Temple Beth Israel open at 12:30 p.m. to accommodate members/guests who want

to use JGSI's genealogy library materials, get help with genealogy research or ask genealogical questions of member experts before the main program begins.

JGSI, which has more than 240 members, is affiliated with the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies. JGSI previously held a daylong conference in 2010.

For more information about JGSI, visit <http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsi> or phone 312-666-0100. JGSI's postal mailing address is: JGSI, P.O. Box 515, Northbrook, IL 60065.

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Sarasota and Manatee Genealogical Societies

Lakewood Ranch Genealogical Society

Mon., March 4, 2013 (7:00 pm) at Lakewood Ranch Town Hall
Program: Members Helping Members
Contact: Nancy Johnson (choco8448@gmail.com)

Manatee Genealogical Society

Tues., March 5, 2013 (9:30 am) at Manatee County Library in downtown Bradenton
Program: Bryan Mulcahy - Land Records & Tax Records
Contact: President is Jim Reger (babeandjim@gmail.com).

Genealogical Society of Sarasota

Sat., March 9, 2013 (10:00 am/social time, 10:30 am/ meeting) at Selby Library in downtown Sarasota
Program: Jody Riddick - Are You Ready to Climb the New Family Tree?
Contact: President is Ed Gaulin (gss.fl.usa@gmail.com).

Englewood Genealogical Society

Wednesday, March 27, 2013 (1:30 pm) at Elsie Quirk Library in Englewood
Program: Matt Felber - Google Maps - Tracing Your Ancestors
Contact: President is Sue Davis (suedavis101@comcast.net).

Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida 2013 Membership Application

2013 Single Membership: \$25/year
2013 Family Membership: \$30/year

Mail Check (payable to JGS of SW FL) with this form to:
Liz Klaber
4461 Violet Avenue
Sarasota, Florida 34233

Name _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____