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JEWISH GENEALOGICAL AND ARCHIVAL SOCIETY OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

3/27/2022

Hi Everyone,

Gil Bardige once again wowed us with his "Help! Part 2 the Next Steps..." Analyzing your DNA by prioritizing your matches. His advice is to re-watch Part 1, get your list prioritized, re-watch Part 2, and finally make a 2nd level match list. Remember you are looking for genealogically relevant matches!

E-mail Gil with questions gbardige@gmail.com

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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.

I attended a Zoom with **Todd Knowles** from FamilySearch. He spoke about the latest updates to his collection and how to access the **Knowles Collection** (Jewish records). The Knowles collection is **NOT** the same as searching FamilySearch.com for records.

- [Familysearch.org/en/](https://familysearch.org/en/) Look under the SEARCH tab for records: Images, Family Tree, Genealogies, Catalog, Books, and Research Wiki.
- [FamilySearch.org/en/family-history-library](https://familysearch.org/en/family-history-library)
You can sign up for 25–30-minute free consultations and even request a document. All free!


- https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/The_Knowles_Collection

How to access the Knowles Collection: Under the **SEARCH** tab, click on **Genealogies**. Search for a **specific tree**: type in **Knowles Collection** to access the Jewish records. See the picture below.

Any questions: Contact knowleswt@familysearch.org

The Knowles Collection

Connecting Jewish Families



"In all of us there is a hunger, marrow-deep, to know our heritage- to know who we are and where we have come from."

Alex Haley

SOCIETIES I BELONG TO:

- Utah Jewish Genealogical Society
- UJGS
- Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain
- JGSGB

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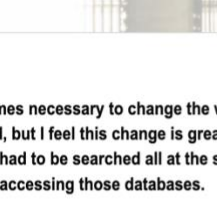
- Routes to Roots Foundation
- Familysearch
- Arolson Archives

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Accessing the Knowles Collection (7 Mar 2022)

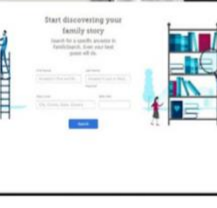
As the **Knowles Collection** continues to grow, it becomes necessary to change the way it can be accessed at **FamilySearch**. It is true that change is not always good, but I feel this change is great for the Knowles Collection. Previously, the 6 databases of the Knowles Collection had to be searched all at the same time, and it was a sometimes confusing search. Below is a step by step process for accessing those databases.

- Visit the **FamilySearch** main page (familysearch.org). Under the search tab, click on the **Genealogies** link

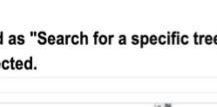


Find your family. Discover yourself.


Start discovering your family story



- Once on the **Genealogies** page, in the box labeled as "Search for a specific tree", type in **Knowles Collection**. This will allow any of the six databases to be selected.



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ACCESSING THE KNOWLES COLLECTION

Accessing the Knowles Collection

MY FAVORITE BLOGS

- FamilySearch blog
- JewishGen
- Lara Diamond
- My Heritage
- Ancestry
- Dick Eastman

CONTACT ME

KnowlesWT@familysearch.org

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The Knowles Collection- Connecting Jewish Families

The 1950's census is coming. I wanted to make sure I found the 1920 missing census for my paternal grandfather before the newest release comes out. I've been searching for over 20 years! I knew where they lived in 1910 and 1930. I knew Grandpa Ben owned a store at 1244 South Twenty Sixth Street, Phila., PA. I guessed they lived there and put in the address in the **Keyword Search** in Ancestry.com.

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And what a shock. A hint popped up with the 1920 census for a Paul Mayer. I found **Paul Mayer** with his family **Sophie, Arnold, and Herbert** There was Benjamin Mazer hiding in plain sight with the rest of the Mazer clan! The neighbors were Irish, German, and Russian. Did a neighbor give the incorrect names? Did the enumerator misunderstand the accent of the information giver? I also highly doubt that Arnold was a divorced 14-year-old. Someone did not take this job seriously!

Here's an interesting article "**When Henry Silverstein Got Cold: Fraud in the 1920 Census**," by Tammy Hepps. <https://homesteadhebrews.com/articles/when-henry-silverstein-got-cold/> Read what happened when Tammy discovered that Henry made some very different choices while working as an enumerator in her hometown. Mistakes, errors, and ???

Read the article below from Newspapers.com blog about the 1950's census.

Book Club Update

Our 1st book club meeting was held on March 23rd at 7pm. Several of us met and discussed, "We Share the Same Sky" by Rachel Cerrotti. We had a thought-provoking discussion.

Next title for discussion: "Bread Givers" by Anzia Yezierska. April 27th 7pm. We plan to meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month. Mark your calendars for this recurring meeting.

"Bread Givers" is available for .99 on Kindle or free on Nook Audible. It can be purchased as a used book on several websites including E-bay and Walmart.com for under \$5. It is available in the Bucks County library system. I was not able to locate it in the Philadelphia library. Check your bookshelves before purchasing. This is an older book you may have read previously! It is about the immigrant experience in NYC. Read about the author <https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/breadgivers/context/>

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Chronicles

Please submit articles to editor@jgasgp.org. Let Evan know if you are working on an article.

The next deadline is March 27, 2022. Let Evan know if you are working on an article ASAP!

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 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

Daffodils and crocus are in bloom, my beloved backyard birds and those pesky but cute squirrels have returned, and spring is finally here! One cannot help but feel a renewed, albeit guarded, sense of optimism at this time of year.

Friends, it has been more than two years since we shared coffee and Entenmanns treats before and after our monthly JGASGP meetings...two years since we last spent time schmoozing in the lobby about our research tips and those wonderful "aha" moments of discovering a new cousin...two years since we simply enjoyed the company of like-minded Jewish genealogy buffs. Who could have imagined this pandemic would have had such a devastating and long-term impact on us? I have missed you all so much!

I am grateful that the Zoom meeting format increased interest in our society, with new members coming from both Greater Philadelphia and around the nation. This is thanks to the amazing programming expertise of Mark Halpern and the skillful virtual meeting coordination of Marilyn Mazer Golden. However, this format was always intended to be temporary.

Today I have very good news to share: after more than two years of hosting all our meetings exclusively by Zoom, the JGASGP Board has recently reassessed the feasibility of returning to in-person meetings. Following discussions with our host synagogues, the JGASGP Board has decided to move forward with a return to in-person meetings, *while we will also adhere to the Covid policies in place for each congregation's services*. I cannot adequately express my great joy in the fact that we will soon see each other again, in person!

Of course, we will continue to monitor this fluid situation, but we are optimistic! We plan to have our first **HYBRID** JGASGP meeting on *May 15th at Congregation Rodeph Shalom in Center City*. For those of us who wish to be in attendance, specific protocols will be announced on our website and Facebook page prior to the meeting. This will likely include proof of vaccinations/boosters and wearing a mask. For those members who are not comfortable attending our meeting in person, it will be *live streamed* as well. Our second in-person meeting will be held on *June 12th at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park*. Future meetings will include both hybrid meetings and some that will still be only on Zoom, so that we can continue to host speakers from far and wide and include members around the globe. Stay tuned for the specifics to be announced in our newsletter, on our website and on our Facebook page.

As President of our unique organization, I will be very, very happy to greet you all in person on May 15th, as we celebrate this momentous day and enjoy what I pray will be a return to normalcy. I might even nosh on a few Entenmann's treats!

Felicia

Future JGASGP Zoom Meetings

Virtual meetings continue. We plan to meet live starting in May.

* 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. Please ask questions that are relevant to the presentation.
7. E-mail personal questions to me at membership@jgasgp.org.
8. With the speaker and your permission we are recording this session. **If anyone does not wish to be recorded, please do not participate in the live program.** All cameras will be turned off during the lecture but may be turned on during the Q and A. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sunday, April 24, 2022

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

Official program starts promptly at 1:30

Speaker: Steve Morse

Topic: One-Step Web pages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Time: 1:30 PM check in, chat, and schmooze (Optional)

Official program starts promptly at 2:00 *(NOTE LATER START TIME)

Speaker: Rich Venezia, an expert in the research of 20th-century immigrant ancestors
www.richroots.com

Topic: USCIS Genealogy Program: Certificate Files (C-Files)

Location: Congregation Rodeph Shalom 615 N Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19123

Sunday, June 12, 2022

Time: 3:00 PM check in, chat, and schmooze (Optional)

Official program starts promptly at 3:30 *(NOTE LATER START TIME)

Speaker: Jerry Zaks, Child of Two Survivors

Topic: Recovering the Past: Researching the Fate of One's Family in the Shoah

Location: Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel 8339 Old York Rd, Elkins Park, PA 19027

Sunday, July 10, 2022

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

Official program starts promptly at 1:30

Speaker: TBA Topic: TBA Location: TBA

Help Wanted

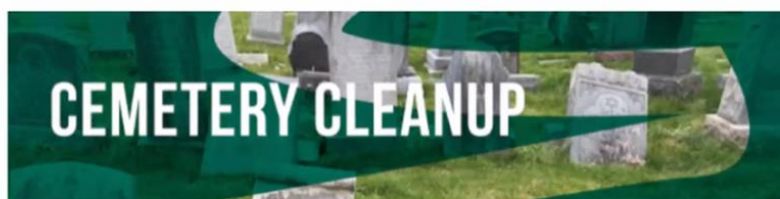
Resource Guide help:

Please go to our website HOME PAGE to access the list of the cemeteries with missing plot plans. We have received the map of Har Jehuda.

Friends of Jewish Cemeteries help: Dates added for Har Nebo and Har Jehuda

We need two people from our society for each of the **Har Nebo** dates to assist others with finding their graves. The pdf files of our database will be available for those who assist.

Please let me know if you can help. Har Jehuda is covered.



Volunteer Cleanup Day

Register at jewishphilly.org/cemeterycleanup

Sunday, April 3 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Har Nebo

Sunday, May 1 | 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Har Jehuda

Sunday, June 26 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Har Nebo

Sunday, July 24 | 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Har Jehuda

Stay tuned for more volunteer dates through Fall, 2022.

Have you signed up to volunteer? PLEASE let me know the date you are going.

I'm keeping a spreadsheet of our society members.

Additional Information from the Jewish Federation:

We encourage you to bring a water bottle and Kippah (if that is your tradition).

If you have a rake and work gloves, bring them along. We will have a limited supply available for use.

These volunteer opportunities are recommended for age 12 and up. All volunteers must be fully vaccinated. We recommend that all volunteers properly wear a mask outdoors when not eating or drinking.

- For the consideration of the health of others, please adhere to the [CDC](#) and [City of Philadelphia](#) safety guidelines. For the Jewish Federation's official statement on in-person gatherings, [please click here](#).

FYI: Har Nebo is open for visitors on Sundays 8:30-4:30 (sharp)

2022 Conference Volunteers Needed.

A banner for the AJL Conference in Philadelphia, June 27-29, 2022. The banner has an orange background. On the left, there is a logo with two stylized figures and the text "TOGETHER AGAIN! IN PHILADELPHIA" and "ajl ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LIBRARIES CONFERENCE 2022". In the center, the text reads "AJL Conference in Philadelphia JUNE 27-29, 2022" and "The Leading Authority on Judaic Librarianship" with the website "jewishlibraries.org". On the right, there is a yellow silhouette of the Liberty Bell.

Help make AJL's conference June 27-29, 2022 in at the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History a success by volunteering and hour or so of your time. People who are NOT registered for the conference can attend sessions on the day they volunteer and purchase meals separately. THANK YOU for your help!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIjGyfVHGirPGQAUxSVfmsxoxApknZPngAouplbuOUErz16w/viewform?usp=sf_link

In the News

A banner for the 42nd IAJGS Conference on Jewish Genealogy, All Virtual, Aug 21-25, 2022. The banner has a light blue background. On the left, the text reads "Where We Lived 42nd IAJGS Conference on Jewish Genealogy All Virtual Aug 21-25, 2022" and includes logos for IAJGS and JGASGP. On the right, there is a stylized illustration of a city skyline with a sailboat in front of it, and the website "iajgs2022.org" is written in orange.

THE NYC HISTORICAL VITAL RECORDS PROJECT

The New York City Municipal Archives is undertaking a mass digitization project to provide online access to 13.3 million historical birth, death, and marriage records.

Be patient. It's a work in progress.

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/records/historical-records/genealogy.page>

Membership Dues and Society News

A big grateful thankyou to everyone who has renewed! We currently have 381 members.

Only paid-up members 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) 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, 2022.

Our 2022 membership form is on our website. \$10 extra for printed Chronicles.

Thank you to member Donna Tartasky for sharing her macaroon recipe for Passover.



Once you have homemade you will never want the ones from a can. Be prepared for when you make this as the batter is very, very sticky, and sweet. For that reason, I only use unsweetened flaked coconut. It is harder to find but out there.

Ingredients:

1 pkg. 14 oz flaked coconut

1 can condensed milk

2 t vanilla extract

1 t almond extract

Combine - teaspoon onto baking sheet or till they have shape you want

350-degree oven 10-14 min. Remove immediately to wire rack

I also add some chocolate chips to part of the batter for those who want some chocolate.

Here is a different recipe with complete instructions for chocolate dipped macaroons.

<https://toriavey.com/toris-kitchen/dark-chocolate-dipped-macaroons/#recipe>



Best Wishes for a Happy Passover!

Conferences, Podcasts, Webinars, and Zoom Meetings of Interest

We (JGASGP) collaborate with HAMEC on various projects of shared interest related to the Holocaust. Read about the history of the America's first Holocaust museum!

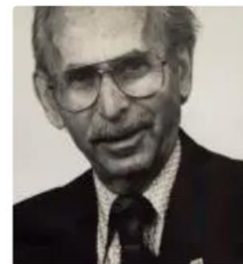
Join HAMEC on Wednesday, March 30th at 7 p.m. for "Ethical Lessons of the Holocaust: The Philadelphia Connection - Virtual Grand Opening". The event will be held over Zoom and features a curated tour of our newly expanded exhibit. The museum is available to tour virtually at any time and will be available for in-person appointments starting in April.

Click the link below to register:

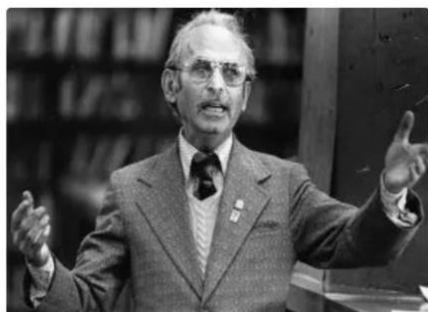
[Register](#)

Museum History

The Jewish Identity Center's Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center, **America's first Holocaust museum**, is 60 years young. [Yaakov Riz](#), the museum's founder, was a Holocaust survivor who lost 83 members of his family in Adolf Hitler's concentration camps. Riz vowed that if he survived he would dedicate his life to establishing a museum that would memorialize the millions of Jews and Non-Jews who perished at the hands of the Nazis. The museum's genesis, growth and struggle against intolerance are the realization of his dream, courage and commitment. The Museum was initially founded in the basement of Riz's home in Northeast Philadelphia and since then it has wandered around the Delaware Valley. As a matter of fact the Museum has been in Melrose Park, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, KleinLife in Northeast Philadelphia and in August 2020, the Museum found a new and larger home at [Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel](#) in Elkins Park.



Yaakov Riz, Founder



Yaakov Riz, HAMEC Founder

The museum's educational and community outreach is ecumenical and comprises a population that ranges from elementary school to older adults. Many students come from disadvantaged homes and some are from Syria, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Serbia which are countries in conflict.

During the last 59 years, the Museum has educated hundreds of thousands of students and adults in schools, community groups, and organizations. Additionally we provide teacher training opportunities. Our programs emphasize the message that racial, ethnic, and religious hatred are social poisons that weaken the American democracy.

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



STARTS TOMORROW

If you have some blank spaces in your family tree, Janet Hovorka from Family Chartmasters; Christa Cowan, the Barefoot Genealogist; and Diahn Southard from Your DNA Guide have teamed up to present The Search Party Workshop, which begins TOMORROW, March 28 and runs through April 1st. Only \$20. Recordings will be available until April 4th. See the full details and register at <https://search-party.mykajabi.com/offers/msRn7SEy/checkout>

***Bucks County Genealogical Society hosts**

"Your Guide to the 1950 Census" by Lisa Louise Cooke

Online via Zoom

Saturday, April 2nd, 2022, from 10 am to 12 pm

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. In this session you will learn:

the interesting and little-known stories behind the 1950 census,
what it can reveal about your family, (and who you will NOT find!)

the important documents associated with it that you can access right now!

Registration required.

\$5 Members / \$10 Non-Members

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

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Here's an interesting article from the Newspapers.com blog. It makes you get a feel for the 1950 census. If you want more info check out Joel Weintraub's handout on our website.

Newspaper Finds https://blog.newspapers.com/countdown-to-the-release-of-the-1950-u-s-census/?utm_source=Find&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Find-Mar-2022

COUNTDOWN TO THE RELEASE OF THE 1950 U.S. CENSUS

March 18, 2022 by Jenny Ashcraft

On April 1, 1950, some 150,000 census workers, armed with pencils and thick pads of census schedules, set out to visit every residence in the country. They canvassed neighborhoods on foot or by car. Their goal was to enumerate every person in the country, and that meant some would need dogsleds, canoes, and even rowboats to reach out-of-the-way citizens. It took about a month for census workers (called enumerators) to finish the tally, then additional time for the government to tabulate the results. After completing the census, federal law mandated a 72-year restriction on the records to protect individual privacy. On April 1, 2022, the 1950 U.S. Census will be released to the public, providing a snapshot of history and new insights for genealogical research.



1950 Census Worker shows her official identification: Globe-Gazette 30 March 1950

The first decennial census took place in 1790, and the population was nearly 4 million. By the time the 1950 Census rolled around, the population ballooned to more than 151 million. The Framers of the Constitution wanted population, not wealth, to be the basis for sharing political power, and censuses helped apportion Congressional seats. Over the years, it became evident that gathering additional data while enumerating citizens was useful. It could help community leaders allocate funding for transportation, education, health care, and more. Each census has asked slightly different questions. The 1940 standard census forms had lines for 40 persons. In 1950, this was reduced to 30 lines, allowing enumerators space to take notes on additional sample questions answered by every fifth person.

To prepare for the 1950 Census, the government created detailed aerial maps to identify every dwelling. In January 1950, the call went out for census workers. Requirements included a high school education and the ability to fill out complex census schedules with efficiency and courtesy. Applicants needed to be between 21 and 65 years old, and veterans received preference. Census workers interviewed about 30 families each day, enumerating about 1,110 persons in total. They earned 7 cents for each line of information filled out – or about \$8 a day. At the time, the average family income was \$3,300. Each interview took about 10 minutes, and the job sometimes presented challenges. One census worker reported being hit over the head with a frying pan when the interviewee didn't like her questions. Others reported being bitten by dogs or chased by a swarm of bees. One census worker climbed a 60-foot flagpole to enumerate an ex-paratrooper trying to set a new world record as a flagpole sitter. Sometimes

residents hid from census workers or slammed the door in their face. This behavior was illegal and could result in a [fine or jail time](#).

The 1950 U.S. Census will provide insights into the post-WWII boom era, including the [baby boom](#), the [housing boom](#), and booming suburbs. Census schedules will also show [segregated neighborhoods](#) and separate and “[inherently unequal](#)” circumstances that led to the Civil Rights Movement. Using new, proprietary Artificial Intelligence (AI) handwriting recognition technology, [Ancestry](#)® announced that it will deliver a searchable index of the 1950 Census faster than ever before. Volunteers will evaluate census extraction records to ensure accurate results. We anticipate the 1950 U.S. Census will be fully indexed and available to search online this summer. To learn more about the 1950 U.S. Census, search [Newspapers.com](#)™ today!

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

April 3, 2022

1:30 PM EST



Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps: An Unexpected Tool

Jane Neff Rollins

Starting in 1867, the Sanborn Fire Insurance Company created detailed maps of small towns and large cities in the United States in order to calculate premiums for fire insurance. Today these maps have a second life as a tool for genealogists. They describe the neighborhoods and homes where ancestors lived and imply nuanced stories about our ancestors' lives. This session will cover:

- 1) a brief history of fire insurance maps
- 2) a step-by-step lesson about how to interpret the maps
- 3) where to find Sanborn maps
- 4) how to construct source citations for them
- 5) and particularly how to use the maps to spin your stories.

Jane Neff Rollins is a professional genealogist at Sherlock Combs Genealogy®. In addition to having 25+ years of personal research experience, Rollins has attended many genealogy and forensic genealogy institutes. She has also translated/indexed Russian-language records for clients and online databases, and she has spoken at local, regional, national, and international genealogy conferences, including at many of the annual IAIGS conferences. Her writing has appeared in Avotaynu, NGS Magazine, and FGS Forum, among others. She is the recipient of the Federation of Genealogical Societies' 2020 FORUM Writers Award.

Non-members: Click here to pay \$5.00 fee to receive the Zoom link.

If you do not receive and email with the link to the program within 15 minutes, please check your Spam folder.

Does the invasion of Ukraine have you wondering about your Jewish roots there? Are you curious how to learn the specifics of your family's Jewish Ukrainian story?
Are you looking for a way to contribute to help those on the ground in Ukraine?

☆ GENEALOGY WORKSHOP TO BENEFIT UKRAINIANS ☆

Jewish Roots in Ukraine: Context and Connection

Your Family's Context: The History & Legacy of Jews in Ukraine	How to Trace Your Family Back to Ukraine
How to Access & Use Jewish Ukrainian Records	How to Connect Meaningfully to Your Heritage Today

SUNDAY APRIL 3, 12:00-4:30 PM EDT
REGISTER ONLINE AT [TINYURL.COM/JRU2022](https://tinyurl.com/JRU2022)

All proceeds will go to Razom for Ukraine & the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Your registration fee will be tax deductible where allowed by law.

☆ ☆

Experienced Jewish Genealogists Lara Diamond (of Lara's Jewnealogy), Brooke Schreier Ganz (of Reclaim the Records), Tammy Hepps (of Homestead Hebrews) and Jennifer Mendelsohn (of Resistance Genealogy) have joined together to offer a workshop on Jewish roots in Ukraine.

Hosted by the NY Genealogical and Biographical Society.

Date: Sunday 4/3. 12 to 4:30 p.m. ET

This workshop is designed for newer researchers, but there will be content for people with all levels of genealogy experience.
We will cover Ukrainian Jewish history, records, and heritage travel.

ALL proceeds will go to [Razom for Ukraine](#) and the [American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee](#). The session will be recorded and can be viewed later by registered participants.

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<https://newyorkfamilyhistory.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/newyorkfamilyhistory/eventRegistration.jsp?event=1308>

THE JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF ILLINOIS

OUR MEMBER, DAVID BRILL

"GETTING THE MOST FROM REVISION LISTS" BY DAVID R. BRILL

Date: May 22, 2022. **SAVE THE DATE**

Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (**Central time**)(One hour earlier than our time)

A separate, members-only online genealogy discussion will take place at 1 p.m.

Registration/RSVP Details **to be announced soon.**

Revision lists (*revizskie skazki*) are among the most important genealogical



resources from the Russian Empire and are often the only available confirmation that an ancestor actually lived in a particular shtetl. With the growing number of revision list translations on JewishGen and elsewhere, it is easier than ever to expand one's research beyond U.S.-based sources and discover previously unknown genealogical connections.

This talk will help both the novice and the experienced genealogist learn to navigate the world of revision lists. David Brill will cover:

- What are revision lists? When and why were they created?
- What are the differences between censuses and revision lists?
- What can revision lists tell me about my family and about shtetl life in general?
- Where can I find revision lists for my town? Are they online?

The speaker will explore examples of original revision lists in Russian and show how they can be used to trace Jewish families. The prospect of reading 19th-century handwritten records may seem daunting at first. But as more and more images of the original Russian-language documents become available to genealogists on the internet, the value of being able to read those records for oneself is undeniable. David will explain how even with no initial knowledge of Russian one can, with a bit of practice, become a "maven" at recognizing key words, names, and phrases.

Recommended Genealogy Websites with links. See additional suggestions on our website "Link" tab. 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](#) See above

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 Based in New England but is a nationally known repository.

Podcasts: There are about 20 plus different genealogy podcasts available. Click the link to see them all.

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

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.

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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