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JEWISH GENEALOGICAL AND ARCHIVAL SOCIETY OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

4/15/2021

Hi Everyone,

Ellen Kowitt's lecture **Comparing Jewish Resources on the Genealogy Giants** was attended by 98 members. She provided us with a terrific and comprehensive overview of the "Genealogy Giants." She discussed Ancestry, FamilySearch, Findmypast, and MyHeritage, as well as JewishGen's relationship with them. Every site has similarities, and every site has differences. My take a way is that you need to research on every site available to you and revisit those sites as they update available records. Some sites are free, some are not. Sometimes you just must pay to get more access!

I sent everyone the link to her talk because she gave us many tips and was inspiring to new and seasoned researchers as well! The handout is also located in the member's only section of our website. For information, www.EllenKowitt.com. Ellen is giving another talk about using detective skills, The Case of the Missing Ancestors. See below under Webinars, Podcasts and Zoom Meetings of Interest. The more you listen, the more you learn.

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 guide.

Life in the times of the Covid Quarantine. What will we remember? I want to reflect on how fortunate we are to have technology and communication freely available to us. I've attended many fabulous webinars. In the last Newsletter I talked about GENUKI.org.uk. I'm still amazed at the paths that the Florida State Genealogy webinar I attended has taken me on! Won't say too much here, but my tree has a new branch and continues to GROW! I'm writing an article for *Chronicles*!

Ellen's talk about the Genealogy Giants inspired me to go back and re-visit the sites with some different keyword searches. I may have missed out on finding records by only searching "Jewish".

New Website Update

Over 180 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!

From the President's Desk

From the President's Desk- A return to the story of Miša Grünwald

Last month, I shared information about what researchers may find online about the Nazi concentration and slave labor camps. This information was from the USHMM website. The US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC has one of the world's most extensive repositories of artifacts, photos, letters, artwork, journals, and historical documentation of those caught up in this horrific event.

I have been part of the USHMM Museum Teacher Fellowship (MTF). Through this program, we were taught by world renowned scholars to become highly qualified Holocaust educators. What I learned from the MTF and the USHMM itself, will always be important to me, and I am grateful for the training which prepared me to teach the Holocaust.

April 1945 was the month of liberation of most of the slave labor and concentration camps; Auschwitz was liberated earlier by the Soviets in January of that year. Since then, April is the month of Yom HaShoah and most Holocaust remembrance activities around the world. In keeping with the importance of this month in Jewish history, I would like to provide our members with an update on a special Holocaust survivor some of you will remember: Miša Grünwald, aka Frank.

Two teachers from a high school in Fleetwood, PA had met Miša and heard his testimony. This experience changed their lives and their students' lives as well. They returned to their school after meeting him and decided to work on a project to share Frank's remarkable story of surviving Auschwitz as a young boy. With the support of their school district, their goal was to produce a documentary film with their students being actively engaged in the entire film-making process. JGASGP heard about this in the development stage because both of the teachers were also part of the MTF program and friends of mine. They presented a very convincing "pitch" and our society became sponsors of "Miša's Fugue" and we are actually in the credits at the end.

In 2012, the film premiered at a theatre in Reading and we eventually hosted a screening for our members. There was not a dry eye in the house then, and if you watch this film on Amazon now, you will find Frank's story deeply touching. After the film was released, it won many awards and even received Mid-Atlantic Emmy nominations. The students who wrote the script, designed the graphics, played the score, interviewed Frank, etc. were transformed by this experience. It was a brilliant way to engage young people in learning about the Holocaust. I am so happy our society had a small hand in this project coming to fruition.

Today, Frank is doing well. He is now 88 and has stayed clear of the Covid-19. His mother's letter, seen below and with her two sons, was featured poignantly in the film, and is now part of the Permanent Exhibition at the USHMM.



Watch a Trailer of Miša's Fugue here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qc7hc3MQ1uQ>

Watch Miša's Fugue in its entirety on Amazon free of charge (with commercials):

<https://www.amazon.com/Misas-Fugue-Frank-Grunwald/dp/B00PEJ18OE>

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/misasfugue>

Wiki Page: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Misa%27s_Fugue#Release

Registrations are now open for Liberation75, the free-of-charge virtual conference in honor of the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the camps. This 5 day event will include Discussions, Keynotes, Breakout Sessions, Performances, Exhibits, Tours and Films! The speaker list is incredible. Liberation75 will be from May 4-9, 2021. It is free to attend but registration is required. Here's the link: www.liberation75.org

Felicia Mode Alexander

Future JGASGP Zoom Meeting

Date: Sunday, May 2, 2021

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

Official program starts promptly at 1:30 pm EDT

Breakout rooms will open after the short general meeting approx. 1:45

ASK THE EXPERTS: Breakout Rooms featuring the geographical location you are researching.

Everyone who has responded to our Ask the Experts survey has been placed in a Breakout Room. We narrowed the rooms down to the most popular research locations within our membership: Philadelphia, Ukraine, Poland/Galicia, Belarus, Lithuania, and Germany. The survey is now closed.

This meeting will focus on your questions with the expert in your area. There will not be any lectures. You will automatically be placed into the room that you've been pre-assigned. Look for it next week.

Webinars, Podcasts and Zoom Meetings of Interest

Jewish Genealogical Society of Oregon invites you to a virtual presentation:

Date: April 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Topic: Finding Jewish Records in the New MyHeritage Search Engine

Presenter: Daniel Horowitz of MyHeritage.

The MyHeritage search engine is delighting family history fans worldwide. Learn how this search engine works and how it can benefit your Jewish research. It covers billions of records and important repositories and databases in a single search to help you find the resources you need.

Daniel Horowitz is the Genealogy Expert at MyHeritage, providing key contributions by liaising with genealogical societies, bloggers, and media, as well as lecturing and attending conferences around the world. Dedicated to genealogy since 1986, he was the teacher and the study guide editor of the family history project "Searching for My Roots" in Venezuela for 15 years. Daniel is involved in several crowdsource digitization and transcription projects and holds a board-level position at the Israel Genealogy Research Association.

Please register for this Zoom meeting in advance. [Copy and paste]:

<https://myheritage.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZovcu6vqjlqHdV4Pb9CaxueRgYcSRX78fzD>

Posted by Linda Kelley on JewishGen listserv

Minnesota JGS

Speaker Ken Bravo: "You've done your DNA, now what?" Who are these cousins you keep hearing about? And how are they related to you?

Sunday, April 18, 2021 1:00 PM-2:30 PM CDT

<https://www.mnigs.org/events/mnigs-event-youve-done-your-dna-now-what>

Zoom link will be provided after RSVP

Many of us have sent our DNA for analysis, curious about what we might find. We receive an ethnicity estimate and a long list of matches ranging from 2nd cousins to more distant ones. Sometimes we are contacted by people on the list of matches who are trying to decipher the relationship. Who are these people? And how do we make sense of their relationship to us?

Ken Bravo will help you create a strategy for reviewing and prioritizing that list. Bravo's presentation will cover his process, developed over many years, of working with genealogy and DNA matches. He demonstrates how he separates relatives due to endogamy from "real" relatives. He works with family trees and looks for linkages in the matches, often looking for common surnames. He will explain how people who have tested with multiple DNA providers can get different ethnicity results. Using examples from his own large Lithuanian family, he will demonstrate how he has identified

new branches of his family tree through DNA analysis. He will also explain the Gedmatch tool and share examples to illustrate how he has used it to further his family research.

Ken Bravo is President of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) and Past President of the JGS Cleveland. and is a frequent lecturer on a variety of genealogy subjects. He has been searching his own roots since the mid-1970s and, in more recent years, has added the families of the spouses of his four children to his research. He is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and has his own business, The Nuts & Bolts of Jewish Genealogy, to assist others in researching their family histories.

Members are free, a \$5 donation is requested of nonmembers.

The Case of the Missing Ancestors: Genealogy Tips from Nancy Drew

Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. MDT (8:30-10 EDT)

Carbon Valley Regional Library Firestone, CO

Virtual Event URL: <https://mylibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=77532>

This entertaining program showcases genealogy resources found in the text of the classic Nancy Drew series and journeys through contemporary online records, photographs, maps, archival collections, cemeteries, and newspapers. This adventure around the world explores old and new tools of the trade including tackling foreign languages and finding clues and records in non-traditional places!

Guest Speaker: Genealogist, Ellen Kowitt has been published in *Family Tree Magazine*. She is a volunteer Director of JewishGen's United States Research Division and National Vice Chair of the DAR Lineage Committee Jewish Task Force. Currently, Ellen is participating in the ProGen 46 study group cohort and was recipient of the Utah Genealogical Association Jimmy B. Parker Scholarship for 2021.

This online program is free and open to the public.

Please register for The Case of the Missing Ancestors: Genealogy Tips from Nancy Drew on Apr 22, 2021 6:30 PM MDT at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4558879086542936336>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

More Info

[The Case of the Missing Ancestors: Genealogy Tips from Nancy Drew](#)

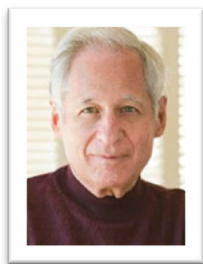
The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston offers numerous monthly programs and previously recorded lectures. <https://www.jgsgb.org/event>

Date: April 25, 2021 1:30 PM EST

Guest Speaker: Stephen Morse

Topic: Two Lectures:

Finding Presidents' (and Your) Ancestors in the Strangest Places & Getting Ready for the 1950 Census



Finding Presidents' (and Your) Ancestors in the Strangest Places

You might think that U.S. presidents are a breed apart from your ancestors, but they are not. They also arrived on ships and came face-to-face with the census taker. This talk will show you how to search for presidential records, and, in the process, it will teach you how to search for your ancestors' records. There are similar problems with both searches, including misspell-

ings and incorrect dates, and we'll learn how these problems can be tackled.

Download handout

Getting Ready for the 1950 Census: Searching with and without a Name Index

In April 2022, the 1950 census will be released! It will not have a name index, so finding people in the census will involve searching by location instead, meaning finding and using the Enumeration Districts (EDs) of the census, so the location needs to be converted to an ED before the census can be accessed. The One-Step website contains numerous tools for obtaining EDs. This talk will present the various tools and show how to use each one.

Download handout

Steve Morse, creator of the “One-Step” web pages, has been a mainstay of genealogy research, inventing many tools that ease research work for both the novice and the experienced genealogist. He managed to get Ellisland.org to use his approach to ease research on that site and has developed special tools that help handle data as each new U.S. census has been released. For details on his enormous number of research aides, see his website at stevemorse.org.

Non-members

[Click here](#) to pay \$5 to receive the Zoom link.

The Chicago Jewish Genealogical Society

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

Genealogist Deborah Long to speak on Holocaust research on April 25, 2021, webinar:

Deborah H. Long, founder of the Triangle Jewish Genealogical Society in Durham/Chapel Hill, N.C., will speak on “Three Guides, Four Countries: A Daughter of Holocaust Survivors Travels to Their Ancestral Villages” during the Sunday, April 25, 2021, Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois virtual meeting. Her live streaming presentation, which will begin at 2 p.m. CST, will be preceded at 1 p.m. by a separate members-only genealogy question-and-answer discussion time. Registration/RSVP information will become available in the weeks prior to the meeting. This webinar will be recorded so that JGSI’s paid members who are unable to view it live will be able to view the recording later. For more information, see <https://jgsi.org/event-3988685> or phone 312-666-0100.

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://www.cjh.org/>

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.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](#).

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>

Podcast: The US National Archive "On The Record" <https://conferencekeeper.org/genealogy-podcasts/>

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/>

IAJGS Conference 2021



News from IAJGS Conference Committee:

The Virtual Conference will be held Sunday through Thursday, August 1-5, 2021. The details are being worked out. **We hope to reopen Early Bird Registration in about 2 weeks.** Stay tuned and start getting excited for all the virtual upgrades that the Committee has planned for this summer.
<https://s4.goeshow.com/iajgs/annual/2021/index.cfm>

Chronicles

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

Contributions

We would like to thank the following members who made a generous donation. We appreciate your kindness and generosity.

The following made donations to JGASGP during the first quarter:

- 1) Charles and Lynn Alexander
- 2) Sylva Baker
- 3) Sara Brower
- 4) Ron Drucker
- 5) Allan Endy
- 6) Gordon Fink
- 7) JGS of Maryland
- 8) JGS of Washington State
- 9) Dan Rottenberg
- 10) Leslie Morris Smith
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The following made contributions to the IAJGS Conference in the first quarter:

- 1) Edward Flax
- 2) Philip Freidenreich
- 3) Andrew Lewis
- 4) JGS of Maryland
- 5) Ira Siegal
- 6) Philip Steel
- 7) Carol Strickland

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. 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

Thanks to member Rosemarie Coyle for asking Joel permission to share his 1950's handout!

Joel Weintraub 1950 Census Talks on YouTube

Joel D. Weintraub, PhD

Joel has put on his YouTube channel, "JDW Talks", a number of videos that should complement and enhance the 1950 tools and information that is on the One-Step U.S. Census section. Another video on how the One-Step Census Tools started in 2002 should be of interest to users of the utilities. Videos run from about 10 1/2 minutes to over 54 minutes. JDW Talks also has many other census and Ellis Island talks for researchers.

The 1950 U.S. Census For Genealogists

1950 Census Location Search Tools

Demonstrating 1950 Census Urban and Rural Location Searches

Twenty Questions About The 1950 Census & The One-Step Locational Search Tools

Resources For U.S. Street Name & Number Changes With An Emphasis On The 1950 U.S. Census

Training 1950 Census Takers: More Resources Including A Real Training Session

1950 Census Block Housing Information: Large Urban Areas

Missing From 1950 Census Schedules - Americans Living Abroad

The Origins of the Morse One-Step Census Tools

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.

Harold Yaskin, Esq., on April 1, 2021. Brother of Tamara (late Sid) Axelman and the late Mary (late Irwin) Balefsky. Uncle of Lee (Kathy) Balefsky, Esq., Sharon (Chip) Eisenberg, Micole Rubinson, Brett Rubinson and Gregory Rubinson. Mr. Yaskin was an attorney for the Defender Association of Philadelphia for 51 years. Graveside services were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Harold was the cousin of JGASGP member Joanne Grossman.

Our member Chuck Weinstein lost his father this week. It is with profound sadness I share with you the death of my father, LeRoy Weinstein, Yehuda Leib ben Shmuel and Tzippi. A veteran of World War II, he was 93. My father was a wonderful man who left behind two sons, 5 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. We mourn his passing, but we remember his strength. Contributions to the National Kidney Foundation are appreciated.



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