



MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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CHRONICLES, Our
Quarterly Journal:

Please submit articles to our
Chronicles editor,
Evan Fishman, at
editor@jgsgp.org.

Hi Everyone,

September 13th was a double header for us. Suzan Wynne and Mark Halpern shared info. about researching Galicia.

Be sure to read Linda's review in the next Chronicles. See the great handouts from Mark attached to the last Zoom invitation. They will be going up on our website too.

We have received a lot of positive feedback about our programming variety. If you know of a someone who gives a terrific lecture related to Jewish Genealogy, be sure to write to *Mark Halpern, our Programming VP. We are thinking ahead to the IAJGS 2021 Conference as well. Once the special tracks of lectures are announced then you too can submit an appropriate proposal.

*All board members e-mails can be accessed through our website.

The GALICIA lecture can be accessed here if you cut and paste:

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Chronicles

Please continue to send in your research finds and stories. Contact Evan if you have any questions. editor@jgsgp.org Check our website for previous copies of Chronicles (up to 2019) to see what other people have written about. The articles are indexed. Have you read any interesting book that we'd like to hear about? Write a book review. Do you have an interesting DNA connection or research story? Just remember that we continue to learn from each other!

From the President's Desk:

I would like to extend my wishes to all members of our society for a happy and healthy New Year. May the year to come bring an end to our current global health pandemic and a return to normal life. As a former teacher, I always see the future through children and love this beautiful version of *Avinu Malkeinu* performed by students in Australia. <https://youtu.be/lCHqYTF3nAA>.



Felicia Mde Alexander MEd., President



Rules for Zoom Meetings:

All guests will be on silent. Marilyn will be moderating the Q and A at the end. Please type your questions into the CHAT on the bottom of your screen.

This meeting is also being recorded for MEMBERS only. The link will be sent out in our next Newsletter.

Any questions?

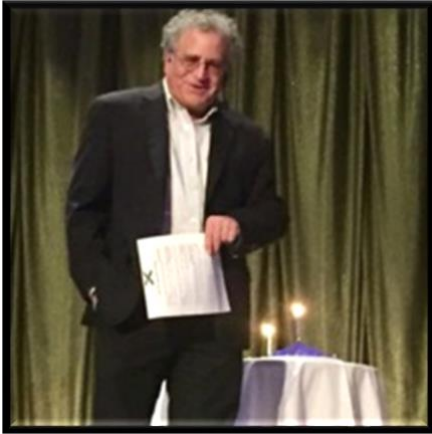
Contact Marilyn at mazergoldenjsgp@gmail.com
prior to the morning of the meeting.

*Future JGASGP Zoom Meetings

Monday, October 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm Note the time change for this program.

Check in and chat 6:30-7 PM. Program starts promptly at 7:00 PM.

Guest Speaker: **Rabbi Gary Gans**



Gary was ordained by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and served as the Rabbi of Congregation Beth Tikvah, Marlton, NJ for 35 years. In 2016 he was elevated to Rabbi Emeritus. He earned his Doctorate from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Family Counseling, a rare honor for a Jew! Gans is a licensed family therapist in NJ, specializing in family relationships, grief, and the impact of life-cycle events. He is the Rabbinic Advisor of the Crescent Memorial Cemetery, Pennsauken, NJ In his free time Gary is a sworn chaplain with his local police department. He is an active member in the JGASGP.

Topic: Yizkor Books: A Great Research Tool

This presentation will focus on one Yizkor book; the one from the Trembowla area of Tarnapol of his Galitzianer family, as a microcosm of the larger genre. This one volume includes personal vignettes of the occupation and devastation commencing with World War One, the inter-war years, and then the destruction of the Shoah. Research in this Yizkor book introduced me to members of my extended family and the realities of their lives. I discovered pictures and explanations of their youth groups, Yeshivas and famous Rabbis, businesses, indices of individuals according to profession, community and family histories, maps and illustrations, along with stories of heroism and martyrdom The Necrology revealed names and location of those murdered during WWII. I will show the methodology for reading a Yizkor book and how participants can use similar works in their own genealogy investigations to deepen the quality of their family knowledge.

DATE: Sunday, October 25, 2020

1:00 check in. Program starts promptly at 1:30

GUEST SPEAKER: Jennifer Mendelsohn, founder of Facebook group Jewish DNA for Genetic Genealogy and Family Research

Jennifer Mendelsohn is a seasoned journalist and ghostwriter. A former People magazine special correspondent and Slate columnist, her work has appeared in numerous local and national publications including The New York Times, The Washington Post, USA Today, Politico, Washingtonian, Tablet, Medium, McSweeney's, and Jezebel.

A passionate genealogist, she is a member of the board of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Maryland.



TOPIC: No, You Don't Really Have 7900 4th Cousins: DNA Basics for Those with Ashkenazi Heritage

DNA has the potential to be an essential and exciting genealogical tool. But many Eastern European Jewish testers find their DNA results completely overwhelming and unnavigable.

Based on the popular 2017 Medium piece that has garnered more than 90,000 views, this talk will help those with Ashkenazi heritage learn to make sense of their DNA results. We'll cover why our match lists are so large, (hello, endogamy!) why all our matches seem to match each other (endogamy, again!), and how to spot the meaningful matches and separate them from the faux ones.

Using real-life examples of DNA success, you'll learn techniques that will help you learn to work effectively with DNA to expand your tree.

Sunday, November 15, 2020 at 1:30 pm

1:00 check in. Program starts promptly at 1:30

Speaker: Edward Janes, Founder, Friends of Jews from Przasnysz Poland along with Maggie Goralczyk



Topic: Planning and Executing a Cemetery Restoration Project in Poland

More info to follow.

Ed is a new JGASGP member!

Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 1:30 pm

1:00 check in. Program starts promptly at 1:30

Speaker: Jarrett Ross, aka GeneaVlogger, a youtube channel dedicated to Genealogy and Family Research.

Jarrett Ross is the Lead Forensic Genealogist at DNA Labs International. He began seriously researching his family history in 2009 while finishing his undergraduate degree, quickly building an extensive family tree and connecting with thousands of relatives all across the World. Jarrett has since worked on hundreds of family trees, finding a specialty with Dutch Jewish ancestry, Jewish Agricultural Societies of Southern New Jersey, and Genetic Genealogy. Jarrett is also a volunteer curator on Geni.com, has served as the Vice President of the Triangle Jewish Genealogical Society since 2018, and is a board member of the Alliance Colony Foundation.



Topic: The Soil From Which They Grew: A History of The Alliance Colony

The Alliance Colony was the first successful Jewish agricultural colony in America, founded in Vineland, New Jersey in 1882. The community was originally settled by 43 families who were part of the Am Olam society which pushed to create Jewish agricultural societies in America. Alliance flourished with more families settling in the Colony over the decades, growing into more colonies and creating an amazing legacy through its many descendants. Many Alliance descendants are still in touch after many generations and even have reunions with over 600 descendants attending. This presentation will discuss the History of Alliance and how collaboration between descendants has been a genealogical goldmine.

Sunday, December 27, 2020 at 1:30 pm

1:00 check in. Program starts promptly at 1:30

Speaker: Chuck Weinstein, 2019 JewishGen Volunteer of the Year



Chuck is a Past President of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island and co-chair of the 2016 Conference in Seattle. A family historian for over 25 years, he has spoken on a variety of topics in past Conferences. He has done extensive research on the Shoah and is writing a book on a town in Moravia that was devastated by the war.

Topic: Choosing a Genealogy Software – A Comparison

There are several major software companies, and each has slightly different strong points. This lecture will focus on MyHeritage/Family Tree Builder and Ancestry/Family Tree Maker

as well as options for Macintosh. We will examine the advantages of each and together build a small family tree, find relevant documents/images, attach these to the tree and build reports and charts.

Member Benefits

1. Website JGASGP.org (currently under construction) with research information and a future member only section.
2. Members will be offered a “Getting Started” guide placed on our website (currently in draft form)
3. Members receive Chronicles an electronic version of our journal, quarterly. Members are encouraged to submit articles about their research, personal journeys, etc.
4. Members receive a monthly Newsletter and additional e-mail updates. The newsletter contains our future Zoom meeting dates, conferences, webinars from other organizations, and an update from our President.
5. Meetings for members only are currently being held every 3 weeks through Zoom.
6. Becoming a member is easy! You can pay through PayPal on our website or download the interactive membership form and mail it with a check to our mailbox. We ask for your research information and post it in Chronicles. You may find a relative within our group! We encourage everyone to sign up with JewishGen family finder on JewishGen.org.
7. Our Facebook group is currently at 940+ members. Members provide research help, tips and information about Philadelphia history. Upcoming meetings are posted as well as genealogy related events on the internet. Facebook members are invited to join our JGASGP society. We are very friendly!

Disclaimer: The purpose of our group is to help foster research, education, collect family records and family connections. No political comments or advertising for services or merchandise are permitted .

ZOOM Programs of Genealogy interest

- Center for Jewish History <https://programs.cjh.org/> Check them out!
- The Chicago Jewish Genealogical Society has a calendar of past recorded lectures free to view. <https://jgsi.org/Events-calendar>
- The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston offers [monthly programs](https://www.jgsj.org/monthly-programs) and previously recorded lectures. <https://www.jgsj.org/event>

They have given me permission to post their events. You have to go to their website to see everything that is offered:

October 2020

Beginners Workshop on Jewish Genealogy

October 18 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

- [Zoom Meeting](#), Virtual MA United States

Lisa Cooper – A Forgotten Land: Growing Up in the Jewish Pale

October 25 @ 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

- [Zoom Meeting](#), Virtual MA United States

November 2020

Jonathan Brent – YIVO’s Rediscovered Archives in Vilna and New York; and Spotlight Talk: Elliot Matz – Bringing Jewish Life to Lithuania’s “Sturbridge Village”

November 8 @ 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

- [Zoom Meeting](#), Virtual MA United States

Annual Lecture: Steven J. Zipperstein – Myth and History in the Recent Jewish Past

November 15 @ 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

- [Zoom Meeting](#), Virtual MA United States

December 2020

Deborah Munk Long – Out of the Whirlwind: Finding Your Family Lost in the Holocaust

December 6 @ 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Jewish Genealogy 101: Four Hours+ to Your Family Roots



Now in its thirtieth year, the Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island's Family History Workshop is a four hour plus course on sources and strategies essential for Jewish genealogical research.

Jewish Genealogy 101 is both:

- An overview for beginners, many of whom are eager to learn about their roots but don't know where to start, and
- A review for family historians who want to brush up on or expand their skills.

The workshop's expert instructors will explain where and how to find the many Jewish records which exist in the United States, Europe and Israel.

Membership is open to all, regardless of religion or experience. Members receive a subscription to *Lineage*, our award-winning newsletter; *JGSLI Online*, a monthly email with information on our events as well as news in the Jewish Genealogical world; access to JGSLI's members-only section on the website; and various discounts and support in their search for their roots.

**Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island
Presents
Jewish Genealogy 101:
Four Hours+ to Your Family Roots**

**Our 30th Annual Family
History Workshop**



Sunday, November 1, 2020

12:30 - 5:00 PM

**Virtual Seminar
On Zoom!**

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JGSLI Workshop
Attn: Bonnie Birns
28 Madison Ave
Jericho, NY 11753

Founded in 1985, the Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island is a 501c(3) non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging and assisting the pursuit of Jewish Family History.

Registration includes:

- One Full-Year Membership in the Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island for both new and continuing members.
- Digital copy of the workshop manual, *Jewish Genealogy 101*
- Paper copy of Avotaynu's book *Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy* (mailed to you).

Seating is limited. Send a check or use PayPal on our website as soon as possible to assure a reservation.

Questions? Please contact:
Bonnie Birns at (516) 433-0130

\$35 Registration fee includes one-year of individual membership
\$40 Registration fee includes one-year of Family membership
Last Day to Register is Friday, October 30 (unless sold out sooner!)

For more information:
Email: workshop@jgsli.org

Website: www.jgsli.org

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/groups/JGSLI/

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Email _____
Town _____ State _____ Zip _____ Amount _____

Thanks to Allison Weinkranz for this info from JGSLI.org



You Won't Want to Miss It!

The world's largest family history conference will be virtual and completely FREE!

FamilySearch's RootsTech conference is known for incredible keynote speakers, the latest industry news, and inspiring classes to help you discover your family story. This next year, it will also be FREE! Join us on **February 25–27, 2021**, as we uncover more about the story of you.

[Sign Up for Free](#)

THIS IS A FREE CONFERENCE!!

Thanks to Mark for this film recommendation:

Watch the documentary film from documentary filmmaker and journalist Judy Maltz "No. 4 Street of Our Lady," about the rescue of her father and his family by a Polish woman. The film draws on excerpts from a diary kept by Judy's grandfather Moshe Maltz,

View the film at <https://vimeo.com/80085717>. View the excellent Museum of Jewish Heritage program at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGLx6ZtJCBw&feature=youtu.be>

JGASGP extends condolences and well wishes to members families. If you know of the illness or passing of a past or current member, please email a link of the obituary or provide the information to me.



Volunteers IAJGS 2021

As plans are under way for the 2021 conference, I am very appreciative of those who have offered to volunteer. When I know more, I'll send out a HELP WANTED notice! We will need **lots** of volunteers! The IAJGS Board and our Board is working hard to put a lot of things in place. Stay tuned!

I'm happy to announce that we currently have #308 paid members and #960 Facebook members. We are growing! What a great way to start the new year!

Thank you all for being part of our growing JGASGP Society. We are not letting Covid-19 stop us!

Wishing you all your loved ones a Happy, Healthy, and Sweet NEW YEAR!

Shana Tova 5781

Below is a new recipe for me to try. Now that Ancestry.com and MyHeritage.com tell me I have Greek roots; I have to add this new recipe to my repertoire!

Melopita (Honey and Cheese Pie)



By

Tina Wasserman

This ricotta cheese-filled honey pie is perfect to serve on both [Shavuot](#) and [Rosh HaShanah](#). But most of all, it is a reminder of the Jewish community in Greece. Enjoy!

INGREDIENTS

CRUST

1 1/4 cup all purpose flour
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 stick very cold, unsalted butter
1 egg, separated
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon brandy or lemon juice
1 tablespoon ice water
Confectioners sugar (for rolling dough)

FILLING

15 ounce container whole milk ricotta
3 eggs
1/2 cup wildflower or orange blossom honey
Finely grated zest of 1 medium lemon
1 tablespoon flour
2 tablespoons sugar

GARNISH

cinnamon (optional for garnish)

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. Add the flour sugar and salt to a processor workbowl and pulse the machine 3 times to combine the ingredients.
3. Cut the butter into 8 pieces and add them around the mixture and pulse the machine on and off about 10 times or until the mixture looks like lumpy sand.
4. In a small custard cup combine the egg yolk with the vanilla, brandy (or lemon juice and the ice water. Stir together with the tip of a knife or a bar whisk. Immediately add to the dough and pulse the machine on and off until the mixture begins to come together. If mixture appears too dry add 1 more tablespoon of ice water. Do not let a ball of dough form or crust will be tough
5. Remove dough and gently knead a few strokes to form a smooth ball. Pat dough into a disk, cover and refrigerate while you make the filling.
6. Wipe out processor bowl (no need to wash) and add the remaining ingredients (except the cinnamon). Process until mixture is combined and free of all lumps. Scrape down bowl once during this process. Set aside.
7. Generously sprinkle confectioners' sugar on a board or your countertop. Place dough on prepared board cover with plastic wrap and roll out into a circle that is at least 10 inches in diameter (this will fill a 9 -10 inch quiche pan or 9 " pie plate-whichever you choose to use)
8. Transfer the dough to the quiche pan (I like to fold the dough in half and then quarters and place the point of the fold in the center of the pan and then unfold the dough.) Starting from the center, gently pat dough so that it is an even thickness on the bottom and pressed into the fluted sides of the pan. Use a rolling pin on the sides to cut off any excess dough.
9. Brush some of the egg white on the dough and bake for 10-15 minutes until dough just begins to look a little dry.
10. Remove pan from oven, lower temperature to 350°F, pour cheese mixture into crust and return to the oven for another 25 minutes or until custard doesn't jiggle and is lightly golden.

Additional Notes

- Brushing egg white on the top of the crust before filling helps prevent a soggy crust from forming.
- When working with cheese fillings, a slight movement of the filling is okay because it will solidify more upon refrigeration.
- If you want to eat this pie warm, let it rest for at least 15 minutes so that the pie will cut easily.

