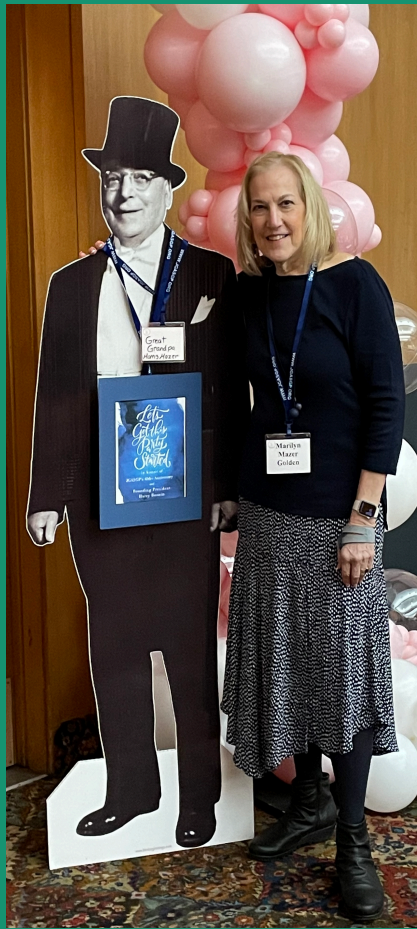




JEWISH GENEALOGICAL AND ARCHIVAL SOCIETY OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

FROM
MARILYN GOLDEN VP
membership@jgasgp.org



Hi Everyone,

3/21/23

We held our first hybrid meeting in 2023! We had 25 attend live and 52 on Zoom! I really enjoyed seeing friendly faces. I'm continuously feeling better and was happy to be out in the fresh air.

Zachary Mazur, Senior Historian at the [POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews](https://polin.pl/en/exhibitions/core-exhibition), discussed the key question of why Jews settled in Eastern Europe and what their lives looked like there. His lecture was fascinating and included many maps and photos to help us understand the history. To learn more about Jewish life in this time period and to see more about the museum go to

<https://polin.pl/en/exhibitions/core-exhibition>

If you missed the lecture or want to see it again, go to:

<https://vimeo.com/user121114834/jgasgp2023>

Passcode: JGASGP2023mg

Start about 5 minutes in.

See below in Webinars and other meetings of interest.: Zachary is speaking again on April 16 and on the afternoon of April 18th. You will have to register to hear his other lectures. See below. We are not sponsoring these events.

Announcement!



We now have a Vimeo Account!

Our lectures will be recorded and posted with the approval of our speakers.

1. Emily Garber's lecture will be available on our Vimeo page for 1 more month. You can download the handout from our website. You can watch here <https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/802502720> Passcode: JGASGP2023mg
2. And while you're on the Vimeo page, you can also see our 40th Anniversary event honoring Harry Boonin. <https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/788102383/6811a49a61> Passcode: JGASGP2023mg
3. [Dr. Zachary Mazur](https://vimeo.com/user121114834/jgasgp2023) <https://vimeo.com/user121114834/jgasgp2023> Passcode: JGASGP2023mg

We will add recordings of programs as our speakers allow. **This is a NEW member's benefit!**

Beginner's Corner and Research Tips

Two great resources are available on our website:

Getting Started with Jewish Genealogy
(Under the Publications Tab)

**Greater Philadelphia Genealogical
Resource Guide 2022**
(Sign in and look under the Resources Tab)



Rootstech family history conference was held during the first week of March. I watched a few lectures with Crista Cowen. She always inspires me. Her lectures are still free to watch.

If you are a beginner, here is a fabulous, free, 1 ½ - hour lecture from Ellen Kowitt. Print out the syllabus for some great research tips!

<https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/session/getting-started-in-jewish-genealogy?lang=eng>

SEE THE MEETING INFORMATION UNDER WEBINARS, ETC....GENEALOGY ESSENTIALS, ONLINE: GETTING STARTED WITH JEWISH GENEALOGY AT NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOOK CLUB UPDATE

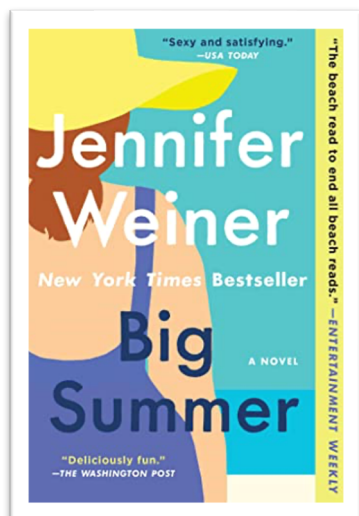
The link will be sent out to all on the morning of each meeting.

See our website under [Events](#) for updated Book Club titles and descriptions.

All members are welcome to join us. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to cancel the last meeting. A few of us read or tried to read the book and couldn't find any real Jewish content. So, in keeping with our choice of Jewish themes and/or Jewish concepts, we picked out a new title for next month. Our discussions have been friendly, informative, and thought provoking. Let's get our momentum going again. Please join us! RSVP!

Meeting # 10 March 22nd at 7:30.

Book selection: Big Summer by Jennifer Weiner



Let's think warm thoughts. *Big Summer* will get us ready for the warm weather!

Jennifer Weiner is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of eighteen books, including *Good in Bed*, *In Her Shoes*, and, most recently, *That Summer*. A graduate of Princeton University, she lives with her family in [Philadelphia](#). Visit her online at [Jennifer-Weiner.com](#).

A sparkling novel about the complexities of female friendship, the pitfalls of living out loud and online, and the resilience of the human heart, *Big Summer* is a witty, moving story about family, friendship, and figuring out what matters most.

*This book is available in the public library, and on Amazon, eBay, etc.

Please RSVP to membership@jgasgp.org if you want to be on our book club list.

PLEASE BRING YOUR IDEAS TO OUR NEXT MEETING!

CHRONICLES

Everyone should have received their electronic version. The black and white hard copies are in the mail. Next issue deadline in April 9, 2023.

Did you read the articles about Rabbi Eli Freedman of Congregation Rodeph Shalom (Philadelphia) and Rabbi Benjamin David of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel (Elkins Park) that appeared in the winter issue of our quarterly publication, Chronicles? These are the first of what I hope will be an ongoing series of articles tracing the family histories of area rabbis and cantors.

I invite you to interview your rabbi or cantor and submit an article tracing their respective genealogies. Some of the questions you could pose include:

1. *What ancestral towns and countries are associated with your various surnames of interest?*

2. Do you know when your parents/grandparents/great grandparents immigrated? Where did they settle? Were they the first in the family to come to the United States or other new country? Did they travel alone or with other family members?

3. How did the Holocaust affect your family?

4. Are there interesting stories from your family lore? How true are they?

5. What was Jewish life like for you when you were growing up? Did you live in an identifiably Jewish neighborhood?

Articles should be between 500 – 1500 words and include a head shot of the rabbi or cantor. Deadline for the spring issue is Sunday, April 9.

Of course, we still welcome submissions of articles about other topics for inclusion in **Chronicles**.

Deadline for the spring issue is Sunday, April 9.

Please submit to
editor@jgasgsp.org.

Thank you.

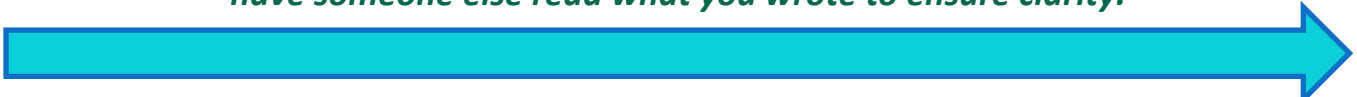
Evan Fishman, Editor

**Please submit your well-thought-out and organized stories to Evan Fishman,
editor@jgasgsp.org.**

We all have stories to share and learning from each other is another benefit of membership in JGASGP. 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.

Please let us know that you have something in the works.

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



***New contributors 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.***

Chronicles is posted on our website. Contact Jim, webmaster@jgasgsp.org for any questions about receiving your hard 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 continued kindness is greatly appreciated.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Felicia was not able to join us in person for our monthly meeting. Here is an excerpt from her welcoming speech: *Good Afternoon! Welcome everyone! I am especially pleased that our speaker today is from the Polin Museum in Warsaw, Poland. If you have not been to this phenomenal facility...yet...please add it to your bucket list. I have toured the Polin Museum and found my own tiny ancestral town depicted in one*

of the exhibits. Talk about a thrilling moment! So I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our speaker, Zachary Mazur.

But before we hear from Zachary, we have a few items to share with our members. Our schedule for the coming months is very exciting and will include a diverse selection of topics and formats including both in person and hybrid sessions (which is in person and with live streaming). Two meetings are being held only in person and in conjunction with HAMEC, an organization we partner with for some special activities. HAMEC stands for Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center, and it is housed right here at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel.

As Jewish Genealogists, we all have emotional connections to the Holocaust. Yet, most of us don't know with certainty if our families were directly impacted by the Shoah until we start digging into our family histories. I researched my own family and found a previously unknown Berlin branch of my tree that was all but wiped out by the Nazis in the Rumbula Forest outside the Riga Ghetto in Latvia. Such discoveries can be startling, so it is important to know that there are resources right here, through HAMEC, to support us as we strive to understand what we discover. Moreover, its mission to educate future generations of young people about the Shoah, is critical for this important history to be taught sensitively and with accuracy.

Our first co-hosted event will be on April 18th, and it will be held at Congregation Rodeph Shalom and is a Yom HaShoah event. I am honored to be part of a panel discussion. The second is at Gratz College on Sunday April 23rd and is a twofold event being co-hosted by our society and HAMEC, with guests from the African American Genealogy Group of Philadelphia. The audience will be comprised of members of the community, our society and local students who will first learn how to get started with their own genealogy then celebrate the real-life story of 3 siblings, all Holocaust survivors in their 90's today, who are originally from what was then Yugoslavia. Please plan to attend these live events in person if you can.

I would like to recognize our Chronicles team for the recent issue that was emailed to all members. Thanks to all who submitted articles. Speaking of Chronicles, in this most recent issue is an in-depth article about the amazing efforts of our team of worker bees that are digitizing the cemetery records at Har Jehuda in Upper Darby. This is yet another example of the collaborative research our society has been involved with over our 40+ years.

Please mark your calendars for July 30 to August 3 of 2023 to attend the in person only conference of the IAJGS which will be held in LONDON, England. The past two summers we could only meet virtually due to the pandemic. This is NOT the norm for genealogy societies! For those of us you have attended an international genealogy conference pre-Covid, you know how exciting it is to be together physically, not just in virtual space. So stay tuned for more information about this exciting global event. Watch our newsletter, website, and Facebook page for additional information in the coming weeks. Our own board member and past president Joel Spector is program chair for the conference. He has shared with me that hundreds of genealogists and historians have submitted program proposals, so it is sure to be an amazing event. If you know London, the conference will be walking distance from the Westminster Bridge, the London Eye and Big Ben.

Warmly,

Felicia Mode Alexander
President, JGASGP



JGASGP MEETING SCHEDULE

The Zoom link will be sent out and posted on the HOME page of our website on Friday prior to each meeting. Link reminders are also sent out on Sunday mornings. Sunday morning. Meetings are for members only.

Most of our programs will be recorded with the permission of the guest lecturer. **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.

Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Time: 6:00-7:30 PM

Location: Rodeph Shalom, 615 N. Broad Street, Near Temple University – Community Room

Title of Event: *Remembrance is Resistance*

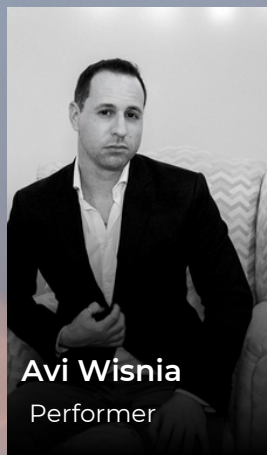
Description of Event: The Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center's Yom HaShoah event will be an intergenerational and interdisciplinary meditation on resistance in the Holocaust and how remembrance is a form of resistance against contemporary antisemitism. The evening will feature brief talks by Dr. Anne Parsons (UNC Greensboro) and Sister Judith Kathryn Parsons (Immaculata University) who will speak about instances of resistance during the Holocaust. Then, the focus will shift to remembrance efforts, featuring Stacy Seltzer (3GPhilly), **Felicia Alexander (Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia)** and a representative from Temple University's Hillel. The panel will include time for audience questions, and the evening will end with a performance by Avi Wisnia. Light refreshments will be provided.

REMEMBRANCE IS RESISTANCE

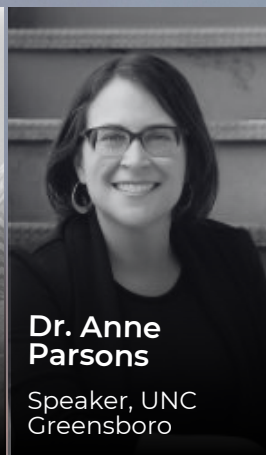
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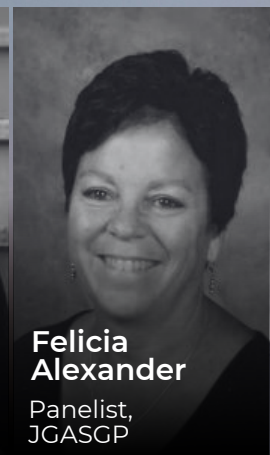
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Avi Wisnia
Performer



**Dr. Anne
Parsons**
Speaker, UNC
Greensboro



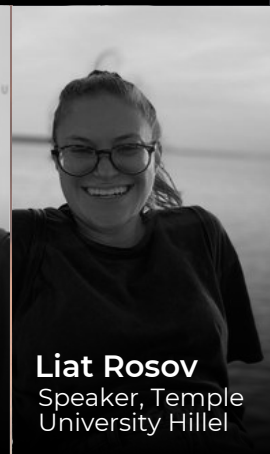
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Panelist,
JGASGP



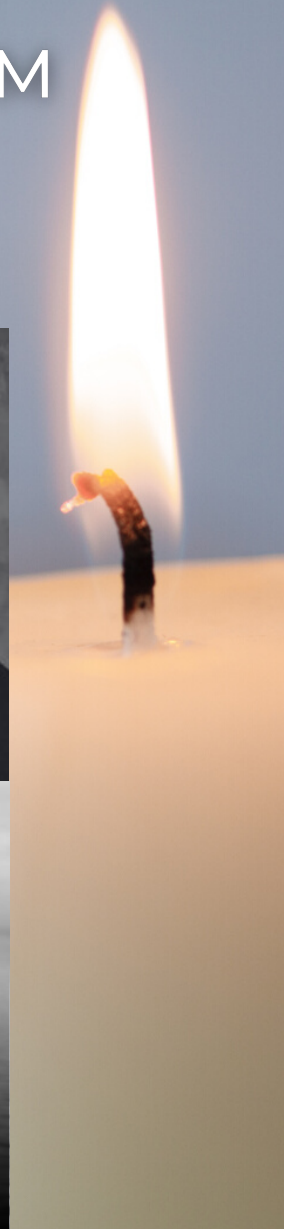
Stacy Seltzer
Panelist, 3GPhilly



**Sister Judith
Parsons, PhD.,**
Speaker,
Immaculata
University



Liat Rosov
Speaker, Temple
University Hillel



Tickets available on a sliding scale of \$1 - \$20
[Click Here to Reserve Yours Now!](#)



PHILADELPHIA HOLOCAUST
REMEMBRANCE FOUNDATION



Date: Sunday, April 23, 2023



Jewish Federation
of Greater Philadelphia

<https://israel75.jewishphilly.org/events/community-mitzvah-day/>
Check their website and register in advance.

EVENT INFO: 9:00 am - 11:00 am Friends of Jewish Cemeteries Cemetery clean-up day!

Har Jehuda Cemetery

8400 Lansdowne Avenue

Upper Darby, Pennsylvania 19082

Har Nebo Cemetery 1:00-3:00pm

Register here:

CEMETERY CLEANUP

FUTURE Har Jehuda DATES: MAY 22, July 16, and Oct. 22.

FUTURE Har Nebo DATES: To Be Announced.

Sometimes there are multiple activities to choose from. The Jewish Federation is providing 25 different activities throughout the day to celebrate Israel 75. Please check their website.



Please join us for a film: *The Danon Family's Survival*
Meet Holocaust survivors: Sarah, Isak and Esther

Sunday, April 23rd at 2:00 pm

Gratz College, 7605 Old York Road, Melrose Park



We will also have an introduction to genealogy
"Honoring our Ancestors: Discovering the Roots We Share"
for students hoping to research their family trees.

Felicia Mode Alexander, President of the JGASGP
will share insights and strategies for researching families
with Jewish or African American roots in America.

This event is free and open to the public
\$25 donation will receive a signed Danon family book.

Any questions, please contact Lise Marlowe: Lmarlowe@cheltenham.org

Date: Sunday, May 21, 2023

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

Speaker: Tammy Hepps, Local Historian and Genealogist

Topic: The Ancestor Deep-Dive: How You Can Find Out Everything There Possibly is to Know About Your Ancestor

Location: Hybrid Meeting – In-person venue TBD



Tammy is a genealogist and local historian who focuses on topics within American Jewish history, especially small towns, and synagogues. Her projects combine research techniques from genealogy and history and draw heavily upon her technology expertise to break new ground in data gathering and interpretation. She is best known for her community reconstitution project focusing on the Jewish community of Homestead, PA, available online at HomesteadHebrews.com. Tammy earned her AB in computer science from Harvard.

Topic: The Ancestor Deep-Dive: How You Can Find Out Everything There Possibly is to Know About Your Ancestor

Too often our research is driven by sources. We look for an ancestor in all the sources we've heard about, and we only break new ground when we hear about new ones. How do we assess how comprehensive our search has been? How do we know if we're even on the right path to get the answers we long for? This presentation will teach a methodology for creating a research plan centered on the discoveries we want to make, not just the sources we think we are limited to.

Date: Sunday, July 9, 2023

Time: 1:30 pm

Location: Hybrid Meeting

In Person Venue TBA

Speaker: Dr. Robert Watson, Professor, Author, Historian, and Media Commentator

Topic: The Legacy of the Nuremberg Trials

This meeting is in partnership with JGS Toronto!



Robert Watson is an award-winning author who has published over 40 books and 200 scholarly articles and essays on topics in political, military, and social history, as well as two multi-edition, multi-volume encyclopedia sets on the presidents and first ladies. Some of his recent books include *Affairs of State* (2012), *America's First Crisis* (2014), *The Nazi Titanic* (2016), *The Ghost Ship of Brooklyn* (2017), *George Washington's Final Battle* (2021), and *Escape* (2021), as well as the forthcoming books *When Washington Burned* (2023) and *American's First Plague* (2023). Watson's books have won numerous awards including the Independent Publishers' Gold Medal in History and Silver Medal in History,

John Barry Book Award, and John Lyman Book Award, have been featured on C-SPAN's Book TV and at prominent literary festivals around the country, and are available in both audiobook and international translation.

Topic: The Legacy of the Nuremberg Trials

This presentation examines the philosophical, legal, and political debates surrounding the decision to hold the trials as well as the format for the trials, types of trials, and categories of charges and crimes. We will consider the important legacy of these historic trials on international law and human rights, but also their impact far beyond the courtroom.



HELP WANTED: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY HAR JEHUDA CEMETERY DIGITIZATION PROJECT

Karen Albert, Helene Rosenfeldt, and Alan Kaminsky
are our Project Coordinators for the Har Jehuda rec-

ords digitization project! Read about us in Chronicles! If you wish to be part of this project, contact Karen or Helene. So far there are 25 volunteers working on this project!

It doesn't matter where you live or what time zone you are in!

1. **Helene Rosenfeldt** (Helene.E.Rosenfeldt@gmail.com)

is responsible for scanning and coordinating a group of volunteers.

2. **Karen Albert** (karenalbert48@gmail.com)

is responsible for sending out the assignments and coordinating a group of volunteers.

3. **Alan Kaminsky** (alan.kaminsky.gen@gmail.com) is overseeing the data collection and is responsible for a group of volunteers.

4. **Marilyn Golden** (membership@jgasgp.org) is responsible for a group of volunteers.



We want to personally thank our volunteers:

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First	Al
Franklin	Alene
Golden	*Marilyn
Kaminsky	*Alan
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Spector	Walter
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IN THE NEWS



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

<https://mobile.hamec.yourcultureconnect.com/experiences>

HAMEC is sponsoring a Yom HaShoah event on Tuesday April 18th at Rodeph Shalom and on April 23rd at KI. Please read our events to see how we are participating.

MEMBERSHIP AND SOCIETY NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has paid their dues for 2023. We currently have 395 members!

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

Only paid-up members have access to all areas of 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, 2023.

Our 2023 membership form is on our website. \$10 extra for printed Chronicles.

Hard copies are in the mail. Jim will be away from his desk and will be responding to you in April.

WEBINARS, CONFERENCES, PODCASTS, AND MEETINGS OF INTEREST

GENEALOGY ESSENTIALS, ONLINE: GETTING STARTED WITH JEWISH GENEALOGY AT NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Date: **Wednesday, March 22, 2023**

Time: 1 - 2:30 PM

End times are approximate. Events may end early or late.

Location: Online

Stephen A. Schwarzman Building, Dorot Jewish Division

Irma and Paul Milstein Division of United States History

Event Details

h grandmother, Ellis Island (1926) Lewis Wickes Hine

THIS EVENT IS ONLINE ONLY. Join librarians from the Irma and Paul Milstein Division of United States History, Local History, and Genealogy, and the Dorot Jewish Division for an online class that shows you how to begin

Jewish genealogy research using collections available at The New York Public Library. You'll learn about essential reference materials and electronic resources available at the Library and from home.

[PLEASE REGISTER HERE](#)

- Audience: Adults

Assistive Listening and ASL

ASL interpretation and real-time (CART) captioning available upon request. Please submit your request at least two weeks in advance by emailing accessibility@nypl.org.



SOUSA MENDES FOUNDATION

www.sousamendesfoundation.org

https://youtu.be/iOWrsNvs_ss (Trailer)

Into the Arms of Strangers

March 26

| tickets by donation



11 AM LOS ANGELES • 2 PM NEW YORK

This prizewinning film tells the touching and heartwarming stories of Jewish children from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia saved in England in 1938-39 under the **Kindertransport** program, prior to the onset of World War II.



Mark Jonathan Harris is an Academy Award-winning documentary filmmaker and Distinguished Professor in the School of Cinematic Arts at the University of Southern California. His films include *The Redwoods*, which won an Oscar for Best Short Documentary (1968); *The Long Way Home*, Academy Award for Best Feature Documentary (1997); and *Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport*, which won the Academy Award for Best Feature Documentary in 2000 and was selected by the U.S. Library of Congress for inclusion in the National Film Registry. *Foster*, which he wrote and directed, aired on HBO in 2019 and was nominated for Best Documentary Screenplay by the Writers Guild of America. In 2021, *Asian Americans*, a 5-part series for PBS for which he was Consulting Producer, received a Peabody Award.

Lady Milena Grenfell-Baines, born in Czechoslovakia in 1929 as Milena Fleischmann, is a survivor of the **Kindertransport program** that brought 10,000 Jewish children to England after Kristallnacht. She was a member for six years of the management board of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and was awarded the title of MBE (Member of the British Empire) for her services to music. She was awarded the Silver Medal of Jan Masaryk for her contributions to strengthening ties between the Czech Republic and the United Kingdom. She visits schools on behalf of the Holocaust Educational Trust, giving talks about **Nicholas Winton** and her escape to England. She has a daughter, a son, two stepdaughters, 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.



Dr. Mordecai Paldiel headed the Righteous Among the Nations Department at **Yad Vashem** from 1982-2007. His books include *The Path of the Righteous*, *Sheltering the Jews*, *Saving the Jews*, *Diplomat Heroes of the Holocaust*, *Saving One's Own: Jewish Rescuers During the Holocaust* and *The Righteous Among the Nations*. He teaches at Stern College and Touro College and serves on the Board of the **Sousa Mendes Foundation**. Thanks to his efforts, there is now a square named for **Aristides de Sousa Mendes** as well as a street named for **Raoul Wallenberg**, both in Jerusalem. He is a member of the B'nai Brith committee in Israel honoring **Jewish rescuers of Jews** during the Holocaust.

Registration is by donation (\$18 suggested, tax deductible)



More from our speaker, Zachary Mazur!

Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2023

Time: 2:00 pm (EST)

Location: Zoom

REGISTER FOR THESE EVENTS

April 16	NYC	Museum of Jewish Heritage	The 1943 Warsaw Ghetto Uprising: Resistance and Survival in the Holocaust : Museum of Jewish Heritage — A Living
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			Memorial to the Holocaust (mjhny.org)
April 18	Los Angeles	American Jewish University	Fight or Die: 80th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising American Jewish University (aju.edu)

Date Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (PDT)

Location: Zoom

FIGHT OR DIE: 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING



Explore the history of Polish Jewish revolts leading up to the Holocaust in remembrance of the 80th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

Free sign up/Log in to Register

from Maven's home page

<https://maven.aju.edu/login?redirect=/events-classes/program/fight-or-die-80th-anniversary-of-the-warsaw-ghetto-uprising>

This program is powered in partnership with



American Jewish University



Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education
Stern Chair in Holocaust Education
Sala and Aron Samueli Holocaust Memorial Library

DESCRIPTION

Join POLIN Museum of Polish Jewish History Senior Historian [Zachary Mazur](#) on a journey through history to explore various moments of mass violence, placing the Holocaust in the context of Eastern European social and political upheaval. During the Khmelnytsky Uprising (1648), Cossacks rose against their Polish masters, and in turn attacked and killed thousands of Jews. This represented the first cataclysm of East European Jewry in what became a long line of events culminating in the Holocaust. At the end of the lecture, we'll reflect on Russia's current war in Ukraine and how similar patterns of sectarian violence carry through into the present.

This program is delivered in partnership with American Jewish University, East Valley JCC & Center for Holocaust Education, St. Elizabeth University Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education, Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center, Center for Jewish History, Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education, Generations of the Shoah International, Tarbut Sighet Foundation, and Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach.



LitvakSIG's *Power Up Your LitvakSIG Research: Getting to Know LitvakSIG with Rhoda Miller* held a virtual program on January 29, 2023. This session provided an introduction to the LitvakSIG organization and addressed common questions regarding LitvakSIG's relationship with JewishGen, passwords, structure of research groups, and other general information.

A recording of the program, about one hour long, free and publicly available on the homepage of www.litvaksig.org. All the presentations listed below will be recorded and available as they occur.

Save the date for the following Zoom presentations in the series:

Mar. 26 - Power Up Your LitvakSIG Research: Finding Your Shtetl with Susan Feinberg and Ann Brody

April 23 - Power Up Your LitvakSIG Research: Getting to Know Lithuanian Archives with Russ Maurer

May 21 - Power Up Your LitvakSIG Research: Use of Collective Data with Hatte Blejer

June 11 - Power Up Your LitvakSIG Research: Navigating the FamilySearch Library and Polish State Archives with Jody Tzucker

July 16 - Power Up Your LitvakSIG Research: When One Place is in Two Countries with Judy Baston
[Note this corrected date from that which appears in the video.]

Rhoda Miller
Cornelius, NC

If you missed the session or if you'd like to view it again, you can view the recording at: [Power Up Your LitvakSIG Research](#). All sessions are offered at no charge, and all are welcome to join us. You must register separately for each session. Information about registration will be published via the LitvakSIG Digest, JewishGen Digest, and on the LitvakSIG Facebook page.

Our next program in this virtual series will take place on Sunday, February 19th at Noon Eastern Standard Time. All programs in this series will be recorded and will be available for viewing within a few days after the session. The program on February 19 will be led by David Ellis and cover the topic: Using Excel Spreadsheets to Enhance Your Research.

[Register](#)

Be sure to check: the [2022 Comprehensive Calendar of Genealogical Events](#) compiled by the [Bucks County Genealogical Society](#) for more events and lectures! And [Conference Keeper](#), "The most complete collection of Genealogy events online!"



Whether you are beginning to research your family's history or are a seasoned genealogist, you'll constantly be finding yourself asking questions.

"What's a good source to find the name I'm looking for?"

"How can I navigate this database to make it useful to me?"

"What does this term mean?"

Our expert family historians are here to answer these questions and more! Our **free Ask a Genealogist live chat** is available every week, Tuesday-Saturday. When you visit AmericanAncestors.org/chat, find and click the chat icon in the lower right-hand corner of the American Ancestors website and enter your question.

One of our genealogists will quickly respond to help out with your brief inquiries about:

How to use a particular website or resource

Local history

Unfamiliar terms or phrases in a record

Recommendations for where to find records

[Chat with a Genealogist](#)

WEBSITE UPDATE

Check out our new features! Our book club is listed under our events page!

MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE!

It is NOT automatic because you are a JGASGP member.

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CONDOLENCES

Joan D. Plam (nee Drachman). February 27, 2023. Wife of Sheldon J., Mother of Joyce (Dennis) Whelan and the late Michael T. Plam. Sister of Frank Drachman. Grandmother of Jessica and Michael. Relatives and friends are invited to funeral services Thursday, March 2, 1:30 PM precisely at Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael Sacks Suburban North, 310 2nd Street Pike, Southampton, PA 18966. Interment King David Memorial Park. Shiva will be observed Thursday, Saturday evening and Sunday at the home of Joyce and Dennis Whelan. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Michael T. Plam Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Gratz College, 7605 Old York Road, Melrose Park, PA 19027. Joan and Sheldon were active and early members of our society.

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