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The JGSTB 2013 Guide to Immigration Research: "Finding Your Grandma's Immigration Record"

**A 2-Part Jewish Genealogy Seminar to be given by
The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay**
Part 1: February 10, 2013
Part 2: March 10, 2013

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay will offer a two part educational seminar entitled: "The JGSTB 2013 Guide to Immigration Research: Finding Your Grandma's Immigration Record" on February 10, 2013 (Part 1) and March 10, 2013 (Part 2) at 2:00 PM at Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, Florida. Registration will be at 1:30 PM. This seminar will enable you to discover your family's immigration records. The presentations will concentrate on both traditional and recently available Internet resources that will be of interest to the beginning genealogist as well as those with more experience. The past few years have seen substantial changes in the methods and sources of genealogical research, so the course will place special emphasis on recently developed Internet resources, which are invaluable to researchers of any level of experience. The course will focus on the proper techniques, methods, and short cuts (emphasizing local in addition to Internet resources) that will connect you with your ancestors in the old country – including your grandma!

Dr. Emil H. Isaacson will lead the seminar. Dr. Isaacson has 28 years experience in genealogy and has researched his ancestral roots back seven generations to the late 1700's in Europe. He will share his successful and sometimes unsuccessful techniques.

The course is free to current paid-up members of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay. A one-year family membership will be included in the \$25 course fee for non-members. A \$10.00 fee will be charged per book to defray the cost of printing. An annual membership in the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay is \$25 per individual or family.

Anyone interested in learning how to do Jewish genealogy research is invited to attend. Early registration is recommended so that sufficient copies of the printed book and handouts will be on hand.

For further information on the organization, to register for the class, or for directions to the meeting call Janet Dixon at 727 736-3791.

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Upcoming JGSTB Meetings:

March 10, 2013
April 14, 2013
May 19, 2013
June 9, 2013

Scenes from our meetings



In December we meet, mingle and eat!



January 2013: Bob Bryan, the Director of Education for the Pinellas Genealogy Society, explained how to organize and manage digital genealogy photos.

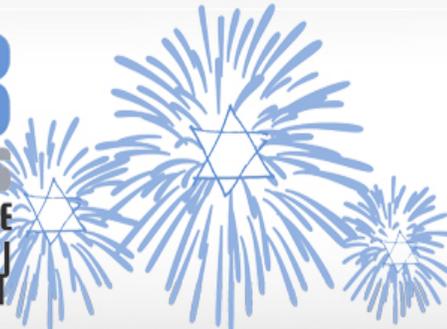


February 2013: Part 1 of a two-part seminar on Immigration Research presented by Dr. Emil Isaacson. Part 2 will be presented on March 10th.

BOSTON 2013

33RD IAJGS
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON JEWISH GENEALOGY

August 4-9, 2013



Registration is now open for the 33rd IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy to be held in historic Boston on [August 4-9 2013](#).

The early registration discount will end on [April 30](#). For more information or to register, visit www.iajgs2013.org.

The conference is the leading genealogy event of the year for people researching their family history. Experts will give 200 lectures, hands-on workshops and programs during the conference.

Over 1000 researchers ranging from beginners to professional genealogists from all over the United States and around the world are expected to attend the conference in Boston.

Attendees will have a special rate at the centrally located Boston Park Plaza Hotel (hotelinfo.iajgs2013.org). The rate will be in effect from [July 29](#) to [August 14](#), so consider spending extra time doing research or enjoying Boston and its wonderful vacation areas nearby. Within a few hours' drive of Boston are Cape Cod, the Tanglewood Music Center in western Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Connecticut.

For people who have never attended an IAJGS Conference, see this video, Passport to Your Past, to learn about the experience: video.iajgs2013.org.

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) and the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston (JGSGB) are co-hosts of the conference. Co-chairs are Marlis Humphrey representing IAJGS and Jay Sage and Heidi Urich for JGSGB (chairs@iajgs2013.org)





33RD IAJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY AUGUST 4-9, 2013

Co-hosted by International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies and Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

KEYNOTE SPEAKER ANNOUNCED FOR IAJGS CONFERENCE IN BOSTON

Aaron Lansky, the founder and president of the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, MA, will be the keynote speaker at the 33rd IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy in Boston on August 4 - 9.

Mr. Lansky is responsible for revitalizing the study of the Yiddish language and motivating hundreds of young scholars to study and teach Yiddish. He has saved over a million Yiddish books since he started collecting them as a 23-year old graduate student in 1980. His mission to rescue Yiddish literature earned him a MacArthur Foundation "genius grant" in 1985.

By collecting books once destined for dumpsters, Mr. Lansky has been able to establish or strengthen Yiddish collections at 700 libraries in 26 countries. With help from Steven Spielberg, his Yiddish Book Center has digitized most of its collection, including many Yizkor books, and posted them online. The Center now sponsors a range of educational and cultural programs that not only preserve Yiddish culture of the past but also bring it to younger generations for the future. Mr. Lansky has told the story of his lifelong work in his best-selling book, "Outwitting History", which was awarded the Massachusetts Book Award in Non-Fiction.

Mr. Lansky will speak at the opening plenary session on Sunday evening, August 4th. He also will be available to meet with attendees at a Breakfast with the Experts. A special bus tour to the Yiddish Book Center will be offered during the conference.

Besides the keynote speaker, there will be 200 lectures, workshops and demonstrations at the conference. Access to subscription databases at no cost and help in translating documents will be available in the Resource Center. There also will be hands-on computer workshops and an Exhibitors' Hall with the latest tools to facilitate family history research. Over 1000 researchers, from beginners to experts, are expected to attend.

Register today at www.iajgs2013.org. An early bird discount is available until April 30. Reservations for the conference hotel, the historic Boston Park Plaza Hotel, also can be made at the same conference website.

Florence Schumacher
Publicity Chair

33rd IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

New Book: *Jews of Sarasota-Manatee*

Kimberly Sheintal is proud to announce her new book *Jews of Sarasota-Manatee* which is now available on the Arcadia Publishing website. Kimberly Sheintal, 62, is a native of Chicago. At age 20, she married Jonathan Sheintal and moved to Sarasota. Kimberly is an active volunteer in the Sarasota-Manatee Jewish community. If Kimberly is not at a community-wide Jewish happening or life cycle event, there is a good chance her centerpieces, scrapbooks, and photographs will be.

Known for using her more than 25 years old film camera, she finally bought a digital camera this year. Sheintal is currently the president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida. Her passions are genealogy, scrapbooking, collecting postcards, designing centerpieces, and taking photographs of her two daughters and three grandsons. Her newest passion is collecting Jewish history of Sarasota-Manatee.

Although the book is mostly about the history of the Jews of Sarasota-Manatee, there are three photos with references to the Tampa/St. Pete area. Phillip Levy, the first Jewish person to settle in Sarasota-Manatee, settled in Sarasota in 1913. On a trip to St. Petersburg in 1913, he met Cecelia Tarapani and they married a year later and she moved to Sarasota. Ten years ago, Sarasota resident, Andy Maas, worked in St. Petersburg as the Florida Holocaust Museum interim director. There is mention of the old Maas Brothers in downtown Sarasota and its early connection to the two Jewish brothers in Tampa who started Maas Brothers.

On Monday, February 18, 2013 at 7:00 PM, Kim Sheintal launches her book *Jews of Sarasota-Manatee* at Bookstore 1 (1359 Main Street, Sarasota, Florida) in downtown Sarasota. For more information, e-mail Kim Sheintal at klapshein@aol.com

Google Blogs

Google has blogs that may be of interest to the genealogical world specifically Google Cultural Institute. There are 42 stories - several that caught my attention include: They Were Children--Deportation and Rescue of Jewish Children 1940-1945; 19 Kilometers From Auschwitz --The Story of the Jewish Community of Trezbenia, Poland; The Fate of the Children of Marais, Grandchildren of the Righteous: Ambassadors of Memory, and more that are not specific to the holocaust or to Jewish-specific-issues.

To view the stories go to: <http://tinyurl.com/9aans5x>

Original URL: <http://www.google.com/culturalinstitute/#!home:page=1>

Thank you to the National Genealogy Society *Upfront with NGS* to alerting us to this find.

Jan Meisels Allen
IAJGS Vice President
Chairperson, IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee

The following article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>.



Revealing a Dead Man's Secrets in an Australian Shipwreck

A new web site details the search for the living male descendants of the 35 men who died on the Great Barrier Reef in 1791 during the wrecking of the Pandora. The intention is to find matching DNA (Y) signatures to sequences recently obtained from 3 skeletons recovered from the Pandora wreck in the 1990s.

The marine archaeologists who recovered the bones more than 200 years later had not expected to find human remains in the wreck. The skeletons were studied by medical scientists and affectionately nicknamed Tom, Dick and Harry and subsequently kept in secure, climate-controlled storage at the Queensland Museum, pending developments in DNA research which would one day perhaps present a way to identify the three unknown sailors.

Water-logging and extensive deterioration had made the bones very fragile, so at the time it was not possible to identify them or link them to any of the names of the 35 men who had died during the wrecking.

It would take another decade before new techniques were developed to sequence DNA from deteriorated, waterlogged skeletal remains. The break-through came in 2011 at Bond University in Australia where PhD candidate Sheree Hughes-Stamm finally perfected a new forensic technique.

Consequently there are now 3 good DNA (Y) 'signatures' from Tom, Dick and Harry for comparison and it is theoretically possible to match these signatures with signatures from living male descendants – if they can be traced genealogically of course! But finding 'matches' will provide a means to positively identify Tom, Dick or Harry.

This project will be a 'reverse genealogy' – it set outs with identification of Tom, Dick and Harry as an objective.

If your family name is Bowler, Cullimore, Croy, Eglington, Fea, Mackey, Millar or Stewart, one of these 8 men may be your ancestor. You can also check whether your family name is among the other 27 men who died in 1791 when the Pandora was wrecked.

You can learn more at the <http://pandorawreckancestors.net/>.

3rd Suncoast Genealogy Fair

March 23, 2013

1- 4:30 pm

Guest Speaker Will Be
Debra Fleming
“Using Heritage Quest”

Its Free – Preregistration is required to guarantee a seat

SEATING LIMITED TO FIRST 100 PARTICIPANTS

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Number of Requested Seats: _____

Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

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Email: John8530@aol.com

Call: 727-667-0457

or Mail Request to:

John Mangan, 809 Hammock Pine Blvd, Clearwater, FL 33761

(before March 19th)

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APRIL 13, 2013

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REGISTRATION: 8 AM - 9 AM SEMINAR: 9 AM - 4 PM

PREREGISTER: IPGS MEMBERS: \$40.00 NON-MEMBERS: \$45.00

ALL WALK-INS: \$50.00

COFFEE & DONUTS/BOX LUNCH INCLUDED

For complete information go to: <http://ipgs.org/2013%20Seminar.pdf>

Carol Jaffe sent the following information. This is a great service to the genealogy community. Thank you for this notice, Carol.

Policy Change for Patrons Requesting Photocopies From the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah

Please note the following change in the policy for patrons who are requesting copies from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

All requests for information copied from films, book pages, CDs, marriage, death or birth certificates, wills and/or deeds, etc. will be copied in digital format and emailed to patrons in a zipped PDF or JPG file format. There is no charge for this service if we are able to email to information to patrons.

If a patron does not have an email address, we can mail the information to the patron using the US Postal Service. However, as much as possible, we will rely on emailing all requests for information through the internet. If patrons do not own a computer or do not have an email address, they can request to have the information emailed to their local Family History Center, where they can print the information at the center.

Patrons should request copies by emailing their request to:

Photoduplication@familysearch.org. All requests MUST include the following information:

- **Film or Fiche number**
- **Item number**
- **Name of Individuals referred to in the record**
- **Title of the record**
- **Name of parents, spouse, grantor, grantee, etc.**
- **Event type (Birth, Death or Marriage)**
- **Complete event date and place**
- **Event place (county, parish, township, etc.)**
- **Volume or page number**
- **Registration or Certificate Number**

Any other information that will help us locate your record.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Wanted: The Hospitality Committee needs your help. Volunteers are needed to help with 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.

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.

Have you checked out our newly revamped website?
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fljgstb/

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2013????????? NOW IS THE TIME.

Hope to see you at our next meeting.



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

Mark your calendar for 1:00 PM, third Sunday of the month in March, April, and May at Kobernick House (1951 N. Honore Avenue, Sarasota). The Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida's "To Life!" series promises to be an exciting journey to both past and future. Lectures are free and open to the public.

March 17 "Mining for Gold: Online Historical Newspapers" with Robin Seidenberg

April 21 "Nothing is Forever" with memoir author Helga Harris

May 19 "Show and Tell"

For more information, please contact Kim Sheintal, President JGS of SW FL, at 941.302.1433 or klapshein@aol.com. To learn more about JGS, visit www.jgsswf.org.

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, FL.

Feb 23	1- 1:45 pm	<i>RootsMagic User Group Meeting</i>
Feb 23	2 - 4:30 pm	Members - Scanning Pictures & Documents
Mar 23	1 -1:45 pm	<i>SGS Fair "Using Heritage Quest" Debra Fleming</i>
Apr 27	1 -1:45 pm	<i>RootsMagic User Group Meeting</i>
Apr 27	2 -4:30 pm	Annual Installation of Officers

Pinellas Genealogy Society

Meets at 11 am on the 3rd Saturday of every month at the
Largo Library 120 Central Park Dr. Largo, FL

Phone: 727 586-7410

www.rootsweb.com/~flpgs

Websites to Explore

www.redjuderias.org/google/index.php?l=en The Spanish website Routes of Sefarad has created an excellent mapping system that allows people to explore their Jewish ancestry in Spain. For anyone who wants to trace their Sephardic heritage, the website is in English and is worth exploring. This site information was contributed by Dan Epstein.

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/> The Library of Congress website for Digital Newspapers from 1836-1922. There are over five million pages from 27 states and Washington D.C.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay

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Planning Committee:

Lawrence Blum

Rita Shapiro

Jennifer Velt

Plus the Officers & Committee Chairs

Membership Dues Reminder
If you have not yet paid your 2013 membership dues, now is the time!



See the form on page 13 for complete information.

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 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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