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CHRONICLES, Our quarterly award-winning journal:

Please submit articles to our Chronicles editor, Evan Fishman,

editor@jgasgp.org

We all have stories to tell! Deadline for the next issue of Chronicles is June 20th.

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



JEWISH GENEALOGICAL AND ARCHIVAL SOCIETY

OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

6/13/2021 Hi Everyone,

Today's guest speaker was **Phil Goldfarb,** Founder and President, Jewish Genealogical Society of Tulsa. His topic was How to Utilize the JewishGen Discussion Group Effectively. It was informative and very interesting. I have been using the discussion group to advertise our meetings and learn about other society events and meetings. I have read about records being translated. I have posted questions. We learned that 19,600 members from around the world are registered on the site. Over 15,000 messages have been posted. The **archives** include messages from 1998.

Time to get back to my research! Any questions about registration on the site contact support@JewishGen.org. Want to ask Phil a question, Phil.goldfarb@cox.net. If you missed the meeting and want to learn how to ask and answer questions or search for help in a variety of topics related to your research, and stay up to date with announcements, this is the place for you!

Below is the link to recording of the meeting:

https://uso2web.zoom.us/rec/share/VfM4LqbKFxaQI3s64GwwvkWqud-JkheyAIJoQOvJLkc4FWhj5j7pSogTMJX49kNz.BVQfLBmyKNEyJoUC Passcode: YjggU@M8

Here is a recent post (for example) for you to check out. See <u>In the News</u> below for a FamilySearch announcement from the daily digest on June 9th. **Update on Galician Records Available from JRI-Poland**

#poland

Mark Halpern

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Dear Fellow Galitzianers:

A few days ago, JRI-Poland Executive Director Stanley Diamond posted a message notifying Galician researchers that JRI-Poland had extracts and extended indices not yet online for approximately 50 towns – some now in Poland and some now in Ukraine.

As anticipated, we have received a flood of inquiries over the last few days. If you have not yet received a response, please be patient as our volunteers work their way through all the emails, some with exhaustive questions.

To those who may have missed the original post, here are the towns with data not yet online:

Towns located in Poland: Biala Podlaska, Biecz, Bobowa, Bochnia, Jaroslaw, Klasno, Korczyna, Krakow, Muszyna, Nowy Sacz, Nowy Wisnicz, Podgorze, Pruchnik, Rzeszow, Sieniawa, Sokolow Malopolski, Stary Sacz, Tyczyn, Zolynia, and Lublin.

Towns now in Ukraine: Czortkow, Drohobycz, Gliniany, Grodek Jagiellonski, Halicz, Jagielnica, Jaryczow Nowy, Kamionka Strumilowa, Kolomyja, Kopyczynce, Lwow, Mikulince, Mosty Wielkie, Nadworna, Przemyslany, Rawa

Ruska, Sambor, Sokolowka, Solotwina, Stanislawow, Stary Sambor, Strusow, Stryj, Tarnopol, Tartakow, Trembowla, Uhnow, Zablotow, Zloczow.

For information on records of interest for your town, please write to [townname]@jri-poland.org And again, please be patient. We will surely respond.

Mark Halpern

JRI-Poland Galicia Coordinator

Beginner's Corner and Research Tips

Look for our <u>Getting Started with Jewish Genealogy</u> under the Publications tab on our website for a comprehensive beginner's guide.

As a Jewish Genealogist I am always looking to make connections. I am involved in collaborative endeavors to build my family tree. I continue to search through the internet for records and clues. I find deceased relatives and look for living ones to connect with. I've found many relatives through a variety of sources. Are you putting yourself out there to make as many connections as possible?

The US immigration and naturalization records are extremely important in our genealogical journey! Join us next time when Marion Smith illustrates how to use these records for Jewish immigrants. See **Future JGASGP Zoom Meeting** info. below.

How do I know when my genealogy research is complete? You're never really "done" researching your family history. There are always new people, stories, and records to add to your tree. Enjoy the process, and don't forget to *source everything! Sign up for the Family History Daily and receive a free comprehensive genealogy checklist. See the information below in Resource Suggestions. The more you read, listen, research, and collaborate with others, the more you learn. See the Genealogy Bank series information about citing sources below in resource suggestions.

Chronicles

The spring edition will be mailed out within the week of June 13th.

We are currently working on the summer edition. Contact Evan, editor@jgasgp.org for any questions. The deadline for submission is ASAP-no later than June 20th.

We now have posted all issues of Chronicles dating back to 1982 (Vol 1 # 1). It is indexed by author and chronological order. You can use the **Find** function of Adobe Reader to search for any character string in these indexes.

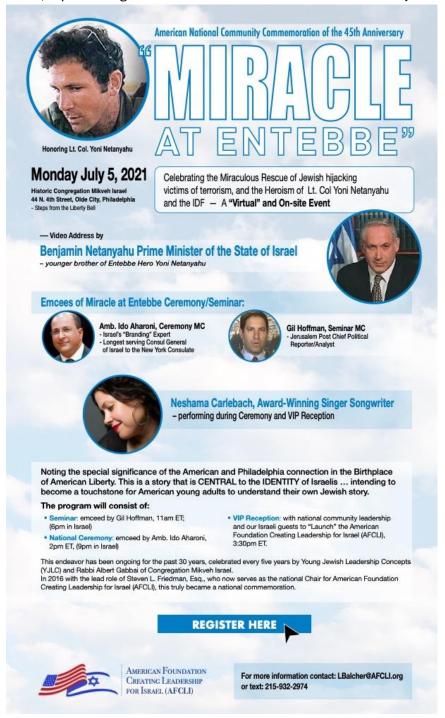
Contributions

We would like to thank all members who make generous donations over \$10.

Each quarter we will publish the names of those donations received. We appreciate your continued kindness and generosity.

From the President's Desk

The American Nation Community Commemoration of the 45th Anniversary of the Miracle at Entebbe will be held on July 5th at Congregation Mikveh Israel. This will be a virtual and on-site event. We are co-sponsors of this event. Mark Melmed (JGASGP member) compiled the Netanyahu Family History. Felicia Mode Alexander, our president, is presenting the book in honor of hero Lt. Col. Yoni Netanyahu



See the attachment to register. (This link is not clickable) An updated flyer will be sent out with our info. added.

Future JGASGP Zoom Meeting

- * Some meeting reminders:
- 1. Closed Captioning will be turned on during the meeting.
- 2. These meeting will be recorded for members who are unable to attend.
- 3. Please do not share the links. Our meetings are for members only and we appreciate your cooperation.
- 4. The chat function between members will be turned off during the presentation.
- 5. Please type your questions into the chat and they will be moderated during the Q and A. Please ask questions that are relevant to the presentation. E-mail personal questions to me at membership@jgasgp.org.
- 6. Sign in 1-1:30 to ask questions, tell us about your finds or brick walls. New members introduce themselves.

Date: Sunday, July 11, 2021

Time: 1:00 PM check in, chat, and schmooze (Optional)

Official program starts promptly at 1:30

Guest Speaker: Marian Smith, Retired Historian at INS

Marian Smith retired in 2018 after thirty years as an Historian for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), later US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). She now speaks to groups on US immigration and nationality records and leads the I&N Records Fortnightly study group.

Topic: Researching US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Records

Marian Smith presents an overview of three historical eras of US immigration and naturalization records, illustrated with documents of Jewish immigrants. Using a timeline tool (included in the handout), she demonstrates how plotting an immigrant's life events can identify what records may exist for that particular immigrant and where these records can be found.

Help Wanted

Someone to take meeting notes as a backup for Linda, our secretary. You will need to send your typed summary notes to Linda a few days after each meeting. Summaries are published in Chronicles. Please contact Linda if you can help. lbewall623@gmail.com

In the News

IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy



EARLY REGISTRATION EXTENDED TO JUNE 17TH!

Additional information and how to register: http://iaigs2021.org.

West Laurel Hill Cemetery to Open New Jewish Section

By Andy Gotlieb June 4, 2021



Renderings of Makom Shalom at West Laurel Hill Cemetery. Courtesy of West Laurel Hill Cemetery West Laurel Hill Cemetery opened a Jewish section in 2011 called Chesed Shel Emet, and it proved so successful that the Bala Cynwyd cemetery is breaking ground on a new Jewish section.

To be called Makom Shalom, A Place of Peace, the new section will feature space for 884 plots spread over about 2.5 acres of rolling hillside landscaped into three terraces, cemetery President and CEO Nancy Goldenberg said. The new section is slated to debut in June 2022; design work began in 2019.

"The design speaks to the need for a contemplative cemetery experience that knits Jewish tradition with the natural beauty and serenity of a very special place," she said.

West Laurel Hill, which was founded in 1869 and covers 187 acres, hired Boston-based Halvorson | Tighe & Bond Studio to design Makom Shalom, which will be north and adjacent to Chesed Shel Emet and its 1,780 plots.

"(Chesed Shel Emet) exceeded our expectations in terms of popularity. A third of the plots were sold within a couple years," Goldenberg said, noting that nearly all of those plots are now sold.

The cemetery also completed in 2017 a 385-plot section for members of Orthodox Lower Merion Synagogue. Bob Uhlig, the vice president of landscape architecture and urban design for Halvorson | Tighe & Bond, said the new section's design will incorporate Jewish elements of enclosure, separation, and intimacy, while tying into the neighborhood. Formal gates will incorporate washing stations.

Aside from existing mature trees on the site, plants that have significance to Judaism and Jewish history will be incorporated into the landscaping, including willow, myrtle, flowering almond and cedar of Lebanon, Uhlig said.

"We'll use species indigenous to Israel, but hardy enough to live in Philadelphia," he said.

"This will create a sense of place and tell a story in the living landscape of the connection between modern Jews and Jewish cultural and religious history," Arboretum Manager Aaron Greenberg said.

The sloping section presented both opportunities and problems to tackle, Uhlig said.

"With those slopes came some nice challenges," he said. "We creatively integrated the stormwater into the pathways." Goldenberg didn't rule out further expansion of either the Jewish or non-Jewish sections of West Laurel Hill, which is a private, nonprofit entity that also operates a funeral home.

"We're not running out of space," she said.

That's unlike several of the older, strictly Jewish cemeteries in the Philadelphia area. The Jewish Exponent has written several stories in recent years detailing the decline of cemeteries that have little remaining space and have limited numbers of new burials, resulting in poor financial conditions.

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The FamilySearch History Library in Salt Lake City announced a phased in reopening starting 6 July 2021. Initially, hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with plans to extend to additional days and hours soon.

FamilySearch family history centers and libraries will open based on the direction of their local ecclesiastical leaders and government guidelines. If you plan to visit a FamilySearch center soon, please call ahead to ensure it is open and its hours of operation. During the pandemic closure the library took advantage to make needed renovations to the facility. New features include state-of-the-art patron workstations with multiple monitors and adjustable height desks to accommodate sitting or standing preferences, enhanced workflow throughout, and nearly 40,000 books from new acquisition and long-term storage.

There are new free patron services with at research specialist that are listed on the new website: <a href="https://www.familysearch.org/family-history-library/welcome-to-the-family-hi

You can also sign up for free, online one on one virtual consultations with a research specialist at: https://www.familysearch.org/family-history-library/family-history-library-research-consultations

For those who are unable to come to Salt Lake City a staff member can retrieve a book from its shelves and help you find what you are seeking at: https://www.familysearch.org/family-history-library/family-history-library-records-look-up-service

To read more see:

https://media.familysearch.org/familysearch-family-history-library-reopening/





Alex Krakovsky announcement:

Good news is good news.

FamilySearch has finally resumed digitizing Ukrainian archives. It's been ten years since the project was suddenly interrupted by the awful Yanukovych government.

It kicked off with Poltava, Kyiv, Mykolayiv, Kropyvnytsky branches and soon will be scaled to most regional and central archives.

A blast of millions of records is going to hit the web soon for instant trouble-free access.

With a bunch of various other scanning projects Ukrainian archives joined the club of the most open and innovative in the world. Standing for open and free instant access from anywhere around the globe. The change is finally here.

Glory to Ukraine!

Alex Krakovsky has now reported that Family Search is now actively filming records in several archives throughout Ukraine, including archives he is not able to get to. These records will eventually be added to their online catalog. While this is great news it highlights the fact that we already have a large number of records that Alex has filmed and provided to us that need to be transcribed into Excel spreadsheets for inclusion in the JewishGen Ukraine database. These records are only of use to most researchers if they have been transcribed in English and added to the searchable database. If you can help translate these handwritten Cyrillic records or are interested in setting up a fund-raising project to hire translators for a town of interest, contact the Ukraine Research Division's Director of Data Acquisition Gary Pokrassa, at gpokrassa@jewishgen.org. He has a long list of places for which we have records now that are in need of transcription. Donations for translation projects through JewishGen are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Chuck Weinstein Towns Director, JewishGen Ukraine Research Division chuck1@outlook.com

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 the JGASGP Newsletter and emailed <u>Chronicles</u>. 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!

Resource suggestions:

Sephardic World Lectures on YouTube

Sephardic World is a weekly series on online talks, lectures and discussions on Sephardic genealogy, history, and culture. They are broadcast live on YouTube on Sunday afternoons, European time, and Sunday mornings, American time. Currently there are 40 videos online. They also publish an online newsletter. Connect with Sephardic World at https://tinyurl.com/3dtx3hyv.

Sign up for "Nu? What's New?" The E-zine of Jewish Genealogy

Keep abreast of the most recent news in Jewish genealogy. Be informed of what is going on in Jewish genealogy worldwide. Read about the latest discoveries in DNA and how it can influence your methods of research. Subscribe to Nu? What's New? our weekly e-mail magazine. Each week (usually on Sunday) you will receive a copy of this publication by e-mail. The cost is only \$12 per year; that's only \$1 per month or about 25 cents per issue.

Sign up for the Family History Daily and receive a free comprehensive genealogy checklist!

https://familyhistorydaily.com/your-most-common-genealogy-questions-answered/

Your Most Common Genealogy Questions Answered

Family History Daily has produced an article on "Your Most Common Genealogy Questions Answered." Many are oriented toward the needs of people starting their family history research, but others, such as "Is there a good way to break down a brick wall" applies to all levels of research

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania

With more than 21 million items in our collections, from diaries and letters to deeds and directories, HSP is one of the most complete and professional genealogy centers in the nation—and the largest in the Mid-Atlantic region. Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, HSP is currently closed until further notice. You can contact them for more information. https://www.portal.hsp.org/for-genealogy

What's New at Ancestry - May 2021 Edition

From Crista Cowen: An all-new episode of The Barefoot Genealogist dropped on Thursday of this week. Be sure to check out the video description as soon as you click the link. I tried something new by putting in video segments and descriptions and links to all the things I talked about. As always, if you have a question about something I talk about there, please leave a comment on the YouTube video. That's the fastest way to get a response from me or a member of the Ancestry® Social Media Support Team.

It's the first video on the top playlist here:

https://www.youtube.com/c/CristaCowan

Ancestry® Facebook Live Three months ago, I started doing regular Facebook LIVE Q&A sessions on the Ancestry® U.S. Facebook page. We don't have a hard and fast schedule for when they are going to occur due to all the other moving parts of my schedule. But typically, they are held on Tuesday afternoons. If you follow the page, you'll get notified when a LIVE session starts. And, you can always watch the replay at any time.

As a matter of fact, here's the whole playlist of past videos:

https://www.facebook.com/watch/7483836629/2043384795940392

<u>GenealogyBank</u> has created a four-part series titled "Easy Guide to Citing Source's in Genealogy." Citing your sources is an important part of documenting your family history.

The four parts are located at:

- https://tinyurl.com/kncb2w2x
- https://tinyurl.com/5d4tkyfp
- https://tinyurl.com/t9ptmrxa
- https://tinyurl.com/y5bfn4ab

Recommended Genealogy Websites with links from Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

<u>JewishGen</u>

"The first source to go to for Jewish Genealogy." Info files by topic and country. Family Finder, Family Tree of the Jewish People, Yizkor book translations and more. First Timer videos for the beginner.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

Monthly educational programs, extensive reference library of worldwide resources, one-on-one assistance.

Ancestry

Comprehensive source for U.S. and foreign materials. Free at many libraries. Paid subscription needed. for home use after free trial period

Family History Library Catalog

World's largest collection of genealogical records available on microfilm and online.

My Heritage

International genealogy research website and social network service. Available by paid subscription.

Ellis Island

For immigrant arrival records from 1892-1924. Use the Steve Morse website (next) for easier searches.

Steve Morse

Find your ancestors more effectively in the Ellis Island database and the U.S. and N.Y. census. A wealth of other genealogical material.

Routes to Roots Foundation

Identifies which Jewish vital records can be found in state archives in Eastern Europe.

Yad Vashem

World's largest searchable database of Holocaust victims' names and information.

Center for Jewish History

Located in NYC; a partnership of major institutions: American Jewish Historical Society, American Sephardi Federation, Leo Baeck Institute, Yeshiva University Museum; genealogy research library.

JRI-Poland (Home of Jewish Records Indexing-Poland)

Database of indices to the 19th century Jewish vital records of Poland.

Italian Genealogy Group

They have digitized many New York based vital records, especially bride and groom indexes.

Volunteers:

We need a volunteer to take meeting notes for Linda when she is unavailable. Please contact Linda

(lbewall623@gmail.com) if you can take notes for a meeting.

Working on the Philadelphia Resource Guide 2021 continues. **Thank you to everyone** who has helped us with this project so far! We couldn't have done 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! There will be more ways to volunteer in the future!

Webinars, Podcasts and Zoom Meetings of Interest

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston JGSGB.ORG

Understanding Your Galitzianer Family through Vital Records

IGRA webinar, register in advance

June 20, 12:00 pm

More info

Researching NYC Records Remotely

JGS of Southern Nevada event, \$5, register in advance

June 20, 4:00 pm

More info

Mela Iancu: A Holocaust Heroine in Romania

JDC Archives webinar, register in advance **June 22**, 12:00 pm

More info

Jewish New England

Vilna Shul event, register in advance **June 23**, 5:30 pm <u>More info</u>

Under the Tenement Rooftops: Immigrant and Migrant Families in New York

YIVO event, register in advance

June 24, 4:30 pm

More info

Utah Jewish Genealogical Society

June 21 – **Chuck Weinstein**, **The Three Great Myths of Jewish Genealogy** (future meeting info and registration to be announced in June)

- https://uigs.org/blog/news/ Meetings are free to attend, both in person and via webinar.
- Our blog is free to all subscribers or RSS readers.
- Issues of our past newsletter, Atsmi Uvsari, are available to download from our web site.

Center for Jewish History

Family History Today: Researching Your Historical LGBTQ+ Ancestors



Featuring genealogist Janice Sellers Monday, June 28 at 2 pm ET

You may have heard family rumors about the "bachelor uncle" or the aunt and her "roommate." Perhaps, you identify as LGBTQ+ and want to know if there were others like you in your family tree. Professional genealogist <u>Janice Sellers</u> will show you how to pursue this avenue of family history research. In addition, she will discuss ethical concerns you should consider, and why an understanding of gay history is critical to finding and understanding information about your LGBTQ+ forebears.

This program is sponsored by the Ackman & Ziff Family Genealogy Institute at the Center for Jewish History. It is funded, in part, by a Humanities New York CARES Grant, with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the federal CARES Act, and by public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council.

Tickets: Pay what you wish; register **here** to receive a link to the Zoom webinar

Presented by Ackman & Ziff Family Genealogy Institute

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois will hold a virtual "Kvell and Tell" session on Sunday, June 27, 2021, as part of the group's annual meeting. Several JGSI members will take turns sharing family history discoveries and research tips. https://www.jgsi.org/Events-calendar You will need to register on their website.

ConferenceKeeper.org has many events, conferences, and podcasts, listed for the month. Sign up for their weekly emails. Check out their virtual listing of events. https://conferencekeeper.org/virtual/

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

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.

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

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

JewishGen Virtual Conversations provides helpful suggestions, strategies, resources, and support with your genealogical research. These private sessions are designed to empower you to find the answers you are looking for. Just \$36 for a 45-minute Zoom session. To learn more, or to complete the questionnaire to get started, go to https://www.jewishgen.org/Education/edu-virtual.html.

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

Website Update

190 members have registered for our new <u>igasgp.org</u> website! If you need help contact Jim, <u>webmaster@jgasgp.org</u>

Send your <u>personal</u> photos to Jim to be included in a future slideshow! If you haven't seen the slideshow yet, check it out! FYI: Jim has uploaded all past issues of *Chronicles*, from the original issue in 1982 through Winter 2020 under "Chronicles". It's all there behind the paid member firewall and works super easily!

Condolences



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 for me to share.

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.

