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MARCH MEETING FEATURES "HOW TO SELF PUBLISH"



The event will be Tuesday March 29th at 1:00 p.m. in the Mini Sanctuary of Congregation of Reform Judaism, 928 Malone Dr., Orlando, 32810. And is open to the Public. For information call: Dr. Raeburn Wallen at 407 6787531

After researching your family tree
HOW DO YOU PUBLISH IT?

Dr. Raeburn Wallen, president of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Orlando, and his daughter

Tammy Gory will discuss how they have published their research. Mrs. Gory uses the name of Tammy Michelle as her pen name for her book, *Life Without Nipples*. Her hard cover or paperback books are available from Barnes and Noble. She will be coming to Florida from Ohio, and will speak and have copies of her book at the presentation.

Dr. Wallen has traveled throughout the world and authored and printed books for his students on the various places he has visited, including over 25 visits to Israel. Other books he self published are from his travels to Hawaii and Cancun, Mexico. He also has researched genealogy tracing his father's

lineage back to 1600's, and has this in a book format.

Tammy Michelle Gory had her book published by Xlibris Corporation, and she will discuss the mechanics of publishing her works. The meeting will allow for questions and answers of the process of publication.

Two months before her forty-sixth birthday, the author, Tammy Michelle, was diagnosed with breast cancer. Her experiences became the catalyst that prompted her to keep a daily journal, from which *Life Without Nipples* was written. She later had plastic surgery and her next book will be "Nipples for My Birthday." Tammy is currently researching cancer deaths in her family tree going back several generations.

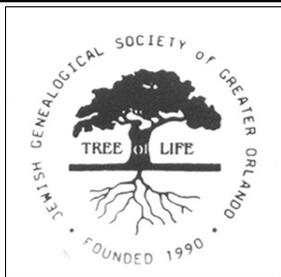
In this autobiographical book, she walks readers through her battle in a candid, at times, light manner. She further narrates her sessions with chemotherapy, hair loss, pain therapies, and her eventual victory against breast cancer.

The meeting is open to the public. JGSGO members are free, and visitors will be charged a donation of \$3.00.

Future IAJGS Meetings

2011: Washington, DC. August 14-19. Grand Hyatt Washington. Host is the Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington. See <http://www.dc2011.org>.

2012: Paris, France. July 15-18. Paris Marriott Rive Gauche Hotel. Host is Le Cercle de Généalogie Juive



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ARE YOU A GOOD ANCESTOR?

A good ancestor keeps certificates including birth and death certificates; records including health, military, naturalization, and school; passports; newspaper and church notices; awards; photos; art and craft work; journals; Bibles; diaries; baby, school and wedding books; heirlooms.

He or she dates correspondence, cares for tombstones, keeps re-search organized, writes or tapes the family stories, and supports family organization.



A good ancestor dates everything, is sure that full names are included, records where material may be found and always sees that at least one other copy of important data is somewhere else.

A hundred years from now, will they think you were a good ancestor?

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

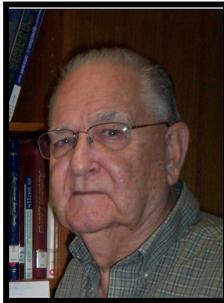
By Raeburn Wallen

As I look back over the last year I am in gratitude for the work of all of our past board members. Doris has done a remarkable job as our Vice President of Membership. After 13 year of leadership she has decided to step down from that position. Because of her vast amount of knowledge of our society, she consented at my request to stay on the board as a director. Upon the Board's approval, we welcomed Rikki Hanin as our new Vice President of Membership at our January General Meeting.

Although the nominating committee could not find a replacement for Jerry Kurland, the board approved a motion for board members to plan programs until another V.P. is elected to fill this position. Jerry did an excellent job, and I requested him to give a review of our past year, and I have included this in my report. Jerry provided us with "the most successful, innovative, instructive programs going into our 20th Anniversary as a growing society.

Jerry comments: "Many thanks go to the speakers who took the time to make us aware of new understanding gained to overcome hardships in our research together with the Maven researchers who broke down barriers for our individual-member researchers. We thank the CRJ administration under Debra Gold and her helpful staff using for the first time CRJ's Internet Server-connections, to provide interactive live "On-Line" use of the Internet, accessing special Web sites that provided us with instant answers on our ancestors. Genealogical research bridges the gap to our ancestry and family tree. This has been my finest hour of service to JGSGO. With a devoted Board of Directors & Chairmen, Twenty-Ten Programs partly resulted in a 20% increase in membership in one year. To be successful we must have new volunteers to carry the baton to greater heights. Don't depend on others to carry all the weight. Good Luck & successful discoveries."

To look back over our successful year, read Jerry's summary of our activities. Volunteer to help with refreshments, programs, and other activities of our society, and we will look forward to



another great year.

Dr. Raeburn Wallen, President of JGSGO

The following summary was contributed by Jerry Kurland.

JANUARY 26, 2010, TUESDAY 1:00 PM in the Mini-Sanctuary, CRJ,

Program: *Diane L. Hirsch, President, My Video Life Story, A legacy of a life well lived"*.

Diane showed how we can interview & record by tape or video, and document historical accounts of vital records from a relative for future research from your Family Tree. As an Emmy-award winning documentary producer she has interviewed Presidents, celebrities, and athletes. Her goal is to create an entertaining and historical account that becomes a priceless family heirloom to be shared by families and friends to be relived over and over again.

FEBRUARY 23, 2010, TUESDAY 1:00 P.M. in the Mini Sanctuary, CRJ.

Program: *Joanie Schrim, reported on her genealogical research trip to the Czech Republic. Her book "My Dear Boy", is a true story of the amazing adventuresome life of Dr. Oswald Holtzer and the author's journey to bring it to light. Based on the discovery of one of the largest personal collections from World War II, including 400 letters by 78 authors, the story provides an intimate window into both the tumultuous times and the human spirit. With excellent publicity, this event had the largest attendance of the year*

MARCH 16, 2010 Tuesday 1:00 P.M. in the Mini Sanctuary, CRJ

PROGRAM: *STEVEN LUXENBERG, author of "Annie's Ghosts" "A Journey Into a Family Secret" Steven Luxenberg a Washington Post senior editor, provided a detailed look at the genealogical and investigative reporting techniques he used to unearth the story behind a family secret, and answer questions about how to dig into your family history. "Annie's Ghosts" is a great non-fiction read for genealogists, "Jan Alpert, president of the National Genealogical Society, wrote in reviewing the book. "I*

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believe Annie's Ghosts will provide you with different ways to look at some of your research problems." (Steve was available to sign books after his talk. Books were for sale, while others who already own them brought their copies for his signature.)

APRIL 27, 2010 (MEMBERS ONLY) Goldman Social Hall PROGRAM: "ON-LINE" FORUM I

Computer research online at CRJ focused on internet research and online sources from the CRJ server to help individual researchers discover records" on one ancestor using Ancestor.com, an online Forum Program.

At this meeting we made several computers available at four different tables at the rear of the room. A fifth table was the researcher's lap-top computer connected to a Projector with an overhead screen while being directly connected to CRJ's Server having access to Genealogical Web sites such as JewishGen in the Goldman Social Hall. We especially invited non computer users as well as those that were presently using computers.

Each candidate researcher was assigned to one of the five tables at a designated time. Each table was marked with the computer researcher name & the name of the candidate researcher. Advanced notices called "Brick Wall Busters" tickets, were sent to each candidate with a Master Schedule sent to the computer research volunteers.

With a focus on Internet research and concentrating on "on-line sources" from the CRJ server, we were able to provide the individual researchers to help them discover new information on records of ONE ANCESTOR.

It was our object to go to genealogical websites that show U.S. Vital Records, U.S. Census and U.S. passenger manifests (Ellis Island) and JewishGen's websites and many of its databases with the purpose of finding vital information on an ancestor.

MAY 25, 2010 Goldman Social Hall CRJ PROGRAM: "ON-LINE" FORUM II

Successes in Genealogical "ON-LINE" Computer Research

AGENDA was Reporting on Individual Family Discoveries, emphasis on "brick wall" solutions and the great results from the recently held "On-Line" Research Forum on April 27 2010. This Program

reviewed successes and hardships and "a-ha" discovery of volunteer member's newly discovered relative, presenting their own discoveries from April 27 initial research forum. Certain members returned to present their research on a relative with the facts that had been uncovered for them last month and to provide a 10 minute presentation of their discoveries. This program demonstrated how our researchers discovered new information using CRJ's Internet connection providing our members access to, "on-line" genealogy programs.

June 22, 2010 ROUND TABLE GENEALOGY DISCUSSION

Jerry Kurland moderated the program, with distinguished panel: Irwin Feldman, Jose Valle, Joanie Schirm, Sim Seckbach, Larry Morrell, Joel Nierenberg, and Gladys Paulin (board certified genealogist).

The panel told us that "Every region is going to have its own set of records, but there are some predictable clues to look for: Marriage Records may give names of parents, Land records could give other family member or vital records. These could lead to newspaper articles. They cautioned that some records may not provide accurate information and that that these should be checked with facts from other sources.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2010 CRJ GOLDMAN SOCIAL HALL

Tom Hirsch, a JGSGO MEMBER, provided the program, INTERESTING TIPS TO FIND YOUR FAMILY, AND HOW TO COLLECT, SAVE, AND ORGANIZE YOUR PRECIOUS MEMORIES.

He demonstrated websites, bookmarking and organizing the websites in your web browser, saving files and backing up those files. He also explained digitally photographing items to include in family history and photo stitching to combine photos into a single folder or record.

(Note: Tom will provide a follow up program in 2011 showing those subjects that he did not have time to cover.)

OCTOBER 26, 2010

GUEST SPEAKER: PEGGY MOSINGER FREEDMAN, from Atlanta, GA

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Ms. Freedman is a founding member and past president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Georgia. She is Webmaster for the Members Website for LitvakSIG, and leads an annual Jewish Heritage tour to Lithuania. She has taught Jewish Genealogy classes in Atlanta for fifteen years.

TOPIC: Ms. Freedman spoke to the JGS of Greater Orlando about Jewish Genealogy in Lithuania, including a brief history of Lithuania, (the Baltic Region of Eastern Europe) a review of the Archival system in Lithuania, the LitvakSIG and the JewishGen databases, and other Lithuanian genealogical resources



Peggy Freedman

1. LitvakSIG is an "All Lithuania" database containing more than 790,000 records from many different sources, including complete Revision Lists as well as vital records.

2. "The JewishGen Lithuania Database" contains more than 960,000 records, from Lithuania, from a variety of sources, including vital records, Revision List, businesses, Yizkor Books and other Holocaust sources.

3. Ms. Freeman had consented to do some preliminary research before the meeting for those members who had provided the name of an immigrant ancestor with all the places that were known where they lived. The following members provided information that Peggy discovered in her research through the web sites mentioned above.

1. Cheryl Hanin, 2. Doris Frank, 3. Marlis Humphrey, 4. Shirley Michael, 5. Ted Lewis, 6. Riva Sorokurs, 7. Jerry Kurland..

We acknowledge with special gratitude that Doris and Robert Glasser were the Hosts for our out of Town Guest providing accommodation at their home. Peggy was our guest for Lunch at the Olive Garden restaurant with the researchers who had a chance to meet Peggy and discover more information about their ancestors from Lithuania and Latvia.

NOVEMBER 23, 2010 AT ORANGE COUNTY (MAIN) LIBRARY SYSTEM, 4TH FLOOR. TIME: 1:30 P.M. (Downtown Orlando).

PROGRAM: TO ASSIST EACH RE-

SEARCHER WITH PERSONAL RESEARCH, through, a list of some resources which may aid in genealogy research. This event helped to acquaint us with the Library collection and resources and the library staff.

DECEMBER 28, 2010 CRJ MINI SANCTUARY

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS- MEMBERS SOCIAL EVENT

Edith Schulman was in charge of the food for this very successful event. The theme of our International food tasting event was A TASTE OF NATIONS. Foods from the lands of our ancestors adorned the tables, and was enjoyed by all. A "Round Table Discussion" was also held where members were able to relate interesting ancestral tales. Joel Nierenberg moderated these interesting stories of our family heritage.

"As individuals and as a group we have spent considerable time and effort this year building a kind of structural picture of our family heritage." We look forward to another great year, 2011. ★

**JGSGO-1990 through 2010
By Rae Wallen**

Gene Starn's early history of JGSGO from Etz Chaim, Vol. 10, No 41, Summer 2000, lists the founding members as: Marcia Ainbinder, Casselberry; Linda Amon, Maitland; Moe Aronson, Orlando; Irving Berger, Longwood; Doug First, Maitland; Sylvia First, Maitland; Teresa Finer, Orlando; Hedi Goldfarb, Longwood; Rachel Heimovics, Longwood; Polly Horwitz, Lake Mary; Si Hoewitz, Lake Mary; Harry Katzman, Winter Springs; Shirley Michael, Maitland; Claire Miller, Orlando; Gwen Person, Orlando; Betty Posner, Winter Park; Sheila Reback, Longwood; Howard Soldinger, Longwood; Reuben Soldinger, Longwood; Elaine Starn, Longwood; Gene Starn, Longwood; Mildred Wang, Longwood; and Ruth Zemel, Altamonte Springs. The organizational meeting was held Monday September 10, 1990

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Genealogists or Media Business?

Triggered by a discussion on the Jewish-Gen email list, “Why is my family not interested?”, Marlis started thinking about her personal experience. Her mother-in-law has been a genealogist for more than 30 years and has published several books on the various lines within her family. The books are filled with the results of excellent research. The ancestors are vividly portrayed: a longstanding governor of Plymouth Colony, a 1920’s movie star, a jewelry store hold-up and murder, and more. Yet the books, printed on a dot-matrix printer and hand-bound, remain untouched on the family’s book shelves. Her teenage daughter, who can typically be found doing homework, texting to her BFF, watching TV, updating Facebook, and listening to her iPod – all simultaneously - has yet to express interest.



Marlis Humphrey receives Award of Appreciation

As genealogists, we tend to think of ourselves primarily as researchers. But as we move from researching to sharing our family history, Marlis challenged us to think of ourselves as being in the media business. Marlis shared a view of the trends impacting genealogists (family history creators), their audience (family history or (more generally) media consumers), and media platforms. She then asked, “In light of these trends, can an efficient method be defined for formatting, publishing, and distributing family histories in a way that is so compelling that the readers not only choose to read it amongst all other media competing for their attention, but don’t want to put it down?”

Building on the best characteristics of various types of publications, Marlis shared how she put together a 4-page layout in 12”x12” digital format including genealogical artifacts, photos, and text describing the life of her great grandfather. In walking through this example, Marlis presented a generalized 5 step process, checklist, tools and tips using the latest readily available technologies for creating a new style of family

history book that can be published in print form or easily adapted to be distributed on the web, e-reader (e.g. Kindle), smartphone, or tablet (e.g. iPad) device. ★

Taste of Nations - A Winner

By Edith Schulman

Nearly 30 people gathered at CRJ on December 28, 2010 for Taste of Nations and installation of new officers. Our wonderful cooks took the time to dig out recipes of dishes native to the countries from which their ancestors came (or they carefully researched the countries for recipes). There were dishes were from many countries including Poland, Hungary, Russia, Spain, Czech Republic, Germany, Rumania and Canada.



Edith Schulman

A big “thank you” to Shirley Michael, Elaine Nierenberg, Marcie Wallen, Rita Feldman, Doris Glasser, Doris Frank, Edith Schulman, Betty Kohn, Elaine Adler, Flo Goldman, Joanie Schirm, June Kurland, Lucilla Weinroth and Gail Robertson for furnishing the exciting dishes from many countries.

Special thanks are due to Joel and Elaine Nierenberg for purchasing the plates, cups, tablecloths, napkins and soda used for Taste of Nations.

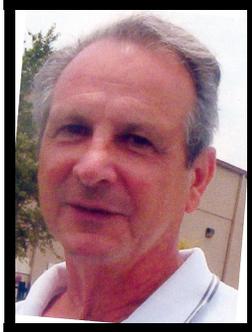
Following installation of new officers, (their names to be found elsewhere in the Newsletter) Joel Nierenberg presented the program for the afternoon. Several members shared some part of their genealogy research—the unexpected find of an unknown relatives, long lost letters or, in one case, the finding of a hidden dresser in a wall in the home where a member grew up.

Feedback tells the board that this was a meeting enjoyed by all who came. Next year, we hope even more of our members will join us. ★

Yizkor Books for Genealogical Research

By Carl R. Migden

Yizkor books were written and published in the late 1950's, the 1960's, and the early 1970's by committees of survivors of many hundreds of the former Jewish population centers of Eastern Europe, and generally they culminate in lists of community members who did not survive the war.



Yizkor books were published in very small quantities and at a time when permanent paper was little used. As a result, these volumes, which were meant to perpetuate the memory of a "vanished world," are often hard to find, and, in some cases, are themselves in danger of vanishing. The Yizkor book holdings of the Dorot Jewish Division of the New York City Public Library are the most extensive in the United States, with upwards of 90% of the titles.

Typically, Yizkor books were published in Israel or New York, or, occasionally, in Buenos Aires. Generally, the writings in these volumes may be all in Hebrew or all in Yiddish, but many of the volumes are extensively illustrated with photographs of the towns, streets, market places, synagogues, and sometimes with a map plan or two of the town. And even a number of them have images of the survivors of the Holocaust. Please note that some Yizkor books have quite a bit of information and others may almost have nothing to offer the genealogist; but it's a resource one should investigate. Remember, nothing ventured, nothing gained. I personally have found quite a lot of information and even found a group photo taken in 1926 of a Migden relative who was a member of "Group of Hashachar", ca. 1926 / 1927 as well as another group photo with Dr. Jacob Israel Migden of "The Membership (and guests) of Bar-Kochba, New York " 1952.

I will quote a line from the JewishGen Yiskor Book Project... *"Every Jewish person with roots in Central or Eastern Europe has family members who were murdered in the Holocaust. Holocaust research is an important part of Jewish family history research, and one of the more valuable collections is Yizkor books."*

The alphabetical indexes of communities listed on this page are the towns in Eastern Europe for which there are Yizkor books in the Dorot Jewish Division, available online, for FREE, at the convenience at your computer at home to look at... page by page.

The website of The New York City Public Library to access the Yizkor books are at: <http://legacy.www.nypl.org/research/chss/jws/yizkorbookonline.cfm>

"The New York Public Library's Digital Yizkor Book Viewer" provides page-turner technology to read or consult crystal-clear digital images of complete Holocaust memorial books, exactly as issued. There are 650 of the 700 post-war Yizkor books at The New York Public Library and are accessible online in their entirety. First-time users of the digital viewer are strongly encouraged to read the short and simple tips on blank screens and the enlargement of images. Volumes currently available in hard copy only are indicated by an asterisk on the alphabetical list below of communities whose Yizkor books are in the Library's collection from A to Z....

Abauj-Torna , Akkerman, Aleksandria, Aleksandrow, Alexandrovka *, Amdur
Amshinov, Andrychow, Annapol, Antopal (1967),
Antopal (1972), Antopol (1967), Antopol (1972),
Apt, Arad, Ashmiany, Augustow....

to

.... Zablotow, Zabludow (1961), Zabludow (1987),
Zabolotiv, Zadna, Zadneye, Zagaipol, Zakarpatska Oblast (1959), Zakarpatska Oblast (1968),
Zakarpatska Oblast (1991), Zakarpatskaya Oblast (1959), Zakarpatskaya Oblast (1968),
Zakarpatskaya Oblast (1991), Zaklikow, Zakopane,
Zaloshits, Zalucho...etc.

It should be noted that there are sometimes

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more than one Yiskor Book written about the same town which is indicated by the year of publishing. Also, be aware of the variant spellings of the same town. One example is a town Jezierna (variant spelling: Jezierzany, Yezierna, Ozernaya) where some Migden relatives are from.

The JewishGen Yizkor Book Project Translations Project into English:

An ambitious volunteer effort is under way by the JewishGen Yizkor Book Project Translations Project to expand the proportion of Yiskor book writings is available in English. The resulting data-rich selections in translation are posted on the JewishGen.com website together with much other pertinent information. Key portions of Yiskor books have been translated into English to date—sections such as the Table of Contents, captions to pictures and the necrology (list of victims). Go to the project's home page at: <http://www.jewishgen.org/Yizkor/>.

The very first link, "Read Translations," provides a list of towns for which some translations have been provided. The second item allows searching a list of all persons found in those necrologies extracted to date. "Yizkor Book Master Name Index" identifies persons mentioned in the translated portions of the Yizkor Books on the JewishGen Yizkor Book Project website.

Go look-up the town in Europe where your ancestors' came from.

Good Luck and Happy Hunting!★

Melungeons to be Discussed at Genealogy Jamboree

DO YOU HAVE AN ANCESTOR THAT WAS JEWISH, INDIAN, or a SLAVE living in the CUMBERLAND GAP area? Many of the Sephardim Jews settled in the land that was out of the U.S. territory before annexation took effect. Janice Fleenor Smith from Ocala, Florida is one of the speakers at the Genealogy Jamboree. Discussions on the Melungeons will clear up why Jews, Blacks and Indians were "outcasts" in the area with no voting rights. If you have Sephardim roots, you might find some ancestors in this area.

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Tom Hirsch's Website List

Tom Hirsch has furnished an extensive list of websites of genealogical interest. Inasmuch as the list is too long for this publication, we are furnishing you with an access website to download the list.

"Websites to help you find your family history. Originally made to accompany presentation to the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Orlando, May 25, 2010. Scores of links added since then, updated Sept 21, 2010. Compiled by Tom Hirsch, Winter Park, FL."

To obtain the list, copy and paste the following address into your web browser.

<http://tinyurl.com/JGSGO-HirschList> ★

JGSGO Library Page

NEW BOOK IN OUR LIBRARY

Edward Kritzler's book entitled *Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean: How a Generation of Swashbuckling Jews Carved Out an Empire in the New World in Their Quest for Treasure, Religious freedom---and Revenge.*

If you have visited Jamaica you observed one of the bases for Jewish pirate adventures. Immediately after their expulsion from Spain and Portugal in 1492 and 1497, these merchants, and ship owners did business wherever there were trading opportunities. When Columbus opened the Caribbean, the tales of rich treasures prompted the more adventurous ones to sail "the ocean blue" in search of a better life. Even though Spanish law forbade them to do so, the conversos joined the hope of discovering gold, silver, pearls, or precious stones. Some remained on the land to supply food to the Spanish conquistadors.

Catholic monarchs brought about the Holy Inquisition in 1487 against so called heresy among the Conversos – former Jews and Muslims. Torquemada, the chief inquisitor burned over 9,000 at the stake. Wherever the Conversos traveled and lived, the Inquisition followed them. A neighbor could turn in a "heretic" Jew and receive half of his property, the Catholic church received the other half.

Jews, acting as pirates, sailed from the Mediterranean and seized Spanish ships. One notable pirate, Palache, was also a rabbi, and attacked Spanish ships going from South America to Spain and gained wealth from the cargo.

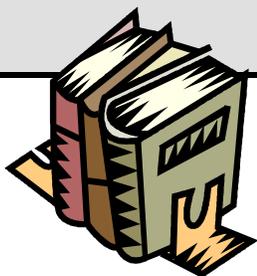
The Spanish Inquisition continued in Peru, the Caribbean and Mexico killing secret Jews, even those who had fled England in 1290. When Cromwell took over in England he permitted the Jews to return and permitted them to live in English possessions in the Caribbean.

According to Joseph Fibel's article in DOROT, the Journal of the Jewish Genealogical Society, Cromwell "mounted invasions on Hispaniola (today's Haiti and Dominican Republic), and Jamaica. The Jamaican force prevailed, but the Spanish completely defeated the one invading Hispaniola. On the northern tip of Jamaica, today's Port Royal, rowdy pirate crews prevailed on their return from raids. These rowdies, or buccaneers were taken into the pirate crews.

If you have Sephardim Jews in your genealogy, you will enjoy this book.



Marcie Wallen, Librarian



Indian Tribal Records in National Archives

By Edith Schulman

There are in the National Archives many records relating to Indians who maintained their tribal affiliations. The original records of the headquarters of the Bureau of Indian Affairs are in the National Archives in Washington, DC. These records often contain information about specific tribal members. Original records created by the various field offices and Indian schools are among the holdings of the regional archives. (Find the regional office nearest to the tribe or area you want to investigate.) Periodic attendance records, 1910-1939, for Indian schools are in the National Archives in Washington, DC. Most of the records, arranged by tribe, are dated 1830-1940. They include the following:

--Lists of Indians (chiefly Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, and Creek) who moved west during the 1830-46 period. Each entry on these lists usually contain the name of head of the family, the number of persons in the family by age and sex, a description of property owned before removal (including the location of real property) and the dates of departure from the East and arrival in the West.

--Annuity payrolls, 1841-1949. Except for the early ones that give little but the name of head of families, these show name, age and sex of each person who received payment.

--Annual census roll, 1885-1940. These records (available on microfilm) normally show for each person in a family the Indian or English

name (or both names), age, sex and relationship to the head of the family and sometimes to another enrolled Indian. The records occasionally include supplementary information such as names of persons who died or were born during the year.

The National Archives staff in Washington, DC will search the records if given the Indian's (preferably both English Indian names), the tribe and the approximate date of association with the tribe.

--Application for enrollment and subsequent allotment of land of individual tribal members of the Five Civilized Tribes. The original applications for enrollment of Cherokees, Choctaws, Chickasaws, Creeks, and Seminoles by the Dawes Commission, 1898-1907, are deposited in the National Archives Southwest Region (Ft. Worth, TX). Microfilm copies are available in the National Archives in Washington, DC.

--Eastern Cherokee claim files, 1902-10. These usually contain for each applicant the name, residence, date and place of birth, name and age of spouse, names of father and mother and children and other genealogical information.

The National Archives staff in Washington, DC, will search these files if you can supply (preferably on NATF Form 83, Order for Copies of Eastern Cherokee Applications) the full name both English and Indian, of the applicant. The identifying information should be sent to the General Reference Branch, National Archives, Washington, DC 20408. ★

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We owe a great debt to those founding members, and those who kept our organization together. There was a discussion as to whether they should affiliate with the Jewish Community Center and be members would be charged \$10.00 per year. The Jewish Community Center would provide the mailings. The majority voted to affiliate with the JCC.

Further discussion was about which Jewish Societies they should affiliate with for the coming years. It was voted by the majority that they should affiliate with the Association of Genealogical Societies, as there were 30 societies in the United States; and 40 worldwide.

Other memberships were **Dorot** published by the New York City Society, and the library received their newsletter until the present time. A lengthy discussion was whether they should join the Douglas C. Goldman Center in Tel Aviv that had films published which discuss Jewish Genealogy. The membership was \$90 a year, but this membership did not concern the group present and was rejected.

In Vol. III, No. 1 of Etz Chaim, an article described the efforts of Sheila Reback who undertook a “program” to promote family history. Reback outlined a three-session mini-course on Jewish genealogy basics that would enable students in sixth and seventh grades to begin their family research. The column also stated “JGSGO feels that teaching the basics of genealogy to youngsters is one way of enhancing the values of Jewish genealogy to the public.” Sheila’s success brought her remarks “Even I was surprised at the success of this first try at teaching 11 and 12 year old kids about Jewish genealogy. But according to the evaluation sheets, and the fact that we have been invited back next year, shows that it was a great beginning.”★

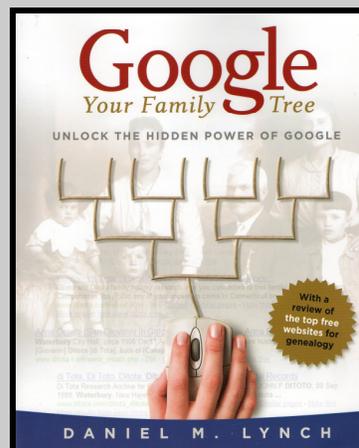
In Memory of Shirley Dornfest

Shirley, an active member of JGSGO, passed away Saturday, January 15, 2011. Her interment was in New York after a memorial service at the Montpelier Clubhouse in Williamsburg, Orlando, Florida.

A member of many organizations, among which were Congregation Beth Emeth, JCC-South Campus, Chai Steppers, Hadassah and JGSGO. A Doctor of Education, she was a Principal in NYC.



A researcher of her family tree, an educator and teacher, the book “GOOGLE YOUR FAMILY TREE” has been placed in the library in her memory. The book’s author, Daniel Lynch, describes ways to unlock the hidden power of Google. As the internet’s most popular search engine, Google has firmly established itself as an indispensable tool for billions of people worldwide. The book explains how to use the many powerful capabilities contained within Google to jumpstart a family history search---and does so in simple, easy to understand language.



“Easily the most important technology book for genealogists written in more than a decade,” says Dan Taggart, Co-Founder of Ancestry.Com.Inc. This is a must read for anyone using the Internet---for family history or any other reason.”

Dick Eastman, Editor, Eastman’s online genealogy Newsletter remarks: “describing the many features of Google in a way that helps genealogists is a monumental task. Dan Lynch has done an admirable job. It is difficult to think of anything he left out.”

Please read the book, and remember Shirley and her dedication to our society.★

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