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CALENDAR: Future JGSGO Programs + others

Saturday, April 17, 2004: Central Fl Genealogical Society Special Program – see page 8

Monday, April 19, 2004: Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., in the Learning Resource Center, Congregation of Liberal Judaism, Malone Drive, Orlando, Program: "Stump the Panel" (Carl Migden, Sheila Reback, Sim Seckbach)

Monday, May 17, 2004: Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., in the Learning Resource Center, Congregation of Liberal Judaism, Malone Drive, Orlando, Program: "Non-Urban Jewish Immigrants: Farmers, Cowboys and Small Town Jews" presenter: Gladys Friedman Paulin, CGRS

Monday, June 21, 2004: April 19, 2004: Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., in the Learning Resource Center, Congregation of Liberal Judaism, Malone Drive, Orlando,, Program: "Following the Stars and Stripes: How to Get Your Ancestors Military Records," Larry Morrell – the meeting is in conjunction with the Jewish War Veterans in memory of the late Moe Aronson.

July 4-9, 2004: The 24th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, Renaissance Jerusalem Hotel, Israel

September 8-11, 2004: "Legends Live Forever," Annual Meeting of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, at the Convention Center, Austin, Texas

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I am happy to report that your Board of Directors has responded favorably to the challenges pertaining to the future growth of the JGSGO.



Facing requested increased costs by the JCC for our meeting space, late last year, I requested a study be made to look for a new location to house our regular and Board of Directors meetings. Options available were the public libraries, various congregations, community centers, etc. Our needs were explained to both Rabbi Steven Engel and Mel Kohn, president of the Congregation of Liberal Judaism (CLJ). Both men seemed to like the idea. It was presented to CLJ's executive committee.

In an e-mail of February 21, 2004, CLJ President Mel Kohn wrote,

"Our Executive Committee agreed to play host to the JGS providing free meeting space on a night the Temple facilities are open normally (any night but Tuesday). We can also provide space in the library for you." The JGSGO board met at CLJ on March 3 and formally accepted CLJ's generous offer. Future meetings will be held in the Learning Resource Center, CLJ, 928 Malone Drive, Orlando. Meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. If and when there is a holiday conflict or need to change a date, our members will be notified. Check the Calendar on Page 3 of this Etz Chaim for meeting information.

While we greatly appreciate having the JGSGO library at the Holocaust Center for many years, moving arrangements of our books, computer, equipment, etc to CLJ's library is being planned.

On behalf of the JGSGO, I wish to thank Mel Kohn and his committee for giving us the meeting space and library facilities. This will allow the JGSGO to better serve the community.

Please note the names and addresses of our newly elected board and committee chairs as listed in the next column. You can be sure this group will "roll up their sleeves" and plan for the future of JGSGO.

Please note.... the Board will discuss a change in the by-laws related to an increase of \$5.00 in the annual dues and reverting to the concept of having titles such as president, vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer, rather than "directors." Watch for details on these changes.

Jerry Kurland

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VISITING THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD

In this and in the past six issues of Etz Chaim, one of the feature articles has been a JGSGO member's recollections of the visit to the old neighborhood. Each found the old home site is not the same as they recalled the place in which they grew up.

The articles covered "Back to Belle Harbor, Long Island, NY" by Bob Glasser; "Back to the Bronx" by Jay Schleichkorn; "Back to Cleveland" by Shirley Michael; "Back to Havana, Cuba" by Doris Frank; "Teaching 'La Dor V'Dor'" and a visit to Nashville," by Edith Schulman; "Memories of the House on 607 Henderson Avenue, Tampa," by Beryle Solomon Buchman; and "Going Home" a visit to Muskegon," by Roselle Oyer.

To continue this series, Etz Chaim needs your cooperation. If you have had such an experience in the past several years of making the memorable trip into your past, PLEASE share those days with the JGSGO readers. You don't have to worry about the composition, just write it as you experienced the visit. Contact the Etz Chaim editor, Jay Schleichkorn at PTJay@aol.com and discuss your ideas.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies has announced that the 2005 International Conference on Jewish Genealogy will be in Las Vegas and the 2006 conference will be in New York.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

How can the JGSGO educate the community and perhaps increase membership? Jerry Kurland, the chairman asked Edith Schulman for suggestions and a plan. Edith responded with an Outreach Plan that seems very viable and certainly worth initiating. Doris Frank scanned Edith's program and sent it to JGSGO member Lori Zollman with the hope that she would be interested in guiding the project. Lori responded favorably and Jerry Kurland appointed her Chair of the program.

Lori is currently teaching at CLJ and indicated, "many of the parents have expressed an interest in genealogy." She is planning on communicating with the area Jewish educators. "I am hoping to have a positive response from the educational directors," Lori said, "and hopefully we can explain our program for the next school year when all the teachers get together for our annual 'education' workshop in August."

The following is the Community Outreach Project described by Edith Schulman:

Project: To make every Jewish youngster aware of their own roots by making Family Trees with the help of their parents. The project is to be initiated by JGSGO.

Children will be contacted through the Hebrew Day School and every Sunday School and Hebrew School in Central Florida (the list of synagogues can be obtained from Heritage Florida Jewish News.) Some schools may automatically incorporate this activity as part of their curriculum for certain grades, but JGSGO would encourage all age levels to participate.

Goals:

- 1) All Jewish youths will become aware of their ancestors and genealogy;
- 2) Genealogy will be introduced to a younger demographic group in the community through their children with the hope of increasing membership in our genealogy group.

Procedure:

- 1) Collect a list of all education directors of synagogues and the Hebrew Day School and their addresses in Central Florida (approximately 11);
- 2) Write a letter to each institution explaining the Project and enclose one copy of the suggested Family Tree forms which the institution is encouraged to reproduce for the children in its school;
- 3) Set a date by which we hope this project is completed.

Results:

- 1) Genealogy will be on EVERYONE's mind;
- 2) If we ask for a copy of each completed Family Tree to be sent to the chairperson of the Outreach Project, what we get can be put into binders and form the beginning of our Orlando Jewish History Center;
- 3) JGSGO has reached into the Central Florida community at almost no cost to itself, but making itself known to a great many more people all of whom are potential members.

NO SHORTCUTS TO FINDING FAMOUS AND INFAMOUS ANCESTORS

At the March 9th meeting of JGSGO, held at the JCC, Edith Schulman, JGSGO's program chairperson introduced the guest speaker, noted genealogist and author, Rhonda McClure of St. Cloud, FL.



Her subject was "You Found WHO in the Family Tree? Finding Famous and Infamous Ancestors." With a Power-Point presentation, Rhonda offered advice and hints on how to use biographical directories, the Internet, obituaries, interviews, and other resources. She stressed the need to "work from the known to the unknown," and how best to use readily available records and documents. Rhonda spoke about the genealogical research she did on biographies of various famous people such as Irving Berlin, Tom Cruise, Brad Pitt and Goldie Hawn.

In a handout prepared for the session, Rhonda wrote, "There is no shortage of information about the famous." With that she gave tips on how to "jump start your research" such as recognizing "that most connections to a famous individual are found through the often overlooked female surnames rather than a direct paternal line." Biographical dictionaries and Who's Who compilations such as the Big Red Marquis year book are most helpful. She referred to hometown newspapers as a good source of information.

Rhonda also encouraged the group to pay attention to the information in obituaries. Following up on some of the information that is not detailed may be vitally important to the researcher.

She also spoke of the information found in court records, criminal trial and civil trial records. It is possible to find a "skeleton-in-the-closet" through extensive research of bygone years. Referring to the handout, she wrote, "So to spice things up. Others feel embarrassed when they uncover a black sheep." Some genealogist take a little wicked delight in knowing that their past holds a colorful character or two. Pay particular attention to those relatives that are often not included in family talk. "Skeletons tend to pop up when you least expect them," she wrote.

Rhonda McClure is the author of "The Genealogist's Computer Companion," "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Online Genealogy," and "The Official Family Tree maker fast and easy series for versions 7 through 10 of the program. Her latest book is "Finding Your Famous and Infamous Ancestors," published by Betterway Books.

A question and answer session followed Rhonda's presentation.

**OBITUARY: MARSHALL FRENKEL,
a member of JGSGO since 1993**



(Excerpted from Orlando Sentinel) Friday, 9 Jan 2004
FRENKEL, MARSHALL STEWART, 70, of Maitland, passed away on January 8. Born in Chicago, Illinois, Marshall was a successful businessman who co-owned Pan American Records in Chicago, a real estate brokerage in Marco Island and later founded Check Cashing Services when he moved to Central Florida in 1983. He sold the business and retired in 1996.

His greatest joy was his family and as a member of The Jewish Genealogical Society he created a family tree and history tracing his granddaughters roots to early, 19th century Europe. His great sense of humor, his passion for linguistics, and affinity for intelligent dialogue earned him countless friends as a member of The University Club of Winter Park, Mensa, and The Free Thinkers Association. He was a former member of The Maitland Rotary Club and served as a volunteer Spanish teacher for eight years at the Maitland Senior Center. He was a voracious reader who admired nature's beauty, enjoyed travel, history, home improvement projects, Latin, Classical and bagpipe music and secretly aspired to be a cowboy.

In the JGSGO, Marshall at one time was chair of the Membership Committee. He often participated as a panelist and was a frequent contributor on subjects related to genealogy.

His military career was highlighted in a feature article in EtzChaim (Vol. 12 No. 2) Winter 2001. Marshall enlisted in the Army on January 5, 1955 and was discharged on December 19, 1956. Responding to the question, "Looking back at your service, how would you rate the experience." Marshall replied, "Very happy that it lasted just two years."

Marshall is survived by his wife of 48 years,

Germaine; Debra, daughter; son, Tracy and spouse, Bonnie; son, Alan and spouse, Maureen; Claire and Caitlin, granddaughters; sister, Sandra and spouse Jerry; family and friends from all corners of the world; and his canine companion, Lady.

A memorial service was held Sunday, January 11, at 12:30 p.m., at The University Club of Winter Park. A large assembly room was packed. Marshall would have been pleased to see so many friends. Carl Migden and Jay Schleichkorn spoke on behalf of the JGSGO.

Immediately after the service, the family received friends at the family residence at 1652 Shawnee Trail, Maitland, FL 32751.

From Gene and Elaine Starn

Re: Marshall Frenkel

"Please give Gerry and the family our sincerest condolences. After receiving the announcement and obit, we spent quite a bit of time reminiscing about Marshall. We both knew him quite well and loved him greatly. Our experiences stretched from genealogically to the Yiddish Club to stealing smokes to discussing his exploits with his distant family to listening to Ladino music and on and on. His mind and varied intellect was amazing. We didn't always agree with his thoughts or ideas -- they were sometimes bizarre and incongruous -- but we enjoyed his company. We will miss him, but then it's been many months since we've seen him already. But we will always remember him. And that is his legacy to the world -- remembering him and remembering the many, many moments of happiness he brought in so many ways to so many people."

Gene and Elaine Starn, 7228 Francisco Bend Dr.,
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SPECIAL ALL DAY PROGRAM- CFGS

The Central Florida Genealogical Society is sponsoring a special program on Saturday, April 17, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel, Lake Mary. The program speaker will be George Schweitzer, Ph.D., ScD, who will give three lectures; 1) "Military Genealogical Research;" 2) "River to Trail to Canals to Trains;" and 3) "Researching in Burned Out Counties." Dr. Schweitzer is a distinguished professor at the University of Tennessee and holds three doctoral degrees (History, Chemistry, and Philosophy.) He is the author of 19 books on genealogy.

Fee \$45.00 (includes lunch) Make check payable to CFGS. For registration contact: S. Belperche, c/o Central Florida Genealogical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 536309, Orlando, FL 32853-6309

Birthdays are good for you; the more you have,
the longer you live.

Going Home -1990

By: Roselle Oyer

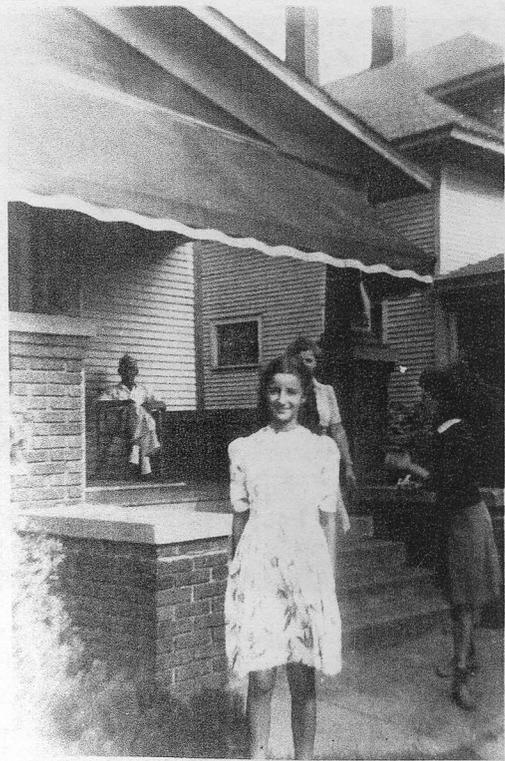
It was the end of January and snow was coming down so fast, so heavily that cars and even big trucks were pulling off the roads because of next to zero visibility. My father, Samuel Gluck, was in a hurry. He was on the road for business, Shoe Leather and Findings. He sold to all the shoe repair stores he could reach in Michigan. He had to get back to Muskegon. They were expecting another child; it could be any day now! I was born in a winter snowstorm. That story was told and retold many times. He moved his family, wife Sylvia, son Lawrence, and daughter Dorothy, from Chicago, Illinois where he had been in the business with his father and brothers. Each brother had his own territory. He loved driving up the Lake Michigan side of the state. All the little towns on this big lake seemed like a better place to live. I'm so glad he did. I had a wonderful childhood in all of the seasons. These were the 'depression' years but I was too young to be aware then.



On the side of the truck.... "New Champion McKay Stitcher Now on Display - Samuel Gluck"

The house I grew up in was on a corner, architecturally, a bungalow style. As a little girl, I thought it was huge, so many rooms and there was a special one in my memory. It was in the center of the first floor, doorways leading to all the other rooms but this is where we spent time together. I remember listening to President Roosevelt's fireside speeches, opening presents, celebrating special occasions with just our family. It was a busy house. My mother came from a family of ten, my father had six. Someone was always visiting and not just overnight. The summer was the time all our bedrooms were filled. The trip from Chicago was not easy then, no thruways, just two lanes going from one little city after another for two hundred miles. Both of my grandmothers' passed away before I was born. My Grandfather Frank, a quiet, studious and religious man came and stayed for several years.

This is our front porch. Grandpa sitting. I'm standing front and center. It was a time when a front porch was a major part of the neighborhood except in our wonderful winters.



The plows would pile the snow so high, sometimes you couldn't see across the street. My Grandpa Gluck also spent extended time with us. He was a delightful man. Besides teaching me how to play cards, discussing books, he was a philosopher and as the youngest and home more than anyone, he had a captive audience. It was from my mother that I learned how important it was to treat everyone with dignity.

When my children were little, they helped me plant tulip bulbs yearly and listened to my memories of the tulip festivals I went to in Holland, Michigan with my family. Fields and fields of colorful tulips covered the countryside. It was a beautiful sight. My daughter Laura tried to plan a trip with me many times and finally one year for a Mother's Day treat, we connected. It didn't matter that Mother's Day had passed or we would be too late for the festival, we just started out. We stayed in Saugatuck overnight. It had become a pretty touristy place, a haven for artisans. We stopped in South Haven so I could show her where we use to go to meet other my parent's friends and families in the summer. Since they worked, fathers would come for the weekends. They looked like big old houses several stories high. You had bedrooms but ate all your meals in a huge dining area. During the day, we played on the white sands and swam and splashed in Lake Michigan. It seemed like most of the old buildings were gone and there were lots of fancy hotels and motels in their place. When we saw the sign for Muskegon on the road, we went. As we

approached, I started getting excited and remembering street names. Western Avenue. We passed the new temple, stopped but it was locked. When they first came there were 15 Jewish families. Sunday School was taught in their homes. There was a tiny shul and it was difficult to keep a Rabbi permanently. My father used to go out getting donations just to give the current Rabbi some money. A new temple was built after many years of fund raising. I remember my parents going back for the dedication and bringing the pictures to tell me who had been there. I recognized the Hackley Public Library but not much else. Finally we found Fourth Street and there was my house! It was still yellow. No awning. The shrubs in the front looked the same. In fact, it looked just as I remembered it. I got out of the car and started hearing music. Muskegon Junior High and High School were just up around the corner and here came the Marching Band. They stopped right at the corner in front of me, marking time and played the Hallelujah Chorus. I was speechless! It seemed like they were playing just for me. I just couldn't help smiling and laughing out loud. Laura did the same.



I spoke to several neighbors, new since we moved. The people that bought our home still owned it but the wife was a widow, children grown and gone and she was traveling. Also went to the house with the big turret across the street. were in their 90's and had a day care person. They didn't seem to remember my family or me. The house next door used to belong to the athletic director of the schools. We just called him coach. In the summer, he was in charge of the lifeguards. He used to let me tag along with everyone else in his big truck to put up the fences to hold the sands from drifting too much and then to take them down and put up the ropes for the safe swimming areas. Between all the lifeguards and coach, I became a very safe but strong swimmer. According to the present owners, he had passed away some time ago and his family had all moved away.

My very best friend Janice had move with her family to California

before we did. My second best friend owned and ran his father's welding company and another friend from Sunday school was a dentist. I spoke to one other woman who married into one of the families my parents were close to. She told me about all the original families, when they passed away and how few of their children stayed in Muskegon.

We did go to the beach. My sister and used to walk but I totally appreciated driving that day. I wanted to show Laura the dunes and my lighthouse.

We had lunch at a lovely restaurant right on the beach. That was new to me but they had been there for years according to the staff. Sadly, someone had built homes or condos on one of my sand dunes. But the beach was still glorious. I was so thrilled to be there. I loved that lake. Before air conditioning, whole families would bring blankets and food and stay long after dark to cool off.

My mother and I had returned for one summer after we moved and stayed in a cottage at the beach because when we moved to Youngstown, Ohio we found it was a 'sinus belt' We were both having trouble breathing. The lake restored us both.

'Going home', to my first home was a delight because I had only wonderful memories. Not so for my parents, the business had literally died. They had to sell our home and most of the furniture. My father had to start another career. They had to begin again as newcomers in another town. My parents were incredible role models. They had that 'work ethic'. They believed in themselves and never gave up. Their parents escaped atrocities in Russia, hatred in Europe and they survived to give their families a future.

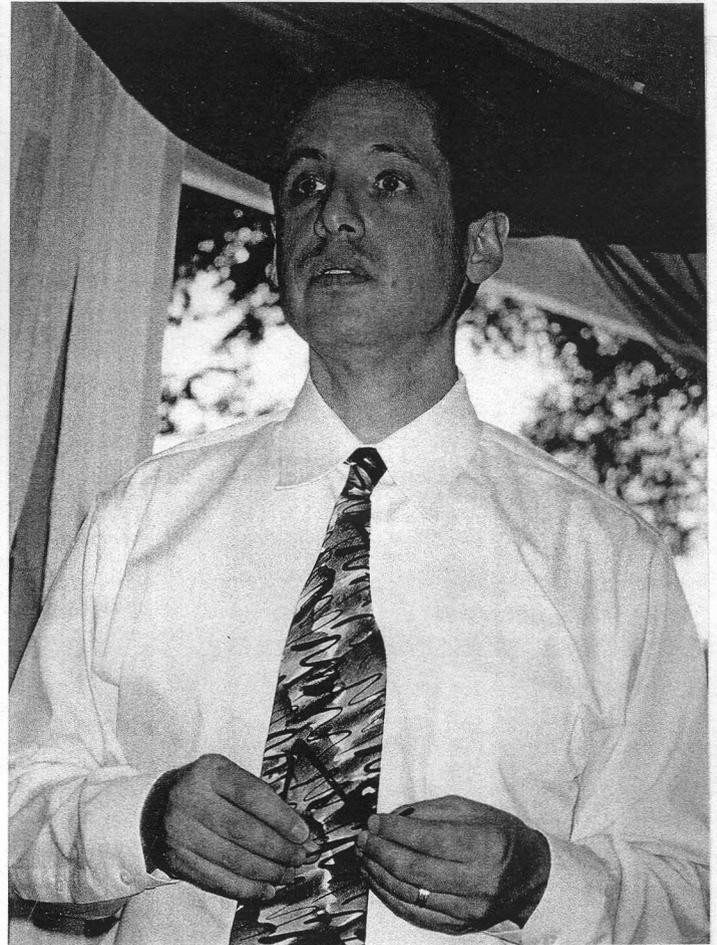


Roselle Oyer now of Altamonte Springs, FL., has been a member of the JGSGO since 2000.

THE 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JGSGO WAS CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2003, WITH A LUNCHEON AT THE SWEETWATER COUNTRY CLUB....



Mel Kohn, JGSGO member since 1998, now President of the Congregation of Liberal Judaism, served as the Installing Officer for the newly elected directors.



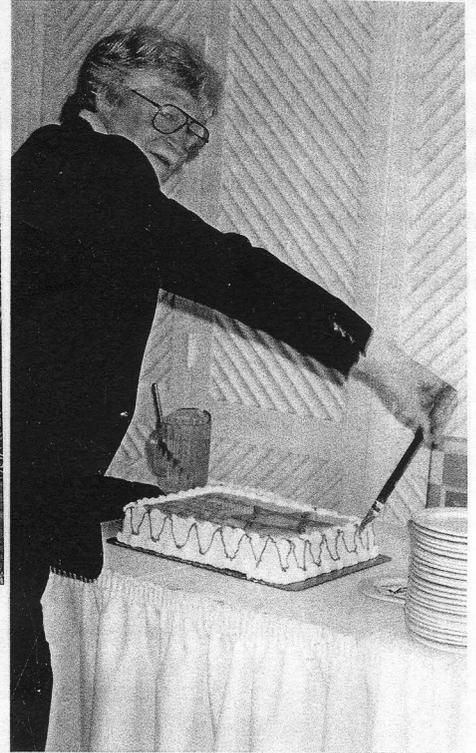
Rabbi Steven Engel was the main speaker on the subject of History and the Arrival of the first Jewish Settlers in America.



L to R:
Doris and Bob Glasser, Arnold and Selma Wiesenberg



L to R:
Barbara and Howard Gold, Geri and Marshall Frenkel



Sim Seckbach had the honor of cutting the special 13th anniversary cake.



Irving and Gloria Yousha



Jerry Kurland, Chairman of JGSGO, presented a framed Certificate of Appreciation to Rabbi Engel for his participation.

PHOTOGRAPHY IN GENEALOGY

Sim Seckbach, noted photographer and former president of the JGSGO and the Central Florida Genealogical Society, was the speaker at the JGS February 10 meeting. Sim has been a professional photographer since 1967. His subject for the meeting was the "Use of Photography in Genealogy."

Sim covered topics such as digital photos, scanning, photo editing and photo restoration. He included examples of restoration and his own Paternal Ancestors on a specially prepared table-top display.



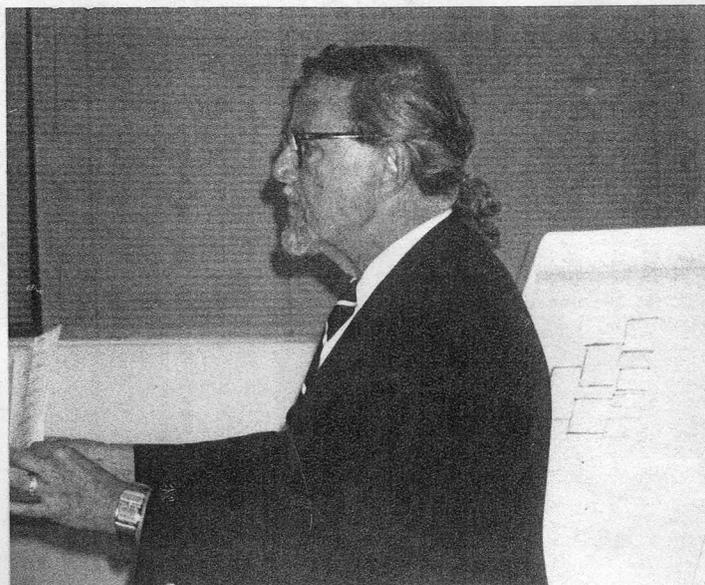
He mentioned there is a six-week course on restoration at Winter Park Tech school.

As to Digital photography, Sim suggested the camera should have 3 megapixels for best results. He indicated using such a camera for cemetery photos would allow for exceptional detail. To bring out the gravestones inscriptions, Sim spoke of a water spray as being the simplest way. "Digital cameras have made cemetery photography much easier," he said. "We can now see on the spot how the photograph looks and redo it if necessary."

Sim spoke of WWW.Picasa.net, a program that automatically organizes all digital images on your computer. A free trial version is available for 14 days but one can purchase the program for \$29.00.

Sim prepared a four-page handout that highlighted necessary equipment, computer accessories, software, and photographing people and cemetery scenes. If you missed the session and want a copy of Sim's handout, send a request via e-mail to PTJay@aol.com.

JGSGO LIBRARY BENEFITS FROM ROBERT MARLIN DONATIONS



In anticipation of moving out of this area, Robert Marlin, a former member of JGSGO, has donated a collection of books to the Society's library. The two cartons were picked up by Jerry Kurland and now will be organized for inclusion in our genealogical library.

Robert first became interested in genealogy in 1977. He quickly became familiar with the few books that were available on the subject of genealogy. Seeing a need for a book that explained step-by-step genealogical research, and based on his experiences, Robert Marlin wrote, "My Sixteen - A Self-Help Guide to Finding Your 16 Great-Great-Grandparents." It was published in July 1996.

Among the 41 donated books are: "The Handwriting of American Records for a Period of 300 Years," "The Source - A Guidebook of American Genealogy," "In Search of Your European Roots," "Jewish Personal Names - Their Origin, Derivation and Diminutive Forms," "Roots of the Rich and Famous," "Dozens of Cousins," "German Family Research Made Simple," "A Guide to Jewish Genealogical Research in Israel," "County Courthouse Book," "Vital Records Handbook," "Shtetl Finder Gazetteer," "Settlers in America," "Immigrant and Passenger Arrivals," "Twenty Censuses-Population and Housing Questions 1790-1980," "Genograms in Family Assessment," "Locating Your Immigrant Ancestors," "German Immigrants 1847-1854," "How We Lived - A Documentary History of Immigrant Jews in America 1880-1930," and more.

JGSGO extends its sincere appreciation to Robert and Sylvia Marlin for their gift of so many books. We wish them well!

The books will be passed on to Riva Sorokurs, Librarian, for future inclusion in the JGSGO library.

IAJGS CONFERENCE REPORT

On July 23, 2003 the Annual Meeting of the Members of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies was held in Washington, D.C. Details may be found at www.iajgs. Our local JGSGO is a member of the IAJGS, but we did not have a representative at the Annual Meeting. Forty-three societies were present.

In a packet distributed to local societies and received in Orlando by mail, there were minutes of the meeting and several enclosures. Among these were "Project Ideas for IAJGS Member Organizations," and Programming Ideas from the IAJGS." This information will be given to our Program chair.

It was announced at the meeting that the Stern Award was granted to the project indexing patient records of the Jewish Consumptives' Relief Society (JCRS) at the University of Denver. The project creates an Internet finding aid to bridge online access to 25,000 tuberculosis patient records housed in the Ira M. Beck Special Collections Archive at the University of Denver. For anyone who suspects a Jewish relative contracted TB and "disappeared", the JCRS was one of two Jewish hospitals in Denver where they may have gone for treatment or to die. Every patient file contains an application that details valuable personal information. The files also contain correspondence, photos, gravestone etchings and other materials. A grant of \$2,000 was requested to pay University students to assist in entering data from patient files. The period covered would be from 1904-1920. The Stern Award would provide seed money to launch this project forward, making a valuable treasure trove of genealogical data available to the greater Jewish genealogy community via an online finding index.

The results of the election of Officers of the Association were as follows: Hal Bookbinder, Joel Spector and Michael Posnick were reelected as President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively, and Michael Brenner was elected Vice President.

The 24th IAJGS International Conference will be held in Jerusalem, July 11-16, 2004.

President Hal Bookbinder announced that the 2005 IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy will be held in Las Vegas. The conference will focus on presentations and on-site conference resources rather than relying on local genealogical resources.

TIP ON THE 1930 CENSUS

By: Jay Schleichkorn

While on the Internet recently, I was checking Ancestry.com and found I could have "an exclusive preview for AOL members of the 1930 census." For detailed breakdown of the information one must subscribe to the Ancestry service, however, I was able to find information on 20 Schleichkorns. Here's what I did:

I went to <http://search.ancestry.families.aol.com> and inserted my family name in the search line. Up came the 20 names, and for each one, the age in 1930, estimated birth year, Birthplace (of six of the names), relation to head-of-house, race on six names, and city in which they lived in 1930.

Of the 20 Schleichkorns, I knew of seventeen but was unaware of three. Just printing the information has given me another few subjects for further research.

JGSGO Member Authors a Book

Werner J. B. Marx, of Cocoa Beach, a member of the JGSGO since 1999, recently completed a family history book titled, "Circumstances -a Family History."

In the introduction to this well-illustrated 212 page book, Werner wrote, "This story is the history of four families, the Marx's, Freiberg's, Dreyfuss and Deutsch's. I have written their history from the years before my birth in 1930 and during my life in the 20th century. I have included historical facts as well as the memories and memorabilia of family members in addition to my own."

The book included numerous well-defined photos of family members, also charts and maps. Throughout the pages, you will find very interesting historical documents.

Chapter contents include: 1) Background of the Jews in the German Palatinate; 2) The Communities, 3) The Families; 4) The People of the Families; 5) Risches; 6) Dachau; 7) Amerika; 8) Epilogue; 9) Ethical Wills; 10) Genealogy; 11) Bibliography; and 12) Index.

If you want to see a well-written family history text check the JGSGO library. Werner donated a copy of the soft-covered book to the JGSGO library and one to the Holocaust Memorial Library, Maitland. Other copies have been sent to various major Jewish libraries throughout the country.

Responding to Werner's donation to the local Holocaust Center's Library, Tess Wise, Chairman of Board wrote, "Your research and commitment to forming a comprehensive history of your family tree is indeed remarkable and will serve as a model for others who desire to know more about their past. This addition to our library collections significantly enriches our holdings, which constitute a rich historic and educational resource for the community. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are deeply appreciated."

Thank you Werner Marx for this important contribution to genealogy and family history.



Werner J.B. Marx (left) presented a copy of his family history book to Jay Schleichkorn and Jerry Kurland, at the JGSGO Annual Meeting and luncheon, December 14, 2003. The book has been placed in the JGSGO library as well in the library of the Holocaust Memorial Center, Maitland.

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