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CHRONICLES, OUR
QUARTERLY AWARD-
WINNING JOURNAL:

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CHRONICLES EDITOR, EVAN
FISHMAN,

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Chronicles to your
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JEWISH GENEALOGICAL AND ARCHIVAL SOCIETY OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

1/2/2021

Hi Everyone, Please make sure you look at the entire Newsletter! There is a lot of information.

We had a fabulous meeting today. We started with a Chat and Schmooze where several members brought up some very interesting information worth sharing.

- Here's the link for ordering a deceased relative's SS application: <https://www.ssa.gov/foia/request.html>

This article is informative about the process and what you can get from doing this:

<https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2020/11/16/ordering-the-ss-5-2020-style/> (Thank you to **Karen Albert**)

- **JewishGen Press is proud to announce our 135th title:**

On the Ruins of My Home; The Destruction of Siedlce (Siedlce, Poland)

This is the English translation of: Oyf di khurves fun mayn heym (khurbn

Shedlets)

Details: Editor of Original Yizkor Book: Melech Fainzilber.

Project Coordinator: **David Aron Mink (Our member)**

Hard Cover, 8.5" by 11", 190 pages with original photographs

Before the second world war Siedlce had a significant Jewish population, at times being the majority town. Jews started settling in Siedlce from the mid-16th century. They were inn keepers, merchants, and artisans. In the 18th century a Jewish hospital, a Beit Midrash and a Jewish cemetery were established. Siedlce came under Austrian rule after the third partition of Poland until 1809 when it was passed to Russian rule in 1815.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, secular political and cultural activity was evident among the Jews in Siedlce. Various political movements and parties such as Zionists, the Bund, and others existed. Between 1911 and 1939, two Yiddish weeklies were published in town.

In 1939, Jews were 37% of the town's population. Germans deported over a thousand Jews from elsewhere in Poland to Siedlce in 1940. In March 1941 a three days pogrom in Siedlce orchestrated by the Germans, killed many of its Jewish inhabitants. In August of the same year the Jews were forced into a Ghetto. In August 1942 some 10,000 Siedlce Jews were deported to Treblinka and murdered there. The town's remaining Jews were sent to extermination on November 25th, 1942.

The Siedlce Jewish community was not restored after the war.

May this book serve as a memorial to the vibrant community of Siedlce that no longer exists.

For the researchers, this book contains a wealth of both genealogical and cultural information that can provide a picture of the environment of our ancestors.

For ordering information please see: https://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/ybip/YBIP_Siedlce1.html

Susan Rosin

JG Press Publications Manager. (Thank you, David, for this information)



Jackie Ben-Efraim shared the amazing tree she has at work. It's the Oppenheimer family tree. She sent me the article that Werner Frank shared that explains his methodology. I just attached it to this e-mail.

Karen Albert summed up the meeting today: "Great session today and it was my second time hearing Gil and maybe my 3rd or 4th DNA testing webinar! I think some of it is finally sinking in and making sense".

I too have heard Gil speak before. This talk get's better every time. I'm inspired and will be sitting at my computer all night!

Help! I just got my Autosomal DNA Results and I'm Confused". Hopefully the 81 people who signed in are less confused!

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/rAxDgFY7SiGv0zh1CTaBdkrK8ACQPPcldCAyodNyUOgzhnQf00l1X5ZOhhSjoikD.VAHyaXC1Ft-dXhtq> Passcode: eHe0Qr+p

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".

Start 2022 by creating your own support sessions with a JewishGen Education coach.

JewishGen Education will continue its popular Special Services programs:

(1) Virtual Conversations with an Expert. These are Zoom Meetings (45 minutes -\$36)

Read more and make a date: <https://www.jewishgen.org/education/edu-virtual.html>

(2) Private Mentoring Genealogical coaching By the Week. These are Zoom Meetings (1 hour - \$50)

Read more and schedule an appointment.

<https://www.jewishgen.org/education/edu-individual.html>

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Contact education@jewishgen.org

Nancy Holden

Director of Education

See below for more learning options.

Syncing Software with Online Trees from Family Tree Magazine

The latest edition of the popular genealogy software [RootsMagic was released earlier this year](#). Like other software, RootsMagic gives you the ability to build and store your family tree on your computer, without any ongoing subscription fees.

Even if you have already built a family tree using an online service such as Ancestry or Findmypast, you can still take advantage of the benefits of genealogy software. Many software programs can sync with your online trees, giving you the best of both worlds.

Here are a few of the most popular software programs and what they sync with:

[RootsMagic 8](#) — Ancestry, FamilySearch Family Tree
[Family Tree Maker 2019](#) — Ancestry
[Legacy Family Tree 9](#) — FamilySearch Family Tree
[Family Tree Builder 8](#) — MyHeritage

Read on to learn more about the latest edition of RootsMagic, as well as [how to sync it with Ancestry](#). Happy tree building!

Rachel Christian
New Media Editor
[Family Tree Magazine](#)

Chronicles

*****CONTEST*****

If you've never written an article before, now is your chance to be entered in our end-of-the-year contest!

Our founding president, Harry Boonin, is awarding copies of his book *The Jewish Quarter of Philadelphia*, to the first five JGASGP members who publish an article for *Chronicles* for the first time. Don't worry about perfection.

Articles are edited and formatted to fit. Our editors will choose what will be published in the next issue. You will be informed if you 'win'! We have 4 new writers so far! Only 1 spot left!

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 editing your article. If you're not sure your topic is appropriate, ask Evan.

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

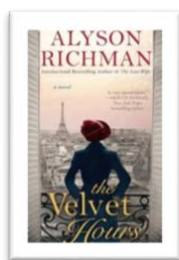
We would like to thank all members who are making generous donations. Each quarter we will publish the names of those donations received over \$10. Please consider donating for the IAIGS Conference 2022 today!

Tom Perloff will publish a list in our next Newsletter.

From the President's Desk

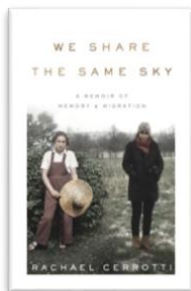
To launch 2022, I would like to share an idea I got from the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston, of which I am a long-distance member. This virtual event sparked my interest as something to bring to you all as a member activity. See what you think.....

The JGSGB created a members-only Book Club. The participants meet virtually every six weeks. They decide on the title of each book to be read and discussed. On a rotating basis, one book club participant agrees to do a bit of research about the author, crafts discussion questions and serves as facilitator. The book discussed at the JGSGB Book Club last week was an interesting choice: The Velvet Hours, written by Alyson Richman and published in 2015. We had a lively discussion, had a lot of fun chatting and I found it quite enjoyable.



I will be happy to set this up for our society, and moderate the first session, but need to know if there is interest. Book genres selected to discuss can be fiction, non-fiction, memoirs, etc. and topics can be anything related to Jewish culture or genealogy.

If you want to participate, please shoot me an email through our website and type YES BOOK CLUB in the subject line, plus include your name and email address in the body of the email. You can also include any titles you recommend. I will then reply with instructions for our first book choice and date for our Book Club Zoom. Perhaps we can start with We Share the Same Sky, by our recent speaker Rachael Cerrotti.



*Happy New Year to one and all!
Felicia*

Future JGASGP Zoom Meetings

Currently all meetings are on the Zoom platform until further notice.

* 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.
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 only. The link will be posted in the next JGASGP Newsletter.

Save the dates:

Date: January 23, 2022

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

Official program starts promptly at 1:30

Speaker: Sydney Cruice Dixon, Professional Genealogist, Writer, and Lecturer

Topic: Analyzing Evidence and Sources for Genealogical Research - Forming Sound Genealogical Conclusions and Maximizing Indirect Evidence

Date: Sunday, February 13, 2022

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

Official program starts promptly at 1:30

Speaker: Mark Olsen, Family Tree Maker Ambassador

Topic: What's New in Family Tree Maker Q and A Discussion

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

Sunday, March 27, 2022. *RETURN ENGAGEMENT*****

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! Part 2 the Next Steps..."

Help Wanted

HELP US CREATE OUR OWN JGASGP FAMILY FINDER

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.

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!



Volunteer survey is being developed for help with the IAJGS Conference. We must be prepared for live/virtual/hybrid scenario. We will need your help!!!

In the News

- NEW GALICIAN DATA ADDED TO THE JRI-POLAND ONLINE DATABASE

#POLAND

From VP Mark Halpern

Dear Galitzianers:

In the December 2021 edition of For the Record. Stanley Diamond announced a major upload of record entries to the JRI-Poland database on our Legacy System at <https://jri-poland.org>. This update included over 40,000 new vital record indices for 22 towns in the eastern part of Galicia. Data for two new towns, Bohorodczany and Turka, are included.

If you are not yet getting For the Record, go to <https://bit.ly/3mncWkw>, take a look at the previous editions, and join us

mailing list.

B=births; M=marriages; D=deaths

Lwow Area

Bobrka: 1928-38D

Grodek Jagiellonski: 1903-13B; 1931, 32, 35, 38M; 1933, 34, 37D (also indexed and not online yet are 1915-28M and 1904-16D

awaiting more funding)

Jaryczow Nowy: 1906-12, 14-15, 17B; 1913, 16, 18-21, 24-29, 34-35M; 1906-07, 09, 11-13, 15, 22, 27, 32, 34, 36D

Jaworow: 1906-37M; 1885-1928D

Krakowiec: 1877, 78, 80-82, 84-85, 87-88, 91-1906M; 1889-1914D (also indexed and not yet online 1877-89D)

Lwow: 1904-09M (also indexed and not yet online are 1904-10B awaiting more funding)

Sokal: 1938-39D

Tartakow: 1901-05, 08-10, 12, 14-15D (also indexed and not yet online are 1900-16B; 1877-1937M; 1915-37D awaiting more funding)

Stanislawow Area

Bohorodczany: 1921-31, 36 M; 1919-31,36D

Bolechow: 1907-18B; 1917-28M; 1911-26D

Bolszowce: 1901-16, 18, 20-28M; 1901-16, 19-35D

Bursztyn: 1908-14, 18-24M; 1908-25D

Nadworna: 1914-16, 18-30M; 1915-16, 18-38D

Skole: 1917B; 1916-34M; 1916-30, 32-39D

Turka: 1914-18B; 1916-17, 19-37M; 1915-35D

Tarnopol Area

Borszczow: 1935-39D

Buczacz: 1891-1916B (Vital records from before WWI were destroyed.

These are indices of records recreated at the family's request.)

Gologory: 1877, 81, 83, 85-1904, 06-14, 16-17, 19-34M

Kozowa: 1914-34, 38M; 1908-38D

Narajow: 1896-1935D

Strusow: 1877-83, 85, 87, 92, 93, 95-1914, 17-18, 20-33M; 1901-33D

Zborow: 1890-1910B; 1910-16, 19-35M; 1905-34D

Many of these groups of records cover the period of World War I and also the last great pandemic. Please take a look at the note beside the entry for Buczacz. There are a number of towns in the area that are also missing

records from before 1919. In most cases, these records were destroyed during World War I. In some cases, certain records

were re-created. We try to communicate when records were re-created, so that if the records you are looking for from

before WWI are missing, you will know why. Also, where records before WWI are intact, the records for the War years

might be missing or curtailed as the War rolled through Galicia. I know my father had to leave his home in Galicia, near

Brzezany, Tarnopol, and Zborow. He and his family spent the War years in Hungary.

I mentioned before that some records had been indexed and are not yet online as they await additional funding.

Here are 22 more towns in that same situation: Boryslaw, Czortkow, Drohobycz, Gliniany, Halicz, Jagielnica, Kolomyja,

Mosty Wielkie, Przemyslany, Rawa Ruska, Sambor, Sniatyn, Sokolowka, Solotwina, Stanislawow, Stary Sambor, Stryj,

Strzeliska Nowe, Trembowla, Uhnów, Zabie, Zablotow. Please contact me if you need more information about any of these eastern Galician towns.

Lastly, I want to thank all the great volunteers and donors who helped make this announcement possible. Especially,

I want to thank Michael Tobias who handles all the data for the database and the following volunteers who have indexed and/or are now indexing eastern Galician records for JRI-Poland: Jan Gronski, Suzanne H Dana Lugassy, Philippe Volvovic, Max Wald, and Suzan Wynne.

A very Happy New Year to everyone.

Mark

JRI-Poland Coordinator for the Lwow, Stanislawow, and Tarnopol Areas



FamilySearch opened registration to RootsTech 2022. It's the largest family history event in the world held online March 3–5, 2022. Register for free at www.rootstech.org today.

RootsTech 2022 will be a virtual-only experience, with some enhancements and improvements.

A new set of educational classes will be featured during 2022, along with new technologies to explore in the virtual expo hall, and inspiring stories shared by a fascinating line-up of keynote speakers.

Classes for the event will have a mix of on-demand, livestream, and interactive sessions that will allow attendees to learn, grow and connect to people all over the globe. Participants will also be able to connect

with fellow attendees, speakers, experts, and enthusiasts. In 2022, the planners of RootsTech are looking to take that experience to the next level.

For more information go to:

<https://media.familysearch.org/ready-to-connect-rootstech-2022-registration-is-now-open/>

- **The gates of Har Nebo are now open from 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:



Dear JewishGen Community,

JewishGen is proud to announce its 2021 year-end update to the JOWBR (JewishGen's Online Worldwide Burial Registry) database.

Please visit www.jewishgen.org/databases/Cemetery/ to access the JOWBR database. If you're a new JOWBR user, we recommend that you visit our screencast page at www.jewishgen.org/databases/Cemetery/Screencasts/ and take a look at the first two explanatory screencasts.

This update, adds approximately 61,000 new records and 45,000 new photos (not necessarily the same records/images.) The database is adding and/or updating 355 cemeteries. This update brings JOWBR's holdings to almost 4.2 million records and 908,000 photos from approximately 9,800 cemeteries / cemetery sections representing 143 countries!

Once again, donors for this update include a mix of individuals, Jewish genealogical societies, historical societies, and museums. We appreciate all our donor's submissions and the transliteration work done by a faithful group of JewishGen volunteers.

Significant additions to JOWBR by country include:

Argentina – the AGJA submitted approximately 500 new records and 1,200 photos from 6 different existing and new JOWBR cemeteries.

Australia – more than 1,000 new records and 650 photos, from the Melbourne Chevra Kadisha for various cemeteries.

Canada – 5,000 records and 5,500 photos from new and existing cemeteries submitted from the JGS of Montreal.

Czech Republic – approximately 1,800 records and 800 photos from 9 new and updated cemeteries, the largest set from the Old Cemetery in Prague.

England – more than 7,500 records and 4,800 photos from 23 new and updated cemeteries, the majority of which are from Blakely Jewish Cemetery (Manchester), Crumpsall Jewish Cemetery (London), and Plashet Cemetery (London) from Individual donors.

Germany – more than 1,200 records from 15 new and updated cemeteries, the largest set from Worms.

India – Almost 5,500 records for the cemetery in Kolkata, from the Jeff Malka Collection.

Moldova – more than 3,800 records and 3,300 photos from 3 cemeteries that include the final installment from Kishniev from JewishGen's Jewish Cemetery from the Bessarabia Research Division.

Romania –approximately 6,100 new records and 3,750 photos from 6 new and updated cemeteries, the largest from Radauti.

Russia – added 1,700 records from 7 new and updated cemeteries, the largest set from Nizhny Novogorod

Slovakia – Almost ,800 records and 375 photos from 6 cemeteries, the largest from the Old Jewish Cemetery in Bratislava

Sweden – more than 2,300 records from 3 cemeteries, the largest sets from Malmo.

United States - approximately 18,500 new records and 17,500 photos for 131 new and updated cemeteries. Significant additions came from the Lasky Collection, James Mason, Andrew Sverdlove, Matt Handelman, JGS Greater Boston, and a number of dedicated individual volunteers and representatives of synagogues and historical societies.

Please visit www.jewishgen.org/databases/Cemetery/tree/CemList.htm for a complete listing of all cemeteries in JOWBR.

- From Lara Diamond:

<https://larasgenealogy.blogspot.com/2021/12/jewish-burials-in-eastern-europe.html#more>

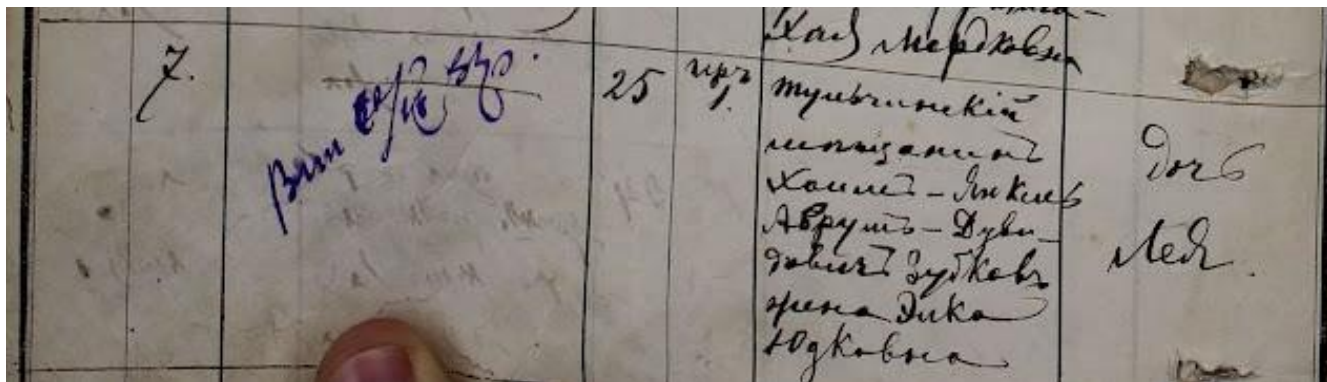
JEWISH BURIALS IN EASTERN EUROPE - RELATIVES LEFT BEHIND?

My immediate ancestors were all in America by 1947--and my mom's ancestors by the early 1920s. But especially for the branches of my family who came over earlier in the twentieth century, we know that they left relatives behind. My family, like many others, lost contact with those relatives over the years--and definitely post-Holocaust. Many of those who stayed behind (and survived the Holocaust) were buried in local Jewish cemeteries. And finding those burials can potentially point you towards their descendants.



Grave of Leia Zubkov Linetzky, Courtesy mitzvahemet.com

Leia Zubkov was my fourth cousin twice removed. Her father, Chaim Yaakov/Chaim Yankel was born a Zubkis but at some point, started using the surname Zubkov, and it's under this surname that he registered his children's births in the town of Shargorod.



Birth of Leia Zubkov; April 25, 1894; Shargorod Russian Empire

I knew (from her birth record) that Leia Zubkov was born in 1894. But I had no insight into what happened in her life after that point. If she survived to adulthood, I assume she would have married and used another surname--and I had no clue what that would be.

But then I happened upon [Mitzvat Emet](#). This is an organization that is cataloging (with photographs) Jewish graves across Eastern Europe, but primarily in Ukraine and Belarus. They also have a service where they will take care of graves. You can search Mitzvah Emet in English (or Russian) for specific surnames. And when I searched for Zubkova (make sure to various female endings to pick up on females!), I struck gold. Leia's grave, as seen in the first image, included her maiden's name as well as her married name. I now know that Leia lived until 1961, and she is buried in Shargorod (today Sharhorod, Ukraine). And her grave also tells me her married name, Linetzky. The wording at the bottom tells me that she was a wife, mother and grandmother--meaning I can now try to track down her descendants, also my distant cousins.

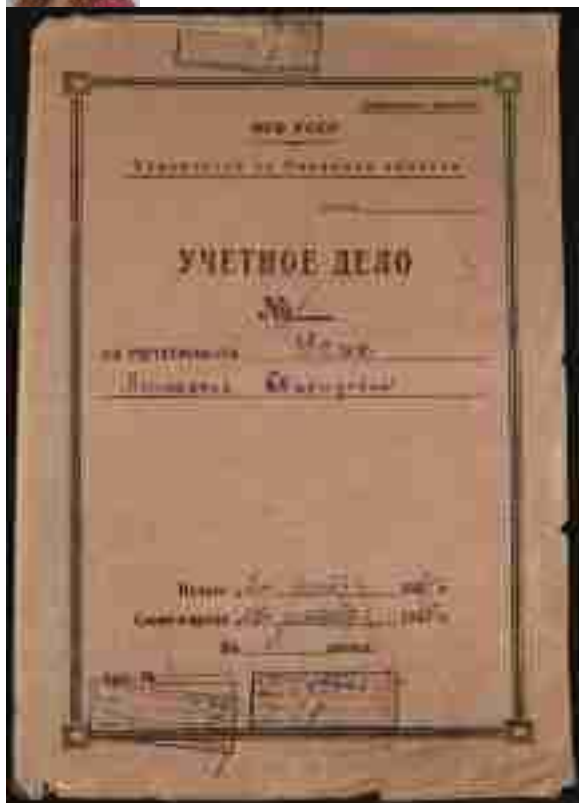
I recommend searching in both English and Russian; change the language of the site and search by clicking on the appropriate language on the top left of the page and then using the search box on the top of the page.

This isn't the only such site out there. But it's worth looking at this one--and checking back, as it seems they add new cemetery data regularly.



[Important forced laborer records once held by the KGB go online to give closure](#)

by Vera Miller



Too many people know relatives who were taken hostage by the German army to become forced laborers. Some had the strength to survive the experience and return to Ukraine, but they were treated with suspicion.

Ukrainian archives have files on these survivors and the dust is coming off the files, once hidden by the Ukrainian KGB.

Kyiv Regional Archives has posted a database of almost 49,000 people known as the Ostarbeiters with the scanned records that detail their journey in forced labor and return to Ukraine.

The database can be found [here](#), thanks to the agreement between FamilySearch International Corporation and State Archives of Kyiv Region to scan archive records.

The database is very simple to use. The first column is for the file number, the second is for surname (Прізвище), third for given name (Ім'я) and fourth for patronymic name (Побатькові). Names can be switched to Russian and Ukrainian using [Google Translate](#) and then copy and paste the names into the database for searching.

The scanned records on each person can be viewed by clicking on the file number on the left. Downloading the records is simple as right-clicking on the images or however your device downloads files.

Not only are Kyiv Region filtration records online but so are the records for nearby Kirovohrad Region.

More than 5,000 records can be searched [here](#). The search box is on the right next to Пошук: Those intimidated by searching on a Ukrainian website can switch the list to show 100 results per page by clicking on the number box between Показати and записів. The filtration file can be viewed as a .pdf file by clicking on the name and then downloaded by clicking on the symbol next to the printer on the top right.

Another Ukrainian archives opening up the filtration cases is Zakarpattia Regional Archives. Sadly, the files are not scanned online but the archives has posted the book that lists almost 7,500 people who survived forced labor and returned.

The file can be viewed [here](#). It goes on for 379 pages but it's worth the look for anyone whose relatives and ancestors who could be mentioned in the book.

Those who find people of interest in the file should e-mail archives at archive_uz@arch.gov.ua with all the details found in the file, which should be listed as Ф. № 2558, оп.2 (том1-2). Фільтраційні справи. The hope is that archives will release the filtration records or at least provide extracted information.

One more archive posting a list of filtration files is Zhytomyr Regional Archives, which has file information by alphabetical letter. The files can be found [here](#).

The same information is expected to go online for Poltava Regional Archives, but a release date could not be found.

As FamilySearch International Corporation moves across Ukraine to scan records, I have hope more filtration records will be posted online. Closure and broken brickwalls are on the way for many people as archive records are getting dusted off for their priceless scans.

Related posts:

[FamilySearch on its way to make many more Ukrainian archive records digital](#)

[Major German forced laborer database on Ostarbeiters goes online](#)

[Arolsen Archives updates its WWII database once again](#)

[New WWII database fills in family's story for escape from Soviet Ukraine](#)

Membership Dues and News

A big grateful thankyou to everyone who has renewed so far! We have 264 current members as of today. Only paid-up members will have access to our website and receive Chronicles and meeting notices starting in January. This will be the last one. If paying by check, make sure you indicate the type of membership you want. Family \$35 is the same as Individual w/Chronicles mailed \$35, and I need to know what you want. That's why I ask everyone to fill out the interactive form when they mail in a check.

Contact me (membership@jgasgp.org) if you have any dues related questions.

Contact **Jim** (webmaster@jgasgp.org) with web access questions or receiving hard copy problems.

Contact **Evan** (editor@jgasgp.org) with Chronicles article questions.

Renewals can be sent in via PayPal (use a credit card on there too, under the membership tab on our website) or mail a check. Please indicate which type of membership you are paying for if sending in a check.

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.

Podcasts, Webinars, and Zoom Meetings of Interest

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

Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:30 PM - ON ZOOM

***Galicia Basics, What Every Galitzianer Needs to Know
Renee Steinig and Shelley K. Pollero***

Galicia, the largest province in the Austrian Empire, was formed by the partition of Poland in 1772, and was bordered by Moravia to the west, the Russian Empire to the north and east, and Hungary and Moldavia to the south. By the mid-1800s, Jews comprised about 10 percent of the population and were the **third largest religious group. Notably, Galicia was the center of Hasidism.**



Renee and Shelley will discuss the demographics, history, and geography of Galicia; its record-keeping practices and unique marriage and naming patterns; and major internet resources for Galician research.

Shelley Kellerman Pollero is the Chair of Membership and Past President of Gesher Galicia. Renee Stern Steinig is the Discussion Group Moderator and Family Finder Editor of Gesher Galicia.

Members on our Email list 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

We have been invited by HAMEC to attend this special program.

Please register for
the webinar in
advance!



International Holocaust Remembrance Day Event



Wednesday,
January 26 at 7 pm

Join HAMEC for an evening with Jerry Zaks, who will present his journey into personalized family Holocaust research, with strategies and suggestions for those who wish to dive into their own family histories.

Jerry Zaks is a 2nd Generation Survivor. After retiring in 2016 from a successful career in IT and computer programming, Jerry started a quest of researching and documenting the history of his parents' experiences and hardships growing up in Poland in the 1930's. Utilizing the computer and internet skills learned during his career he has spent over 4+ years assembling a detailed presentation which bears witness to his parents' story.

Continuing his efforts to keep the memory of the Shoah alive, Jerry has now completed, and will conduct a presentation, on HOW to research the history of one's family in the Holocaust. Titled "Recovering the Past: Researching the Fate of One's Family in the Shoah" Jerry will show how anyone can find, interpret, and translate amazing details on their family's Holocaust experiences.

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OdAoTUiSSdCrBFMv6beA9A

Dr. Ruth Almy

Program Director

Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center

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<https://www.facebook.com/PhilaHAMEC>

Please register for the webinar in advance!

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JGSCB ONLINE PROGRAMS

Serafima Velkovich – Tips for Using Genealogical Sources at Yad Vashem
January 23, 1:30 pm, Zoom meeting

[More info](#)

ONLINE COURSES, EVENTS & WEBINARS & OPPORTUNITIES

Witness, an original play about Jewish immigration
Vilna Shul event, \$25, register in advance
December 10 – January 23

[More info](#)

The Only Thing You Need to Know About DNA and Genealogy
Legacy Family Tree webinar, register in advance
January 5, 2:00 pm

[More info](#)

Fresh Start (U.S. Genealogy)
JewishGen course, \$60, register in advance
January 9-29

[More info](#)

Nazis of Copley Square: The Forgotten Story of the Christian Front
Boston Public Library event, register in advance

January 20, 6:00 pm

[More info](#)

Endpapers: A Family Story of Books, War, Escape, and Home

Center for Jewish History event, register in advance

January 20, 6:30 pm

[More info](#)

“Send a Woman for It”: American Jewish Women Serving the JDC Abroad During the Interwar Years

JDC Archives event, register in advance

January 22, 12:00 pm

[More info](#)

Virtual Preservation Roadshow: Documents, Bound Volumes, & Photographs

New England Historical Genealogical Society event, \$85, register in advance

January 22, 2:00 pm

[More info](#)

Genealogy Research at The New York Public Library

New York Genealogical and Biographical Society webinar, register in advance

January 25, 6:00 pm

[More info](#)

From the Vilna Ghetto to Nuremberg: Memoir and Testimony

YIVO event, register in advance

January 27, 1:00 pm

[More info](#)



CONFERENCES

Save the dates for the following 2022 conferences:

Roots Tech Connect 2022

March 3-5, 2022, virtual

[More info](#)

National Genealogical Society Family History Conference

May 24-28, 2022, Sacramento, CA

IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy
August 21-25, 2022, Philadelphia, PA
[More info](#)

Give Yourself or Someone You Love a Special Gift – A JewishGen Class

- JewishGen Education has expanded their private mentoring classes to include Zoom Sessions
- Our Winter specials start with Fresh Start (a jump start on how to plan your project, use the passenger records). Three weeks \$60.
- Research Your Roots Using JewishGen includes all the hidden resources on JewishGen's great family. Three weeks \$150.
- Independent Study advances you through the difficult aspects of your research project. Three weeks \$150.

These three courses taught in a private FORUM, provide individualized instruction, one-on-one, with <https://www.jewishgen.org/education/> mail to: education@...

The classes are open 24/7, Three weeks \$150.
If you have questions, just ask.

Start 2022 by creating your own support sessions with a JewishGen Education coach.

JewishGen Education will continue its popular Special Services programs:

(1) Virtual Conversations with an Expert. These are Zoom Meetings (45 minutes -\$36)

Read more and make a date: <https://www.jewishgen.org/education/edu-virtual.html>

(2) Private Mentoring Genealogical coaching By the Week. These are Zoom Meetings (1 hour - \$50)

Read more and schedule an appointment.

<https://www.jewishgen.org/education/edu-individual.html>

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Contact education@jewishgen.org

Nancy Holden

Director of Education

Bucks County Genealogical Society Monthly Virtual Programs

Be sure to check the 2021 Comprehensive Calendar of Genealogical Events compiled by the Bucks County Genealogical Society for more events and lectures!

1/8/2022 10 AM - 12 PM

"Timelines: A Path to Your Next Research Steps" presented by Annette Burke Lyttle.

Topic: Timelines are a powerful tool, allowing us to see relationships between information items, enabling us to draw conclusions and see what research remains to be done.

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.



Additional 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 can't 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.

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.

Be on the lookout for a new survey monkey in January! We love our volunteers. Many members have worked with Ed on our new [Resource Guide](#). It will be ready on our website before the 2022 conference.



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ON JEWISH GENEALOGY

LATEST NEWS

- COVID Policy (14 December 2021):

Although we hope that the COVID pandemic will have abated by the time the IAJGS Conference is held in August 2022, we wish to advise conference participants that IAJGS will adhere to all federal and local regulations designed to prevent the spread of COVID infection.

All participants—including attendees, speakers, and exhibitors—will be required to comply with the laws and regulations then in force. IAJGS will inform participants of those laws, regulations, and protocols in advance of the opening of the Conference. As of December 2021, requirements will include showing proof of vaccination and wearing masks.

Website Update

It's time to renew your membership!

*If you have not renewed your 2021 membership, you will be denied access to the member-only parts of the website. The cutoff is automatic by date. Reinstatement is manual, so it may take a day or two to get access again. Time is running out!

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".

If you read my review of Garri Regev's food talk, you know how I feel about sharing family recipes with a story. Here is a recipe with a story from Keri White, journalist from the Jewish Exponent:

PIE IN THE SKY

[Keri White](#) December 23, 2021



Pecan pie. Photo by Sharon Diamond.

Over Thanksgiving, my husband's cousin Sharon sent me a photo of the pecan pie she made for dessert. Sharon had used the recipe of our late, great Aunt Beulah.

Beulah was a legend — beautiful, spirited, brilliant, stylish, an unparalleled cook and hostess, and a woman who could have a fascinating conversation with anyone regardless of age, station, profession, and demographic. She was both interesting and interested, traveled extensively and was everyone's favorite.

When I received the photo, I called Sharon right away, and we had a grand chat about family, tradition and, of course, food. She then sent me the photo of the vintage 3x5 typed card with the recipe that included Aunt Beulah's handwritten notes. Priceless. I simply had to share.

Pecan Pie ala Beulah

Makes a 9-inch pie

Beulah always labeled her recipes thusly; if it was my brownies, she copied out the recipe and entitled it "Brownies ala Keri." Earning a spot in Beulah's recipe card file was the height of praise.

A note on the pie shell: Use your favorite crust recipe or buy a frozen or premade pie shell.

3 eggs, lightly beaten

1 cup dark brown sugar

1 cup light corn syrup

1 teaspoon vanilla

¼ teaspoon salt

1 cup broken pecans

1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell

Heat your oven to 450 degrees F. Mix the beaten eggs with all the other ingredients and pour them into an unbaked pie shell. Bake at 450 degrees for 10 minutes, then reduce the heat to 350 degrees and bake for another 40 minutes or until the crust is golden and the filling is set. Cool completely.

Serve at room temperature or chilled.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Whatever you and your family celebrate, may you remain happy, healthy,
busy, and positive.

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.