

# JEWISH GENEALOGICAL AND ARCHIVAL SOCIETY

OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

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CHRONICLES: THE SPRING EDITION HAS BEEN SENT OUT.

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Please let me know if you are attending the IAJGS 2022 Conference! e-mail me at membership@jqasqp.orq

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Hi Everyone,

What a week! The 2022 IAJGS Conference has ended their live presentations. For those of us registered, we have until October 25th to watch the many on demand programs. I always learn so much. It was enjoyable to listen to seasoned well known genealogists as well as many new speakers. I still have on demand lectures to watch, and I'll be busy.

Many of our members spoke to us too! Did you watch any of these lectures. Did you have one or two that inspired you?

Please write about your favorite lecture or two from the conference and send your summary to Evan for the next Chronicles issue. Let him know what you'll be writing about.

I want to share a new project announced by Genealogist, Ellen Kowitt: "Shul Records America". She has identified the 5 earliest congregations in America and has been working on indexing the records of the members and coordinating cemetery locations from JOWBR. When this information is available for the public, we will be invited to a webinar in the fall.

We just received notification of this event at Temple U! Please read <u>and</u> if you want to attend you need to register in advance. Zoom or in person registration is limited and required.

### CELEBRATING THE PHILADELPHIA JEWISH ARCHIVES COLLECTION

**Opening of** Our Greater Philadelphia Mishpachah:

## 50 Years of Documenting the Jewish Community Featuring a Talk by Murray Dubin

Monday, September 12

Hillel at Temple tours, 3:00–4:00 pm ET The Rosen Center, 1441 W. Norris St.

Talk and exhibit opening, 4:00–6:00 pm ET Charles Library, 1900 N. 13th St.

Join us to kick off our fall Beyond the Page programming. The afternoon will feature tours at Hillel at Temple, a talk about the South Philadelphia Jewish experience by Murray Dubin, and an opening reception of the *Our Greater Philadelphia Mishpachah: 50 Years of Documenting the Jewish Community* exhibit.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Philadelphia Jewish Archives Center (PJAC), which donated its collections to the Libraries' Special Collections Research Center in 2009. Our programming this fall celebrates this special anniversary along with our Philadelphia Jewish Archives Collections.

This program is supported by Hillel at Temple, the Feinstein Center for American Jewish History, and Temple University Press. It is also part of Temple Inauguration and Homecoming and Family Weekend. Learn more at <a href="https://example.edu">homecoming.temple.edu</a>.

### **About the speaker**

Murray Dubin is the author of three books and was an award-winning reporter and editor at The Philadelphia Inquirer from 1971 to 2005. His talk will come from research he did for his second book, <u>South Philadelphia: Mummers, Memories and the Melrose Diner</u>, which was published with our own Temple University Press in 1996. He'll discuss the Jewish experience in South Philadelphia and his experience using archives to write the book.

The talk portion from 4:00–5:00 pm will also be live streamed via Zoom Webinar, for those who are unable to attend or prefer a virtual format. Access the live stream here: <a href="https://tem-ple.zoom.us/j/98098023660">https://tem-ple.zoom.us/j/98098023660</a>

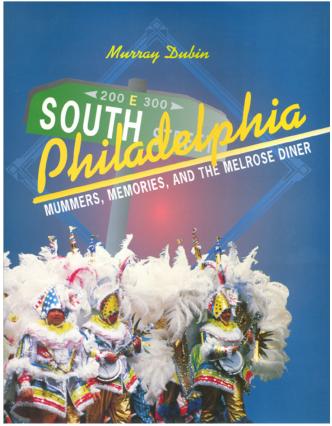


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Our programs are geared toward a general audience and are open to all, including Temple students, faculty, staff, alumni, neighbors, and friends. Registration is encouraged.

<u>Register</u>





Let's all congratulate Harry Boonin for receiving the

## **IAJGS Lifetime Achievement award!**





Here's a screenshot of Harry accepting his award! Read more about Harry below.

Mazel Tov Harry!

## **IAJGS PRESENTS 2022 JEWISH GENEALOGY AWARDS**

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) presented its 2022 awards and grants at its virtual 42nd International Conference on Jewish Genealogy Aug. 21-25. The conference had more than 800 attendees from 17 countries and 39 states in the United States.



IAJGS is an umbrella organization of more than 90 Jewish genealogical organizations worldwide. IAJGS coordinates and organizes activities such as its annual International Conference on Jewish Genealogy and provides a unified voice as the spokesperson on behalf of its members. The IAJGS's vision is of a worldwide network of Jewish genealogical research organizations and partners working together as one coherent, effective, and respected community, enabling people to succeed in researching Jewish ancestry and heritage. Find the IAJGS at: <a href="www.iajgs.org">www.iajgs.org</a> and like us on Facebook at <a href="http://www.face-book.com/iajgsjewishgenealogy">http://www.face-book.com/iajgsjewishgenealogy</a>.

You can read about the other winners on the IAJGS website.

## **Lifetime Achievement Award – Harry Boonin**

Harry was recognized for his pioneering role and over four decades of leadership, scholarship, and mentorship in Jewish Genealogy. In 1979 Harry founded what is today known as the Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia. IAJGS honored him for his trailblazing, steadfast, and exemplary service to the international Jewish genealogy community.

A self-taught historian, Harry has authored a prolific body of scholarship in Jewish genealogy and history, including four books and 250 journal articles. Among the writing was his first book "The Jewish Quarter of Philadelphia." For 15 years, he led Jewish Walking tours in the area of Philadelphia identified as - for about 120 years ago – the "Jewish Quarter," which today still has original buildings from that bygone era. In 1995 he released a book he co-authored about his family: "The Davidows: The Experiences of an Immigrant Family." He celebrated at Ellis Island with 75 descendants celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his grandfather's arrival at Ellis Island with his wife and 7 children.

We are very proud of Harry and look forward to a celebration in his honor!

**Beginner's Corner and Research Tips** 

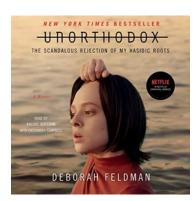
## Two great resources NOW available on our website:

**Getting Started with Jewish Genealogy** 

<u>Greater Philadelphia Genealogical Resource Guide</u> **2022**!



## **Book Club Update**



### **Book Club Meeting #5**

Book club meeting #5 will be held on <u>September 28TH</u> at 7:30 pm. We will be reading:

**UNORTHODOX: THE SCANDALOUS REJECTION OF MY HASIDIC ROOTS** by Deborah Feldman.

<u>Felicia and Dee</u> will be leading our discussion. You may have seen the tv version, but the book includes more information.

## **Book Club Meeting #6**

Book Club Meeting #6 will be held on October 26th at 7:30 PM. We will be reading:

Red Sea Spies: The True Story of Mossad's Fake Diving Resort by Raffi Berg, Peter Noble, et al.

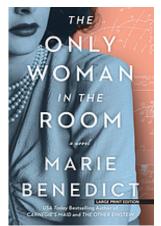
Rebecca Parmet will be leading our discussion.



The true story that inspired the Netflix film *The Red Sea Diving Resort*. In the early 1980s on a remote part of the Sudanese coast, a new luxury holiday resort opened for business. Catering for divers, it attracted guests from around the world. Little did the holidaymakers know that the staff were undercover spies, working for the Mossad - the Israeli secret service.

Providing a front for covert night-time activities, the holiday village allowed the agents to carry out an operation unlike any seen before. What began with one cryptic message pleading for help, turned into the secret evacuation of thousands of Ethiopian Jews who had been languishing in refugee camps, and the spiriting of them to Israel.

Written in collaboration with operatives involved in the mission, endorsed as the definitive account, and including an afterword from the then Mossad director, this is the complete, never-before-heard, gripping tale of a top-secret and often hazardous operation.



### **Book Club Meeting #7**

Book Club Meeting #7 will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. (last week of November)

We will be reading: **The Only Woman in the Room** by Marie Benedict

Marilyn Golden will be leading our discussion.

Bestselling author Marie Benedict reveals the story of a brilliant woman scientist only remembered for her beauty.

Her beauty almost certainly saved her from the rising Nazi party and led to marriage with an Austrian arms dealer. Underestimated in everything else, she overheard the Third Reich's plans while at her husband's side and understood more than anyone would guess. She devised a plan to flee in disguise from their castle, and the whirlwind escape landed her in Hollywood. She became Hedy Lamarr, screen star.

But she kept a secret more shocking than her heritage or her marriage: she was a scientist. And she had an idea that might help the country fight the Nazis and revolutionize modern communication...if anyone would listen to her.

A powerful book based on the incredible true story of the glamour icon and scientist; The Only Woman in the Room is a masterpiece that celebrates the many women in science that history has overlooked.

\* These books are available to read at most libraries in Philadelphia and the surrounding areas. Please consider joining us on our reading adventures.

### **Chronicles**

All conference attendees are asked to submit an article to Evan. Please let him know which session you are writing about. If this is your first conference, we'd like to hear your impressions.

**Please submit your well-thought-out and organized stories to editor@jgasgp.org.** Our editors will correct grammar and refine your text so that it's top notch. Please be sure that all links work and documents and photos are not copyrighted by someone else.

Before submitting your article, have someone else read what you wrote to ensure clarity.

Note our second "call for articles" challenge encouraging first time contributors to Chronicles. The first five "newbies" will receive a copy of genealogist extraordinaire, Dan Rottenberg's book, The Education of A Journalist, My Seventy Years on the Frontiers of Free Speech.

Thank you.

Evan Fishman editor@jgasqp.org

Jim, our WEBMASTER, has posted Chronicles on our website. Now you won't have to download this copy if you don't want to. <a href="https://jgasgp.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Chronicles\_Vol\_39-1-Spring-2022-ELECTRONIC.pdf">https://jgasgp.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Chronicles\_Vol\_39-1-Spring-2022-ELECTRONIC.pdf</a>

Contact Jim, <u>webmaster@jgasgp.org</u> 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 members who have made generous donations to our society. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

## From the President's Desk

Autumn greetings to you all!

After months of work by members of our society alongside the planning team of the international body, we recently co-hosted a spectacular virtual event in August. The IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy was held from August 21-25. An extensive roster of speakers is still available for you to watch from the comfort of your own home. Nearly all of the sessions were recorded so you can actually watch them through the month of October at your convenience! All conference attendees have continued access to the Virtual Library, as well as the Attendee Lounge and Expo Hall.

Now it is time to share my own thoughts and express thanks to those who made IAJGS2022 such a success story, despite the many challenges presented by Covid over the last two years.

The high point of IAJGS2022 was the awards ceremony during which our beloved Harry Boonin. founder of our society in 1979 and its first president over forty years ago, was recognized and honored by the IAJGS with its Lifetime Achievement Award. This was

presented to Harry virtually and the link is included in this newsletter for all to see. Thank you for your leadership, mentorship and friendship and being a wonderful mensch! CONGRATS HARRY!!!!!!!

Over the past few months, I learned a great deal about the inner workings of IAJGS2022 which is a very large event. It really takes a village, many of whom were from our JGASGP. Conference Chairs Judy Missel, Hadassah Lipsius and our own Past President Fred Blum made this event a huge success along with the always hard-working Mark Halpern, our VP for Programs who was a key member of the IAJGS2022 Program Committee.

Did you check out our Exhibit Booth in the Virtual Expo Hall? Marilyn Golden and I had fun creating that space for people to learn about our society. Major kudos to Board members Ed Flax and Linda Krocker Ewall, for our Beginners Guide and 2022 Resource Guide to Jewish Philadelphia which were both made available to conference registrants, free of charge. Attendees also received a sample issue of Chronicles. These were all shared with links in our virtual booth.

Our society was well represented in the planning side as well as serving as presenters, moderators, being interviewed by the Jewish Exponent and more. As your president, I attended business meetings, voted in the interests of our society, and virtually met with other JGS leaders to discuss future trends in our societies. JGASGP member Elana Broch and Board members Fred Blum, Mark Halpern and I also attended daily moderator training and debriefing sessions and were part of a large What's App emergency assistance group that served as trouble shooters for speakers and moderators.

Looking forward, there is now a strong interest in planning regional events for our members, and some societies, like our own, are already co-hosting events with other societies and organizations. I will talk more about these in future newsletters.

For years, the final night of the IAJGS event has concluded with a game hosted by the always silly, sometimes irreverent, and very funny genealogists Ron Arons and Jordan Auslander. This year, JGASGP Past Presidents Joel Spector, Mark Halpern and I went nose to nose against Team Not Philadelphia in the "Mishpocha Melee", based on the television show Family Feud. This is available for your viewing pleasure on the conference On Demand tab. It was all in good fun and a great way to close out the international conference.

Our first issue of Chronicles following the IAJGS conference is usually comprised of articles about conference sessions of note. So, if you do participate in the IAJGS conference, post comments on our FB page and above all, please plan to write a brief piece about any sessions you found impactful and share with us all through our wonderful journal. Your article should be submitted to editor@jgasqp.org

Last but not least, the next IAJGS international conference will take place **in person** next summer from July 30 to August 3, 2023, in London, England. Mark your calendars!

IAJGS 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award Harry Boonin, Philadelphia YouTube link: https://youtu.be/uq6qP-tZGN8

Felicia Mode Alexander

## **Future JGASGP Zoom Meetings**

### Hybrid meetings will 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.

## SAVE THE DATES: Read detailed descriptions on our website.

Date: Sunday, September 18, 2022

Time: 1:00 PM check in, chat, and schmooze (Optional) Official program starts promptly at 1:30

**Speaker: Sharon Taylor** 

Topic: "Gangster Grandma: Organized Crime in Early Twentieth Century Philadelphia."

Topic: Bootleggers and Bawdy Houses: Jews and Crime in early 20th

Century Philadelphia

Location: Main Line Reform Temple 410 Montgomery Ave, Wynnewood, PA 19096

Hybrid meeting format to be announced.

Date: Sunday, October 23, 2022

Time: 1:00 PM check in, chat, and schmooze (Optional) Official program starts promptly at 1:30

Speaker: Eric Saul, Historian and Founder of Visas for Life: The Righteous and Honorable Diplomats

**Project** 

**Topic: Documentary Film: Carl Lutz Dangerous Diplomacy (52 minutes)** 

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

Hybrid meeting format to be announced.

Date: Sunday, November 12, 2022, HAMEC 2022 Dinner and Auction

Time:

Speakers:

Topic: Honoring fellow board member Dr. Adam Denish and staff alum and dedicated HAMEC volun-

teer Jacqueline Cherepinsky

Location: Radisson Hotel, Trevose, PA

Date: Sunday, November 13, 2022

Time: 1:00 PM check in, chat, and schmooze (Optional) Official program starts promptly at 1:30

Speaker: Andrew Zalewski, Author, Speaker, and Galicia Historian

Topic: The Path to Modernity: The Jews of Galicia

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

Hybrid meeting format to be announced.

## SAVE THE DATE

**LUNCHEON CELEBRATION OF 40 YEARS OF JGASGP** 

In Honor of Founding President HARRY D. BOONIN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel 8339 Old York Road Elkins Park, Pennsylvania 19020

Details and formal invitation to follow.



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Date: Sunday, January 8, 2023

Time: TBA

Speaker: Menachim Kaiser, author interviewed by Dan Rottenberg, author, and Journalist

Topic: Book Talk: Plunder: A Memoir of Family Property and Nazi Treasure

**Location: ZOOM co-hosted with JGS of Montreal** 

The book is available everywhere including e-book versions. The full title is *Plunder: A Memoir of Family Property and Nazi Treasure*. You can find a New York Times review at <a href="https://www.ny-times.com/2021/03/08/books/review-plunder-memoir-family-property-nazi-treasure-menachem-kai-ser.html">https://www.ny-times.com/2021/03/08/books/review-plunder-memoir-family-property-nazi-treasure-menachem-kai-ser.html</a>. Menachem's website is <a href="https://mnchm.com/">https://mnchm.com/</a>.



Menachem Kaiser is a writer currently living in Brooklyn, NY. He grew up in Toronto, Canada, has a BA from Columbia University and an MFA from University of Michigan, and was a Fulbright Fellow to Lithuania. His fiction and nonfiction have appeared in Wall Street Journal, The Atlantic, New York, BOMB, Vogue, and elsewhere.

Journalist Dan Rottenberg has been the chief editor of seven publications, most recently *Broad Street Review*, an independent cultural arts website that he launched in December 2005 and edited until January 2014. (He stepped down as chairman in 2019.) He is also the author of 12 books, most recently *The Education of a Journalist: My Seventy Years on the Frontiers of Free Speech*, published in 2022 by Redmount Press.



Date: Sunday, January 29, 2023

Time: TBA

Speakers: Jacky Comforty, Award-winning documentary filmmaker, oral historian and media creator

and Martha Bloomfield, Award-winning author, oral historian, and artist

Topic: Book Talk - The Stolen Narrative of The Bulgarian Jews and The Holocaust

**Location: TBA** 

### **Help Wanted**

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

Har Jehuda. TBA

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

Har Nebo. Sept. 18, 2022, 1-3

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

Please sign up in advance if you are attending the cleanup.

https://jewishphilly.org/get-involved/volunteer/cemeteryrestoration/

### In the News

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Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center Preserving History to Learn From the Past | Est. 1961

<u>To learn more, go HAMEC's interactive website</u>: <a href="https://mobile.hamec.yourcultureconnect.com/experiences">https://mobile.hamec.yourcultureconnect.com/experiences</a>

Read about the new staff members at HAMEC in the next edition of Chronicles.

More information to follow about the 2022 Dinner and Auction on November 12<sup>th</sup> honoring fellow board member **Dr. Adam Denish** and staff alum and dedicated HAMEC volunteer Jacqueline Cherepinsky.

## **Membership and Society News**

We currently have 396 members!
We are growing and strive to make our society the best!
Suggestions are always welcome!

Each quarter, <u>Chronicles</u> will be e-mailed to everyone. All members will be able to read the latest issue on the members only section of our website. JGASGP Newsletters will continue to be sent out as pdfs and be available on our website.

## MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE! It is NOT automatic because you are a JGASGP member.

Our website has so much to offer members.

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) 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.

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

New Podcast with Dr. Andrew Zalewski Talking About his Years at Gesher Galicia

#### Dear Friends:

Andrew Zalewski is past vice president of Gesher Galicia and a frequent speaker at meetings of Jewish genealogical societies and cultural and academic institutions in the US and abroad. His interests and writings have focused on Jewish cultural transformation, educational access, modernizing impact of Jewish physicians, and Jewish political and legal rights in Galicia. Unique archival records—population surveys, maps, and old newspapers—provide the background for his in-depth description of Galicia.

He authored two books on Austrian Galicia: "Galician Trails: The Forgotten Story of One Family" and "Galician Portraits: In Search of Jewish Roots", in which he traced the story of his ancestors in a historical context. Andrew Zalewski is a retired cardiologist and a former professor of medicine at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. After leaving academic practice, he held executive positions in the pharmaceutical industry, focusing on global collaborations to advance new healthcare solutions.

I spoke with Andrew recently and I think you will find our conversation to be very interesting. You can listen to the podcast here.

We look forward to hearing your comments and suggestions at <a href="mailto:info@geshergalicia.org">info@geshergalicia.org</a>.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven S. Turner

President, Gesher Galicia

#### **2022 Comprehensive Calendar of Genealogical Events**

complied by the **Bucks County Genealogical Society** 

<u>Conference Keeper</u> Conference Keeper, "the most complete collection of Genealogy events online!" Sign up for the weekly Newsletter.

The Main Line Genealogy Club sends out a great Newsletter Subscribe here for The Dispatch and future meeting information

https://mainlinegenealogy.us4.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=874962702de67e596050fc4cf&id=a4ddc48ca8

<u>JewishGen.org Discussion Group</u> Sign up for daily discussion questions, meeting information from other societies, or post your own.

Podcasts: Extreme Genes. https://www.extremegenes.com/
Crista Cowen. https://cristacowan.com/

Three-part Series from Filmmakers Ken Burns, Lynn Novick and Sarah Botstein Explores the U.S. Role Before, During and After One of the Greatest Humanitarian Crises in History

Narrated by Peter Coyote; Voice Actors Include Liam Neeson, Matthew Rhys, Paul Giamatti, Meryl Streep, Werner Herzog, Joe Morton, Hope Davis, Bradley Whitford and Helena Zengel

Arlington, VA; April 25, 2022 – THE U.S. AND THE HOLOCAUST, a new three-part documentary directed and produced by Ken Burns, Lynn Novick and Sarah Botstein, explores America's response to one of the greatest humanitarian crises in history. The series will air September 18, 19 and 20, at 8:00-10:00 p.m. ET (check local listings) on PBS, PBS.org and the PBS Video app. THE U.S. AND THE HOLOCAUST will be distributed internationally by PBS International.

Inspired in part by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's "Americans and the Holocaust" exhibition and supported by its historical resources, the film examines the rise of Hitler and Nazism in Germany in the context of global antisemitism and racism, the eugenics movement in the United States and race laws in the American south. The series, written by Geoffrey Ward, sheds light on what the U.S. government and American people knew and did as the catastrophe unfolded in Europe.

The series will air September 18, 19 and 20, at 8:00-10:00 p.m. eastern/pacific 7:00-9:00 PM Central (check local listings) on PBS, <a href="https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/us-and-the-holocaust/">https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/us-and-the-holocaust/</a>

To read the release see: <a href="https://www.pbs.org/about/about-pbs/blogs/news/the-us-and-the-holocaust-to-premiere-september-18-2022-on-pbs/">https://www.pbs.org/about/about-pbs/blogs/news/the-us-and-the-holocaust-to-premiere-september-18-2022-on-pbs/</a>

### Santa Cruz Jewish Genealogy Society

PART 1: BELARUS SERIES: A Must!



Sunday, October 23, 2022, 11 am Pacific Time Speaker: Dr. Leon Gershovich, PhD Topic: Jews of Belarus: History and Culture Zoom link will be sent the week of the event.

Come learn about the history of the Jews of Belarus (previously known as Jews of Raysen)? Where did they come from? How did they live? What was their identity? How had their life and identity transformed through periods of time? What was their historical experience during the Lithuanian-Polish Commonwealth, Russian Empire, Soviet Union, and post-soviet Belarus? What was their fate during the

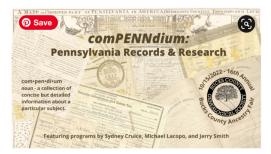
Shoah? How did the Soviet state transform their Jewish identity, during the pogroms, 1917 and the collapse of the USSR. How many immigrated and where? What are their attitudes towards current regime in Belarus as well as Russian-Ukrainian war? king us to those who lived in the Middle Ages.

#### About Dr. Leon Gershovich

Dr. Leonid (Leon) Gershovich was born in Gomel, Belarus (then USSR) and made Aliyah at age 9 in 1991. He lives in Shlomi, on the Lebanese border, and works as educator. Recently he earned his PhD in Tel-Aviv University after defending his work titled "Jews and Jewish life in south-east Belarus (Gomel and surroundings) during the interwar period (1917-1941)". His academic interests include the history of pre-soviet, soviet and post-soviet Jewish Life, Sloviet Zionism, world wide Jewish struggle to free Soviet Jews, aspects of Jewish identity and identification, history of the Holocaust, modern antisemitism, Zionist ideology.

Register

## 16th Annual Ancestry Fair Save the Date!



### Saturday, October 15, 2022

This is a virtual event from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Go to <u>www.ancestryfair.org</u> for more information and to register. Registration will open on September 1st.

In our 2022 Ancestry Fair, the Bucks County Genealogical Society will explore the vast Pennsylvania record sets that have accumulated since 1681 as many millions of people have made their homes here. **Michael Lacopo** will lead off with an overview of Pennsylvania history and genealogical research. **Sidney Cruice** will present two lectures — one on Pennsylvania Vital Records and another on Pennsylvania Database Treasures. **Jerry Smith** will cover Pennsylvania land records.

#### THE MEMORY GENERATION

A new podcast from Rachael Cerrotti Hi Friends and Family,

I'm excited to share with you my new podcast -- a show called <u>The Memory Generation</u>. This is my second podcast collaboration with <u>USC Shoah Foundation</u>. I've developed and produced the show during my time as the Institute's inaugural Storyteller in Residence. The Memory Generation has been a really exciting follow-up project to <u>We Share The Same Sky</u>. Unlike We Share The Same Sky which was a narrative show (one story over 7 episodes), The Memory Generation is a series of conversations with some remarkable humans about the memories they have inherited and the impact stories have



as they are passed from one generation to the next. In each episode, I get to dig into the themes that have kept me entrenched in my grandmother's story for all of these years, except now I get to learn about other people's cultures and inherited histories.

We are 9 episodes in with another 9 to follow in this first season. Scroll down to see the line-up and start listening. Please share with your community, follow us on <u>Instagram</u>, peruse the <u>website</u>, and if you like the show, rate and leave a review! (These ratings are so helpful!)

I'll be back in your inbox soon with more information about the paperback release of We Share The Same Sky and some other exciting news.

I hope you enjoy the new show and as always, thank you for the support! Rachael

### **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!

Looking forward to being face to face with fellow genealogists next year at the IAJGS 2023

43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference in London. Dates July 31<sup>st</sup>- August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Stay tuned! This is being planned as a live conference!



### **Condolences**







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.