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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE GENEALOGICAL CALENDAR

- TUES., DEC. 10, 1996** **"Gomel - Where Are You?"**... and other places in the former Soviet Union that are now under a different flag. Bert Green, manager of the Map & Globe stores (in Orlando and Tallahassee) brings genealogy geography into focus. Regular meeting. 7:30 p.m., Senior Lounge of the JCC. Guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served.
- TUES., JAN. 14, 1997** **"There's Nothing New in Genealogy!"** Carl Patin, a local professional genealogist brings his expertise and outlook on the subject. Regular meeting. 7:30 p.m., Senior Lounge of the JCC. Guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served.
- SUN., FEB. 2, 1997** **"ADVENTURE INTO GENEALOGY", The annual Pauline Gotlob Horwitz Genealogical Workshop**, 12:30 - 5 p.m. in the JCC Auditorium. For both beginning and intermediate genealogists. Open to the public. See details inside.
- SUN., FEB. 16, 1997** **"PLANNING A FAMILY REUNION,"** JGSGO founding president Gene Starn explains genealogy's important role in conducting a successful family gathering. Plus **"USING OUR NEW LIBRARY RESOURCES,"** an explanation by Librarian Gladys Paulin. 1:30 p.m. in the Holocaust Center Assembly Room. Guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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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. Four 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

During the recent presidential campaign we were bombarded with the results of various polls and surveys. It seemed like several times a week another poll reported on the candidates standing. Whether one has any faith in surveys and how the information is used, apparently they were quite correct in predicting the outcome of the presidential election.

Caught up in the poll-taking fervor, I decided to poll the members of the JGSGO who attended the meeting of Oct. 20 to get their opinions and advice on the activities of our organization. It was not meant to be an official, well designed, unbiased, demographically distributed survey, but one seeking input of the members. I also realize the survey was limited in that only those present participated.

Now to share the survey with all the readers of *Etz Chaim*. I summarized the responses and comments of 20 people who returned the survey form.

1. *How often do you attend meetings?* 12 indicated all of them; 3 at least half; and 4 occasionally.

2. *Do you prefer to attend meetings: Tuesday evenings - 8; Sunday afternoons - 5; and like the present combination? - 6.*

3. *Should we continue to schedule meetings in July and August?* Yes-12; no-5; one indicated "no feeling."

4. *Is too much time spent on "business" of the association at every meeting?* Yes-2; No-12. *If you answered "Yes", please suggest what would be sufficient:* one respondent indicated "5 minutes"; another wrote "keep it to ½ hour or less"; and one indicated "15-20 minutes."

5. *Are there any special topics you would like to learn more about?* Russian or German genealogy in the Chicago area; Russia/Germany; Specific areas of research such as ship's records; Putting photos into a computer program and on a CD; and Holocaust research.

6. *Have you had success in certain areas of your genealogical research that you would share in a brief presentation at a meeting?* Yes-3; No-8 (one indicated "not yet".)

7. *Have you ever contributed an article or item to Etz Chaim?* Yes-5; No-13 (one negative response indicated "but about to" and another wrote "possibly.")

8. *Would you volunteer to write a brief article for Etz Chaim?* Yes-3, No-6; and "maybe"-1.

9. *Do you expect to attend our annual workshop on Feb. 2?* Yes=7, No-2. *Can you bring a few friends?* Yes-0; No-1; doubtful-7 (comments: "maybe", "not sure").

10. *Any comments you would like to make?* One comment was submitted: "Speakers should receive a certificate of appreciation for their presentation."

The survey suggests to me that our meetings seem to be well-balanced with business and programming; that the presented programs are well accepted; that members need to be encouraged to share their experiences with brief presentations, both in oral and written form; and that members should be assured that bringing potential members to meetings and the workshop is necessary for the growth of our JGSGO.

My appreciation is extended to the survey participants. Your input is always of value.

Jay Schleichkorn

Stories from the Old Country

as told by Abbie Grissinger's cousin

Abbie Grissinger, a member of JGSGO, has received a number of stories written by her late cousin, Anna Bender. They reflect the same images that many of our own ancestors saw as they experienced life in the old country and eventually made their way to America.

Shabbas in the Shtetl

A typical shabbas in the shtetl in the small town of Chomek on the Polish-Russian border went like this.

I was born there in 1892 and left for America in 1901. This is what I remember. On the shabbas the whole shtetl stood still. No one labored at all. There was an aura of peace and good will about. In the houses everything was so clean and shiny. Golden yellow sand covered the earthen floors. White tablecloths covered the tables. The shabbas *challah* was covered with a special hand embroidered cloth. The brass candlesticks had the caked drippings of the Friday evening lighting on them.

Most of the morning was spent in the synagogue. All were dressed in the best Sabbath finery. When the men got home, they sat down with the boys and quizzed them and reviewed what they had learned in the *cheders* the past week, how far they had progressed in the *Chumesh*, the *Gemorah*, etc.

The woman and girls went off to the *Kich* (kitchen) to get the special Shabbas dinner. When the sealed wall brick oven was opened, what aromas arose from the slow cooking. It was all done the day before. Out came the cholent, a concoction of a fat piece of meat, lima beans and potatoes, nearly burned, a *mehren* (carrot) *tzimmes* and a *kugel*.

After such a hearty meal the older folk would rest and nap. This was the only day that they could do that. Mother, brother was five and I was seven, with some of Mother's friends, went for a long walk. We went as far as the end of the Shtetl, *Fabrica*. This was a large brick structure which was an abandoned factory. I cannot imagine what was manufactured there. It was used as a storage for grain by the government in case of a drought or other catastrophe.

Mother always brought the good book along with her. It was a special edition for women in Yiddish. One who could read well did the honors and the rest sat and devoured every word. Broth Joe and I romped and played and climbed on the little hills here and there.

We returned home invigorated, having seen the men and boys trekking back to the synagogue for the *Mincha* and *Maariv* services. When they returned home it was time to light the *Havdalah* taper, then drinking of *Kvas*, a drink made from stale bread which tasted like cider. Grandmother would wait until she

saw a star in the sky before she lit the kerosene lamp. Then came the wishing — "a gut voch, a got voch." And she went back to her knitting.

The new work week had begun.

Lereine, my very first teacher

This was about 1899 in the tiny shtetl Chomsk on the Polish-Russian border where I was born. There were no public schools. The boys had their *cheders*, but the girls nothing. Mother engaged a teacher for me.

Lereine was a young widow with a small boy who eked out a poor living giving lessons in Yiddish. The boy always came with her. She was a big woman, very heavily endowed (no bras in those days), hair straggly, a twitch in one eye, sloppily dressed and in general unkempt.

Lereine came from a long line of learned folk; her father was a great rabbi. She was a good teacher. I had to cut my lessons short after a very brief time as our precious *shiff's carte* (ship's papers) arrived and I left for America in 1901. I am very grateful to Lereine for I still can read and write Yiddish.

In such a small shtetl as Chomsk, gossip was very rife. It was said that at one time when Lereine was on her rounds there were *bulkes* (rolls) and *challah* cooling just out of the ovens. Poor Lereine couldn't resist. She took a hot *bulke* and put it in her bosom. She had a scorched you know what.

Many years later her brother came to New York and was a writer of poetry and a contributor to the Jewish *Forward*.

Carr family

My mother's sister, Debbie, came to say farewell to us before we were leaving for America. She came from Warsaw where she worked. She was so beautifully dressed in the latest fashion, unknown to us in the tiny shtetl Chomsk. This was in 1901.

Being she had a few rubles and such beauty, she had a lot of eligibles. Joseph Karisinsky was very anxious to go to London where some of his kin were living. Well, a hurried courtship and a wedding followed. My dear mother, all packed to leave, had to make all the necessary arrangements. It was held in my grandfather's house where we lived. All I remember is that I fell asleep and cried a lot when I woke up because it was all over.

Aunt Debbie and her husband left for London and we

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to the States. Just as soon as I could write, I began to correspond with our relatives in London. They had four sons.

Setting sail

After years of planning and awaiting the arrive of our *shiff's karte* (boat ticket) from my father who had gone ahead to establish a foothold for his little family, the day arrived for us to bid farewell to relatives and friends of the little shtetl Chomsk. How the crowd envied us when they were there to say farewell.

My mother was considered very worldly. She had lived in Warsaw for a year. So she was entrusted with a 16-year old aunt (father's sister) and three teenaged cousins besides my brother, aged five, and me, aged eight.

After traveling by open wagon, trains and crossing borders, some illegally, we arrived at the port of embarkation, Bremen Haven. We were huddled like cattle, carrying our belongings to the pier where we were to board the ferry and then to the big ocean liner, *Loningen Louischen*, of the Holland American line.

As we sat on our baggage word got about. Do we know what day this is? Of course, we had no idea of time or dates. The reply of the alert traveler was, "It is the Holy Sabbath!" And on the Holy Sabbath we were going to set sail? This was like a signal. Out came the bibles from amongst their meager belongings. They all began to pray with such fervor. Those who were unable to read followed with all the emotions and tears. I can see it now: the pages of the holy books wet with flowing tears; God forgive us for breaking the Sabbath by riding and, please God, asking for a safe trip across that mighty ocean.

Soon word got around that I could write. At eight, I was learning to write Yiddish. I was about to start Russian lessons. when that precious *schiff's karte* arrived. Out came crumpled

postcards already addressed to where they were going. All I had to do was write the name of the boat and when it was due to arrive at Castle Garden. It sounds very easy now but it was very hard to write "Koningen Louishen" and "Castle Garden." I wrote many cards and practice sure makes perfect; the last ones were better and more legible than the first.

What a relief to finally board that big boat. At least were in one place very day and night. A lot of the passengers were ill: *mal de mer*. My brother and I were happy running up and down the decks. The sailors were our friends. Then we spied some children who were traveling first class. Children have no language barriers. We looked up to the upper decks and jabbered away. They would throw down some tidbits, cookies, etc. What a treat; those items were not on our bill of fare. We were in steerage.

Nothing but sky and water until the 16th day when we spied an occasional bird. That was a good sign that we were nearing land.

Well, on that glorious 17th day were all out on deck leaning over the railings, sailing through the Narrows and up the New York harbor. What a sight and thrill to see that gracious lady, the Statue of Liberty, there to greet us and bid us welcome!

Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses, yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse Of your teeming shore. Send these the homeless tempest lost to me. I lift my lamp besides the Golden Door.

And it was a golden beginning for me and mine.
God bless America!

-- Anna Bender, April 1901

Program Schedule for the Polly Horwitz Workshop, Feb. 2, 1997

SESSION ONE

SESSION TWO

Opening Remarks	12:45 p.m.	Opening Remarks
How Do I Begin?	12:50 - 1:30 p.m.	Jewish Sources Worldwide
Finding Those Names: Vital Records	1:30 - 2:10 p.m.	Distant Sources via Computer
Where Is It on the Map; Border Changes	2:10 - 2:50 p.m.	Clues to Your Jewish Past: Artifacts & Photos
Refreshment break	2:50 - 3:00 p.m.	Refreshment break
The Immigrant Experience; What Was It Really Like?	3:00 - 3:40 p.m.	You CAN Find Families 'Lost' in the Holocaust
Genealogy Resources: Orlando Public Library	3:45 - 4:30 p.m.	Genealogy Resources: Orlando Public Library

Adventure into Genealogy

Use of new facilities at Orlando Public Library to highlight 1996 workshop

Do you know where your grandparents were born? Are you aware that you have 16 great-grandparents? What does a Jewish spice box have to do with genealogy? Where can I find the marriage record (not the marriage certificate) for my great grand-mother? What is JewishGen?

All of these questions CAN be answered!

And you can find answers to those and many, many more things that are puzzling you about your family's past at the annual Pauline Gotlob Horwitz Genealogical Workshop.

The date is Sunday, February 2, 1997.

The time is 12:45 p.m. for opening remarks to about 5 p.m.

The place is the Jewish Community Center auditorium, 851 N. Maitland Ave., Maitland, Fla.

Immerse yourself in an afternoon of dynamic programming, led by experienced genealogists, historians and librarians. The workshop staff has a combined total of 100 years experience family history expertise.

Genealogy courses are being offered side-by-side with two sessions running concurrently. Participant may choose a course in either session. A husband and wife, for example, could attend all eight sessions offered.

One of the highlights of this year's workshop will be conducted by Gregg Gronlund, the head librarian of the Orlando Public Library Genealogy Department, recently returned to its original location. This library is the largest genealogy department in the southeastern United States.

Gronlund is expected to explain the workings of the department that is open to all, regardless of their residency in the area. He will explain the various resources and how they

can benefit both beginning and more advanced genealogists.

Equally prominent instructors will be directing the other sessions of the workshop.

Rachel Heimovics, former president of the Southern Jewish Historical Society will discuss "The Immigrant Experience; What Was It Really Like?"

Harry Katzman, noted for his research in German Jewish genealogy, will point out "Distant Sources Via the Computer."

Greg Kolojeski, who has done personal research in the archives of Poland, shows how "You Can Find Families 'Lost' in the Holocaust."

Robert Marlin, author of the genealogy book, *My Sixteen*, tells "How Do I Begin and Where Is It On the Map?"

Gladys Paulin, past president of Orlando's Jewish Genealogical Society,, points out all the "Jewish Sources, Worldwide."

Sheila Reback, past vice-president and chair of this and other workshops, discloses "Finding Those Names: Vital Records."

As in past workshops, a reference notebook is included.

Advance registration for the workshop is \$25.00, with an additional \$5.00 for spouse. At the door, the cost is \$30.00 and \$7.50.

Members of the JGSGO receive a \$5.00 discount.

Any other questions about the workshop should be directed to Sheila Reback (332-7758) or Jay Schleichkorn (862-0043).

A complete schedule of the workshop can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Members receive \$5.00 discount — Pre-register for \$25 (Spouse: \$5); \$30 at the door!

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'A LITTLE BIT OF LUCK'

by Jay Schleichkorn

Talk to any individual involved in genealogical research and you will hear of the importance of various research tools that are used to be successful. Among these are computer programs, governmental agencies, archival collections, family papers, numerous books, networking, organizational activities, letter writing, searches and more. With all the established necessary tools and innovations, I have found one element that is absolutely vital in doing genealogical research. That is: "A little bit of luck!"

In several recent situations, luck was on my side and in each case led to greater exploration of the family name than I ever expected. Let me share just two unusual occurrences with you to demonstrate the role luck has played in my genealogy projects.

From 1971 through 1987 I served as chairman of the Physical Therapy program at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. One of our missions was to provide continuing education programs to members of the profession. Upon completion of a program, registrants usually received a certificate (suitable for framing) signed by the program coordinator. Everyone is familiar with the number of certificates mounted on the wall of the offices of physicians, dentists, therapists, etc.

A physical therapist, David Kinley of Elizabeth, NJ, attended one of the Stony Brook programs. I signed the certificate of attendance which he framed and placed in the waiting room of his private office. In the spring of 1987 one of Kinley's patient, Ms. Lee Faber, was looking at the various framed diplomas and certificates on the office wall. She noticed the signature of "Jay Schleichkorn" and to say that she was quite surprised would be an understatement. Apparently her mother's maiden name was DORA SCHLEICHKORN. Lee Faber contacted me and before long she wrote, "relationship possibility: my mother's grandfather's brother ... the town is the same ... who knows, but it's interesting."

Lee also referred me to her cousin Lilly Awerbuch of Middle Village, NY. Lilly's mother was BLUMA SCHLEICHKORN. After much correspondence, phone calls and two visits with Lilly, my computer lists a Schleichkorn family group of 111 people, dating back to 1825 with 44 carrying the actual Schleichkorn name. I now have identified

Schleichkorn's in Poland, Montreal, Mexico City, New Jersey, Tennessee, Florida, California, Long Island and Queens, New York. And it all came about because of a "stroke of luck" and one person noticing a signature on an office certificate.

In the second situation, I knew there was a Max Schleichkorn buried in Mt. Hebron cemetery, Queens, NY. However, on a visit in June 1995, I forgot exactly where the grave was located. Checking with the cemetery office, I was given a plot number. When I found the gravestone, it was *another* Max Schleichkorn and not the one I saw previously. The large stone was for Max and Beckie Schleichkorn. Max died on Oct. 12, 1967, and Beckie died on Nov. 15, 1956.

The cemetery office was able to tell me where Max resided at the time of his death. Using that information and the few facts I had, by the end of August, I was able to obtain a death

certificate from the NYC Dept. of Health. The informant's name on Max's death certificate was a son, David Schleichkorn. That was a new name to my family list.

Since Max died more than 30 years ago I assumed the one address listed would not be valid anymore. However on the large headstone I noticed a small yellow sticker which I knew denoted "annual care." I was able to write a letter

"to whom it may concern" which the cemetery administrator mailed to the person who was financially responsible for the plot.

By October 18, I had a response from 87 year old Mollie (Schleichkorn) Ringel of Tampa, Fla. She wrote, "Thank you for your most welcome and informative letter and photos!" She also offered detailed information about her grandparents, Hershel and Judith and her parent, Max and Beckie.

On two occasions my wife and I drove the 204 mile round trip to Tampa from our home north of Orlando to visit with

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Gravestone of Philip and David, Mollie's younger brothers, at New Montifore Cemetery, Pinelawn, L.I., N.Y.

Busy schedule of programs being set by JGSGO's Program committee

The Sternbergers, Sonya and Harold, JGSGO program vice presidents, and their committee have been planning ahead with a busy schedule for upcoming meetings.

Besides the events noted on the cover, they have already set the regular Tuesday, March 11, 1997, meeting to feature JGSGO member Robert Marlin to tell how he went about the research for his new book, "My Sixteen."

On Tues., April 8, members will hear Professor Evans of the University of Central Florida discuss Russian history, particularly the tremendous changes that have taken place this century as they relate to genealogical research.

The May 18th meeting, a Sunday, will be held at the Holocaust Center. The committee is still working on the program for this meeting.

The June meeting will be the Society's annual dinner and social meeting, to be held in the JCC's Senior Lounge. It will be a Tuesday evening meeting.

The Sternbergers welcome any suggestions the members may have for future programs.

Library Announcement

Effective Oct. 1, 1996, the Board of Directors approved changing the JGSGO library from a lending library to a Reference Only library.

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. But there will be no writing for another member to return their borrowings.

Also 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. Books and other holdings will be cataloged using the Dewey Decimal System to be consistent with the holdings of the Holocaust Center itself. This additional catalog will take time to complete so please be patient.

The Library has received several duplicate copies of its holdings and the committee has decided to have a sale of these books. Members are asked to contact Librarian Gladys Paulin if they have any books at home to donate to a book sale. Books of a genealogical or Jewish nature are preferred, but we will accept any books in good condition.

Is this your last issue?

It will be if you haven't paid your dues for the 1996-97 year.

Dues were due on Sept. 1, 1996, but through the good offices of our president, the deadline was extended to this issue of *Etz Chaim*.

To pay your dues, make your check payable to JGSGO, and send it to:

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JGSGO Library continues growing with recent donations, purchases

Donated by Sil Horwitz in memory of his wife, Polly::

- Kurzweil, Arthur, *My Generations (A Course in Jewish Family History)*
- Pruce, Earl, *Synagogues, Temples and Congregations of Maryland, 1830-1990*
- Rottenberg, Dan, *Finding our Fathers (A Guidebook to Jewish Genealogy)*
- Schoenberg, Nancy & Stuart, *Lithuanian Jewish Communities*
- Schwartz, Rosaline and Milamed, Susan, *A Guide to YIVO's Landsmanshaften Archive*
- Holocaust Calendar of Polish Jewry*

Donated by Robert W. Marlin:

- Marlin, Robert W., *My Sixteen, A Self-Help Guide to Finding Your 16 Great-Great-Grandparents.*
- Neagles, James C. and Lila Lee, *Locating Your Immigrant Ancestors, A Guide to Naturalization Records*

Donated by Ruth and William Newman:

- Pine, Alan & co-authors, *Peddler to Suburbanite, The History of the Jews of Monmouth County, New Jersey, from Colonial Days to 1980*

Donated by Arlene Parnes:

- Brandes, Joseph, *Immigrants to Freedom; Jewish Communities in Rural New Jersey 1882-Present.*

Acquired by JGSGO:

- The Times, London, *Atlas of European History*
- Zubatsky, David and Berent, Irwin, *Sourcebook for Jewish Genealogies and Family Histories*

A Review of Genealogical Reading by Gladys Paulin

Sourcebook for Jewish Genealogies and Family Histories by David S. Zubatsky and Irwin M. Berent (Teaneck, NJ: AVOTAYNU)

This recent addition to the JGSGO Library should be an invaluable resource for all. It replaces and expands considerably Mr. Zubatsky's earlier works *Jewish Genealogy: A Sourcebook for Family Histories and Genealogies*. Volumes I and II.

This 456 page book is a comprehensive bibliography of published and unpublished Jewish family histories, genealogies and family names compiled from many sources. As is the case with all the major reference works published by AVOTAYNU, this one starts with a list of major sources, provides instruction on how best to use the book, lists seven pages of general works consulted, provides abbreviations for repositories, and more. The book closes with the Daitch-Mokotoff soundex system, how to code one's name and a listing of all the names in the book under each code.

A major improvement in presentation is the listing in many cases of the progenitor of the family and where it originated. This enables the reader to determine if, in fact, the work cited might be their family or from the same area. This is of particular importance when one is researching a popular name such as **Friedman** or **Lipshitz** (or one of its various alternate spellings).

Many researchers spend much time trying to discern what their original family name might have been. I happened to notice that in the listing for **Shafsky**, it states that this family changed their name from **Yarashafsky**. There are also many cross references which may give clues to alternate name spellings; example **Shaprut** see **Chiprut**; **Yarashafsky** see **Shafsky**.

This bibliography includes works found in many libraries and repositories in the United States, Australia, England, Germany, Israel and the Netherlands. This reader was disappointed to note that Canadian sources were not included. Nor was there any material from Argentina. Both of these histories or genealogies from those countries could well provide information on 'missing' branches of families now living elsewhere. It is hoped that the authors will include these countries are home to large Jewish populations who emigrated from Europe at the beginning of the twentieth century. Family countries should an addendum or future edition be planned.

My Sixteen, A Self-Help Guide to Finding Your 16 Great-Great-Grandparents by Robert W. Marlin (Land Yacht Press)

We all know how well Robert can discuss genealogy as he has been a popular speaker at our meetings and workshops for the past several years. He writes just as well or better.

Robert says his book is for beginners and advanced beginners. In the sense that he is writing his personal story of how he found his grandparents and great grandparents using documents and resources that are familiar and available, this is true. However, there are many references and hints that may have been overlooked by the more experienced researcher.

Many of us obtain vital record documents, take down the dates and places and file them away. Robert points out the importance of looking at all the names on every document, and how those names are spelled. Too often we forget that our immigrant ancestors were treated by their relatives, married by them and used them as their witnesses. Robert points out the names of a Rabbi and those of witnesses which at first glance, meant little. A later review shows that several were variations on the same name and research proved they were all related.

Robert also points out the importance of addresses, a lesson this reviewer learned when, after several years of collecting documents, she realized that for over 20 years several (apparently) different families with the same last name had circulated through the same addresses in lower Manhattan--leading to more connections.

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I recommend all our members read this book. The beginner will need to study it more carefully and use it as a guide; the more advanced researcher will enjoy Robert's stories and gain some useful tips.

Mollie. She was so pleased to know there were some Schleichkorn's around. It was as if we were all family.

We learned that Mollie had three younger brothers, two of whom (Philip and David) kept the Schleichkorn name and are buried in New Montefiore Cemetery in Pinelawn, NY. The third brother, Murray, changed his name to Kern and died in Miami in 1986.

During a visit to Long Island on June 12, 1996, my wife and I went to New Montefiore Cemetery and found the graves of Philip and David Schleichkorn. Photos were taken and sent to Mollie which she really appreciated.

Would I have found these Schleichkorns? Probably not or at least, not easily. It was luck. As a result of being directed to the Mt. Hebron plot, which I consider to be a "lucky" mistake, I now have 17 names listed in another Schleichkorn family branch.

In *The Merry Wives of Windsor* Shakespeare wrote, "As good luck would have it". While I cannot depend on having "good luck" in all of my genealogical endeavors, I can always hope luck will be on my side.

And I wish the same for you!

Orlando Library adds 1890 directories

The Orlando Public Library has added microfilms of city directories for more than 80 U.S. cities for 1890, or early 1890's. Since the federal census for 1890 was almost entirely destroyed by fire, these directories are an important resource.

Links to Jewish Genealogy through JewishGen

In our last issue we told you about JewishGen, the newsgroup, how to subscribe, receive and transmit a variety of questions and answers about Jewish genealogy and the growing number of informational files you can retrieve.

In this issue, we want to point out some of the many "links" you can reach *through* JewishGen on the World Wide Web (WWW, or often just called "the Web").

By first reaching the JewishGen home page (WWW.jewishgen.org), you can link to any number of these sources simply by "clicking" on the place or subject you want to reach.

Here is a partial list of their Table of Contents and the subjects in each category:

Our Web Mishpoche

- JGSR Jewish Genealogy Page (Rochester, NY, JGS)
- Dallas Virtual Jewish Community Center Genealogy Home Page
- Jewish Genealogy-related text files
- Avoytanu
- Stammbaum (The Journal of German-Jewish Genealogical Research)
- Sociedade Genealogica Judaica do Brazil

L'Dor v'Dor — From Generation to Generation

Jewish Genetics, Genetic Diseases

- Jewish Genetic Diseases Emailing List Info
- Jewish Genetic Diseases FAQ
- Gaucher Disease Info
- Genome Data Base - Home Page
- Genome Data Base - Query "Jew"
- Summary of info about the BRCA1 gene (the Breast Cancer gene linked to Jewish Women of East European Descent)

Adoption and Adoptee Resources

- Adoptee & Genealogy Page from Carrie's Crazy Quilt!
- Internet Adoption Photolisting

Cousins

- Exploring Blood Relationships
- Cousins and Cousins Removed, explained

Jewish Roots Resources

- A - Z of Jewish & Israel Resources

Israel

- Israeli Gopher Menu
- Israeli Gopher Menu2
- Israel Information Service Gopher
- The Jewish Agency for Israel
- Macom Networking Ltd.
- The (almost) Complete Guide to WWW in Israel
- Beth Hatefutsoth (Museum of the Diaspora)
- The Israel Museum, Jerusalem
- Tel Aviv Yafo
- ISRAEL En Español
- Israel-wide University Email Searches (Experimental)
- EL AL Main Page

Diaspora - Europe

- Association for Jewish Youth
- Association des Juifs des Grandes Ecoles
- Hanoar Hatzioni of Belgium (Jewish Youth Movement)
- Israeli Embassy in The Hague
- The Italian Jewish Network (English text)
- Museo Di Storia Ebraica Di Casale Monferrato (Jewish Museum in Italy; text in Italian)
- Jewish Organisations
- Jewish Resource Servers
- Network of British Jewish Societies
- Golders Green Beth Hamedrash Congregation
- Organisations
- The ORTnet Home Page
- Other J-Socs
- A Start
- Jewish Community Information from ORT
- The History of the Turkish Jews
- ECJC (European Council of Jewish Communities)
- Sionisme Religieus
- Communauté On Line: the French Jewish Network
- The Sepharde Page
- HATIKVA's guide to Jewish Stockholm
- NGLAGÅ (Swedish Jewish Youth Group home page (In Swedish))

Life in The Pale and Eastern Europe

- YIVO Web Site
- Ari Davidow's Klez Picks
- Russian Jews info
- List of Jewish Organizations in the Former Soviet Union
- Moscow Jewish Religious Community
- Shtetl, Yiddish Language and Culture home page
- Shtetl, A Documentary Film
- Shtetls Database
- Rumenye, Rumenye (lyrics in Yiddish)
- Jewish Short Stories from Eastern Europe and Beyond
- City of Chernivtsi Unofficial Home Page
- Federation of East European Family History Societies
- Moldova
- Romania on the Internet
- Lomza, Poland area
- Images of Polish Synagogues
- Vilna Shul
- Vitebsk Web Page
- Email Link to a Grodno Gubernia Researcher
- Welcome to Latvia
- Lithuania Sites
- Mirror of Lithuania
- Information on Ukraine
- More Russian and East European Informaton Resources

Diaspora - The Voyage in the New World

- Immigrant and Passenger Arrivals
- German Genealogy: Emigration to America
- German Genealogy: Hamburg Passenger Lists (1850-1934)

Links for Jewish Genealogy

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Diaspora - North America

- American Jewish Historical Society
- Brandeis Campus Information
- The Dallas Virtual Jewish Community Center home page
- Jewish Exponent, Philadelphia
- Jewish Resources in Austin
- Jewish Resources in Boston
- Jewish Life in Sacramento, California
- Synagogues in Canada
- 200th Anniversary of the Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas
- The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

New York

- The Jewish Theological Seminary of America
- Columbia Jewish Information on the World Wide Web
- Public Advocate for New York City
- METRO Home Page
- New York City Information
- New York City Reference
- How to Get NY State Vital Records
- Records and Researcher Services at NY State Archives
Vital Records

U.S. Government Resources

- CLIO — National Archives Gopher/WWW
- Central Intelligence Agency home page
- Federal Bureau of Investigation - home page
- Your Right to Federal Records (How to Use the Freedom of Information Act)
- GPO Access on the Web
- U.S. Federal Courts Finder
- U.S. Passport Applications (1795-1924)

U.S. Social Security Administration Resources

- Social Security Administration On-Line FAQ
- Download a copy of an Application for a Social Security Card (SS-5)
- A Guide to the Social Security Numbering System
- The Social Security Death Index (SSDI)

Diaspora - South America

- Meida Link, a High School Letter from Brazil
- Chazit Hanoar (Jewish Youth Movement from Rio de Janeiro)

Diaspora - Asia

- An Italian Jew in Kansai, Japan
- The Jews from Asia

Diaspora - Africa

- Ethiopian Jewry Index of Ethiopian Jewry Pages (Beta Israel, Falasha Jews of Ethiopia)

Diaspora - Australia

- J.O.I.N. (Jewish Ozzies' International Network)
- Jewish Community in New Zealand
- Jewish Community Services (Melbourne)
- Yiddish-oriented Organizations in Melbourne

Diaspora - Cyberspace

- Global Jewish Networking

- JCN, The Jewish Communications Network
- JCNavigate Communities
- Jewish on the WELL
- Right to Left Software Home Page
- Hebrew and Torah Software
- Kabbalah Software Home Page
- European and Hebrew TrueType Fonts for MS Windows
- Shamash Lists

Holocaust Research

- Yad Vashem - Home Page
 - Cybrary of the Holocaust
 - Remembering The Holocaust
 - Association of Holocaust Organizations
 - United States Holocaust Museum
 - United States Holocaust Research Institute Reading Room
 - The Simon Wiesenthal Center
 - The Nizkor Project
 - Ken McVay's List of Holocaust Information Sites
 - L'Chaim: A Holocaust Web Project
 - Jerusalem One Directory of Jewish Communities in Europe
 - Seeking Hungarian Holocaust Survivors
 - Survivors' Reunion at Dachau
 - Tour of Dachau
 - Auschwitz Alphabet
 - Our Roots Warsaw
 - Locate the American Red Cross Chapter nearest you to use their Holocaust Tracing Service
 - Database of Reference Materials from the International Committee of the Red Cross
 - Rescue of Bulgarian Jews During WWII
 - Bibliography of Rescues and Rescuers
 - Teacher's Guide to "Schindler's List"
- "And it was Evening and Morning ..."**
- English and Hebrew Calendar
 - Edward M. Reingold's Calendar Papers/Code
 - Sunrise/Sunset Computation
 - Calculate a Birthdate from a Death Date and Age (Secular Calendar)

Jewish Humor

- Uncle Eli's Haggadah
- Gopher for Jewish Humor
- A Yiddish Joke

Noshing and Other Jewish Links

- Archive of The Jewish Food Mailing List
- The Matzoh Market
- Asian Kashrus Recipes
- California Cooks Kosher
- Kashrus Magazine for Kosher Cuisine
- Boston Knish Company
- Cambridge University Cholent Society
- Oxford University Cholent Society
- Names in Japanese of What's Kosher
- The Hanukah Away from Home page
- Religion & Judaica
- Judaism and Jewish Resources
- On-line Hebrew Alef-Bet/Alphabet
- The Project Genesis home page

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- Yahoo Search - Jew, Jewish, Judaica, Judaism
- Jewish Vocabulary Primer
- Egalitarian Ketubah (Kesubo) in PostScript

Jewish News Resources

- Jewish News Links
- The Forward
- Jewish Bulletin of Northern California
- Jewish Post of New York
- Nieuw Israelitisch Weekblad (Jewish Publication from The Netherlands)
- The Unofficial Jewish News Media List
- B'Nai B'rith International Jewish Monthly Online

Resources for Wandering Jews

- ASCII Atlas
- CIA Maps and Publications
- Maps of the Commonwealth of Independent States (Formerly the U.S.S.R.)
- Maps of Europe
- Flags of the World: the Web site
- How far is it?
- Jim Snyder's Home Page
- PCL Map Collection
- World of Maps
- Xerox PARC Map Viewer; Make Your Own Map
- GIS/Remote Sensing/GPS/Geoscience
- Declassified Satellite Photographs
- Worldwide WWW Information
- Geographic Nameserver

Guidebooks

- Adventurous Traveler Bookstore
- LP Books: Planet Talk
- The World Factbook 1994
- Fodor's Net Travel

Money

- The GNN/Koblas Currency Converter
- Xenon Labs: The Universal Currency Converter
- Foreign Exchange Rates from/to US Dollars (slow)

Other Roots Resources

- Australian Family History Compendium
- Everton's Genealogical Helper: online edition
- Helm's Genealogy Toolbox
- Genealogy Page
- Root Diggin' Dept.
- Genealogy SF
- Rand Genealogy Club home page
- Roots-L Resources Page
- TFC's Genealogical On-Ramp
- Vicki's Home Page (Genealogy Newsgroups & List-servers)
- Lineages - More information
- Global Heritage Center
- Zarahemla Book Shoppe - Genealogy on the Internet
- Computer-based Techniques for Family Reconstruction
- Association for Gravestone Studies

- Information about Gravestone Rubbings
- The Dead Persons Society (Sydney, Australia)
- Where to write for Vital Records: Births, Deaths, Marriage and Divorces (U.S. only)

The People of the Book: General Reference

- The Official Roadmap to the Information Superhighway (Tm)
- On-line Reference Works
- The Virtual Reference Desk
- Welcome to Access Business Online
- Yahoo - Reference
- IPL Reference Center
- List of Dictionaries
- Foreign Languages for Travelers
- John Goodwin: E-Mail 101

Libraries and Books

- Jewish Libraries and Catalogs
- Jason Aronson Publishers (Judaica)
- Blairs' Book Service (Genealogy and History Books)
- Accesses to Major English-Language Online Libraries
- Libraries of Baltic States
- Library of Congress World Wide Web Home Page
- New York Public Library
- Los Angeles Public Library
- Combined AAUP Online Catalog/Bookstore
- The National Library of Australia

Soundex

- Soundex History and Methods
- Surname to Soundex Converter (U.S. Nat'l. Archive Soundex)

"Seek and Ye Shall Find ..."

On-line Searching (Email Addresses, etc.)

- The Guide to Searching the Internet
- How to Find People on the WWW
- All-in-One Search Page
- SEARCH
- W3 Search Engines
- WAIS Search Script
- Who is Who Server Help
- Various Internet Search Engines

Snailmail

- U.S. Postal Rates for 1995
- New International U.S. Postal Rates for 1995
- National Address Server
- U.S. Army Worldwide Locator (not on-line)
- Track a Federal Express Package
- Track a UPS Package
- Search a City/Zip Code Guide (with geographic info)
- Search for California City info (by name, street, city, state, zip, telephone number)

Phone Directories

- Search a World Telephone Area Code Directory
- Various On-line Phone Directories
- Search various Telephone Directories on the Net
- Search the French Electronic Phonebook on the Web
- Search the Australian White Pages
- Search the California White Pages
- U.C. Berkeley Phone Directory Search
- Search the AT&T 800 Number Directory

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

JGS Quarterlies

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

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

Generations- Michigan - Fall 1996

What are International Reply Coupons
Galicia: Alternative Research Sources in Poland

Moreshet- Galil, Israel - Winter 1995

List of Surnames (in Hebrew) that have at least
220 Pages of Testimony at Yad Vashem
Yahrzeit List of the Safed Home for the Aged, 1904-
1959

Shemot - London - July 1996

Some Useful General References

Quest -Connecticut - Vol 18, No 2

Cemeteries in Kaunas, Sakai and Vilkaviskis

JGSR News- Rochester - Summer, Fall 1996

The Jewish Immigration to Argentina (Parts I & II)
FBI Files as a Source of Genealogical Information

Chronicles - Philadelphia - Summer 1996

"Contemporary Authors" A guide to the Index Series
Holocaust Videos Provide Insight into Ancestral Towns

Yichus Y'All- Atlanta - Summer 1996

Genealogical Resources for the State of Georgia
Genealogical Resources for Clayton County, GA

Mishpacha- Washington, DC - Summer 1996

Three Days in Daugavpils
Domestic Research
Jewish War Veterans Celebrate 100 Years

Lineage- Long Island - Summer 1996

News from RAGAS
Success on the Internet

Zichronote- San Francisco- August 1996

Jewish Genealogical Resources in Vienna

Shorashim -Orange Cty, CA- Fall 1996

Are You a Descendant of Rabbis?

Argentina Boletin No. 1- Buenos Aires - September 1996

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