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CALENDAR:

Future JGSGO Programs + others

Tuesday, March 14: "Tracing Your Jewish Family Roots"
Guest speaker: Gary Mokotoff (see page 3), at the Senior
Lounge, JCC, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 19: *Field Trip/* to Price Judaica Library,
Gainesville, FL (meet at JCC for car-pooling at 9:00 a.m)
Call Elaine Markowitz if you are planning on going
(407-682-2753) (AMarko1127@aol.com)

Tuesday, April 11: *Heritage Preservation* presentation by
Doris and Don Frank, Senior Lounge, JCC, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9: *Court House Research*, presentation by
Judge Larry Kirkwood, Senior Lounge, JCC, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 11 or 18: Annual Meeting and Dinner
to be announced

July 7-13, 2000: 20th Annual Conference on Jewish
Genealogy (IAJGS) Double Tree Hotel, Salt Lake City, UT

GARY MOKOTOFF TO SPEAK AT JGSGO MEETING, MARCH 14

Gary Mokotoff, one of the foremost lecturers and authors on Jewish and Eastern European genealogical research will be the guest speaker at the March 14 meeting of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Orlando. The meeting will be held in the Senior Lounge at the Jewish Community Center Campus, Maitland, starting at 7:00 p.m.

In his talk "Tracing Your Jewish Family Roots," Gary Mokotoff dispels what he considers the two great myths of Jewish genealogy: (1) that no one remembers and (2) that all the records were destroyed in the Holocaust. In tracing his own personal history, he has documented more than 1,000 descendants of his great-great-grandfather, Tuvia Mokotow (1774- 1842), a merchant from Warka, Poland. He was able to accomplish this research by realizing that people do remember, you just have to ask the right questions, and far from all the records being destroyed, there is a wealth of historical records available, you just have to know where to look for them. The lecture will use actual examples from his own research.

Gary Mokotoff of Bergenfield, NJ, has lectured at virtually all annual Jewish genealogical conferences and at most Federation of Genealogical Societies and National Genealogical Society national conferences in the past five years. As past president of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies and publisher of *Avotaynu*, the International Review of Jewish genealogy, Gary Mokotoff is in the forefront of developments in access to genealogical records in central and Eastern Europe as well as Jewish records in general.



Gary Mokotoff

Mokotoff is the co-author of "Where Once We Walked: A guide to the Jewish Communities Destroyed in the Holocaust" and author of "How to Document Victims and Locate Survivors of the Holocaust." He is on the Board of Directors of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and is a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild and Association of Professional Genealogists.

As the president of the Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (1989-1995), he established the AJGS as advocate of the interests of Jewish genealogy to government agencies, Jewish archives and libraries, genealogical groups, LDS Family History Department and other organizations. The number of societies grew from 35 to 56 during his tenure.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year is almost over, we are going into our 4th quarter. Looking back it seems that we have had a very successful year. Our Mentor Program has been revived by Shelia Rebach and is now in operation. She has a list of people to call for help on a variety of topics and has several people assigned to mentors. Gladys Paulin has revived the cemetery project and by the deadline in March will have sent to the International Cemetery Committee the census of our largest cemetery "Ohev Shalom." Our workshop was held in February under the guidance of Robert Marlin. Art & Elain Markowitz have provided us with excellent programs. The 10th Anniversary Issue of Etz Chaim is well underway. There is still a trip to the Price Library in Gainesville (March 19) and a program by Judge Larry Kirkwood on courthouse research to come (May 9)

It is almost time to start planing for next year. This is your genealogy society. To be successful we need the participation of all our members. When the nominating committee is formed in April let them know how you would like to participate on committees, or as a director or officer. This year we have had an active board of directors with 3 meetings so far and with one more in the spring. I hope everyone has liked the format of the meetings with time being reserved for active discussions by the members. Please remember this is your genealogy society. Please make known how you want the meetings to be run and the type of programs you like to have. I wish you all a good Passover Holiday and hope to see each of you at the next meeting.

Sim

Mokotoff (continued)

In 1985, Mokotoff founded *Avotaynu* as a 20-page semi-annual publication. It has since grown to a 68-page quarterly that is one of the most respected magazines in genealogy.

He is the creator of the JewishGen family Finder, a registry of over 65,000 family surnames and ancestral towns researched by some 10,000 Jewish genealogists throughout the world. He is also the creator of the Family Tree of the Jewish people, the Consolidated Jewish Surname Index, and numerous other Jewish genealogical computer databases.

In 1998, Mokotoff was named the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the IAJGS. He is the co-coordinator of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies Summer Conference to be held July 9-14 in Salt Lake City.

According to Sim Seckbach, president of the JGSGO, "our community is most fortunate that Gary Mokotoff will be able to visit with us on this occasion. His sharing of his unique experience and knowledge of Jewish genealogy will benefit all of us and promote further interest and enthusiasm for genealogical research"

IAJGS CONFERENCE -July 9-14:

Where can you be among hundreds of Jewish genealogists and have access to:

* More than 1000 lectures on Jewish genealogy *
Luncheons with fellow genealogists * Breakfast with
experts * Birds of a feather meetings * Special interest
group meetings * Camaraderie

Where can you have access to: * 2,000,000 microfilm reels
* 700,000 microfiche * 280,000 books * Census records
* Vital records * Passenger lists * and much more.

Answer: It is the 20th International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, hosted by the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies to be held July 9-14, 2000 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Conference Program

The complete program for the 20th International Conference on Jewish Genealogy has not been established yet, but portions of the planned lectures and other educational events are known. The conference planning committee has already gotten commitments from a number of key persons at the LDS (Mormon) Family History Department to lecture on their area of specialty.

David E. Rencher, Director of Library Services, will give the keynote speech at the opening session of the conference on Sunday night. As the new head of the Family History Library and overseer of all the Family History Centers throughout the world, he will give us insight into what innovations we can expect from the library system in the new millennium. Mr. Rencher is also president of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the umbrella group of genealogical societies in the U.S. FGS currently has some 550 member societies (18 are Jewish genealogical societies) with a combined membership exceeding 500,000 genealogists.

Wayne Metcalf, Director of Acquisition and Field Service Division, will give a lecture surveying the current state of Jewish record acquisition and also describe the process of deciding how, where, and what to microfilm.

Other staff members of the Family History Library will give lectures of the 1897 All-Empire Russian Census, how to read/understand microfilmed Russian vital records documents, Polish German and Hungarian vital records.

Basic Structure of the Conference Lecture Program:

Although individual speakers are still in the selection process, the basic structure of the conference has been determined. Sunday daytime will be devoted to registration and meetings of Special Interest Groups. There will be a four-hour Beginners Workshop Sunday afternoon. A Wine and Cheese party at 5:00 p.m. will be the prelude to the Opening Session that starts at 7:30.

The Monday through Thursday template provides for three concurrent one-hour lectures during the day. Midday, there will be a break for luncheons (cost \$19.00) sponsored by interest groups (we already have commitments from the

Galicia and German SIGs). The luncheons will allow a midday break from the rigorous schedule. They will feature a speaker talking on some light topic of interest to genealogists.

The evening will focus on lectures by noted members of the genealogical community. For example, we will all want to hear from Wayne Metcalf of the Family History Department about the Library's plans for acquisitions in the near future. It is likely such a session will be a single lecture in one of the time slots.

Typical Daily Schedule (Monday-Thursday)

7:15-8:15 AM	Breakfast with the Experts
8:30-9:30 AM	Three concurrent lectures
9:45-10:45 AM	Three concurrent lectures
11:00-12:00 AM	Three concurrent lectures
12:15-1:45 PM	Two concurrent luncheons
2:00-3:00 PM	Three concurrent lectures
3:15-4:15 PM	Three concurrent lectures
4:30-5:30 PM	Three concurrent lectures
7:30-8:30 PM	One or two concurrent lecture sessions
9:00-10:00 PM	One or two concurrent lecture sessions

About the Family History Library

Salt Lake City is home of the Family History Library (FHL), a five-story building devoted to genealogical research. There are more than 2 million reels of microfilm, 700,000 microfiche and 280,000 books. You might say, "Why go to Salt Lake City when I can just stay home and go to my local Family History Center?" Answer: Everything is right there at your finger tips. You can accomplish more in four days at the FHL in Salt Lake City than you can in four years at your local FHC. Additionally, you can access collections in SLC that cannot be obtained in your city of residence. This is especially true of countries outside of North America. Special arrangements are being made in order for us to have maximum access to the Jewish records.

Library hours are 7:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, and 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. on Monday. It is closed Sunday.

The Family History Library is an "open stacks" library where the vast majority of films of interest to you are located in file drawers on each floor. You just remove the film from the drawer, take it to your microfilm reader, locate the items of interest, take the microfilm to a film copier, make a copy of the record(s), and then return the film to the drawer where you found it. Hundreds of microfilm readers on three of the floors provide a comfortable working environment including:

- * subdued lighting for better viewing
- * a lit work space next to each reader for your papers
- * an outlet to plug in your laptop computer

Each floor has a Help Desk manned by professionals and trained volunteers to help you with your problems. On the European floor, the personnel can help you translate documents in German, Polish, Russian and other European languages.

Copying equipment is located on each floor to copy microfilm, microfiche and paper documents. Film/fiche copies

are 20 cents each; paper copies are five cents each. Change machines in the copying rooms make it unnecessary to bring rolls of coins with you

Hotel Accommodations

The Double Tree Hotel, site of the 20th International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, is located in the heart of downtown Salt Lake City just two blocks from the Family History Library. There is no better place to experience the scenic charm of Utah than the hotel with the Wasatch mountains as background and the Salt Lake Valley before you. The hotel is near popular spots such as Temple Square, Salt Palace Convention Center and Symphony Hall. There are a least 25 restaurants within three blocks of the hotel offering the range from simple to elegant dining.

Special conference rates are: \$125 per night double occupancy; \$140 per night triple occupancy. If any of the nights you stay at the hotel are Friday or Saturday, the rate will be \$79 for those nights. When making reservations, be sure to state you are attending the "Jewish Genealogical Conference" to get the special rate.

You may contact the hotel by any of the methods described below. Do not make a reservation through the Double Tree's Internet site -- they do not have the Conference information.

Double Tree Hotel Salt Lake City
255 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84101
Phone: (801) 328-2000 Fax: (801) 359-2938
Toll free: 1-800-222-TREE

Registration

Registration will not begin until sometime in January 2000, but we do know the prices for the various components.

It will be possible to register for the conference via the Internet at <http://iajgs.org/slcy2k/>. Early registration (by April 30, 2000) via the Internet will be \$135.00 (plus 65.00 for spouse/companion). You will be able to charge your registration using MasterCard or Visa. Your account will not be charged for the cost of registration until late April no matter how early you register. Early registration by mail (must be postmarked by April 30, 2000) is \$140.00 (plus 65.00 for spouse/companion).

To encourage early registration, people who register before the April 30 deadline will be mailed a copy of the 40-page pamphlet, "Making the Most of Your Research Trip to Salt Lake City" in late May. This will be a valuable tool for planning your trip to the conference and the Family History Library. Late registrants will receive the book with their registration material at the conference.

If you register after April 30, the cost will be \$165.00 and spouse/companion, \$95.00. Daily Attendance Registration (no printed materials included) is \$60.00 per day.

The cost of the banquet on Thursday evening, July 13, will be \$35.00 per person. There will be a menu choice of meat, fish, vegetarian, or kosher meals. Luncheons will cost \$19.00. The menu choice will be the regular meal or vegetarian.

Refund Policy. A full refund will be made upon written request postmarked by June 15. Between June 15 - July 9 a refund will be made less a \$30 administrative charge. Thereafter there are no refunds. Register early!!

**NOTE: MORE IAJGS PROGRAM NEWS
ON NEXT PAGE**

AVOTAYNU Launches Internet Newsletter for Jewish Genealogy

AVOTAYNU has launched an Internet newsletter for Jewish genealogy entitled "Nu? What's New?." It will be published bi-weekly providing subscribers with recent-breaking news of interest to Jewish genealogists. The first edition will be published Sunday, February 9. The publication will supplement the AVOTAYNU quarterly, giving advance information of what will become feature articles in AVOTAYNU, as well as smaller items that might not make the quarterly. Co-owners Sallyann Amdur Sack and Gary Mokotoff are in almost daily communication with officials at many of the institutions holding Jewish genealogical data throughout the world. This Internet Magazine will provide a pipeline for sharing what AVOTAYNU has uncovered.

Subscriptions to the Internet newsletter are free. To subscribe, go to: <http://www.incor.com/avotaynu.htm>. Alternately you can send a plain text e-mail message to <list@incor.com>. The subject line should be left blank. The body of the message should say: *join Avotaynu*.

Once you subscribe you will receive a message, "As a result of your subscription, you will be receiving our e-zine which we will publish biweekly. It will include the latest information Avotaynu has received that is of interest to people tracing their Jewish family history. I am sure you will find it valuable and informative."

From: "Gary Mokotoff" <mokotoff@idt.net> Tue, 1 Feb 2000

Important New Membership Benefit

"I am proud to announce an important new membership benefit now available to IAJGS member societies in the United States. Your Society will now be able to qualify for a Section 501(c)(3) nonprofit designation under our new group exemption that IAJGS will apply for on March 1, 2000. In the past, Societies often found that obtaining their 501(c)(3) tax exemption necessitated getting expensive legal and accounting assistance for the application process with no guarantee of success. Now, your Association has simplified this process and is making available this new group exemption for the benefit of your Society." .
Marilyn R. Natchez IAJGS Treasurer MRNatchez@aol.com
(Eds. note: JGSGO will complete the required forms and take advantage of this benefit.)

MORE PROGRAM NEWS IAJGS

Conference..... Exciting announcements from Howard Margol, President, IAJGS:

The response to our Call for Papers (deadline December 31, 1999), has been outstanding. Sallyann Amdur Sack, conference co-chair for programming, received many more proposals than we can use. She and her committee will be busy making final selections in the next several weeks. Already known, however, are the following outstanding speakers from the LDS Family History Library.

David E. Rencher, Director of Library Services, will deliver the keynote speech at the opening session of the conference on Sunday night. As head of the Family History Library and overseer of all the Family History Centers throughout the world, he will offer us insight into innovations we can expect from the library system in the new millennium. Mr. Rencher also is president of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the umbrella group of genealogical societies in the United States.

Wayne Metcalf, Director of Acquisition and Field Service Division, will give a lecture surveying the current state of Jewish record acquisition and also will describe the process of deciding how, where, and what to microfilm.

Tom Edlund, Senior Librarian for Slavic Bibliography, will discuss the 1897 All-Empire Russian Census, samples of which have been microfilmed. In addition, he will conduct workshop classes on how to read/understand microfilmed Russian vital records and documents, Polish vital records, and German vital records located in the Family History Library.

Daniel Schlyter, Collection Development Specialist whose focus includes Central and Eastern Europe, has been a regular speaker at Jewish genealogical conferences for several years. He will conduct a class on reading Hungarian vital statistics records (Dan doesn't even read Hungarian!). In addition, he will give a talk about the how and where Jewish vital records were kept in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, key to knowing where to look for ancestral records from this area.

Kahlile Mehr, Collection Development Specialist for the countries of the Former Soviet Union, has written often for AVOTAYNU. He is the person who surveys what the Library has for the countries that comprise the territory that was the USSR, finds out what is available and makes recommendations for what should be microfilmed. He will talk about this process with respect to Jewish records.

Jayare Roberts, a Senior Consultant for the Family History Department, has been closely associated with the project to computerize the Ellis Island passenger arrival records. He will report on the state of that project and also the state of the FHL project to microfilm vital records all over the United States.

Judith Eccles Wight, A.G., an accredited genealogist specializing in Ireland, Scotland and Australian research, has

been a professional genealogist for more than 30 years, has worked as a FHL British Reference Consultant since 1990, and was leader of the team that wrote the Family History Library Jewish Research Outline. She will speak on "A Generic Approach to Tracing Jews in the British Reference Area" (which includes Australia and New Zealand as well as the countries of the United Kingdom).

Major Overseas Speakers

Three major overseas speakers will speak during the International Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah July 9-14.

Alexandre Beider author of the important and award-winning Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Kingdom of Poland and Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire, as well as a monograph surnames in the old cemetery in Prague, is well-known to us from previous conferences. Sasha is getting a second Ph.D., this time in Judaic Studies from the Sorbonne in Paris. His dissertation will be on Jewish Given Names—their meanings, origins, derivations and permutations. It will be published in a book, together with an accompanying dictionary, late in 2000. We will hear the first public presentation of it. Beider is coming from Paris.

Archivist and historian Vlad Soshnikov, director of RAGAS [the Russian-American Genealogical Archival Service] has been compiling inventories and obtaining Jewish genealogical records from former Soviet Archives for the past nine years. Vlad also is working on a doctorate (on the history of the Russian Orthodox Church) and in the process has uncovered original decrees pertaining to the Jews. His major talk will be on 19th century Russian decrees that established records useful to Jewish genealogists. Vlad will also deliver individual lectures on the current situation for archival research in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine. Soshnikov comes from Moscow.

New to our conferences will be Angelikka Ellmann-Krueger from Berlin. The author of an important monograph on genealogical library research in Germany, Ellmann-Krueger is working on a major bibliography on German-Jewish family research that will be issued as a CD. The database currently has 22,500 title of books and articles, and includes 9,000 individual names and 4,000 localities. Ellmann-Krueger will speak twice on Basics and Practical Steps for Jewish Family Research in German and Rarely-Used Sources for Jewish Family Research in Germany.

All three of our guests will bring their databases and inventories with them and will be available for individual consultations.

In Salt Lake City, the above speakers could give you the opportunity of a lifetime to overcome that brick wall you have encountered in your family research.

Howard Margol President, Date: Mon, 14 Feb 2000

SOMETIMES WE NEED A LITTLE HELP IN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

By: Sheila F. Reback

All of us can use the experience and advice of others who are researching their families. JGS of Greater Orlando offers a MAVIN PROGRAM to help all of us...beginners and experienced genealogists. A MAVIN is a person who has completed at least one year of research and is willing to help someone less experienced. The MAVIN accepts telephone calls and tries to guide the NOVICE by clarifying some of the records that are found, mentioning additional sources, and emphasizing on-line resources that might be helpful. It does not take much time to give to someone else, a MAVIN, or to become a NOVICE. Please telephone Sheila Reback if you are interested in this program; 407-332-7758.

VILNIUS ARCHIVES BEING FILMED

On January 3, 2000 a momentous and history making endeavor began in the Historical Archive in Vilnius, Lithuania. A project to microfilm ALL of the Jewish vital records stored in the archive got underway. As a result of an agreement between the Lithuanian Archive Administration, and the FHL in Salt Lake City, Utah, the archive is doing the actual filming with the use of microfilm equipment furnished by the Mormons. When completed, the microfilm will contain over 500,000 Jewish vital records. It is estimated that it will take approximately 18 months for the completion of the project. After that, it usually takes 18 to 24 months before the Mormons have the rolls of film available to the public.

If at all possible, some of the film containing the vital records will be available to the attendees at the 20th International Conference on Jewish Genealogy to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah on July 9-14, 2000. If and when that becomes possible, it will be announced on the IAJGS conference website <<http://iajgs.org/slcy2k>>. In the meantime, learn how to recognize your ancestral surname written in Russian cyrillic as that is the language the vital records are written in. The vital records are also repeated in Yiddish so if you cannot read the Russian cyrillic but you can read Yiddish, you are in luck. Stay tuned for further announcements.
Howard Margol President, IAJGS

NEWS FROM ROOTSWEB

SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH INDEX

The January 2000 update of the SSDI is in place with a total of 62,917,259 entries. This version reflects 205,468 additions since the last update, 40,756 changes, and 1,537 deletions. The URL for the SSDI is:

<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/ssdi.cgi>

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3rd ANNUAL IAJGS YEARBOOK REPORT

At the request of Hal Bookbinder, VP, IAJGS for a report of activities to be published in the annual yearbook distributed at the Salt Lake City IAJGS Conference, the following was submitted for JGSGO.

Programs for the year 1999:

Jan. 12, "Needles in the Haystack" Carl Migden
Feb. 9, "Jews with a Southern Accent" "Bud" Whitehill
Sun. Feb. 7, 8th Annual Workshop Back to the Basics"
Robert W. Marlin, Gladys Friedman Paulin, Coordinators.
March 9, Finding an Orphan on the Family Tree" - Marge Spears Soloff; also Video -The Orphan Train
April 13 "Sephardic Roots in America" Scott Marks
May 11 "S.O.S. Share Our Successes" Special Panel - (Hartmann, Michael, Schleichkorn, Seckbach, Glasser);
Sunday: June 13: Annual meeting - Sim Seckback elected president.

July 13: Round table discussion - "Asking for Help"

August 8-13, IAJGS Conference, New York City, (JGSGO represented)

Aug 10: Field Trip: Orange County Library, Genealogy Dept., Orlando

Sept. 14: canceled due to hurricane threat

Oct. 12: "Jewish Genealogy and Christopher Columbus", Scott Marks

Nov. 9: "A Written Memory: Sharing Your Family Legacy" Gene Starn

Dec. 14 "Naturalization" Gladys Friedman Paulin

Special activities:

...Etz Chaim - quarterly newsletters published, plans prepared for expanded 10th anniversary issue;

...JGS library maintained (new books and periodicals added);

...Maven Program Reinstated;

...Cemetery Project - Reinstated;

...Website updated: [Http://www.members.aol.com/JGSGO](http://www.members.aol.com/JGSGO);

...Extensive use of e-mail list of members used for notices;

...Community educational programs presented at several congregations and organizations;

...JGSGO represented at Florida State Genealogical Society's conference;

...JGSGO Past President Gladys Friedman Paulin recognized with appointment to IAJGS Board as Director at Large;

...News releases/announcements to Jewish News (Heritage), organizations and congregations provided information about JGSGO.

*Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is mystery.
Today is a gift.*

Eleanor Roosevelt

Family Newsletters

by Harold & Sonia Sternberger

We started publishing two quarterly newsletters in 1995 for one side of each of our families. What started as a 1 1/2 page stapled message has grown to six or eight pages each with a mailing in the sixties to those relatives who show an interest in "keeping in touch". A lot of impetus was gained through our membership in the Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Orlando (JGSGO). We were privy to newsletters produced by other members, and certainly aided by JGSGO in our search for family members.

Newsletter Content

Each newsletter has some items which are standard:
 incoming correspondence (sometimes edited)
 special days, i.e. birthdays, anniversaries (for the upcoming quarter of the year)
 good and welfare (births, deaths, illnesses)
 photos - oldies and very recent - the younger generation seems to like pictures of the older generation so they can see if they resemble their forebears, and the older persons like to view snapshots of when they or their cousins were very young.

graphics - pulled in from Word Perfect, and/or Print Artist the font type is easily readable (with deference to sight disadvantaged)

masthead - contains editor's name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and ISSN number issued by the Library of Congress and items which appear from time to time:
 memories - "As I recall..." These tickle the oldsters and make the young ones scratch their heads
 e-mail addresses, snail mail addresses
 family register - genealogy/descendants both by number and box chart with pictures
 ongoing banter: who is pictured?, what year?, was K2HOU?,

favorite recipe: cookies, cakes, lasagna, etc.
 cousins corner: mostly the very young generation so they can see their cousins pictures since they reside all over
 family crest contest: are we king of the mountain, or do we maintain barns

front page sometimes resembles a newspaper with headlines, and references to other pages

one side of the family did have a reunion after which we published a larger (eight page) newsletter with more pictures, and scanned handwritten messages from attendees
 how to search for relatives

Information Gathering

The Scheier Shindig



Photo by N.Y. circa 1927. L to R, top row: Lura Sternberger, Edna Oppenheimer, Aaron Scheier, Harry Scheier, and Esther Goldstein. Second row: Bernard Sternberger and Edward Sternberger and his. Loretta Oppenheimer, Rebecca Scheier, Nella Scheier with her babies and baby. Don and Dora Oppenheimer, Irving Oppenheimer, and Susan Scheier.

Content for the newsletters comes from the following sources:

snail mail received
 e-mail correspondence
 telephone conversations
 visits and face-to-face encounters
 magazine and newspaper articles that are pertinent pictures and articles pertaining to the family
 much of this is "prompted" from readers that have e-mail; also by putting reminders in with their issues.

Production:

Much word processing is done with Word Perfect software, or letters, photos and articles are scanned, some photos are cropped and enhanced via Adobe Photoshop software: others are used just as they have been developed. Sometimes the photos we print are those that we take with our digital camera, and then download to the computer

One newsletter is typed with Word perfect 6.0, with cut and paste imported graphics, the other is done completely in Word Perfect 7.0 ready to copy.

The actual printing of the six page newsletter is as follows: pages 1 and 6 are printed on the same side of an 11 x 17 inch sheet; pages 2 and 5 are printed on the reverse side of the same sheet as pp.1 & 6; pages 3 and 4 are printed back-to-back on a 8 1/2 x 11 inch sheet

In the beginning we did the printing ourselves on the machines at Office Depot/Max, but the picture reproduction was not very good. Now, we go to one of those mail box /packaging-type places that has Toshiba reproducing equipment where you can push the button for "photo", and pictures come out in good detail.

The newsletters are all in black and white; at one point we tried a dash of color using a felt tip pen and highlighter

Underwriting Costs

We very unobtrusively have a comment in our masthead that says that contributions are gratefully accepted. To date, we have received some checks, stamps, and envelopes. Each contribution is acknowledged with many thanks. Our accounting shows that in the last 3+ years, we have been more than subsidized by our readers.

Distribution

Two of our addressees are overseas and the rest within the United States with distribution by US Postal Service we are considering future distribution via e-mail with attachments since half of the recipients are on line with more coming on line all the time

The Poreplocke Perennial



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FRIENDS/COUSINS?
 Dressed for a costume ball?



Clara Gelber (later Kappes), May 1918

Sally Lipskitt (later Jacobson)

MINOVITZ MINUTES

by Gladys Friedman Paulin

By 1995, I had been seriously researching my Minovitch family for nearly five years. I needed to share my findings, but also to contact more people for information. Snail mail correspondence could be helpful, but then again it could be frustrating. Some people answered, but more did not— even with self-addressed stamped envelopes. In the course of my research, I had discovered that all the Minovitch (Minovitz/Minowitz et.al.) families I found had come from the same district of Minsk guberniya; their naming patterns were all similar; several families had circulated through the same apartment building and/or block in lower Manhattan; but connections were seemingly non-existent. So, I decided to start a newsletter. I had over 300 names and addresses and calculated that I could keep a four page newsletter going for 2-3 years without any help. Perhaps I could stimulate others to contribute both information and finances.

My first issue was mailed in October 1995. It consisted of a description of me, my findings and a few of my questions. I dedicated it to my father and included a description of my (known) family as well as three others I had compiled with the Minovitz name. The response was unbelievable. In the past 4 ½ years, the newsletter, published quarterly, has grown to 8 pages and a circulation of over 640 households in 11 countries!

Some things I have learned as an editor and publisher.

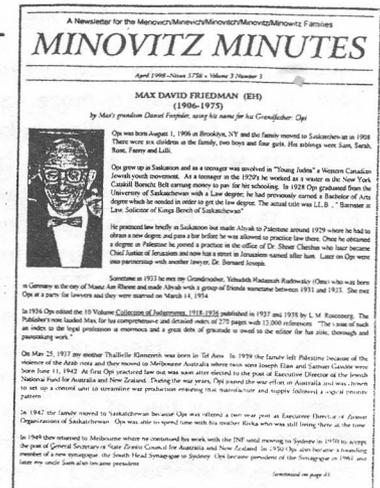
1. Always bold face people's names— they love the recognition and can locate their family quickly. If producing a multi-family newsletter, clearly identify family affiliation.
2. In the masthead, I state that subscriptions are free but donations will be accepted to defray expenses. I print a brief financial statement in the first issue of each year for the previous year.
3. Standardize your format— some people read cover to cover, other only want to read current news. I try to put a major story on page 1; page 2 contains the masthead, my message and a few notices. Page 3 contains news of living people: births, marriages, Bnei Mitzvot, and things such as anniversaries, college graduations, milestone birthdays, awards, etc. If there has been a lot of stuff, it will continue on another page. Pages 4 and 5 may continue the cover story, have another story, contain pictures, etc. Page 6 is the mail page which always begins with a list of contributors. (No amounts). I have found that when I list one person, the next month I may get contributions from that person's brother or son or parent— no one wants to be shown up! I follow this with information and comments in notes and mail received. Pages 7 and 8 contain pictures, obituaries and Internet Email addresses.
4. I will not print an event until after it has occurred. People break engagements, divorce or die before their anniversary, and one does not need uninvited guests. My

newsletter has been instrumental in meeting unknown relatives, reuniting families separated by war and immigration, repairing old feuds, uniting birth families, and feeling part of a warm community. That is reward enough but I find that putting it together and interacting with all my readers has enhanced my life too! It is a labor of love.

Note:

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Paulin (Feb. 2000)



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The "Kirshenbaum Kousins"

By Gene Starn

I've always gone by the old saying (I don't know who said it), "You can get more cooperation from people if you make them feel as if they belong, as if they're part of it." With my sister and a cousin in Canada suggesting that we hold a Kirshenbaum family reunion like our folks use to have before World War II, I decided to lay the groundwork and see if there was any interest by putting out a simple 4-page newsletter that I called: THE KIRSHENBAUM KOUSINS.

It mentioned that future issues would carry news of the family simchas, happy occasions, if the readers would just scribble them down and send them to me. There was also a mention that a few of the cousins were thinking of holding another reunion. And it carried a few little tidbits of new genealogical information I'd uncovered about the family.

The Kirshenbaum Kousins

A semi-annual publication for and about the descendants of Avram Chaim Kirshenbaum
January 1996 - Issue 126

How many of these people do you recognize?



This is the picture taken of those attending the last Kirshenbaum family reunion, held in September 1939.

For what's happening now, please turn the page ---->>>

The next issue came out a few months later with more details about the reunion. It also carried a front page photo of the last Kirshenbaum reunion held on Labor Day 1941, asking people to identify the people in the photo (even though I already knew who they were).

There was also a questionnaire about the reunion, where to hold it, when, etc., Back came the questionnaire from. The eagerness for the reunion was outstanding.

When it was held that summer in Toronto, about 250 Kirshenbaums showed up, from all parts of the U.S. and Canada, and we even had a representative in from Israel. It was a tremendous success.

Our newsletter proved to be the perfect catalyst for bringing the family a little closer.

Gene Starn may be reached by e-mail: Genes@iag.net

The Library of Congress

For those doing genealogy research on the Internet, check out www.locweb.loc.gov. That's the Library of Congress website which could be an essential resource for anyone doing research on American history, recent legislation, genealogy, and many other subjects.

TIPS FOR PLANNING A FAMILY REUNION

If you're like most people, you probably don't see your relatives as much as you'd like. The holidays always seem like the perfect time to catch up on everyone, but inevitably a few family members have to work or visit in-laws who live out of state.

That's why family reunions are a great way to gather everyone together. But how do you plan such an event?

My Family.com, the leading service that helps families keep in touch through free, private web sites, has some tips to make your family reunion fun and easy to coordinate.

START EARLY: Begin planning six to 12 months in advance to work out all the details. Encourage people to attend by creating invitations and mailing them out early enough to give everyone plenty of notice. Save time and money by following up with relatives using e-mail whenever possible.

BE CONSISTENT: keep attendance up by scheduling your family reunion for the same weekend and at the same location every year. Or at the close of your reunion, have a family member volunteer to host the next one and begin planning the date and costs for each family soon after. This way, relatives who must pick their vacation time early can plan for it.

TIMING: Organize the reunion for the spring or summer since people tend to have more vacation time and the weather is warmer, so you can plan outdoor activities.

USE THE WEB: Creating a Web site before the event is an easy way for family members to learn about the reunion weekend. Also, relatives who have questions can just e-mail the site. After the reunion, have everyone post photos, feedback and a recap of the weekend on it.

INVOLVE EVERYONE: Family reunions are for all generations, so be sure to plan activities that everyone can participate in. Give the children an assignment, such as passing out tickets for door prizes or helping with guest registry. Have the older generation construct the family tree.

BREAKING THE ICE: Seeing long lost family members for the first time can be nerve racking, but there are activities to help everyone get to know each other. Pair up family members from different generations and have them ask each other questions and then tell the group what they learned. Or, bring old photographs and have everyone try to guess when and where the photo was taken.

For more information on planning reunions or to create your own family Web site, visit *MY FAMILY.COM* on the Internet at www.myfamily.com>

CHUCK HUGHES NUGHES

By Shirley Michael

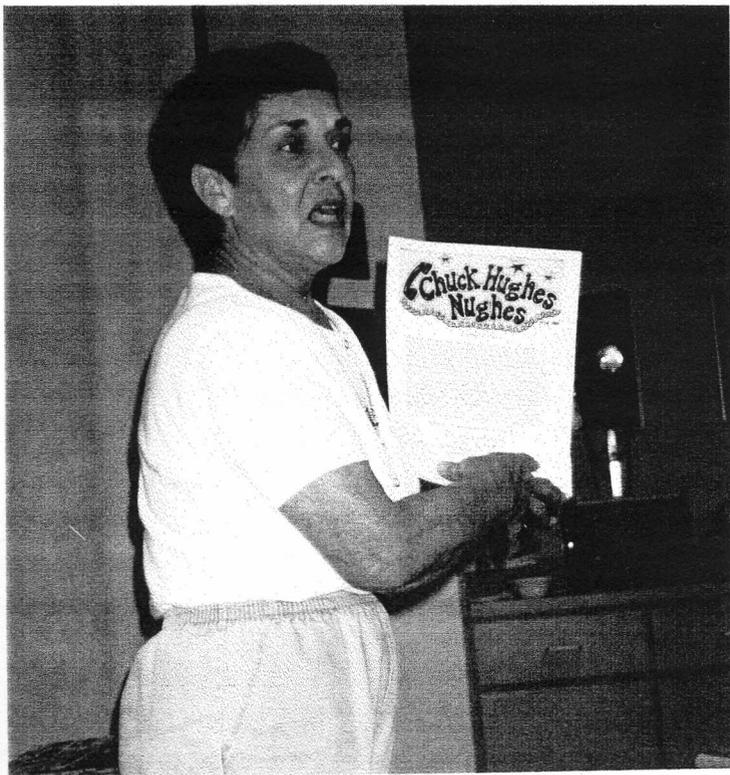
In February of '86, we had a family gathering in California. A conversation about a family newsletter became a topic of discussion since the family is distributed all over the United States. I agreed to become the editor of the newsletter only if everyone would agree to participate by writing letters every quarter, which they did. Now when those letters come to me about one week in advance of the mailing date, I publish their letters word for word. When children participate, I copy their letters, and include them exactly as received.

The first newsletter consisted of only five pages and the most recent one had 20 pages. My son designed a masthead which is used for every issue. The newsletter contains not only letters but announcement of birthdays, anniversaries, and Mazel Tovs as well as news articles, jokes and cartoons. Originally the newsletter was produced by typewriter and copy machines, now it's done on my computer and laser jet printer. It looks so professional.

Sixteen members of the family usually write and 13 editions are mailed each quarter. The only real expense is the cost of stamps, paper and envelopes.

I have found that the family feels closer together because of the newsletter, and most of all, the younger members seems to be closer to the rest of us. It's been a wonderful experience for everyone.

Shirley Michael (ShirleyM@cfl.rr.com)



THE FAMILY CONNECTION

By: Don and Doris Frank

Don Frank wrote, "I was the editor of our, newsletter (*The Family Connection*), 15 to 20 years ago. After culling through many suggestions I received, I decided that the name represented what I was trying to accomplish. The fact that my son, Tom, thought of it had very little to do with it (if you can believe that!)" Don suggested to his readers that, "One of the main purposes of *The Family Connection* is to keep all the branches of the family up to date as much as possible on the latest happenings, whether they be good or bad news. I hope that the recipients of this 'rag' will keep me posted on any news items, interesting anecdotes, and accomplishments of any family member."

According to Don, "The earlier issues were very exciting because they drew great response. However, the subsequent ones did not and as a result, I lost interest in continuing the publishing of the newsletter. Moreover, they took time and cost money to produce and mail out." Doris indicated, "I feel because of the greater interest in family research these days AND computer familiarity that the response will be greater, thereby encouraging the publishing of a newsletter. Who knows?"

Don and Doris Frank (dofrank@aol.com)



Heteronyms:

No wonder immigrants have so much trouble with our language

Heteronyms: words spelled the same that have different meanings and different pronunciations.

For example:

- We must polish the Polish furniture.
- He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- The farm was used to produce produce.
- The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- The soldier decided to desert in the desert.
- This was a good time to present the present. (also gift or era of time)
- A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- I did not object to the object.
- The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- The bandage was wound around the wound.
- There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- They were too close to the door to close it.
- The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- They sent a sewer down to stitch the tear in the sewer line.
- To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- Upon seeing the tear in my clothes I shed a tear.
- I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Thanks to JGSGO member Ben Rosenbaum>

**SUGGESTED READINGS FOR
"SHARING YOUR FAMILY'S LEGACY WITH THOSE YOU LOVE"**

An Oral History of the Great Depression by Studs Terkel (Pantheon, 1970)

A 'must read' whether or not you're planning to record or write memoirs. Studs Terkel brought oral history into the popular consciousness with this volume of recorded and transcribed reminiscences of everyday people.

***An Orphan in History** by Paul Cowan (Bantam, 1986)

A moving personal history of a journalist's return to Judaism and discovery of his faith along with his roots.

Family Tales, Family Wisdom by Dr. Robert U. Akeret with Daniel Klein (1991)

Akeret, a doctor of psychology, developed a program, Elder Tale, after years of working with families. He says that every elder who has gone through his program has come away with renewed vitality and dignity. The book capsulized the program and provides many triggers to help readers unlock memories.

***Growing Up** by Russell Baker (New American Library, 1983)

The humorist Russell Baker's modest and relentlessly entertaining memoir of his early years proves how very much you can reveal about yourself by focusing your stories not on yourself but on the people around you – most particularly your parents.

***If You Can Talk, You Can Write** by Joel Saltzman (Warner, 1993)

Easy-to-read book to help you overcome the panic associated with writing. Helps readers get inspired, silence their inner critics, stop worrying about the "rules" of grammar, and write with conviction. A handy volume to have along side of you when writing memoirs.

Inventing the Truth: The Art and Craft of Memoir by William, Zinsser, ed. (Houghton Mifflin, 1987)

A slim volume which originated as a series of lectures by writers Annie Dillar, Toni Morrison, Russell Baker, Alfred Kazin and Lewis Thomas. These writers' personal observations about the process of collecting one's own life stories demonstrate the problems and delights of "reinventing the past."

The Story of Your Life: Writing a Spiritual Autobiography by Dan Wakefield (Beacon, 1990)

To be read more for the rich stories written by non-writers that the author has compiled in his workshops than for any step-by-step instruction.

***Turning Memories into Memoirs** by Denis Ledoux (Soliel Press, 1993)

As good a guide to memoir writing as any on the market. A slew of good exercises to get you going and lots of writing tips to help make the final product more readable.

* "Must-reads" for memoir writers.

*Distributed by Gene Starn in conjunction with his presentation to the
JGSGO, Tuesday, November 9, 1999, "Sharing Your Family's Legacy
With Those You Love"*

U.S. NATURALIZATION: A Selected Bibliography**Books**

Eakle, Arlene, "Tracking Immigrant Origins" **The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy**, 1984, 786 pp. Chapter 15 beginning page 452. (Salt Lake City: Ancestry, Inc.) Also see Chapter 13 "Immigration: Finding Immigrant Origins" in Revised Edition, 1997, beginning page 441. The chapter in the revised edition is on the web at <<http://www.ancestry.com/home/source/src363.htm>>

Neagles, James C and Lila Lee Neagles, **Locating Your Immigrant Ancestor, A Guide to Naturalization Records**, (Logan, UT: The Everton Publishers, Inc.) Rev. Ed. 1986, 164 pp.

Newman, John J., **American Naturalization Records, 1790-1990, What They Are and How to Use Them** (Bountiful, UT: Heritage Quest, Inc.) 1998.

Schaefer, Christina K., **Guide to Naturalization Records of the United States**, 406 pp (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc. 1997)

Szucs, Loretto Dennis, **They Became Americans: Finding Naturalization Records and Ethnic Origins**. 200pp (Salt Lake City: Ancestry, Inc. 1997)

Internet Web Sites

<http://cyndislist.com> One of the most comprehensive sites for links to every kind of genealogical information. I prefer the "no-frills" index at <<http://cyndislist.com/nofrills.htm>> Look for immigration and naturalization.

<http://www.nara.gov/genealogy/natural.html> U.S. National Archives and Records Administration. If you delete the "natural.html" and enter you will get their main genealogy information page From there you can go to immigration, naturalization, census, etc.

<http://www.ins.usdoj.gov/graphics/aboutins/history/index.htm>
This is the page for the Immigration and Naturalization Service. This page shows that the INS is now customer friendly!

<http://www.sara.nysed.gov/holding/fact/natur-fa.htm> This is New York State's page on naturalization and other immigrant records

<http://home.att.net/~arnielang/ship08.html#top> This is a privately maintained web site which has excellent information on naturalization and other immigrant matters such as passenger list information, etc.

BRIEF HIGHLIGHTS OF JGSGO PROGRAMS - November '99 through February 2000

Tuesday, November 9, 1999:

The program included a presentation titled, "Sharing Your Family's Legacy with Those You Love" by Gene Starn founder and first president of the JGSGO. He is also the editor of "The Kirshenbaum Kousins", a publication for and about the descendants of Avrum Chaim Kirshenbaum. In his talk, Starn emphasized the importance of selecting interesting events in one's life which should be included in any memoir. While dates and places are important, he spoke of "memory joggers" and the need to record such memoirs. He distributed a handout of "Suggested Readings" which should be helpful in such a project. (see page 12 of this issue of Etz Chaim)

Tuesday, December 14:

Gladys Friedman Paulin, JGSGO past president, presented an interesting lecture on "Naturalization". Using illustrations with an overhead projector, she covered the many aspects involved in an immigrant's objective of obtaining citizenship in the U.S. Prepared material was distributed including "A Selected Bibliography on U.S. Naturalization". The list includes books and Internet addresses of special importance. (see page 13 of this issue of Etz Chaim)

Tuesday, January 11:

Shirley Dornfest, JGSGO member, spoke about her recent two-week genealogical research trip to Lithuania and Belarus. In July, Dornfest joined the "roots tour" organized by Howard Margol, now president of the IAJGS. She mentioned some of the difficulties faced by any researcher such as language barriers, knowing the office hours of agencies, and travel. During the planned visits to several areas, she had some success in locating family records in the archives in Lithuania. Photos of various visited sites were displayed.

Wednesday, February 9:

JGSGO meet in the mini-sanctuary of the Congregation of Liberal Judaism. Rabbi Steven Engel, CLJ spiritual leader was the guest speaker. The topic of his presentation was "What's 'Jewish' About Jewish Genealogy." He described the ancient family clan's rights to citizenship and how such family clans did a census of their people. The importance of "purity of descent" established a priestly lineage and required marital ties to be pure. By the 12th century, he suggested genealogy lost its importance as one became a rabbi through study of Torah. After the 12th

century it was noted, "man created his own good name" Keeping family records often gave privileges and was important in marriages. With the Holocaust, genealogy became more important in determining "who and what was lost." Today's genealogical interest may also be tied to the acceptance of the book and TV program Roots.

Sunday, February 13, 2000

The Ninth Annual JGSGO Workshop, dedicated to the memory of Pauline Gotlob Horwitz was held in the Senior Lounge, JCC. The theme was *Back to the Basics* with a sub-title, "*Make the Year 2000 The YAU Workshop*". The all day program was coordinated by Robert W. Marlin, author, genealogist and VP of Membership for JGSGO.

Registration started at 9:30 a.m. Following a welcome at 10:00 by JGSGO President Sim Seckbach, the first session, "An Introduction to Genealogy", was given by Robert W. Marlin. He also presented the session on "Vital Records".



The third session on "Census Records" and the Soundex System was handled by Don and Doris Frank." Sim Seckbach discussed "Immigration and Naturalization" Marlin returned to the podium to cover "Passenger Arrival Records" A well planned audio-visual session on "The Internet and the World Wide Web" was given by Gene Starn, with assistance of Sy Horwitz It covered the various genealogical programs one can use and what valuable information may be obtained through the Internet.

Participants received informative handouts prepared by the speakers and related to the presented topics. A light lunch was available. Sixteen people pre-registered for the workshop but two were unable to attend. Several JGSGO members volunteered to assist in the operation of the workshop.

REMEMBER THAT TRANSCRIBED INFORMATION IS ONLY AS RELIABLE AS THE TRANSCRIBER!

CENSUS TAKER

It was the first day of census, and all through the land;
The pollster was ready ... a black book in hand.
He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride;
His book and some quills were tucked close by his side.

A long winding ride down a road barely there;
Toward the smell of fresh bread wafting, up through the air.
The woman was tired, with lines on her face;
And wisps of brown hair she tucked back into place.

She gave him some water ... as they sat at the table;
And she answered his questions ... the best she was able.
He asked of her children... Yes, she had quite a few;
The oldest was twenty, the youngest not two.

She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red;
his sister, she whispered, was napping in bed.
She noted each person who lived there with pride;
And she felt the faint stirrings of the wee one inside.

He noted the sex, the color, the age...
The marks from the quill soon filled up the page.
At the number of children, she nodded her head;
And saw her lips quiver for the three that were dead.

The places of birth she "never forgot";
Was it Kansas? or Utah? or Oregon ... or not?
They came from Scotland, of that she was clear;
But she wasn't quite sure just how long they'd been here.

They spoke of employment, of schooling and such;
They could read some .and write some .. though really not much.

When the questions were answered, his job there was done;
So he mounted his horse and he rode toward the sun.

We can almost imagine his voice loud and clear;
"May God bless you all for another ten years."
Now picture a time warp ... its' now you and me;
As we search for the people on our family tree.

We squint at the census and scroll down so slow;
As we search for that entry from long, long ago.
Could they only imagine on that long ago day;
That the entries they made would effect us this way?

If they knew, would they wonder at the yearning we feel;
And the searching that makes them so increasingly real.
We can hear if we listen the words they impart;
Through their blood in our veins and their voice in our heart.

Author Unknown (Thanks to JGSGO member Roz Downey)

THERE'S STILL TIME.....

Thanks to Our Supporters..

**Special 10th Anniversary Issue -
Etz Chaim Underway**

As reported in Volume 10 No. 2 issue of Etz Chaim, the JGSGO is planning a very special 10th Anniversary Issue for distribution in early June 2000. The JGSGO was organized in September 1990 by a well motivated group of 23 people led primarily by Gene Starn.

To commemorate the anniversary, the Summer issue of Etz Chaim will be very special in that it will note our growth and highlight our historical development.

We are asking our friends and members to support the issue by placing a business or personal card-type ad in a special section of the expanded publication. We invite you to follow the folks listed below who have already responded

Each page will hold eight 2 x 3 1/2" cards. If you don't have a card you make up your own message to fit the space. The cost for demonstrating your support with the "ad" is only \$20.00 .

Please do not wait until May to submit your good wishes...the sooner the better! . Send your check payable to JGSGO with your personal or business card or greeting to:
Etz Chaim, c/o JGSGO, P.O. Box 941332, Maitland, FL 32794-1332

And many thanks to the following who have responded (as of late February):

Gene and Elaine Starn, Audrey Pearlman, Karyn Angel and Carl Migden, Sim Seckbach, Gladys Friedman Paulin, Robert and Doris Glasser, Robert W. Marlin, Doris and Don Frank, Shirley Dornfest, Jay Schleichkorn, Herb Adler, Sonia and Harold Sternberger, Bud Jaffee, Ernest and Tillie Lefkowitz (Leeds Holdings Southeast Inc.) , Harvey E. Morse of Locators International, Inc., , Marv Suriff of Compu-Aide, Ray Schleichkorn Rehab Services, Joshua Loory of The Edit Works, and Lee Goldberg of First Watch,

JGSGO Field Trip

to the Price Library of Judaica,
University of Florida, Gainesville.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

we plan to car-pool and meet at JCC
and leave at 9:00 a.m

If you are thinking of making
the trip, ASAP contact

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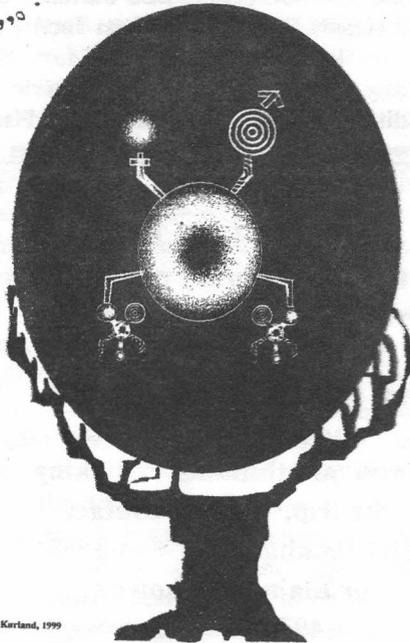
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