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### **President's Shpiel** by Kim Sheintal

Genealogy breakthroughs are most often achieved by many hours of research and dedication, but sometimes an element of luck will help solve the mystery. At the Lakewood Ranch Genealogical Club on Monday, November 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Lakewood Ranch Town Hall, "Genealogical Surprise Discoveries" will be featured. I will be leading this discussion. I do not want to tell you more, because I want you to be surprised.

If you would like to share your genealogy tidbits at the annual Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida "Genealogy Show and Tell" meeting on Sunday, November 18, 2018, please e-mail me at [klapshein@aol.com](mailto:klapshein@aol.com). Your name and topic will be added to the agenda.

### **Jewish American Newspapers**

The Ancestor Hunt has published an updated version of its online Jewish American Newspapers. Most are free and some require a subscription or a login from a university library. Some are indexed but not all. The ones that recently added links are in bold. Not all are in English, many are in Hebrew or Yiddish. A number of the newspapers are from the National Library of Israel, Tel-Aviv University.

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/historic-jewish-american-newspapers-online>

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### **General Data Protection Regulation**

GDPR is a European Union regulation that governs consumers' private information. It came into full force in May 2018, and it could have a big effect on how businesses all over the globe handle privacy.

**Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida**

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### **JGS of SW FL MEETING**

**Sunday, November 18, 2018 (1:00 PM)**

Aviva - A Campus for Senior Life

1951 N. Honore Ave., Sarasota

**Program: "Genealogy Show and Tell"**

by JGS of SW FL Members

For details, Kim Sheintal 941-302-1433, [klapshein@aol.com](mailto:klapshein@aol.com)

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### **JGS of Long Island's Latest Video**

The Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island, winner of the IAJGS 2015 Outstanding Publication Award for its You Tube Channel, is pleased to announce its latest video, "My Ancestors Came from Ivangorod...I Mean Deblin! (Dealing with Country, City, and Street Name Changes)". The purpose of this video is to remind genealogists that they should consider changes in the names of countries, states, counties, cities and streets when reading documents. Things change. And then they change some more. Even now we see changes in Crimea or new countries like South Sudan. As genealogists we need to consider that when we see a country, city or street name on a document, that information belongs to a point in time. Information as of a point that may have since changed. You can access all 38 of our short instructional videos directly from You Tube Channel at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUV8xttIn93AwJX2\\_I0AI](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUV8xttIn93AwJX2_I0AI) Ag/feed or from our website <http://jgsli.org/> If you have any comments or recommendations for other topics, please let Nolan Altman know at [past\\_pres@jgsli.org](mailto:past_pres@jgsli.org)

### **My Jewish Year: 18 Holidays** by Abigail Pogrebin

Many Jewish parents tell family stories to their children about their ancestors. Two of the most popular Jewish family stories are immigration to the United States and celebrating Jewish holidays with family. For most Jews, it is hard to celebrate a Jewish holiday without thinking about their parents or grandparents. On November 11, Abigail Pogrebin (author of *My Jewish Year: 18 Holidays, One Wondering Jew*) is coming to Michael's On East to speak about her book at a luncheon sponsored by ORT America and The Jewish Federation of Sarasota Manatee. For details, call Kim Sheintal, 941-302-1433.

### **Double Cousins**

Double cousins arise when two siblings of one family mate with two siblings of another family. The resulting children are related to each other through both of their parents and are thus doubly related. When tracing Jewish roots, you will often see cousins related in multiple ways. Read this article for more information about shared DNA amongst multiple cousins: <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/premium/shared-dna-cousins-multiple-ways/>

## Local Genealogical Groups

(Verify before attending in case the date or time has changed.)

### Lakewood Ranch Genealogical Club

meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM from November thru April at Lakewood Ranch Town Hall. Their leader is professional genealogist Donna Moughty. Contact is Nancy Johnson (choco8448@gmail.com, 941-752-9819).

### South Bay Genealogical Society

meets the third Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM for round table, 12:00 PM for lunch followed by 1:00 PM program, from September thru May, at United Methodist Church, 1210 Del Webb Blvd W, Sun City Center. Reservations for the lunch must be made in advance. Cost is \$15.00. For reservations, call Dotty Love 813-634-2749. Reservations for lunch must be received 12 days prior to meeting.

President is Bill Love.

Contact Information: southbaygs@gmail.com, PO Box 5202, Sun City Center FL 33571

Web site: <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~flsbgs/index.htm>

### Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay

meets the second Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM (social with light refreshments & library access), and 2:00 PM (featured program) from September thru June with some exceptions to accommodate speakers or holiday conflicts at Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater. Corky Stone will speak about Stumbling Stones of Europe on Nov. 11. Avraham Groll, the Director of JewishGen, will speak about JewishGen at a special meeting on Sun., Jan. 20, 2019.

President is Bruce Hadbarg (bhadbarg@tampabay.rr.com, 727-796-7981).

Web site: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fljgstb/index.htm>

### Manatee Genealogical Society

meets the first Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM from October thru May at Manatee County Public Library, 1301 Barcarota Blvd., Bradenton with the exception of March 16, 2019 when an all-day seminar will replace a meeting (featuring Thomas Jones, PhD) with location to be determined.

President is Karen Dwyer (president@mgsfl.org).

Web site: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flmgs>

**Roots Magic SIG:** meets the second Monday of the month (but not in the summer) at 2:00 PM at the Westminster Courtyard on Main Street (12th Street West), Bradenton. Phyllis Doucette (pdoucette05@gmail.com). E-mail Phyllis Doucette because location may vary.

### Genealogical Society of Sarasota

meets the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM (mingling), 10:30 AM (program) from October thru May at Selby Public Library, 1331 1st St., Sarasota.

President is Nancy Johnson (choco8448@gmail.com, 941-752-9819).

Web site: <http://gssfl.com/>

**Germanic SIG:** meets the second Wednesday of the month from October thru April, but no meeting in December. All meetings are 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. All meetings will be at Fruitville Public Library, 100 Coburn Rd., Sarasota. Karen Dwyer (karensdwyer@yahoo.com)

**United Kingdom SIG:** meets the fourth Friday of the month from January thru April. There is an October meeting and a combined November/December meeting. All meetings are 10:15 AM to 11:45 AM at Fruitville Public Library, 100 Coburn Road, Sarasota. Susan Well (swell01060@yahoo.com)

**Irish SIG:** There will be an Irish SIG on Saturday, November 24, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM at Fruitville Public Library, 100 Coburn Rd., Sarasota. The remainder of the meeting schedule is posted on the GSS website. Regina Negrycz (gss@gssfl.com)

**New England SIG:** meets the third Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM until 2:30 PM from October thru May (no meeting in February) at the Fruitville Public Library, 100 Coburn Rd., Sarasota. Chuck Ford (cford1620@verizon.net)

**Computer SIG:** Computer SIG: meets various dates and times at Fruitville Public Library in the Meeting Room, 100 Coburn Rd., Sarasota: (Thursday, October 18, 2018 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM) (Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM) (Wednesday, January 16, 2019 from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM) (Friday, February 15, 2019 from 2:15 PM to 4:30 PM) (Wednesday, March 20, 2019 from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM) (Tuesday, April 16, 2019 from 12:45 PM to 3:15 PM). Marilyn Wethington (marilyn@familyandtrees.com)

**DNA SIG:** The DNA SIG will be done virtually in conjunction with Collier and Lee County DNA SIGS based on knowledge levels. Dates have not been set yet.

Regina Negrycz (gss@gssfl.com)

**Polish SIG:** meets once a month from November through April. It meets at 10:15 AM at the Gulf Gate Public Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave, Sarasota. The meeting schedule is posted on the GSS website. Kenneth Majewski (cpalawyer@verizon.net)

### Englewood Genealogical Society

meets October thru May at Elsie Quirk Library, 100 Dearborn W. St., Englewood (Wednesday, October 24, 2018 from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM) (Wednesday, November 14, 2018 from 12:45 PM to 3:45 PM) (Wednesday, December 12, 2018 from 1:30 PM until 3:30 PM) (Wednesday, January 23, 2019 from 12:15 PM to 5:00 PM) (Wednesday, February 27, 2019 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM) (Wednesday, March 27, 2019 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM) (Wednesday, April 24, 2019 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM) (Wednesday, May 8, 2019 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

Contact is Sue Davis (suedavis101@comcast.net).

Website: <http://egsfl.org/>

**SIG Groups:** Beginning Genealogy, British Isles/Europe, Eastern Seaboard States, Family Tree Maker, DNA, RootsMagic, Midwest States, MAC/Reunion, and Scandinavian.

### Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida

meets the third Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM from November thru April at Aviva - A Campus for Senior Life, 1951 N. Honore Ave., Sarasota.

President is Kim Sheintal (klapshein@aol.com, 941-302-1433).

Web site: <http://www.jgsswf.org>

Sunday, November 18, 2018: Genealogy Show and Tell

Sunday, December 16, 2018: A Toolkit for Genealogical Research by Leah Cook

Sunday, January 20, 2019: Jewish Germany: An Enduring Presence from the Fourth to the Twenty-first Century by David Levinson

Sunday, February 17, 2019: "What I've Learned By Testing My DNA and How I Got There" Panel Discussion with Carole Lieberman, Kathleen Dubin, Felice Hedge, Jim Haberman, and Kim Sheintal

Sunday, March 17, 2019: Preserve Your Ancestor's Legacy - Write Their Life Story by Mike Karsen

Sunday, April 21, 2019: "Jewish Women of Valor" with singing and guitar by Rosalie Leon

## Wonderful World of Websites

<https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/decennial/2020/operations/planned-questions-2020-acs.pdf>  
Questions Planned for 2020 Census

[https://blog.myheritage.com/2018/03/new-improvements-in-the-one-to-many-chromosome-browser/?utm\\_campaign=Improvements%20in%20the%20One-to-Many%20Chromosome%20Browser&utm\\_source=email](https://blog.myheritage.com/2018/03/new-improvements-in-the-one-to-many-chromosome-browser/?utm_campaign=Improvements%20in%20the%20One-to-Many%20Chromosome%20Browser&utm_source=email)  
Improvements in the One-to-Many Chromosome Browser

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/news/20180402/dna-kit-connects-sarasota-teen-with-brother-she-never-knew>  
DNA Connection Happening in Sarasota

<http://zichronnote.sfbajgs.org/>  
JGS of San Francisco Bay Area online newsletters

<https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2018/05/the-coming-wave-of-murders-solved-by-genealogy/560750/>  
Murders Solved by Genealogy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKN7jHk1jn0>  
**Football DNA with MyHeritage DNA**  
Thank you to Daniel Horowitz, Genealogy Expert,  
for alerting MyHeritage subscribers to this video

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/college-and-university-historical-student-newspaper-links-in-the-us#.WyelByAh19M>  
US College and University Historical Student Newspapers

<http://findmyfamilymagazine.com/dna-triangulation-ongedmatch/>  
Triangulation

<https://blog.genealogybank.com/genealogy-tip-find-bar-mitzvah-notices-in-newspapers.html>  
Bar Mitzvah Notices in Newspapers

<http://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=24225>  
How to Attract Younger People into Genealogy

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/three-identical-strangers-the-disturbing-true-story-of-triplets-separated-at-birth>  
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/movies/2018/06/26/three-identical-strangers-true-story-triplets-separated-birth/727003002/>  
Three Identical Strangers

[https://www.ancestry.com/learn/facts?o\\_xid=76880&o\\_lid=76880&o\\_sch=Content+Marketing](https://www.ancestry.com/learn/facts?o_xid=76880&o_lid=76880&o_sch=Content+Marketing)  
Discover Meaning of Your Last Name

<http://www.iajgs.org/blog/legislation/>  
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## Israel's Beginnings in Stories Passed Down thru the Generations

Israel's Independence Day is celebrated on the fifth day of the month of Iyar, which is the Hebrew date of the formal establishment of the State of Israel. The original date was May 14, 1948. In 2018, Israel's Independence Day began at sundown on April 18. The following stories about Izchack Lebovitz, Abe Zeewy and Danny & Edna Baram were read at the JGS of SW FL "Israel Heritage Celebration" on April 15, 2018.

**Ben Baram's Grandparents: Danny and Edna Baram**  
*(Uzi Baram, father of Ben and son of Danny and Edna Baram is an anthropologist who teaches a wide range of archaeology and cultural anthropology courses as a New College professor. Ben Baram, age 13, interviewing his grandparents: Danny and Edna Baram, May 2017; edited for clarity by Uzi Baram.)*

Both of Ben's grandparents were born in Haifa, then the British Mandate of Palestine. In May 2017, he interviewed them on the events of May 1948, when Israel became a state.

The first question: What was your reaction when you learned that Israel would become a state?

"We were listening on the radio to the UN vote and all the countries voting yes or no. It started with Russia, the Soviet Union, saying yes and many other countries, all the Arab countries saying no; when we heard that the majority voted yes, we ran outside...and there where people dancing in the streets." ... "It was a feeling of unimaginable joy."

Both tell of their parent's involvement in the Israeli War for Independence:

For Danny, he, his brother and parents, lived on the edge of Haifa, near the Arab neighborhoods. Before the establishment of the state of Israel he reports they had a good relationship with them. Danny continued: Being that there was friction between Jews and Arabs, his mother, Shoshana, volunteered for the Haganah. He recounts: "She would smuggle weapons under her coat to Israeli soldiers." When she passed away she was buried in a special place in a Haifa cemetery for those who helped during the start of Israel."

For Edna, "My father was a volunteer as a fire fighter but also was part of an unofficial protection unit." His service to the new state consisted of protecting Haifa from the top of Mount Carmel. "They put him to guard the water tower [on Mt. Carmel] armed with a stick!"

Both tell of how they grew up in the late 1940s and early 1950s in Israel:

For Danny, "Being that Haifa as a port city, he joined the sea scouts and that's why when it came time to join the military, he joined the navy." He says: "I served on a PT boat."

For Edna, "At 13 we went every summer to a kibbutz, to clear the land so they could grow crops....and that's what we did until we joined the army at 18." For her Israel Defense Forces services "I went to the army and served for almost two years as an instructor at a women's boot camp." After that service, "I came to the navy and that was interesting. They put me in the captain's seat and I was charge of suggesting Hebrew names of everyone on the ship. I tried to translate directly but sometimes I suggested names of people I knew."

### **Abe Zeewy**

*(Abe Zeewy, a Holocaust survivor, speaks four languages fluently (Romanian, Hebrew, French, and English), and is a veteran of Israel's 1948 War of Independence. He was born March 1, 1929 in Romania in the Moldavian city of Bacau.)*

The previous chapter entitled "Highlights of My Life" describes my participation in the Italian seminar as part of the Romanian delegation. That seminar, organized by the veterans of the Jewish Brigade, started on November 1947 and ended on April 1948. It was intended to teach leaders of Zionist organizations from different European countries, how to prepare Jewish population left in each country after WWII, group them and guide them toward Palestine, soon to become the Jewish state of Israel. The program included Jewish history, Hebrew language, Israel geography, and some military training. Obviously, the delegations were supposed to return to their country of origin, after the end of the seminar. However, I was advised to stay behind for medical reason described in the previous chapter. So, I ended up in an Italian camp of Jewish Displaced Persons (like many such camps throughout Europe at that time), waiting for a ship to take me to Palestine. It was a transition period when the British rule in Palestine was about to end, Ben Gurion declared the rebirth of Israel, the Israeli army was about to be organized, replacing organizations such as Haganah, Palmach, Etzel and many others, while five Arab states declared war on Israel intending to eliminate the Jewish state. During that period, emigration to Israel (Palestine) was restricted in many ways and the Jewish authorities continued to take some precautions against possible British reaction to emigrants. In my case, I was considered VIP because of my training in the seminar. This is how I arrived in Israel on the Italian ship Campidoglio, on July 22, 1948, a month and 12 days after the signature of the first armistice, under the fake name of Berkonry Joseph holding the identity paper of one of the Jewish Brigade soldiers who died in WWII and whose Palestine identity paper, like many others, was kept, to be used for selected emigrants. My status was also identified by a pin "Gimmel" (third letter of Hebrew alphabet) which defined a group of emigrants with military training and fluent in Hebrew language. As any emigrant, I was put in quarantine for medical testing and shortly after, sent to the Northern Galilee joining the newly created Carmel Brigade (Brigade No. 2 of the Israeli Army), Regiment No. 21, headquartered in Kibbutz Dafna. It was the Northern front against the Syrians who were entrenched on a hill (Tel Azaziat) next to a community named Shaar Hayishuv (Gate of the Settlement) and overlooking Kibbutz Dafna. At the time, Shaar Hayishuv was abandoned because of heavy fighting in this area. After my arrival to Dafna, I experienced only sporadic exchange of fire since the fighting never stopped completely. During that time I was transferred to the communication group and was given the task to install a communication line between the northern tip of lake Tiberias (Kineret) where the Israeli army had a front line position next to the ruins of the biblical city of Capernaum, to the city of Tiberias where the Brigade headquarter was located. At that time, a colonel in the communication group by the name of Abileah, was looking for educated candidates to start a technical class for electronic technicians needed to maintain military equipment received from USA for the Israeli army. This is when I joined the first such class that started on April 25, 1950 when I signed for three more years of military service, which was requested to receive such training. The training took place in a

military communication camp south of Tel Aviv. I graduated on March 4, 1952 and continued to teach as an instructor for the next two classes.

### **Kim Sheintal's Great Great Grandfather Izchazkle Lebovitz** *(Kim Sheintal is president of the JGS of SW FL.)*

The Bilu group went to Palestine from Russia (Lithuania) in the first Aliyah to help establish a homeland for the Jewish people beginning in 1882. Bilu (Palestine Pioneers) was a movement whose goal was the agricultural settlement of the Land of Israel. Aliyah is the immigration of Jews from the diaspora to the Land of Israel. Also defined as "the act of going up" - that is, towards Jerusalem - "making Aliyah" by moving to the Land of Israel is one of the most basic tenets of Zionism. The First Aliyah, also known as the agriculture Aliyah, is a term used to describe a major wave of Zionist immigration to what is now Israel between 1882 and 1903. The wave of pogroms of 1881-1884 and anti-Semitic May Laws of 1882 introduced by Tsar Alexander III of Russia prompted mass emigration of Jews from the Russian Empire. On 6 July 1882, the first group of Bilu pioneers arrived in Ottoman Palestine. The group consisted of fourteen university students from Kharkov led by Israel Belkind, later a prominent writer and historian. After a short stay at the Jewish farming school in Mikveh Israel, they joined Hovevei Zion ("Lovers of Zion") members in establishing Rishon LeZion ("First to Zion"), an agricultural cooperative on land purchased from the Arab village of Ayun Kara. Plagued by water shortages, illness and financial debt, the group abandoned the site within a few months. They then sought help from Baron Edmond James de Rothschild and Maurice de Hirsch, who provided funding that led to the establishment of the local wine industry. In 1886, construction began on a winery in Rishon LeZion that became a successful wine-exporting enterprise.

In the winter of 1884, another group of Bilu pioneers founded Gadera. Gadera was established on a tract of land purchased from the Arab village of Qatra by Yehiel Michel Pines of the Hovevei Zion through the auspices of the French consul in Jaffa. In this group were Berel and Manus Lebovitz, brothers of my great grandfather. Their father - my great great grandfather - became the first rabbi of Gadera. The story is that he, Izchazkle, was a shoecht (ritual meat slaughter) in Vilkomir (Lithuania) and therefore, a man taught in religion. When his sons told him there was no rabbi in the town of Gadera, he traveled to Odessa where he was questioned by a board of three rabbis and, then, by the laying on of hands, he was declared a rabbi, and traveled to Gadera. Today, there is a Bilu Museum in Gadera and I am told that the Lebovitz family tree is housed in this museum.

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