

Family Gatherings

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President's Message

by Michael Sofman

As summer approaches, we begin to wind down our meeting season. Some of you snowbirds are starting to migrate back up North, while others are planning their summer vacations. We still have some great events coming up- this month Marianne Sanua will discuss Sephardic genealogy and the JGSBC will be participating in a Genealogy Fair at Nova Southeastern University on April 26. May will bring our Mini-Workshop, delving into the world of JewishGen, and lastly we will be having our Annual Awards Luncheon in June. We do not meet in July and August, but some of you may be interested in attending the IAJGS Conference, which will be in Chicago in August. If any of you are planning to attend, let us know, so we can make plans to get together while there.

I do want you to think about something over these next few months, and that is to consider getting involved in the running of this organization. The JGSBC has been successful over the past 19 years because of the hard work of many wonderful individuals. Please help us continue that tradition of success. You don't necessarily need to be an experienced genealogist- even the most bewildered beginner has talents to contribute. Our newsletter is a great source of information, but is labor intensive. We can always use more help with it. If not on a regular basis, at least consider contributing an article once in a while. We've been lucky enough to find great speakers so far, but we're always looking for more. Some of you have great stories to tell, so consider giving a talk. Or, short of that, let us know about



Michael Sofman
President, JGSBC

speakers that you may have seen and enjoyed. Consider serving on a committee, such as Membership, Publicity or Library, or even serving on the Board. You could even bake cookies for one of our meetings! Just consider getting involved- it not only increases your own enjoyment but also makes it better for everyone else. If you are interested, please contact either the appropriate committee chair, or me.

Chag Sameach.

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****DON'T MISS IT****

NSU Genealogy Fair

Alvin Sherman Library at Nova Southeastern Univ.

Saturday, April 26, 10am to 4 pm

Program Notes

by Marty Shames

Fred Blum, President of the JGS of Greater Philadelphia, was our guest speaker at our monthly meeting on March 26th at the Soref JCC. His talk was titled; "The Secrets of Finding People" and he used his professional experience as a partner in Confidential Investigative Services, his volunteer work with the International Red Cross Holocaust Tracing Service and his noteworthy success in finding members of his own family to provide a very informative and interesting presentation. Fred shared his personal genealogical journey, how he found long lost members of his own family and his work in reuniting holocaust survivors who had not seen each other in more than 50 years.

Besides a good turnout of members and guests we also had the pleasure of several members of Fred's family who live in South Florida, some of whom he discovered through his research. You can read more about Fred in an article that appeared in the Jewish Exponent (Philadelphia) at www.jewishexponent.com/article/12203. Fred provided a handout of web sites that he finds useful. If you would like a copy send an email to mshames@jgsbc.org.



JGSBC Quick Tips

A recent posting to the Geshet Galicia Discussion Group replying to a question about historical maps of Galicia:

This is not a specific response about Ukrainian maps of Galicia, but just an interesting resource I found recently.

There's an ebay seller that sells CD-ROMs with digitized versions of old maps. His page is here:

<http://stores.ebay.com/Euriskodata-Rare-Map-Reproductions>

There are probably other similar sellers online, so if you need maps this is another way to find them.

Philip Trauring

Yizkor Books

After World War II, many survivors of the Holocaust published books in memory of their destroyed Jewish communities. These books, usually in Yiddish, contain photos, maps, memoirs, testimonies, histories and lists of Jews who were killed in the Holocaust.

If the book has been translated, even partially, you will likely find the translations at JewishGen's Yizkor Book Project; <http://www.jewishgen.org/Yizkor/translations.html>

Scroll down the page to "Communities" to find your town.

Bernie Kouchel



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Who is the Bride?

By Elaine Sanders Kaplan

Message sent to JewishGen Digest January 12, 2008 10: 45 PM

Sarah Sandner arrived at Ellis Island with Yetta Lieba Sandner and her other children in 1892. In 1900 Sara wasn't on the NYC census. What happened to her?

I had never heard about her from any member of the family. My father was born in 1897 to Yetta Lieba Kriegel and Alter Pincus Moshe Sandner, who arrived in 1890. He was the last child of what I thought was 9 children.

When JRI-Poland came on line, I checked out all the records for Alter Pincus Moshe Sandner and Yetta Lieba Kriegel Sandner. Lo and behold, Sarah Sandner was their daughter born December 26, 1874. I now have her birth record in my files and 3 additional siblings. Total - 13 children!

Until recently, I somehow ignored Sarah. However, I decided to check out Stephen Morse's On-estep brides' website and discovered a Sarah Sandner who had married in 1895 in Manhattan.

I posted a message on JewishGen at 10:45 pm on January 12th - Is there anyone willing to check this out for me at Chambers Street? I have the date, the certificate number and the groom's name. However, I am reluctant to send for it, as he has a very common surname.

Responses from JewishGen January 13, 2008 8:30 AM

1. I am going to Chambers Street on Monday.
2. I am going to Chambers Street in two weeks.
3. I am going to Chambers Street in a month.

Accepted the offer of #1 at 9:00 AM.

4:00 PM, I received another response from a Salt Lake City generator who had been to the LDS Library and replied that she had seen the copy and the bride was Sarah Sandner, daughter of Oasis Sandner and Ava Maneles, who are my great grandparents (?) and the Rabbi was Alter Sandner, her father, my grandfather!!!

Then I rechecked my files and sure enough both my grandfathers had daughters named Sarah, one was Sarah Rivka and the other Sarah Malka. I have both birth records from JRI-Poland. OK, but when did the first Sarah come to the US? I have checked every record of every port and never found a second Sarah. She must have been a good swimmer!!!

I now have the original marriage certificate which was obtained by responder #1. The certificate states her parents are Osias Sandner and Ava Maneles.

I have read and reread the certificate. The other day, while looking at the two pages, I noticed that on page 1, the "D" in Sarah's last name is written exactly the same as the "D" in the rabbi's name. Page 1 seems to all be in the same handwriting. Sarah's signature on page 2 is totally different than page 1. Did Grandpa fill out page 1? It certainly looks like it. He certainly wasn't good at spelling as he spelled "white" as "wait". Maybe he didn't understand the question about number of previous marriages as he wrote an address on that line. Perhaps where it asked for parents' names, he put his own parents' names. What are your thoughts? See pictures attached (on next page).

Please check out the certificates and let me know what you think. Please respond to kasakaplan@aol.com or call me at 954-978-0816.

The Holocaust Education and Documentation Center presents an author series January through April.

Each month an author of a Holocaust book is presented at the Center.

2031 Harrison Street, Hollywood
Reservations required.

Call 954.929.5690

STATE OF NEW YORK.

No. of Certificate, 17126 and 17127

I hereby certify, that Benny Goldstein and Sarah Sandner were joined in Marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, in the City of New York, this 3rd day of November 1895.

Signature of person performing the Ceremony. Abba Sandner, Rabbi

Date of Marriage.	<u>3 November 1895</u>
Groom's Full Name.	<u>Benny Goldstein</u>
Residence.	<u>154 Forsyth str</u>
Age.	<u>24</u>
Color.	<u>Walt</u>
Single or Widowed.	<u>Single</u>
Birthplace.	<u>Ostr Galizien</u>
Father's Name.	<u>Moshe Goldstein</u>
Mother's Maiden Name.	<u>Rosa Schainer</u>
Number of Groom's Marriage.	<u>193 2 Str</u>
Bride's Full Name.	<u>Sarah Sandner</u>
Residence.	<u>154 Forsyth str</u>
Age.	<u>23</u>
Color.	<u>Walt</u>
Single or Widowed.	<u>Single</u>
Maiden Name, if a Widow.	
Birthplace.	<u>Ostr Galizien</u>
Father's Name.	<u>Moshe Sandner</u>
Mother's Maiden Name.	<u>Sara Mandes</u>
Number of Bride's Marriage.	<u>193 2 Str</u>
Name of Person performing Ceremony.	<u>Abba Sandner, Rabbi</u>
Official Station.	<u>Abba Sandner, Rabbi</u>
Residence.	<u>35 Ridge str</u>
Date of Record.	<u>NOV 5 1895</u>

We the Groom and Bride named in this Certificate, hereby certify that the information given therein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Benny Goldstein Groom.
Sarah Sandner Bride.

Signed in the presence of

Mendel Linhart
 and
Moses Schafar
Abba Sandner, Rabbi

**28th IAJGS International
Conference on Jewish Genealogy**

August 17th-22nd, 2008

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- Interesting and informative monthly meetings
- Monthly newsletter with informative articles and news of Jewish genealogical events
- Access to JGSBC's extensive collection of research books & materials
- Opportunity to network with others interested in Jewish genealogy
- Guidance from local experts to help you with your research
- Information exchange with others who are researching families from the same towns as your ancestors.



And this is just the beginning. There are many more. To join JGSBC, use the form at the back of this newsletter, or visit our website at www.jgsbc.org and click on Membership in the navigation bar.

Genealogy Fair at Nova Southeastern University

Saturday, April 26, 10 am to 4 pm, Alvin Sherman Library at NSU

To help celebrate the opening of their new Genealogy Collection, the Alvin Sherman Library of Nova Southeastern University is presenting a Genealogy Fair, this coming Saturday. This is a good opportunity to explore the many resources available to you at the library, which is a joint facility for both the University and the community. There will be workshops, including one presented by us, exhibits, and even special programming for kids. Among the exhibitors will be the Genealogical Soci-

ety of Broward County, The Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, The International Society of Genetic Genealogy, and others. We will have a table set up with materials from our library, as well as some computers and printers to help us

get people started on their genealogical searches (internet connection permitting!). This event is open to all, and other than parking, is completely **Free!** For additional information see the ad on the next page, or check out their website:

www.nova.edu/library/genealogyfair



See you there!

It's not just you. Your family's always been tough.

DISCOVER YOUR ROOTS, DISCOVER YOUR WORLD.
 A genealogy event at the Alvin Sherman Library, Research, & Information Technology Center

**Saturday
 April 26, 10am-4pm**

**Celebrate the unveiling of
 our new Genealogy Collection.**

Explore the many resources available to you as you research your family history. Workshops, exhibitions, storytellers, special arts and craft programs for children, and more!
All FREE and open to the public.

For more information:
 please call **954-262-4613** or go to
www.nova.edu/library/genealogyfair

To find out what else is happening at the library,
 visit **www.nova.edu/library/main**.



**Alvin Sherman Library,
 Research, and Information
 Technology Center**
A joint-use facility between Nova Southeastern University
 and the Broward County Board of County Commissioners



**The New Genealogy Collection
 at the Alvin Sherman Library**
 3100 Ray Ferrero, Jr. Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale

Nu? What's New? (excerpted)
The E-zine of Jewish Genealogy From Avotaynu
Gary Mokotoff, Editor
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Special Edition

Susan King Retires from JewishGen



How do you get hundreds of people to volunteer for your project? How do you get tens of them to be willing to follow you off a cliff with no questions asked? It is not that difficult; all you have to be is Susan King.

Susan King, founder of JewishGen, has announced her retirement effective March 31, 2008. David Marwell, Director of the Museum of Jewish Heritage, of which JewishGen is a part, stated "Perhaps more than any other person, Susan, through JewishGen, has changed the way research on Jewish family history is conducted...She has left a profound mark on a pioneering institution."

JewishGen started in 1989 as what was then called a Bulletin Board which today is a small component of the JewishGen environment: the JewishGen Discussion Group. At that time, it required a long distance telephone call to Houston, Texas, where King lived, to connect to her computer to post a message. At the same time, you could read the postings of others and respond to them if appropriate. It then was called the Jewish Genealogy Conference.

In 1995, Apple Computer recognized the value of bulletin boards to the Internet community and invited bulletin board owners to join the Apple World network. After affiliating with Apple World, there was a dramatic increase in the number of researchers utilizing the Jewish Genealogy Conference services. King realized the need for a more extensive presence of Jewish genealogy on the Internet to help newcomers obtain information in a personalized, efficient manner and at the same time avoiding endless repetition for other, more experienced genealogists. Thus JewishGen was born.

As the Jewish genealogical community recognized the value of what King was creating, hundreds flocked to JewishGen to volunteer to make it grow. Today it has more than 100 databases containing more than 10 million records.

In 2005, the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies gave King their Lifetime Achievement Award "recognizing her twenty years of pioneering vision and leadership in making resources freely available to the worldwide Jewish genealogical community. Through her tireless devotion many thousands of people who might never have explored their Jewish roots have successfully done so, benefitting from the continually expanding array of online resources offered by JewishGen. She has changed the face of Jewish genealogy with a clear and focused goal of preserving our history for future generations."

In January 2003, JewishGen was acquired by the Museum of Jewish Heritage located in New York. At that time, in *Nu? What's New?* I stated, "In recent years, JewishGen has been struggling under the enormous weight of a volunteer-based organization that relied on contributions for its operation. This curtailed its growth, which was quite remarkable despite these handicaps. With the burden of day-to-day matters, such as administration and fund raising, lifted from King's shoulders, she can now focus on the growth of JewishGen and the improvement of its quality."

JGSBC Program Calendar

www.jgsbc.org/helios/events

Saturday, April 26, 2008, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

NSU Genealogy Fair at Alvin Sherman Library

Events: Exhibitors, Workshops, Children & Family Programs

Sunday, May 18, 2008, 1:00 pm, Soref JCC

Special Workshop: **Jewish Genealogy 201– The World of JewishGen**

Learn the Ins and Outs of JewishGen, one of the most useful websites for Jewish genealogy

Sunday, June 8, 2008, 12:00 pm

Annual Awards Luncheon

JP Bistro, 5650 Stirling Road, Hollywood

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Broward County usually meets on either the last Sunday or Wednesday of the month. Please check the **JGSBC Program Calendar** above or our **Community Events Calendar** located at www.jgsbc.org/helios/events for the exact times and locations.

The first 20-30 minutes of our meetings are devoted to **Brick Walls and Breakthroughs**, where members share their successes or ask for help with their difficult genealogical problems. Anyone interested in



The JGS of Broward County is an integral part of a global network of 75+ societies, all members of IAJGS, with 10,000+ individual members who are actively researching

Do you have a brick wall you've finally succeeded in breaking down? We'd love to hear about it.

Contact the *Family Gatherings* editor at newsletter@jgsbc.org. We look forward to reading your story in a future newsletter.

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Any Jewish genealogy, biographies, novels, or history books getting dusty on your shelves?

Put them to good use by donating them to the JGSBC Library.

No books? Make a donation to the JGSBC Library Fund. Contact Rhoda Horwitz at library@jgsbc.org.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Broward County Inc.

Presents

Jewish Genealogy 201: The World of JewishGen

Sunday, May 18, 2008, 1:00-3:00 pm

At Soref Jewish Community Center, 6501 West Sunrise Blvd.,
(between University Dr. and the Florida Turnpike), Plantation FL

Join us as we delve into the finer points of JewishGen, one of the most important sources of Jewish genealogical and historical information. Among the topics to be discussed will be the various databases, InfoFiles, the JewishGen Family Finder, the Family Tree of the Jewish People, Yizkor Books, Discussion groups, the JewishGen Worldwide Burial Registry, and the many Special Interest Groups(SIGs). Meant as a follow-up to our fall workshop, **Jewish Genealogy 101: A 4-Hour Route to Your Roots**, this seminar is geared for genealogists of all levels of expertise

Attendees will receive a workshop manual (one per family). Light refreshments will be served.

Seating is limited. To assure a reservation, please register as soon as possible. To register, please mail the form below with your check (payable to JGSBC).

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PO Box 17251, Plantation FL 33318

\$10 (\$5 for non-members)

Enclosed is \$_____ as payment for ____ persons.

Jewish Genealogy 201: The World of JewishGen May 18, 2008

Name(s): _____ Tel: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____

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I am interested in the following activities:		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Workshops	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer/Database
<input type="checkbox"/> Website	<input type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Library
<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Speaker's Bureau	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality

Do you read any foreign languages? Yes _____ No