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## JEWISH GENEALOGICAL AND ARCHIVAL SOCIETY OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

10/31/2021

Hi Everyone,

Listening to Rachel Cerrotti was a real pleasure. I was fascinated by Rachel's lecture. Her story about her grandmother Hana is amazing. She had us smiling and crying. Rachael is not only a talented photographer and writer, but she is also a wonderful storyteller. I want to share a message from one of our members who expressed my feelings exactly.

*Dear Marilyn,*

*Rachel Cerrotti speaking about her book was painful, uplifting and spellbinding. I have recommended that our daughter, who lives in Toronto, alert her friends to Cerrotti's Toronto November 4 book talk there.*

*Thank you for today, and for much more,  
Cirel*

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**If you missed our meeting, here is the link. Forgive me, I started the recording a few minutes late and cut into Felicia's opening.**



<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/NVnjatUjMWuyuMWGxYLpk5CQgURpl5cyKG69bECRI6Dfu1A6JF9-Q79thp5Tp8vx.yXB2jr0P1DPzL-dq> Passcode: 43U=F1Gb

Philly's own Joseph Fox Bookshop is pleased to partner with Rachael Cerrotti in support of "We Share the Same Sky: A Memoir of Memory & Migration." Order now for a **signed book** and receive 10% off at checkout. **Use the code: SAMESKY.** [Buy here.](#)

### 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 tips".

It helps if we know how someone is related to us. We can then research laterally or from a different angle to determine who our true cousins are.

See the link below for a lecture on Nov 14<sup>th</sup> about solving DNA mysteries with Public Trees “How are we related” by Sandy Lanman. Look under [Webinars, Podcasts and Zoom Meetings of Interest](#)

Here is an article from Family Search that explains relationships as well as providing different charts. When I’m with my family they like to ask relationship questions. I pull out my chart from Family Search!

**Cousin Chart—Family Relationships Explained**

[https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/cousin-chart/?cid=em-brc-11533&mkt\\_tok=NTc4LVRUWC04NzQAAAGACOT-8V1L8IboW-MnG5pBRz9LqcKvZXqn6CsfZ82mSeBHa6F2ZZ2plzpTzKdyEKCelX0BVtnSPHxJuVCxu6YZLnqAGT-qbpZFXJ2qBTbOUUp9qqA](https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/cousin-chart/?cid=em-brc-11533&mkt_tok=NTc4LVRUWC04NzQAAAGACOT-8V1L8IboW-MnG5pBRz9LqcKvZXqn6CsfZ82mSeBHa6F2ZZ2plzpTzKdyEKCelX0BVtnSPHxJuVCxu6YZLnqAGT-qbpZFXJ2qBTbOUUp9qqA) (Copy and paste)



To find the relationship between two people, first determine the common ancestor you share and your relationship to the common ancestor: grandchild, great grandchild, etc. Pencil in the common ancestor's name, if it helps.

- Choose Person #1's relationship to that ancestor from the top row of boxes, e.g. "child."
- Choose Person #2's relationship to that ancestor from the left column of boxes, e.g. "grandchild."
- The box where the two intersect identifies the relationship between the two people in this case: Niece/Nephew.

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Common Ancestor	Child	Grandchild	Great Grandchild	Great-Great Grandchild	G-G-Great Grandchild	4th Great Grandchild
1 Child	Sister/ Brother	Niece/ Nephew	Grandniece/ Grandnephew	G-Grandniece/ G-Grandnephew	G-G-Grandniece/ G-G-Grandnephew	G-G-G-Grandniece/ G-G-G-Grandnephew
2 Grandchild	Niece/ Nephew	1st Cousin	1st Cousin Once Removed	1st Cousin Twice Removed	1st Cousin Three Times Removed	1st Cousin Four Times Removed
3 Great Grandchild	Grandniece/ Grandnephew	1st Cousin Once Removed	2nd Cousin	2nd Cousin Once Removed	2nd Cousin Twice Removed	2nd Cousin Three Times Removed
4 Great-Great Grandchild	G-Grandniece/ G-Grandnephew	1st Cousin Twice Removed	2nd Cousin Once Removed	3rd Cousin	3rd Cousin Once Removed	3rd Cousin Twice Removed
5 G-G-Great Grandchild	G-G-Grandniece/ G-G-Grandnephew	1st Cousin Three Times Removed	2nd Cousin Twice Removed	3rd Cousin Once Removed	4th Cousin	4th Cousin Once Removed
6 G-G-G-Great Grandchild	G-G-G-Grandniece/ G-G-G-Grandnephew	1st Cousin Four Times Removed	2nd Cousin Three Times Removed	3rd Cousin Twice Removed	4th Cousin Once Removed	5th Cousin

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## Here is one from the National Genealogy Society.

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

Please submit articles to [editor@jgasgp.org](mailto:editor@jgasgp.org) ASAP. Let Evan know if you are working on an article

**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.

Each quarter we will publish the names of those donations received over \$10.

## From the President's Desk

In our last newsletter, I wrote about the importance of our society engaging in local networking, specifically with the **Friends of Jewish Cemeteries**, which is taking on the daunting task of updating local Jewish cemeteries that have fallen into disrepair and the **Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center HAMEC**. I am very pleased that Dr. Adam Denish, board member of HAMEC and a member of our society, has recently been appointed to our own JGASGP board as Liaison with HAMEC. Congratulations, Dr. Denish and welcome aboard! We have also stepped up our relationships with the local Kehillahs and the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, all of which further our networking and engagement in the local Jewish Community.

I would like to expand on this topic after today's mesmerizing presentation by Rachael Cerrotti based on her podcast, website and book of the same name, *We Share the Same Sky*. As the granddaughter of Hana Dubova, the subject of her massive project, Rachael has become a role model for her own generation and clearly understands her legacy in continuing the testimony and survival story of Hana. As Rachael explained, there is an obvious interconnectedness between Jewish genealogy and the Holocaust. Her impact on both topics will be significant, and I know she is someone about whom we will hear more in the future!

I have recently been in communication with a new organization with connections to both Jewish genealogy and Holocaust education. I would like to introduce you to [3GPhilly](#), [3GNJ](#) and [3GNY](#) which also has a training program called [WEDU](#). 3G's are much newer to the scene than HAMEC, which was founded 60 years ago, but these are also locally based. Members of the 3G groups are the grandchildren of Holocaust survivors who, like Rachael Cerrotti, are dedicated to sharing the histories of their grandparents with young people. Speaking to students about the life altering experiences of their own family members who were directly impacted by the Holocaust is not a simple task, and effectively teaching such a delicate topic to young minds requires care and skill. Speaker training is therefore organized by experienced WEDU volunteers who have spoken in classrooms. They are privileged to have one of my mentors, [Peter Nelson](#), former executive director of the New York **Facing History and Ourselves** office, lead the sessions.

If your family includes adult grandchildren of Holocaust survivors, please let them know about the 3G chapters! In fact, trainings will be offered here in Philadelphia by 3GNY/WEDU this spring: [May 24th, May 31st, June 7 and June 21<sup>st</sup>](#). For more information, see <https://www.3gny.org/speaker-training>

If you are aware of any organization with whom JGASGP should network, please email me directly at [jgasgp.president@gmail.com](mailto:jgasgp.president@gmail.com) I will continue to spotlight other organizations of interest in subsequent newsletters.

Felicia Mode Alexander

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

[www.JGASGP.org](http://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](mailto: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:

#### 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**

### HELP US CREATE OUR OWN JGASGP FAMILY FINDER

The JewishGen Family Finder: A Success Story  
by Carol Isenberg Clingan

I am a huge fan of the JewishGen Family Finder (JGFF). Here is my latest experience.

Almost everyone who approaches me with questions, or requests for research help, wants to know the answers to one or both of these two questions:

Where did my ancestors come from?

What was their name in the old country?

Everyone who does this genealogical work knows which resources are most likely to be successful. But sometimes it happens that you can't find the answer, or can't be sure that what you found IS the right answer. This happened to me recently with a family I was researching. There were several documents where different names of the town were given—passenger manifest, naturalization papers, and WWI records (my top three favorites), but I was unable to decide which was the correct town for my people. I was pretty sure it was in Lithuania, and I wrote to Russ Maurer of LitvakSIG to get his best opinion of the correct town. He promptly replied, suggesting that the town was Sveksna, Lithuania. It sounded right, so I went to the JGFF and searched for people with the surname I needed and that town. I sent messages to possible connections.

Sure enough, I received a reply from a fellow researcher saying that his great-grandmother was from that town and had the same surname. It quickly turned out that his great-grandmother was the sister of the man I was looking for, and he had brought this sister and her children over to New York, by ones and twos over several years—information readily confirmed on their passenger manifests, with HIS name as their destination! Before this discovery, I had no knowledge of these family members.

So, thanks to the [JewishGen Family Finder](#), and two wonderful volunteers, I learned what I needed and a lot more! I cannot stress enough to my fellow members of JewishGen not to overlook this incredibly useful resource.

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*Carol Clingan is a board member of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston, where she is in charge of research projects. She lectures and teaches, as well as doing private research. Carol has been involved in genealogical research for more than 30 years and has traced her family in Ukraine and Belarus to the early 19th century.*

We need someone who has the capability to make an interactive database on our website. Members will be able to input family names, where they are researching, and their e-mail if they want to be contacted by other members. The database needs to be sortable by name or town location. I have examples of the database used for the IAJGS conference in 2009.

Can you help us?

You will be working with our webmaster, Jim ([webmaster@jgasgp.org](mailto:webmaster@jgasgp.org)). Contact Jim and me ([membership@jgasgp.org](mailto:membership@jgasgp.org)) ASAP so we can get started on this new feature of membership!

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## In the News

Introducing the IAJGS Conference 2022 identity.

Designed voluntarily by Carl Mazer, my brother and JGASGP member!

# *Where We Lived*

## **42nd IAJGS Conference on Jewish Genealogy**

### **Philadelphia**

### **Aug 21-25, 2022**

**iajgs2022.org**



#### **Call for Papers: 42nd IAJGS Conference on Jewish Genealogy**

The 42nd IAJGS Conference on Jewish Genealogy will be held—live—August 21–25 in Philadelphia. Now there is a Call for Proposals.

Lecture themes are:

- Life in the 19th and 20th Century
- Jewish Pennsylvania
- Methodology Track
- Beginners Track
- DNA Insights for Genealogy Track
- Memories Using Stories, Photos and Video



**Deadline for submissions is November 21.** Complete information is at <https://tinyurl.com/n75w5tcd>.

#### **Membership Dues and News**

We currently have **365** 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 too! 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.

**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!



### 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.

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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://lilalouisecooke.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Passenger\\_Manifests.pdf](https://lilalouisecooke.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=sg4IZOPRjE>

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/t9ptmrxa>
- <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 co-hosting the IAJGS 2022 Conference in Philadelphia!  
We will need a lot of help to plan the best experience possible for our guests! We will need a lot of help to be successful and show off our fabulous organization!**

**There will be numerous opportunities. We are preparing a list of opportunities. We had a survey last year but are creating a new one.**

**Be on the lookout for a new survey monkey in the fall! We love our volunteers. Many have worked on our new Resource Guide. It will be ready on our website before the 2022 conference.**

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**Philadelphia  
August 21-25  
2022**



**Webinars, Podcasts and Zoom Meetings of Interest**

## Join us for our next free JewishGen Talks webinar:

**Topic:** The Three Great Myths of Jewish Genealogy

**Speaker:** Chuck Weinstein

**Date:** Wednesday, November 3, 2021

**Time:** 2:00 PM Eastern Time

Join **Chuck Weinstein (JGASGP member)**, a well-known Jewish Genealogist, for a "beginner" talk on how to get started with your research. This webinar will focus on both JewishGen and a variety of other resources. Even experts will learn something! Chuck Weinstein is the Towns Coordinator for the JewishGen Ukraine Research Division, and past Volunteer of the Year. In addition, he is the Past President of the JGS of Long Island and current Vice President of the Genealogy Federation of Long Island. He has spoken at numerous international conferences and is a regular presenter at JGSLI's Annual Family History Workshop. His own research has been ongoing for 30 years and has provided his family with a history that goes back to the 17th century.

### **Registration:**

Registration is free with a suggested donation. [Please click here to register now!](#) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about how to join the webinar.

## JGSGB

### ***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](https://jgsqb.org) for the full list of our 2021-22 programs!**

### **What You Need to Know About Jewish Family Names**

NOV 7 @ 1:30 pm EST

Speaker: Sallyann Amdur Sack

[More info](#)

### **KI weekly online newsletter:**

Date: Upcoming Rabbi Talk~Tuesday, November 9th at 7:30 p.m.

Guest Speakers: **Rabbi Lance J. Sussman, Ph.D. & Karen Spiegel Franklin**

Topic: **The Untold Story of the Lehman Family and its Aid to Jewish Refugees, 1933-1945.**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89304128482>

Meeting ID: 893 0412 8482 Passcode: shalomki

Call into the discussion: +1 929 436 2866

**Karen Franklin's (\*JGASGP member)** illustrated lecture will explore the activities of the family and, in particular, the efforts of New York Governor Herbert H. Lehman, who worked tirelessly, both politically and personally, to

support the rescue efforts (including enlisting the personal assistance of President Franklin D. Roosevelt). She will share stories about the experiences of those who were aided, and how she used genealogical research to identify how they were related and what happened to their descendants.

### **Santa Cruz Jewish Genealogy Society invites you to :**

Topic: **The Power of the Catalog - Unindexed Records and How to Find Them**

Speaker: Risa Daitzman Heywood. Professional genealogist

Date: Sunday, November 14- 1 pm Pacific Time Zone/4 pm Eastern

Register: [Here](#)

Free to Members, \$5.00 to Guests

Description:

Did you know that over 75% of the records available on FamilySearch cannot be accessed by a simple records search? Did you know that Ancestry has record collections that are available to browse but that cannot be searched because they are not yet indexed? While digitizing records is relatively fast and inexpensive, indexing those records is much costlier. Many online repositories have made these records available for browsing but working with them can be a challenge. **This presentation will show you how to find and use these unindexed records to greatly enhance your research.**

Bio: Risa earned a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University and is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and adheres to its Code of Ethics and Professional Practices. Zoom link will be sent to your email the week of the event, please check your Spam folder. For more information or membership information [membership.scjgs@gmail.com](mailto:membership.scjgs@gmail.com)

Contact: Leah Kushner, President, SCJGS [SCJGSociety@gmail.com](mailto:SCJGSociety@gmail.com)

### **JGS of Pittsburgh**

Topic: **“Dead Letters: Delivering Unopened Mail from a Pennsylvania Ghost Town” with Jess Weible**

Date: Sunday, November 14, 2021 • 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Guest Speaker: Jess Weible

\$5 per person | [Register online](#)

On assignment for a small-town newspaper in rural Pennsylvania, rookie reporter Jessica Weible meets Joan Swigart, a creative fireball and “pioneer in print.” As the two women forge a relationship based on their passion for storytelling, Joan reveals a mystery that she had discovered years ago, but had never solved—a pile of dead letters found in an abandoned general store, just before it was torn down. Joan gives Jessica the letters, each stamped and dated over a hundred years ago, and encourages Jessica to investigate the untold stories of the people and places contained in each one.

What begins as yet another assignment for the reporter, a young millennial who relies happily on email and texting as the primary means of communication, develops into a heartfelt mission to tell the story of the people and places in the letters. The young reporter’s journey takes unexpected twists and turns through the quiet lumber towns of Pennsylvania, the early American settlements in Massachusetts, the bustling crowds at Ellis Island, the violent strikes at the Passaic textile mills, and beyond.

*This program is made possible by support from the William M. Lowenstein Genealogical Research Endowment Fund at the Jewish Community Foundation.*

*Joint Program – Beth El Jewish Genealogy Club and the Jewish Genealogy Society of North Jersey.*

**Sunday, Nov 14, 2021 7:30 PM - ON ZOOM**

**"How Are We Related?"  
Solving DNA Mysteries with Public Trees**  
by Sandy Lanman

You've received your DNA results and a few matches look very strong. But the matches' surnames, their ancestors' names, towns and any other information they've provided are a complete mystery. Even their family trees, if they even have one, offer no clues. To make matters worse, they don't respond to your messages. Sandy will walk us through several mystery matches she solved with a little detective work and the help of public family trees that anyone can search. She'll also offer tips for expanding your genealogical toolbox.



Sandy Lanman has worked as a communicator and writer since the 1970s. A native New Yorker, she began her career as a print journalist with The Home News in New Brunswick, where she won awards for opinion and creative writing, and reporting on health and medical issues. Sandy moved into public relations in the late 1980s, working successively in the arts, public broadcasting and higher education. She served as director of communications for New Jersey Network, and as director of media relations at Rutgers University. Sandy holds a bachelor's degree in English from Douglass College and master's in communication and information studies from the School of Communication and Information at Rutgers University.

Club members will have the link E-mailed to them before the meeting. Non-Beth El Genealogy Club members, please contact Lew Meixler at [LMeixler@verizon.net](mailto:LMeixler@verizon.net)

This program costs \$5 per person. It's free for Jewish Genealogical Society members. Please [register online](#). This program is a collaboration between the Jewish Genealogy Society of Pittsburgh and the Rauh Jewish History Program & Archives at the Heinz History Center. The program is free for JGS-Pittsburgh members and \$5 for the

general public. To become a member of the JGS-Pittsburgh and receive a free membership code, please visit [their website](#).

#### KL Author visit with Amy Meyerson ~ Nov. 29th

Kindly RSVP by using the form below!

On Monday, November 29th at 7:00pm, Amy Meyerson will join us in person at Keneseth Israel, 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA!

**Amy Meyerson**, originally from Philadelphia, is a bestselling author. She has been published in numerous literary magazines and teaches in the writing department at the University of Southern California, where she completed her graduate work in creative writing. She is the author of *The Bookshop of Yesterdays* and *The Imperfects*. Library Director Emerita, Ellen Tilman will introduce and interview Amy. Attendees must be masked at all times and fully vaccinated.

Questions? Email Linda Roth: [Library@KenesethIsrael.org](mailto:Library@KenesethIsrael.org) or call (215) 887-8700 if the link below doesn't work.

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

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**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/>



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- September 30, 2021, 6:00 pm ET—"Latin American Responses to the Holocaust" featuring Christina Chavarria
- 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

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## Main Line Genealogy Club

*Meeting Here and Searching the World*

### Monthly Dispatch October 2021

Dear Fellow Genealogists,

This is the first edition of our new monthly newsletter- The Dispatch! Many of you are familiar with the Main Line Genealogy Club but we would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves to those just discovering us.

The Main Line Genealogy Club welcomes all who are interested in learning more about their ancestors, both newcomers and those who are more experienced. Our purpose is to present programs that will help both new and experienced students to research their own family genealogies and to learn new techniques for improving their knowledge of their ancestors and their family histories.

MLGC is a Pennsylvania Not-for-Profit Association run by a set of volunteers called the Planning Committee. We share the responsibilities for the administration of club meetings. Each month in The Dispatch, a few members of the planning committee will provide a tip or highlight a genealogical resource in their area of expertise. This month you will find suggestions by Laverna Saunders, Sydney Cruice Dixon and **Paul Campbell-Trimbur.**(member JGASGP)

The Club meets the 2nd Thursday of the month, September through June, from 1 to 3 pm. The Club began holding its monthly meetings online using Zoom in April, 2020. We will continue to meet online for the foreseeable future. We ask you to make a \$5.00 contribution at each meeting to help defray our expenses. Use the link to "Cheddar Up" in the meeting details to donate. Zoom link information for each meeting is sent to all those on our email list. See Zoom instructions [here](#).

We now offer a Virtual Help Desk before each meeting! If you have a genealogy question or issue, please come prepared with the type of information, or document you are seeking, the approximate geographic location, and the approximate time period. Then connect to our Zoom meeting at 12:30 pm. There you will be moved to a separate Zoom meeting room where one or two of our planning committee members will attempt to provide you with guidance before the meeting begins at 1:00 pm EDT.

We hope to see you at our next meeting on Thursday, November 11th.

**The MLGC Planning Committee**

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

## 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



Bernie worked at all the Genealogy Fairs. Thanks to Gene Hurwitz for this photo.

*I am sad to inform you of the passing of Bernie Cedar.*

### **Bernard Behr Cedar**

On October 25, 2021; Age 91; of Voorhees formerly of Willingboro, NJ; Devoted father of David (Annabelle) of Haddonfield and Josh (Paula) of Collingswood; Cherished grandfather of Jake, Andrew, Evan, Leah, Madeline and Matthew; Dear brother of Rebecca (Arthur) Alssid of Boston.

Bernard was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. He attended Syracuse University where he earned his Master's degree in Planning. He spent over three decades as Planning Director for Burlington County. He coached youth soccer in Willingboro. He enjoyed traveling including several gastronomic tours in Europe with his sister. Bernard was passionate about genealogy and traveled extensively investigating family roots. However, Bernard's greatest passion was his six grandchildren. He was a fixture on the sidelines and in the audience for every activity his grandchildren participated in.

Thank you to Evan Fishman for the beautiful tribute that encompasses all the board members feelings:

*Bernie Cedar z"l was passionate about genealogy and the value and preservation of genealogy research.*

*During our many drives to meetings, he shared his ongoing efforts at gaining new insights into both his maternal and paternal roots. In "My Lithuanian Adventure" (Chronicles, Vol. 29.3) he described his search for a better understanding of his SUDARSKY heritage while participating in a Jewish genealogically oriented tour of Lithuania during the summer of 2012. He enjoyed the opportunities to travel domestically and internationally in order to attend many IAJGS conferences. A longtime JGASGP member, Bernie served on our board as well as the PJAC board. He was determined to give South Jersey proper recognition within our society. He spearheaded the genealogy fair we hosted in Cherry Hill and coordinated activities of our South Jersey affiliate. He worked with fellow member, Ruth Bogutz, to organize trips to the South Jersey agricultural colonies. Bernie and Ruth also pursued their shared dream of an archival center to document the strength of South Jersey's Jewish communities. They traveled up and down the state of New Jersey exploring similar repositories. Ultimately their efforts resulted in a partnership, announced in 2020, between the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey and Stockton University to create such an archival center. Aside from his dedicated efforts on behalf of JGASGP, Bernie was a real mensch and a devoted grandfather. He will be sorely missed.*

**Evan Fishman**

*Bernie was on the PJAC Board (thanks to Fred). He always added his wit and thoughtful insights--particularly about South Jersey. One nice guy.*

**Tom Perloff**

*Bernie was a delightful guy to be with at meetings and at IAJGS conferences. We often sat in on the same conference presentations, as he was also a Litvak and always interested in learning something new about his heritage and traveling to his ancestral shtetlach. I particularly remember spending time together, including classes and dinners and at the Salt Lake City and Warsaw conferences. I will miss seeing him, enjoying his good humor and am thankful for his help for our society. May his memory be for a blessing.*

**Ed Flax**

The family requests that you donate to the charity of your choice. Condolence cards may be sent to: David & Annabelle Cedar  
272 Hawthorne Avenue  
Haddonfield, NJ 08033

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.



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