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Publishing Your Family's History

by Barry Halpern

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President's Spiel

by Kim Sheintal

One aspect of your genealogical research can be writing your family's history via paragraph format, poems, songs, etc. With that in mind, the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida presents "Publishing Your Family's History: How I learned to stop waiting until I was finished and started being a messenger for generations to come" by Barry Halpern on December 18 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

I am grateful to my relatives who not only put their family history on paper, but shared with me what they wrote. Some of my relatives sent me their collected stories without me even knowing that they had written anything about our family. In most cases, I knew that my relatives were working on the stories and I anxiously awaited to receive a copy. In one case, I asked a relative if he had written family stories and he said "yes" and then emailed me 137 pages. I am glad that I asked. In some cases, my relatives wrote about several surnames with only a few pages actually pertaining to our shared surnames. I treasure my collections of my family history.

I have a box in my house labeled "Personal Family Histories: books, stories, etc." of family stories written by my relatives. This box contains everything from a seven-page stapled booklet to professionally published books. Some of these contain family trees and photos with the stories. In addition to this box, I have numerous family charts and documents stored in folders.

Some of my relatives put their family stories on handwritten notes or simply typed on single sheets of paper. My maternal grandfather's typed poems on single sheets of paper are one example. I collected hundreds of poems that my grandfather wrote over a span of almost fifty years that focused on family milestones such as graduations, weddings, birthday greetings, and baby announcements. These poems tell my family story.

My biggest challenge was trying to find a book that I heard was written about my family in Hebrew. Eventually, I was able to locate the book. Now I want to get that book translated.

Now that you've spent dozens of hours and sleepless nights, lots of money on website subscriptions, and traveled to various archives in other states and countries, what are you going to do with all the materials you've collected? Are you ready to write a book about your family's genealogy and history? How do you even begin? Barry will talk about all of this and provide some recommendations for how best to proceed, including ideas on the process for writing and publishing your book, so that your descendants (and maybe a few cousins) can share.

How Police Can Use Your DNA to Solve Crimes without Consent

The New York Post has an article on How Police Can Use Your DNA to Solve Crimes without Consent. The genealogical community is not uniform in its belief whether law enforcement should or should not have access to their DNA samples from testing sites. Some states have imposed restrictions on how law enforcement can access genetic genealogy and these laws have been reported in the IAJGS Records Access Alerts.

It covers the waterfront- crimes that were solved using DNA from relatives, GEDMatch, CeCe Moore, one of the most successful genetic genealogists working with law enforcement in the country, and more. CeCe summed it up by saying, "everyone should have the right to decide how they wish their own personal DNA to be used." But, she also believes that using public DNA database helps to "efficiently and quickly eliminate the vast majority of the population from being suspected of a crime. This will lead to less wrongful convictions and much more efficient law enforcement investigations." See article at: <https://nypost.com/2022/10/01/how-police-can-use-your-dna-to-solve-crimes-without-consent/>

To read previous articles on familial DNA and criminal suspects, DNA consent, and more see the IAJGS Records Access Alert archives at:

<http://lists.iajgs.org/mailman/private/records-access-alerts>.

You must be registered to access the archives. To register for the IAJGS Records Access Alert go to:

<http://lists.iajgs.org/mailman/listinfo/records-access-alerts> and follow instructions to enter your email address, full name and which genealogical organization with whom you are affiliated. You will receive an email response that you have to reply to or the subscription will not be finalized. It is required to include your organization affiliation (genealogy organization, etc.).

Jan Meisels Allen, Chairperson,

IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee

Wonderful World of Websites

<https://www.cyndislist.com/surnames/>
Resources Dedicated to One Surname

<https://www.cyndislist.com/surnames/dna/>
Surname DNA Studies and Projects

<https://www.familyeducation.com/baby-names/surname/origin/jewish>
Jewish Surnames

<https://www.familyeducation.com/baby-names/first-name/origin/hebrew>
Hebrew First Names

<https://hms.harvard.edu/news/ancient-dna-provides-new-insights-ashkenazi-jewish-history>
Ancient DNA Provides New Insights into Ashkenazi Jewish History

Hurricane Ian

by Kim Sheintal

My thoughts are with those affected by Hurricane Ian. With the impending Hurricane Ian, Sarasota-Manatee residents were given hurricane warnings days before it came to the area. I looked at my belongings and these questions came to mind. 1) What items are most precious to me? 2) What should I do to protect these items? 3) Do I leave the area and take these items with me? Answers: 1) My genealogical notebooks filled with photos, charts, and documents are most precious to me. 2) I protected my genealogical notebooks by moving these items to my second floor. 3) I packed five suitcases with my genealogical notebooks in case I had to evacuate.

This website from the Library of Congress has information about preservation of family heirlooms.

<https://www.loc.gov/preservation/resources/educational/bookmarks/preserveyour/images/ArtHeirloomsWaterAV.pdf>

Think ahead and be prepared.

Upcoming JGS of SW FL Zoom Programs

Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Publishing Your Family's History:

How I learned to stop waiting until I was finished and started being a messenger for generations to come
by Barry Halpern

Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

The Genetic Origins and Migrations of the Jewish People
by Adam Brown

Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

How to Utilize the JewishGen Discussion Group Effectively
by Phil Goldfarb

Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Using y-DNA and mtDNA in Genealogy Research
by Gil Bardige

Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Finding Your Eastern European Jewish Family on JRI-Poland
by Robinn Magid

Adoption Angels

by Kim Sheintal

Adoption Angels are volunteers who help members with unknown parents connect to their biological family. I never heard of Adoption Angels until I got a response from one of my DNA matches on My Heritage. Instead of getting a response from my actual DNA match, I received a response from a volunteer who belongs to Adoption Angels who is trying to figure out how I am related to this specific DNA match.

To learn more about Adoption Angels:

https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Project:Adoption_Angels

Why did your parents give you your name?

by Jim Haberman

I have no idea why my parents named me James ('Jimmy' growing up). They were never able to answer that question, other than to say that they liked the name. I can't imagine a less Jewish name, except perhaps for Christian. I suppose it's too late to change it, right?

Discovering One's Hidden Jewish Roots Speakers

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida "Discovering One's Hidden Jewish Roots" with moderator Leah Cook is now available online at <http://www.jgsswf.org/>. Look for blue box on the lower left side of the screen. Scroll down to the blue box that says "Click this box to access the JGSSWF video archives of past meetings" on the blue box to hear stories from the following people led by moderator, Leah Cook:

- Leah Cook, moderator
- Jane Davis
- Ellisheva Richmond
- Julian Ortiz
- Katherine Dinneen Pike and Peter Pike
- Susan Hutten born Jewish (spoke about her daughter-in-law Trichelle Hutten)
- Dana Cunningham
- Suzanne Geyer

International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies 2023 In-Person Conference

July 30, 2023 thru August 3, 2023 in London

The IAJGS conferences is a boon to those researching their Jewish heritage by bringing together those interested in Jewish genealogy to learn, to research, and most importantly, to share.

RootsTech 2023 In-Person & Virtual Conference

March 2, 2023 thru March 4, 2023 in Salt Lake City

RootsTech is the world's largest family history conference. It is sponsored by FamilySearch. IAJGS is one of the sponsors.

<https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/>

<https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/event/rt2023>

Virtual meetings will be free.

JGS of SW FL 2023 Membership Dues

Single Membership: \$25/year

Family Membership: \$30/year

Sustaining Membership: \$50/year for Single or Family

Mail check (payable to JGS of SW FL) with your name, e-mail, phone, address and surnames/places you are researching to:

Liz Klaber, 5389 Manchini Street, Sarasota, Florida 34238

I Am Descended from RASHI

by Dr. Hal Alterman



Like most American diaspora Jews, most of my ancestral background is sparse. My father's parents came from Czarist Russia early in the 20th century. My mother's Polish ancestors came from Kutno in the 1870s. Her German family came to New York in 1856. However my Dutch ancestors came to Boston in 1852, but their family can find roots back to the 11th century. My great great grandmother Hannah Keizer DeGoede's ancestor was the noted Talmudic scholar Rabbi Shlomo Yitzciki known as RASHI. RASHI is an acronym for Rabbi Shlomo ben Yitzhak Tzarfati.

RASHI was born in Troyes, France in 1040. His descendants moved to Prague then Warsaw and eventually Amsterdam in the late 17th century. RASHI taught his students in Old French and trained his three daughters who were scholars in their own right and wore tefillin, rare in the 12th century. There are lots more stories and legends associated with his life and teachings.

I was able to trace this information through Ancestry. A 14th cousin linked to my tree and provided the link to RASHI. To really stretch the story, cousin Gary Katz, thinks there are ways to trace the family back to the first century.

RASHI Memorial
Rue Louis Mony, 10000 Troyes, France



Rabbi Shlomo ben Yitzhak Tzarfati "RASHI" 1040-1105 27th great-grandfather

Jochevad Tzarfati 1065-1135
Daughter of Rabbi Sholmo ben Yitzhak Tzarfati RASHI
Rabbi Yithak "Issac" ben Meir
Son of Jochevad Tzarfati
Daughter of Rabbi Yitzhak ben Meir 1145-
Daughter of Rabbi Yithak "Isaac" ben Meir
Moshe Treves 1160-1230
Son of Daughter of Rabbi Yitzhak ben Meir
Rabbi Porat Joseph Treves 1190-
Son of Moses Treves
Rabbi Matityahu Ashkenazi Treves 1215-
Son of Rabbi Porat Joseph Treves
Avraham Ashkenazi Treves 1240-1310
Son of Rabbi Matityahu Ashkenazi Treves
Rabbi Johanan Ashkenazi Treves 1265-1314
Son of Avraham Ashkenazi Treves
Rabbi Joseph Hagadol Tzorfalli Treves 1305-1370
Son of Rabbi Johanan Ashkenazi Treves
Chief Rabbi Matityahu Treves Ashkenazi 1325-1387
Son of Rabbi Joseph Hagadol Tzorfalli Treves
Vergentlin Hana Treves 1375-1427
Daughter of Chief Rabbi Matityahu Treves Ashkenazi
Miriam of Heilbron Luria 1402-1449
Daughter of Vergentlin Hana Treves
Moshe of Katzenellenbogen 1425-1470
Son of Miriam Heilbron Luria
Yitzchak of Katzenellenbogen 1465-1530
Son of Moshe of Katzenellenbogen
Rabbi Meir Maharam Katzenellenbogen 1482-1565
Son of Yitzchak of Katzenellenbogen
Mordechai Katzenellenbogen 1523-
Son of Rabbi Meir Maharam Katzenellenbogen
Movshe Leyb Katzenellenbogen 1562-
Son of Mordechai Katzenellenbogen
Golda Katzenellenboge-Shachna 1599-
Daughter of Movshe Leyb Katzenellenbogen
Noah Shachna 1630-
Jacob Levie Shachna 1659-
Son of Noah Shachna
Son of Golda Katzenellenbogen-Shachna
Jacob Huhnerkoper-Kleef Salomon Shachna Levie 1699-1743
Son of Jacob Levie Shcchan
Ester Salomon Shachna 1730-1795
Daughter of Jacob Huhnerkoper-Kleef Salomon Shachna Levie
Salomon Izaak Keijzer Wafelman 1755-1827
Son of Ester Salomon Shachna
Levie Salomon Keizer 1802-1865
Son of Salomon Izaak Keijzer Wafelman
Annaatje "Hannah/Anna" Keyzer 1828-1904
Daughter of Levie Salomon Keizer
Louis 'Solomon' Jacobs 1855-1933
Son on Annaatje "Hannah/Anna" Keyzer
Joseph Harry Jacobs 1886-1978
Son of Louis 'Solomon' Jacobs
Barbara Ruth Jacobs-Alterman 1917-1994
Daughter of Joseph Harry Jacobs
Dr. Hal Alterman (son of Barbara Ruth Jacobs-Alterman)

Bessarabia Special Interest Group and JewishGen Present “History, Genealogy, Culture” for FREE

The Bessarabia Special Interest Group (Bessarabia SIG) and JewishGen invite you to participate in a Virtual Winter Symposium, a series of live, online presentations to run from December 13 through 15, 2022. Sessions will explore historical experiences of our ancestors in Bessarabia, assist your family research, and expand your understanding and appreciation of their culture. You will meet presenters from Canada, Germany, France, Brazil, Moldova, Ukraine, the United States, and perhaps others. Presentations will delve into ideas and issues that are relevant not only to Bessarabia but also to other regions. Symposium is not just for researchers of Bessarabia ancestors.

Symposium Schedule

https://www.jewishgen.org/bessarabia/TPL_Base.asp?id=30

Main Page of Bessarabia SIG Has a Link to Registration

<https://www.jewishgen.org/bessarabia/>

Direct Link to Registration

<https://898a.blackbaudhosting.com/898a/JewishGen-Talks-Bessarabia-Symposium---History-Genealogy-Culture>

List of Presentations

- 1) 12/13/2022 (10 am-10:45 am): Opening of JewishGen Bessarabia Symposium (Yefim Kogan, USA)
- 2) 12/13/2022 (11 am-11:45 am): Research in Moldavian Archives: Step by Step (Anna Royzner, Ukraine)
- 3) 12/13/2022 (12 noon-12:45 pm): Bessarabia SIG website and its different features (Ariel Parkansky, France)
- 4) 12/13/2022 (1 pm-1:45 pm): Translating records from Russian (Alan Levine, USA)
- 5) 12/13/2022 (2 pm-2:45 pm): Barely Enough Bread: The Klezmer Connection Between Jewish and Gypsy Musicians (Yale Strom, USA)
- 6) 12/14/2022 (10 am-10:45 am): Finding Your Family in Bessarabian Business Directories (Jeff Wexler, USA)
- 7) 12/14/2022 (11 am-11:45 am): Borderlands: Traces of Jewish Life in Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova (Christian Herrman, Germany)
- 8) 12/14/2022 (12 noon-12:45 pm): How to teach family history to children and grandchildren (Galina Dobrynina-Kogan, USA and Yefim Kogan, USA)
- 9) 12/14/2022 (1 pm-1:45 pm) Panel: Where Can I Find Information About My Bessarabian Roots? (Ala Gamulka, Canada, Yefim Kogan, USA, and Alan Levine, USA)
- 10) 12/14/2022 (2 pm-2:45 pm): Even a single old photograph can be useful in telling a story (Alan Levitt, USA and Cassio Tolpolar, Brazil)
- 11) 12/14/2022 (3 pm-3:45 pm): Laws for Jews in Russian Empire (Yefim Kogan, USA)
- 12) 12/15/2022 (10 am-10:45 am): Teaching Holocaust in Moldova (Sergei Daniliuk, Moldova)
- 13) 12/15/2022 (11 am-11:45 am): From klezmer to maestro: Jewish musicians in the cultural life of Bessarabia and Moldova (Yuriy Daylis, USA)
- 14) 12/15/2022 (12 noon-12:45 pm): Rediscovered Rashkov: 300 years of Jewish History (Natalia Alhazov, Moldova and Michael Finckel, Moldova)
- 15) 12/15/2022 (1 pm-1:45 pm): War In Ukraine (Alex Dunai, Ukraine and Natalie Dunai, Ukraine)
- 16) 12/15/2022 (2 pm-2:45 pm): Closing of Symposium - What is next for Bessarabia region

Jews in Entertainment

<https://www.insider.com/celebrities-you-didnt-know-are-jewish-2020-12>

Paula Abdul
Rashida Jones
Gwyneth Paltrow
Joaquin Phoenix
Bob Saget
Daniel Radcliffe
Jack Black
Zoe Kravitz
Billy Joel
Ashley Tisdale
Barbra Streisand
Maya Rudolph
Winona Ryder
Harrison Ford
Zac Efron

Jewish Players in Sports (September 2022 List): Baseball, Football, Basketball, and Hockey

<https://thegreatrabbino.com/current-pros/>

MLB CURRENT PLAYERS:

Harrison Bader – Yankees – P
Jake Bird – Rockies – P
Richard Bleier – Marlins – P
Alex Bregman – Astros – SS
Scott Effross – Yankees – P
Jake Fishman – Marlins – P
Max Fried – Braves – SP
Rob Kaminsky – Cardinals – P
Dean Kremer – Orioles – P
Eli Morgan – Guardians – P
Joc Pederson – Giants – OF
Kevin Pillar – Dodgers – OF
Kenny Rosenberg – Angels – P
Bubby Rossman – Phillies – P
Ryan Sherriff – Phillies – P
Garrett Stubbs – Phillies – C
Rowdy Tellez – Brewers – 1B
Zach Weiss – Angels – P

NFL CURRENT PLAYERS:

Jake Curhan – Seahawks – OL
AJ Dillon – Packers – RB
Michael Dunn – Browns – OL
Anthony Firkser – Falcons – TE
Greg Joseph – Vikings – K
Josh Rosen – Browns – QB

NBA & WNBA CURRENT PLAYERS:

Sue Bird – Seattle Storm – PG
Deni Avdija – Washington Wizards – F

NHL CURRENT PLAYERS:

Andre Burakovsky – Kraken
Jakob Chychrun – Coyotes
Mark Friedman – Penguins
Adam Fox – Rangers
Quinn Hughes – Canucks
Jack Hughes – Devils
Zach Hyman – Oilers
Luke Kunin – Sharks
Nate Thompson – Flyers
Jason Zucker – Penguins