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## JEWISH GENEALOGICAL AND ARCHIVAL SOCIETY OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

8/29/2021

Hi Everyone,

Michael Tobias told us a fascinating journey of research with a lot of twists and turns. I liked his color-coded DNA explanation! If you missed it, I hope you get to watch him. You won't be disappointed.

**Ich bin ein Berliner: JRI-Poland and DNA Matches Unite 5 Half-siblings from 4 Different Mothers** can be found in this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/kBfyAug6WoN6rcFNwAkU1PMjilEjnoI5JhJCKf-I5o1Uj1vk\\_1g9fc0NUEh\\_LID.YFB6zJNuAEyJ69hC](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/kBfyAug6WoN6rcFNwAkU1PMjilEjnoI5JhJCKf-I5o1Uj1vk_1g9fc0NUEh_LID.YFB6zJNuAEyJ69hC) Passcode: S=TNi0+C

During the pre meeting chat, Michael recommended two books: *The Jewish Experience in Scotland: from Immigration to Integration and Two Hundred Years of Scottish Jewry*. By Kenneth Collins.

<https://www.iiig.org/publications/publications-scottish-jewry/>

There is always something new to learn! If you have any questions for Michael, please contact him directly at: [mtobias@btinternet.com](mailto:mtobias@btinternet.com)

### Beginner's Corner and Research Tips

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

**Michael Tobias** gave two talks at the IAJGS 2021 Conference. His second lecture was about the Family Tree of Scottish Jews. I contacted him and he has been sending me trees, research advice and asking questions to help me further my connections! He helped me update my information and provided a story about another relative. The word for today is **collaboration!**

He sent me the information below:

*"I also attach Barnet's naturalization certificate. As well as the certificate the National Archives hold 'Home Office Supplementary Papers' – basically the admin pages behind the application. These can contain lawyers' letters, police reports, witness statements, personal statements about the applicant's history in the UK etc.... You can order copies of the file online (they can be digitized for you)".*

See <https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/C4184401> Up at 6 am on Monday and successfully placed my order!

If you are researching in the UK and participated in the IAJGS Conference, watch Jeanette R. Rosenberg's lecture, Researching your Jewish Ancestors in the UK. She also offers tips that I NEVER knew about!

*Another interesting thing happened to me while attending the conference. I matched with someone else who was researching the same name from the UK! Are we really connected? I'm not sure, but now I know more names and places to search for documentation!*

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?

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!

## Chronicles

**Did you attend the IAJGS 2021 Conference?** Please submit an article reviewing your experience and about your favorite lecture. Our next issue of Chronicles will be dedicated to the conference. Please submit articles to [editor@jgasgp.org](mailto:editor@jgasgp.org). The summer issue is being edited now and should be ready in a few weeks!

**Do you have successes to share?** Any unusual finds you'd like to share? We are all relentless in our pursuits and enjoy hearing from fellow members. Our editors are happy to help you with your article. We want to hear from you!

**Contact Jim, [webmaster@jgasgp.org](mailto:webmaster@jgasgp.org)** for any questions about receiving your copy. Jim has posted all issues of Chronicles dating back to 1982 (Vol 1 # 1).

## 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.

## From the President's Desk

Greetings to all our members, young and young-at-heart! Some of us have been part of this wonderful organization since its founding in 1979! If you are an original member, please shoot me an email ([jgasgp.president@gmail.com](mailto:jgasgp.president@gmail.com)) with your fondest memories of the early days of our society. I will include these in a future article for *Chronicles*.

As we move into the fall, your Board will prepare an updated survey to learn about members' special skills, research areas and volunteer interests. Since we last polled our membership, we have grown by more than 100 new members, so this revised survey will be necessary as we plan for the 2022 IAJGS

conference to be held in Philadelphia next August!! Be on the lookout after the High Holidays for an email with a *Survey Monkey* link.

At this time, I would also like to extend my wishes to all members of our society for a happy and prosperous New Year. May this next year of 5782 bring good health and a return to life that will safely include travel to our favorite destinations, our international conference and even attending JGASGP monthly meetings, in person!

As a former teacher, I always see the future through children and love this beautiful version of *Avinu Malkeinu*, performed by students in Australia. <https://youtu.be/ICHqYTF3nAA>.



Felicia Mode Alexander

### Future JGASGP Zoom Meetings

\* 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](mailto:membership@jgasgp.org).
6. Sign in 1-1:30 to ask questions, tell us about your finds or brick walls. New members introduce themselves.

#### Save the dates:

**Date:** Sunday, September 19, 2021

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

Official program starts promptly at 1:30

**Speaker:** Erin Smith, Archivist at **The Stoozeum: A Museum of Three Stooges Memorabilia**



**Erin Smith** is the Archivist at **The Stoozeum: A Museum of Three Stooges Memorabilia**. She worked in the library while

earning her Bachelors in English Literature at Susquehanna University and spent a semester in Washington D.C. interning at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. She attained her master's degree in Library and Information Science at the University of Pittsburgh, specializing in Archives and Preservation Management. She moved to the Philadelphia Area in 2009 from Western PA and started at The Stoozeum in 2011. Having found a binder stuffed with random e-mails from family members, she started compiling the Three Stooges' family trees and it has remained an enjoyable side project ever since. Personally, Erin has traced her own lineage to early British and German immigrants to Pennsylvania and even a Plantagenet king. Once she gets her act in gear, she hopes to join the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**Topic: "What was your family decomposed of?": The Three Stooges' Family Trees**

This presentation will feature a brief description of the career of the Three Stooges, followed by an in-depth look at the families and genealogy of each of the main figures in the Three Stooges' long career.

## **The Steve Schechter Memorial Lecture for 2021**

**We are honored to host Dr. Robert Watson for an encore performance!**

**Date: Sunday, October 10, 2021**

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

**Official program starts promptly at 1:30**

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Robert Watson, Historian, Author, Political Commentator,  
and Professor at Lynn University**



Robert Watson is an award-winning author who has published over 40 books and 200 scholarly articles and essays on topics in history and politics, as well as two multi-edition, multi-volume encyclopedia sets on the presidents and first ladies. His recent books include *Affairs of State* (2012), *America's First Crisis* (2014), *The Presidents' Wives* (2014), *The Nazi Titanic* (2016), *The Ghost Ship of Brooklyn* (2017), *George Washington's Final Battle* (2021), *Escape* (2021), a story about a notorious Confederate Prison and the Union soldiers who escaped, and the forthcoming books *When Washington Burned* (2022) and *100 Days of Terror*, a story about a pandemic that struck the capital city in 1793.

His books have won the John Barry Book Award, John Lyman Book Award, Independent Publishers' Gold Medal in History, and others, have been published in international translation, and featured on C-SPAN's Book TV and at prominent literary festivals around the country.

Dr. Watson co-convened several national conferences, co-founded the annual Truman Legacy Symposium for the Truman Presidential Library, and served on the boards of numerous academic associations, community organizations, and the Harry S. Truman Foundation, Calvin Coolidge Foundation, and George McGovern Center for Leadership. Watson is the recipient of many awards for his contributions to the study of the presidency, election commentary, community service, civics programs, and efforts to combat anti-Semitism and incivility.

**Topic:** Truman and Israel: The Behind-the-Scenes Story of Statehood in 1948

Based on a multi-year series of interviews with former aides to President Truman and former Israeli diplomats as well as extensive archival research in the Truman Presidential Library, this talk examines the behind-the-scenes politics and planning that led to Truman's courageous decision to support the creation of the modern state of Israel, the meetings among Zionist leaders and the American president, and the inspiring commitment to a host of bilateral policy initiatives that continue to define the special relationship between the two nations to the present-day.

## Help Wanted

**Someone to take meeting notes as a backup for Linda, our secretary.**

Please contact Linda if you would be willing to help. [lbewall623@gmail.com](mailto:lbewall623@gmail.com)

## In the News

**\*We are hosting the IAJGS 2022 Conference in Philadelphia!  
IAJGS 2022 August 22-25, 2022**

## Membership Dues and News

We currently have **355** members. We have gained over 100 members since the beginning of the pandemic. Our virtual meetings have been very successful. Thanks to everyone for spreading the word about our fabulous society! Renewals can be sent in any time! They will count towards 2022! Donations for the conference are welcome anytime! 2021 donations for the conference in Philadelphia will go towards the 2022 conference to be held in Philadelphia!

Our fiscal year runs from **January 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 **Chronicles**. All meetings are for paid members only except for our Steve Shecter Memorial Lecture.

**Wishing member Ross Schriftman good luck with his move to Casper, Wyoming!**

## Resource Suggestions:

### **The Israel Genealogy Research Association (IGRA)**

IGRA does its utmost to allow the material to be searched both in Hebrew and English. Our search engine allows you to search either with exact results or phonetic matches. The rules of transliteration we follow may not always show the name as you think the names of the person were spelled. It is best to search in both Hebrew and English.

You can begin your search after [registering to the website](#). Use of the [search engine](#) registering to the website is free, but details and available scans can only be seen if you have a paid subscription. Enjoy.

MyHeritage Ltd., P.O.Box 50, 3 Ariel Sharon Blvd., Or Yehuda, Israel 6037606, Israel, +972-3-6280000

Evan shared this article and Youtube links that are full of information.

### **A New look at NEW YORK Immigrant Passenger Manifests:**

Steve's Genealogy Blog. <https://stephendanko.com/blog/268>. Louise Cooke put the information in a document that we can print out and use as a guide. [https://lialouisecooke.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Passenger\\_Manifests.pdf](https://lialouisecooke.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Passenger_Manifests.pdf)

### **There are two youtube videos that shed light on this topic:**

1. JGSLI: "8 Pieces of Information on a Passenger Manifest"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sg4lZOPRjFE>
2. Crista Cowen/Ancestry: "Naturalization Records: What They Tell Me and Where to Find Them/Ancestry"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80BNRJGqSbo>

### **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>

**GenealogyBank** 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/t9ptmrx>
- <https://tinyurl.com/y5bf4ab>

### Recommended Genealogy Websites with links. Thanks to the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston for this list!

#### [JewishGen](#)

“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.

#### [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.

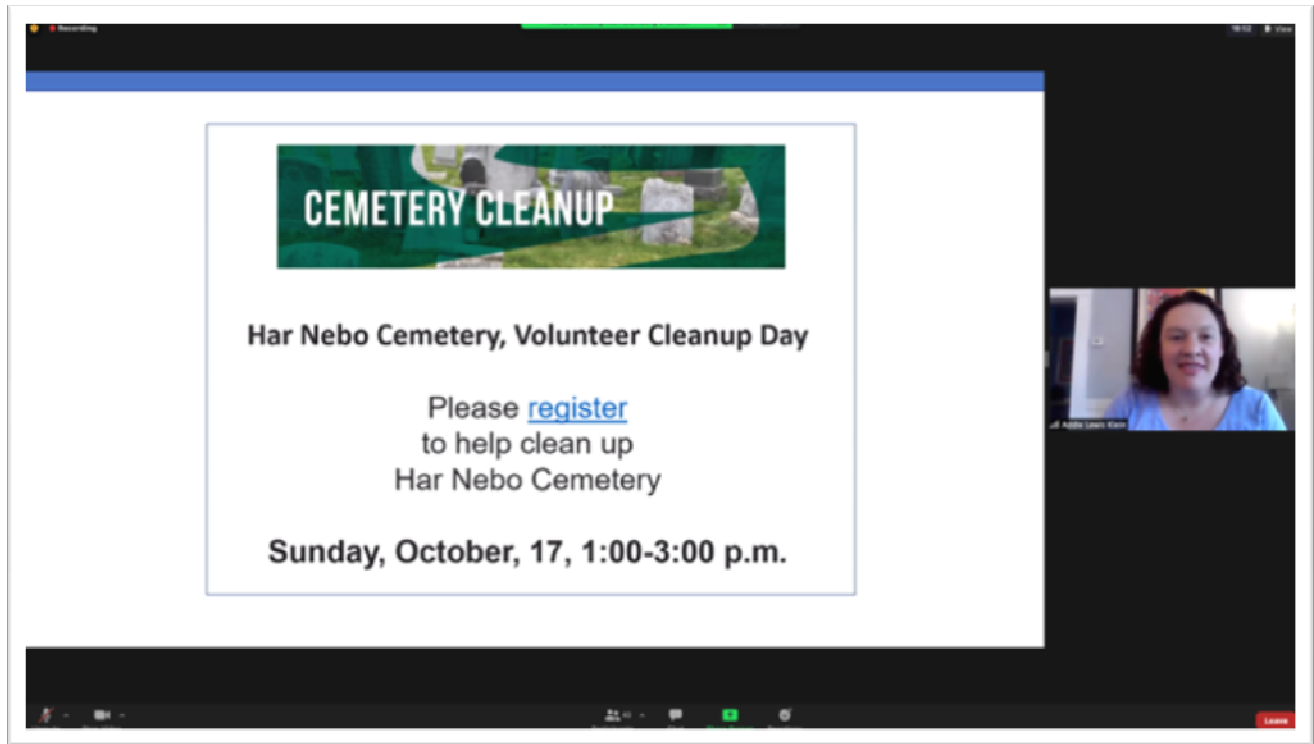
[Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston](#)

Monthly educational programs, extensive reference library of worldwide resources, one-on-one assistance. Check out their calendar.

**Volunteers:**

**\*We are hosting the IAJGS 2022 Conference in Philadelphia! We will need a lot of help to plan the best experience possible for our guests! Please consider helping when asked. There will be numerous opportunities. Be on the lookout for a new survey monkey in the fall! IAJGS 2022 August 22-25, 2022**

**Har Nebo Volunteer Day Registration:**



<https://jewishphilly.org/get-involved/volunteer/cemeteryrestoration/friends-of-jewish-cemeteries-faq/> (Please make sure you say you are from JGASGP when asked what other organization you belong to!)



## Webinars, Podcasts and Zoom Meetings of Interest

### Legacy Family Tree Webinars

4 consecutive Fridays beginning September

Click on the link to see the complete schedule of lectures. <https://familytreewebinars.com/webtember>

**Webtember:  
All Genealogy.  
All September Long.**

Take your genealogy skills to the next level with this FREE online genealogy conference, held each Friday in September: 30 live and pre-recorded webinars in all. Join live for all four Fridays or just one, and if you can't, we've got you covered! Enjoy the recordings at your convenience – they'll be free to view through the end of the month. Registration, replays, and pre-recorded classes available at [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com/Webtember](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com/Webtember)

Time (Eastern U.S.)	Live/Pre-recorded	Speaker	Title
<b>Sep 03</b>			
10:00am	Live	Geoff Rasmussen	FAN Club in Action: a Simple Case Study
11:00am	Live	Roberta Estes	Paint Your Way Up Your Tree with MyHeritage and DNAPainter
12:30pm	Live	Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG	America's Turnpikes, Rivers, and Canals
2:00pm	Live at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yntx7hly">https://tinyurl.com/yntx7hly</a>	Anita Willis	Notes and Documents of Free Persons of Color
	Pre-recorded	Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG	Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of German Military Records
	Pre-recorded	Dr. Bruce Durie	How Can I Get a Legal Coat of Arms in Scotland?
	Pre-recorded	Denise May Levenick	Seventeen Secrets to Successful Scanning
	Pre-recorded	Mary Kircher Roddy, CG	Finding Jane Graham's Parents: Using Clusters and Records in Three Countries

Time (Eastern U.S.)	Live/Pre-recorded	Speaker	Title
<b>Sep 10</b>			
8:00am	Live	Carol Baxter	British and Irish Given Names - Part 1
9:30am	Live	Daniel Horowitz	Don't Believe Everything You Read
11:00am	Live	Craig R. Scott, MA, CG, FUGA	The Loyalists That Stayed Behind: The Reintegration
12:30pm	Live	DearMYRTLE and Russ Worthington	NEVER GIVE UP: 5 Strategies for Overcoming Genealogical Anger!
	Pre-recorded	Carol Baxter	British and Irish Given Names - Part 2
	Pre-recorded	Debra Renard	What are the Odds? Finding Answers Using DNA Painter's WATO Tool
	Pre-recorded	Schelly Talalay Dardashti	Did your Abuelita...? Seeking Jewish Heritage
	Pre-recorded	Melissa Barker	Diaries, Journals and Calendars: Preserving and Document Your Ancestor's Day-to-Day Life
<b>Sep 17</b>			
9:30am	Live	James Tanner	Researching Immigrants to New England in the Great Migration, 1620-1640
11:00am	Live	Janice Lovelace, PhD	Afro-Latinx in the Old West
12:30pm	Live	Daniel Horowitz	Genealogy on the Go with the MyHeritage Mobile App
2:00pm	Live at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yvz7r5m">https://tinyurl.com/yvz7r5m</a>	Lianne Kruger	A Toboggan Ride Through Canadian Records, eh!
	Pre-recorded	Rebecca Koford, CG, CGL	Out of the Ballot Box: Voter Registrations & Records
	Pre-recorded	Marie Cappart	Beneluxury archives! How to get the best out of Belgian, dutch and lux archives online
	Pre-recorded	Fiona Brooker	A Step Through Time(lines)
<b>Sep 24</b>			
8:00am	Live	Michelle Leonard	Inferred Matching Explained
9:30am	Live	Thomas MacEntee	The Mysterious Death of Anna T. McPhillips
11:00am	Live	Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL	"Twelve Good and Lawful Men": Jury Lists in Genealogy
12:30pm	Live	Paul Woodbury	Where Did That Come From?! Tracing the Origins of Unique Ethnicity Admixture
	Pre-recorded	Michael L. Strauss, AG	Roosevelt's Tree Army: Researching the Civilian Conservation Corps
	Pre-recorded	Lisa Toth Salinas	Beginning Hungarian Genealogy
	Pre-recorded	Cathie Sherwood	One family, many connections: Using the FAN club in one Australian locality

**JGSGB Online Programs (Contact Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater BOSTON for all information):**

**Thomas MacEntee – Two Lectures: Google for Genealogists & The Genealogy Do-Over™: A Year of Learning from Mistakes**

September 19, 1:30 pm, Zoom meeting

[More info](#)

**Jewish Genealogy: Discover Your Family History**

JGSGB's comprehensive, award-winning course for beginners

Eight Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:30 pm, on Zoom, \$250, register in advance

**November 3 - January 12 (excludes holidays)**

[More info](#)

Visit [jsgsb.org](http://jsgsb.org) for the full list of our 2021-22 programs!

**Podcasts:** <https://conferencekeeper.org/genealogy-podcasts/>

**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/>

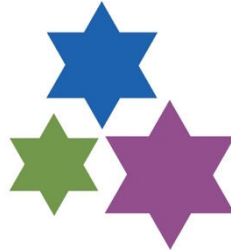
### Website Update

190 members have registered for our new [jgasgp.org](http://jgasgp.org) website! If you need help contact Jim, [webmaster@jgasgp.org](mailto: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! FYI: Jim has uploaded all past issues of *Chronicles*, from the original issue in 1982 through Winter 2020 under "Chronicles".

### Condolences

**Stanley Merves** (8/2/21) - Stanley and his wife Audrey were core supporters of the Philadelphia Jewish Archives Center. A successful businessman, Stanley was also a major supporter of Temple University's Fox Business School, Abramson Senior Center and Harriton House.

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.