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WINNING JOURNAL:

PLEASE SUBMIT ARTICLES  
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OUR CHRONICLES EDITOR,  
EVAN FISHMAN,  
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## JEWISH GENEALOGICAL AND ARCHIVAL SOCIETY OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

2/13/2022

Hi Everyone,

95 members signed in to hear Mark Olsen, Family Tree Maker Ambassador, Pierre Clouthier, and Stefan Harms teach us about FTM. They answered lots of questions for us. Please use the links below to continue your research into Family Tree Maker. There are Facebook user groups. I signed up for the Mac user group today.

### Resources -

Family Tree Maker Support - <https://support.mackiev.com/>

### Rootstech Overview Videos -

<https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021/expohall/family-tree-maker>

### Family Book Creator Intro Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=id2dPHT-UuI>

### Charting Companion Overview Video -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2VVXdKFiJNM>

### Family Tree Maker Facebook User Group -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FamilyTreeMakerUsers>

### Discount Link -

[https://www.mackiev.com/offers/sig\\_offer/index.html?coupon=SIG8HCMDBYZRZ](https://www.mackiev.com/offers/sig_offer/index.html?coupon=SIG8HCMDBYZRZ)

For User Groups near you or to help have one created please see -

<https://ftmem.mackiev.com/society/>

If you missed the meeting or want to re-watch it, here is the Zoom link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/NUmNYkbkCZvQv1hZ6hTSpfKzet1F1sRd-ZDghb3Xnm4SQNxto6GqHNx6lZyfxdKV.s1l4jvt\\_wzx7CJ5j](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/NUmNYkbkCZvQv1hZ6hTSpfKzet1F1sRd-ZDghb3Xnm4SQNxto6GqHNx6lZyfxdKV.s1l4jvt_wzx7CJ5j) (Passcode: @4b4ldka)

Congratulations to Gary Gans and Carol Robbins who won a 2019 FTM doorprze!

## 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.

### This is from one of our members.

...and I don't know who to tell!!! I just found my grandparents' marriage application, which gives the names of their parents!!!!!! I never knew their mom's names, and now I have their first and surnames. I just can't believe it.

It was on Family Search. I had the film number and then I went to the license number.

My work today is done. I can't take anymore. My friends will never feel how elated this make me feel. I could 'plotz!" (I hope I used that expression correctly) Helene

You could just feel her elation with her new find! Been there! Done that! ...and this is why we RESEARCH! We are relentless in our pursuit of information!

**Do you need guidance with research? Here is a new opportunity from one of our previous speakers, Jennifer Mendelsohn.**

**Modern Day Sleuthing: Adventures in Genealogy:** Discuss, debate, and learn with Jennifer.

Genealogy is part sleuthing, part storytelling, and always entertaining. Jennifer Mendelsohn, the creator of the movement known as #resistancegenealogy, will give you a detailed look at what makes her work so fascinating. From the basics of how she tracks down hard-to-find information, to the poignant and shocking secrets she's uncovered, you'll leave with a fresh understanding of what can unfold while plumbing the depths of a family tree.

I'm thrilled to announce I've partnered with the new platform called Chapter for a four-week deep dive called "Modern Day Sleuthing: Adventures in Genealogy.". If you've ever wanted to hear more about the intriguing work I do as a genealogist -- and how I do it -- here's your chance to get a backstage pass. From Holocaust reunions to DNA conundrums to the Ellis Island name change myth, we'll cover it all. Think of it like our very own #resistancegenealogy book club, where I'll curate some content for you to read/watch/listen to and then we'll discuss it online. You can learn more and sign up here: <https://getchapter.app/@jennifer/genealogy>

## Book Club Update

**Our 1<sup>st</sup> book club meeting will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. Contact [jgasgp.president@gmail.com](mailto:jgasgp.president@gmail.com) if you wish to participate. We are discussing, "We Share the Same Sky" by Rachel Cerrotti.**

## Chronicles

Please submit articles to [editor@jgasgp.org](mailto:editor@jgasgp.org). Let Evan know if you are working on an article. The next deadline is March 27, 2022.

Donna Tartasky's (author of "When DNA Doesn't Work Out as Expected", pp. 13-14 in our winter issue) email address was incorrectly indicated. It should read [dtartasky@gmail.com](mailto:dtartasky@gmail.com). We regret the error.

Do you have successes to share? Any unusual finds you'd like to share? We 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](mailto:webmaster@jgasgp.org) for any questions about receiving your copy. Jim has posted all issues of Chronicles dating back to 1982 (Vol 1 # 1).

## Contributions

We would like to thank all members who have made generous donations to our society.

## From the President's Desk

*Greetings to all JGASGP members, both near and far. I wish to also extend a hearty welcome to those of you who have recently joined our society. It is wonderful that our Zoom gatherings have allowed so many distant members to actively participate in our events!*

*For those of you who are beginners in Jewish genealogy, I would like to share my own story as a note of encouragement.*

*I started my family research in 1983, prior to my father's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday the following year. My goal was to complete our family history before his milestone event. Our father/daughter project served as an emotional bonding experience and continues to fuel my passion for this work today. I cannot help but feel my Dad's hand has been on my shoulder throughout this journey that eventually brought me to my current role with the JGASGP.*

*As you can imagine, most of my major discoveries took place long after Dad's death in 2001. However, I still cherish our time spent together in the National Archives and Records Administration in Waltham, Massachusetts, where we found his grandfather's naturalization documents from the 1860's, the Massachusetts State Archives in Boston, where we found vital records for many family members and the Boston City Archives, where we found actual death certificates and marriage licenses, all from the late 1800's and early 1900's. These were truly exciting moments and joyful for us to share together. Of special note here is that this time frame was prior to digitization, with many records stored in old file cabinets and on index cards. Although some were on microfilm, most were not, so we had our hands on the actual documents, not images on a screen. Truly thrilling.*

*My favorite part of this time of discovery was spent in the historic old Ohabei Shalom Cemetery in East Boston where my father's parents, grandparents and great grandparents are buried, along with many other extended family members. Each headstone recognized by Dad was explained with a colorful description and his personal opinions of that individual!*

*This was where I was and what I had researched without any guidance prior to joining JGSGP (we became JGASGP later). Upon moving to Bucks County in the 1992, I found out about this amazing*

organization and started to attend JGSGP meetings at Gratz College. I did not know a soul at these meetings, or any of the speakers and had a very limited personal library related to genealogy. I was awed by the body of knowledge represented by the pioneers and members of this society, and the willingness of so many individuals to help a "newbie", by answering my seemingly endless questions and even staying after meetings to guide me through our library, which was then housed at Gratz. I am so grateful to my early personal mentors- JGSGP's first president, Harry Boonin, and board members Monica Leonards Z" L and Steve Schechter Z" L, all of whom made me feel so welcome and kept me from giving up. Thanks to these folks, and many more, I am involved in Jewish genealogy in ways I never imagined possible. I count some of the people of whom I was in such awe all those years ago as my personal friends and colleagues today.

Today, serving my second term as president of JGASGP, I believe our society continues to offer this helpful hand and spirit of kindness which gently drew me into the fold several decades ago. The Board of our society is still committed to the founders' philosophy of community engagement and mentoring. Our vast array of speakers, robust website, Facebook page, newsletter and, last but not least, Chronicles are all part of our longstanding efforts to be supportive and informative for our membership. I hope you all enjoy your membership in JGASGP and will find ways to become engaged and advance your own research. I know that someone reading this today will be in my shoes in the future, leading this truly unique organization.

Good luck and have fun discovering your own family histories!

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 lectures. Use "Speaker view" to focus on the lecturer.
2. Sign in 1-1:30 to ask questions, tell us about your finds or brick walls.
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](mailto: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:

**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.

**Sunday, April 24, 2022,** To be announced. We hope to meet in person and have live streaming for all future meetings.

**Sunday, May 15, 2022,** To be announced.

## Help Wanted

### Assistance Needed for Resource Guide

We're looking for cemetery plot plans. We have developed a list of those cemeteries for which we are seeking plot plans and have posted it to our website at: <https://jgasgp.org/cemetery-data>. Please look online at the list and see if you have any of the needed plot plans from previous cemetery visits or genealogical research that you can scan or photograph and send to the resource guide editors. Send your contributions to [resourceguide@jgasgp.org](mailto:resourceguide@jgasgp.org). Thanks to all for your contributions to the guide.  
Ed Flax, Resource Guide Coordinator

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## In the News



Ancestry has announced they will be using proprietary Artificial Intelligence (AI) handwriting recognition technology to deliver a searchable index of the 1950 U.S. Census to customers faster.

When the 1950 census is released on April 1<sup>st</sup>, it will not be indexed. Ancestry anticipates the indexing of the 1950 Census to be completed and available on Ancestry.com this summer, with states released in real time upon completion.

Crista Cowan, Ancestry's Corporate Genealogist said, "the 1950 U.S. census contains the details of names, ages, birthplaces, residences, and relationships of more than 150 million people. This glimpse into American households at a critical time in U.S. history will help people discover even more about the effects the Great Depression, World War II, and the beginning of the Baby Boom had on their families. Many of our customers will see themselves, parents, or grandparents' names in this census for the first time, which will bring even more family stories to life."

Ancestry partnering with FamilySearch to evaluate the handwriting recognition extraction and ensure a complete and accurate index.

To read more see:

<https://www.ancestry.com/corporate/blog/ancestry-apply-handwriting-recognition-artificial-intelligence-create-searchable-index-1950-us>

To read previous postings about the 1950 U.S. Census , and more, go to the archives of the **IAJGS Records Access Alert** at: <http://lists.iajgs.org/mailman/private/records-access-alerts/>. You must be registered to access the archives. To register go to: <http://lists.iajgs.org/mailman/listinfo/records-access-alerts> and follow the instructions to enter your email address, full name and which genealogical organization with whom you are affiliated. You will receive an email response that you have to reply to or the subscription will not be finalized.

Jan Meisels Allen

Chairperson, IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee

**The JewishGen Discussion Group** is a lively online forum for JewishGen researchers of all levels, whether beginners or experts, to share information, receive answers to questions, and participate in the JewishGen Community. Also, all postings back to 1998 have been archived and are searchable, creating an excellent resource for your research. *If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to join!*

**Join the Discussion Group.**

Go to the Discussion Group's Main Page by clicking the CONNECT button on the Homepage of JewishGen's website or via this link: <https://groups.jewishgen.org/g/main>.



**The National Archives** News has released an article on the *1950 Census Will Increase Access to Records*.

The 1950 US Census will be released on April 1, 2022, but it won't be indexed. That will take some months for genealogy organizations such as FamilySearch and Ancestry to index the records and digitize them.

To read a series of questions and answers on how the upcoming 1950 census release might expand access, go to:

<https://www.archives.gov/news/articles/1950-census-stl>

**The University of Massachusetts at Amherst has digitized names of Holocaust survivors relocated to displaced Persons Camps in Austria and Germany.** Thanks to a collaboration of the Robert S. Cox Special Collections and University Archives Research Center in the UMass Amherst Libraries and Schoen Books of South Deerfield, Massachusetts, they are now

available on the open web, enabling families of survivors, genealogists, and researchers to have access to the vital information they contain.

Originally published in 1945 by the U.S... Government as a way to help survivors, the *Sharit Ha-Platah* or “the surviving remnant,” reach family members around the world.

The five books were discovered in a library by Ken Schoen of Schoen Books and purchased them for his publishing company. The digitized searchable version may be accessed at:

<https://credo.library.umass.edu/view/full/murb000-schoen-dig-i001>

It is in English and German. To read more see:

<https://www.umass.edu/news/article/holocaust-survivor-lists-digitized-first-time>

Thank you to Dick Eastman and the *Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter* (<https://eogn.com/>) for informing us about this resource.

## Membership Dues and Society News

**A big grateful thankyou to everyone who has renewed! We have 367 current members as of today.** Only paid-up members will have access to our website, JGASGP Newsletters, Chronicles, and meeting notices. Members have access to our members only portal. Tell your friends!

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

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

Contact Evan ([editor@jgasgp.org](mailto:editor@jgasgp.org)) with Chronicles article questions.

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

## Conferences, Podcasts, Webinars, and Zoom Meetings of Interest

### WHAT'S NEW AT ANCESTRY®: FEB 2022 | THE BAREFOOT GENEALOGIST | ANCESTRY®

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IT-6h2jQIdE>

[Blogs.ancestry.co](https://blogs.ancestry.co)

**Join Crista Cowan for an updated episode of “What’s New at Ancestry.” She will give a quick review of the virtual genealogy events you can attend in the next few months. You will also get a look at new features and tools now available on Ancestry that will help make your family history research easier and more fun. Finally, Crista will review some of the databases full of new content released recently and explain how they can help you find the stories of your ancestors' lives.**

### **JewishGen.org on Youtube:**



"The Hare with Amber Eyes": A Glimpse into some Jewish Families of Vienna, featuring author and artist Edmund de Waal in conversation with Randy Schoenberg.

**In The Hare with Amber Eyes**, celebrated artist Edmund de Waal investigates his illustrious family history, their journey from Odessa to Vienna and Paris in the 19th century, and how they lost everything during the Holocaust except a collection of rare Japanese netsuke, which were rescued by a family maid. This collection is now the subject of an exhibition at the Jewish Museum, New York. In this talk, de Waal will be joined by well-known attorney, philanthropist, and Jewish genealogist E. Randol Schoenberg for a discussion about the book and family history, the exhibition, and how family heirlooms can function as storytelling devices to perpetuate the legacy and memory of a family throughout generations.

it's at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldhzy7hcp7Y>.

**The entire community is invited to join us for our next free JewishGen Talks webinar:**

**Topic:** You Can't Find the Records: Now What?

**Date:** Wednesday, February 26, 2022

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

**Registration:** Free with a suggested donation. [Please click here to register now!](#)

What do you do when the records you need don't exist or can't be found? All too often, disasters (man-made and natural) and the passing of time may destroy the records we need to trace our families - or maybe the records we need never existed or are restricted by privacy laws. We will learn how to explore alternate records to build our family histories in the absence of "traditional" records.

#### About the speaker:

**Marion Werle** began family history research over 25 years ago, researching family from Lithuania, Latvia, and Belarus, who settled in the US, Canada, UK, and Israel. She has been on the boards of the Jewish Genealogical Societies of both Los Angeles and Conejo Valley, is a past president of the Latvia SIG (Special Interest Group) and is currently a co-director of the JewishGen Latvia Research Division. A retired IT professional with master's degrees in both European History and Library Science from UCLA, she has also completed the Boston University Certificate in Genealogical Research and the ProGen study group. Marion has written two unpublished family histories, *The Skuders from Skud*, about one of her family branches from Lithuania, and a history of her brother-in-law's family, *The Wilsons of Washington County, PA* – from Hopewell Township to Santa Ana, California.

She has spoken at several IAIGS conferences, as well as genealogical societies in the Southern California area, and has given virtual presentations during 2020-21. She was a member of the Southern California Genealogical Society Writers Group for several years, which gave her the opportunity to hone her family history writing skills. She teaches a writing class for JewishGen education.



# SEFARAD

## Hiding in Plain Sight

**Webinar Moderator**  
Rabbi Barbara Aiello

Graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania; MS from The George Washington University in Washington DC and received rabbinic ordination from The Rabbinical Seminary International and the Rabbinical Academy in New York City

**Opening remarks**  
Michael Steinberger

**Introduction**  
Dr. Isaac Amon

**Guest Speaker**  
Professor Angela Yael

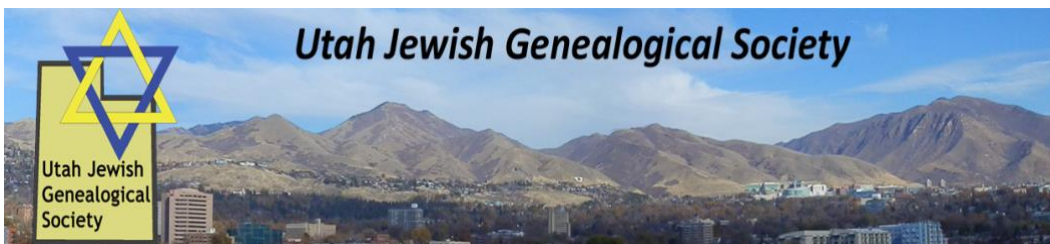
**FREE EVENT**  
RSVP  
Sunday, February 20th  
1 pm EST

Special Thanks to our Co-Sponsors



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sefarad-hiding-in-plain-sight-tickets-265641820837?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=escb> Please register in advance.

**Join the UJGS on February 21 at 7 pm (Mountain Standard Time)**



Rabbi Barbara Aiello will present "*Heritage Hiding in Plain Sight*".

**Call to Meeting** PLEASE register in advance

<https://ancestry.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEuc-mggDkrHdczh682SGonomWgbtTRr6Ep>

This will be a live presentation, despite the time difference from her home in Calabria. A Question-and-Answer session will follow her presentation.

She will talk about the Jewish traditions carried in many families, even those who do not have a memory of Jewish Heritage. For some of these families, the necessity to hide their heritage due to the reprisals of the Inquisition was so life-altering that the secret was lost in later generations. Some of these families are only now discovering this heritage through DNA testing.

Rabbi Barbara Aiello was appointed Italy's first woman rabbi in 2004 and continues to serve as Italy's only modern, liberal rabbi who lives and works in Italy. She continues to serve Jews throughout Europe as a spokesperson for Pluralistic Judaism – a movement that deliberately blurs denominational lines and extends the hand of Jewish welcome to Jews of all backgrounds.

### **Join Congregation B'nai Jacob University lectures:**

#### **\*A virtual tour of Historic Jewish Philadelphia\***

Sunday, March 20, 2022, at 11:00 AM

Speaker: Barbara Cohen, a community leader, and a longtime member of CBJ

Topic: A virtual tour of Historic Jewish Philadelphia



Barbara has been writing and giving tours in Philadelphia since 1976. She has master's degrees in International Relations and Interior Design and a BS in Education. Her passion is making history come alive and relevant.

**Register for Zoom Link:** <https://tinyurl.com/HistoricJP> (Cut and paste into your browser)



## **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.

**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](http://www.rootstech.org) today. RootsTech 2022 will be a virtual-only experience, with some enhancements and improvements. For more information go to:  
<https://media.familysearch.org/ready-to-connect-rootstech-2022-registration-is-now-open/>



The **MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL** Council's 2022 Virtual Seminar focusing on Massachusetts Genealogical Research

[For More Information](#)

[Register Now!](#)

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Live events open on April 2nd at 11:00 AM with a Keynote by Massachusetts Archivist, Dr. John Warner, speaking about “Riders on the Storm: Researching Your Civil War Ancestors.” He will draw on the resources uncovered writing his book on the Fifth Massachusetts Volunteer Cavalry, the third African-American regiment raised in Massachusetts during the Civil War.

**SPECIAL LIVE PRESENTATION:** April 27, at 7:00 PM, Dr. Stephen Morse presents “Getting Ready for the 1950 Census: Searching With and Without a Name Index.” Genealogists will have had access to the 1950 census for three weeks, meaning that we can look to Dr. Morse for the types of skills we need to find elusive relatives.

**TRACKS AND LECTURES:** Five topical areas allow genealogists to focus their on-demand streaming on particular research issues.

- **Ethnic/Cultural:** African-American, French-Canadian, Tribal, and Jewish genealogy research.
- **Repositories:** Massachusetts State Archives, Boston City Archives, the American Antiquarian Society, and the Boston Public Library.
- **Technology:** Ancestry.com search strategies, online Sanborn Maps, and making DNA connections.
- **Town & County:** Massachusetts town records, colonial cemetery records, and uncovering hidden family secrets.
- **Records:** Massachusetts Catholic records, Revolutionary War records, 1950 census records, and how to crowdsource information.

**MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL:** The Massachusetts Genealogical Council was among the first genealogy groups to go to a virtual conference format in April 2020. MGC is an umbrella organization of Massachusetts genealogical and historical societies and libraries. We provide educational seminars and conferences to the members of those organizations. We also monitor legislative and administrative activity that might impact genealogists and historians.

**CONTACT INFO:** Claire Smith, Program Director, [seminar@massgencouncil.org](mailto:seminar@massgencouncil.org)

## **National Genealogical Society Conference**

<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/NGS-2022-ConfRegBroch-01102022->

## **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

**New England Historic Genealogical Society** [www.americanancestors.org](http://www.americanancestors.org) Based in New England but is a nationally known repository.

## **Podcasts:**

**Extreme Genes:** America's family history radio show. <https://www.extremegenes.com/blog/episode-388-classic-rewind-cece-moore-reveals-her-family-s-own-dna-surprise-cece-on-jane-and-john-doe-research> (This one is about CeCe Moore)



## Volunteers:

**\*We are co-hosting the IAJGS 2022 Conference! Be on the lookout for a new survey monkey. As soon as we know the plans for the conference, we will be sending out a survey!**



## Website Update

Don't forget to register for our website! It is **NOT** automatic because you are a JGASGP member.

If you need help contact Jim, [webmaster@jgasgp.org](mailto:webmaster@jgasgp.org).

Send your **personal** photos to Jim to be included in a future slideshow! If you haven't seen the slideshow yet, check it out! FYI: Jim has uploaded all past issues of Chronicles, from the original issue in 1982 through Winter 2020 under "Chronicles".

## Condolences

JGASGP extends condolences and well wishes to member's families. If you know of the illness or



passing of a past or current member, please email a link of the obituary or provide the information for me to share.

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