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Hi Everyone,

Steve Morse presented “A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools” to our society on Sunday. We were not aware of Steve’s new policy not allowing the recording of his lectures. His lectures have been posted online without his permission, so he instituted this new policy. He requests that you go to his website and view the pre-recorded lecture at <https://stevemorse.org/lectures/potpourri.mp4>. Steve has multiple recordings to view on his site from his various lectures. I missed this meeting and will have to watch the recording. I hope that you learned something new if you attended. I’ve been using his One-Step Webpages by Stephen P. Morse <https://stevemorse.org/index.html> throughout my genealogical research journey.

### Beginner’s Corner and Research Tips

Don’t forget to look for our **Getting Started with Jewish Genealogy** on our website. We will let you know when the new **JGASGP Resource Guide 2022** is posted.

Everyone wants to see their all their family names spelled “correctly” on the documents we find. We know that’s impossible! I wrote about my grandfather’s botched name in the 1920’s census and previously about my mother’s two birth certificates where her name was incorrect on both! We do have some power to make changes on Ancestry.com, for example. But can we edit or submit new information on the actual documents? NO!

I appreciate the lectures from Steve and Joel Weintraub about the 1950 census. Finding the ED's was easy and the ability to scan through the documents took some time, but not too tough. We are researchers! We expect to spend time scanning through documents. That's what research is all about. What I didn't expect was **NOT** finding my family at their 1950's address. Some addresses were omitted. Some addresses on the street were not necessarily listed in numeric order. Some people were 'not at home'. I wonder how many people were at home and not answering their door to a census taker. So many questions??? Do you think the supervisor returned to this household?

HOUSEHOLD CONTINUED ON NEXT SHEET ☐

es 1 There was a vicious dog at this place and my supervisor has promised to enumerate this family for me.

Some people just refused to answer questions.

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Notes 1 This man was most unhappy about the census & strongly objected to telling anything except number & ages of occupants. Said it was no one's business how much rent he paid and etc. etc.

THE QUESTIONS BELOW

My searching located some family members. I also found addresses that were omitted! UGH! We must maintain our senses of humor while reading some of these forms! Hope you had some success. One suggestion I have for you. If you don't know the address where your ancestor's lived in 1950, check the U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995! I was able to find my dad listed at two known addresses. I still couldn't find him at either one on the census report!

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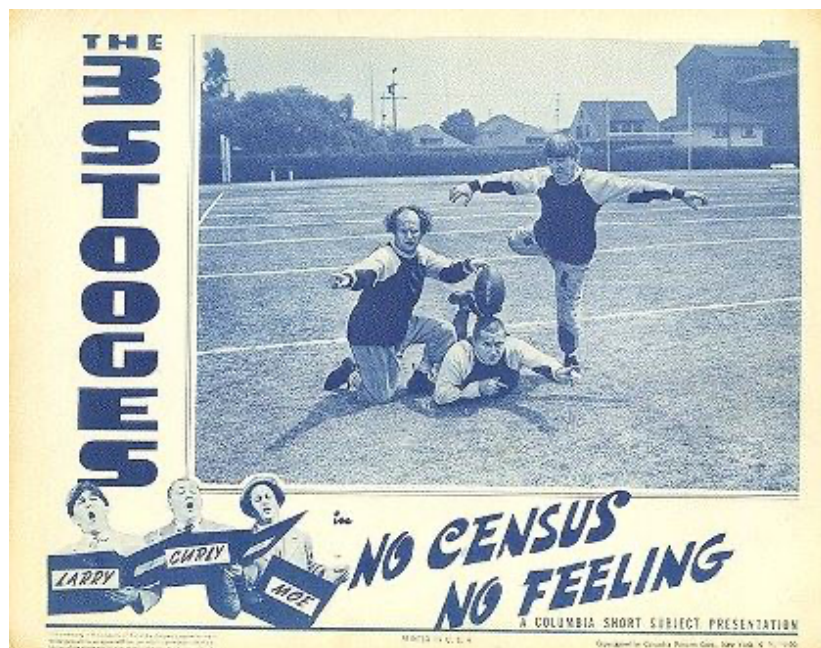
Thanks to the Rhode Island records already being indexed, 1950 census hints are popping up for my family!

### Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

- [No Census, No Feeling](#) Read the complete article.

In a 1940 Three Stooges movie, Larry, Curly, and Moe obtained jobs as census enumerators and were to be paid four cents per name recorded. Now I understand some of census records I have looked at in the past!

You can watch The Three Stooges at their best, or worst, in *No Census, No Feeling* at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nAcSFskC0aI>. 16 minutes of silliness!



More information keeps being “discovered” in the recent release of the U.S. 1950 Census. The census reveals the significant impact of the landmark legislation signed into law in 1944- The Servicemen’s Readjustment Act, also known as the G.I. Bill. The bill created sweeping new benefits for millions of veterans returning home from

WWII. Those benefits included money for education, job training, low-interest home loans, and unemployment benefits.

This article from [newspapers.com](http://newspapers.com), a member of the Ancestry family of companies, [https://www.newspapers.com/image/?clipping\\_id=59414779](https://www.newspapers.com/image/?clipping_id=59414779) explains \$20 per week for unemployment benefits, for each calendar month of active service the veteran was entitled to four weeks of allowances, limited to 52 weeks for the first two years after discharge. Those who refused "suitable" work were denied the benefits. For those whose education was interrupted due to the war (and 25 years old or younger), a minimum of a year's education with the government paying up to \$500 in annual tuition and other fees to \$50 monthly subsistence, plus \$25 for dependents. Those older than 25 years had to prove interference. The schooling was limited to four years regardless of the type of school, public or private, colleges or universities, trade, or business schools. The loans were repayable over 20 years. Homes and farms and small businesses the government guaranteed loans up to 5 percent of the principal, provided the loan did not exceed \$2000.

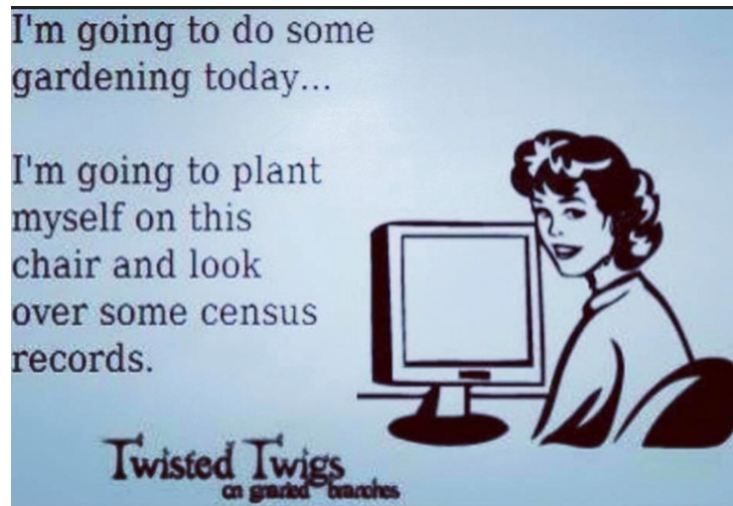
To read more see the [newspapers.com](http://newspapers.com) blog at: <https://blog.newspapers.com/evidence-of-the-g-i-bill-in-the-1950-census/>

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Chairperson, IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee



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## Book Club Update

Next title for discussion: "Bread Givers" by Anzia Yeziarska. April 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm. We plan to meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month. Please RSVP to [membership@jgasgp.org](mailto:membership@jgasgp.org) to receive the link. The link has been sent to those members who have responded.

We will try to pick future books available on Kindle or free on Nook Audible or Hoopladigital.com. If you have a suggestion for a title, please let me know.

## Chronicles

*Make sure you read below for an update to Chronicles under Membership and Society News \*Announcement. Changes are coming!*

Please submit articles to [editor@jgasgp.org](mailto:editor@jgasgp.org). Let Evan know if you are working on an article. Next issue to be completed in May.

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 the following members who have made generous donations to our society. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.*

Donations 1/1/22 - 3/31/22

- 1) Stuart Bogom
- 2) Daniel Gargel
- 3) Lee Jaffe
- 4) Ronald & Celina Riebman
- 5) Sam Rosenberg
- 6) Steven Ross
- 7) Dan Rottenberg
- 8) Doug & Karen Seidman



- 9) Philip Steel, Jr.
- 10) Rabbi Lance Sussman
- 11) Nancy Urrasio
- 12) Judith Wisnia

## From the President's Desk

*I opened our meeting in early March with the terrible news of the invasion of Ukraine. Along with many of you, I have ancestral roots in Ukraine and western Poland. Recently, I video chatted with Danuta, a friend and colleague from Poland whom I first met at the 2018 IAJGS Conference in Warsaw. She is a teacher from my ancestral town of Wongrowitz, a small town in Poznan Province. She did considerable research for me and located a number of documents about my family. However, Danuta was at IAJGS because she gave a presentation on her work in documenting Wongrowitz's long Jewish history, going back to the 1700's, the creation of a Jewish Heritage Trail with student documents as well as a cemetery restoration project and memorial site. This led to publication of a website and then our collaboration on Kehilah page on JewishGen about Wongrowitz. She is a wonderful person and a true mensch.*

*Our recent conversation was about the crisis in Ukraine and its impact on my ancestral town. She shared with me that though not close to the border with Ukraine, Wongrowitz has taken in, welcomed, literally hundreds of "guests" from Ukraine, and 600 Ukrainian children are now attending local schools. The town is putting most of these families up in private homes and although there is some NGO and government aid, the residents of Wongrowitz have put in countless hours, manning food kitchens, gathering supplies and whatever these folks need to resettle, for weeks, months and even years. Trauma is the biggest concern. When asked how she "feels" about what the townspeople are doing, she immediately said How can we NOT? To me, as a Holocaust educator and Jewish genealogist, the slogans of Never Again, What We Do Matters and Be the Change, etc. and the lessons of the Holocaust have not been forgotten in this small town. My message to us all is if those the global HUMAN connections made through our international Jewish genealogy community also matter. The donations made to aid agencies by our many JGS's and Jewish Federations have truly impacted the locals on the ground trying to provide assistance to the thousands of men, women and children of Ukraine and its neighbors.*

*Felicia*

## Future JGASGP Zoom Meetings

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

With your permission we are recording all sessions. **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, 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](http://www.richroots.com)

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

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

**\*I WILL BE SENDING OUT A POLL THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY TO SEE IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND SO WE CAN BE PREPARED.**

<https://rodephshalom.org/directions/>

**\*Note that there is SECURED FREE PARKING during services and synagogue events. Congregation Rodeph Shalom of Philadelphia, founded in 1795, is the oldest Ashkenazic synagogue in the Western Hemisphere. There is a virtual tour on their website too.**

We are meeting in person for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic. We will also livestream this meeting for members only. We are not using Zoom. The link will be sent to me prior to the meeting by Ray, the tech person from Rodeph Shalom. I will then forward the link to all of you. We will follow all covid protocols for the city of Philadelphia. Currently, mask wearing is mandatory in the building. Bring a mask. Please join us at this beautiful, historic building for our first hybrid meeting.



**Rich Venezia** is a New Jersey native who now calls Philadelphia home. He founded Rich Roots Genealogy in 2013. He was a member of the research team of Genealogy Roadshow (PBS) for two seasons and consulted on Follow Your Past (Travel Channel). He is an expert in the research of 20th-century immigrant ancestors, especially underutilized record sources and federal records. He also specializes in Italian and Irish research. Additionally, he assists clients with dual citizenship applications for Ireland and Italy and has a proud Ital-

ian dual citizen. He holds a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University. He lectures nationwide and spoke about "How to Grow Empathy from Uncovering Your Roots" at TEDx Pittsburgh 2017.

**Topic:** USCIS Genealogy Program: Certificate Files (C-Files). This lecture will examine the ten different sub-series of C-Files, which document naturalizations or repatriations of individuals from 1906 – 1956, currently available through the USCIS Genealogy Program. It will also introduce A-Files, and specifically discuss when naturalization records would be found in A-Files instead of C-Files, and how to order records from the USCIS Genealogy Program.

**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

**Friends of Jewish Cemeteries help:**

**Mark and I will be in the office at Har Jehuda on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Stop in and say hi to us.**

**Har Jehuda** May 1 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

July 24 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Har Jehuda Cemetery, 8400 Lansdowne Ave, Upper Darby, PA 19082

**Har Nebo** June 26 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Har Nebo Cemetery, 6061 Oxford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19149

**Future projects:** Har Zion Cemetery, 1201 MacDade Blvd, Darby, PA 19023

Mt. Carmel Cemetery, 5722 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19133



## 2022 Association for Jewish Libraries Conference - Volunteers Needed.



### AJL Conference in Philadelphia JUNE 27-29, 2022

The Leading Authority on Judaic Librarianship

[jewishlibraries.org](http://jewishlibraries.org)



From JGASGP member Jackie Ben Efraim: Help make the Association of Jewish Libraries conference on June 27-29,

2022, at the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History a success by volunteering an 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 in advance for your help!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIjGyfVHGirPGQAuSXVfmsxoxApknZPngAouplbuOUErz16w/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIjGyfVHGirPGQAuSXVfmsxoxApknZPngAouplbuOUErz16w/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## In the News



The 42nd Annual International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies will be held as an ALL-Virtual Conference from 21-25 August 2022. Registration is now OPEN! Go to the Conference Website [www.iajgs2022.org](http://www.iajgs2022.org) and click on Registration Overview for all the information you need. Early Bird pricing is available through 31 May 2022

I attended a fabulous virtual program about Hamec. To learn more, go their interactive website: <https://mobile.hamec.yourcultureconnect.com/experiences>



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## Membership Dues and Society News

We currently have 387 members! So far 257 have signed up for our website!

We are growing and strive to make our society the best!

Each quarter, Chronicles has been e-mailed to everyone. There will be a change for delivery after this issue. All members will receive a link to read the issue on the members only section of our website. Newsletter will continue to be sent out as pdfs.

**MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE!**

**It is NOT automatic because you are a JGASGP member.**

Please don't wait until the last minute. Jim is available to help with registration. Let's try to iron out any problems in advance of the summer issue.

Our website has so much to offer members.

Our new Resource Guide will be available and announced when complete (this summer).

As always, we enjoy receiving suggestions. If you come across an error on the website, please let Jim know.

*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](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 1st - December 31st, 2022.*

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

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

Center for Jewish History presents:

**Family History Today: Ask a Genealogy Librarian - Research in Archives around the World**

Monday, May 2, 4 pm Eastern Time / 1 pm Pacific Time (U.S.)

Join us for our first ever genealogy Q & A session on Zoom. J.D. Arden, the Center for Jewish History's Reference & Genealogy Librarian, will answer your questions about finding and contacting archives outside the U.S. and getting foreign-language documents translated. This program is appropriate for beginner and intermediate-level researchers and for people from all Jewish communities, including those of Ashkenazi, Sephardi, and Mizrahi descent. We highly recommend that you send us your most important question in advance by replying to your registration confirmation email.

Tickets: Pay what you wish; register [here](#) for a Zoom link

Live closed captioning has been made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**Family History Today: Ask a Genealogy Librarian - Online & Archival Resources for U.S. Research**

Featuring Moriah Amit, Senior Genealogy Librarian, Center for Jewish History

Wednesday, May 18, 7 pm ET

In our second genealogy Q & A session on Zoom, Moriah Amit, the Center for Jewish History's Senior Genealogy Librarian, will answer your questions about where to find specific types of U.S. records and how to use U.S. databases more effectively. This program is appropriate for beginner and intermediate level researchers and for people from all Jewish communities, including those of Ashkenazi, Sephardi, and Mizrahi descent. We highly recommend that you send us your most important question in advance by replying to your registration confirmation email.

Tickets: Pay what you wish; register [here](#) for a Zoom link.

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois

**"Getting the Most from Revision Lists" by (our member) 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)

<https://www.jgsi.org/event-4559078>

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 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?

**Podcasts:** There are about 20 plus different genealogy podcasts available. Click the link to see them all.  
<https://conferencekeeper.org/genealogy-podcasts>

\*See many link suggestions for research websites on [jgasgp.org](http://jgasgp.org).

## 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!

## 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.