

Explanation of Etz Chaim inventory, by Tom Hirsch, JGSGO Secretary, updated March 2021

1. The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Orlando published a newsletter starting in 1991. The newsletter was later renamed as a quarterly journal, beginning with Volume 2, Number 1, October 1991. The newsletter/journal was published from 1991-2011. The publication almost ceased when then-editor Jacob (Jay) Schleichkorn died. The society's collection was kept in the JGSGO library, which was housed at The Holocaust Memorial Education and Resource Center on the campus of The Roth Jewish Community Center. At some point, the library moved to the Congregation for Liberal Judaism, on Malone Drive. This synagogue was renamed Congregation for Reform Judaism [CRJ]. In 2011, the CRJ said it could no longer house our library. Former JGSGO President and longtime member Larry Morrell arranged for the library to be moved to storage on the unfinished second floor of the Jewish Academy at the JCC campus in Maitland. JGSGO members, using their own vehicles, moved the library from the CRJ to the JA on January 11, 2012. In 2017, JGSGO webmaster/board member Barry Sieger and VP Programs Tom Hirsch went to the JA to retrieve documents and photos to use for writing narratives, and for the JGSGO table at the 2017 conference of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies. Another reason to retrieve these items was to ensure that the JGSGO would have these crucial items of the society's history, and prevent them from being taken by someone else, or accidentally discarded. We took the items we could find in storage at the JA, including all issues of Etz Chaim. I got most of the Etz Chaim issues, and Barry had some of the issues. Later, Barry gave me all of the Etz Chaim issues he had. Since Feb. 6, 2020, I have these at my home, since our society currently has no place to store them. The JA building was sold, and all of the items we had in storage there were collected by the staff. I was instructed by JGSGO President Diane Jacobs to retrieve these items, and obtained the JGSGO items that were left. In 2018, after I retired, I began the lengthy process of scanning the Etz Chaim collection, to preserve and share the newsletters, which have important historical information on the JGSGO, and more importantly, have helpful information for our members.

2. The index for volumes 1-5 was published in Etz Chaim Vol. 6, No. 1, Feb. 1995, pages 3-4. The index states that Volume 1 had only the first 2 issues; and volume 2 had only the first 3 issues. The JGSGO's Etz Chaim collection has a sheet of paper on which an unknown person wrote "There was no Vol 1 No 3 or 4". The index does not show any entries for these three issues, and our collection of printed newsletters does not have these three issues. To help JGSGO members, I have compiled an index of articles in PDF form. This is a compilation of scanning the index of volumes 1-5, and from copying and pasting the table of contents from our collection of issues, from volumes 6-21. The index is a separate document.

3. The only other issue missing from our collection of newsletters is Volume 7 number 3, Spring 1997. Available evidence indicates that this issue was not published. I emailed West Oaks Library and Genealogy Center manager Gregg Gronlund, who replied in February 2019 that the library's collection has a note that Volume 7 number 3 had not been published. A check with several JGSGO members and former members in 2018 and 2019 was unsuccessful in finding this issue and answering the question whether this issue had been published. I emailed the George A. Smathers Libraries at the

University of Florida in Gainesville, one of the dozens of locations that received Etz Chaim by US mail during the early years of the JGSGO, when the newsletter was widely distributed to libraries and other societies. On Feb. 27, 2019, librarian Steve Hersh emailed me, advising that the library does not have this issue, Volume 7 Number 3 in its collection, and there is a note in the library's bound volume of Etz Chaim that the library does not have this issue. Another library that received our newsletter is the library for Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Ohio. I emailed the library asking about this issue, and got this reply on Nov. 9, 2019: "We have examined our volumes of Etz Chaim for the Spring 1997, Vol. 7 #3 issue and found that we were missing it as well. There was no explanation given in our records, but it seems very possible that it was never published." The Allen County Library, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, is one of the top genealogy libraries in the USA. This library replied Nov. 10, 2019 to my email inquiry, stating that it did not have Volume 7 Number 3 in its Etz Chaim collection. The LDS Family History Center on Par Street in North Orlando has notebooks with some issues of Etz Chaim from this time period, but does not have Volume 7 #3.

I could find no mention in Etz Chaim or JGSGO documents on whether this issue had been published. Based on this information, I concluded that this issue was not published, and does not exist.

4. Corrections to mislabelled issues.

A. Vol 3 #2 was misnamed, it's actually Vol 4 #3, Spring 1994. Vol 3 #2 is the Winter 1992 issue.

B. Vol 3 #3 spring 1993, this issue is incorrectly marked Vol 3 #2

C. Vol 20 #3 has incorrect volume # on page 2. It erroneously is labelled Vol 19 #3 Spring 2009, but is actually Vol 20 #3. All other pages of this issue are correctly marked.

D. There are two issues which have covers marked Vol 20 #4. The issue that is bound by a single staple in upper left corner is the correct Vol 20 #4. There's an issue that has two items taped to the front cover, a color photo of a cemetery and a logo of the Jewish Museum in Prague. The issue with the items taped to the cover is actually an issue of Vol 20 #2 with these items taped to over the original Vol 20 #2 front cover.

5. Issues we have in PDF digital version only, because the JGSGO did not have these issues in its collection. The following issues were scanned by me at the LDS Family History Center at Par Street and Formosa Ave. on August 4, 2018. The JGSGO is grateful to the Family History Center for allowing me to scan these issues we were missing.

Vol 3 #1 fall 1992

Vol 3 #2 winter 1992

Vol 3 #3 spring 1993 NOTE: When this issue was composed, it was incorrectly marked Vol 3 #2

vol 4 #2 winter 1993-94

Vol 4 #3 spring 1994

6. Chronological list of all issues

NOTES:

* indicates digital (PDF) only, we have no print copy of these specific issues.

Issues that had a cover story are noted. Many issues did not have a cover story.

A. Volume 1, Number 1, March 1991 newsletter stated that it was published monthly, although that may not be correct.

Volume 2, Number 2, April 1991 newsletter stated that it was published monthly, although that may not be correct.

These were the only two issues published in Volume 1, see item 2, above.

B. Vol 2, number 1, October 1991

number 2, January 1992

number 3, April 1992

Only three issues were published in Volume 2. All issues in Volume 3 and later were published quarterly, see item #2 above.

C. *Vol 3, number 1 Fall 1992

*Vol 3 number 2 Winter 1992-93

*Vol 3 number 3 (issue was incorrectly printed as Vol 3 number 2) Spring 1993

Vol 3, number 4, Summer 1993

D. Vol 4, number 1 Fall 1993

*Vol 4, number 2 Winter 1993-94

*Vol 4, number 3 Spring 1994

Vol 4, number 4 Summer 1994

E. Vol 5, number 1 Fall 1994

Vol 5, number 2 Winter 1994-5

Vol 5, number 3 Spring 1995

Vol 5 number 4 Summer 1995

F. Vol 6, number 1 Fall 1995

Vol 6, number 2 Winter 1995-6

Vol 6, number 3 Spring 1996

Vol 6 number 4 Summer 1996

G. Vol 7, number 1 Fall 1996

Vol 7, number 2 Winter 1996-7

Vol 7, number 3 (we are missing this issue, it was apparently not published, see item #3 above.)

Vol 7 number 4 Summer 1997

H. Vol 8, number 1 Autumn 1997

Vol 8, number 2 Winter 1997-8, cover story, new Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City

Vol 8, number 3 Spring 1998, cover story, newly renovated Great Hall at Ellis Island
Vol 8, number 4 Summer 1998

- I. Vol 9, number 1 Fall 1998
Vol 9, number 2 Winter 1998-9
Vol 9, number 3 Spring 1999, cover story, 8th annual JGSGO workshop held on Feb. 7
Vol 9, number 4 Summer 1999, cover story, Bitten by Genealogy Bug
- J. Vol 10, number 1 Fall 1999
Vol 10, number 2 Winter 1999-2000, cover story, special feature on passports
Vol 10, number 3 Spring 2000
Vol 10, number 4 Summer 2000. color cover, 10th anniversary edition, 28 pages
- K. Vol 11, number 1 Fall 2000
Vol 11, number 2 Winter 2000
Vol 11, number 3 Spring 2001
Vol 11, number 4 Summer 2001, cover story, Writing A Family History, by Carl Migden.
- L. Vol 12, number 1 Fall 2001 special issue commemorating WW2 The Greatest Generation; stories on JGSGO members who are veterans, with photos of them in military uniforms and photos of them in 2001
Vol 12, number 2 Winter 2001
Vol 12, number 3 Spring 2002, cover story, Researching Your Family History, by Carl Migden
Vol 12, number 4 Summer 2002
- M. Vol 13, number 1 Fall 2002 NOTE: pages 5-8 were not numbered; our original was the paste-up original that was scanned to make the copies. Special issue honoring JGSGO founder Gene Starn, with numerous color photos of him and his wife Elaine
Vol 13, number 2 Winter 2002
Vol 13, number 3 Spring 2003, cover story, Going Back to Your Old Neighborhood, by Shirley Weiss
Michael
Vol 13, number 4 Summer 2003
- N. Vol 14, number 1 Fall 2003, cover story, Teaching "La Dor V' Dor", visit to ancestors' cemetery, by Edith Schulman
Vol 14, number 2 Winter 2003, JGSGO 13th anniversary, Bar/Bat Mitzvah issue
Vol 14, number 3 Spring 2004, cover story, Returning to the Old Neighborhood, by Roselle Oyer
Vol 14, number 4 Summer 2004, cover story, book report on Mordecai, authored by Emily Bingham
- O. Vol 15, number 1 Fall 2004, cover story, A Very Special House We Called Home in Newport, RI, by Edith Schulman
Vol 15, number 2 Winter 2004
Vol 15, number 3 Spring 2005, cover story, Morris Blaher of Apopka visits relatives in Russia, his father left there in 1916
Vol 15, number 4 Summer 2005

- P. Vol 16, number 1 Fall 2005, cover story, Genealogy DNA presentation by Stacie Rosenthal
Vol 16, number 2 Winter 2005, cover story, visit to Hebrew Cemetery in Fall River, MA, by Howard Gold
Vol 16, number 3 Spring 2006, cover story, Shirley Dornfest's visit to Israel
Vol 16, number 4 Summer 2006, cover story, Before Ellis Island, 8 Million People Entered the USA through Castle Garden
- Q. Vol 17, number 1 Fall 2006, cover story, JGSGO member Larry Morrell's visit to ancestral areas in Poland
Vol 17, number 2 Winter 2006
Vol 17, number 3 Spring 2007, cover story, Alan and Sandra Moss took granddaughter to London to visit gravesites of ancestors
Vol 17, number 4 Summer 2007, cover story, JGSGO members do research at downtown Orlando library's genealogy section
- R. Vol 18, number 1 Fall 2007, Edith and Charles Schulman visit Temple Cemetery in Nashville
Vol 18, number 2 Winter 2007, Holocaust memorial at Dohany Synagogue in Budapest, Hungary, by Pierre Haskelson
Vol 18, number 3 Spring 2008
Vol 18, number 4 Summer 2008, cover story Jewish gangsters
- S. Vol 19, number 1 Fall 2008, cover story, Carl Migden, writing a family history
Vol 19, number 2 Winter 2008-2009
Vol 19, number 3 Spring 2009, cover story Atkins Schmaltz diet
Vol 19, number 4 Summer 2009, cover story, Carl Migden and son, going back to roots
- T. Vol 20, number 1 Fall 2009, cover story Czech Threads of the All-American Dream, part 1, by JGSGO member Joanie Schirm
Vol 20, number 2 Winter 2009-10, cover story Czech Threads of the All-American Dream, part 2, by JGSGO member Joanie Schirm
Vol 20, number 3 Spring 2010, cover story, Annie's Ghosts, by Washington Post Editor Steve Luxenberg, rear cover has color photos of JGSGO Board of Directors, one for each month of year
Vol 20, number 4 Fall 2010 Cover story, Death & memorials for Jay Schleichkorn
- U. Vol 21, number 1 Winter 2011, JGSGO 20th anniversary issue
Vol 21, number 1 revised Winter 2011 [the files are slightly different, but I have not found how these issues differ].
*Vol 21, number 2 Spring 2011, cover story, how to self-publish, by Tammy Wallen Gory, daughter of JGSGO President Rae Wallen & Marcie Wallen
*Vol 21, number 3 Summer 2011
*Vol 21, number 4 Fall 2011 This is the last issue published until the multimedia issues in 2017
7. Three issues of an online multimedia newsletter were produced by former JGSGO VP Programs (she was President of IAJGS, 2013-2017) Marlis Humphrey and JGSGO intern Jessica Zalmanovich. It was

named "Etz Chaim - JGSGO Bi-monthly Newsletter", and was sent to members via email. Volume 1 Number 1 was emailed on January 2, 2017. Volume 2, Number 1 was emailed on February 27, 2017. Volume 2, Number 2 was emailed April 27, 2017. It appears these are the only three issues produced, due to the large amount of work Marlis had to do to prepare for the IAJGS 2017 conference held July 23-28, at the Swan Hotel at Walt Disney World, and the end of Jessica's internship. Because of the multimedia nature of these issues, I could save only the text and image portions of these electronic newsletters as PDFs. The videos in the newsletters were posted on YouTube, and as of March 5, 2021, the videos were still available for viewing. I made a text document giving descriptions of the videos, and the URLs to the videos and books mentioned in these multimedia newsletters.

Etz Chaim - JGSGO Bi-monthly Newsletter (multimedia, electronic-only publication that was emailed to members). PDFs have been saved from these issues, and the file names are e Etz Chaim.

*Vol 1, number 1 sent to members via email on January 2, 2017

*Vol 2, Number 1 emailed on February 27, 2017

*Vol 2, Number 2 emailed April 27, 2017.

Here are the hyperlinks [URL's or website addresses] that were in the three online/multimedia Etz Chaim newsletters published in 2017. The JGSGO website was offline in Feb-March 2021 when this document was prepared. Thus the links in these 3 newsletters to blogs and other JGSGO items could not be retrieved. All links that were still active, or their replacement links are included below.

It was not in the electronic newsletter, but the JGSGO also has a video on YouTube, a lecture by former JGSGO VP Programs Marlis Humphrey. It's her PowerPoint presentation 22 October 2013 to the JGSGO, entitled, "Who Do You Think You Are Bubala?" The video is a lecture on introduction to Jewish Genealogy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Octu0dOrIQ>

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A. JGSGOs "Etz Chaim" Newsletter. Vol. 1, No. 1 December 2016.

emailed to members Mon, Jan 02, 2017 03:13 PM

FEATURED VIDEOS:

Lost but Not Forgotten

November 9, 2016

by Jessica Zalmanovich

An interview with Genie Milgrom discussing her experience as a Cuban Catholic finding her Jewish roots.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a2gbktEGa4Y>

6 Periods of US Emigration

Provided by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Long Island.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JYC7He52E-U>

The JGSLI has dozens of videos posted, here are the links to see the list

<https://tinyurl.com/z8kpgka> this takes you to:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUV8xttIn93AwJX2_I0AIAg/feed

FEATURED BOOK

Featured Book

"My 15 Grandmothers" by Genie Milgrom chronicles her personal genealogical journey.
https://www.amazon.com/My-15-Grandmothers-Genie-Milgrom/dp/1478297077/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1480540471&sr=8-1&keywords=my+15+grandmothers

B. Etz Chaim - JGSGO Bi-monthly Newsletter - Vol. 2 No. 1

Featuring the latest news in Jewish genealogy for the Greater Orlando area - JGSGOs "Etz Chaim" Newsletter. Vol. 2, No. 1 February 2017.
emailed to members Thu, Feb 23, 2017 01:33 PM

FEATURED VIDEOS

Interview with Rabbi David Kay

February 21, 2017

by Jessica Zalmanovich

An interview with Rabbi David Kay of Temple Ohev Shalom discussing his views on Tu Bishvat and how it relates to Jewish heritage and culture.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWx9byflqrs>

6 Techniques to Find Living Relatives

Provided by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Long Island.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dwfZ4VjJbI>

NEWS & EVENTS

Featured Book

"Finding Black Sheep in Your Family" by longtime JGSGO member, Carl R. Migden, has everything from "a step-by-step guide to finding answers to your family's secrets," to "sample letters to specific agencies and actual return responses."

[https://www.ebay.com/itm/Black-sheep-in-your-family-/322271906831?](https://www.ebay.com/itm/Black-sheep-in-your-family-/322271906831?hash=item4b08e70c0f:g:2HwAAOSw8gVX5r74)

[hash=item4b08e70c0f:g:2HwAAOSw8gVX5r74](https://www.ebay.com/itm/Black-sheep-in-your-family-/322271906831?hash=item4b08e70c0f:g:2HwAAOSw8gVX5r74)

C. Etz Chaim - JGSGO Bi-monthly Newsletter - Vol. 2 No. 2

Featuring the latest news in Jewish genealogy for the Greater Orlando area - JGSGOs "Etz Chaim" Newsletter. Vol. 2, No. 2 April 2017.
emailed to members Thu, Apr 27, 2017 06:39 PM

FEATURED VIDEOS

A. Online Country Guides Available

April 26, 2017

by Jessica Zalmanovich

Moriah Amit, Senior Reference Service Librarian at the Ackman & Ziff Genealogy Institute at the Center for Jewish History, discusses online resources that are available for Jewish genealogical research.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8WpaLOXO3qc>

10 Pieces of Marriage Record Information That Can Further Your Family Research

A short video lesson provided by the JGS Long Island. Check out their other videos here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Av1M3WGMT4>

NEWS & EVENTS

What to Expect at the IAJGS Conference

April 26, 2016

by Jessica Zalmanovich

Diane Jacobs, local IAJGS Conference Co-chair and JGSGO board member, highlights special events and important information about the July 23 - 28, 2017 conference, held at The Walt Disney World Swan Resort.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ey6VjSJDnmA> NOTE: this is audio interview, not video, runs 12:13

Featured Book

"Adventurers Against Their Will: Extraordinary World War II Stories of Survival" by past JGSGO member Joanie Schirm tells of the things she learned by discovering hand-written letters her family had sent during WWII.

<https://www.amazon.com/Adventurers-Against-Their-Will-Connection-Unlike/dp/0988678128/>

*** Etz Chaim - JGSGO Bi-monthly Newsletter - Vol. 2 No. 2 is the last issue that was done. No other print or electronic newsletters were produced after this one. *****

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