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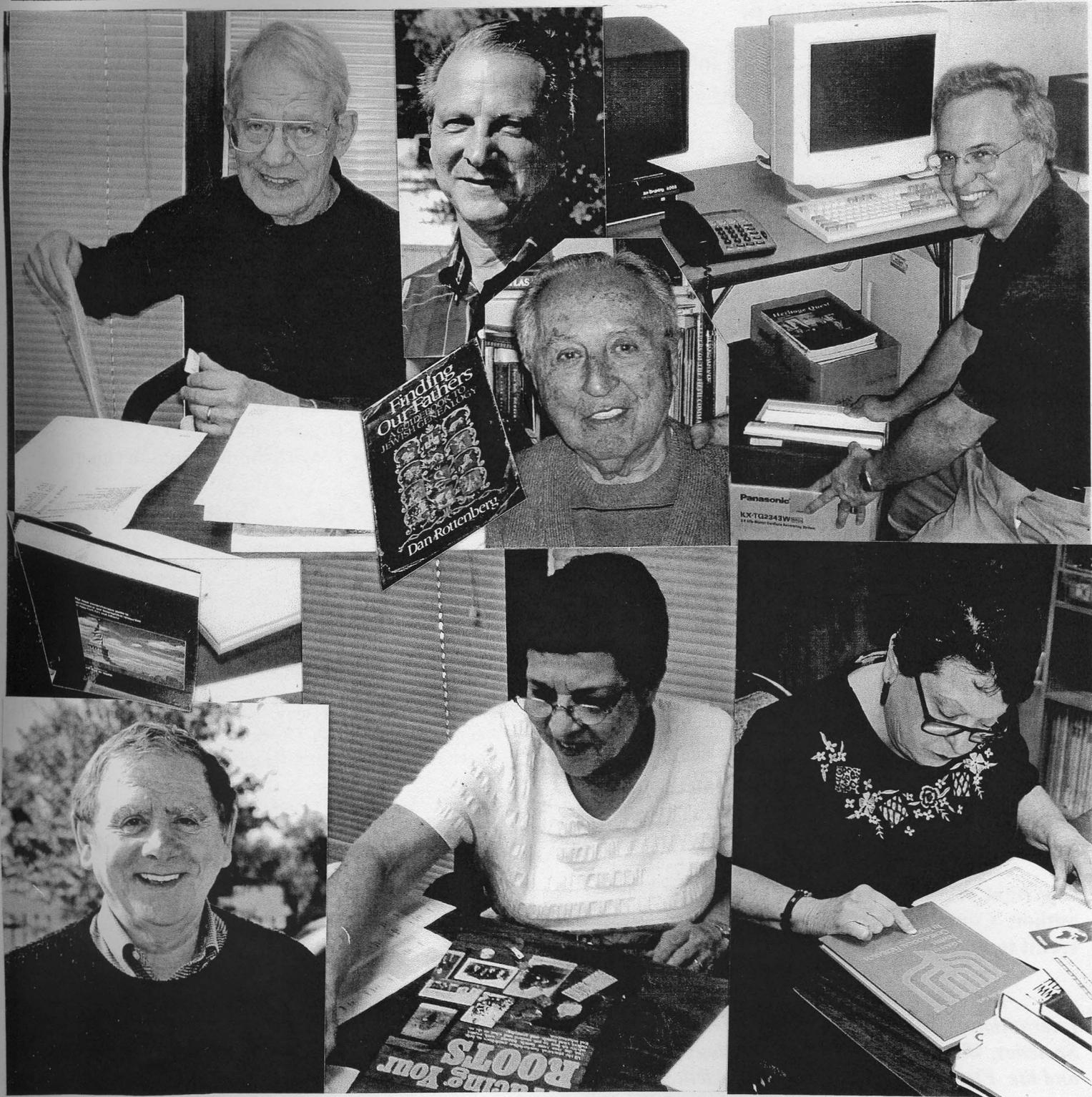
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Thanks to a few members (all volunteers) Herb Adler, Carl Migden, Jose Valle, Jay Schleichkorn, Jerry Kurland, Shirley Michael and Edith Schulman, the JGSGO library is being re-organized in its own space in the Learning Center, Congregation of Liberal Judaism, Orlando

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Regular membership dues effective January 1, 2005. (January 1-December 31) Family \$30.00; Individual Membership \$25.00; Sponsor \$50.00; and Patron \$100.00 Out-of-town membership (more than 50 miles) is \$20.00 per year. *Note: For new members who join after June 1, dues are half price for the balance of the fiscal year.*

Please make checks payable to JGSGO, P.O. Box 941332, Maitland, FL 32794.

JGSGO meetings are held monthly (excluding July and August), usually on the third Monday of the month, at 7:30 p.m., in the Mini Sanctuary, Congregation of Reformed Judaism, 928 Malone Drive, Orlando, FL. The board may set an occasional Sunday for a special meeting.

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CALENDAR: Future JGSGO Programs + others

Monday, June 20: Meeting at 7:30 at CRJ (formerly CLJ)
 Program: "DNA Genetics and Genealogical Research" Stacie Rosenthal of Nemours Children's Clinic, Orlando

No JGSGO meetings in July and August

Sunday through Friday: July 10-15 - International Conference on Jewish Genealogy (IAJGS) Las Vegas, NV
 Check the web site: www.JGSSN.org

Sunday, August 7: JGSGO workshops, both at CRJ, Orlando

- 1) "Jewish Genealogy for Beginners" - Faculty: Gladys Friedman Paulin;
- 2) "Effective Internet Research Techniques - Advanced Computer Programs" Faculty: Drew Smith of Odessa, FL

Wednesday- Saturday, Sept. 7-10, Conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Utah Genealogical Assn., Salt Lake City, UT
 Check the web site: www.fgs.org

Monday, September 19: JGSGO meeting, Program: TBA

The President's Message

Dear Friends:

On my recent cruise, I met a lovely woman from Scotland, Anne MacDougal, who like you and I has been trying to find her ancestors. She claims the biggest help has come from members of her genealogy group. And it turns out her group is not so different from our group except that it's

located in Glasgow. It makes you realize how many people in the world are trying to accomplish just what we are trying to do.

As this issue of Etz Chaim comes off the press, we will be taking a short break in our activities. But April was a particularly busy month for our genealogy group. In addition to our regular meeting, we participated in two other activities; helping the *Heritage* sort old pictures and conducting a garage sale.

Larry Morrell, Doris and Don Frank, Jay Schleichkorn, Riva Sorokurs and myself spent a nostalgic Sunday morning putting faces with past happening in our community.

The garage sale was chaired by Shirley Michael and Riva Sorokurs, raising \$141.00. They were assisted by Millie Rosenbaum, Jay Schleichkorn, Bob and Doris Glasser. We thank those volunteers as well as everyone who donated merchandise for the sale.

Some of you know that a couple of times a year Charles and I are bridge directors on ships and such a cruise happened in April. Doris Frank conducted the meeting like an old pro and I thank her for agreeing to do. My thanks to Jay for working with program vice president Lillian Weitzel and moderating the panel of speakers.

It just so happened I was also gone for the May meeting, this time to a bar mitzvah in Nashville, and Jay Schleichkorn graciously offered to lead the meeting and I am grateful to him. These people are a president's blessings!!!

You will find elsewhere in this publication news of our most exciting program about DNA and Genealogy, scheduled for June 20. I know you will want to come and hear about this exciting subject.

And finally, we have scheduled our workshops for Sunday, August 7 at Congregation of Reform Judaism (formerly CLJ). There will be a separate workshop for beginners, and the one for more experienced genealogists will be on how to get the most out of computers. Look at page 16 for more details on the workshop. Do yourself a favor and participate. These workshops are being planned for you because this is what you indicated you wanted. We hope you will attend.

May each of you have a wonderful summer and be ready to come back in the fall to add your special talent to our Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Orlando.

From the past lane,

Edith Schulman

Editorial:

A library, according to Webster's Dictionary is defined as a "collection of books" or "a building for a collection of books." We in genealogy see the library as a special place for resource or reference books. In Central Florida, members of the JGSGO have the good fortune of having access to several LDS Family History Centers as well as the Orange County Library System with one of the finest departments devoted to genealogy. In addition there are several public libraries that are conveniently located and with smaller collections of genealogy books. Within easy traveling time at the University of Florida we have the Price Judaica Library. In Orlando we can visit the library of the University of Central Florida. In Maitland we have the Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center with a library of some 3,000 books related to the Holocaust. With the Internet, so much is available including the New York Public Library, The Library of Congress, and YIVO

With all those references we now add the JGSGO expanded library located in the Harold Dworkin Learning Center at the Congregation of Liberal Judaism. Fifteen years ago, the fledgling JGSGO initiated the collection. Gene Starn, founder and first President wrote in October 1991, "Our library slowly continues to grow, and has, temporarily at least, found a home. It boasts two reference source books, together with numerous society bulletins." Today, the JGSGO has some 300 books, hundreds of bulletins, some microfiches and discs with viewing equipment. Thanks to CLJ for the facility and all those individuals who have donated publications and equipment. We also extend our appreciation to the several volunteers who served as librarians, including Janet Friedman, Polly Horwitz, Greg Kolojeski, Gladys Friedman Paulin, Carl Migden and currently, Herb Adler.

Thanks also to the handful of volunteers (seen on the front cover) who transported the material from the HMREC to CLJ and spent hours cataloging and setting up the books.

Now, take advantage of the JGSGO library. It's there to assist you in your genealogical research.

Jay Schleichkorn

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**

*Natalie Bailin
Florence Goldman
Judie Ostroff Goldstein
Donald & Shirley Gordon
Enid Meadows
Mike Levine*

JENNIFER RITTER – SPEAKER

At the JGSGO meeting of February 21st, the guest speaker was Jennifer Ritter, Executive Director of the HMREC (Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center) Maitland.

In her description of the mission of the HMREC, Jennifer said, "What we do is change lives, especially in the non-Jewish community." Jennifer indicated, "the plethora of information on the Internet is amazing. However, we exist as a memorial. Each individual in the holocaust had a family, a life, a history. Now we spend more time with the survivors to hear their stories." Through the work of the Center, the community is taught history and the need for tolerance. Jennifer referred to the Center's Speaker's Bureau through which "we speak out for justice."

The HMREC is charged and mandated to teach about the holocaust. Their efforts are aimed at teachers across the State. "We give teachers the tools to allow them to open the minds of children."

Ritter noted that, "Teaching about the Holocaust is required in four states, Florida, New York, New Jersey and California as well as the District of Columbia."

To follow their mandate, the HMREC offers special lectures, courses, movie showings and programs noting special events. Exhibits displayed in the Center's educational room depict the work of artists, children and survivors of the Holocaust. In addition, the Center maintains a large collection of publications, all related to the period of history during the Holocaust era.

Of particular interest to genealogists are the library books known as Gedankbuchs. The Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum prepared the data base from the partially preserved records of the deaths of camp internees.

In April 2002, Jennifer was the associate executive director working with Tess Wise in order to assume the leadership role upon Tess Wise's retirement. Jennifer was named executive director of the HMREC on September 1, 2004.

Jennifer comes from Toronto, Canada. She is an attorney and practiced for six years in the areas of labor and employment law. Prior to her legal career, Jennifer worked as a program director for the Jewish Agency in Israel. She is also a graduate of the Yad Vashem International School of Holocaust Studies in Jeruslaem,



Jennifer received a JGSGO Certificate of Appreciation prepared by Jerry Kurland

and the Massuah Institute for Study of the Holocaust in Netanya, Israel.

Completing her presentation, Jennifer distributed a 40 page handout as an Index of Internet Research Resources including information on Works on Jewish Genealogy, Holocaust Databases, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Yad Vashem, PolishGen Web sites, Tracing and Locating Survivors of the Holocaust.

In an e-mail of February 23, to members of the JGSGO, Edith Schulman, President wrote:

"Dear JGSGO Members:

How easy it is to get caught up in activities and decide to pass up a genealogy meeting. A TV program calls, or you want to finish the book your reading or the newspaper or simply relax. All of that is so much easier than perhaps changing your clothes and getting in the car and driving to the meeting at CLJ.

But the speaker, Jennifer Ritter, Executive Director of the Holocaust memorial Center, you missed Monday night (the 21st) wasn't just good, she was outstanding. She is a charismatic person and those there didn't want the meeting to end. Not only that, but she prepared for each of us a 41-page booklet on how to find out more about members of your family lost in the Holocaust. A copy will be in our JGSGO library. We really miss you when you aren't there."

PRICE LIBRARY OF JUDAICA

The most recent field trip to the Price Library by members of JGSGO was on March 19, 2000. The drive took two hours from Apopka to the University of Florida, in Gainesville.

Library Location: Inside the Education Library at Norman Hall, (NRN-A, Bldg.103). Judaica Library collections are housed on the Library's 2nd floor.

Price Library is especially strong in social, political, intellectual and communal history, Hebrew Scriptures, Judaism and rabbinics, bibliography, and homage, memorial, and jubilee volumes. An enormous amount of uncommon pamphlets and periodicals in all imaginable subject areas enhance the research potential of the Price Library. Founded in 1977 with the acquisition of the Leonard C. Mishkin collection, the Price Library now holds over 80,000 volumes and constitutes a regional center of research excellence in its subject field. The library's circulating holdings are concentrated on twentieth-century materials, in all languages pertinent to the scholarly examination of the Jewish experience from antiquity to the present day, and in all geographical areas. The UCF Catalog's URL is: <http://uf.aleph.fcla.edu/F>>

Librarian: Robert Singerman

Assistant: Emily Madden, Home Page:
<http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/cm/plj/PLJ.html>

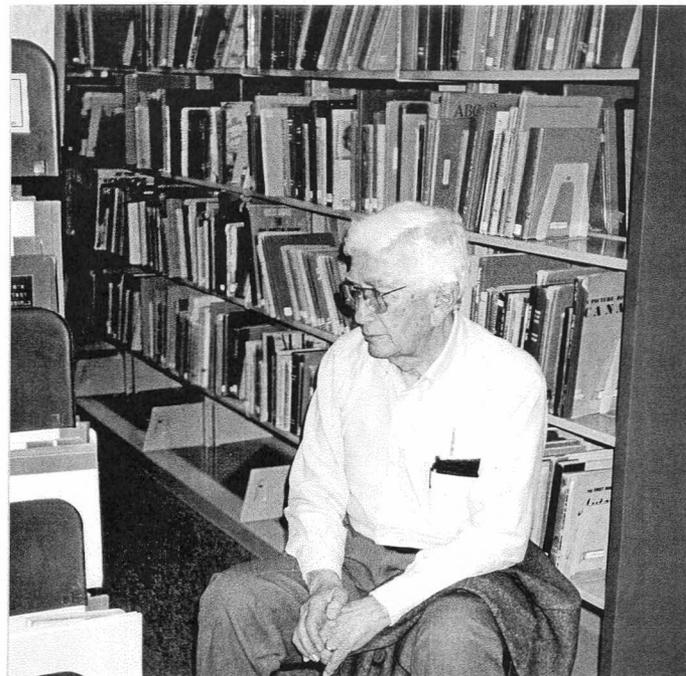
Postal Address: Price Library of Judaica, POB 117016, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611-7016 ; USA

Phone: (352) 392-0308 **Fax:** (352) 392-4789

E-mail: judaica@uflib.ufl.edu>

Hours: Mon. - Thurs., 8:00 am - 10:30 pm; Fri., 8:00 am - 8:00 pm; Sat., 10:00 am - 6:00 pm; Sun., 10:00 am - 10:30 pm. Note: Service hours may change during vacation periods, summer sessions and intersessions. Consult appropriate schedules posted on the Libraries' home page at: <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/ps/hours>

(excerpted from the Library's home page)



Surrounded by books, Joe Wittenstein enjoyed the field trip to the Price Judaic Library on Sunday, March 19, 2000.

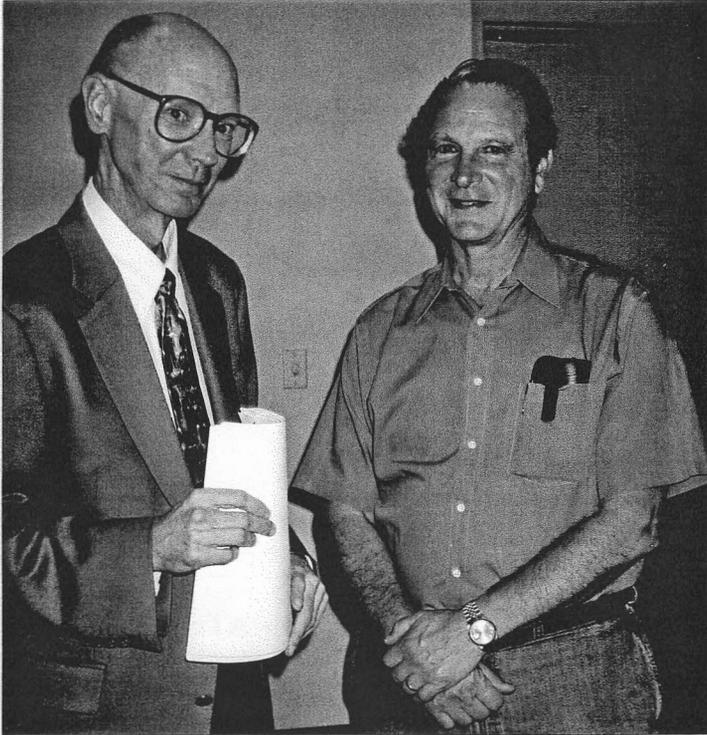
SEMINOLE LIBRARY NEW MATERIALS

Carl Migden, a JSGSO member since 1997 submitted the following information about new genealogical material available through the Seminole County Library System. You must enter your 14 digit library barcode number with no spaces. Thanks for the tip!

Ancestry Library Edition™ – Instant access to a wide range of unique resources for genealogical and historical research. With more than 1.5 billion names in over 4,000 databases, Ancestry Library Edition includes records from the United States Census; military records; court, land and probate records; vital and church records; directories; passenger lists and more! These collections are continuously expanding, with new content added every business day. *Only available at the library.*

HeritageQuest Online™ – A resource for census data, family records, and local histories. This collection assembles every extant U.S. federal census, family genealogies, local histories, tax lists, city directories, land and probate records, birth, marriage and death records, genealogical and local history serials, and more. An ongoing project (new content is added regularly), HeritageQuest Online will grow to encompass the Periodical Source Index (PERSI), Freedman's Bank Records, Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Index, and additional materials. *Available at the library and from your home or office.*

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA (UCF) LIBRARY



Richard H. Harrison II (left) and JGSGO member Carl Migden at the meeting.

On Monday, March 21, 2005, the guest speaker at the JGSGO meeting was Richard H. Harrison II, Associate Librarian, Reference Department, University of Central Florida Libraries, Orlando. In his opening remarks Mr. Harrison spoke of the 20th anniversary of the Judaic Studies. "It's small but growing," he said, "thanks to several recent acquisitions."

Abe and Tess Wise were honored by UCF's Judaic Studies Program on October 17th with the establishment of an endowed professorship in Judaic Studies. Moshe Pelli, the director of UCF's Judaic Studies Program was appointed as the "Abe and Tess Wise Professor of Judaic Studies." The addition of the professorship in the College of Arts and Sciences will allow the Judaic Studies Program to expand for the benefit of students and the community.

Harrison indicated the library has 1.5 million volumes, "usually the case with most academic libraries." The UCF Library has limited resources for

primary genealogical research. However, he described several historical collections of books and journals that may be of some interest to those seeking information about places and events. He spoke of the material related to genealogy as being part of the library resources. As example, Mr. Harrison described such collections such as *America: History and Life*; *The Biography and Genealogy Master Index*; and *Historical Abstracts* (mostly European history);

In a special handout distributed to the members, Harrison listed the Carey Hand Funeral Home Collection (1891-1955); Cremations Records 1934-1949; and Florida Census Records 1830-1880.

As part of the Government Resources, Mr. Harrison spoke about the Index of Patents available at UCF in microfilm. And if a relative owned property or a building, the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps (1884-1950) could lead to genealogical research. He discussed the Newspapers on Microfilm including newspapers from California, Washington, DC, Illinois, and the New York Times (1851-)

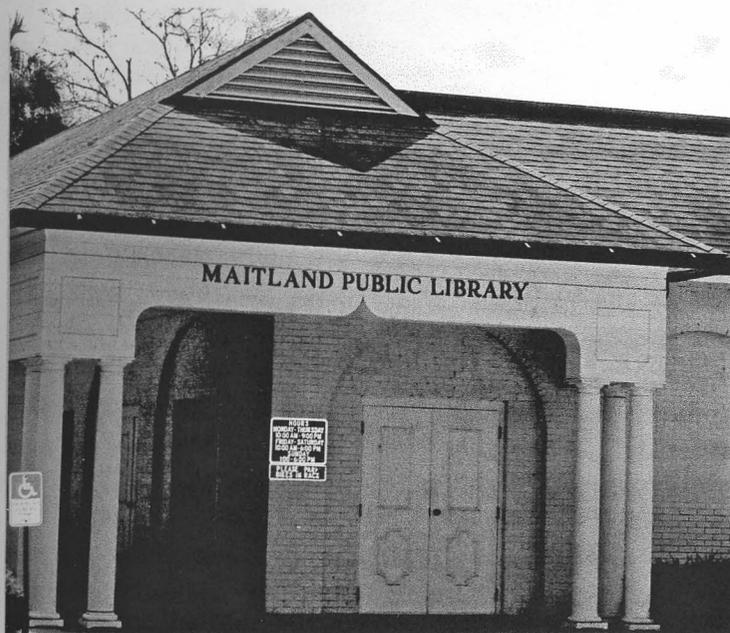
Links to other sources such as Census Records, Cemetery Records, and Marriage Records are available.

On the UCF website Library Catalog, nine books related to genealogy are listed. They include: "Jews in Poland in the 18th Century: a genealogy of modernity," "Babylon," "Jewish Roots in Poland: pages from the past and archival inventories," "A student's guide to Jewish American genealogy," "Reemerging Jewish Culture in German Life (since 1989)," "Benevolence and betrayal: five Italian Jewish families under fascism," "Jewish genealogy: a sourcebook of family histories and genealogies," "My generation: a course in Jewish family history," and "Finding our father: a guidebook to Jewish genealogy."

Any person can use the library materials and a UCF card is not required. However, there are some special items that require an entrance code and ID.

At the end of his talk, Mr. Harrison answered several pertinent questions. The audience appreciated his presentation.

MAITLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY



With the donation of 360 books by Maitland resident Clara Dommerich, the Maitland Public Library was created in 1896. First housed in a local teacher's living room, the library later moved to a storefront on Horatio Avenue, near the railroad tracks. The current library building on South Maitland Avenue (501 S. Maitland Avenue) was built in 1907, with additions made to it in 1959, 1972, and 1989. Today the collection exceeds 75,000 items including fiction and non-fiction books, reference materials, audio books and videotapes. The Friends of the Maitland Public Library sponsor a twice-yearly lecture series and hold used book sales in April and October.

For more information on library services and programs call 407-647-7700.

Searching for materials on genealogy, the Maitland Public Library web site indicated the catalog holdings include 24 books on the subject. Among the interesting titles are : "Compendium of historical sources – the how and where of American genealogy;" "Cyndi's List- a comprehensive list of 40,000 genealogy sites on the Internet;" "The family tree guide book; Research in American Genealogy"; "Searching for Your ancestors- the how and why of genealogy," and more. When you search the words "Jewish Genealogy" the results are two matches: "Finding our fathers: a guidebook to Jewish genealogy" and "From generation to generation: how to trace your Jewish genealogy and family history."

For further information, check the web site <http://www.maitlandpubliclibrary.org>

Editor's Note: This article is based on information from the library's web site.

SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Located at 215 North Oxford Road in Casselberry, the Seminole County Public Library System is a 5 library county system serving a population of 395,000 citizens. The library system was established in 1978 by action of the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners and is a Division of Seminole County Government.

Annual circulation exceeds 2.5 million. All 5 branches are open 68 hours per week, 7 days a week, including 4 nights. The system offers a full range of services including: A collection of over 500,000 volumes, Interlibrary Loan Service, free Internet access, an experienced reference staff available by walk-in, telephone, and online, Seniors Plus books-by-mail service for the disabled and citizens over the age of 65, award-winning programs for children and teens, word processing computers, public meeting rooms, remote access to the library catalog through the Internet, TeleMessaging automated telephone information service, electronic books access through netLibrary, and an Email Book Club.

On several occasions, JGSGO has been granted the free use of meeting rooms at the Central Branch.

If you are looking for books related to genealogy, the library has a web site with a search program. For this article, your editor inserted the general term "genealogy" and retrieved 171 references. Among the interesting material available were the following books: The Great Ancestor Hunt, The Library: A Guide to the LDS Family History Library, The Researchers Guide to American Genealogy, Soundex Reference Guide, Unpuzzling Your Past, US Military Records – A Guide to Federal and State Sources, Your Guide to Cemetery Research, Family Reunion Planning Kit for Dummies, Family Tree Magazine, Genealogy Online, The Family Tree Guide Book to Europe: Your Passport to Tracing Your Genealogy Across Europe, and more.

For further information, call: 407-665-1505 or check the library's web site: www.scpl.lib.FL.US/aboutscpl.asp

THE ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Members of the JGSGO have often frequented the Orlando Public Library, headquarters and resource center for the Orange County Library System at 101 E. Central Blvd., , Orlando. Of special interest to the JGSGO is the Genealogy Department located in the Main Branch. . Over the past fifteen years, the Society has had several meetings in the library. Gregg Gronlund, Department Head of Genealogy and Law at the Library has been a guest speaker at our meetings, the most recent was June 10, 2003.

The Genealogy Department is located on the fourth floor of the Orlando Library. The core collection was a 1923 gift of Captain Charles Albertson, an avid genealogist. In 1929, the library became the official repository of the Florida State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



The collection now contains more than 25,000 books and bound periodicals, 10,000 microfiche and over 15,000 reels of microfilm.

The entire set of the 1930 US Federal Census microfilm is housed in the Department. It consists of 2,667 reels of microfilm, including the population schedules for every state. This is a rich resource, not only for genealogists, but also for historians, sociologists, or even the curious. You can learn a lot about your family members by reading the 1930 census.

The Department also has Census Indexes for various years and states, mostly 1790-1870, population schedules for all states, 1790 to 1930, Slave Schedules for 1850 -1860, Census of Union veterans and Widows 1890, Florida State Census of 1885, 1935 and 1945.

Other special collections of interest to genealogists are: City Directories 1887 to date and major U.S. cities pre-1860 and 1890; Orlando Births and Deaths 1910-1922; Passenger List Indexes for Baltimore 1820-1897, Boston 1848-1891, Galveston 1869-1906 and 1906 to 1951, New

Orleans pre-1900 and 1990 to 1952, New York, NY 1820-1846 and 1897 to 1952, and Philadelphia 1900 to 1906.

The Department also has some Military Records and Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for seven southern states.

Periodical Microfilm Collections include the Orlando Sentinel Newspaper Indexes, Bound Volumes 1966 to 1970, Card File 1971 to 1990s, and Online Database 1985 to present.

Public computers offering Internet access, and online references resources including the library catalog are located throughout the building. The catalog lists approximately 2,000,000 items in many different formats.

In her 2004 Message from the CEO/ Director of the Library System, Mary Anne Hodel wrote, "We hope you take the time to visit one of our branches near where you work or live to 'check us out.' Staff will be most pleased to see you and help you. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions, please do not hesitate to Share a Comment with us."

There are 14 Branch Libraries including: Alafaya, Eatonville, Edgewater, Herndon, Hiawasse, North Orange, South Creek, South Trail, Southeast, Southwest, Washington Park, West Oaks, West Orange and Windermere. The Main Branch is located between Rosalind Avenue and Magnolia Avenue on Central Boulevard in downtown Orlando.



Hours are: Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For further information, call the Library at: 407-835-7323

Ed. Note: Article based on information from the Orange Country Library System Web Site: [Http://www.ocls.lib.fl.us](http://www.ocls.lib.fl.us)

Be there....at CRJ, Orlando
 Monday, June 20, JGSGO Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 "DNA Genetics and Genealogy"
 Stacie Rosenthal, Genetic Counselor
 Nemours Children's Clinic, Orlando

WINTER PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Winter Park Public Library offers a full range of services in our 33,000 square-foot facility. The Library is open to the public 68 hours a week, seven days a week. About 500 people use the Library on an average day. The Library circulates about 475,000 items to over 9,000 registered borrowers annually, making our per capita circulation one of the highest in the state. Library staff answer over 80,000 reference questions annually and provide over 1,000 educational programs for all ages to a total audience of 22,600.

People who live within the city limits of Winter Park are entitled to a free library card. Just bring in a photo identification and an official document that shows your current address (such as an electric bill) to get your card. If you own property in the city limits but live somewhere else, you are also entitled to a free card. You can bring a tax receipt showing you pay property taxes to the City of Winter Park to get your card.

A reciprocal agreement between the Orange County Library System (OCLS), the Maitland Public Library (MPL) and the WPPL allows OCLS and MPL patrons who live in Orange County to get a free WPPL card. WPPL patrons who live in the city limits of Winter Park can get a free OCLS and MPL card. OCLS and MPL patrons must show: a OCLS or MPL card, a picture ID and verification of his current address to register for a WPPL card. This card does not give the user access to InterLibrary Loan services, eBooks, computer usage, homebound services and some library programs. Reciprocal card holders should use their home library for these services.

Of special interest to JGSGO members would be the genealogical materials. Using the Search Browser, your editor inserted the word "Genealogy" and received 32 results that matched Genealogy. The following books are listed as examples of what is available: The Ancestry family historian's address book – a comprehensive list of local, state and federal agencies and institutions, and ethnic and genealogical organizations;. The complete idiot's guide to genealogy; The complete idiot's guide to writing

your family history; Finding your roots: how every American can trace his ancestors, at home and abroad; Genealogy basics; Family history made easy; and Genealogy for the first time: research your family history.

Library hours are: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The three-story Winter Park Library is located at 460 E. New England Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789. Phone: 407-623-3300

This article is based on information found in mid-March 2005, on the Winter Park Public Library web site:

[Http://www.wpppl.org/info/userguide/htm](http://www.wpppl.org/info/userguide/htm)>

New York Public Library Places Many Yizkor Books on Internet

New York Public Library (NYPL) appears to have completed its plan to place more than 700 yizkor books on the Internet.

The portal to this collection is at: http://www.nypl.org/research/chss/jws/yizkorbooks_intro.cfm. Each book can be browsed page after page. As promised to Stephen Morse, they added a feature that allows the user to go to any specific page of the book. Those towns listed that are not available seem to have recent copyright dates, and the Library may not have been able to get permission from the copyright owners.

Yizkor books are Holocaust memorial books. After World War II, the remnant of European Jewry published these books to memorialize the towns and townspeople destroyed in the Holocaust. More than 1,200 books have been published, each for an individual town or region. The largest collection is at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. Yizkor books provide a history of the Jewish presence in the town. Also included are articles written by survivors that often provide a great deal of information about specific individuals. Many include a necrology--a list of townspeople murdered in the Holocaust. Most are written in Hebrew and Yiddish.

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LDS Family History Centers

This is a partial listing of LDS Family History Centers in the Central Florida area generated from data sent by the Family History Center address submission form. Readers are invited to submit information about any FHC's with which they are familiar. Check before going to any of the centers.

Disclaimers: This list of Family History Centers is not an official or unofficial production of the LDS church and the Family History Library. They are not responsible for the content of this listing and any errors contained within it. The addresses in this listing are created by WWW users who volunteer the information. By its nature it is not and can not be a complete listing of Family History Centers. The addresses and existence of the FHC's listed here is unverified. Some addresses may be in error.

Daytona Beach
1125 Sixth St
Phone: (904) 257-9223
Hours open: Tue 9 am-9pm, Wed,
Thur, Sat 10 am-2pm

1125 Sixth Street, Holly Hill,
Phone: (904) 257-9223
Hours open: Tues 9-9, Wed, Thur,
Sat 10-2

1900 No. Bermuda Ave.,
Kissimmee, Florida 34741-3221
Phone: (407) 847-3230

2505 Lake Emma Rd.,
Lake Mary, Florida 32746-6342
Phone: (407) 333-0137
Hours open: Tues-10am-2pm; Wed-
10am-9pm; Thur-10am-2pm & 6pm-
9pm; Sat-10 am-2 pm;

45 E. Par
Orlando, Florida 32804
Phone: 895-4832
Hours open: Tue, Thur, Sat 9:30 am-
1:30 pm, Tu, Th 6-9pm, Fri 9am-
11:30am

1875 Mt. Vernon Road
Leesburg, Florida
Phone: (352)787-5633

Hours open: Tue 10-4, Wed 10-9,
Thur 10-2

Family History Center
461 Blanding Blvd
Orange Park, Florida 32073
Phone: 904-272-1150
Hours open: Tues 10-2 and 7-9 Wed
10-2 Thu 10-9 Sat 10-1

Orlando South - Family History
Center
701 Wetherbee RD
Orlando, Florida 32824
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THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The Library of Congress has one of the world's premier collections of U.S. and foreign genealogical and local historical publications. The library's genealogy collection began as early as 1815 when Thomas Jefferson's library was purchased. The Local History and Genealogy Reading Room of the Humanities and Social Sciences Division is located at 101 Independence Ave, SE, Washington, D.C. in the Thomas Jefferson Building.

A series of guides have been prepared specializing in various geographic areas. Of special interest to JGSGO members would be the Jewish Guide. This guide has been prepared primarily to assist individuals beginning genealogical research at the Library of Congress concerning families that originated in East Central Europe. The regions covered correspond approximately to territories that once formed the Austro-Hungarian empire, which broke up at the end of World War I. The turbulent history of this region makes precise demarcations impossible; but the guide focuses on areas that are now part of Austria, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Poland, and portions of Romania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, and Ukraine.

In particular the Jewish Guidebook refers to some 18 major publications with items written by well know and popular genealogists, i.e. Beider, Kurzweil, Mokotoff, Sack, Rottenberg, and Weiner.

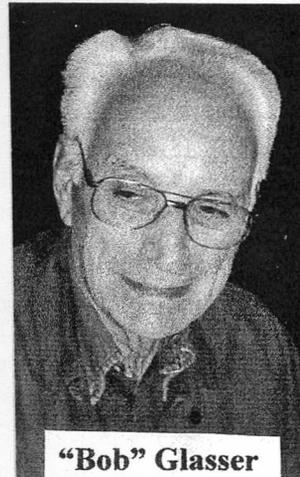
On the Library's web site <http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy>, there is information about tours and research orientations, policies and preparing for your research, the collections, searching tips, acquiring published genealogies, bibliographies and internet sources. You can also search the library's catalog.

Reading Room Hours: M, W, Th 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Tu, Fri, & Sat 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Closed Sundays & Federal Holidays.

Excerpts from the LOC web site

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS INFORMATION BULLETIN

Thanks to JGSGO member, Robert Glasser, we



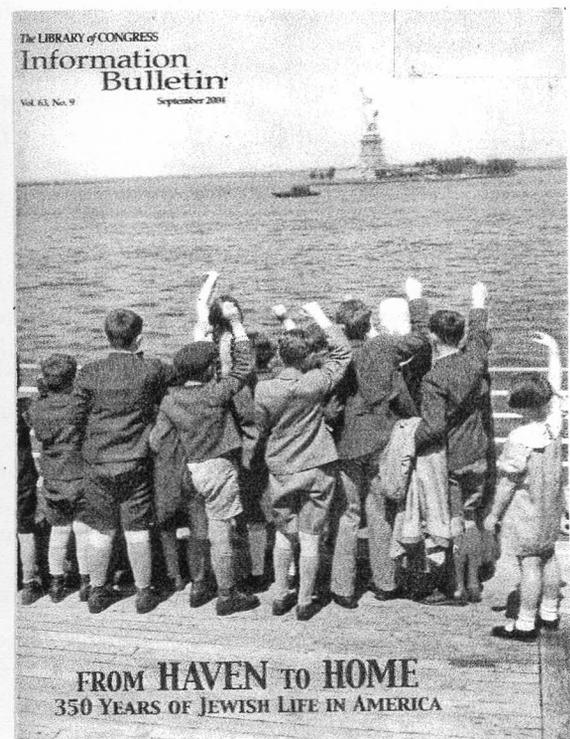
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have been made aware of the LOC's special publication, Information Bulletin.

It is published ten times a year and made available to "publicly supported libraries and research institutions, academic libraries, learned societies and allied organizations."

On March 2, a letter from JGSGO was sent to the LOC editor requesting a free subscription to the interesting Bulletin.

Bob Glasser shared the September 2004 (Vol. 63, No. 9) issue with several articles of interest to our members, i.e. "From Haven to Home – 350 Years of Jewish Life in America," "Document Tells the Story of a Community – Rodef Scholem," "Yiddish Music Subject of New Publication." The articles will be on file in our JGSGO library



FROM HAVEN TO HOME
350 YEARS OF JEWISH LIFE IN AMERICA

FIFTEEN YEARS OF GROWTH FOR THE JGSGO LIBRARY...

When the JGSGO was first established in 1990, the seed was planted for a future collection of Jewish genealogical material. The appointment of the first volunteer librarian, Janet Friedman, is mentioned in the JGSGO's newsletter Vol. I No. 1, (not yet named Etz Chaim) of March 1991. In a column titled THE ATTIC, it states, "Our librarian, Janet Friedman, has collected various publications and material for you to inspect and peruse. Call her, if you are interested in the following items: Maps, How To's, LDS Information, and Miscellaneous Materials (Catalogs, Bibliographies, etc.)"

In Volume II, Number 1, the Etz Chaim issue of October 1991, states, "Our library slowly continues to grow and has, temporarily at least, found a home. It boasts of 2 reference source books, another lost en route by the post office, together with numerous society bulletins and our librarian, Janet Friedman's "The Attic," a potpourri of information for the researcher."

The column continued, "Most of the library books, together with two copies of the Jewish Genealogical Family Finder, are now available for borrowing for home use. They are being kept in a special box in Linda Amon's Adult Programming Office at the JCC." An inventory of genealogy materials available included five books, seven microfiche indexes, several journals including Avotaynu, and some maps.

The next mention of the library was in the issue of Vol. III No. 1, Fall 1992. Gene Starn, the "head" Genie, reported. "Our small, but growing library finally found a home at the Holocaust Center"

By the Spring of 1993, in Vol. 3 # 3, Polly Horwitz is listed as the librarian in the JGSGO officers directory.

By the winter of '93, Polly was reported to be making a list along with a check-out method for members to borrow the special books.

In the Spring of 1994, President Gene Starn reported, "our small collection of genealogical books that we call our library will soon become part of what we hope will be the largest Jewish Genealogical library and research center in the south. A small section of the new Holocaust Library has been set aside for our use. Besides the growing number of reference journals, it will also contain microfiche and film readers and a computer equipped with CD-ROM. Our library committee consisting of Polly Horwitz, chairman, Gladys Friedman Paulin, Elaine Apter and Greg Kolojeski, are already working to established a 'want' list of books, fiche, etc., that will be available for our members to use in their personal research."

Starn wrote, "Our thanks go to Greg for donating the computer and CD--ROM disks to the library, as well as to all who plan to contribute money, materials, and/or manpower."

On June 14, 1994, at the JGSGO Annual Meeting,

Gladys Friedman Paulin was elected president. Greg Kolojeski was named Librarian.

In the Fall 1994 Etz Chaim, President Paulin announced that the library was now equipped with a computer, printer, and microfiche. "We have the Social Security Death Index and the Phone disk on CD-ROM."

An article in the Fall '94 Etz Chaim (Vol. 5 No. 1) "Our JGS Research library is now in full operation" according to Greg Kolojeski, with the computer pumping out names, phone numbers and social security data on to a new printer to go with the computer and CD-ROM. "

The article reported, "Greg and his committee have done an excellent job in getting the library organized."

The winter of 1994 saw a growth spurt for the library. In Vol. 5 No. 7, Etz Chaim reported "Charter Member Polly Horwitz has single handily doubled the number of volumes currently available in our JGS library by donating a substantial number of books and other materials from her personal genealogy library

In her message published in Etz Chaim, Summer 1995, Gladys wrote, "Greg Kolojeski and his committee have set up our library in the Holocaust Center so that it is available and accessible to all during the hours when the Center is open. We have purchased the entire Avotaynu fiche collection and there are two microfiche readers for use by all."

On February 28, 1996, JGSGO members received the sad news that Polly Horwitz, a charter member and founder of the JGSGO died.

June 11, 1996, Jay Schleichkorn was elected president of the JGSGO. Gladys Friedman Paulin accepted the role as the librarian. In her final message as president that appeared in the Etz Chaim (Vol. 6 No. 4) she wrote, "Although the actual library space became a reality before I took office, it has grown exponentially in both contents and utilization. Donations from Greg Kolojeski of a computer and from the late Polly Horwitz of a number of books from her personal library were major additions, along with the purchase of many desired volumes."

New books obtained for our library were described in the Fall 1996 issue of Etz Chaim. They included Beider's "A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Kingdom of Poland." and Warren Blatt's "Resources for Jewish Genealogy in the Boston Area."

On Sunday, April 19, 1998, JGSGO held its' monthly meeting in the Holocaust Memorial Center. The main purpose was to show members the JGSGO library and how to use it. With 24 members present, Gladys Friedman Paulin, our JGSGO librarian, gave an excellent overview of the library's resources.

A major change in how the library will be maintained occurred in the Fall of 1996. Effective October 1, 1996, the Board of Directors approved changing the JGSGO library from a lending library to a Reference Only Library. An article in Etz Chaim (Vol. 7 No. 2, 1996, Winter, page 7) referred to the change. "This means that whenever you visit

the library in the Holocaust Center, all of our holdings will be available to you to use in the library itself. The books may not be taken from the library." The article also indicated the Library Committee is working to add a regular card catalog by author, title and subject in addition to the multiple page list of holdings. Members were also asked to contact Librarian Gladys if they had any books at home to donate for a book sale.

At the Annual Meeting held June 14, 1998, Schleichkorn was re-elected president. Gladys was elected a Director at Large and the new librarian was Carl Migden. In her final report, Gladys indicated "the library had substantial growth since June 1996 from 70 books to 117 as of June 1998."

As the new librarian Carl reported on recent acquisitions of journals and books in each of the quarterly Etz Chaim issues. There were many gifts of important books and just to mention a few as examples, "American Naturalization Process" donated by Gladys Friedman Paulin; "Czenstochov - Our Legacy" donated by the Czenstochov Society of Montreal and Jay Schleichkorn, Avotaynu and Toledot past issues, as well as "Webster's New Geographical Dictionary" donated by Robert W. Marlin; "Heinrich's Diary" donated by Beryle Buchman; and "Scattered Seeds" donated by Soni and Harold Sternberger.

In the summer of 2,000, Carl Migden wrote, "I've been librarian for the JGSGO since June, 1998 and it has been a very rewarding experience. Over the past two years I've met many people and made a number of friends. It made me realize the importance of volunteering and I must say I'm happy that I was named librarian. I want to spread the news that the JGSGO has an excellent genealogical library at your disposal with over 50+ newsletters from the U.S. as well as from all over the world Also, the library holds over 250 hard cover and paper back genealogical books for research, all at your fingertips."

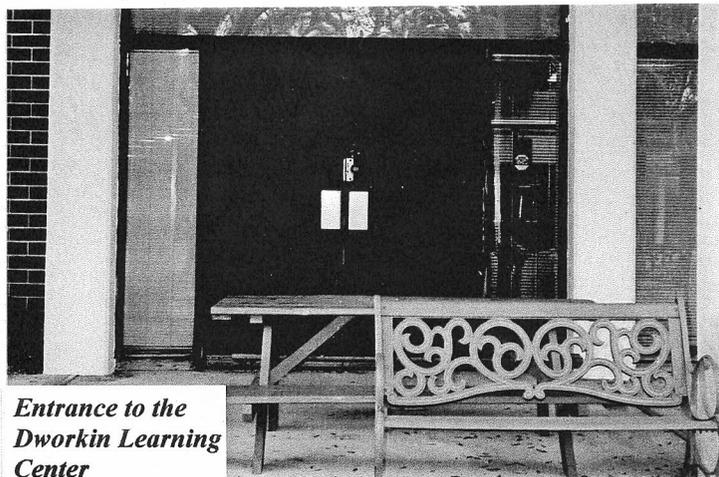
In January 2002, Herb Adler accepted the role of librarian. For the Library Column in Etz Chaim, Vol. 12 No 3, Spring 2002, Adler described the library; "The collection is eclectic, not focusing on any particular subject, but there are many items pertaining to Eastern Europe. There are a number of guides explaining how to begin a genealogical search, how to keep records how to search, how to interview, etc."

In the Summer issue of Etz Chaim (Vol. 13, No. 4, 2003) in the Library Column, Herb Adler wrote about the need for upgrading the library's computer equipment. In the next issue of Etz Chaim (Vol. 14, No. 1, Fall 2003) Adler wrote, "I'm happy to report that our wishes were granted when through the efforts of our Chairman and the generosity of Dr. Melvin and Judith Cohen, we have an updated computer available to place our catalog information and to view discs which are in our Library holdings."

On Sunday, November 16, 2003, Herb Adler conducted a program at the Holocaust Center, "An

Afternoon at the JGSGO Library." This was an opportunity to introduce and re-introduce members to the available resources.

Adler stepped down as librarian in December 2003, but not for long. In mid-2004 he again assumed the role. This was an important time for the library as it was moved from the Holocaust Center to the Dworkin Learning Center at CLJ in Orlando. While JGSGO is grateful to the Holocaust Center for hosting our library for many years, the move to the Dworkin Center is part of our total move from the JCC campus.



Entrance to the
Dworkin Learning
Center

Newly elected president Edith Schulman wrote the following in her Message (Etz Chaim, Vol. 15, No. 3, Spring 2005, page 3): "Our librarian Herb Adler is working hard to get our part of the library at CLJ in good, useable shape. He is evaluating our shelf and storage space. The money has been allocated to purchase necessary files, as well as new books. Every book must have labels and card pockets attached if we are to institute a lending system. If he asks for a little of your time—say yes."

Volunteers did step up to assist Herb Adler. Between the efforts of Jerry Kurland, Carl Migden and Jay Schleichkorn, some 30 boxes of books and newsletters were transferred to CLJ. Herb Adler working with a new JGSGO member, Helaine Blum, reorganized the library holdings. A major change in use of the library involved an honor system for check out of books. The Dworkin Center also houses CLJ's large collection of books and references to Judaic interests. The genealogy books were also designated by the numbers used by the Library of Congress. Herb with volunteers Shirley Michael, Jose Valle and Jay Schleichkorn, spent hours re-labeling the book collection.

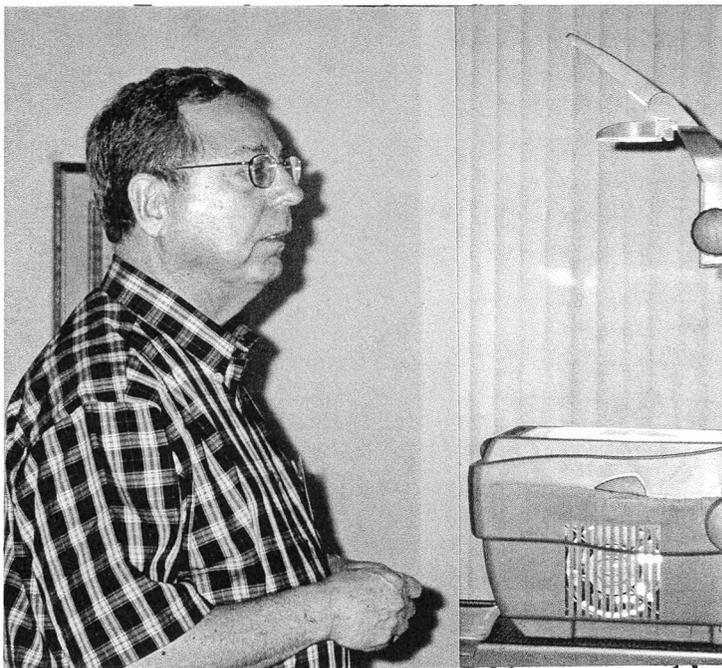
From a few books kept in a box in the JCC office to a substantial number of publications, all in 15 years, highlights one of the major accomplishments of the JGSGO. To all who made it possible one can only saythanks for the interest and support of Jewish genealogy.

Note: CLJ has been renamed CRJ (Congregation of Reformed Judaism)

ELLIS ISLAND INFORMATION

On Monday evening, May 16, 2005, the guest speaker at a regular meeting of the JGSGO, held at the Congregation of Reformed Judaism,* Orlando, was Irwin Feldman of Longwood.

With 32 people present, Lillian Weitzel, JGSGO Program VP, introduced Mr. Feldman. His presentation covered the history of Ellis Island with specific instruction on how to make good use of the web site www.ellislandrecords.org. He used transparencies to take the audience step-by-step through the process of finding family members who immigrated to America



From what started as a fishing area and had various uses, the island was purchased by William Ellis. "Twelve million people passed through Ellis Island between 1892 and 1924," Feldman said.

In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson made Ellis Island part of the Statue of Liberty Historic Area. When the decision was made to preserve the facilities, a large fund-raising effort was led by Lee Iacocca. The facilities were renovated to what is now a popular museum and tourist attraction.

Using his genealogical search for his grandfather, Feldman demonstrated how one could use the internet and Ellis Island site. Citing different problems in spelling of family names and towns, he emphasized the need for patience and careful scrutiny of information. A lively question and answer period followed Feldman's talk.

Feldman received a framed Certificate of Appreciation from JGSGO, prepared and presented by Jerry Kurland.

JGSGO BUSINESS REPORT

Prior to the program on May 16, a brief business session was held. In the absence of the JGSGO president, Edith Schulman, Jay Schleichkorn chaired the session.

The third and final reading of the by-law changes was made and an affirmative vote taken. The new changes include: Article III - Membership - *if dues are not received by March 1, the individual's name will be removed from the membership roll;*

Article V - Officers - *The Board, elected from the general membership, will be composed of five officers and four directors. The Board shall then consist of a President, VP Programming, VP Membership, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor of Etz Chaim, Webmaster, Librarian and Immediate Past President (the IPP is automatically a Board member and not elected);*

Article VI - Nominations and Elections - *Elections will be held in November with installation at the Annual Meeting;*

Article IX Amendments - *Proposals may be submitted in writing by any member to the Board of Directors at least one month prior to the meeting;*

Article IX - *On proposed amendments - written notice shall be given to the membership one month prior to said meeting.*

Reports from Officers Doris Frank, Membership VP, reported JGSGO now has 68 paid members.

According to treasurer Shirley Michael, JGSGO has \$2,292 with several bills for library equipment still to be paid.

Jose Valle, webmaster, urged all to check the web site which he updates frequently. The site is: <http://www.rootsweb.com/FLjgscf>

Millie Rosenbaum reminded all who need help with their genealogy should use the JGSGO Mentor Program;

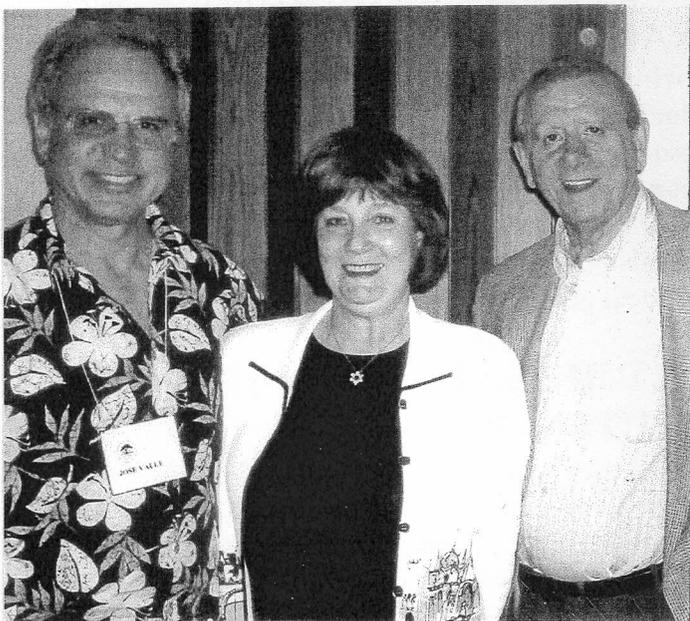
Riva Sorokurs spoke about the JGSGO garage sale held April 15 at Shirley Michael's home in Maitland. A total of \$141.00 was raised.

Lillian Weitzel, program VP, announced the next meeting on June 20 will be at CRJ. Guest speaker will be Stacie R. Rosenthal, Genetic Counselor, Nemours Children's Clinic. Her subject: "DNA and Genealogy."

COMING TO AMERICA (Part II)

On Monday evening, January 24, 2005, Part I of "Coming to America: Remembering Generations from Foreign Lands" was the subject of the program at the JGSGO meeting. Members heard about life (before emigrating) from individuals who lived in Cuba, France and Algiers, Germany and Brazil.

Part II, held Monday evening, April 18 included speakers from Canada, Ireland and Argentina. The speakers were JGSGO members Jerry Kurland and Jose Valle with guest Susan Livingstone. The moderator was Jay Schleichkorn.



Left to right: Jose Valle, Susan Livingstone & Jerry Kurland

Jerry Kurland recalled the "depression days" in Montreal. His great grandfather had eight sons who settled in Boston, Baltimore, New York and South Africa. His parents came from Vilna, Lithuania, and his father was a tailor making custom clothes. "In the Montreal area," Jerry said, "there were about 150,000 Jews." Jerry was very interested in land planning. For his college education, he went to Syracuse University and majored in architecture.

As his presentation, Jerry showed a series of transparencies depicting the early years in Montreal and several of his building projects. Today, Jerry is retired and lives in Longwood with his wife June. They have one son, a Naval officer and physician. On July 11, 2004, Jerry and June became grandparents when their grandson, Zachary Morris, was born.

In the JGSGO, Jerry is now the Immediate Past President.

Susan Livingstone, a friend of JGSGO president Edith Schulman, has lived in Orlando for many years. She served as president of the Rishona Chaverot Group of Hadassah, president of the Florida Central Region of Hadassah and is a member of the National Board of Hadassah. Susan was born in Ireland in 1947. Her father, Phil Levine literally walked out of Russia. Susan's mother (a Zuckerman) came from a family of 13 (11 survived to adulthood). "My grandfather was number 15 of 20 children," Susan said. "My grandmother was a wonderful woman who shaped our lives."

Susan grew up in Dublin, Ireland among some 700 Jewish people in a country of 10,000 Jews. She recalled the Shabbat dinners at home and speaking Gaelic. At age 10 she received some Hebrew School education with emphasis on how to set up a Jewish home. Her brother was Bar Mitzvahed and Susan always considered herself as being Jewish. Her husband, Ronald, was from Scotland. They were married in 1968 and their three children were born in Ireland. Susan indicated there was some "nasty incidents of anti-Semitism" but spoke of the important role Jews played in Ireland, especially Mayor Ben Briscoe of Dublin and his son, Bob who also became Mayor.

France, Spain, Morocco, Cuba, Argentina, Mexico, and Puerto Rico all played a role in the early life of Jose Valle. Born as a Catholic he converted to Judaism 25 years ago. Now a resident of Longwood, Jose recalled how his father was the most influential figure in his life. His father was an International Director for the Nestles Company in Brazil and Argentina. Six months after the revolution in Argentina, Jose at age 3, and his parents lived in Cuba. "There, I saw another revolution with Castro," Jose said. It took four years for the Valle's to get permission to leave Cuba. In 1965 he lived in Mexico and at age 13 in 1966, he was in Puerto Rico.

Attending MIT in Cambridge, MA, he studied electrical engineering, founded a company, which he later sold and moved to Florida. He recently was involved in collecting medicines and through a B'nai B'rith program had the material shipped to Cuba. Jose is now a very active member of JGSGO and serves as the web master

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**NOT ONE WORKSHOP – BUT TWO WORKSHOPS
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**MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS, AT CRJ (CONGREGATION OF
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**Workshop One: JEWISH GENEALOGY FOR BEGINNERS (BASIC
PROGRAM)**

Faculty: Gladys Friedman Paulin, (of Winter Springs, FL) Certified Genealogical Record Specialist; Past President JGSGO; vice-president of the Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG); and a trustee of the National Institute of Genealogical Research Alumni Association. In January 2005, she assumed the role of editor of *OnBoard*, a three-times a year publication sponsored by the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG); and editor and publisher of *Minovitz Minutes*, a quarterly surname newsletter that reaches more than 650 households in 14 countries. She is also the author of numerous articles on genealogy and often a guest lecturer at international, national and local genealogical meetings.

**Workshop Two: EFFECTIVE INTERNET RESEARCH TECHNIQUES
(ADVANCED COMPUTER PROGRAM)**

Faculty: Drew Smith (of Odessa, FL) MLS, has been an instructor with the School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Florida in Tampa since 1994, but his career in the field of computing began in 1975. He is the "Cybrarian" columnist for *Genealogical Computing* magazine; the webmaster/list owner for both Librarians Serving Genealogists and the Florida State Genealogical Society; chair of the Genealogy Committee of the American Library Association's History Section (2004-2005); and a former leader of the Genealogy and Local History Interest Group of the Florida Library Association. He was the technical editor for George G. Morgan's book, *How to Do Everything with Your Genealogy*, published in early 2004, by McGraw-Hill's Osborne Division. He also teaches the distance education course "Genealogy Services in Public Libraries" for Lexington Community College in Kentucky. He is a member of the National Genealogical Society, the Genealogical Speakers Guild, and the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors.

Registration fee: \$25.00 per person, per workshop (light lunch & materials included)

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