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JEWISH GENEALOGICAL AND ARCHIVAL SOCIETY OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

10/12/2021

Hi Everyone,

Steve Schecter was honored on Sunday as a longtime member of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Philadelphia (JGSGP). He held many roles and was an enthusiastic inspiration for many of our members. We dedicated Sunday's annual special lecture in his memory.

Dr. Robert Watson presented his topic, "Truman and Israel: The Behind-the-Scenes Story of Statehood in 1948". This exciting and informative talk examined the behind-the-scenes politics and planning that led to Truman's courageous decision to support the creation of the modern state of Israel.

If you missed it, here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/WV6NCzliNUkvFDIk2Mz5h9SYrfxCSFwZblGaCcFjb4mjfCVZrG0AadlWn5ohrKCn.HNkaCgqkb7SulK6V>

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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. Below are a few "beginner workshops" offered by different societies. Thanks to several members for sharing this information.

1. **Michael Moritz** has placed online for free viewing the presentation slides from 6 different online interactive workshops he has given, covering varying topics in US and Jewish genealogy research. There is a lot of information covered, and I hope you learn something new!

<https://www.moritzresearch.com/presentations> **mmoritz@jewishgen.org**

Director, Romania Research Division

2. See the Flyer below from Abington Library. Click here for the link to register for this free online lecture.
<http://www.abingtonfreelibrary.org/events/1395>

Jump Start Your Jewish Genealogy Search

Event date:

10/25/2021 - 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Who should attend: [Adult](#)

Monday, October 25, at 7:00 p.m.

Authors Steve Cohen and Caryn Alter will explore the genealogical clues that might be hiding in plain sight.

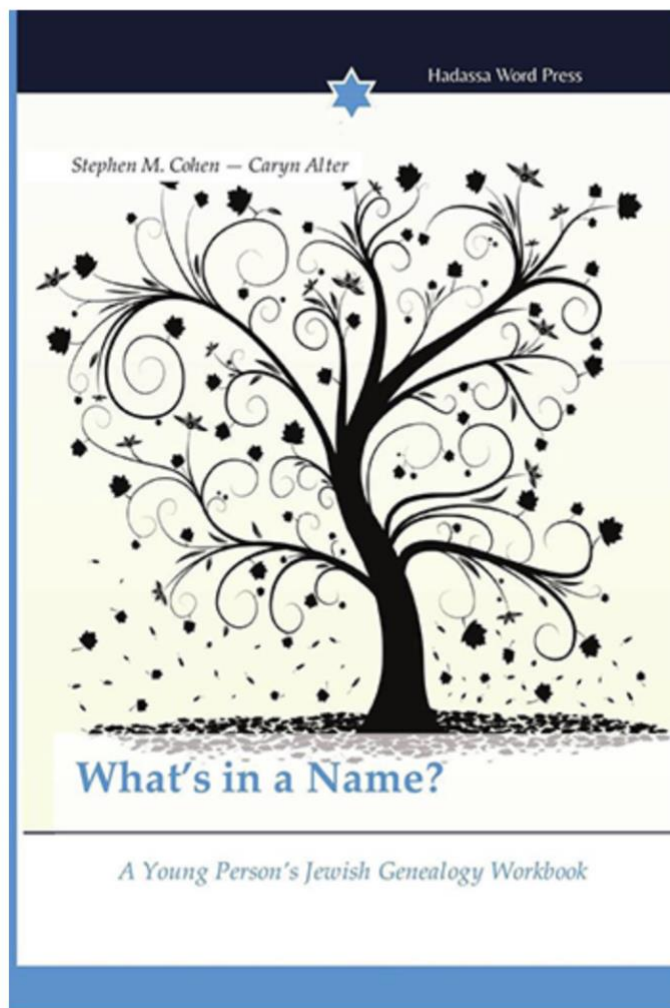
Learn how overlooked items in your house, Jewish holiday traditions, and even food customs can provide a glimpse into your family history.

[Register here now.](#)

Questions?

Contact Reference Librarians at the Information Desk, [Email](#) | [267-245-7337](tel:267-245-7337) (Text us) | [Chat with a Librarian](#) | [215-885-5180](tel:215-885-5180), ext. 113,
| abingtonfreelibrary.org/contact

The views and opinions expressed in various library programs are solely those of the presenter and do not necessarily represent the views of the Abington Township Public Libraries or the Friends of the Abington Township Public Libraries.



3. **The Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island's (JGSLI) 31st annual family history workshop, "Jewish Genealogy 101: Four Hours+ to Your Family Roots"** The workshop is a half-day course on sources and strategies essential for Jewish Genealogy research and is recommended both for beginners and for family historians who want to brush up or expand their skills.

Sunday, Nov. 7, 2020 from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Virtual Seminar on Zoom.

Cost is \$35 per person (\$40 for Family). Attendees will receive a digital copy of the workshop manual, Jewish Genealogy 101 and a paper copy of Avotaynu's book Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy (mailed to you, US only).

See flyer and payment options on our website: <https://jgsli.org/jgsli-workshop/>.

Last Day to Register is Friday, November 5.

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President, Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island

Jericho, Long Island, NY researcher #59766

4. JewishGen is offering the following courses during October and November 2021

- October 17 - November 7: ***Researching Your Roots in Prussia and the Baltic States***. Donation of \$150.
- November 1 - November 22: ***Researching Your Roots with JewishGen.org***. Donation of \$150
- November 1 – Nov 22: ***Fresh Start (The Basics for Beginners and Start Again)***. Donation of \$60.

Ongoing Courses:

- ***Genealogy by the Week***: Set Your Own time to work with a tutor. Donation of \$50. [Details](#).
- ***Genealogy by the Hour***: Virtual Conversations with an expert. Donation of \$36. [Details](#).
- ***Workbook Classes***. Donation of \$25. These courses are self-paced, do at home that utilizes workbook instruction. ***Free to Value Added Services Donations to the General Fund in the past 12 months.*** [Details and Courses](#).

To register, and to learn more, please [click here](#).

Nancy Holden

Director of Education

education@jewishgen.org

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? Continue learning through lectures, webinars, and courses.

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 ASAP. Let Evan know if you are working on an article, so he saves space for it.

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 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

Networking. I believe that our society benefits when we have working relationships with other Jewish community and genealogy organizations. This is a big part of what your board does to carry out the mission of the JGASGP. Personally, I am a member of several other JGS's around the country, and have had conversations with the leadership of these societies. I, as well as other board members, participate in online IAJGS discussion groups with other JGS leaders. We occasionally share news and information but also bounce ideas off each other.

One example of this networking took place when the JGASGP Board decided to update our website two years ago. I had been impressed with the very sophisticated website of JGS of Greater Boston www.jgsgb.org and reached out to its webmaster, Roger Weiss. I asked him a few questions which he generously answered and subsequently connected him with Jim Meyer, our webmaster. We now have a newly updated and beautiful website, thanks to the efforts of Jim Meyer, but with ideas suggested by Roger Weiss and also with input from the son of our Past President Fred Blum, who is also a web designer. *Networking. Cooperation.*

The Friends of Jewish Cemeteries is an ambitious project headed up by Rich Blumberg and with the involvement of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. <https://jewishphilly.org/get-involved/volunteer/cemeteryrestoration-2/> A number of our members will be on site on Oct. 17 when a large cadre of 300 volunteers will begin the process of clearing and cleaning up the old, huge Har Nebo cemetery in Northeast Philadelphia. The second phase is for the construction team to begin restoring stones and gravesites using heavy equipment. Members of JGASGP have used our research skills to provide historical narrative about some of the people interred at Har Nebo. More about this project will be shared in the future, along with the stories and photos that provide interesting facts about Har Nebo's "residents". *Networking. Cooperation. Community.*

The Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center (HAMEC), <https://hamec.org/> was created in 1961 at the home of its founder Yaakov Riz and most recently housed at the Klein Life Center in the Northeast. In 2020 HAMEC moved to its new location at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins

Park. Several JGASGP members have been working with HAMEC. The mission of HAMEC aligns with ours and many of us have conducted pro-bono research for families of Holocaust survivors. We look forward to a close relationship with HAMEC moving forward and have asked JGASGP member Dr. Adam Denish to serve as our Board liaison to HAMEC, as he is also a member of HAMEC's board.

Networking. Cooperation. Community.

Last but not least, our society has begun to reach out to engage more in the activities of the various Kehillah in our area and to the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. This networking will make our presence more widely known so that we can be of assistance to their member organizations: providing adult workshops and lectures, and also engaging young people in the wonderful world of Jewish family history research. *Networking. Cooperation. Community.*

If you are aware of other ways in which our society can be engaged locally, please reach out to our VP for Membership, Marilyn, who edits this newsletter. She will share this with the JGASGP board.

Felicia Mode Alexander

President: Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia (JGASGP)

www.JGASGP.org

Future JGASGP Zoom Meetings

* Some meeting reminders:

1. Please **shut off your video** while you are eating your lunch.
2. Sign in 1-1:30 to ask questions, tell us about your finds or brick walls.

New members introduce themselves.

3. Please do not share the links. Our meetings are for members only and we appreciate your cooperation. The next meeting IS open to the public. We want people to get to know us.
4. The chat function between members will be turned off during the presentation.
5. Closed Captioning will be turned on during the meeting.
6. 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.

7. The meetings will be recorded for members who are unable to attend. The link will be posted in the next JGASGP Newsletter.

Save the dates:

Date: Sunday, October 31, 2021

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

Official program starts promptly at 1:30

Guest Speaker: Rachael Cerrotti, Award-winning Author, Photographer, and Podcaster

All are invited to attend. There is no charge for this special event.

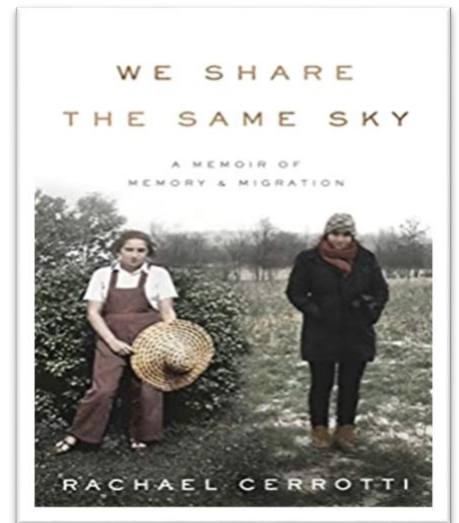
Rachael Cerrotti is an award-winning author, photographer, educator and audio producer as well as the inaugural Storyteller in Residence for USC Shoah Foundation. For over a decade, she has been retracing her grandmother's Holocaust survival story and documenting the echoes of WWII. In the fall of 2019, she released her critically acclaimed podcast, titled *We Share The Same Sky*, about this story. The podcast is now being taught in classrooms worldwide. Rachael's memoir, also titled 'We Share The Same Sky' is her first book. It received a starred review from Publisher's Weekly and listed as one of the "Best Books of August" by Apple Books. Learn more at: www.rachaelcerrotti.com & www.sharethesamesky.com.



Topic: We Share the Same Sky

Rachael's podcast and book documents her decade-long journey to retrace her grandmother's Holocaust survival story. She explores the pursuit of memory and how the retelling of family stories becomes the history itself.

In 2009, Rachael, a college student pursuing a career in photojournalism, asked her grandmother, Hana, if she could record her story. Hana talked and Rachael wrote. Upon Hana's passing in 2010, Rachael discovered an incredible archive of her life. There were letters, diaries, preserved albums and hundreds of photographs dating back to the 1920s. Rachael digitized and organized it all, plucking it from the past and placing it into her present. Then, she began retracing her grandmother's story, following her through Central Europe, Scandinavia, and across the United States. She tracked down the descendants of those who helped save her grandmother's life during the war. *We Share the Same Sky* weaves together the stories of these two young women—Hana as a refugee who remains one step ahead of the Nazis at every turn, and Rachael, whose insatiable curiosity to touch the past guides her into the lives of countless strangers, bringing her love and tragic loss.



The link will be posted on www.jgasgp.org after 11:00 AM on October 31st for guests. Here is a preview of meetings. Bios and information will be posted on our website.

Sunday, November 21, 2021

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

Official program starts promptly at 1:30

Speaker: Roger Lustig, Project Guru, JewishGen German Research Division

Topic: Jewish Genealogy in the Germanies (including Prussian Poland)

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Time: 1:00 PM check in, chat, and schmooze (Optional)
Official program starts promptly at 1:30
Speaker: Joel Weintraub, Genealogy Speaker and US Census Guru
Topic: Here Comes The 1950 U.S. Census! What To Expect

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Time: 1:00 PM check in, chat, and schmooze (Optional)
Official program starts promptly at 1:30
Speaker: Gil Bardige, Experienced Genealogist and Speaker
Topic: Help! I just got my Autosomal DNA Results and I'm Confused"

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

In the News

***We are hosting the IAJGS 2022
Conference in Philadelphia!
IAJGS 2022 August 21-25, 2022**

Stay tuned for a survey monkey with volunteer questions.

Membership Dues and News

We currently have **363** 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 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 **Chronicles**. All meetings are for paid members only except for our Steve Shecter Memorial Lecture.

New members joining after September 30, 2021, receive membership benefits through December 31, 2022. Tell your friends!

Resource Suggestions:



Hi friends!

October National Family History Month here in the U.S. but Oct 1st starts the six-month countdown to the release of the 1950 census.

That means that we've got lots to talk about. And I'm out here talking about it. I hope you'll join me in these conversations. So, without further ado, here are some places you can join the conversation.

Ancestry® Facebook Live

Have you joined us yet for a Facebook Live? I spend 15 minutes or so talking about the topic du jour and then another 15 minutes doing live audience Q&A related to the topic. We do this on the Ancestry Facebook page every other Tuesday or so.

Here's the whole playlist of past videos:

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

I will be LIVE today (Tuesday, 28 Sep) at 2pm (Mountain Time) talking about National Hispanic Heritage Month. If you aren't able to watch live, you can always catch the replay later at the link above.

And, if you follow the page, you'll get notified whenever a LIVE session starts.

Instagram Stories and IGTV

Do you follow me on Instagram yet? We have so much fun. I share tips and tricks and little glimpses into my life on my Instagram Stories. Today, I'm running a poll to see how you work on your trees - leaves or a plan? Barefoot or in socks? Is your tree a working tree or a conclusion tree?

Go check it out and share your opinions here:

<https://www.instagram.com/stories/cristacowan/2672355487483403528/>

I also started a series on IGTV called, "Stories From My Back Porch." It's been fun to settle down in the evening with a little story time. It's so important that we tell our family stories and, hopefully, I've modeled some ways to do that.

The latest story was about my favorite ancestor (can you choose a favorite?) in honor of Ancestor Appreciation Day yesterday.

You can find the whole series here: <https://www.instagram.com/cristacowan/channel/>

Well, that's all for now.

Until next time ...

Have fun climbing your family tree!

Crista

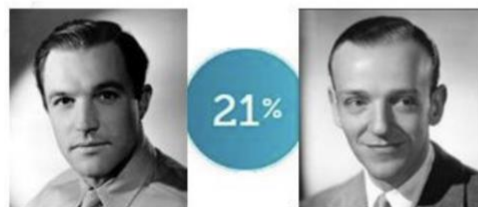
P.S. - I've got some fun things planned for National Family History Month so keep your eye on your inbox here and you can join in the fun. *Sign up for e-mail updates from Crista Cowen. Her tips are terrific, and her stories are inspiring!

Facial Recognition as a Genealogical Tool

The folks at FamilySearch have developed a fun application called "Compare-a-Face" which employs facial recognition technology to analyze a photo pair and calculate a degree of resemblance. The intention of the program is to provide numerical assessments which quantify how much you look like your ancestors. However, as a genealogical tool, I believe such comparisons would be most useful in determining if a photo of a child is that of a known adult, or to compare unidentified individuals to identified ones to possibly pinpoint the subject of a photograph. Similarities in appearance don't prove relationships, but they might indicate avenues worth exploring. Here's how to use the service once you've established and logged into your free account at FamilySearch.com.

- 1) Go to <https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/compare>
- 2) Click on *Upload a New Photo* in the blue oval at the bottom of the page.
- 3) Browse through your computer files and click on a photo of choice before clicking "Open."
- 4) If you have added photos to your own FamilySearch tree, you can choose one of them to compare to the photo you've just uploaded. If you do not have a tree with photos, click on the plus sign (+) at the center of the page and choose *File Upload*.
- 5) Find another photo you want to use for comparison, click on it, and then click "Open."
- 6) Choose "Yes" if you want the photo to be available for future use or "No" if you only want the photo for that particular session. You'll get a comparison no matter which you choose.
- 7) The faces in the two photos will appear with a percentage between them. The higher the percentage, the greater the number of physical similarities between the individuals.
- 8) You can click on the plus sign (+) at the upper left if you want to compare the first photo to another individual, or you can make a completely new comparison by clicking "Start Over."

Although this is not a scientific study by any means, I thought I'd make some comparisons in an attempt to assess the accuracy of the program.



Results partially depend on photo quality, face angle, facial expression, age, hair style, and other visible but changeable qualities. So I chose two people who I know are not related, Gene Kelly and Fred Astaire. Although both were great dancers, I don't think anyone would argue that they look alike. Despite both photos being black

and white and having similar spatial qualities, the resemblance rating is only 21%. If you expected a rating of 0%, keep in mind that both men have two eyes, a nose and a mouth. Perhaps this can be used as a baseline for individuals who have no genetic relationship.



Next I compared two photos of the same person as a child as an adult. This is my granduncle Henry Tremper (1919-1987) at age seven on the left and at age thirty-seven on the right. Despite changing his hair style, losing his baby fat, and buying a new tie, Henry seems to resemble his older self significantly more so than two unrelated, dissimilar individuals. Although this

result is encouraging, it only means that the two faces have some common features. It doesn't confirm a relationship between the individuals in the two photos.



89%



Next I compared photos of New Jersey siblings who had ties to the Baisley and Champeau families of Rockland County. The woman on the left is Elizabeth Fox (b. 1886) and her sister Jeanette Fox (1888-1960) is on the right. Despite having different hairdos and slightly different head positions, they rated 89% on the resemblance scale.



91%



The March 2020 issue of the GSRC newsletter included an article about identifying individuals in photographs. Photos of Henry Tremper's aunt, Vida Tremper (1883-1949), were used to show how people in early portraits can be identified using more recent pictures based on subjective visual observations. Perhaps Compare-a-Face can be

used to further verify suspicions that the subjects of two photos are the same person at different adult ages. As shown in the images above, Vida at ages 34 years and 58 years had a resemblance rating of 91%. Another promising result, but is it conclusive?



53%



These are photos of actor Tommy Lee Jones on the left and President Andrew Johnson on the right. Although they look strikingly similar to my eye, their resemblance rating is only 53%, even lower than that of Harvey Tremper as a child and an adult. When viewed as a whole these unrelated men seem to be lookalikes, but digital analysis reveals that they actually have

fewer traits in common than expected based on ratios of specific measurements, such as face length, cheekbone width, chin protrusion and nostril girth.



91%



Finally, let's compare two photos of the same adult at approximately the same age. These are photos of Bertha Hujus-Reith (1896-1954) of Mount Ivy when she was in her twenties and early thirties. Although the pictures differ in quality, hair style, facial expression and camera angle, the degree of resemblance is quite high at 91%. If these photos had not been labeled, I

would not be sure that these were pictures of the same person. However, this facial recognition outcome would increase my confidence that the two subjects are one and the same.

My sample size here is too small to draw any valid conclusions, but my opinion is that current facial recognition technology might be useful in genealogy when gathering circumstantial evidence. In and of itself, a high resemblance percentage does not establish a specific relationship, but it may provide an encouraging reason to pursue a hunch and look for more evidence that the person in a particular photo is a member of your family.



FindMyPast Retrieves Gazetteer Information for UK Censuses

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter reports that FindMyPast has added a new feature to help researchers learn more about where their ancestors lived. FindMyPast's 1891, 1901 and 1911 UK census transcripts now provide key information on the surrounding local area. Sourced from FindMyPast's Comprehensive Gazetteer of England and Wales 1895, transcripts now provide valuable contextual information and color maps on the cities, towns, villages and parishes our ancestors called home.



The company states that by automatically connecting census transcripts to more than 25,000 Gazetteer entries from every county in England and Wales, researchers around the world paint are given a fuller picture of their ancestor's lives.

Additional information is at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/10983660>.

THE Genealogy Show: Winter Event to Be Held from December 3–5

The UK-based THE Genealogy Show: Winter Event will be a virtual conference held from December 3–5. Their first virtual event was held last June. The conference is now accepting applications for speakers through September 17. Persons who register for the event will be able to participate live and download lectures through January 4, 2022.



Additional information can be found at <https://thegenealogyshow.uk/>.

The Israel Genealogy Research Association (IGRA)

IGRA does its outmost 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://louisecooke.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=sg4IZOPRJfE>

2. Crista Cowen/Ancestry: "Naturalization Records: What They Tell Me and Where to Find Them/Ancestry"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80BNRJGqSb0>

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/y5bfn4ab>

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 21-25, 2022



Come do a mitzvah! Volunteer with your community and help cleanup Har Nebo,



one of the region's oldest and largest cemeteries. We will close with a memorial service to honor all of those buried at Har Nebo. **Sunday, October**

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1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

6061 Oxford Ave, Philadelphia, PA

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[Click here to register](#)

EVENT DETAILS

- Volunteer opportunities include raking, picking up trash and clipping overgrown vines.
- We encourage you to bring a mask, water bottle and work gloves. We will have a limited supply of work gloves available.
- We request for the consideration of the health of others that attendees adhere to [CDC guidelines](#) and have either been vaccinated or are free of COVID.

For the Jewish Federation's statement on in-person gatherings, [click here](#).
Over 300 have signed up for this event! The Har Nebo office will be closed.
Dunkin Donuts and other places like that with restrooms are nearby if someone needs.

Webinars, Podcasts and Zoom Meetings of Interest

Check our Facebook page for additional postings of virtual meetings by other JGS's.

JGSPBC The Jewish Genealogy Society of Palm Beach County

Wednesday, October 13 at 1:00 PM ET

Speaker: Dr. Harold Rhode

Topic: "How an Ashkenazi-Litvak traced his ancestry back 2,000 years to Israel"

Harold Rhode PhD, worked as an analyst at the Pentagon for 28 years. During his tenure as Desk Officer in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, he specialized in Turkey, Iran, Iraq and other Middle East issues. In his presentation, he will combine family lore, documentary evidence and interviews. He

will present a case that, though Jews have wandered the world for 2,000 years, their ancient origins are in Israel.

This event is free to JGSPBC members, \$5.00 for non-members.

For members and guests, go to the JGSPBC website www.jgspbc.org, click on the yellow REGISTER button and fill in the required information. A zoom link will be sent to your email address before the event. For more information, contact JGSPBC President, Ms. Ina Getzoff at 561-450-9577.

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JGSLI is extending the invitation to the broader genealogy community. We ask that you register in advance (see below). Please share with your friends!

Wednesday, October 13th, 7:00 PM Eastern Time, via Zoom

Speaker: Michael Morgenstern

Topic: Using the 'Forverts' for Family History

Founded in 1897, the "Forverts" (Jewish Daily Forward) was a leading Yiddish language newspaper in the United States throughout the 20th century. Most of this newspaper is available to browse digitally for free through the online Historical Jewish Press database. This lecture will examine hidden genealogical gems within this newspaper, some of which can be found with minimal or no Yiddish skills. Among these gems are personal inquiries submitted by readers seeking information on their relatives, letters to the editor, and the "Gallery of Vanished Husbands." This lecture will also cover the historical and cultural context of the newspaper, which will help evaluate its relevance to a researcher's individual family history. The speaker is currently translating genealogically significant segments of the "Forverts."

There are two ways to join our meeting:

Register for our Zoom meeting: This will allow you to join in so you can chat with others before and after the meeting (this will be limited to the first 100 people to join)

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAufuGsrzosGNfyhf8Wk_JZXZloqW2Ag5e4

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

OR

Our meeting will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel. Please visit <http://bit.ly/JGSLIYT> at the meeting start time and the meeting's video should be listed. No YouTube or other login is required, but if you are signed in you can ask questions in writing via the comment section under the video.

This webinar is free and open to the public.

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New York Jews in the Immigrant City, 1880-1924

OCT 17, 2021 @ 1:30 pm EDT

Speaker: Daniel Soyer [More info](#)

What You Need to Know About Jewish Family Names

NOV 7 @ 1:30 pm EST

Speaker: Sallyann Amdur Sack

[More info](#)

Annual Lecture – Time Capsules Under the Rubble: The Ringelblum Archive in the Warsaw Ghetto

Oct 21, 2021 @ 1:30 pm EST

Speaker: : Samuel Kassow

[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 jgsqb.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/>



If you enjoy watching and discussing films, join the Kehillah of Bucks County for their monthly virtual film events. The October program features the delightful British comedy, *Dough*, starring *Jonathan Pryce, Jerome Holder, and Pauline Collins*.

Tuesday October 26th, 8:00pm

Watch the film from October 23rd in the evening through the 26th and join the discussion on October 26th. This interesting film involving a kosher baker, his dough, a teenager, and his "stash"! You won't want to miss this one!

To register, click here: <https://bit.ly/3CMyjCu>



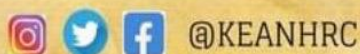
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- September 30, 2021, 6:00 pm ET—"Latin American Responses to the Holocaust" featuring Christina Chavarría
- October 12, 2021, 4:30 pm ET—"Teaching Holocaust Herstories: Mothers, Daughters, Fighters, and Survivors" with Centropa and Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ Holocaust Council
- October 13, 2021, 4:30 pm ET—"With Me Here Are Six Million Accusers: The Eichmann Trial in Jerusalem" with the American Society for Yad Vashem
- October 14, 2021, 4:30 pm ET—"Global Response to the Holocaust from Europe to Asia: Norway, Sweden, China, and India" featuring Irene Shaland
- October 15, 2021, 8:45 am ET—"Inclusive Strategies for a Return to School" Pre-Service Teacher and Early Educator Conference featuring Franklin Stebbins
- October 22, 2021, 3:00 pm ET—"General Assembly Meeting" featuring Professor Clyde Ford
- November 4, 2021, 3:15 pm ET—"Indecent, 'Forbidden', 'Taboo': Representing Lesbians in Fiction about the Holocaust/Nazi Era" featuring Dr. Emma Venables
- November 8, 2021, 3:30 pm ET—"Americans" - American Indian Images, Names, and Stories Infuse American History and Contemporary Life presentation with the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian
- November 9, 2021, 4:00 pm ET—"Kristallnacht Commemorative Program" featuring Polish poet and musician Grzegorz Kwiatkowski
- November 30, 2021, 7:00 pm ET—"Saints and Liars: American Relief and Rescue Workers during the Nazi Era presented by Murray Pantirer Annual Scholar Lecture featuring Dr. Debórah Dwork

PD HOURS &
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WILL BE PROVIDED!



SHARE WITH YOUR
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For more information and to RSVP, please contact:
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Website Update

190 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! FYI: Jim has uploaded all past issues of *Chronicles*, from the original issue in 1982 through Winter 2020 under "Chronicles".

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.