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President's Shpiel by Kim Sheintal

How fortunate I am that many of my husband's cousins and my cousins have compiled detailed surname reviews which include photos, maps, records, books, and/or family trees about our ancestors. All of the following reviews and books were done by cousins I have known for over 45 years unless indicated that these cousins were discovered because of my online research on JewishGen. These pieces vary from a three-page piece to published books and are among my most precious possessions.

The Lebovitz review, a three-page compilation of notes, was completed by three of my first cousins/once removed and a second cousin/once removed in October 1988. Included are how the Lebovitz name came to be, a family tree, and a valuable story about the family's early connection to Israel.

The Lebovitz/Brin family review, eighty pages with names, dates, and places, was compiled by my second cousin/once removed in March 1995. Fifty pages, filled with stories about one specific Brin cousin who lived to be 104, was written by my same cousin in February 1995 in memory of his father.

The Kasrilzon review, documented online with photos and family trees on MyHeritage, is updated regularly by my fourth cousin/once removed. In 2008, this cousin (who shares 10 Cm with me on Ancestry DNA) discovered me by spotting my JewishGen Family Finder (JGFF) posting that I am tracing Kasrilzon.

The Jaffe review, with almost 100 pages, was completed by my fourth cousin/twice removed in December 2019. These pages are filled with many family stories, documents, and numerous photos. In 2004, my cousin (who shares 25 Cm with me on Ancestry DNA) discovered me by spotting my JGFF posting that I am tracing Jaffe.

The Contorer family history, included as part of a 281-page book, *Thanksgiving All Year Round*, was published by my third cousin in 2016. The book includes four pages with photos about the Contorer family. In 1999, I posted on ShetlLinks (now known as KehilaLinks) on JewishGen that I am tracing Contorer. In 2014, my cousin discovered me by spotting my posting and emailed me.

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JGS of SW FL MEETING

Sunday, March 15, 2020 (1:00 PM)

Aviva - A Campus for Senior Life

1951 N. Honore Ave., Sarasota

Program: "Using the DNA Websites: A Tour of the Tools"
by Peggy Jude

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The Klapman review, with over 100+ pages of names, dates, places, and short family stories, was compiled by a JewishGen volunteer and updated (but only sent to me) in 2016. In 1999, I emailed people tracing families from Raciaz. I discovered this JewishGen volunteer helping to raise funds for Raciaz genealogical research. This volunteer and I share many cousins descended from Klapman through marriage, but have not discovered that we are blood related.

The Taub review, part of a 137-page document written as a narrative of my cousin's family tree research by my sixth cousin/once removed, was updated in August 2019. Less than ten pages of the 137 pages highlight my Taub family, but this document includes how my cousin got interested in genealogy and his research methods. In 2011, I emailed ten people on JGFF who were tracing the Taub line and this cousin (who shares 15 Cm of DNA with me on Ancestry DNA) was one of six who responded.

The Salat review, a 159-page book, *Tsevi Salat/My Way* (about Tsevi's family and friends from Poland and Israel with stories and pictures), by my husband's first cousin/once removed was published in 1989.

Another Salat piece, a 100-page review with family stories, family trees, and photos, by another of my husband's first cousin/once removed, was published in 1997.

The Salat/Sheintal review, five pages of names, dates, and places, was compiled by two cousins (a second cousin and a first cousin/once removed of my husband) in September 1990 and updated in October 1994.

The Sheintal review, a 13-page story describing the Sheintal history from 1932-1945, was written by my husband's third cousin from Scotland in December 2000. A very distant cousin of my husband in Germany discovered me by spotting my JGFF posting and notified my husband's cousin in Scotland.

The Fleischer review, 37 pages of charts with a short introduction, was written by my husband's second cousin at age 90+ in about 2015.

These reviews and books tell the history of several of the surnames in my husband's family and my family. As an avid genealogist, I am eager to discover more surname reviews and books about my husband's family and my family.

40th IAJGS Conference on Jewish Genealogy

2020, August 9 - 14 in San Diego

www.iajgs2020.org

JGS of SW FL Presentations by Local Rabbis

- May 2001 Sephardic Heritage by Rabbi Barbara Aiello
- April 2003 Jews of Africa by Rabbi Barbara Aiello
- May 2004 Source and Connection of the Name of a Person by Rabbi Mendy Bukiet
- April 2006 Israel - Its Elections and Future by Rabbi Howard Simon
- December 2007 Merit of Our Ancestors by Rabbi Brenner Glickman
- April 2008 Ketubahs by Jennifer Singer (became a Rabbi a few years after her presentation)
- May 2012 Delta Jews of Mississippi by Rabbi Allan Schwartzman
- November 2012 Lost Jews of Sicily & Southern Italy - The Anousim Nobody Knows by Rabbi Barbara Aiello

Discovering Rabbinic Roots

The compilation of many rabbinical family genealogies often help those with rabbinic ancestors to trace their families.

As a child my paternal grandmother told me that our ancestors had a connection to the Baal Shem Tov. I assumed it was on her line, but discovered this connection was on my paternal grandfather's line. I eventually learned that there were many rabbis on my paternal grandfather's side of the family.

My ggggg grandfather Shlomo Zalman Taub was a student of the Baal Shem Tov. From online research, correspondence with a distant cousin in Australia, and a book written by Hershey Schwartz, I learned that Shlomo attended a wedding, but did not dance and appeared to be very sad. The Baal Shem Tov saw this and asked him about his sadness, to which Shlomo replied, "How could I be happy when I have no son." The Baal Shem Tov blessed him saying, "Be happy and dance like an animal and you will have sons!"

Shlomo Zalman Taub had four sons (Rebbe Tzvi Hirsh Taub, Zev Wolf Taub, Arje Leb Taub, and Dov Ber Taub). Zev Wolf Taub is my gggg grandfather. Rebbe Tzvi Hirsh Taub had a son Yechezkel Taub. Yechezkel Taub is the founder of the Modzitz Hasidic Dynasty. The Modzitz Hasidic Dynasty is unique in that its leaders emphasized the centrality of music and melody in religious expression. Yechezkel Taub was a rebbe in Kuzmir Poland in 1827 and grew famous for the many Hasidic melodies he composed. His son, Rebbe Shmuel Eliyahu Taub, was rebbe in Zvolin. It was Rebbe Shmuel Eliyahu's son Yisrael who moved to the town of Modzitz and became the first Grand Rebbe of the Modzitz Dynasty. He, too, was an acclaimed composer of Hasidic melodies. Rebbe Yisrael was succeeded by his son, Grand Rebbe Shaul Yedidia Elazar Taub (1886-1947). <https://www.facebook.com/JewishGenealogyPortal/posts/the-modzhitz-hasidic-dynasty-is-unique-in-that-its-leaders-emphasized-the-centra/72466844278286/>

The Modzitzer Rebbes Project was created to show the lineage of the Modzitzer Rebbes.

<https://www.geni.com/projects/tag/Modzitz>

The Rabbinic Genealogy Special Interest Group (SIG) is a forum for those interested in rabbinic genealogy or researching rabbinic ancestry within any geographic area or time period.

<https://www.jewishgen.org/Rabbinic/>

For a quick reference of possible rabbinic ancestry:
<https://www.jewishgen.org/rabbinic/infocfiles/surnames.htm>

Yiddish Radio Project by Baila Miller

JGS of SW FL Meeting (April 19, 2020 at 1:00 PM at Aviva)

Welcome New JGS of SW FL Members

Joan Bryden Sandra and Martin Paris
Susan Schlossberg Avram and Karen White-Rogers

MyHeritage DNA Test Amazing Discovery

<https://blog.myheritage.com/2019/09/korean-sisters-find-the-missing-piece-in-myheritages-new-documentary-film/>

MyHeritage was founded in 2003 by Israeli entrepreneur and family historian Gilad Japhet. From a humble garage startup, MyHeritage has grown into a global company with 104 million users around the world. According to the MyHeritage website "We enable millions of people to make amazing discoveries, easily." Here is example.

During recent MyHeritage Live in Amsterdam, MyHeritage premiered a documentary film "The Missing Piece" about two Korean-born sisters abandoned as children that were raised apart from each other - one in the United States the other in Belgium. It was not unusual in Korea at the time, for multiracial race children, children born out of wedlock, or those whose parents could not afford to raise them to be placed up for adoption. The sisters did not know of each other until they took a MyHeritage DNA test. For more stories, see <https://blog.myheritage.com/>

University of Vermont Health Network Launches DNA Risk Screening Pilot Program

The University of Vermont Health Network launched a pilot program to offer DNA testing as part of routine medical care to detect patient risk for specific diseases. This is a 12-month pilot program which started November 1st at University of Vermont primary care sites. About 1,000 patients will be screened. The company Invitae will provide the testings, assessing 147 genes for certain disease risks, including carrier status for other conditions. University of Vermont said, "Integrating genetic risks into clinical care will help patients and providers in their decision-making."

The University of Vermont is also partnering with LunaPBC a genomic data-sharing platform. Patients who opt for genomic testing will have the choice to share their results with researchers through LunaDNA. To read more, go to the website: <https://www.genomeweb.com/molecular-diagnostics/u-vermont-health-network-launches-dna-risk-screening-pilot-program>
Jan Meisels Allen, Chairperson,
IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee

Synagogues: A Source for Genealogical Research

"Most temples and many organizations have a dedicated memorial wall. Commemorating the death of a relative or other loved one on the walls of a temple is a widely observed Jewish tradition. Nameplates or plaques are usually inscribed with the English and Hebrew names and the date of death in both the standard and Hebrew calendar. A memorial light is next to each plaque. It is lit annually on the Yahrzeit and during Yizkor services." (<https://www.jsgsb.org/jsgsbs-memorial-plaques-project/>)

The JewishGen Memorial Plaques Database has more than 100,000 names and other information from synagogue yahrzeit plaques and other memorial records, worldwide.
<https://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Memorial/>

Synagogue archives often have old membership directories plus marriage, funeral, baby naming, Bar Mitzvah, and Bat Mitzvah records.

History of Synagogues in Sarasota-Manatee

by Kim Sheintal

The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee's 2019 Community Study indicates that the Jewish community has doubled since 2001. Today, there are 28,800 Jews living in Sarasota-Manatee. Given the growth of the Jewish community, it is no surprise that we can count 15 synagogues to serve the exploding population.

The Jewish Community Center of Sarasota, the first organized Jewish group in Sarasota-Manatee, was established in 1925 with Phillip Levy as president. Temple Beth Sholom, the oldest congregation in Sarasota-Manatee, was officially formed in 1927, when those interested in forming a Conservative congregation with its own building raised money by solicitations, fundraisers, and bond sales. Although circus owner John Ringling was not Jewish, he made the biggest financial contribution. Land on Washington Boulevard and 12th Street (today's 6th Street) in Sarasota was donated by the city. The property had been foreclosed for non-payment of taxes and thought to have been of little value. In 1928, Temple Beth Sholom held Rosh Hashanah services in its new building. In 1953, the synagogue was extensively renovated, and in 1959, Temple Beth Sholom moved to Tuttle Avenue in Sarasota with a sanctuary and education center. As the membership grew, so did the synagogue campus, with several renovations and additions over the years.

In 1956, some Temple Beth Sholom members left to form a Reform congregation, which became Temple Emanu-El. Their sanctuary building on McIntosh Road was erected in 1961. As the Temple Emanu-El membership grew, an education building was added and the sanctuary was updated with a larger social hall.

The Jewish population grew rapidly in Sarasota-Manatee in the 1970s and 1980s, and Jewish congregations first appeared in Bradenton, Longboat Key, Venice, and North Port. As the number of Jews increased, so did the diversity of their religious expression. Preceded by the year of formation, Sarasota-Manatee's 15 synagogues are:

- 1927 Temple Beth Sholom (Sarasota, Conservative)
- 1956 Temple Emanu-El (Sarasota, Reform)
- 1974 Temple Beth El Bradenton/Lakewood Ranch (Bradenton, Reform)
- 1976 Temple Beth El North Port Jewish Center (North Port, Conservative)
- 1980 Temple Beth Israel (Longboat Key, Reform)
- 1980 Jewish Congregation of Venice (Independent)
- 1990 Chabad of Sarasota and Manatee Counties
- 1991 Temple Sinai (Sarasota, Reform)
- 1996 Congregation for Humanistic Judaism
- 2004 Chabad of Bradenton and Lakewood Ranch
- 2005 Congregation Ner Tamid (Bradenton, Pluralistic)
- 2005 Chabad of Venice and North Port
- 2007 Congregation Kol HaNeshama (Sarasota, Post-Denominational)
- 2016 Chabad of West Bradenton
- 2018 Chabad of Downtown Sarasota

There are two Jewish groups in Sarasota-Manatee who meet for services and/or prayer without a synagogue. SRQ Jews without Borders formed in 2009 consisting of affiliated and unaffiliated Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox Jews. This group has had services led by Rabbi Elyssa Joy Auster of Fort

Myers and Rabbi Andrew Hahn. Their website states "We are a group of Sarasota Jews who come together each year for a community-wide, open door, family-friendly High Holiday experience." In addition, Kehillah of Lakewood Ranch formed in 2014 as a sacred community of Conservative Jews who gather together to explore and live out their understanding of Jewishness, to share joys and sorrows and contemplate the meaning of life. The Kehillah, is more of a group for socializing and prayer than a traditional congregation.

There are five synagogues in the Sarasota-Manatee area that no longer exist. In the 1950s, an Orthodox congregation existed for a short time in Sarasota. From 1980 until 1982, Anshe Emet (a Conservative congregation) in Sarasota was led by Rabbi Louis Dimpson. From 1985 until about 1990, Congregation B'nai Torah (Chabad Lubavitch) in Sarasota was led by Rabbi Alter Bukiet. In 1986, a synagogue in Port Charlotte described as "Progressive Liberal Reform" was led by Rabbi Lewis Bogage. From 2000 until about 2003, Congregation Shir Shalom, a Reform congregation in Bradenton, was led by Rabbi Betsy Torop beginning when the congregation was about 18 months old.

According to the Synagogue Council of Sarasota-Manatee Counties, "Whether you are new to the area, a seasonal visitor or a long-time resident, we encourage you to find your Jewish family in a Synagogue community. Congregations range in size, vary in denominations and the composition of their membership. You will find a fit that works for you!" To find a directory of all synagogues, visit jfedsrq.org/directory and type in the keyword, "synagogue."

JGS of Tampa Bay presents Guide to Naturalization Research: Why you Cannot Find Your Bubbes's Naturalization Records

by Dr. Emil H. Isaacson

March 8, 2020 at 2:00 PM

**Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services
14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, Florida**

The naturalization records of your ancestors can help in determining their roots in the old country. Unfortunately, the tangled web of naturalization laws, the multitude of judicial jurisdictions, and the scattered location of germane records make the search for these documents difficult and frustrating. This program is designed to reduce the mystery and confusion and improve the chances of a successful search. A simplified history of the laws and governmental entities involved in naturalization processes will be presented and a logical progression for finding the actual records will be demonstrated; Internet procedures will be emphasized.

Dr. Isaacson has over 35 years of experience in genealogy and has researched his ancestral roots back seven generations to the late 1700's in Europe. He will share his successful and sometimes unsuccessful techniques.

There is no admittance charge for members. Nonmembers must join or pay \$25 per attendee or \$35 per family. [Please note that this cost will include an annual membership]. A printed booklet will be available for \$10. It is strongly urged that you reserve a copy.

Anyone interested in learning how to do Jewish genealogical research is invited to attend. For further information on the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay or directions to the meeting call Bruce Hadburg at 727-796-7981 or email him at bhadburg@tampabay.rr.com.

Wonderful World of Websites

<https://larasgenealogy.blogspot.com/2018/01/ashkenazic-jewish-shared-dna-survey.html>
Lara Diamond Blog Spot

<https://live2020.myheritage.com/>
MyHeritage Live

<https://www.jewishgen.org/education/>
JewishGen Online, Interactive Courses 24/7

<https://medium.com/@CleverTitleTK/no-you-dont-really-have-7-900-4th-cousins-some-dna-basics-for-those-with-jewish-heritage-857f873399ff>
DNA Basis for Those with Jewish Heritage

<https://dnainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4>
Enter the Total Number of cM for Your Matches to Get Relationship probabilities

<https://dna-explained.com/2018/08/28/family-tree-dna-step-by-step-guide-how-to-upload-download-dna-files/>
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JewishGen Success Story

<https://www.wbur.org/npr/789864201/trove-of-recipes-dating-back-to-inquisition-reveals-a-family-s-secret-jewish-root>
How Cuban Family Found Jewish Roots

<http://archive.pov.org/apps/thesweetest/sound/popularity-index/>
How Common Is a Surname

<https://slate.com/technology/2019/12/gedmatch-verogen-genetic-genealogy-law-enforcement.html>
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