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JEWISH GENEALOGICAL AND ARCHIVAL SOCIETY OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

11/22/2021

Hi Everyone,

Yesterday Roger Lustig spoke about Jewish Genealogy in the Germanies (including Prussian Poland). We heard a lot of information.

To access his slides, go to <https://tinyurl.com/Lustig-Phila>.

Did you know there was **Universal Civil registration** for birth, marriage, and death records? I didn't know that. Did you know that all Jewish women were given the middle name of Sarah and men were given the middle name of Israel? These facts help us understand the indexes and records that can be found.

Here's another interesting fact. Jewish people were referred to with at least 5 different names.

Mosaic??

Many terms for "Jewish"; 5 appear in these records.

- Jüdisch (Jewish)
- Israelitisch (Israelite)
- Mosaisch (Mosaic)
- Alttestamentarisch (Old-Testament-ish)
- Hebräisch (Hebrew)

If you missed his presentation or want to see it again go to

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/_F64vxM2YL88hWyHii7tUJurudzb1fd_nb7IUMTa8H2X38ZqEeAYVQb_FMOxr2lz.3K0yfRlBs3FUQjhV Passcode: mexyP?&9

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".



FamilyTree Magazine has publicized its 25 Best Genealogy Websites for Beginners. They broke this down into several categories:

Websites for building your family tree

Websites for DNA Tests

Websites for learning more about genealogy

Websites for exploring regional and ethnic resources

Websites for beginner-friendly records

To read the article see: <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/websites/25-best-genealogy-websites-for-beginners/>

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 ASAP. Let Evan know if you are working on an article The next deadline is January 2, 2022.

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 are making generous donations.

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

Please consider donating for the IAJGS Conference 2022 today!

From the President's Desk

With the seasonal holidays right around the corner, I would like to wish all of the JGASGP a happy and healthy Thanksgiving and a Chanukah filled with the all of the traditions and treats of these special nights.....especially my favorite, latkes! In the coming weeks, you will be receiving a new survey from the Board to complete online. We ask for all members' participation to guide us in several areas: becoming acquainted with our new members, determining the unique skills of our members, which will assist us in planning for future society endeavors, assembling a volunteer team for the 2022 IAJGS Conference to be held in Philadelphia and finally, learning about what you, our members, would like to see in future programming. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and input. Watch for this in your email in December.

During our General Meeting yesterday, VP for Programming, Mark Halpern spoke about programming for 2022. Included in this discussion was an instant poll to assess members' interest in a session with a trainer from FamilyTree Maker. Using technology in this manner is state of the art and one more way for us to meet your needs as genealogists.

Preparation is continuing on the 2022 IAJGS Conference and thus far, over 400 proposals have been submitted by potential presenters!

I look forward to seeing you all at our December 12 th General Meeting, during which we will hold our election of officers and board members. If you wish to be nominated or to nominate someone, reach out to Joel Spector who heads up our Nominating Committee at jlspector@aol.com.

Felicia Mode Alexander

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

www.JGASGP.org

The Nominating Committee of the Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia is proud to report the following slate for Officers of the JGASGP for a two-year term starting January 1, 2022:

The following people are currently on the JGASGP Board. Our election will be held at our December meeting where we will take a vote. Thank you and I hope to see you all there.

President: Felicia Mode Alexander

Vice President (Programming): Mark Halpern

Vice President (Membership): Marilyn Mazer Golden

Secretary: Linda Ewall-Krocker

Treasurer: Tom Perloff

Submitted by Joel Spector for the JGASGP Nominating Committee



Here we are representing JGASGP at the HAMEC gala. Top Row l to r, David Alexander, Felicia Mode Alexander, Ed Flax. Bottom row, L to r, Michael Golden, Marilyn Mazer Golden, and Dee Silver.

The Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center honored two people at its 60th annual anniversary gala dinner and silent auction at the Radisson in Trevose. Not in the photo are several other members attended as well as Adam Denish (our HAMEC liaison), who co-chaired of the event. The gala was attended by 150 people as well as 100 on Zoom.

The honorees were Rhonda Fink-Whitman and Phil Holtje. Fink-Whitman, a Somerton native, was recognized for her work as a Holocaust education advocate. Her mom, Tania Fink, a Holocaust survivor, traveled from Delray Beach, Florida to introduce her.

Fink-Whitman wrote 94 Maidens, a book chronicling her mother's survival that was HAMEC's first Book of the Month. She also led the successful effort to bring Holocaust and genocide education to Pennsylvania schools. Thirteen other states have followed, thanks in part to Fink-Whitman's prodding. In all, 19 states teach Holocaust education.

Holtje, was HAMEC's education director from 2010-15. He expanded the number of school education programs from 42 to 540, reaching more than 150,000 young people. He recruited more than 30 Holocaust survivors, liberators, and resisters to share their testimonies and led the initiative to videotape testimonies. HAMEC, founded in 1961, moved in August 2020 from KleinLife to Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel, in Elkins Park. Opened in 1961, it's believed to be the first Holocaust museum in the United States.

A major focus in the last decade has been educating young people about the Holocaust. Survivors have helped reach more than 300,000 students in over 30 countries with their message. That program has been virtual for the last year, allowing HAMEC to reach students worldwide

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:

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"

January date TBA Sydney Cruice Dixon

February TBA

Sunday, March 6, 2022

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

Official program starts promptly at 1:30

SPEAKER: Serafima Velkovich

TOPIC: TIPS FOR USING GENEALOGICAL SOURCES AT YAD VASHEM

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.

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). Contact Jim and me (membership@jgasgp.org) ASAP so we can get started on this new feature of membership!

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



The Philadelphia Inquirer

Conserving Jewish cemeteries, one stone at a time. Originally published Nov. 11, 2021.
Reprinted with permission by the journalist, Kevin Riordan, and The Philadelphia Inquirer.

Gravestones are being reset and repaired in a section of Har Nebo Cemetery in Oxford Circle as part of a pilot project supported by the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.



Joe Ferrannini (left) smooths the base of a gravestone, while Adam Denish cleans another at the Har Nebo Cemetery in Northeast Philadelphia. Ferrannini is a professional gravestone conservator and Denish is a volunteer; they are part of a pilot project coordinated by the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. THOMAS HENGGE / Staff Photographer

On an otherwise quiet morning at [Har Nebo](#), the venerable Jewish cemetery in Northeast Philadelphia, the clinking of Joe Ferrannini's hammer and chisel was the sound of history being made to last.

Ferrannini has been meticulously reassembling, resetting, and cleaning the broken, sunken, fallen, or discolored stones on 32 graves at Har Nebo. It's a pilot project the [Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia](#) hopes will provide a conservation model for others among the 30 Jewish burial grounds in the city and the Pennsylvania suburbs.

"Gravestones may be the only record that someone was here on this planet, and preserving them is important to me," Ferrannini said. "A big part of the mission is to make sure these people aren't forgotten."

Gravestones, he said, tell "the stories of why we are who we are."

More than 34,000 people are buried at Har Nebo, the Hebrew name for the mountain that gave Moses his first glimpse of the promised land and became his burial place. The cemetery in the Oxford Circle neighborhood was established in 1890.

Rabbi Lance Sussman of [Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel](#), who is doing research for a documentary project with filmmaker Sam Katz, said Philadelphia's Jewish population grew from 12,000 to 200,000 between 1880 and 1920 as waves of immigrants arrived from Russia and Eastern Europe. Some of those men and women, their children, and later descendants are among those memorialized by the granite and marble stones — some modest, others grand — that cover the 28 acres of Har Nebo.

"Ten of my ancestors are here," said Richard Blumberg, 60, a Montgomery Township business consultant who was dismayed by the condition of the cemetery during a visit with his son in late 2020. While their family members' graves were in good condition, Ferrannini estimates that a third of all the other stones are sinking, leaning, lying face down, or broken in pieces.

"Looking around, I thought, 'I can't accept this,'" said Blumberg, who's been helping focus attention on Har Nebo ever since.

Gravestone conservator Joe Ferrannini at the *Har Nebo Cemetery in Philadelphia's Oxford Circle neighborhood. He is repairing and resetting monuments there as a pilot program the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia hopes will provide a model for conservation at other Jewish burial grounds in and around the city.* THOMAS HENGGE / Staff Photographer

The Federation's [Friends of Jewish Cemeteries](#) project has raised more than \$15,000 toward a \$20,000 goal to cover the cost of the pilot. On Oct. 17, a cleanup brought more than 350 volunteers through the gates on Oxford Avenue; they pruned shrubs, cut weeds, and filled 100 bags with vegetation and debris.

"We would not have gotten this far or this fast without Rich's leadership," said Addie Lewis Klein, a senior director with the federation.

"We get phone calls every single week from community members who are concerned about the state of our older cemeteries," Klein said. "This is a community-wide problem. It needs a communal solution. And it's going to take time, money and expertise." In 2017, the federation rallied support for Mount Carmel Cemetery, in the city's Wissinoming neighborhood. About [275 gravestones had been desecrated](#) by vandals, and Ferrannini led that successful conservation effort.



Mount Carmel and Har Nebo are both owned by the family of Richard Levy, who told the [Jewish Exponent](#) newspaper there were only 44 burials at Har Nebo in 2020. He did not respond to a voice mail or emails from an Inquirer reporter.

Surrounded by a chain-link fence topped with barbed wire amid the working-class rowhouses and apartments of Oxford Circle, Har Nebo does not appear to have been vandalized.

But unstable ground — the cemetery was built on the site of a factory that made bricks from the clay soil there — has caused many gravestones to tilt precipitously or fall over altogether.

“This can be dangerous work, and volunteers shouldn’t try to do it,” said Ferrannini, estimating that even a smallish granite stone can weigh 600 pounds.

Interest in Jewish and other burial grounds has deepened in recent years as the internet, and the availability of inexpensive DNA tests, have popularized genealogical research. Blumberg himself was inspired to visit Har Nebo while writing a book about his family’s history.

“Cemeteries are special places,” said Felicia Mode Alexander, president of the [Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia](#). A self-described “history geek,” she grew up in Boston and remembers visiting the graves of family members in the historic [Ohabei Shalom Cemetery](#).

“It was a goosebump experience,” she said. “When I walked among these headstones, I knew they were part of my gene pool, my ancestry. I felt connected to them.”



Joe Ferrannini measures Oscar Loeb’s gravestone at the Har Nebo Cemetery in Philadelphia before resetting it. His finished work gave two of Loeb’s great-granddaughters, and two of their cousins, a chance to see the stone upright and in its proper place for the first time. THOMAS HENGGE / Staff Photographer

the monument of their great-grandfather, Oscar Loeb, was lying on the ground at the family plot. As the sisters stood there, Barbara Levine and Jeremy Rothman, whom they didn’t know and who didn’t know each other, walked over. The four engaged in the time-honored custom known as Jewish geography and quickly realized they are cousins. And all four returned Thursday to see Oscar’s stone repaired and reset in its proper place.

“It was emotional, thinking about our common ancestors knowing we were there, taking care of their monuments, and honoring them,” said Green. “Since meeting, we four have talked about reaching out and finding other relatives and having a reunion.”

Said Ferrannini, a lifelong history lover who learned gravestone work by doing it: “Three separate branches of the family were coming together around a stone I was able to reset for them and hear the story.” It was gratifying on so many levels to take something that looked like a total loss and put it back to a better state so people can enjoy the artistry and the information on it.”

Dennis Montagna, a historian at the National Park Service’s Northeast regional office in Philadelphia, has been offering guidance and encouragement to the efforts at Har Nebo through NPS’s monument research and preservation program.

“Ideally with these cemeteries, you want there to be ongoing maintenance,” he said. “But it’s like a perfect storm of deferred maintenance, expensive and labor-intensive stonework to do, and very little income coming in. “So, it really depends on other people to help retool these cemeteries as places to visit, and learn history,” said Montagna. “It’s a real challenge. But these monuments meant so much to people. They’re stories about ... everything.

Alexander (Felicia Mode Alexander), president of the genealogical society, has been researching the lives of a couple of people buried at Har Nebo and will contribute them to the pilot project’s archive. One involves a Philly soldier who was killed in France during World War I and whose remains were later repatriated. His name was Herman Spielberg.

“When he came back to Philadelphia, a cousin retrieved the body for burial at Har Nebo,” she said. “He was an only child, and his family died out with him. I went there and found his grave. It’s a beautiful monument, a stone in the shape of a tree trunk.

“There was no one left to place a stone on his grave, as Jewish people do. So, I went back and put a stone on his grave and said, ‘Thank you for your service. And I will tell your story.’”

Herman Spielberg, whose body was repatriated to the United States after he died in combat in France during World War I, was reburied at Har Nebo Cemetery. His story will be archived as part of a pilot conservation project at the Jewish burial ground in Northeast Philadelphia.



Kevin Riordan

Since 2010, I've served as a columnist, editorial board member, and writer for the Upside, writing good news and uplifting stories.

The gates of Har Nebo are now going to be open 8:30-4:30 on Sundays. (harnebo.com). On the website you can request that the gates be opened and schedule an unveiling.

Schedule a visit below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbqEVLqBupMF7zOfKusRB2ZIIvxyfRVGzIPPBlo_88GWkTWQ/viewform

Quick update...

As you may recall, right before that Sunday it rained extensively. When we arrived, we were ankle deep in most of the original location. We found out that we were at the bottom of a very subtle incline going both ways, so the water was in our spot. Joe Ferrannini, our onsite expert, made the call based

on safety and practicality that the work could not happen in that location until it was dry to put the equipment in place and work. He had his trailer and truck in place. We found a new location which was essentially dry and in a better position to allow the work to proceed as scheduled.

Would you be interested in researching a person or two? If so, please reply to Rich Blumberg.

rich.blumberg@comcast.net

As a result, wanted to see if you are interested to do a family group record to help tell their stories. We appreciate **The Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia's** and other volunteers teaming with us. Note: We are still going to use the prior location stories in the How-to-Volunteer Guide (they were extremely helpful and interesting) and integral to this initiative. Thank you, Rich

Membership Dues and News

We currently have **372** 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 1st - December 31st, 2021**. Our 2022 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 annual Steve Shecter Memorial Lecture.

Resource Suggestions:



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>

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 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://lisalouisecooke.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 Then/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.

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

Where We Lived
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**Philadelphia
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Webinars, Podcasts and Zoom Meetings of Interest

15 resources every Sephardic genealogist should know

contact@sephardicgenealogy.com

Where do you start when researching your Sephardic ancestors? This week Ton and David share their top fifteen resources for Sephardic genealogy. Many of these are accessible from your desktop. These range from national archives to specialist websites and indispensable books. While not a comprehensive list, this will help you get ahead in studying your family history. Ton Tielen and David Mendoza are professional genealogists, founders of Sephardic World, the Sephardic Genealogical Society, and co-founders of The Sephardic Diaspora group on Facebook.

Check out their YouTube channel to watch this program:

The meeting is on 21 November 2021, at 11am in LA, 2pm NYC, 7pm London, 8pm Paris/Amsterdam and 9pm Jerusalem. Patrons can join us on Zoom.

Everyone is invited to join us for free at:

<https://www.youtube.com/SephardicGenealogyAndHistory/>

Please subscribe to the YouTube channel. It helps us a lot and reminds you when we are going live!

Our last meeting, on Ashkenazim with Sephardic ancestry, was our popular ever. You can watch the recording at https://youtu.be/fjz6hs_nqaE

A listing of previous Sephardic World videos is available on the Sephardic Genealogical Society website at <https://www.sephardic.world/sephardic-world>

Best wishes,

David Mendoza and Ton Tielen, Sephardic World

KI 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 or call (215) 887-8700 if the link below doesn't work.

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

We Share the Same Sky by Rachael Cerrotti

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/>

Check our Facebook page for additional postings by our Facebook group members.

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.

A promotional graphic for the 42nd IAJGS Conference on Jewish Genealogy. The text "Where We Lived" is in a large, blue, cursive font. Below it, "42nd IAJGS Conference on Jewish Genealogy" is in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. "Philadelphia Aug 21-25, 2022" is in a green, sans-serif font and is circled in blue. Below that, "Save the date!" is in a blue, cursive font. At the bottom left, "iajgs2022.org" is in an orange, sans-serif font. On the right, there are logos for IAJGS (International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies) and JGASGP (Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia). At the bottom right, there is a stylized illustration of a city skyline with a sailboat in front of it.