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**JGSGO's founder Gene Starn, and his wife, Elaine, are moving to Delray Beach!  
Our best wishes go with them.**

On Tuesday October 8, at the JGSGO meeting ( 7 p.m.) to be held in the Seminole County Public Library (Oxford St., Casselberry) we will "salute" and thank Gene for his many contributions to our community.

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**CALENDAR:****Future JGSGO Programs + others**

Tuesday, October 8: Regular Meeting, Conference Room, Seminole County Public Library, Oxford Street, Casselberry. 7:00 p.m., Program : "A Salute to Gene Starn" and farewell as he and wife, Elaine, prepare to move further south.

Monday, November 4: JGSGO Board of Directors meeting, 7:00 p.m. Conference Room, JCC

Tuesday, November 12: Regular Meeting, Senior Lounge, JCC, 7:00 p.m., Program: "A Shakespeareian View of the Future of the JGSGO.... 'to be or not to be, that is the question'" General discussion

Sunday, December 15: Afternoon -Annual Meeting, Reports, Elections, Installation of Officers, Place: to be announced

Sunday-Friday, July 20-25, 2003 - The 23rd IAJGS, International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, JW Marriott Hotel, Washington, DC

**NOTE:** The 2003 annual conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, hosted by the Florida State Genealogical Societies will be held in Orlando, September 3-6, at the Marriott Renaissance (adjacent to Sea World).

## JGSGO Meeting August 13 Meeting

Gregg Gronlund, speaker

Gregg Gronlund is the Department Head of Genealogy and Law at Orlando Public Library, Orange County Library System, Orlando. At the Tuesday, August 13 meeting held in the Senior Lounge, JCC, his topic was "The 1930 Census and How to Use It." Doris and Don Frank prepared the following report for Etz Chaim.

"VERY INTERESTING, not only for the Jewish attendees, but also for the 8 or 10 non-Jewish attendees. Gregg Gronlund presented himself very well in his talk and he was very responsive to answering the many questions. The handouts were most informative and we especially benefited by the 1930 CENSUS SELECTED WEBSITES.

We followed the steps of the National Archives website as given to us by Gregg:

1. Research Room
2. Genealogy
3. 1930 Census

Once we got into 1930 Census, it was very simple. It really works. We tried it! As a result of the above we were both successful in identifying which rolls of Microfilms to search for our respective families.

Gregg said his staff at the library is very happy to help. He also mentioned that if you have a Seminole County Library card, Orange County will give you a reciprocal card, but you must show your SCL card. A special thank you to Gregg Gronlund and the JGSGO."

Doris & Don Frank



Gregg Gronlund  
Photo: 1994 by Jay S.

## 1930 Census Selected websites

[www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov) National Archives

[www.ipums.umn.edu/~pipums/voliii/inst1930.html](http://www.ipums.umn.edu/~pipums/voliii/inst1930.html) - 1930

Census: Enumerator Instructions

[www.ipums.umn.edu/~pipums/voliii/tEnumInstr.html](http://www.ipums.umn.edu/~pipums/voliii/tEnumInstr.html)

Enumerator Instructions

[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)> 1930 Census Images- Ancestry plans to index the entire 1930 census. Also has 1930 Census extraction forms. On Home Page, click on Trees, click on Charts & Forms, click on Census Extraction. Forms available for 1790-1930

[www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) US Census Bureau - General Information about all censuses. Forms and Statistical information for the 2000 census. Questions and answers.

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/@whisnant/1930>  
census - - 1930 Census extraction form

<http://home.pacbell.net/spmorse/census> - Obtaining EDs for the 1930 in One Step (Large Cities).

[www.OCLS.info](http://www.OCLS.info) Orange Co. Library System

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After 3 ½ years this is my final President's Message in Etz Chaim. It has been an interesting time. I have had some excellent cooperation by members of the board and have also had vacancies were no one was willing to fill the position. If we are to survive as an organization we must have the assistance of more members to fill our open positions. Our biggest problems are programs and hospitality. The nominating committee is looking for the board members for next year. If you have not been participating now is a good time to begin.

As for accomplishments that we have had. First I would like to remind everyone that we are now qualified for 501c3 status which makes us tax exempt and also any donations to the Society can be listed as a charitable contribution on your tax returns. Second the website has been revised and update. We are now on rootsweb and have our meeting notices, membership information, library holdings, and the latest copies of Etz Chaim on the website. Third the library was reorganized by Herb Adler and books are now shelved by category.

There are still things to be accomplished by the next board. Some of them are, first the by-laws need to be revised to reflect the needs of the Society. The present ones look like they were written to run a company such as General Motors. Ours need to be simplified. In order to keep our dues at the present rate we need to be looking for some place less costly than the JCC to hold some or all of our meetings. Their rent is exorbitant for what we receive and for the discounted dues we give to JCC members. We also need to find a location for our library. In the Holocaust Center we are running out of room and the hours are not convenient for most of our members.

To the members that do not attend meetings due to ours being at night. When we had a Sunday afternoon meeting for you not one person attended except ones that attend at night and we also lost some of our regulars that regularly attend at night. There are other genealogy groups in the Central Florida area that meet during the day and even though they do not specialize in Jewish Genealogy a lot can be learned from them. I attend most of their meetings and the only other of our members that I see there on a regular basis is Gladys Friedman Paulin.

This year a magnificent job has been done by Doris & Don Frank with keeping up the membership list, Shirley Michael seems to have the bills paid the same day we receive them, Herb Adler as mentioned earlier has reorganized the library, Moe Aronson, as usual, has been an excellent secretary, Jay Schleichkorn has been very good with publicity as well as Etz Chaim, and Gladys Friedman Paulin has done much work on the cemetery project.

When the next president writes his or her last message I would like to see many other names mentioned.

*Sim Seckbach*

(Gene Starn's early JGSGO history-reprinted from Etz Chaim, Vol. 10, # 4, Summer 2000)

## THE BEGINNING of JGSGO

By: Gene Starn

Back in my youthful days before World War II, I always looked forward to getting together with my cousins in Toronto. Every other year, on Labor Day weekend, my mother's family held a meeting of sorts. While the parents were inside, gathered around the big dining room table at my cousin Bessie and Laizer Moshe's house, the kids would be outside playing all sorts of games and getting acquainted.

The reason for the adults' meeting was to figure out some way to get our relatives still stuck in Poland into Canada or the United States.

I had plenty of playmates. There were my cousins Solly and Bennie, and Mikey, Lou and Hy, and Ida and big and little Louie. My sister, who was 2-1/2 years older than me, had a crush on cousin Davey and her friends were Rose and Toby. And Pearlle was another one.

It got to the point where I needed to write down all the names, and who their parents were, to keep track of all of them. Then I figured I might as well put in their birthdates to have a better idea of who was the oldest and the youngest.

As I progressed, I found there were some blank spots, so I had to ask my cousins, and then my aunts and uncles, who belonged in the blank spots.

Next thing you know, I was on my way to learning the genealogy of my mother's family.

I thought I had made a great discovery with this genealogy thing. And I thought there must be a few others who were interested in their family's history.

It was in June 1990, just before Elaine and I were to leave Orlando and head north for the summer, when I decided to see if I could twist Jeff Gaeser's arm. He was the new owner of HERITAGE, Orlando's Jewish newspaper -- and let me run an article or two during the summer to find out who else was interested in Jewish genealogy. He even let me make up a few ads, asking anyone interested to call and leave a message on my answering machine.

Then I promptly forgot about it until we arrived back home in the fall.

As we arrived back in Orlando, just before Rosh Hashanah, the phone was ringing.

"Hello, this is Gary Mokotoff. I'm president of the Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies and I hear you're trying to start one in the Orlando area. Maybe I can help!"

I told him that I'd just gotten home and hadn't had a chance to see if there were any responses on my answering machine, but I'd get back to him.

My answering machine was blinking like mad, showing that I had a number of unanswered calls.

In all there were at least a couple dozen, including a few repeats from people wondering why I hadn't gotten back to them. I talked over my idea with Marv Friedman, director

of the JCC, and he gave me a meeting room in the old program building of the Center.

Twenty-three people showed up, including some who said they'd stay on to help organize our JGS. I remember most all of those people ... the late Polly Horwitz, Rachel Heimovics, Sheila Reback, Harry Katzman (he's since moved to Boynton Beach), Claire Miller (now living in Northern California), Teresa Finer, Moe Aronson, Shirley Michael, Sylvia and Doug First, and several others.

We had a lively discussion about Jewish genealogy, I remember. Two brothers from Winter Springs who had been trying to trace their relatives decided not to join when they learned that we weren't going to have any sure-fire, immediate way of giving them what they wanted. There were many who were interested, but were strictly beginners. We ended up with 16 who made up the nucleus of the JGS of Greater Orlando.

That was the beginning.

And now, 10 years later, we are approaching 100 members strong. Eighty-two people were at our March 14 meeting. Nine of the original people are still members and others are active in their own communities. There have been a lot of births, marriages and deaths that have gone under our genealogical bridge since then, as we continue to flourish with new names and faces making their mark in the world of Jewish genealogy.

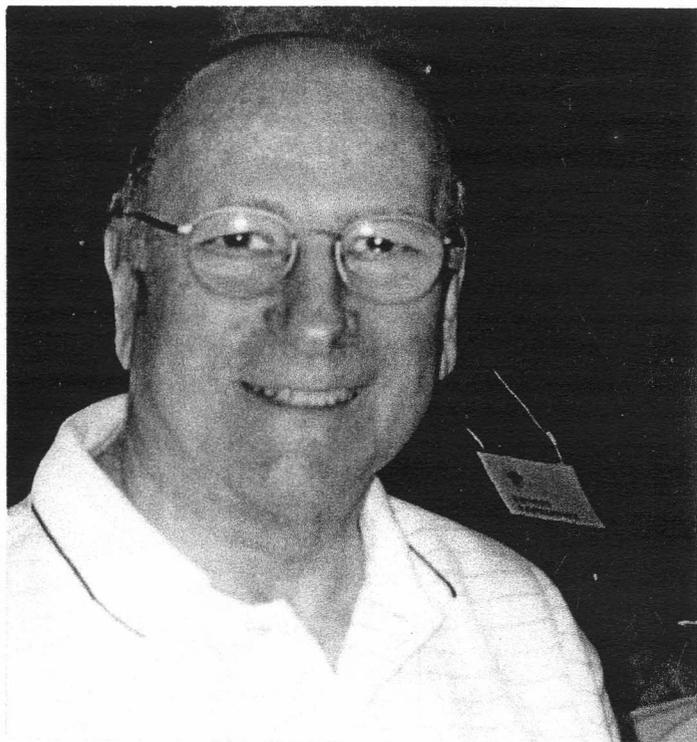
Personally, I feel our JGS is one of the greater accomplishments of my life. Elaine and I have made so many new friends and acquaintances, mostly here in Orlando, but worldwide, too, by attending the annual national and international seminars. Besides our own Society, I have had a helping hand in getting the Rochester, NY, and Montreal, Canada, JGS groups going.

Besides our own families, we have built an extended family of fellow genealogists who have given us many years of good will and love. And for this we are both thankful.

Our Society has spawned many "heroes" of Jewish genealogy. Gladys Friedman Paulin, one of our former presidents, is a member of the board of the International Association of JGS. Robert Marlin is preparing his second genealogical how-to book Both Gladys and Robert have graduated into the professional ranks of Jewish genealogy. Claire Miller recently was elected president of the Sonoma County Genealogical Society in California. Our own Marge Soloff has been a leader in sources for tracing Jewish orphans with her Web page. Harry Katzman is the founding president of *Stammbaum*, the German Jewish Genealogy special interest group. I have been the coordinator of both ROM-SIG News (Romania) and the prestigious Kielce-Radom SIG Journal.

I wouldn't recommend that everyone go out and start a genealogical society, but I would suggest that you each make it your business to get involved in our own society, in any big or small way. You'll be surprised at the results it will bring you.

## JGSGO NOTES THE PASSING OF MEMBER HOWARD L. SELIGSON



### Howard L. Seligson (1933-2002)

Howard Lloyd Seligson of Longwood, a member of the JGSGO since 2001, died most unexpectedly on Wednesday, July 31, at the age of 69. Born in Hackensack, NJ, Howard served in the US Army and most recently was with Merrill Lynch Financial Services. Funeral services were held the next day at Temple Israel, Orlando.

Shortly after joining the JGSGO, Howard volunteered to serve as the Coordinator of the annual workshop sponsored by the Society. Referring to the workshop, he said "we hope to reduce the frustration that many people experience when they begin their journey in finding their ancestors." The program, was held Sunday afternoon, April 7, at the JCC, Maitland. It was noted that Seligson brought a broad leadership and unique background to the JGSGO. A Certified Investment Management Consultant, he had more than 35 years of experience in the financial services industry. With Merrill Lynch, he served in a management role in Winter Park, FL, Phoenix, AZ, Corpus Christi, TX, and Indianapolis, IN. In 1985, Seligson stepped down from management and returned to the Winter Park office as a Financial Consultant. Most recently he was a Vice President, Wealth Management Advisor at the Merrill Lynch office in Winter Park.

Locally, he served on the Board of Directors of the Seminole Community Mental Health Center and was a member of Temple Israel. He is survived by his wife, Brenda and 3 sons, Michael of Atlanta, GA, Brian of Watertown, NY, and David of Scottsdale, AZ.

## EXPERT ADVICE: FINDING WHERE YOUR ANCESTORS LIVED

Many of the same sources that help with birth, death and age information can suggest ancestral residences. Depending on the time period of the people you are seeking, a variety of additional sources may help you identify places of residence at a given time, including the place to which or from which ancestors moved:

1. Church registers (they may show transfers in or out).
2. County deed, probate, tax and other records, especially the indexes that you can read rather quickly.
3. Federal military, land, immigration, naturalization and other records.
4. Membership applications and records of national organizations and lineage societies.
5. Social Security Death Index (deaths after 1936, but not all deaths).
6. College transcripts and alumni lists (may include hometowns).
7. City directories, which give current, and occasionally former, residences.
8. Statewide Soundex for 1880 to 1930 US censuses that allows you to survey the reported birthplaces of many people of the same surname.
9. Family and county histories with biographical sketches; use cautiously and try to verify data.

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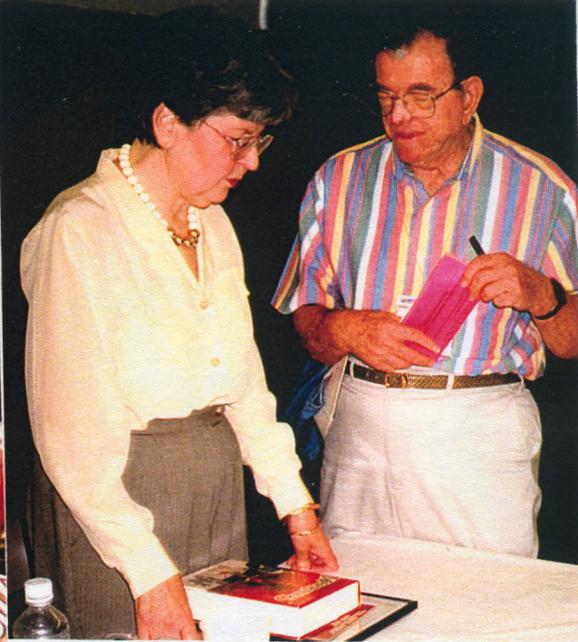
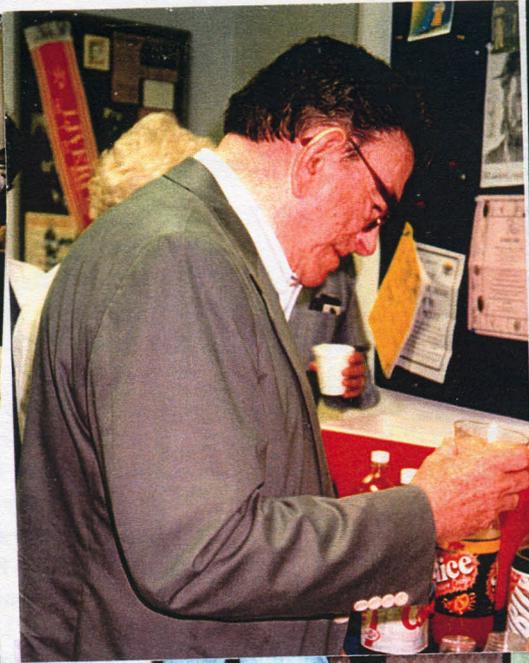
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*"Those who do not look upon themselves as links connecting the past with the future do not perform their duty to the world."*

--- Daniel Webster, 1782-1852

# Through the Years



# With Gene Starn...



# HOW I FOUND MY GRAND FATHER'S LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT' by Carl R. Migden

One day in May, 1998, when I was making my weekly visit to the local LDS and by chance, I sat next to a seasoned genealogist (researching for over 25 years) by the name of Neill. He was researching his relatives in the New York City going way back to the early 1800s. We struck up a conversation and he asked me who and where I was searching in the NYC area. I mentioned to him that I never knew my grandfather, since he died in Manhattan, NYC in 1915, many years before I was born. I told him I was trying to find out as much as possible about him and where and how he lived. Neill said to me that if I'm really interested there might be a possibility that my grandfather left a LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT in NYC. He also told me all wills are indexed in alphabetical order, so it is quite easy to find a listed will, or not. I replied to him, "my grandfather was not very wealthy and he probably did not leave anything, and so there most probably wouldn't be a Will". He responded by telling me that everyone leaves a paper trail and here in the local LDS office there is a microfilm indexing wills titled:

'Record of wills, 1665-1923; index to wills, 1662-1923".

'Authors: New York Surrogate's Court (New York) (Main Author)".

Neill helped me search through the index and we found a microfilm that fit into the right time span.

I was interested in: "Index to wills - Vol. A-Z 1910-1923".

It indicated the film: "LDS Location Film: FHL US/CAN Film 1314041. So, I now reached my first step in the search process in finding my grandfather's will. I wrote down the film number and filled-in the LDS Microfilm and Microfiche Order Card: "New York, New York Probate Records, New York Surrogate's Court, Index to wills vol. A-Z, 1910 - 1923. I gave the order form to the LDS lady in charge of ordering films + \$3.25 (for the film fee).

She told me it would take about 1 to 2 weeks to arrive from the LDS headquarters in Salt Lake City and someone would telephone me when it arrived at the LDS office. Two weeks later the film arrived and I quickly ran down to see the film. The wills were indexed in alphabetical order, just as Neill described (last name, first name). I anxiously threaded the film into the microfilm machine and viewed the film till I reached the section of the M's. Then, lo and behold I yelled out WOW! The people around me thought I was crazy. But here it was!

## NAME OF TESTATOR PROVED LIBER # TO PAGE

MIGDEN, Esra Oct. 2 1915 1015 363

It was just an unbelievable experience to see my grandfather's name on this microfilm, in this dark room, here in Florida, over 80 years after his death. How could this be possible? But I've learnt that we all leave paper trails and my grandfather's will was no exception.

With this new information in hand I telephoned Neill and asked him what do I do next? "He told me I now have all the information to get the LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT". Knowing the last residence from my grandfather's death certificate I knew which N.Y.C. Surrogate's Court to request information. (Please note: it is very important to request information in the correct Surrogate's Court in NYC). So, I now had two possibilities in getting the will.

1- Write to the Surrogate's Court - New York County (Manhattan), Record Room, 31 Chambers Street, Room 402, New York, New York 10007, Att.: Record Room Supervisor.

Or

2- Search through another LDS microfilm indexing "Record of wills" titled:

"Record of wills, 1665-1916; index to wills, 1662-1923".

"Authors: New York Surrogate's Court (New York) (Main Author)".

When I searched through the LDS microfilms I found the following film:

LDS Location Film: FHL US/CAN Film 1317466,  
Will no. 1013 (p. 224 - end) 1015 - 1914 - 1915.

I chose step 1, so I immediately wrote (on August 12, 1998) to the Surrogate's Court - New York County (Manhattan) and on Aug. 25, 1998 in about two (2) weeks I received the following response on a simple note pad sheet:

Dear Mr. Migden,  
Ref.: Esra Migden, File # Oct. 2, 1915, Liber 1015 Pg. 363,  
Cost of copies:  
Will: 3 pages ----- \$15.00  
Petition: 6 Pages ----- \$30.00  
Decree: 1 Page ----- \$ 5.00  

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Total: \$50.00

**NO PERSONAL CHECKS**  
Please send self-addressed stamped envelope with requests. Sincerely,  
Guy DANYON, Records Room Supervisor

On receipt of this note I wrote a short letter requesting all 10 pages and then went to the U.S. Post Office and purchased a US Postal Money Order in the amount of \$50.00 and sent it off with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

One week later I received my grandfather's **LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT**. It had all 10 pages, 3 pages of the will portion, 6 pages of the petition and 1 last page of the decree. This was my first big genealogical find since I started my research one year earlier. I started reading each and every page it gave me goose bumps all over. I read it over and over again. I just couldn't put it down. Since I did not know my grandfather it was a way to get to know what he was thinking during the latter part of his life. I am very happy I found the will and I feel I know something about my grandfather.

Now there is another way to get hold of the **LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT** via the LDS, which is less expensive than going through NYC Surrogate's Court. The LDS has microfilms on all the NYC wills and I found an LDS microfilm titled: LDS Location Film: FHL US/CAN Film 1317466 - Will no. 1013 (p. 224 - end) 1015 - 1914 - 1915.

It seems the LDS wrote out each and every will and put it on microfilm and this is why each will is in the same handwriting. I was told the LDS were not allowed to microfilm the wills in NYC so they actually sat down and hand wrote each and every will. For the benefit of all I must say they have an enormous amount of patience. By the way all the above information is available on the LDS website.

So, because I spoke to someone at the LDS one day I accidentally learned how to find a will, even as far back to the 1600's. I would like to pass on the following advice to my fellow genealogists: Ask as many questions as possible, especially to seasoned genealogists. You never know what you will learn from it.

I do hope this experience I had will help you find your grandfather's **LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT**.

Good luck and happy hunting.

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## REPORT ON THE IAJGS CONFERENCE

The 22nd International Conference on Jewish Genealogy was held August 4-9 in Toronto, Canada at the Sheraton Center. Approximately 1,000 persons registered for the meeting. Four JGSGO members, Herb Adler, Shirley Dornfest, Robert Kornspan, and Gladys Friedman Paulin were at the meeting. Gladys was a speaker at the conference and presented a program on "The Jewish Community in Saskatchewan."

On Tuesday September 10, the four members presented a panel that offered the Society information on the highlights and overall programming offered at the conference. The host organization was the Genealogical Society of Canada (Toronto). Their planning time was limited since they were not the original hosts.

Summing up their critique Adler said, "the Canadian hosts did a commendable job" and Gladys topped the statement by saying "it was a wonderful job."



*Panel members (left to right):*

*Gladys Friedman Paulin, Shirley Dornfest, Bob Kornspan, Herb Adler*

As an international meeting of a Jewish group, and in these uncertain times, security was an issue. Gladys indicated between the physical location and the obvious security personnel who could be seen, the security was outstanding. "Everyone had to wear their ID's to gain admission to the area. It was not just having the ID at your side or on your books, it had to be hung around your neck."

She also mentioned meeting Miriam Weiner, a well-known genealogist and author. Weiner is the author of several books among which are the 1998 "Jewish Roots in Poland" and the 1999 "Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova." Gladys indicated Miriam Weiner is not

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planning any additional books. For more information about Weiner's work, check her interesting web site, part of her Roots to Roots Foundation. ([www.RTRFoundation.org](http://www.RTRFoundation.org)). In addition, Gladys spoke highly of a presentation by Michael Steinore of Lake Oswego, OR, "Exploring Details of Czarist Decrees on Jews."

Herb Adler indicated he was very impressed with the quality and credentials of so many of the speakers. Herb primarily attended German oriented sessions since his interest is in that area. In particular, Herb mentioned two presentations that he enjoyed; by Emily C. Rose, "German Language Archives: Uncovering the Life and Times of Your Ancestors" given by Emily C. Rose and "A Jew's Journey: How to Visit Lands of Your Forefathers" by Arnold R. Tolkin. From Tolkin's lecture, Herb became more aware of how to maximize one's time when traveling and always use an interpreter/guide in a foreign land. He spoke highly of the well organized German Special Interest Group and its' luncheon. "It was some of the best food I have ever had," he noted.

Adler also told the JGSGO that to get more out of such a conference, stay at the convention hotel. "It has advantages though perhaps more expensive," he said. "One good thing is that you do not have to carry all the materials with you all the time." Herb displayed a large notebook given to each registrant that had outlines for each presentation and other good information. He also mentioned there are film festivals in the evening and other activities that one could conveniently attend rather than leaving the hotel.

Robert Kornspan of Port Orange, a JGSGO member since 1992, kindly accepted Sim Seckbach's invitation to be part of the "conference panel." He made the hour drive with his wife Dorothy. Kornspan's major interest is in Hungary. He visited sites there a few years ago and was impressed with the good condition of cemeteries, however, no Jews are in the small towns. Bob also spoke about the crimes local townspeople committed against the Jews. "It wasn't just the Germans who were bad," he said.

At the conference, among the sessions Bob attended and enjoyed was a presentation by Henry Wellisch, "Hungarian Jews: Where Did They Come From?" His research led to 1726 Tax Records.

Shirley Dornfest has been to several IAJGS Conferences. At the Toronto meeting, she was very interested in the DNA projects. Dr. H. Chaim Bimboim spoke on "DNA, the Ultimate Genealogical Record."

Prior to her leaving for Toronto, Sim Seckbach, JGSGO president, appointed Shirley as the JGSGO official delegate. In this capacity, she attended the IAJGS annual meeting. Shirley reported there were 47 societies out of 71 at the business meeting. There are 14 new JGS that may be possible members. Newly accepted societies include Venezuela and Grodno.

It was reported Jewishgen is having some financial problems. It may become necessary to have a charge for some

of it's website material.

As to problems, some of the delegates were concerned that there was limited accessibility for the disabled and minimal signing for the deaf. Kosher food was not easily available even though there were many restaurants in the area of the convention center. An interesting problem was the fact that Monday, August 5, was a Canadian Holiday and some facilities were not available.

Shirley also referred to the 10 commandments for genealogy promulgated by Rabbi Stern. It was suggested IAJGS adopt these "ethics".

Referring to the evening programs at the site, Shirley enjoyed three special films, 1) "I am home" 2) "Impressions of a Town That Was" and 3) "The Secret".



The panel reported the dates for the year 2003 International meeting. It will be held in Washington, DC July 20-25 at the JW Marriott Hotel.

Registration forms and information may be found on <http://Jewishgen.org/DC2003/>

(See... "How to Order Audio Tapes" pg. 11)

## The 23rd IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

Hosted by the JGS of Greater Washington - July 20-25, 2003

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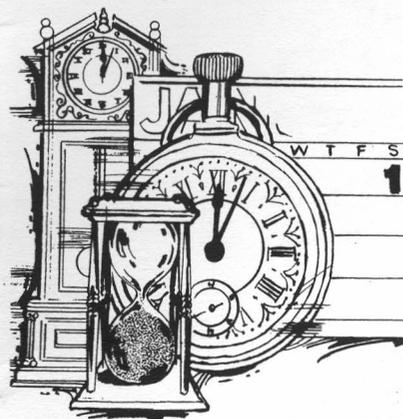
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The Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington (JGSGW) warmly invites genealogists of all levels and interests to attend the 23rd Annual International Conference on Jewish Genealogy. The location is Washington, DC—a capital city filled with spectacular family history resources and sightseeing attractions.

The Conference is being held July 20-25, 2003, at the ideally-located JW Marriott Hotel. The hotel is near major genealogy research institutions, many DC attractions, and numerous eateries ranging from a food court to gourmet establishments.

Washington provides renowned research repositories in a magnificent cosmopolitan city! Look for further information in genealogy journals and on this web site in the months ahead! ([www.jewishgen.org/DC2003](http://www.jewishgen.org/DC2003))

## “IT’S TIME.....”



Time. What is it? We wear it on our wrists, every room in the house has a clock on the wall.... all modern appliances have a clock on board.... airlines live by an ETA and ETD... we constantly race against it.... Einstein theorized about it.... Hawking tries to explain it. Even the Bible has references to time.... yet, what is it? Is it just the

instance of “NOW” becoming the “PAST” and “FUTURE” simultaneously? We can’t reverse the flow of time, nor can we speed up the sequential nature of this phenomenon. Nothing will halt the inexorable march to what’s ahead! Einstein theories describe the “shrinking” of time with speed approaching that of light (300,000KM/sec.), however, nothing of current utility has come of this within the posted speed limits of today. H.G. Well and other writers of science fiction have delved into the possibilities of “time travel?”, but to date have only whet the appetites of readers and fellow writers for this topic. “Time” is *wasted* by many, *saved* by some, and *lost* by others. But what is it? Period in history are often referred to as “good time” or “bad times”, much as to the brief intervals in our daily lives. “*Time will tell*”, and “*time goes by*” are standard adages of our “times”. “*It is time*” has an ominous note in most instances, while “*there is yet time*” offers hope, and “time is said to be a great healer. However, the most common reference has been, and still is: “*What time is it?*” (Or re-phrased: “*Time, what is it?*”) (Thanks to Joe Kahn of Syosset, NY)

### HOW TO ORDER AUDIO TAPES

On the website:

[www.JGSToronto2002.CA/Tapes.html](http://www.JGSToronto2002.CA/Tapes.html), you will find a list of 135 tapes recorded at various sessions of the IAJGS Conference in Toronto.

1. Download and print these forms (either Word or PDF format): list of tapes ( or ) order form or
2. CALL Metro Media, 905-305-8706 (Jean or Vince), and request an order form to be mailed to you, or
3. E-MAIL Metro Media, , including your mailing address. They will mail an order form to you.

## Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana is NOT closed!

Allen County Public Library-Genealogy Department in Fort Wayne, Indiana is NOT closed! Yes, the library is going to expand, and yes, the library will move to an interim location.

Yes, it is true we will be going through renovation in the future. However, the move to our interim location will not be happening until at least July or August of next year, 2003.

At the interim location, which is located just four blocks from the current library, the Genealogy Department will be open to researchers. Until that time, our collection is open at its current location (900 Webster St, Fort Wayne), accessible and ready for use as always. We will continue to have the resources of this nationally known collection available both at the current location, at the interim location, and of course in our new improved library after the renovation.

Please pass this information on to genealogy societies, family history researchers, and libraries, anyone, any organization interested in family history research. or for further information visit our website or phone 260-421-1225.

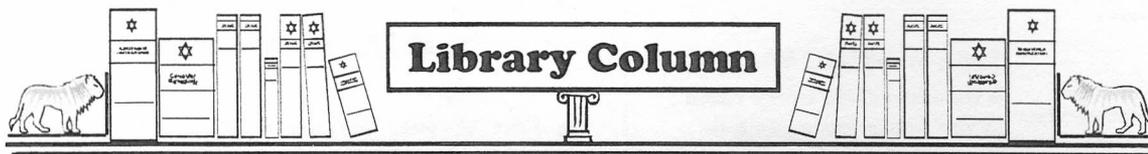
We would enjoy having you visit us. Thanks.

Susan Kaufman Tavenner, Librarian Historical Genealogy Department Allen County Public Library  
900 Webster St. PO Box 2270 Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270  
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## WANTED.....ANECDOTES



At the JGSGO meeting of March 12, 2002, several members offered brief stories about a “blacksheep” in the family. We heard about murder and English nobility, bigamy, breaking the Sunday Blue Laws, time for a crime in Sing Sing, and more. Even though some of the situations were quite serious, the information, as related today, was amusing. If you have a story of a “skeleton in the closet” or a “blacksheep”, perhaps you can share that with our readers in a future issue of Etz Chaim.. Just write it up as if you were telling the story. Send the article by regular e-mail to the editor, Jay Schleichkorn, at [PTJay@aol.com](mailto:PTJay@aol.com)> Your contribution would be welcomed.



## Genealogy Library to Move

The Holocaust Center has informed us that our Genealogy corner will be moved from its present location.

The best guess right now is that it will be in the hallway immediately outside of the Holocaust Library. They need more shelving space for their expanding collection and so we will be deposed. It should not be a problem for us.

**Remember to look at our Web Page for the Catalog of Library Holdings.**

Herb Adler, JGSGO Librarian--e-mail:  
[herbela@adelphia.net](mailto:herbela@adelphia.net) or 407-239-8195

## Librarian Wanted

I will be relinquishing the duties of Librarian at the end of the year and hope that someone will volunteer to take over. You can perform a great service to *your* JGSGO organization with not a whole lot of effort. It's time to get involved!! Assistance and support will be available.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### JGSGO MEETING

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

Program: *A Salute to Gene Starn,  
 Founder of the JGSGO*

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Meeting Room,  
 Seminole County Public Library,  
 Oxford Street, Casselberry, FL