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We all have stories
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JEWISH GENEALOGICAL AND ARCHIVAL SOCIETY OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

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Hi Everyone,

David Brill spoke about Getting the Most from Revision Lists - A Regional Approach. We had 89 attendees and we all learned a lot. One thing I found very interesting was the vocabulary used on the records for sosloviye (social/economic state). Were my family meshcanini (towns people), tsekhovye (skilled workers/artisans), zemledets (farmers), or kupechestvo (merchants)?

David said they are currently not available for every town, but revision list databases online are constantly growing into searchable databases. If I could only find the searchable databases for my family! I'll keep looking. Hopefully, one day I will! David's thorough explanation of those lists were very helpful and encouraging.

You may also want to check out Lara Diamond's [Jewnealogy](#). She talks about finding information on Revision Lists and Russian records weekly. Her blog from March 21st is apropos. Read Linda's full review of David's lecture which will be in the Spring Chronicles. We tried something new for this meeting. We used a password in the meeting link and turned on the waiting room at 1:30. We kept everyone muted and limited CHAT to the host only during the meeting. We continued our use of closed captioning. Felicia and I both have hosting privileges now, so we didn't interfere with signing into the meeting and getting kicked out. Feedback is always appreciated and so were the tips offered.

Beginner's Corner and Research Tips

See [Getting Started with Jewish Genealogy](#) under the Publications tab on our new website for a comprehensive beginner's research guide.

When researching we always come across vocabulary that we are not familiar with. For a listing of Russian words, we can go to the rtrfoundation.org website. When researching in the UK we can go to GENUKI.org.uk.

GENUKI.org is the largest free genealogical website "virtual reference library" for research in the UK and Ireland. Locations included are England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, the Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands.

Some of the area you can research are cemeteries, censuses, Jewish history, Jewish Records, land and property, and maps. This is a free site, and you may be redirected to other websites. While searching for Sheffield, Yorkshire, West Riding, I found the map of the town, a listing of the synagogues that do or did exist, and photographs. I had the option

to choose from the following links on a map to see it with a different view:

[OpenStreetMap](#)

[Google Maps](#)

[StreetMap](#) (Current Ordnance Survey maps)

[Bing](#) (was [Multimap](#))

[OldMaps](#) (Old Ordnance Survey maps.)

[Old Maps Online](#) (Other old maps.)

[National Library of Scotland](#) (Old Ordnance Survey maps)

[Vision of Britain](#) (Click "Historical units & statistics" for administrative areas.)

[Magic](#) (Geographic information) (Click + on map if it doesn't show)

[GeoHack](#) (Links to on-line maps and location specific services.)

There is a wealth of free information here if you are researching your ancestors from the UK and Ireland.!

From the President's Desk

With spring finally here and Pesach beginning in less than a week, I am reminded of the historical significance of this time of year to families impacted by the liberation of the Nazi camps in the spring of 1945. This timeline and the attached links show why:

April 4, 1945: US forces liberated [Ohrdruf](#), a subcamp of [Buchenwald](#)

April 11, 1945: US forces liberated [Buchenwald](#) and [Dora-Dora-Mittelbau](#)

April 12, 1945: Canadian forces liberated [Westerbork](#)

April 15, 1945: British forces liberated [Bergen-Belsen](#)

April 22, 1945: Units of the First and 47th Polish Armies, operating under overall Soviet command, liberated [Sachsenhausen](#)

April 23, 1945: US forces liberated [Flossenbürg](#)

April 29, 1945: Soviet forces liberated [Ravensbrück](#); US forces liberated [Dachau](#)

May 4, 1945: British forces liberated [Neuengamme](#)

May 6, 1945: US forces liberated [Mauthausen](#)

On May 8, 1945, Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender became official.

<https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/liberation-an-overview>.

Thousands of the liberated Jews subsequently died as their physical conditions were too ravaged by starvation and disease. However, of those who survived, many went from slave labor camps to displaced persons camps and eventually made their way to America and to Philadelphia. Though their journeys from the camps to our city were arduous, their stories of the war years were often untold until it was too late. Now the next generation(s) are researching the history of their survivors.

I am very interested in documenting the current roles of the children (2G) and grandchildren (3G) of survivors. If you have parents or grandparents who were liberated from a concentration/slave labor camp, please email me at jgasgp.president@gmail.com. Since my father was a 9th Armored Division soldier and liberator, this project is very special to me.

Felicia Mode Alexander

New Website Update

Over 130 members have registered for our new jgasgp.org website!

If you need help contact Jim, webmaster@jgasgp.org

Send your personal photos to Jim to be included in a future slideshow! If you haven't seen the slideshow yet, check it out!

Future JGASGP Zoom Meeting

Please respond to our survey prior to March 26th.

This will enable us to set up the ASK THE EXPERTS on May 2nd.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6JKSQNF>

Date: Sunday, April 11, 2021

Time: 1:00 - 1:30 pm EDT check in, chat, and schmooze.

Official program starts promptly at 1:30 pm EDT

Guest Speaker: Ellen Kowitt



Ellen Kowitt is Director of JewishGen's United States Research Division and National Vice Chair of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Jewish Task Force. She is past president of JGS Colorado and JGS Greater Washington DC and has served on the IAJGS board of directors. Ellen publishes articles in *Avotaynu* and *Family Tree Magazine*, and she's a member of the Colorado Association of Professional Genealogists. For information, www.EllenKowitt.com.

Topic: Comparing Jewish Resources on the Genealogy Giants

Enjoy this comparative overview of Jewish record collections and research tools found on the global powerhouse websites referred to as "Genealogy Giants." Covering Ancestry, FamilySearch, Findmypast, and MyHeritage, this lecture includes many substantive record examples. Learn how each site can be helpful for documenting Jewish families and get tips on each site's best features or challenges. Current JewishGen partnerships with Ancestry and MyHeritage will be featured.

Webinars, Podcasts and Zoom Meetings of Interest

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

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](#).

Time: Thursday, March 25, 2021, 7:00 – 8:00 pm ET

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

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?

Jarrett Ross on genealogy. We enjoyed his talk a few months ago!

Time: **March 25, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

Join us as **Jarrett Ross** speaks about genealogical research related to Norma, Alliance, and Brotmanville, New Jersey, and providing tips for research. Sponsored by the Alliance Heritage Center at Stockton University. *Jarrett Ross began researching his own family history in 2009 while finishing his undergraduate degree. Since then, he has built his own personal tree with over 7000 people, successfully connected with thousands of relatives all over the World and has helped build hundreds of trees for people of varying ancestral backgrounds. Jarrett has found a specialty in Genetic Genealogy and Sephardic Jewish research, with an emphasis on the Dutch Sephardim. He also specializes in Jewish Agricultural Societies of Southern New Jersey, Ashkenazi Jews, Jews in America, and Jews in the UK. Jarrett writes a blog called "Sephardic Genealogy," which focuses on his Sephardic genealogy research. He also has a vlog called "GeneaVlogger" where Jarrett talks about his research, gives genealogy tips, interviews other genealogists, and shows different aspects of working in genealogy. Jarrett currently works as Lead Forensic Genealogist at DNA Labs International, is a volunteer curator on Geni.com, is a Board Member of the Alliance Colony Foundation, serves as the Vice President of the Triangle Jewish Genealogical Society, and serves as chair on the Board of Directors for the IAJGS.* The program will last approximately 50 minutes with time afterward for questions and answers. Please register at the link below; you will be provided with instructions for joining the program at the appropriate date and time.

The Chicago Jewish Genealogical Society has a calendar of events:

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

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>

Go to the CJH website to see all their exciting programs for the next month.

<https://mailchi.mp/9f8392c1b2b6/stan-lee-a-life-in-comics-10901390?e=a6ea52f224>

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

[ConferenceKeeper.org](https://www.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/ycesnbc>

[JewishGen.org/live!](https://www.jewishgen.org/live/) Has many recorded lectures and continuously adds new programs to their site.

[MyHeritage.com](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](https://www.facebook.com/myheritage). Many of the webinars are available for free viewing on the [MyHeritage Knowledge Base](https://www.myheritage.com/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/>

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>

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/>



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

Keep those research articles coming!! We are working on the Spring edition. Contact editor@jgasgp.org for any help.

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

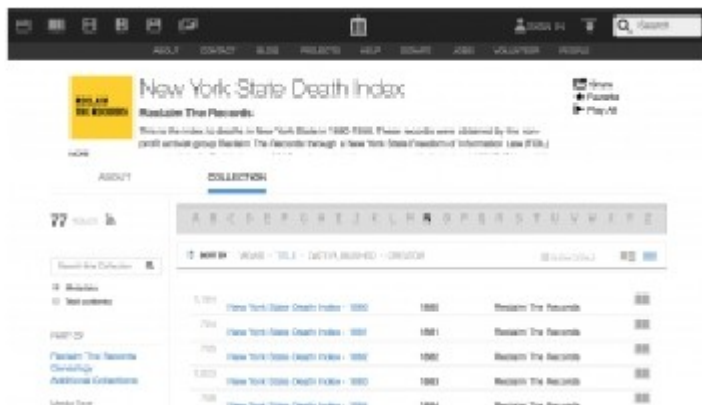
Working on the Philadelphia Resource Guide 2021 continues. Thank you to everyone who is helping us with this project! We couldn't do it without you! Our plan is to have a newly revised 2021 Resource Guide for the City of Philadelphia ready for the IAJGS Conference 2021! Let me know if you have Word experience 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, some of the information may be out of date!

In the News

The information below is from the latest Reclaim the Records newsletter. www.ReclaimTheRecords.org

Index to New York State Deaths (Outside of New York City), 1880-1956

IT TOOK US SEVENTEEN MONTHS OF FIGHTING WITH THE GOVERNMENT JUST TO GET A LIST OF THE NAMES OF DEAD PEOPLE.



THE NEW YORK STATE DEATH INDEX IS NOW ONLINE!

You can now view all the scanned images of the New York State Death Index, from **1880-1956**, online for free at the Internet Archive.

Please note that this index does not include deaths in New York City (with a few rare exceptions) and does not include deaths in Albany, Buffalo, or Yonkers until 1915.

OUR LEGAL FIGHT TO OPEN 1.6 MILLION NYC DEATH CERTIFICATES MOVES FORWARD

Lodz Cemetery Burial Archive Records to Be Digitized This Year

Jewish Heritage Europe reports that the burial archive of the vast Jewish cemetery in Lodz will be digitized this year, with the details from the burial cards of more than 65,000 individuals uploaded and made available online. The collection is owned by the Jewish community in Lodz, and the project is being undertaken thanks to the cooperation between the Jewish Community, the State Archives in Lodz, and the Cultural Heritage Foundation. The delivery of the cards to the archive and the ceremonial signing of the contract between the three bodies took place on March 17th at the headquarters of the archive.

Additional information is at <https://jewish-heritage-europe.eu/2021/03/17/poland-lodz/>.

Friends of Har Nebo and Other Jewish Cemeteries Pilot Program

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)

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.



Happy and Healthy Passover to everyone!



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