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CHRONICLES, Our
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to our Chronicles edi-
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We all have stories
to tell!

Deadline for the next
issue of *Chronicles* is
March 14th.

If you want to add a
hard copy of
Chronicles to your
membership it is an
extra \$10.



JEWISH GENEALOGICAL AND ARCHIVAL SOCIETY OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

3/10/2021

Hi Everyone,

Joel Spector's presentation, "Finding Your Ancestors: How to Get Started and Where to Go" was very well received. We had a record number of attendees from across the country, Mexico, and Canada. 140! Don't forget to look for the handout. It's on our website now.

We tried something new for this special meeting. We invited guests. We used the *waiting room* for entrance, and we kept every *muted*. We used all security measures available. We also added *closed captioning*. For the next meeting I will use a *passcode* instead of the waiting room.

There was a glitch at the beginning. People e-mailed me, but I am not able to read e-mails at the same time as hosting the Zoom. I also got kicked out. I signed back into the same meeting, so I wasn't aware that people couldn't get back in. Sorry for that. I am working on resolving that problem.

Another issue is the Chat feature. Our members enjoy offering advice to each other, but during a lecture it is highly distracting. Chat during a presentation is not the time to talk about your personal discoveries or to correct the speaker. Chat is for Q and A. At the next meeting I am going to use the setting "chat with host only." That way you can put in your questions and comments and only the hosts will see them at the end of the lecture.

If you have a discovery that you want to share, we'd love to hear it. Write an article for *Chronicles*! That's where we share our discoveries and let others know the steps we took to get there. Let's also use our 1:00-1:30 meeting time as a sharing time. Let me know in advance or in the pre meeting Chat if you have something to share. I will give you a few minutes. Do you have a personal question not related to the topic? Put it on Facebook. Our group loves to offer research advice!

This meeting was not recorded, and the chat was not saved. So, if you have any pressing questions for Joel, you can contact him directly at jlspector@aol.com.

Beginner's Corner and Research Tips

See our new [Beginner's Guide](#) under the Publications tab on our new website on March 14th!

Joel spoke about the date discrepancies often found on documents. You may find a variety of dates, locations, and 'facts' about your ancestor. The information may be confusing and contradictory. In other words, information provided may be false for a reason! For a humorous and realistic explanation, read Judy's Blog post. Judy G. Russell, "[Happy 200th birthday, or maybe not](#)," The Legal Genealogist (<https://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog> : posted 6 Mar 2021).

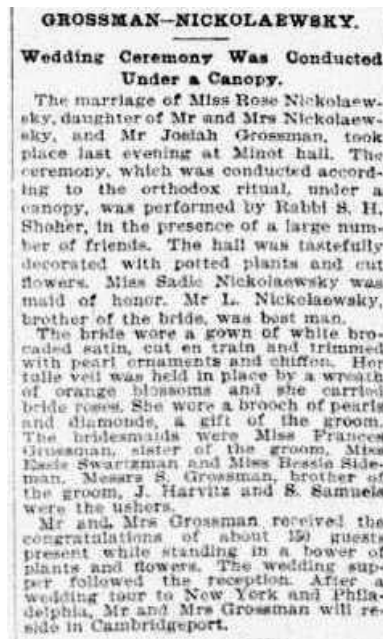
From the President's Desk

One source of information which can be extremely helpful in recreating a family group is wedding announcements. I have utilized many newspapers to obtain wedding information. Both city newspapers where I knew my ancestor had lived and Jewish newspapers include the hometown of the bride or groom and details of the wedding, even going back to newspapers in the 1800's.

In the Boston Globe, I found the wedding announcement of my grandmother's brother Josiah Grossman, who was married in 1899. It was several paragraphs long and in addition to the bride, Rose Nickolaewsky and her parents, it also included the name of the officiant, Rabbi S.H. Shohar, and the phrase "under a canopy in the Orthodox tradition" in describing the ceremony. It stated where the event was held (the popular Minot Hall in Boston's West End), where the happy couple would honeymoon (New York City and Philadelphia!) and the names of all 8 attendants and the relationship of each to the bride or groom.

This information was so specific and accurate that I found supporting facts in the 1900 and 1910 Federal Census records! In addition, I located the obituaries of Rose, Josiah and their daughter, Alma roughly 20 years later (1919, 1921 and 1922). Tragically, Alma died shortly after giving birth to Rose and Josiah's first and only grandchild, a little boy name Bobby. Thus, through newspapers I was able to tell the story of the all too brief lives of Josiah and Rose. Their story will continue in a future issue of *Chronicles*.

Even though this announcement appears distorted due to its age, numerous facts were available to me!



Felicia Mode Alexander

New Website Update

It's time to register for our new jgasgp.org website! Everyone will need to be registered for access to our members-only portal by March 14th. If you registered previously and are a paid-up member of the Society, you will be not need to re-register.

You will receive an email from our system with a password once your registration has gone through. That password is a long, hard-to-remember password of letters and numbers. This is not a problem if you use a password manager such as LastPass, Dashlane, or 1Password. If you will be typing in the password, you are given the option to change it to something that is easier to remember.

Future JGASGP Zoom Meeting

Date: Sunday, March 21, 2021

Time: 1:00 - 1:30 PM EST check in, chat, and schmooze.

Official program starts promptly at 1:30

Guest Speaker: David Brill

David Brill has been researching his family history in Ukraine, Belarus, Poland, and the United States for over 25 years. A longtime member of JGASGP, he coordinates the Russian Interest Group, and is an avid (and self-taught) translator of prerevolutionary Russian records. In addition to managing the Tuchin, Ukraine, KehilaLinks page, David leads the Rovno Uezd Jewish Records Project for the JewishGen Ukraine Research Division, which is currently translating more than 52,000 records of Jewish families from Tuchin, Rovno and nearby towns. In his non-genealogical existence, David is a research civil engineer with the Federal Aviation Administration, specializing in the design and evaluation of airport runways. He has a Ph.D. in civil engineering from Rutgers University, and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, where he met his wife Michelle. They have two grown children, Ari and Rachel.



Topic: Getting the Most from Revision Lists - A Regional Approach

Revision lists are among the most important genealogical resources from the Russian Empire, and they are often the only available confirmation that an ancestor lived in a particular shtetl. They may contain important information pertinent to neighboring towns too. Fortunately, we now have access to greatly expanded online databases, plus new sources of online revision lists and other original documents (such as Alex Krakovsky's wiki page, topic of last April's meeting by Joel Spector). This means that it is now easier than ever to expand one's research beyond the borders of a single shtetl and discover previously unknown genealogical connections to nearby communities. David's presentation shares examples from the ongoing Rovno Uezd Jewish Records Project (present-day Rivne, Ukraine) that illustrate the power of a region-wide search. In addition, David will discuss the current status of the Rovno regional translation project, and what a deep reading of the revision lists can tell us about our ancestors' lives in the Russian Pale of the 19th-century.

Webinars, Podcasts and Zoom Meetings of Interest

San Diego Jewish Genealogical Society

The JDC Archives: New Materials for Jewish Genealogists by Linda G. Levi

Date: March 14th Time: 1-3 pm (Pacific time)

This presentation will include sample documents and photos of interest to Jewish genealogists and will highlight newly indexed and digitized records. Participants will learn how the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee Archives are organized, view examples of genealogical records, and discover how to conduct research in its repositories.

To register go to the San Diego Jewish Genealogical Society website. <http://www.sdjgs.org>

Brama Talks

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Please register through the following link: <https://tiny.pl/r4x1j>

Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes (Presentations: 1 hour; Q&A: 15 minutes)

03:00 PM New York

The liquidation of the Lublin ghetto began on March 16, 1942. To commemorate this tragic event, this month's Brama Talks will be dedicated to the subject of the Lublin ghettos. Main guest will be Krzysztof Banach, who will speak on the history and topography of the Lublin ghettos. Krzysztof will be followed by Agata Radkowska-Parka who will share some of the ways Brama Grodzka has preserved the memory of the Lublin ghettos.

The ghetto in the Podzamcze (Podzamcze means "under the castle" in Polish) quarter in Lublin was created in March 1941. The boundaries of the ghetto covered the area of the former Jewish town, which had existed in Lublin for several centuries. All Jews in Lublin were forced to move into this area. After almost a year, on the night of March 16th/17th, 1942, the German occupying forces began removing Jews from the Podzamcze ghetto and deporting them to Bełżec death camp. By mid-April 1942, more than 28,000 Jewish women, children, and men had been sent to Bełżec death camp. After the Podzamcze ghetto had been brutally emptied, a residual ghetto was established in the Majdan Tatarski district situated on the southeastern outskirts of the city. This ghetto lasted until its final liquidation on November 9th, 1942.

Please note the event will be broadcast live on our YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vS9u8mia__c

We would also like to invite you to the online ceremony of *The Mystery of Light and Darkness. Commemoration of the Liquidation of Lublin's Podzamcze Ghetto* which takes place on March 16th. All details can be found here: (English text below Polish):

<http://teatrnn.pl/kalendarium/wydarzenia/misterium-swiatla-i-ciemnosci-upamietnienie-likwidacji-lubelskiego-getta-na-podzamczu/>

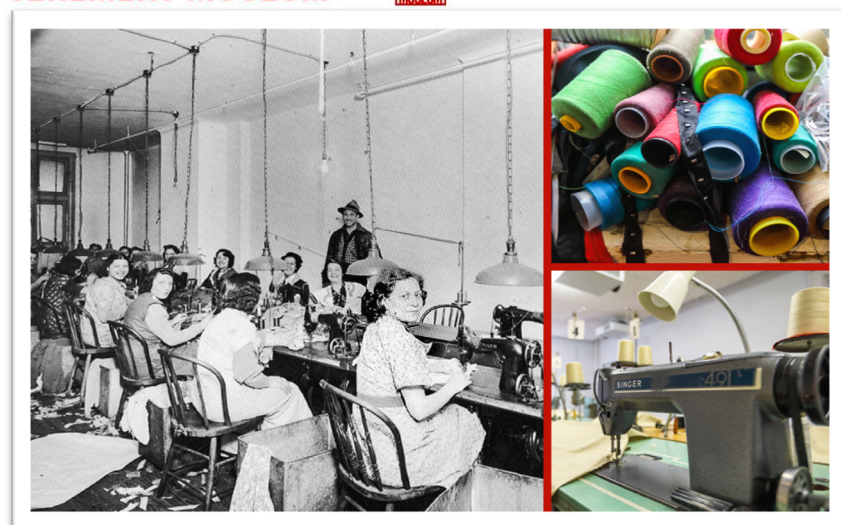
The Chicago Jewish Genealogical Society has a calendar of events:

<https://www.jgsi.org/Events-calendar> You will need to register on their website.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois Mindie Kaplan to share tips on researching common names on March 21, 2021. <https://jgsi.org/event-3988684>

EXPERIENCE THE TENEMENT MUSEUM

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Tenement Museum Virtual Tour-Piecing It Together: Tenements, Factories & Unions

When: Thursday, March 25, 2021, 7:00 - 8:00 pm ET

Event Location: YouTube Live

Cost: Suggested Donation

On the 110th anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire, join us on March 25 at 7:00pm ET for a virtual program exploring the tragedy's lasting impact, and the women who worked in New York's garment industry and how they affected change. How does work shape who we are and how do we shape where we work? This tour looks at two families, the Rogarshevskys and the Wongs, who earned a living in the garment industry in the 20th Century. The Rogarshevsky teenagers worked in factories during the height of the workers' rights movement in the 1910s, and Mrs. Wong was one of thousands of Chinese immigrant women who supported their families making clothes in the 1970s and 80s. How did they enter the industry? What role did garment work and labor unions play in their lives, and what lessons can we learn from their stories?

Please note: This program will only be available on YouTube 24 hours after it airs.

While this program is free, you can donate to support future programming from the Tenement Museum [here](#).

When: March 25, 2021, 7:00 – 8:00 pm ET

Where: <https://youtu.be/o3JDzNdilWY>

The Center for Jewish History is holding a free virtual Genealogy Coffee Break webinar at 2:30 p.m. Central Time every Tuesday on Facebook Live. If you are on Facebook, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/centerforjewishhistory/501317183869918>

Family Affairs: Writing Parents' Stories (The Center for Jewish History)

Featuring Bernice Lerner and Susan Jacobowitz

Wednesday, April 7 at 4 pm ET



In the fourth program of the series, Bernice Lerner, author of *All the Horrors of War: A Jewish Girl, a British Doctor and the Liberation of Bergen-Belsen* (Johns Hopkins, 2020) and Susan Jacobowitz, author of the manuscript *Far from Childhood: A Holocaust Memoir*, discuss with Natalia Aleksion their parents' interrupted childhoods during the Holocaust in the Carpathian Mountains. The authors will reflect on their work uncovering the life trajectories of Rachel Genuth and Henryk Jakobowicz and the link between their own familiarity with and distance from the stories. They will share insights about the role of their own scholarship and writing about intimate tales of suffering, rupture, continuity, and courage.

Ticket Info: Pay what you wish; registration required at </tickets/family-affairs-2021-04-07> to receive a link to the Zoom webinar

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston offers numerous monthly programs and previously recorded lectures. <https://www.jsgsb.org/event>

ConferenceKeeper.org has many events, conferences, and podcasts, listed for the month. Sign up for their weekly e-mails. ConferenceKeeper.org has compiled a list of virtual genealogy webinars at <https://tinyurl.com/ycsesnbc>

JewishGen.org/live! Has many recorded lectures and continuously adds new programs to their site.

MyHeritage 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](#).

IGRA, the Israel Genealogy Research Association, is holding free webinars mostly in English about Jewish genealogy research resources. Scroll down their calendar of events to register for coming webinars: <https://genealogy.org.il/calendar/>

"Resources for Sephardic Jewish Research: An Introduction" by Schelly Talalay Dardashti can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywoXcY2YRis&feature=youtu.be>

Legacy Family Tree Webinars General research <https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet offers a list of both general and locality/topic specific podcasts. Some popular genealogy podcasts include:

---The Family Tree Magazine Podcast: <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/genealogy-podcast/>

---Extreme Genes: <https://extremegenes.com/>

---The Genealogy Guys: <http://www.genealogyguys.com/>

---Genealogy Gems: <https://lialouisecooke.com/podcasts/>

---Genealogy Happy Hour: <https://genealogyhappyhour.com/podcasts/>

---Genealogy Gold Podcast: <https://ancestralfindings.com/genealogygold/>

---Generations Café: <https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/generations-cafe>

---The Research Like A Pro Genealogy Podcast: <https://familyloket.com/the-research-like-a-pro-genealogy-podcast/>

---Research at the National Archives and Beyond!: <https://www.blogtalkradio.com/bernicebennett>

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Three Gathering Days with scheduled presentations.
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John Grenham



Pat Richley-Erikson

Plus another 48!

Visit www.NERGC.org for details on the presentations and registration.

Other sources recommending podcasts include Jewish genealogical societies or Jewish-genealogy specific websites such as Tracing the Tribe, which may list their podcast recommendations on Facebook, or mention them in their blog postings or on their websites.

To find online links to other Jewish genealogical societies, check out the list from the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies at: <https://www.iajgs.org/membership/member-societies/>



**41st IAJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON JEWISH GENEALOGY**



from the past into the future



2 - 5 August 2021 Philadelphia, PA iajgs2021.org

Online registration has begun. More information can be found on the IAJGS website.

<https://s4.goeshow.com/iajgs/annual/2021/index.cfm>

Early Bird Registration will continue being offered until May 31, 2021. In addition, no cancellation penalties will be charged at all. However, after July 1, 2021, which is just one month before the start of the Conference, there will be no refunds of any kind. The IAJGS Board and the 41st Annual Conference Committee will continue to monitor the health guidelines offered by the CDC to protect all, and we continue to appreciate your patience as we make the best determinations for this conference.

Chronicles

Winter Chronicles has been mailed. Keep those research articles coming!!
March 14th deadline for submission for the spring issue.

Membership Dues

Our fiscal year runs from January 1st - December 31st, 2021. Our 2021 membership form is on our website. \$10 extra for printed Chronicles. Only active members will have access to our new members only portal on our website, receive Newsletters and emailed Chronicles. All meetings are for paid members only. Please do not share the Zoom links. Our fabulous meetings are a member benefit! Tell your friends about us and send them to our website to join!

Volunteers

Working on the **Philadelphia Resource Guide 2021** continues. Thank you to everyone who is helping us with this project! We couldn't do it without you! Our plan is to have a newly revised 2021 Resource Guide for the City of Philadelphia ready for the IAJGS Conference 2021! Let me know if you have Word experience and want to help! The previous guide from 2009 is currently on our website for you to use. It has a lot of information and is worth checking out! Remember though, the information may be out of date!

In the News

Information for obtaining pre-adoption birth certificates. https://www.health.ny.gov/vital_records/pre-adoption.htm?fbclid=IwARoVvRarUonIgtysa5lyRwr7OjWRxFOZrKpAIKEtQOuLCPvoTW7Ae099ps

Friends of Har Nebo and Other Jewish Cemeteries Pilot Program

Join us on Friday March 12 @ 1 PM to learn more about this initiative.

Whether you're a Har Nebo descendant or community member we welcome your participation.

Currently, Har Nebo has many fallen stones and damage due to age, weather, maintenance, and neglect issues.

Learn how we can join forces to turn the tide on this despair that impacts past, current, and future generations.

Contact Rich Blumberg (rich.blumberg@comcast.net) for the Zoom invitation.

Visit the new Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia landing page -

<https://jewishphilly.org/get-involved/volunteer/cemeteryrestoration/>

Feel free to share items of relevance on our **Facebook page**. Meetings, articles, books, etc. about genealogy are always appreciated by our members. Looking for a specific family name, a missing record or need to have a question... post that too. Want to share a special 'find'. Tell us about it on Facebook!

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.



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.