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CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND SHARING IDEAS

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay invites you to a holiday celebration and discussion on Sunday, December 9, 2012 at 2 PM. The meeting will be at Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater.

Members and guests will discuss sources and genealogy “tricks” which have been useful in solving research problems. Come and learn about the many opportunities today to learn about your family background.

There will be a luncheon for all who attend. If you are able to bring something for the luncheon, please contact Vicki Adelson at vadelson1@gmail.com to tell her what you will be bringing. If you need suggestions, Vicki can tell you what is still needed.

Please join us for an interesting day of discussion.

Photos from last year's luncheon.



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Upcoming JGSTB MEETINGS

December 9, 2012
January 13, 2013
February 10, 2013
March 10, 2013
April 14, 2013
May 19, 2013
June 9, 2013

Scenes from our meetings



September 2012

Debbe Hagner is setting up her presentation on How to Research Your Ancestors in the 1940 Census.

Pete Tanner and Emil Isaacson practice using the new computer wiring system at the meeting site (in the background).



October 2012

Our first presentation via Skype was given by Nolan Altman from New York and managed in Florida by Pete Tanner, the JGSTB Webmaster. Nolan discussed the JewishGen JOWBR database.



November 2012

JGSTB member Pete Tanner gave a presentation on finding living relatives. This was a very well-received presentation with discussion from the audience of this very valuable topic.

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Cemetery photos: permission required?

Posted on October 22, 2012 by Judy G. Russell

Reader Timothy Campbell in Elmira, Ontario, Canada, and a cousin of his in Grand Rapids, Michigan, have encountered some problems in taking gravestone photographs. "As an active genealogist I have taken part in transcribing and photographing headstones in cemeteries," Tim writes. "I was recently told that I could not photograph headstones in our municipal cemetery without permission from the municipality. ... The same scenario happened to my cousin in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in May. ... What law does this fall under?"

The answer to this question is really basic, but it's one that just about every genealogist — including *The Legal Genealogist* — tends to forget. It's the law of **property rights**. Now it may seem strange to think of cemeteries as property, particularly when they're owned by a governmental entity, but any landowner — public or private — has certain rights to control what happens on that land. Even when the land is publicly owned and dedicated to a public purpose, such as a park, the landowner is absolutely entitled to impose time, place and manner restrictions as to what can and can't be done on the land.

In both the United States and Canada, property laws — and particularly laws regulating cemeteries — are local laws. In the United States, it's commonly a matter of state law, and state laws may well delegate decision making authority to municipalities or counties.

In Canada, it's commonly a matter of provincial law, and in Ontario, for example, individual cemeteries are permitted to adopt by-laws that restrict access and other activities in cemeteries.¹

And the same is true under Michigan law: state law specifically allows any cemetery corporation operating in Michigan "to make all needful by-laws, rules, and regulations, not inconsistent with this act, that may be necessary to the proper management" of the cemetery corporation.²

So what's important to remember here is that every cemetery — even a public cemetery — has the right to set its own rules and those rules will be upheld by the courts as long as they're reasonable. If you don't obey the rules, you can be asked to leave and charged with trespassing if you refuse.

What does that mean for photography in cemeteries? The fact is that restrictions on photography in cemeteries are extremely common. They don't usually tend to be very onerous — often, it's nothing more than a limit on the type of equipment used or on taking photos of funerals or persons mourning without permission. For example, at Arlington National Cemetery just outside of Washington, D.C.:

Photography is permitted within the grounds of Arlington National Cemetery. Public use of a tripod or lights is not permitted without permission from the Office of Public Affairs. ...

We ask media and tourist seeking to photograph those visiting gravesites to respect the solemnity of Arlington National Cemetery by refraining from taking pictures or filming someone who is visibly mourning and asking for permission to film or photograph those visiting a gravesite. Many are very open to talking with media and cemetery visitors about their loved ones and want to see their loved ones honored and remembered.³

At the historic Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, New York:

Photography is permitted. Please ask for a copy of our Photography Policy at our main entrance. Professional photography, including use of lights, stands or other equipment, as well as publishing of any photographs taken at Green-Wood, requires written consent of The Green-Wood Cemetery.

Filming and videotaping are strictly prohibited without advance permission and require written consent of The Green-Wood Cemetery.⁴

At the Glenwood Cemetery in Houston, Texas:

Photography for private (not commercial) use is permitted so long as it does not interfere with the quiet enjoyment of the cemetery by other visitors. Photography in available light is preferred, although flash cameras may be used. External light sources not integral to the camera may not be used. Photography of burials is permitted only with the express permission of the person authorizing the burial, and such permission should be made known to the Glenwood office in advance of the burial. Photography for commercial use is prohibited, except with the written permission of the Executive Director. Requests should be submitted to the Glenwood office.⁵

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Occasionally, advance permission and payment of a fee is required. At Brookwood Cemetery in Woking, Surrey, England, an entire page of the cemetery website is devoted to its photography policy (in effect since 1854), the reasons for it including the justification for a fee charged for a permit to take photographs, and the need for additional permission if you wish to post a photo you've taken on the internet:

All visitors are reminded that Brookwood Cemetery is a privately owned and managed burial ground, and it is a courtesy to seek permission to explore the grounds. Over the years this has rarely happened, and with the increasing use of the grounds as a "free" photographic resource, rather than a burial ground, Brookwood Park Ltd has introduced following procedures for any photography in the cemetery.

We do not permit any photographs to be taken in the cemetery unless you have a photographic permit issued by the Cemetery Office. These permits prohibit the posting of photographs on the internet. If you wish to do this you will need to apply for further permission from the Cemetery Office.

All requests for photography must be made in writing to the Cemetery Office and permits will be issued at our discretion. ... There is a suggested donation of £10, payable to the Brookwood Cemetery Restoration Fund

We are making some photographs available for sale, with donations going to the Brookwood Cemetery Restoration Fund. We would like to clarify our reasons for having these restrictions in place:

- 1. Cemetery staff have to deal with complaints from families who are shocked to discover photographs of their family graves posted on the internet (and sometimes posted for sale).*
- 2. It is bereaved families who have raised this as an issue with the cemetery management. We have a duty of care to those with loved ones buried at Brookwood.*
- 3. Money raised from permits is specifically paid into our Brookwood Cemetery Restoration Fund and used for restoration projects across the cemetery. This includes the cleaning of older memorials (which would otherwise be uncared for), although our most significant project to date has been the restoration of the lake in the Glades of Remembrance.*
- 4. Despite our status as a Grade I Historic Park & Garden, Brookwood Cemetery currently receives no external funding support. This means any work taking place in the cemetery has to be paid for out of income we generate from running and maintaining the cemetery.*
- 5. All visitors to the cemetery should remember that if they visited (say) Kew Gardens or another historic attraction, they would expect to pay an entrance fee. We could argue you are exploiting the cemetery as a free photographic resource.*
- 6. It is a courtesy to ask permission to take photographs when entering private property. Most photographers don't bother and don't feel they have any obligation to do so.... On behalf of grave owners, we disagree.*
- 7. The cemetery has had restrictions on photography since its opening in 1854. The change in recent years has been that we have made these restrictions more explicit, in response to complaints from grave owners at Brookwood.⁶*

Now not every cemetery has restrictions on photography. Many small cemeteries don't have those kinds of rules; many smaller cemeteries and cemeteries that no longer accept burials don't even have an active management to contact to ask for permission. I certainly wouldn't hesitate to take a photograph in a cemetery where there was no office and no staff on site to ask.

But the standard suggestion for photography in any cemetery is good advice regardless: get the rules of the road in advance — know if you need permission, whether there's a fee, and what the hours are so you don't accidentally get locked inside the gates.⁷

SOURCES

¹ See "Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act," S.O. 2002, Chapter 33, as amended 2012, c. 8, Sched. 18, effective 1 July 2012, ServiceOntario eLaws (<http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca> : accessed 21 Oct 2012). ↩

² "By-laws, rules and regulations," Cemetery Regulation Act, 456.15, Michigan Legislative Website (<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/> : accessed 21 Oct 2012). ↩

³ "Information for Photographers," Arlington National Cemetery (<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil> : accessed 21 Oct 2012). ↩

⁴ "Hours, Directions, and Rules," Green-Wood Cemetery (<http://www.green-wood.com> : accessed 21 Oct 2012). ↩

⁵ "While at Glenwood," Glenwood Cemetery (<http://www.glenwoodcemetery.org> : accessed 21 Oct 2012). ↩

⁶ "Photography in Brookwood Cemetery," Brookwood Cemetery (<http://www.brookwoodcemetery.com> : accessed 21 Oct 2012). ↩

See e.g. Ed Snyder,

⁷ "11 Tips for Taking Pictures in a Cemetery," Stone Angels, posted 16 Dec 2005 (<http://www.stoneangels.net> : accessed 21 Oct 2012). ↩

Shopping on Amazon.com through the IAJGS Portal

With holidays fast approaching—and there are always weddings, engagements, birthdays and bar and bat mitzvoth—it's time to start your shopping lists, and where better to look for a variety of gifts than Amazon.com.

Amazon.com has a wide variety of shopping opportunities for any occasion—electronics, tools, home improvement, sports and outdoors, Kindles start at \$79, TVs, cameras, clothing, kitchen stuff, books, music, movies, toys, beauty needs, etc. If you can't think of the "right" gift always remember that Amazon offers gift cards for any occasion. Just type in "gift cards" in the search box on the upper center area. Remember when shopping to look at all the different types of gifts available at Amazon.com and access it through the IAJGS portal.

IAJGS is an Amazon associate and if you enter Amazon.com through the portal on the www.IAJGS.org website (scroll down to the bottom of the IAJGS home page and click on the Amazon name) IAJGS benefits, and of course the great prices for all their merchandise is the same. This is a great way to support IAJGS by shopping at Amazon.com. and it doesn't cost you any more!

Share this with your friends, relatives and genealogy society members. You'll be helping to support the IAJGS activities by shopping at Amazon.com when entering their site through the portal on our website! To remember put a "sticky note" on your computer screen to go to the IAJGS website to start your Amazon shopping experience.

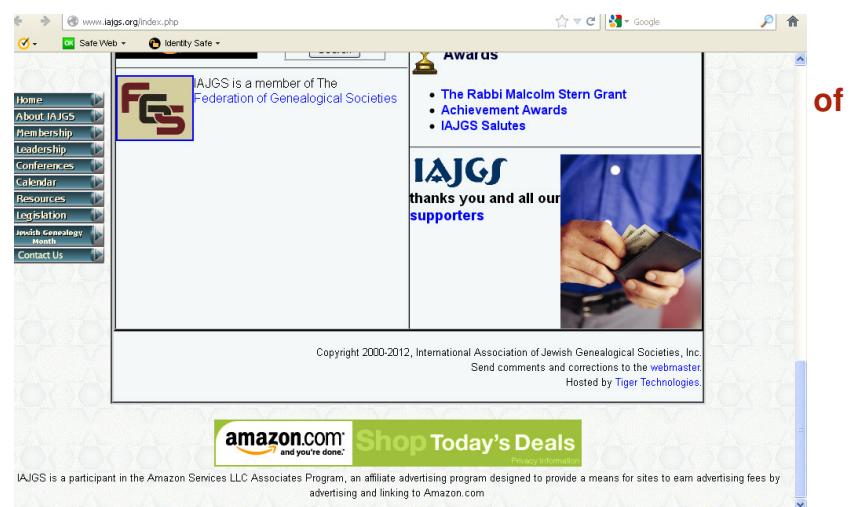
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Vice President, IAJGS

on behalf of the IAJGS Board

Directors



WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

Thomas Kramer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Wanted: The Hospitality Committee needs your help. Volunteers are needed for several positions, including set-up and/or cleanup at meetings, baking or purchasing treats for meetings, greeting guests and someone to sit at the front desk of the building until the start of the meeting. If you are able to volunteer some time, please contact Tom Dixon at 727 736-3791, or email to tdixon11@verizon.net or see Tom at the meeting. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Membership Directory: There is a form in this newsletter to be filled out with the information you want included in the membership directory. Please mail the form or bring it to the December meeting to be handed in. **Deadline for all forms to be returned is the December 9th meeting.** Don't be left out!

Newsletter Submissions: If you have an article, suggestion, or a favorite website that you would like to share, please email the information to nrarmitage@centurylink.net. It will be much appreciated by all of us.

Our annual election of officers will be held at the January 2013 meeting. All of the current officers are willing to continue for the coming year. Any member who wishes to run for office may add their name to the slate at the December meeting. If no additional members wish to run for office, the current officers will be elected by acclamation.

Membership Dues are due now. Please pay your dues at the December meeting or mail your check to our mailbox. Information for mailing is located on the form on page 11 of this newsletter.

Have you checked out our newly revamped website? Webmaster Pete Tanner did a great job on it, and it is now very user friendly. One of the new sections is Meetings/Programs where you can find information on past programs. Pete has started to add details from some of the programs that may be downloaded, which many of you will find useful. www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fljgstdb/

JGSTB Library

Our library lending policy is that books may be borrowed for one month and are to be returned the following month. If you have books signed out, please return them at the next meeting. Thank you!

Upcoming Meetings of Our Sister Societies

Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida

meets at 1 PM at the Kobernick House 1951 N. Honore Ave in Sarasota.

No meeting in September or October. For more information contact Kim Sheintal,
JGS of SW FL President, at 941 302-1433.

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| December 16 | "How I Brought My Lost Relatives to Life" by Jo Ann Goldwater. |
| January 20 | "Jewish Experience of "Russification" in Tsarist Russia, 1825-1894"
By Doug Cohen |
| February 17 | "My Cousin The Gangster" by Mike Karsen |

Suncoast Genealogy Society, Inc.

meets the fourth Saturday of the month at 2 PM at the
Palm Harbor Library 2330 Nebraska Ave. in Palm Harbor.

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| December 3 | 6:00—8:30 PM Christmas Party at Chopsticks Super Buffet |
| January 26th | 1:00—1:45 PM Roots Magic Users Group |
| January 26th | 2:00-4:30 PM Members "One on One Help" |

Websites to Explore

www.whatwasthere.com This website ties historical photos to Google Maps, allowing you to tour familiar streets to see how they appeared in the past.

www.jewishpostcardcollection.com This is one of the largest websites of Jewish images on the Internet. Many countries are included.

The two websites above were contributed by Linda Zolinsky. Thank you, Linda!

If you have any favorite websites to contribute, please send the information to
nrarmitage@centurylink.net.





Information on the 2013 IAJGS Conference in Boston is starting to appear on the IAJGS website. www.iajgs.org/

More information will continue to be added over the next few months. This is the last conference to be held in the eastern part of the United States for the next several years. If you have ever wanted to attend an IAJGS conference, this is a great opportunity to travel a short distance.

The Conference website, accessible from the IAJGS website, has links to various places of interest, places to go and things to see and do in and around the Boston area. The Boston Public Library, the New England Historic Genealogical Society and the New England branch of the National Archives are all located nearby. If you are researching ancestors from New England or other northeastern states, the repository of information in these places is immense! The American Jewish Historical Society collection is housed at the New England Historical Genealogical Society.

The host hotel for the Conference is the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. It is near many historic landmarks in Boston, and is across the street from the Boston Common and the Boston Public Garden. Shopping and restaurants are also nearby.



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OUR ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD AT THE JANUARY 2013 MEETING.

ALL OF THE CURRENT OFFICERS ARE WILLING TO CONTINUE FOR THE COMING YEAR. ANY MEMBER WHO WISHES TO RUN FOR OFFICE MAY ADD THEIR NAME TO THE SLATE AT THE DECEMBER MEETING.

IF NO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS WISH TO RUN FOR OFFICE, THE CURRENT OFFICERS WILL BE ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.



Food Bank Request

When you arrive for meetings you may have noticed the bags and boxes of food in the hallway just past the reception desk. The Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services operates a food bank for the benefit of those in need and our donations help make it possible for them to carry out their mission. If you are able to contribute non-perishable food, it will be greatly appreciated.

Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services provides JGSTB, at no cost, a meeting facility, a mail room, Internet service, storage for our library and hospitality supplies and use of its audio-visual and computer equipment. The food donations requested are a small token of appreciation for all of that.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay
Membership Directory Information

The following information will be listed in our Membership Directory. Please only provide the information that you want published and distributed to members.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

Alternate Mailing Address _____

Dates: _____

Surnames you are researching Location (Town/Country) Dates

If you need more space, please use the back of this page

Permission to distribute surnames to Society members YES _____ NO _____

Permission to distribute e-mail address to Society members YES _____ NO _____

Permission to include my information in the online directory located on the JGSTB website in the Members Only section. YES _____ NO _____

Signature

Date

Mail completed form to:

Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay
14041 Icot Blvd.
Clearwater, FL 33760

(OR bring to the next JGSTB meeting you attend)

Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual dues - \$25 - make check payable to **JGSTB**

Mail check and application form to:
Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay
c/o Treasurer
14041 Icot Blvd.
Clearwater, FL 33760

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

MAILING ADDRESS (street, city, zip): _____

HOME TELEPHONE: _____

BUSINESS TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

APPLICANT'S FAMILY NAMES AND LOCATIONS BEING RESEARCHED

SURNAME	TOWN	COUNTRY

DUES PAYMENT RECEIVED: Date _____ Amount _____

Payment in (cash or check #) _____

Received by _____

For further information contact :

jgstampabay@gmail.com

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TAMPA BAY

We're on the web!

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fljgstb/>

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month, except for the months of July and August. Meetings are held at the Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, Florida. Library access & pre-meeting social begins at 1:30 PM; the meeting is at 2:00 PM.

JGSTB was founded in 1999 by a group of individuals in the greater Tampa Bay area who were interested in learning how to research their Jewish family roots. Anyone interested in learning how to do Jewish genealogical research is invited to attend our meetings. Beginners as well as experienced researchers are welcome. An extensive library of books, maps, videos, CDs, periodicals and other materials on Jewish genealogy, as well as genealogy in general, is available for use by all members. Members may check out items to take home. A listing of the library contents can be viewed on our website.

The JGSTB is a non-profit educational organization affiliated with the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS)—an independent non-profit umbrella organization coordinating the activities and annual conference of more than 80 International and local Jewish Genealogical societies around the world.

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