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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE GENEALOGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 1996

Regular Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Holocaust Center,
Conference Room

"Research in Belarus, Galicia, Latvia, Lithuania, Suwalk,"

Howard Margol, President, JGS of Atlanta. With two trips already under his belt and another planned for this summer, Margol will show how he obtained more than 250 original vital records of his ancestors from European archives. Guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1996

Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Jewish Community Center,
Senior Lounge

"Tell Your Story," as members share their latest experiences in

obtaining genealogical information and request help in solving a puzzle or two remaining. Bring photos or documents to share. Guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 1996

Special Field Trip to the
University of Florida
Meet at JCC, 10:15 a.m.

The Price Judaica Library, Gainesville. An opportunity to do research using the facilities of this enormous resource center that includes more than 450 *Yizkor* books. Car pools will leave at 10:15 a.m. and return by 6:30 p.m. See inside for full details.

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1996

Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Jewish Community Center,
Senior Lounge

"Genetics and Genealogy," Dr. John McReynolds, associated with the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Women and Children, shows the interrelationships that lead to important ways we lead our lives. Guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 1996

Annual dinner meeting with election and installation of officers, to be held in the JCC Auditorium. **SAVE THE DATE!**

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JGSGO meetings are held monthly, year round, usually on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Lounge of the JCC, 851 N. Maitland Ave., Maitland. Three Sunday meetings are held during the course of the year, usually in the Assembly Room of the Holocaust Memorial Research and Education Center, also on the Jewish campus at 851 N. Maitland Ave., Maitland, FL..

From the President.....

On January 14, we held our fifth annual genealogy workshop and the first one in which we held simultaneous sessions for beginners and those more advanced in their research. It was deemed a success by all 28 participants. Thanks to Gene Starn and his team for all their efforts to making this the best workshop ever.

Members of the committee were: Gene, Polly Horwitz, Robert Marlin and Sheila Reback. Jay Schleichorn handled publicity. Presenters were Elaine Apter, Sil Horwitz, Jerry Klein, Robert Marlin, Hy Meltz, Shirley Mullins (LDS), Sheila Reback, Gene Starn and yours truly. Marshall Frenkel handled new registrations. The 1997 committee will have a wonderful example to assist in planning next year's workshop.

Early registration for the 15th Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy to be held in Boston, July 14-19, ends May 15. This year's advance program and speakers list indicates there will be programs of interest to all attendees. Having attended the last four summer seminars I can personally vouch for the fact that these wonderful programs are only a small part of the experience. The opportunity to network with other Jewish genealogists and do on-site research make the trip worth more than the dollar cost can begin to cover. And Boston is such a beautiful and historic city! If you have not yet thought about going, please give it your serious consideration. Talk to one of our members who has attended before, such as: Elaine Apter, Larry Blum, Beryle Buchman, Polly & Sil Horwitz, Bud Jaffee, Harry Katzman, Sheila Reback, Jeff Rosenberg, Elaine & Gene Starn, or myself. We look forward to a good representation from JGSGO.

Our spring schedule is loaded with great programs and a trip to Gainesville. While your dues are important, your presence and participation is most welcome. We have great board members who have worked hard to keep the organization on a solid course for the future. Now, some of them feel that it is time for an injection of new faces and more participation by the general membership. In March, I will appoint a nominating committee to select those who will lead the society for the next two years. Please consider volunteering to be a future officer or member of the Board. It is a great experience, with the opportunity to get to know more of your co-genealogists, interact with future speakers and have a say in how things are done.

COME TO THE MEETINGS! BRING A FRIEND!

Gladys

Largest collection of Yizkor books in Southeast

Price Judaica library visit is reset for April 21st

A rare opportunity for a Jewish genealogist anywhere becomes a reality for members of our Society next month when the University of Florida library opens the doors to its Price Judaica Library especially for the JGS of Greater Orlando on Sunday, April 21.

Robert Singerman, head of the library and one of the nation's leading authorities on Jewish bibliography, will be available for special help and consultation that afternoon.

Although originally scheduled for early this month, the change came about through special arrangements that worked out more satisfactorily for both the library and our JGS. The entire collection of the Price Library is in the process of being moved to Norman Hall.

The Gainesville library has more than 450 *Yizkor bucher* available, making it one of the largest collections in the country and certainly the largest in the Southeast.

Members will be car pooling to Gainesville, leaving the meeting place at the Jewish Community Center about 10:15 a.m. They will stop for a short lunch before heading to the Price Library about 1:30 p.m. Everyone should be arriving back at the JCC no later than 6:30 p.m.

The Society has had a close association with the Price Judaica Library. Singerman spoke at one of the special Sunday meetings in June 1992, and another field trip to Gainesville was made in October 1993. That trip proved extremely successful to those who went as they pored through the thousands of research volumes available.

Many members of the Society will want to attend just to roam through the stacks to see the vast number of volumes available for research, plus the tens of thousands of Judaica books at the library. It is the largest in the Southeastern United States..

But if you are looking for a specific *Yizkor* book or other research material, it is wise to contact Singerman at the Library prior to the field trip to make certain the specific books you are seeking will be available. Inquiries can be made by Fax (352-392-4789) or through the statewide "Luis" system on your home computer or at the Univ. of Central Florida. Ask one of the members who has used the "Luis" system to tell you how it's done, or look up the instructions in the Winter 1992 edition of *ETZ CHAIM* in our own library.

You can also write to the library asking about the availability. Write to:

*The Price Judaica Library
1510 Norman Hall,
8th Ave. And 13th Street
University of Florida
Gainesville, FL 32611*

For more details about the trip, members should contact Sheila Reback. Not only will she want to know who will be attending the field trip, but who will be available for driving.

New service has all US phone listings

New just last month, "Switchboard" lists all the U.S. phone numbers on the Internet's Web. The URL is:
<http://www2.switchboard.com/bin/cgiqa.dil?>

At Lake Mary Family History Center, May 11

Mormons sponsor genealogy seminar; Three from our JGS to participate

Billed as a "Genealogy Conference", the Lake Mary Florida Stake Family History Center is sponsoring a learning seminar at its Mormon church on Lake Emma Rd. on Sat., May 11.

The all day affair will feature speakers on a variety of genealogy subjects, including three by members of our own JGS. Harry Katzman will present a course on German script, Sheila Reback on Jewish research and Gladys Paulin on immigration and passenger lists.

Other subjects include the census, Mayflower, PAF-Computers, beginning research, land records, preserving records, U.S.A. research, ancestors, Scottish records, writing life stories, photos to video, Afro-American records, computer programs, English records, Family History Center tours and many more.

Pre-registration costs are \$10 which includes lunch or \$6 without lunch. Registration at the door is \$8 with no lunch.

Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. with the opening session beginning at 9. The closing session of the seminar is between 4:15 and 5 p.m.

Seven different subjects will be discussed in simultaneous hour-long sessions at a time, but most will be duplicated at various times to enable those attending a wide choice of subjects.

More information can be obtained by phoning the Family History Center at 333-0137.

The seminar is open to the public, but it is not appropriate for children under 12.

JewishGen Success Story

Recently a relative died and was buried in Texas. I put a note on JewGen asking if anyone could photograph the grave site for me. The next day I received from another JewGen reader, the name, address and phone number of someone in the area of the cemetery. I called her and she said she would be in touch.

Two weeks later I received 45 photos of all the graves in the family -- some of them about whom I had never heard, along with a complete history of the family. It seems the first of them had come to Texas around 1840 or so.

My aunt had lost all touch with those in Texas. Her father had moved to Brooklyn and had not kept in touch at all. Needless to say, she was delighted when I called her.

I am in the process of entering rather a large number of people, both dead and alive, into my computer and will send her a descendant's chart when I have managed to sort them all out.

--Arlene Parnes
Email to: arlene.parnes@cornucopia.digital.net

Pauline "Polly" Gotlobe Horwitz 1918 - 1996

Our society has lost one of its dearest members. Polly was one of those instrumental in the formation of the JGS of Greater Orlando. She helped create the By-laws of the Society, was its first vice president and brought so many interesting programs to our meetings that our reputation and membership grew as a result.

Words can not describe our loss, but following are some of the words expressed about her:

From Gladys Paulin on JewishGen:

"It is with great sadness that I must advise all Jewishgenners of the death of Polly (Pauline) Horwitz. Polly was one of the founders of the JGS of Greater Orlando and was a member of our Board continuously up to her death early this morning. Despite her illnesses of the past 2 years, Polly continued to be active both in our society and on this newsgroup. Her last message posted on Febr. 23 was, as usual, an offer to help others. May her soul be bound in eternal life."

From Gene Starn on JewishGen:

"It is with a great deal of sadness and regret that I inform members of JewishGen of the death of Pauline "Polly" Gotlob Horwitz, a longtime genealogist and prolific contributor to JewishGen.

"Those of you who may have met her at some of the Summer Seminars knew her as a petite, gray haired 78-year-old lady who was always eager to give out source leads and information to anyone who asked, or herself was asking for a cemetery list, a resource address or some clue to help in her own search.

"In Orlando, she was one of the founding members of the JGS, it's very first vice-president, its first librarian, served on numerous committees, was always the first to volunteer to help do anything that furthered the cause of Jewish genealogy.

"She was a feisty gal who stood up for her principles but was quick to support those who proved their ideas better than hers. Four heart operations never kept her from her second love--genealogy. Her first was her husband and family.

"We will miss our dear Polly greatly. In our minds and hearts, she will always be a grand lady."

From Gene Starn at graveside services on March 1, 1996:

"I have known Polly just six short years. I met her in 1990 when we first began the Jewish Genealogical Society. She answered my inquiry for people interested in forming a genealogy group here.

"To me, Polly was more than just a genealogist. She was someone who cared about the world. She would be on

the phone to tell me of some injustice she had just read about. Or when she was visiting her daughter in Virginia, she would send me clippings from the Washington papers with a hastily scribbled note: 'Thought you'd like to know about this.' And I'd have the grist for another column or two. She would tell me when she thought I'd done an especially good job on a subject, or she'd call and say I was way off base on another.

"She didn't want to miss a thing in this world. I remember last summer at the Washington Genealogy Seminar ... she had to be first in line to do research at the National Holocaust Center. Well, we got there early all right, an hour or so before the Center even opened. But she was first, or close to it when the doors finally opened.

"Those of you who knew her only slightly, especially during this past year, may have seen a Polly who was lethargic, slower to grasp certain meanings, hesitant in finding the right words to put her ideas into play. This wasn't the Polly I knew. This was the result of the deterioration caused by her illness. The Polly I knew was that bright, feisty, caring individual ... always a teacher ... always ready to say exactly how she felt about things ... always ready to help someone who needed help, whether in genealogy or at the library, or anywhere else in the world.

"Yes, we'll miss Polly. But we'll have all those pleasant memories of this grand lady ... who has now gone to join the ancestors she spent so many years searching for. May God bless her."

From the Orlando Sentinel,

"PAULINE HORWITZ, 78, Mill Run Drive, Lake Mary, died Wednesday, Feb. 28. Mrs. Horwitz was a retired schoolteacher. Born in York, Pa., she moved to Central Florida in 1979. She was a member of Congregation Bet Chaim, Jewish Genealogical Society of Central Florida and Friends of the Seminole County Library. Survivors: husband, Silom; daughters, Judi Cates, Gainesville, Marcia Hanover, Quantico, Va.; brother Ben Gotlobe, Orlando; sister, Irene Gotlob; six grandchildren; one great-granddaughter. Woodlawn Funeral Home & Memorial Park, Orlando.

July 14-19 Seminar is a first for Boston

How to 'subscribe' to JewishGen

JewishGen is a computer-based discussion group devoted to Jewish Genealogy. Users can request help with genealogical problems, post information about new sources for research, and network with other Jewish genealogists globally.

JewishGen is available in three different ways: an Internet usenet newsgroup, an Internet mailing list, and a Fidonet echo.

The Internet usenet newsgroup is "soc.genealogy.jewish".

The Internet mailing list is accessible to anyone who has an Internet e-mail address. To subscribe to the JewishGen mailing list on Internet, send an e-mail message to "listserv@mail.eworld.com" containing the message BODY (NOT the subject field): "SUBSCRIBE JEWGEN, YOUR FIRST NAME, LAST NAME." (i.e. "SUBSCRIBE JEWGEN JOHN PUBLIC").

Your message will be handled by an automated list server. This will result in about 50 messages a day delivered to your e-mail inbox. You will initially be subscribed in "digest mode", where you will receive only one message per day, a "digest" of all of the day's JewishGen messages concatenated. To change modes, send the message body "SET JEWGEN MAIL=DIGEST" to the list server (listserv@mail.eworld.com) after subscribing.

Microfilm on long term loan at Lake Mary LDS Family Library

The following microfilm has been ordered for long term availability at the LDS Family History Library at Lake Mary:

#1049088	Hamburg Passenger Lists-Direct 1895-1903 & 1904-1905
#1049089	Hamburg Passenger Lists-Indirect Jan 1892-Dec. 1894
#1049090	Hamburg Passenger Lists-Indirect Jan-Dec. 1891
#1754225	World War I Draft Records - NYC Board #29 A-F
#1754303	World War I Draft Records - NYC Board #38 A-E
#1754592	World War I Draft Records - NYC Board #65 S-Z
#1754593	World War I Draft Records - NYC Board #65-S-Z
#1754595	World War I Draft Records - NYC Board #67-A-Q
#1754616	World War I Draft Records - NYC Board #83 C-partS
#1754484	World War I Draft Records - NYC Board #83 parts S-Z

Most of the draft records are for the borough of Brooklyn. Only one is in Manhattan. You must know the address where the person lived. Then it is possible to consult a copy of the draft board district map to see if the known home address falls into any of these districts covered by these films.

-- Robert Marlin

Orlando JGS members among more than 40 presenters at 15th summer conclave

The Annual Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy is coming to Boston for the first time and this premier event in Jewish genealogy promises to be an outstanding time for genealogists -- experienced or brand new. Over 500 people from around the world are expected to attend the week-long conference, including some of the most knowledgeable experts who will share their information with those attending.

The dates of the Seminar are July 14 - 19, with headquarters in the Park Plaza Hotel.

The pre-registration cost for the Seminar is \$115 if received by May 14, \$150 thereafter. Contact Gladys Paulin for more details, or see the Fall 1995 issue of *Avotaynu*.

Among the 40 speakers from around the world will be two from the Orlando JGS -- Sil Horwitz and Gene Starn -- whose presentation "Make Your Ancestors Look Good" will demonstrate the enhancement of old photographs and documents and various methods of placing them into family history records and literature.

Here is a partial, tentative list of other speakers and presentations to be made:

- * Prof. Dov Levin, *expert on Lithuania, Lativa, Estonia,*
- * Yale Reisner, *Archives Director, Jewish Historic Institute, Warsaw,*
- *Susan King, *founder of JewishGen, the computer network of Jewish genealogists,*
- *Jayre Roberts, *LDS Family History Library, on Ellis Island records indexing project, and East European microfilming status.*
- *Alexander Beider, *acclaimed author on Jewish names,*
- *Jeff Cymbler, *on Polish-Jewish research*
- *Miriam Weiner, *Routes to Roots, certified genealogist,*
- *Jonathan Shea, *on translating Russian records,*
- *William Schoeffler, *on US-Canadian Border Crossing records,*
- *Walter Hickey, *National Archives, Pittsfield, on Naturalization records,*
- *Arlene Sachs, *on the International Jewish Cemetery Project,*
- *Dr. Michael Feldberg, *executive director, American Jewish Historical Society,*
- *ChaeRan Freeze, *on archives in Ukraine; unexpected sources for genealogical research in Pale of Settlement,*
- ... and many, many more.

Lectures will be held in the morning and evening, leaving the bulk of the day open for attendees to go out to do their own research at the many valuable research institutions in the Boston area, or to sightsee many of the historic landmarks within walking distance.

Shuttle buses will be provided from the Park Plaza Hotel, located at Stuart and Arlington Streets in the Back Bay, to the suburban research sites; the other institutions are all within walking distance or accessible via public transportation from the conference hotel.

Vendors will exhibit their wares at the hotel throughout the week where you can try before buying. A resource center with many books and computer programs will be available for use..

Information from the Kingdom of Poland

... and how you might help

by Steven Zedeck

About two years ago I started researching my family genealogy. Most of my ancestors are from northeastern Poland and parts of what is now Ukraine and Lithuania. After spending several months obtaining records and documents (ship's manifests, naturalization records and vital records) from United States sources, I began to search for birth, marriage and death records in the Mormon (LDS) collection of microfilms of vital records from Poland.

For those who may be unaware, the Mormons have the world's largest collection of vital record microfilms and are a tremendous source of information for Jewish and non-Jewish genealogical research.

I immediately noticed that records for the years before 1868 were written in Polish and were somewhat readable, but the records for post-1868 were in Cyrillic and very difficult to read. The Polish language uses the Latin alphabet (as does English), and the Russian language uses the Cyrillic alphabet. In the early 1860s, after the Polish insurrection, the Russian Czars suppressed the Polish language.

Thus all vital records, by law, had to be in Russian. This fact was true only for RUSSIAN POLAND (the Kingdom of Poland), and NOT for Austrian Poland (Galicia), Prussian Poland, or the Pale of Settlement.

Today, all of the genealogical publications and newsletters concentrate primarily on the Polish era (pre-1868) vital records and there is clearly a major void in the area of Cyrillic vital records.

Over the next several months, I began using many Internet-related resources in my genealogical activities. I "met" many people with similar interests on JewishGen (an Internet-based Jewish bulletin board) and CompuServe (an online service). One such person was Michael Tobia of Glasgow, Scotland. We immediately developed an online friendship and discovered we had similar goals and interests. Michael is very involved with computer databases.

Using our accessibility to computers and the Internet, we searched for a way to address the Cyrillic records. In February, 1995, I formed a project (eventually called REIPP, "Russian Era Indexing of Poland Project") to concentrate on transliterating primarily post-1868 indices to Jewish vital records from Russian Poland. Since there is also a tremendous interest in pre-1868 records, approx. 20 percent

of our database currently contains pre-1868 data. The software for the database is developed by Michael and he maintains the master copy of the data. All of the indices for the city of Moza (almost 9,000 records) were transliterated by Michael.

To date we have an index to over 22,000 Jewish vital records within a computer database. We are working with JewishGen to make this data available to anyone with access to the Internet.

This is a major "first" for Jewish genealogy: to have a database containing an index to Jewish vital records available over the Internet. In addition to the data which is currently in our database, we have many microfilms which are in progress.

The project is staffed mainly by volunteers, many who are actively involved in transliterating indexes to Jewish vital records from towns all over the Kingdom of Poland. We have also received some monetary contributions. These contributions have all been used to hire Russian translators to help with particular microfilms which cannot be handled by the volunteers. Several people have also given us transliterated indexes they have completed independently. These are very

welcome additions.

Another activity of this project is to attempt to avoid duplication of effort. We can all benefit collectively by sharing the results of our individual labor. For this reason, we are maintaining a database of "works-in-progress".

Though the project is growing daily with more and more data being added from various towns all over the Kingdom of Poland, we need your help to make this truly a valuable resource for everyone to use.

- 1) We need more volunteers who are knowledgeable in Cyrillic to help with the process of transliterating more indices.
- 2) We need more people who are willing to make photocopies of specific vital record indices.
- 3) We can also use additional monetary donations so that we can hire more Russian translators.
- 4) People who have produced indexes of their own are welcome to contribute them to us so that we can make them

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Searching for my "Uncle Sam"

by Jay Schleichkorn, Ph.D.

For anyone interested in genealogy, a visit to a genealogical library of the Latter Day Saints Family History Center is a must. There are 1200 Family History Centers in the United States. It is well known that one of the best resources for genealogists is the one in Salt Lake City.

As one who delves into genealogy, I have not had the opportunity to visit the Utah facility but I have been to the center in Lake Mary, Florida. Thanks to their records and a helpful staff, a genealogical question about a family member has been answered and the search for my Uncle Sam is now well underway.

I have always known that my father, Henry Schleichkorn, had an older brother named Sam. In February 1900, when Henry arrived in New York City with his sister, the manifest from the SS Statendam shows they were going to live with their brother Samuel on Norfolk Street in downtown Manhattan.

In November 1900 when Henry's parents came to America and landed in New York City, the record shows they too were going to Samuel Schleichkorn, but now he lived on Stanton Street.

I never met Uncle Sam. My parents spoke of him occasionally and said that he died at a young age. I do not recall ever seeing a photo of Uncle Sam or hearing if he was married or had a family.

Since there are no older members of the Schleichkorn family alive to tell me about Uncle Sam, I tried to figure a few things out.

If the family members were going to stay with him in 1900, he must have been old enough to hold a job and have an apartment. Checking my grandfather's Petition for Naturalization, I discovered Sam was born on December 14, 1880 (probably in Vienna). He would have been 20 years old when the family arrived in New York City.

Another clue was the fact that a member of our family, Uncle Herman, had a son born February 11, 1909 and named the child, Samuel. I assumed that following Hebrew tradition, the boy was named after a departed family member.

Thanks to the information I received at meetings of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Orlando, I was able to make use of the LDS Family Center in Lake Mary. During my first visit to the center on Weds., Nov. 1, I was greeted by Mrs. Shirley Mullins, the director of the center. She asked what I was looking for and proceeded to show me how to use the microfilm records of deaths in New York City. I decided to search the Manhattan death records

starting with December 1900. Since the LDS records are alphabetized and according to boroughs, I simply looked through the twelve months of the year for a Samuel Schleickhorn. With 12 letters, I assumed the name would stand out.

Nothing was found in 1901, 1902, 1903; perhaps my search would be futile. Turning to 1904 and 1905, still no luck. I was getting blurry eyed when I started with 1905. The months flew by and then lo and behold something struck me. There was a listing for a Samuel Schleidekorn, age 25, who died on December 27 in Manhattan. The name was clearly written but certainly not spelled as Schleichkorn. However, my name has often been mutilated, misspelled and hard to say for some people. Mrs. Mullins also indicated that errors were very possible.

I felt certain that Schleidekorn was not a real name and that the listing could be Uncle Sam. I left the Family Center feeling as though I made a major discovery ... and thanks to the help I received, it really wasn't difficult.

The next major step would be to obtain a copy of the official certificate of death. On November 6, I wrote the New York Dept. Of Records and Information Services to request a copy of Death Certificate #39469. I enclosed a money order for \$12

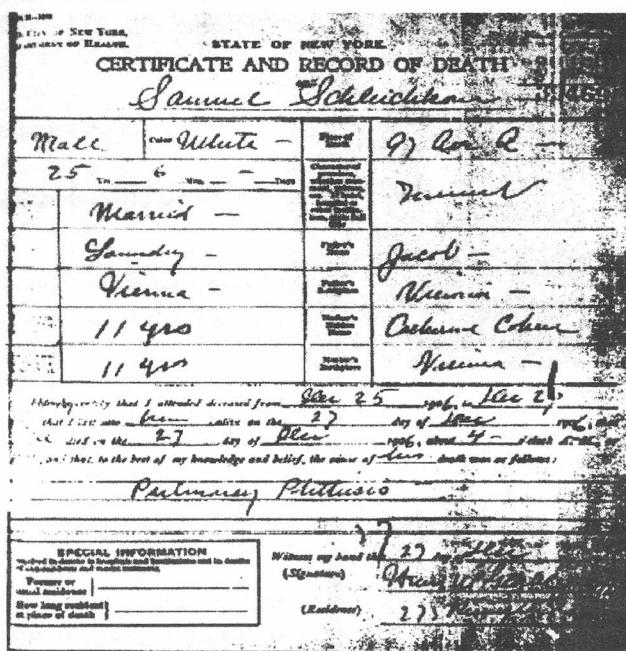
together with a letter explaining why I thought Schleidekorn may have been an error. I also mentioned Samuel's parents were Jacob and Catherine Schleichkorn.

By November 18, I had an answer to my request. "EUREKA!" ... my hunch was correct and Certificate 39469 clearly was for my Uncle Sam. On the certificate the name was spelled correctly. His birthdate indicated he was 25 years and 6 months old. (Based on my previous information, it should have been age 26). The question "how long in the U.S." indicated 11 years. That appears to be correct as he probably was age 15 when he came to New York in 1895. The certificate confirms that Jacob and Catherine were his parents.

An interesting item on the certificate is that Sam was married. That opens a new area of genealogical research. I have no knowledge of having an aunt as Sam's wife.

The cause of death after an illness of only three days may not have been unusual in the 1900s. Written as Pulmonary Plittus it probably should have been Pulmonary Pertussis which is similar to a whooping cough.

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Searching for my "Uncle Sam"

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Now to find where my Uncle Sam was buried. On the reverse side of the certificate it indicates place of burial was Machpelah, New Union Cemetery, Queens, New York.

In a letter of November 22, I wrote the business office of the cemetery asking for information about Samuel Schleichkorn who I believed was interred there on December 8, 1906.

The cemetery's office manager responded in a letter of December 18 stating, "We regret that we are unable to assist you as the name given to us was not found in our files, which may not be totally accurate." She suggested I write to two neighboring cemeteries, Union Field and Hungarian Union Field. This will be done.

In summary, thanks to a visit to the Family Center Library in Lake Mary, I now have important basic information about Sam Schleichkorn. I intend to return to the center to take advantage of the assistance offered and to review marriage records and obtain more facts. With additional information, I am hopeful that my search can be completed and someday in the near future, I will be able to visit the gravesite of my Uncle Sam.

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Sandy Osinsky Ormond Beach, FL

A Genealogical Quickie!

The American Genealogical Lending Library announces the release of Seven Steps to a Family Tree, written by one of genealogy's most authoritative authors, Bill Dollarhide. Concise and detailed, this booklet will lead you by the hand and carefully review with you each step to take in order to begin your family tree.

With this booklet you will find detailed information on fascinating sources for locating ancestors, how to conduct family interviews, what is really important in your family's past, what are vital records and how they are accessed, how to search Federal Records, where is the largest genealogical library, additional sources and what to do next after completing the booklet.

*This resource booklet is available for just \$5 (s/h incl.)
From AGLL, PO Box 329, Bountiful UT 84011-0329*

Thanks to The Family Tree and Arlene Parnes for submitting it..

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available on a much wider scale for the benefit of the community at large.

We have set up an Internet-based listserv for the project members (currently at 70) to communicate with each other regarding our progress. A listserv is basically an Internet mailing list. You send email to one address and your message is automatically sent to everyone on the list.

To join our mail list send an email message to: listserv@jewishgen.org with the following body (not subject): sub reipp firstname lastname. Nothing else should appear in the message. Within a few hours, you should receive a reply stating you are now a subscriber. Then, to send messages to the group, just send the message to: reipp@jewishgen.org.

We have compiled transliterated data for the following towns: Czyzewo, Grajewo, Jablonka, Izbica, Lomza, Nowograd, Nur, Ostrow Maz, Plock, Radom, Radzilow, Sniadowo, Szczuczyn, Tykocin, Wasosz, Zambrow.

The following towns are currently in progress: Punsk, Przerosl, Filipow, Bakalarzowo, Suwalki, Wizajny, Sejny, Wizna, Wysocki Maz., Zareby Kosc, Wyszograd, Przedborz, Krasnystaw.

For additional information on this project, write or send email to

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We missed you at the last meeting!

The easy way to . . .

TOMBSTONE PHOTOGRAPHY

There are two types of genealogist that photograph tombstones. The first group are those that think the world is beautiful as it is. The second are those that think they can improve on nature. I fit into the first group that likes to record nature as it is. I will now give you the easy steps to quality photographic recordings of tombstones.

Equipment needed:

Any camera can be used but I recommend an automatic 35mm camera with a zoom lens in the range of 28-80. It is best to also have a second camera on hand (cameras have a tendency to not work if they are alone). A good second camera is the one shot type where you send the camera in for processing. I have found that a good camera is ashamed not to work if it knows it can be replaced by a \$8.50 one shot.

The best film is ASA 200,. This allows you to photograph either in the sun or shade.

Graves are like beards: They need to be trimmed occasionally. Grass clippers or a good set of pruners serve well. Also for markers that are recessed in the ground, a stiff bristle paint brush is useful for dusting off leaves and loose dirt.

The most important piece of equipment is a notepad and pen to record on paper what is on the stone. The writing on all stones does not show up in all photographs or sometimes is too small to read in the photograph. I recommend making a rough sketch of each stone and copying all of the writing on the stone.

Some stones will be in shade or in a shadow. To light the stone, a reflector can be used. The best I have found is a mat-board covered with aluminum foil. A mirror can be used they are too bulky. If you use a reflector it should be placed so that the sun is reflected across the stone at an angle to highlight the writing. I seldom use one as I prefer natural light. As stones always stand out when wet after a rain or from dew in the early morning, the one concession I make to altering nature is to carry a spray bottle of water and spray the stone before photographing.

Time of day

The photographs can be taken anytime but I prefer early morning or late afternoon as the light is softer and the shadows less harsh.

When arriving at the cemetery I first look for the stones that I wish to include in the photographs. If the cemetery is out of town it is best to photograph all stones with any possibility of connection to your families as quite often with additional research you will find a connection to your family. This includes nearby stones as well as stones with the same surname.

After checking out the cemetery I go to each stone individually and remove any weeds and loose dirt with the pruners and paint brush. Next I spray the stone with a light coat of water. I then compose the photograph. The stone, for the stone alone, should fill the frame of the viewfinder. With this composition the camera will automatically give the correct exposure. Take at least two exposures of each view. Negatives can be damaged and it is safer to have a backup. Do not use a flash as the flash will wash out the writing on the stone. If your shadow is in the photograph use the telephoto setting on the zoom lens so that you can be further back from the stone. If you do not have a zoom lens, stand at an angle so that your shadow is not on the stone. Either before or right after photographing the stone I record the information from the stone in my notepad and indicate the frame numbers for the negatives. This is all that is necessary for good photographs of individual stones.,

After completing the individual stones, I next like to record the cemetery itself. For this I like a photograph of the entrance if there is a sign as well as overall photographs of the entire cemetery from a variety of views. These should be taken with the wide angle portion of the zoom lens.

Besides the photographs of the individual stones and the cemetery as a whole, I also like to relate the cemetery to humans. If it is a stone of one of my relatives I have my wife photograph me next to the stone and it is one of hers I photograph her next to the stone

If you use an automatic camera and basic rules of composition the photography of tombstones is one of the easiest form of photography.

After the film is developed and the prints made there are many uses for the photographs. My wife and I keep a scrapbook of genealogy and like to have both a photograph of the person and their stone along with copies of legal documents such as birth death and marriage certificates. I like to know as much as possible about the ancestor not just dates of events in their life,. The way they lived has contributed in many ways to the way I live and knowing as much about my ancestors as possible helps me to understand me.

I have tried to avoid being technical in this brief direction of cemetery photography, but if anyone has technical questions please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to assist in any way that I can.

Sim Seckbach is a professional photograph and a member of the JGS of Greater Orlando. This was the subject he presented at one of the JGS meeting. He can be reached by mail at 420 Melrose Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789. His E-mail address is: SSeckback@aol.com.

The other Ellis Island

by Miriam Weiner

While the vast majority of our immigrant ancestors came through Ellis Island, from 1907 to 1914 thousands of East European Jews participated in a little known episode in American Jewish history. They immigrated through the Port of Galveston, where they were routed to towns throughout the Midwest, where lodging and jobs awaited them.

Because of the concentration of immigrant Jews in New York City and rising anti-Semitism in Russia around the turn of the century, Jewish leaders, such as financier Jacob Schiff and the celebrated English writer, Israel Zangwill, felt that Jews should enter the United States through a port other than New York. Because of his knowledge of the railroads, Schiff proposed Galveston, Texas, which had good rail connections to points throughout the Midwest. He raised funds for the project including \$500,000 from his own pocket.

In 1910 the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization investigated the "Galveston Movement" to discover whether it was engaged in the illegal organization of immigration. The transcripts of these examinations are revealing. In the examinations, the immigrants -- most of whom came from Russia -- answered questions about their family origins, reasons for emigration, expectations of America and their experiences on the voyage. Later, during interviews in their destination cities, they talked about their satisfaction (or lack of it) with conditions of employment.

In 1984, I participated in the first International Seminar on Jewish Genealogy in Jerusalem, where I attended a lecture by Bernard Marinbach, author of *Galveston: Ellis Island of the West* (1983), Albany, N.Y. Dr. Marinbach referred to 84 files he had examined as part of the research for his book. You can imagine my surprise and delight to discover that the last name on the list was Hirsch Zukerman -- my grandmother's first husband! I quickly sent for a copy of the transcript and was mesmerized to read the details of his voyage to Galveston.

This three-page interview revealed the desperate situation of my grandmother and her four young children. They were not to join Hirsch Zukerman for three long years. It is difficult to imagine how they survived during that time.

The interviews were conducted during the summer of 1910, both at the Port of Galveston and in the cities where the immigrants settled, and they contain a treasure of information about the immigrant and the family left behind.

According to Dr. Marinbach in *Galveston: Ellis Island of the West*, the Industrial Removal Office in New York hired Morris D. Waldman to help oversee the settlement of the Galveston immigrants. Dr. Marinbach writes:

"In February (1906), Waldman embarked upon a tour of his own, to see for himself how bad conditions were throughout the West. Writing from St. Louis Waldman comments, 'What I have seen thus far is enough to make one blue -- men out of work everywhere, starvation staring them in the face. The charities here are crowded with applicants and some of them Galveston men.' He concluded that it was ~~useless~~ at this time to persuade well-meaning communities to accept immigrants if these communities were actually unable to provide work."

Although the plan was controversial and short-lived, in its seven years, 10,000 Jews came through Galveston where they were met at the dock by Rabbi Henry Cohen, Galveston's great humanitarian rabbi and were welcomed personally by the mayor of Galveston. The plan ended in 1914 because of new restrictions on immigration, rising anti-Semitism and the threat of war.

The transcripts for the people listed above are in immigration files (Record Group No. 85, Immigration File No. 52) and copies are available from the National Archives Records Center in Suitland, Md.

The actual ship's manifest records for the period 1895-1921, Port of Galveston, are in the National Archives in Washington, DC. Copies can be ordered from the National Archives, the Rosenberg Library in Galveston, Texas, and the Houston Public Library.

The Galveston Movement is the subject of a documentary film by Allan and Cynthia Salzman Mondell, titled *West of Hester Street*, and has also been explored in numerous biographical works on Jacob Schiff.

The above article originally appeared in HERITAGE, Nov. 16, 1987. Miriam Weiner is a professional genealogist and sponsor of "Routes to Roots," genealogical tours to Europe. She can be reached by mail at 136 Sandpiper Key, Secaucus, NJ 07094.

Important dates to remember . . .

March 24th -- next meeting, 1:30 p.m., Holocaust Center

April 9th -- "Tell Your Story", 7:30 p.m., Senior Lounge

April 21st -- Field trip to Univ. of Florida, meet 10:15 a.m.

May 14th -- pre-registration deadline for Boston seminar

May 14th -- "Genetics and Genealogy", 7:30 p.m., Sr. Lounge

A Genealogical Quickie!

The commonly held notion of colonial American family life - that many generations lived together and shared farm and household chores - is far from the truth. Few people lived long enough to see their children grow, let alone their grandchildren.

Data compiled in 1790 by Dr. Benjamin Rush, the prominent physician, indicates that of 100 people born in a given year in Philadelphia, more than one-third died before the age of 6 and only one-quarter lived beyond age 26.

The life expectancy at birth for Americans was 34.5 years for females when George Washington became president in 1789.

Thanks to the *Quarterly Bulletin* of the Genealogical Society of Miami, and Arlene Parnes for submitting it.

Accessing Seminole Library possible at home or office by computer

It is now possible to use your computer to find out what books are available at the Seminole County public library via your computer at home or at the office. The system is called "PAC", Public Access Catalog.

What you need is: personal computer, telephone line, modem, communications software and expertise in using your equipment and software.

Set your communications software to the following settings before you dial into PAC:

Baud rate:	300, 1200, 2400, 9600 BPS
Data Bits	8
Stop Bits	1
Duplex	full
Parity	None

Several terminal types are offered. VT100 is recommended for the initial setup.

To logon the phone number for accessing DIAL PAC is (407) 830-9545.

After you receive a CONNECT, press the ENTER or RETURN keys. The word "login:" will appear.

Type "library" (must be in lower case) and press the RETURN or ENTER keys.

"Please indicate which terminal you are using" will appear followed by three options. Choose the option that has the terminal emulation that matches the one your software is using. Enter your selection and press RETURN or ENTER.

The system then prompts you to answer two questions to test your terminal emulation. After you have answered these and have adjusted the terminal emulator, if necessary, the "Welcome" screen should appear.

To log off, select the "LOG OFF" option on the "Search Screen" menu.

DIAL PAC is available 24 hours a day, except during times when the system is down for routine maintenance.

PLACING HOLDS

Find the information for the book you want.

Type the letters PH (Place Hold) at the command line at the bottom of the screen. (If prompted to select a line number, select **any** number.)

Type your library card's barcode number at the prompt.

Select #1 - HOLD (First available copy) at the next screen.

Press RETURN to place the hold then you will be prompted to choose the branch location for pickup.

LIBRARY INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Library locations, hours and phone numbers are also listed on the catalog BULLETIN BOARD. Assistance in searching the catalog is available from library staff whenever the libraries are open. The library does not offer technical assistance in using your equipment and software.

SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

CE	Central Branch	339-4000
EA	East Branch	366-8150
NO	North Branch	322-2182
NW	Northwest Branch	321-2419
WE	West Branch	862-2282

Forms you might use for your records

Shown below are three forms that might be helpful to you in keeping your genealogical records straight. They were submitted by Arlene Parnes, who received them from Irv Patrick, genealogist with

Central Florida Genealogical Society.

They are available to members of JGSGO on disk or in printed form (all three) from *Etz Chaim* for \$1.00 for postage and handling. Send to Etz Chaim, PO Box 520583, Longwood, FL 32752.

LEGAL RECORD

Ahnen	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	Birth Date/State	Marriage Date/State	Died Date/State	Birth Cert	Soc. Sec.	Voter Reg.	Marr'g Cert.	Land Deed	Tax Role	Death Cert.	Will Prob.	Tomb Stone	
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CENSUS RECORD

Ahnen	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	Birth Date/ST	Marriage Date/ST	Died Date/ST	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1900	1910	1920
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OTHER RECORD

Ahnen	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	Birth Date/State	Marriage Date/State	Died Date/State	Temple Record	School Record	Univ Record	Military Record	Empl Record	Credit Record	News paper	Pioneer Bios	
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Forms shown here are reduced.
Actual size is 11" x 8 1/2" each.

Items of interest you'll find in the latest issues of

JGS Quarterlies

Copies may be found in our genealogy library
in the Holocaust Center

The Quarterly journals of all JGSes from around the world are kept on file in our library in the Holocaust Center, as well as the Special Interest Group (SIG) publications and AVOTAYNU, the International Review of Jewish Genealogy..

All of these journals have information of interest to all genealogists depending, of course, upon their own interests, but the articles listed below were deemed to be of special interest to our readers.

SJHS Newsletter - SOUTHERN JEWISH HISTORICAL SOC.

America's Earliest Southern Jewish Physicians, pp 6-7.

Generations - St. Louis - January 1996

How to request your ancestors military records, p 7

Shemot - Great Britain - December 1995

Lithuanian Ghetto Lists Discovered, p 22

Indexes of Vols. 1-1 to 3-3, pp 23-24

JGS of Sacramento - January 1996

Trip to Argentina, p 5

Dorot - JGS (NY) - Fall 1995

NYC Marriage Records Update, p 6

Lineage - Long Island - Fall 1995

Travels in Lithuania, pp 11-12



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P.O. Box 941332
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Mishpacha - Washington, DC - Fall 1995

Lithuania: A Trip, pp 1, 18-19

Using Russian business directories, p16

Geracoës - Brazil - November 1995

Researching the Aboabs, p 4

Jewish Remnants in Salinas, pp 8-9

The Jewish boxer Daniel Mendoza (1764-1836), pp 10-13

ShoraShim - Orange Cnty, CA - Fall 1995

Twentieth Century Military Research, pp 6-7

Ancestree - Cincinnati - November 1995

How to obtain Ohio death certificates, pp 6-7

Michpochology - Sarasota - March 1996

Premier issue of this newest genealogical society

ZichronNote - San Francisco - November 1995

Researching 20th Century Immigration Records, pp 7-10

Immigration Service District Offices, p 11

Lithuanian Records, p 13

Yichus Y'all - Georgia - Winter 1995

Vanishing Towns in Georgia, p 6

Genealogical Resources for Fulton County, GA, pp 8-9, 12

Roots - Key - Los Angeles - Fall 1995

Pale of Settlement Chronology, pp 11-13

Kosher Koala - Australia - December 1995

Genealogical Trip to Galicia, pp 3-7

Amsterdam - A Sephardi Experience, pp 8-10

Sources for Scottish Jewish Genealogy, pp 11-12

Names being researched, p 16