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President's Shpiel

by Kim Sheintal

There seems to be a little bit of truth in all of the family stories that you hear, and as genealogists, we have the task of sorting out the story from the story telling. In 2011, I did research to determine when the first Jewish person settled in Sarasota-Manatee. From talking to several people and reading several books, I discovered that to be 1913 until I met someone at a library in Bradenton who told me about a Jewish lady who lived in Palmetto prior to that. My mission now is to learn more about this early Jewish settler in Palmetto. She was married to a Catholic man and they owned a candy business. They married in Boston, moved to Chicago and eventually settled in Palmetto. In 1922, she was swimming and got in trouble and her husband went to help, they both drowned in the river. I have already heard from two people who know about this lady, but I am still trying to verify the information. Genealogy is so much fun in that you try to figure out ways to find the truth in the stories that you hear.

Welcome New Members

Marc Antis
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Lee and Carol Kichen
Linda Feins

Jewish Genealogical Society of SW FL Library

Thank you to Mike Schwartz for donating *Hey, America, Your Roots are Showing* (by Megan Smolenyak) to the JGS of SW FL library.

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MEETING

Sunday, March 16, 2014 (1:00 PM)

Kobernick House

1951 N. Honore Ave., Sarasota

Program: "From Madrid to Marrakesh"

by Sabrina Silverberg

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JGS of SW FL Calendar

Kobernick House

1951 N. Honore Ave., Sarasota

- Sunday, March 16, 2014 @ 1:00 PM – From Madrid to Marrakesh by Sabrina Silverberg

Sabrina Silverberg will explain the unique history, customs, and ceremonies of Sephardic and Levantine Jews. Silverberg will explore the exotic sounds, tastes, and sights of Sephardic and Levantine Jewry. Learn about the Jews of Spain and the Middle East. Enjoy hearing about Sephardic delicacies. The lecture will cover some of the more obscure topics such as mysticism, taboos, and superstitions.

- Sunday, April 20, 2014 @ 1:00 PM - Show and Tell
- Sunday, May 18, 2014 @ 1:00 PM - Come Out, Come Out, Wherever You Are! Hide and Seek on the Internet by Donna Moughty

Wonderful World of Websites

<http://www.businessinsider.com/origins-of-popular-jewish-surnames-2014-1>

Jewish last name origins

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/finding-your-roots/>

Television Series: Finding Your Roots

http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2014/01/jewish-history-in-jamaica.html

Jews of Jamaica

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

Researching Sephardic Jews

<http://jewishgen.blogspot.com/>

JewishGen Blog

Finding Vintage Family Photographs

Sarasota-Manatee Archived Photos

Manatee County Public Library Digital Collection

<http://cdm16681.contentdm.oclc.org/>

Type surname in the search box; click search.

Sarasota County History Center

<https://www.scgov.net/Archives/Pages/Photography.aspx>

Click on digital images. Type surname in the search box; click search.

Jewish Museum of Florida

301 Washington Ave., Miami Beach, FL 33139, (786) 972-3167

Visit the museum and view the Sarasota-Manatee archived photos from the Mosaic Collection. Photos can be put on a CD for a fee.

John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art

<http://www.ringling.org/Resources2.aspx?id=418>

Click browse circus photographs. Type surname in quick search box.

Sarasota History Alive (online newspaper)

<http://www.sarasotahistoryalive.com>

Type surname in search box; click search.

Sarasota-Manatee Facebook Photos

We Grew Up in Sarasota in the '70s and '80s

https://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_128328597205376

<http://sarasotamagazine.com/hot-and-happening/2011/06/01/the-social-network-sarasota-style/>

Sarasota-Manatee Historical Societies

Historical Society of Sarasota County

<http://hsosc.wordpress.com/>

<http://hsosc.wordpress.com/be-a-part-of-history/newsletters/>

Historical Society of Manatee County

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

<http://www.manateecountyhistoricalsociety.com/category/history/historical-photos/>

Longboat Key Historical Society

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

<http://www.longboatkeyhistory.com/-digital-archives-about-longboat-key.html>

Venice Area Historical Society

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

Sarasota-Manatee Periodicals

Newspapers: <http://www.youobserver.com/>,

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/>, <http://www.bradenton.com/>,

<http://www.newspapersites.net/newspaper/venice-gondolier.asp>,

<http://www.jfedsrq.org/jewishnews.aspx>

Magazines: <http://sarasotamagazine.com/>,

<http://www.srqmagazine.com/>, <http://www.scenesarasota.com/>,

<http://www.sarasotamommy.com/>,

<http://submit.nasrq.com/SARA/Contact-Us/>,

<http://www.jfedsrq.org/connections.aspx>

Where to Find Photos

Archived Photos (possibly online)

- Historical Societies
- History Centers
- State Archives
- Libraries
- Synagogues
- Schools
- Businesses
- Retirement Homes
- Organizations (religious, occupational, social, genealogical societies)
- Antique Shops
- Family Groups (family reunions, family circles, family associations, family newsletters, etc.)
- Alumni Groups (work related, school related, etc.)
- Museums (list of Jewish Museums:
<http://www.science.co.il/Jewish-Museums.asp>)

[http://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog?f\[record_type_facet\]\[\]=Photograph](http://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog?f[record_type_facet][]=Photograph) (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum; type surname in search box)

<http://www.thebreman.org/research-n-collections/collections/main.php?module=objects> (The Breman Jewish Heritage and Holocaust Museum; type surname in search box)

<http://jmm.pastperfect-online.com/00005cgi/mweb.exe?request=ks> (Jewish Museum of Maryland; type surname in search box)

<http://collections.yadvashem.org/photosarchive/en-us> (Yad Vashem photo archives; type surname in search box)

Published Photos (possibly online)

- Books
- Newspapers
- Newsletters
- Magazines
- Yearbooks (example:
<http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsli/wordpress/yearbook-project/>) (example for other links:
<http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsli/wordpress/yearbook-links/>) (<http://www.mocavo.com/yearbooks>)
- Postcards

Internet Social Networking

- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/>
- Twitter <https://twitter.com/>
- LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/> (professional network)
- Geni <http://www.geni.com/> (genealogy and social networking website)

Genealogy Blogs (below are some of the best 40 genealogy blogs selected by Family Tree Magazine)

- Brooklyn Historical Society Blog
<http://brooklynhistory.org/blog/> (some entries have photos)
- Climbing My Family Tree
<http://www.climbingmyfamilytree.com/>
- Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter
<http://blog.eogn.com/>

Internet Search Engines (find photos and/or locate people)

- Google Images <http://images.google.com> (search for a specific surname)

- Google <https://www.google.com/> (web search engine whereby you type in a surname or be more specific by typing in first & last name; then click on images; then click on photo and often the name of person in photo will appear; no charge)
- Mocavo <https://www.mocavo.com/> (genealogy search engine whereby you type in a surname or be more specific by typing in first & last name; then click search; no charge)
- Radaris <http://radaris.com/> (powerful free people search engine used for finding people - college friends, distant relatives, coworkers, or others with whom you have lost touch or wish to reconnect with from your past; gives ages, names, addresses, and phone numbers; no charge)
- Surname Navigator <http://www.surnamenavigator.org/> (international search multiple databases with one entry; there may be charge for some of the databases)
- Genealogy In Time http://www.genealogyintime.com/GenealogyResources/Tools/free_genealogy_search_engine.html (type in surname in the search box; you can find obituaries with photos, yearbooks with photos, etc.)

Digital Photo Collections (A large number of online photos are hidden away from search engines.)

<http://www.netplaces.com/online-genealogy/dig-deeper/photos-and-postcards.htm>

- Prints and Photographs collection of American Memory (Library of Congress) <http://memory.loc.gov>
- Francis Frith Collection (Great Britain photos) www.francisfrith.com
- Ancestry.com (public Member Photos) www.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1093
- About.com Genealogy (Historical Photo Collections) http://genealogy.about.com/od/historic_photos/tp/photo-collections.htm

Homes (Your Home, Homes of Your Relatives, Homes of Your Neighbors, Homes of Your Friends, Homes of Your Relatives' Neighbors, Homes of Your Relatives' Friends)

Photo Archive Websites

(Search by surname. Photos are often identified as to who is in photograph. Contact the person that posted the photograph.)

- Jewish Gen View Mate <http://www.jewishgen.org/viewmate/> (click archived images; you must be registered and logged in to respond to images, but no charge to register) (no charge, but donations appreciated)
- Ancient Faces <http://www.ancientfaces.com/> (click browse photos and select topic; you can contact submitter, but you must register)
- My Heritage Old Family Photographs <http://www.myheritage.com/page/old-family-photos> (type in first and/or surname in search box and you will often find photos of your family but for more information you must pay)
- Family Old Photos.Com <http://www3.familyoldphotos.com/> (click browse by surname) (no charge)
- Dead Fred Genealogy Photo Archive <http://deadfred.com/> (no charge, donations appreciated)

Sharing Digital Photos Online

- Photo Bucket <http://www.photobucket.com>
- SlickPic <http://www.slickpic.com/>
- Flickr <http://www.flickr.com>
- Webshots <http://www.webshots.com/>
- dotPhoto <http://www.dotphoto.com/>
- Fotki <http://www.fotki.com/us/en/>
- Smug Mug <http://www.smugmug.com>
- Picture Trail <http://www.picturetrail.com/>
- PBase <http://www.pbase.com/>
- 23 <http://www.23hq.com/>
- Picasa <http://picasa.google.com/>
- Snapfish <http://www.snapfish.com>
- Shutterfly <http://www.shutterfly.com>

Photo Lost & Found

- <http://www.cyndislist.com/photos/lost-and-found/> (91 links to lost & found photos)

Photos for Particular Cities and States in US

- Florida Memory Photographic Collection <http://www.floridamemory.com/photographiccollection/> (type in a name in the search category and photos with that name will appear at no charge)
- Cleveland Memory Project <http://www.clevelandmemory.org/> (type in a name in the search category and photos with that name will appear at no charge)
- Tennessee State Library and Archives <http://tnsos.org/tsla/imagesearch/> (type in a name in the search category and photos with that name will appear at no charge)
- Arizona Memory Project <http://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/cdm/landingpage/collect-ion/histphotos> (type in a name in the search category and photos with that name will appear at no charge)
- Georgia State University Photographic Collection <http://library.gsu.edu/151.html> (type in a name in the search category and photos with that name will appear at no charge)

Surname Finder Website

<http://www.surnamefinder.com/> (below are examples of links available on this website to help you find photos)

- type in surname in search surname box; scroll down to "Best Tree Collections for Discovering _____ Ancestors" - the blank line will be the surname you are searching; click on "search results from Geni" and you will see photos
- type in surname in search surname box; scroll down to "photo collections"

Find Family Online

- JewishGen Family Finder <http://www.jewishgen.org/jgff/> (Get connected with members who also have the same ancestors as you. You can contact them to share research and photos. No charge.)
- Roots Web <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/> (Get connected with members on Rootsweb who also have the same ancestors as you. You can contact them to share research and photos. No charge.)
- Ancestry <http://community.ancestry.com/> (Collaborate with Ancestry.com members. Fee.)

Jewish Genealogy Websites

(recommended by Kim Sheintal)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/> JewishGen is committed to ensuring Jewish continuity for present generations and the generations yet to come. Their free, easy to use website features thousands of databases, research tools and other resources to help those with Jewish ancestry research and find family members.

<http://www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/faq.html#JEWISHGEN> The JewishGen Discussion Group is a computer-based forum devoted to Jewish genealogy. Users can request help with genealogical problems, post information about new sources for research, and network with other Jewish genealogists globally.

<http://www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/faq.html#Starting> the JewishGen *Frequently Asked Questions* (FAQ), attempts to answer some of the basic questions about Jewish genealogy.

<http://www.jewishgen.org/jgff/> JewishGen Family Finder (JGFF) is a database of ancestral towns and surnames currently being researched by Jewish genealogists worldwide.

<http://www.jewishgen.org/viewmate/> JewishGen ViewMate allows JewishGen participants to post photographs online and request help in identifying information.

<http://www.jewishgen.org/gedcom/> The Family Tree of the Jewish People (FTJP) is a project to centralize the collection of Jewish family trees.

<http://www.iajgs.org/index.phpJewishGen> The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) is an umbrella organization coordinating the activities and annual conference of more than 70 national and local Jewish genealogical societies around the world.

<http://www.avotaynu.com/> Avotaynu, Inc. is the leading publisher of products of interest to persons who are researching Jewish genealogy, Jewish family trees or Jewish roots. Buy online or call 201-387-7200.

<http://db.yadvashem.org/names/search.html?language=en> Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names

http://www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/downloads/pages_of_testimony.asp Submitting Pages of Testimony

<http://www.jgsswf.org/> Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida is the local chapter of the IAJGS.

Jewish Genealogy Book for Beginners

(recommended by Kim Sheintal)

Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy by Gary Mokotoff

<http://www.avotaynu.com/books/GettingStarted.htm>

1-800-AVOTAYNU (286-8296)

2014 FSGS Annual Conference

The three-day conference will be held at the Hilton University of Florida Conference Center in Gainesville, Florida on 28 - 30 March 2014. Reserve your room now! Be sure to log in BEFORE you register on line! If you have not renewed for 2014, please do so before registering!

2014 IAJGS Annual Conference

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies presents the 34th International Conference on Jewish Genealogy from July 27 thru August 1, 2014 in Salt Lake City. The conference will be held at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center, 255 W Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84101.

Lakewood Ranch Genealogy Club presents

Publishing Your Genealogy

On Monday, March 3 at 7:00 PM at the Lakewood Ranch Town Hall, a panel of Lakewood Ranch Genealogy Club members will discuss ways to publish your genealogy. Publishing can take many forms, from a formal register genealogy to a scrapbook, a webpage or a calendar. Each of the panel members will talk about their experiences with publishing and provide an opportunity for members to ask questions or discuss the various methods.

Genealogical Society of Sarasota presents

Getting the Most out of Ancestry.Com

On Saturday, March 8 at (10:00 AM coffee) 10:30 AM program at Selby Public Library, Crista Cowan will show you how to quickly access key record collections to assist with your family history research. She'll also share some of her favorite search tips and site tricks.

Manatee Genealogical Society

Immigration to North America & Naturalization

On Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 9:30 AM at Manatee County Central Library, Bryan Mulcahy, Reference Librarian from the Fort Myers-Lee County Library, will present Immigration to North America & Naturalization.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida 2014 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
Sarasota, Florida 34233

Name _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____