



JEWISH GENEALOGICAL AND ARCHIVAL SOCIETY OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

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CHRONICLES, Our quarterly
award-winning journal:

Please submit articles to
our Chronicles editor,

Evan Fishman,

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We all have stories to tell!

Deadline for the next issue
of *Chronicles* is Dec. 13.

If you want to add a hard
copy of *Chronicles* to your

Hi Everyone,

Jennifer Mendelsohn's lecture about our DNA matches was enjoyed by 74 people! Lots of us continue to have questions about our DNA and how to figure out matches. If you missed the meeting and need the link to watch let me know. It was sent out in a recent e-mail. Linda's meeting notes will be published in the next *Chronicles*. Hint: Sort your DNA match list by the largest segments.

Jennifer is an administrator of the Facebook group Jewish DNA for Genetic Genealogy and Family Research. She is the creator of the movement known as #resistancegenealogy, a project that uses genealogical and historical records to fight disinformation and honor America's immigrant past. Jennifer's website is : <http://resistancegenealogy.com/>

During the chat we were discussing Avotaynuonline.com, Avotaynu.com/journal.htm, (\$38/yr) and [Nu? What's New?](http://Nu?What'sNew?), the weekly ezine(\$12/yr). These are 3 different ways to access information about current research and numerous articles about Jewish Genealogy. I subscribe to the ezine and after Mark and others explained that the paper journal had different articles, I subscribed too. The more information I read, the more I learn.

You never know where you can pick up a hint or clue to better researching techniques. Don't forget our JGASGP Facebook group, Tracing the Tribe, Genealogy Portal, JewishGen, MyHeritage,

Ancestry.com, and Youtube for tutorials under many topics.

I wanted to remind everyone about the importance of signing up for JewishGen Family Finder and looking up to see if there is a Yizkor book for your family shtetl. If you are a new user, you need to

create a free account. [Yizkor books](#) is under RESEARCH across the top. You can find [Family Finder](#) under DATABASES. If you are a [First Timer](#), there are many tutorials under GETTING STARTED. And speaking of learning new things...



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The Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia (JGASGP)
and

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS)

are proud to co-host

THE 41st IAJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY

PHILADELPHIA, PA

AUGUST 2-5, 2021

The IAJGS's vision is of a worldwide network of Jewish genealogical research organizations and partners working together as one coherent, effective, and respected community—enabling people to succeed in researching Jewish ancestry and heritage. Over 90 genealogical organizations are invited to attend and participate in numerous themed presentations.

This year's Learning and Research Tracks:

- 1) Early Jewish Settlers of the Americas
- 2) Methodology
- 3) Keepers of the Shoah memory
- 4) Beginners
- 5) DNA Insights for Genealogy
- 6) Heritage and Cultural Material

Location:

Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown
201 N. 17th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

The new Chronicles has articles about the many lectures we attended online for the 2020 conference. Four days of lectures about numerous topics and a film festival were included. All were

held on Zoom. We have no idea as to what to expect next summer. Plans are currently underway for an in-person event. Read more below about what happens at a conference.

Call for Proposals: IAJGS 41st International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

IAJGS 41st International Conference on Jewish Genealogy will be held in Philadelphia, August 2–5, 2021. IAJGS has announced that the Call for Proposals is now open until November 19.



The conference will feature more than 100 speakers, with more than 250 sessions covering virtually every aspect of Jewish genealogy. Proposed abstracts which meet one of the following theme categories are encouraged, along with other broad topics in Jewish genealogy as well. The conference tracks are:

- Early Jewish Settlers of the Americas
- Innovative Methodology
- Keepers of the Shoah Memory
- Beginners
- DNA Insights for Genealogy
- Heritage and Cultural Material.

Details on the Call for Proposals can be found on <http://www.iajgs2021.org>.

*Programs at the conference will be geared from first-timers to conference veterans, and will include lectures, lunches, computer labs, and networking through Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and Birds of a Feather (BOFs). An Exhibitor Hall and Resource Room will include genealogy experts, mentors and archivists for a one-stop research experience at the conference site.

Close to 1,000 participants are expected from across the U.S. and around the world.

Chronicles

Print versions of the fall Chronicles have been mailed. Please be patient. 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 to see what other people have written about. 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? You don't have to be a great writer. We have fabulous editors. Just remember that we learn from each other and everyone has a story to tell.

Membership Dues

*Now is a great time to start paying your dues for 2021. Our fiscal year runs from January 1st - December 31st, 2021. All new payments will go towards 2021. Please use the attached membership form if you send a check. The form is also available on our website. \$10 extra for printed Chronicles!

From the President's Desk

Greetings to longtime members of JGASGP and to our many new members! It is so exciting to see new people attending our Zoom meetings, joining our Facebook page and reaching out to the Board. Communication with our members is what makes our society successful. We share your joy in so many ways: reading on Facebook about a member connecting with previously unknown cousins, enhancing your research expertise by sharing links of upcoming Zoom meetings, webinars or podcasts, learning about how our ancestors lived and died through poignant articles in *Chronicles*. I have called upon mentors in the JGASGP community more than once for help reading and/or translating headstones. All of these depend on the generosity of our members, sharing and helping one another...communicating!

Thanks to the positive response to our recent questionnaire on Survey Monkey, we have received information that will guide our future program plans, influence topics of discussion for Board meetings, and of course, tap the talents of our large and still growing membership. We will be reaching out to all members over the coming weeks to ask for your continued involvement in our society in 2021. The Board is hoping to identify members who are motivated and able take a more active role in our society. I promise that any survey you receive will be brief, and your input will be most appreciated.

In the coming weeks and months, you will be receiving updates from various members of our IAJGS planning team, regarding the Summer 2021 international conference that we will host. The IAJGS conference was here was in 2009, and we were fortunate to have a great team of volunteers. I would like to recognize the organizational skills of three members of our society. Sadly, these individuals are no longer with us. Those of us who were members at that time will surely smile remembering the dedication and hard work of Steve Schecter, our 2009 Volunteer Chair and the dynamic duo of Shelda and Stan Sandler, who ran Hospitality throughout the entire conference. These beloved members, all of blessed memory, have left large (but not impossibly large!) shoes to fill. I am confident that you, our current members, will serve the society as needs arise and the IAJGS 2021 will be a fantastic event for the global Jewish Genealogy Community.

Felicia Mode Alexander M.Ed., 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. This is a member benefit.

The link will be sent out in e-mail. Any questions? I will make sure to send out the link on the

Thursday before the meetings. Contact me ASAP if you don't receive it. Make sure you let me know if you have a new preferred e-mail. I cannot respond to e-mails during the meeting.

*Future JGASGP Zoom Meetings

Sunday, November 15, 2020



1:00 check in, chat and schmooze. Formal program starts promptly at 1:30

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

Edward Janes (third from the left above) earned a BA degree in Political Science from Seton Hall University (1982) and an MBA from Rutgers University (2007); he has been involved in leadership roles for manufacturing firms his entire professional career. Janes has been researching his Polin, Litvak and Latvian genealogy for more than 40 years; he has also been a student of the Holocaust for the past fifteen years. Janes has led a cemetery restoration project in Przasnysz, Poland for the last five years having collaborated with committed volunteers, local officials, the “Foundation for Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Poland” and the offices of Rabbi Michael Schudrich.

Topic: Restoring Dignity: Planning and Executing a Cemetery Restoration Project in Poland

Cemeteries are personal touch points for the genealogical researcher. Standing on holy ground where ancestors gathered to buried loved ones, at perhaps their most vulnerable moments, is both moving and motivating. In some cases, the researcher learns new information from headstones or a caretaker; in other cases, the researcher realizes the need to become the caretaker. This lecture will review how genealogical research that spanned many decades led to a successful restoration project in Przasnysz, Poland. Ownership issues, fundraising, networking, developing relationships with local officials and more will be discussed.

Sunday, December 6, 2020

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

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

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

Sunday, December 27, 2020

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

Speaker: Chuck Weinstein, 2019 JewishGen Volunteer of the Year

Topic: Choosing a Genealogy Software – A Comparison

ZOOM Programs of Genealogy interest

- UTAH Genealogical Association webinar:

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

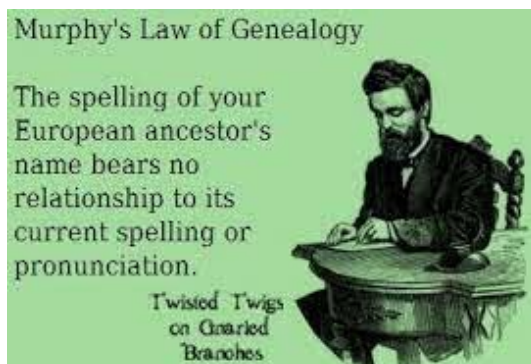
Making Sense of Your Jewish DNA Results

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm MDT *8:00 pm EDT

[Register Now](#)

This presentation will focus on the basics of understanding and interpreting Jewish DNA results from the major testing companies. The format will highlight common beliefs and misconceptions related to analyzing these results and provide context and strategies to promote successful research when working with these cases.

Adina Newman, EdD, is the owner of My Family Genie, where she assists clients with their research and blogs about her own family history. Her main interests are in Jewish genealogy, genetic genealogy, and New England. She has a doctorate in educational leadership and the certificate in genealogical research from Boston University. Adina has completed SLIG Virtual All-DNA Advanced Practicum and Advanced Methodology & Evidence Analysis at IGHR. She was a 2020 recipient of the AncestryProGenealogists scholarship. She volunteers as a Facebook moderator for a Jewish genetic genealogy group and is the Social Media Coordinator for NextGen Genealogy Network.



- HAMEC is hosting an event on Tuesday Nov. 10 You can go to their FB page or website to sign up
<https://www.facebook.com/PhilaHAMEC/posts/3470946182965302> or www.hamec.org.

From Kristallnacht/Pogromnacht to Liberation: An Evening with Ernie Gross and Don Greenbaum



November 10 from 7-8 p.m. via Zoom

[org](#)

- [Center for Jewish History](https://programs.cjh.org/) <https://programs.cjh.org/> Check them out!
- [The Chicago Jewish Genealogical Society](https://jgsi.org/Events-calendar) has a calendar of past recorded lectures free to view. <https://jgsi.org/Events-calendar>
- [The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston](https://www.jgsgb.org/event) offers numerous monthly programs and previously recorded lectures. <https://www.jgsgb.org/event>
- [ConferenceKeeper.org](https://www.conferencekeeper.org) has many events listed for the month.
- [MyHeritage](https://www.myheritage.com) is continuing to offer many live or recorded lectures.
- Even if you can't make it to the live events, you can still enjoy all recorded FB Live sessions in
- the Videos section of the [MyHeritage Facebook page](#). Many of the webinars are available for free viewing on the [MyHeritage Knowledge Base](#).
- Interested in a DNA blog? Read <https://blog.kittycooper.com/>

I also suggest registering on these websites to get timely information! Feel free to post other genealogical events on our Facebook page and continue to send them to me. 970 members and growing!

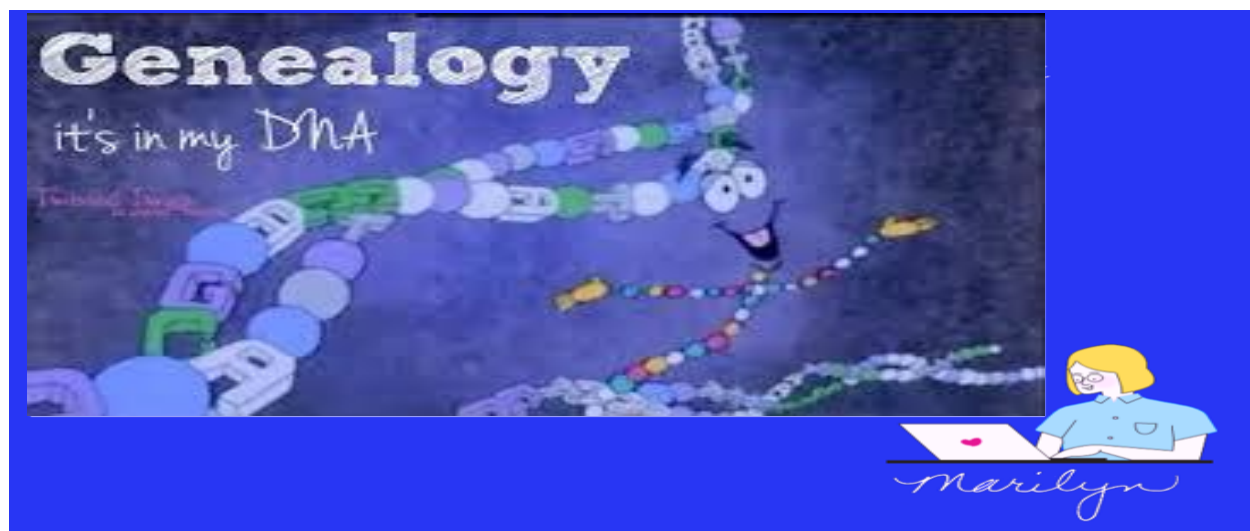
JGASGP extends condolences and well wishes to member's families. If you know of the illness or passing of a past or current member, please email a link of the obituary or provide the information to me.



I am sorry to inform you of the passing of Dr. **Stanley R. Sandler**, Ph.D. (Organic Chemistry), October 24, 2020. Husband of the late **Shelda Sandler** (nee Bachin). Father of Bradford J. Sandler (Lisa) and Shimon Sandler (Miriam). Grandfather of Devon, Aiden, Yosef-Aaron, Devorah, and Malka. Funeral services were held on October 25, 2020. Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Chemical Society, 1155 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036, www.acs.org. He and Shelda were very active in our society, initiated the Speakers Bureau and our genealogy fairs, headed the Hospitality Desk at the 2009 conference, and contributed numerous articles to *Chronicles*.

Volunteers

***I am responsible for volunteers for the 2021 IAJGS Conference. Look for a new Survey Monkey this week with HELP WANTED as the subject! PLEASE considering helping out!**



Stay safe and stay healthy! Hope to see you at our next meeting!

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 .