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JEWISH GENEALOGICAL AND ARCHIVAL SOCIETY OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

1/23/2022

Hi Everyone,

We had a fabulous meeting today. We started with a Chat and Schmooze where several members brought up some very interesting finds. I hope they will write about them in future issues of Chronicles!

Sydney Cruice Dixon discussed "Analyzing Documents and Sources for Genealogical Research – Getting the most out of your sources and the information they contain (Part 1)

She gave us many examples to look at and reminded us to evaluate every document carefully. The complete review of the meeting will be in the next issue of Chronicles. Don't forget to look at the handout from the lecture. Below is the link of the meeting. It will be available for the next month. After that it will be removed.

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Sydney is inviting us to attend a workshop. See sydneycruicegenealogy.com for more information about Sydney. She presents a variety of presentations and classes of interest.

Essential Genealogy Websites

January 30, 2022, at 3:00 pm

Sydney F. Cruice

This free webinar will help you to understand the most important websites for genealogy research and maximize their usefulness. Keeping up with online resources' changing content and format is essential in order to efficiently search and record your family's history. Even if you have been researching family history for several years, you will learn new information about the **top twenty genealogy websites**.

To register, go to the Events page of sydneycruicegenealogy.com. Join the Genealogy Adventure!

You can also see below the **Bucks County Genealogical Society Events** on Feb 5th. Sydney is speaking about the US Census.

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" from Family Tree Magazine

GENEALOGY RESEARCH






BACK UP CHECKLIST

If you use a cloud backup service with storage limit, you may be looking for files to eliminate from your online archive. You probably don't need to back up every single file, but do use caution when excluding: Better to back up a file now than wish you had done so later. *—Denise May Levenick*

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|  current family photos and videos |  spreadsheets and other files created by programs you use regularly |
|  audio and video files of family history interviews and associated transcriptions |  genealogy email messages |
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- society journals, magazines and articles available online
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- early drafts of writing projects (archive the final version)
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- to-do lists and notes about research problems you've since resolved



The JewishGen website might be hard to use but JewishGen Education makes it easy for you.

Do you want to learn how to use the JewishGen website and databases to research your family? Have you tried to search for your family on JewishGen databases and been confused or frustrated by the results?

In this class you will work with an instructor one -on- one to search your family surname(s) and places as you explore the many databases and resources of JewishGen's website.

Join JewishGen's online class - Research Your Roots with JewishGen - February 6 - 26 2022.

Your tuition of \$150 gives you

2 ZOOM sessions, 7 detailed written lessons in pdf on the components of the JewishGen site and 3 weeks of unlimited communication in our private online forum.

For more information, visit <https://www.jewishgen.org/Education/description.asp?course=40402>

or contact Barbara Rice: brice@JewishGen.org

Chronicles

Contest winners have been notified! You will be reading their articles in the latest edition of Chronicles.

The electronic version will be sent out shortly.

Please submit articles to editor@jgasgp.org ASAP. Let Evan know if you are working on an article The next deadline is March 27, 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 made generous donations to our society.

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

Please consider donating for the IAIGS Conference 2022 today!

- Fred Block
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From the President's Desk

I am very excited to share the official launch date, March 16, 2022 of the **JGASGP Members' Book Club** which I first announced in our last newsletter. We will meet every 8 weeks, via Zoom discussions that will begin at 7 pm. Marilyn Mazer Golden will be my co-host for our first book and will be emailing you all the link to our March 16th session. This is for members only.

An 8 week schedule will allow plenty of time to read each book, beginning with our sensational first selection, **We Share the Same Sky: A Memoir of Memory and Migration**. Written by Rachael Cerrotti, this autobiography is hot off the press and was published just a few months ago.

I am a big fan of the author and have been since I first spoke to Rachael about her project in 2019. From her website:

"We Share the Same Sky is a seven episode narrative podcast that tells the story of Rachael's decade-long journey to retrace her grandmother's war story. It was produced for USC Shoah Foundation, it is the first-ever narrative podcast based on a Holocaust survivor's testimony. The show was listed as one of the best podcasts of 2019 by HuffPost, as a "Show We Love" by Apple Podcasts and as "Reader's Pick" by Vulture Magazine."

The book continues the story and is very personal, as we learn of Rachael's efforts to trace her grandmother's path across Europe and eventually, to literally walk in her grandmother's footsteps in the very places where she had lived as a teenager, separated from her family. It is an amazing survival story and a beautiful tribute to her beloved grandmother, Hana. If you would like to read reviews of this book, go to <https://sharethesamesky.com/book>

I hope you all are inspired by this book and I look forward to engaging in a spirited discussion of family history, the role of research in discovering that history and the importance of our struggles and ultimately, our triumphs. **Please mark your calendar for March 16th!**

We Share the Same Sky can be listened to on Audible or read as a hard cover or softcover book. It is available on Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble and through most other booksellers. Rachael's website is <https://sharethesamesky.com/>

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 during the lecture.
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.
7. E-mail personal questions to me at membership@jgasgp.org.
8. The meetings will be recorded for members only. The link will be posted in the next JGASGP Newsletter.

Save the dates:

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..." Analyzing your DNA by prioritizing your matches.

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 IAIGS Conference. We must be prepared for live/virtual/hybrid scenario. We will need your help!!!

In the News

YAD VASHEM PARTNERS WITH THE MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE AND JEWISHGEN TO EXPAND ACCESS TO YAD VASHEM'S "PAGES OF TESTIMONY" AND THE 4,800,000 NAMES COMMEMORATED IN THE CENTRAL DATABASE OF SHOAH VICTIMS' NAMES

Genealogy researchers on JewishGen can now tap into Yad Vashem's collection of Pages of Testimony memorializing family and friends lost in the Holocaust

11 January 2022

The Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust and its affiliate JewishGen have announced a new partnership with Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center, whereby researchers will be able to access Yad Vashem's Pages of Testimony data as part of a genealogical search on the JewishGen website – the largest online Jewish genealogy resource of its kind, which includes a Holocaust collection of nearly 3.8 million records.

Museum of Jewish Heritage President and CEO Jack Kliger says:

"By making available these precious records via JewishGen, the broader Jewish community can more easily research names of family and friends who were murdered during the Holocaust. The agreement facilitates access to the resources of our Museum and Yad Vashem, two of the most prestigious Holocaust memorial institutions in the world."

Yad Vashem Chairman Dani Dayan states:

"Yad Vashem's Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names brings the millions of faceless victims into the light and returns to them their identity, so the world can remember. This is part of Yad Vashem's mission to gather all forms of documentation from the Holocaust, including the collection of names of our brethren who were murdered during the Shoah. We owe it to them to know that they lived, what they looked like, what they dreamed about and at the very least – what their name was."

Since the 1950s, Yad Vashem has collected "Pages of Testimony," in which members of the public memorialize family members and friends who were murdered during the Holocaust. In many cases, these Pages – that comprise the names, biographical details and if possible, photographs – might contain the only evidence of what happened to their loved ones.

Dr. Alexander Avram, Director of Yad Vashem's Hall of Names observes:

"More than one million Holocaust victims have yet to be memorialized at Yad Vashem. It is our expectation that by widening the exposure of our endeavor through JewishGen, the genealogical community will be able to play an important role in helping us add a large number of Pages of Testimony in the years to come."

JewishGen Executive Director Avraham Groll notes:

"Researchers will now be able to retrieve Pages of Testimony data through a direct search within JewishGen. This common access to data from both institutions will directly benefit researchers by

increasing the likelihood that they will find useful information. Without this new agreement, many Jewish genealogists may otherwise not have been aware of this vital resource.”

Yad Vashem has been running their Names Collection endeavor for over six decades, with the aim of restoring the personal identities and recording the brief life stories of the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis and their accomplices. The names documented in Yad Vashem’s Central Database of Shoah Victims’ Names are sourced from many different sources, including Pages of Testimony. To date Yad Vashem has gathered some 2,700,000 Pages of Testimony. The Names Database currently commemorates over 4,800,000 Jewish men, women and children who were murdered in the Holocaust.

This collection can be searched via the JewishGen Holocaust Database (<https://www.jewishgen.org/databases/holocaust/>) or via the JewishGen Unified Search (<https://www.jewishgen.org/databases/all/>).

The little-known original article telling the Oskar Schindler story.

(main@groups.jewishgen.org)

Stanley Diamond

Jan 19 #665557

I would like to touch on another aspect of the Oskar Schindler story of which the majority of the public are unaware.

Only one journalist knew Oskar well and wrote his story long before Thomas Keneally penned "Schindler's Ark." That journalist is the late Montrealer, Herbert Steinhouse, at the time the Western Europe News Correspondent for the Canadian Broadcasting Company.

The article he wrote in 1949 lay untouched in his voluminous files for 45 years after it was rejected by Atlantic Monthly and several other leading magazines...at a time when few people wanted to hear stories about good Germans.

He finally agreed to the publication of the original article after viewing the film and satisfying himself that Stephen Spielberg had captured the essences of the man and had not given the story a whitewashed Hollywood treatment. It was finally published in the Canadian "Saturday Night" magazine (attached). You can also read it here: http://writing.upenn.edu/~afilreis/holocaust_new/steinhouse.php

Following the publication in "Saturday Night," Steinhouse was interviewed on the Canadian nightly news. The interview can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/XGSzuNNImGY>.

The Steinhouse files are now in the Canadian National Archives and the fond starts with his biography <https://data2.archives.ca/pdf/pdf001/p000000741.pdf> which in part states:

"The appearance of Steven Spielberg's film "Schindler's List" in 1993 convinced him to submit his old manuscript "The German Who Saved a Thousand Lives", written half a century earlier, to "Saturday Night" magazine. Its publication as "The Real Oskar Schindler" brought Steinhouse belated recognition as the journalist who had first discovered the Schindler story and whose hard research backed up the claims of the "fictional" film and novel. The article was translated and reprinted throughout the world."

For the sake of full disclosure, the late Herbert and I are first cousins.

Stanley

* The PDF files containing the article are in the e-mail with this Newsletter. (Marilyn)

Membership Dues and News

A big grateful thankyou to everyone who has renewed so far! We have 318 current members as of today. Only paid-up members will have access to our website and receive Newsletters, Chronicles, and meeting notices.

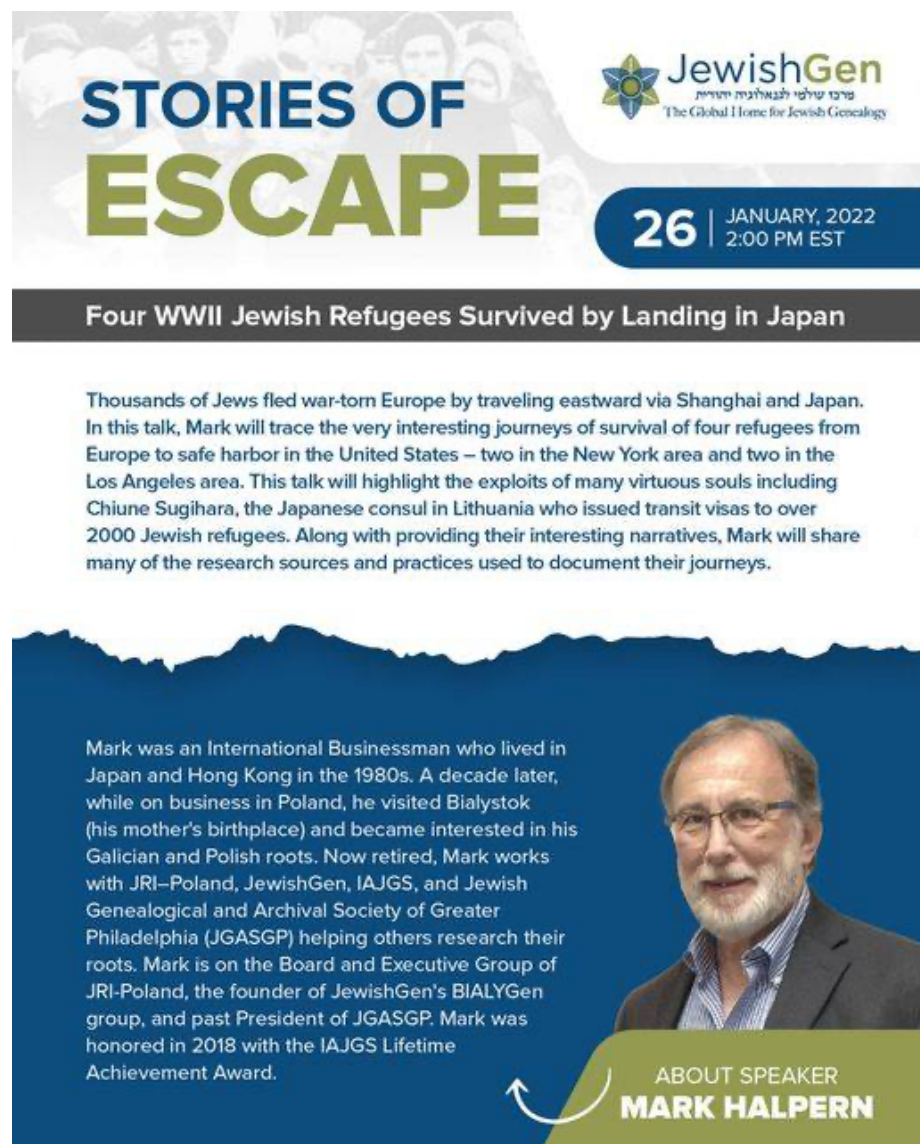
Contact Marilyn (**me**) (membership@jgasgp.org) if you have any dues related questions.

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

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

Our fiscal year runs from January 1st - December 31st, 2021. Our 2022 membership form is on our website. \$10 extra for printed Chronicles.

Conferences, Podcasts, Webinars, and Zoom Meetings of Interest



STORIES OF ESCAPE

26 | JANUARY, 2022
2:00 PM EST

Four WWII Jewish Refugees Survived by Landing in Japan

Thousands of Jews fled war-torn Europe by traveling eastward via Shanghai and Japan. In this talk, Mark will trace the very interesting journeys of survival of four refugees from Europe to safe harbor in the United States – two in the New York area and two in the Los Angeles area. This talk will highlight the exploits of many virtuous souls including Chiune Sugihara, the Japanese consul in Lithuania who issued transit visas to over 2000 Jewish refugees. Along with providing their interesting narratives, Mark will share many of the research sources and practices used to document their journeys.

Mark was an International Businessman who lived in Japan and Hong Kong in the 1980s. A decade later, while on business in Poland, he visited Bialystok (his mother's birthplace) and became interested in his Galician and Polish roots. Now retired, Mark works with JRI-Poland, JewishGen, IAJGS, and Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia (JGASGP) helping others research their roots. Mark is on the Board and Executive Group of JRI-Poland, the founder of JewishGen's BIALYGen group, and past President of JGASGP. Mark was honored in 2018 with the IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award.

ABOUT SPEAKER
MARK HALPERN

UPCOMING FREE WEBINAR: STORIES OF ESCAPE - HOW FOUR WWII JEWISH REFUGEES SURVIVED BY LANDING IN JAPAN

In commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the entire JewishGen community is invited to join us for our next free JewishGen Talks webinar:

****Topic: ****Stories of Escape - How Four WWII Jewish Refugees Survived by Landing in Japan

Speaker: Mark Halpern

Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Time: 2:00 PM Eastern Standard Time

Registration: Free with a suggested donation. Please click here to register

now: <https://898a.blackbaudhosting.com/.../JewishGen-Talks...>

About the Talk:

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Registration:

Registration is free with a suggested donation. Please click below to register now! After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about how to join the webinar. Link: <https://898a.blackbaudhosting.com/.../JewishGen-Talks...>

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



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.

Please register for the webinar in advance!

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

Dr. Ruth Almy

Program Director

Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center

Phone: [215-464-4701](tel:215-464-4701)

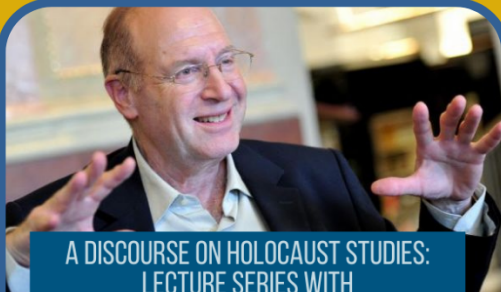
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Please register for the webinar in advance!



UPCOMING PARTNER PROGRAMS



A DISCOURSE ON HOLOCAUST STUDIES:
LECTURE SERIES WITH
PROFESSOR GIDEON GREIF

MONDAY, JANUARY 24
4PM EASTERN



A Discourse on Holocaust Studies

The Unknown Holocaust:

The Holocaust of Yugoslav Jews

The Jewish community of Yugoslavia faced unique tragedy at the hands of both Germans and Croats. Join Israeli historian Gideon Greif as he explores their story alongside other previously underappreciated aspects of Holocaust studies.

CLICK TO REGISTER

January 24, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)

Elisha Wiesel
in Conversation with
Rabbi Jarrod Grover

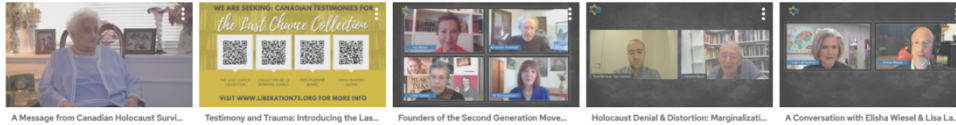
The only child of Holocaust survivor, author and Nobel Peace Prize recipient, Elie Wiesel, Elisha Wiesel shares his father's message.

CLICK TO REGISTER

February 1, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. (ET)

<https://www.bethtikvahtoronto.org/event/elisha-wiesel-in-conversation-with-rabbi-grover>

Click here to visit the free
Virtual Holocaust Library
at www.liberation75.org/library



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Do you know a Holocaust Survivor in Canada who has yet to share their testimony?

We are looking to record Holocaust stories that have yet to be preserved by USC Shoah Foundation (Steven Spielberg's Foundation).

Survivors include all who:

- survived a camp or ghetto
- fled, hid or were hidden
- were born in a Displaced Persons' (refugee) camp
- were a North African or Middle Eastern refugee
- were a resistance fighter, liberator, or rescuer
- have another Holocaust story that should be preserved

Interviews to be conducted in all languages, in person or remote.

Scan a QR code below to sign up in English, French, Russian or Hebrew:



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Contact Emiliya at emiliya@liberation75.org
or call (905) 415-3917 ext. 225



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Through the Eyes of a Friend: A Living Voices Production

January 28, 2022

10am via Zoom

*What does it mean to
survive?*

Sarah is a historically accurate composite character, based on the testimonies of those who knew Anne Frank, as well as other victims, resisters and survivors of the Holocaust and World War II.



Rachael McClinton as Sarah Weis

Through the Eyes of a Friend will come to you as a professionally recorded live performance, with a live post-show discussion and Q&A session with a teaching artist.

[Register now!](#)



Wandering Jews of New Jersey

Monday, January 31, 2022

7:00 PM 8:30 PM

This is an online event on Zoom

Registration and More Information:

Join us as we bring back wonderful memories of some NJ towns, seeing the old Bamberger's Department Store, Beth Israel Hospital, and old synagogues such as B'nai Jeshurun, B'nai Abraham, and Ohab Shalom. See the grand waterfalls of Paterson and its Jewish-owned silk factories. Explore the Jewish farming communities of Alliance, Vineland, and Woodbine – ***the first all-Jewish "incorporated" town in the world!*** Everyone who ran the town, including the mayor, police chief, fire chief and town council were all Jewish and conducted their business in Yiddish! Our last stop are the old vacation spots of Lakewood and Atlantic City.

This is a one-hour zoom program and is followed by a question-and-answer period.

Our presenter for this "lookback" is Oscar Israelowitz who was born in Brussels, Belgium. He is an architect, licensed NYC tour guide and author of over 75 books, and has given private tours for Leon Uris, the author of "Exodus." In addition, he has exhibited his photographs at the Whitney Museum of American Art and has been serving the New York metropolitan community since 1973.

BUY TICKETS \$10-\$25

United States Events, New York Events, Things To Do In New York, NY, New York Tours, New York Community Tours

Source: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wandering-jews-of-new-jersey-a-talk-on-zoom-tickets-234882488847>

Bucks County Genealogical Society Monthly Virtual Programs

Be sure to check the 2022 Comprehensive Calendar of Genealogical Events compiled by the Bucks County Genealogical Society for more events and lectures!

<https://www.bucksgen.org/images/CompCalendar/CompCalendarEvents.pdf>

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

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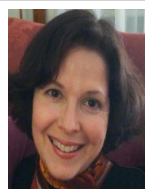
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Bucks County Genealogical Society - 2022 Monthly Program Lineup

Virtual via Zoom - Registration Required - \$5 Members / \$10 Non-Members

For more information, visit <https://www.bucksgen.org/index.php/bcgs-programs>



2/5/2022: "U.S. Census Records - Extracting Everything Possible" by Sydney F. Cruice

Census Records are one of the first record sets used when building a family tree, but many researchers don't know enough about this source to maximize the data contained in these records. Learn strategies to locate the missing, destroyed, misspelled and overlooked in these incredible government documents. Discover their hidden bits of information that can help provide answers, to your family mysteries. Explore the data reported in the U. S. Non-population Census Schedules, and where to find these amazing, but often over looked, documents. Examine the collection details behind Federal Census so you can better interpret, and utilize, all the information contained in these valuable sources. Learn the method to combine the data in the 1790-1840 Federal Censuses to reveal the birth years for the unnamed individuals in these under used census years.



4/2/2022: "Your Guide to the 1950 Census" by Lisa Louise Cooke

The census is the backbone of genealogical research. Here in the United States it gives us a cohesive look at our ancestors every 10 years between 1790 and 1940. And now there is a new census on the horizon! The 1950 Census is an exciting one because it may include your great grandparents, grandparents, parents and perhaps even you! It will provide opportunities to confirm some of what we already know and clues for new research. The 1950 census will be released by the National Archives in April 2022. Now is the perfect time to familiarize ourselves with it and start preparing. Learn interesting and little known stories behind the 1950 Census, what it can reveal about your family, and more!



3/5/2022: "Counting Her Life - Our Female Ancestors in the 20th Century US Census" by Gena Philibert-Ortega

What does the 20th century US Census say about our female ancestors? Much more than you would guess. We can learn everything from how many children she had, her occupation, to whether she lost her US citizenship, or if she was a "housewife" or not (and it has nothing to do with her occupation).

This presentation takes a look at the census using numerator instructions, historical data, and census reports. Think you know everything about the census? You might be surprised.



"Discovering Your Immigrant's Origins" by Rich Venezia

5/7/2022: Part 1 - Exhausting Every Resource

This presentation delves into various and diverse records that are found stateside so as to narrow down that search, as well as ideas for when the paper trail continually runs cold.

6/4/2022: Part 2 - Digging Deeper

Continue the search to find your ancestor's foreign origins in some lesser-known and lesser-used record sets that may help take the research subjects across the pond. Many of these record sets are also rich with genealogical details, and can help contextualize and fill in our ancestors' lives here in the United States.

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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/>



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Santa Cruz Jewish Genealogy Society

Finding Your Eastern European Jewish Family on JRI-Poland

Date and Time: Sunday, February 6th, 1pm Pacific Time Zone/**4 pm Eastern**

Speaker: Robinn Magid

Register: [Here](#)

Description:

Join us for a presentation of some truly memorable stories from the JRI-Poland.org case files that highlight this incredible database and website might do for your own research. For 25 years, JRI-Poland has served as the preferred finding aid for the Jewish records that survive in the archives of Poland today. This vast collection of 6.2 million records from over 550 towns includes information about towns and families from Poland, Ukraine, Belarus, Lithuania, Germany and the former territories of Galicia and Prussia. Through understanding the contents of the database and how to improve your search results to exploring preserved Holocaust-related records, this lecture will focus on success that comes out of genealogical search.

Bio:

Robinn Magid is the recipient of the IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award. She is the project manager of the JRI-Poland “NextGen Project”. Robinn is a frequent speaker and writer on Jewish genealogy topics. Robinn is the Lublin Area Projects Coordinator, responsible for coordinating the indexing of Jewish vital records for approximately 100 towns which resulted in the recognition and medal by the mayor of the City of Lublin, Poland – her grandmother’s hometown – inspiring the future and cultural identity of 450,000 people on Lublin’s 700th birthday in 2017.

Zoom link will be sent to your email the week of the event, please check your Spam folder.

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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/>



Additional Resource Suggestions:

Ancestry® Facebook Live from Christa Cowen

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.



42ND IAJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 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

Don't forget to register for our website! 119 have signed up so far!

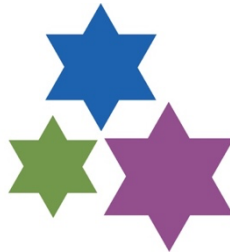
If you need help contact Jim, webmaster@jgasgp.org.

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".

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.