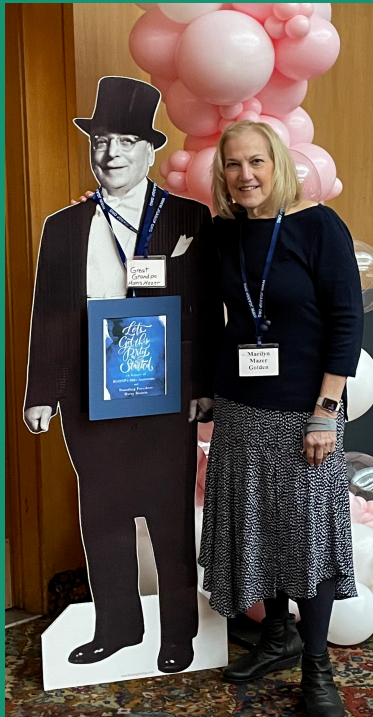




JEWISH GENEALOGICAL AND ARCHIVAL SOCIETY OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

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Hi Everyone,

September 11, 2023

Our welcome back meeting today had a glitch in the ZOOM update process. It wasn't just me! It took more than 20 minutes to sign into Zoom using the browser and not the App. I hope you didn't give up on us!

I do get to the meeting an hour before we begin, but things don't always go as planned.

We were all saddened by the news of the earthquake in Marrakesh. We are glad that Jim and Cindy were able to visit in March and share their experiences of Jewish Morocco with us.

Announcement: Recording of meetings!

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

See the links below for Jim's lecture.

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This is the Zoom link if you want to watch it that way instead.

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Beginner's Corner and Research Tips

Make sure you dig a little deeper and review the documents to check the facts before adding information to your family tree!



Two great resources are available on our website:

Greater Philadelphia Genealogical Resource Guide 2022



Getting Started with Jewish Genealogy

Getting Started with Jewish Genealogy

(Sign in and look under the Resources Tab) See the updated version!



"Whoever teaches his son teaches not only his son but also his son's son -- and so on to the end of generations." - Talmud: Kiddushin

"Blessed is he who remembers what is forgotten!" - S. Y. Agnon



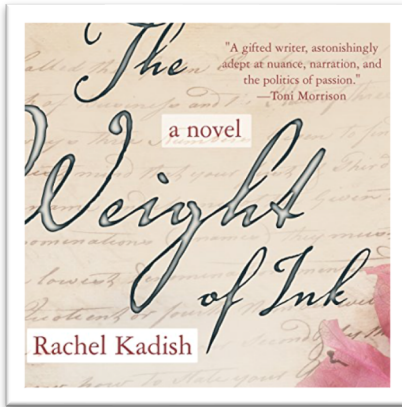
BOOK CLUB UPDATE

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.

Please join us for our next meeting in September. We are friendly and welcoming! Here are the next few selections:

1. **The Weight of Ink** Rachel Kadish

Wednesday, September 27, 2023, 7:30 pm



Set in the London of the 1660s and of the early 21st century, *The Weight of Ink* is the interwoven tale of two women of remarkable intellect: Ester Velasquez, an emigrant from Amsterdam who is permitted to scribe for a blind rabbi just before the plague hits the city, and Helen Watt, an ailing historian with a love of Jewish history.

As the novel opens, Helen has been summoned by a former student to view a cache of 17th-century Jewish documents newly discovered in his home during a renovation. Enlisting the help of Aaron Levy, an American graduate student as impatient

as he is charming, and in a race with another fast-moving team of historians, Helen embarks on one last project: to determine the identity of the documents' scribe, the elusive "Aleph".

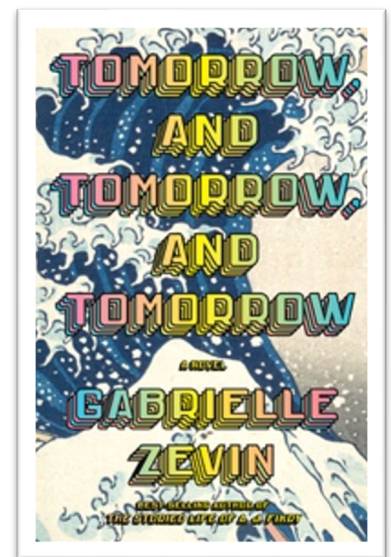
Electrifying and ambitious, sweeping in scope and intimate in tone, *The Weight of Ink* is a sophisticated work of historical fiction about women separated by centuries, and the choices and sacrifices they must make in order reconcile the life of the heart and mind.

2. **Tomorrow, Tomorrow, and Tomorrow** by [Gabrielle Zevin](#)

Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 7:30 pm

This is a story of making and playing games, a story of friendship, a story of loss and love, and a story of forgiveness. On a bitter-cold day, in the December of his junior year at Harvard, Sam Masur exits a subway car and sees, amid the hordes of people waiting on the platform, Sadie Green. He calls her name. For a moment, she pretends she hasn't heard him, but then, she turns, and a game begins: a legendary collaboration that will launch them to stardom.

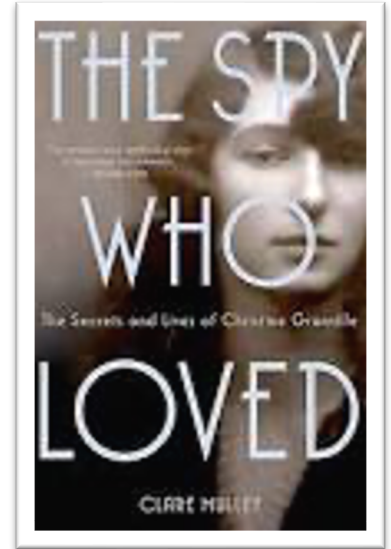
These friends, intimates since childhood, borrow money, beg favors, and, before even graduating college, they have created their first blockbuster, *Ichigo*. Overnight, the world is theirs. Not even twenty-five years old, Sam and Sadie are brilliant, successful, and rich, but these qualities won't protect them from their own creative ambitions or the betrayals of their hearts.



3. **The Spy Who Loved: The Secrets and Lives of Christine Granville** by Clare Mulley

Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 7:30 pm (5th week of Nov.)

The Spy Who Loved presents the untold story of Britain's first female Special Agent of World War II. In June 1952, a woman was murdered by an obsessed colleague in a hotel in the South Kensington district of London. Her name was Christine Granville. That she died young was perhaps unsurprising, but that she had survived the Second World War was remarkable.



The daughter of a feckless Polish aristocrat and his wealthy Jewish wife, she would become one of Britain's most daring and highly decorated special agents. Having fled to Britain on the outbreak of war, she was recruited by the intelligence services and took on mission after mission. She skied over the hazardous High Tatras into Poland, served in Egypt and North Africa, and was later parachuted into Occupied France, where an agent's life expectancy was only six weeks. Her courage, quick wit, and determination won her release from arrest more than once, and saved the lives of several fellow officers, including one of her many lovers, just hours before their execution by the Gestapo. More importantly, the intelligence she gathered was a significant contribution to the Allied war effort, and she was awarded the George Medal, the OBE and the Croix de Guerre.

Granville exercised a mesmeric power on those who knew her. *The Spy Who Loved* tells the extraordinary story of this charismatic, difficult, fearless, and altogether extraordinary woman.



4. **The Matchmakers Gift** by Lynda Cohen Loigman

Wednesday, December 27, 2023, 7:30 pm

"Loigman's latest is a gem. A scrappy Jewish teenager newly arrived in 1920s New York struggles to follow her calling as a matchmaker--seventy years later, her cynical divorce-attorney granddaughter realizes she has very inconveniently inherited the family gift for matching soul-mates. Both funny and moving, *The Matchmaker's Gift* made me smile from start to finish."

--Kate Quinn, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Rose Code*

Is finding true love a calling or a curse?

Even as a child in 1910, Sara Glikman knows her gift: she is a maker of matches and a seeker of soulmates. But among the pushcart-crowded streets of New York's Lower East Side, Sara's vocation is dominated by devout older men—men who see a talented female matchmaker as a dangerous threat to their traditions and livelihood. After making matches in secret for more than a decade, Sara must fight to take her rightful place among her peers, and to demand the recognition she deserves.

Two generations later, Sara's granddaughter, Abby, is a successful Manhattan divorce attorney, representing the city's wealthiest clients. When her beloved Grandma Sara dies, Abby inherits her collection of handwritten journals recording the details of Sara's matches. But among the faded volumes, Abby finds more questions than answers. Why did Abby's grandmother leave this library to her and what did she hope Abby would discover within its pages? Why does the work Abby once found so compelling suddenly feel inconsequential and flawed? Is Abby willing to sacrifice the career she's worked so hard for in order to keep her grandmother's mysterious promise to a stranger? And is there really such a thing as love at first sight?

Books are available in the public library, and on Amazon, eBay, etc. Check our website for the comprehensive list of future book club titles.

[Please RSVP to membership@jgasgp.org if you want to be on our book club list.](mailto:membership@jgasgp.org)

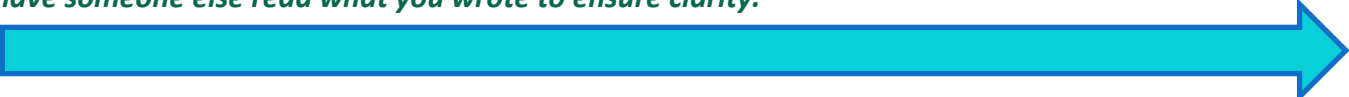
CHRONICLES

Please submit your well-thought-out and organized stories to [Evan Fishman](mailto:Evan.Fishman@jgasgp.org),
editor@jgasgp.org.

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.



Chronicles is posted on our website. Contact Jim, webmaster@jgasgp.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

A Reflection

I write this to you all on September 11, 2023. This day holds such sad memories for me and flashbacks to the powerful emotions that we all experienced at this time exactly 22 years ago. It honestly feels like yesterday. I do believe that we all suffered trauma as a result of the evil perpetrated on our country—our lives can still be reflected upon in pre 9/11 and post 9/11 terms.

At this time, 22 years ago, shortly after the plane attack on the first tower, my children were all in school, so my biggest concern was their safety. Were they on their way home? Were my kids terrified and in "lockdown"? They were indeed held at school for hours, but the term "lockdown" was not even in use yet!

While awaiting word on my family's well-being, I flashed back to 1963 when JFK was assassinated. I was in third grade and my elementary school sent all of the children home early. All these decades later, I still remember that day vividly, and the panic I saw in the eyes of my teachers, many of whom were openly weeping and then later when I got home, the reactions of my parents are also etched into my mind.

On September 11, 2001, my husband was working for the State of NJ at the Trenton Waterfront State Offices on the Delaware River. There was talk of the interstate bridges closing so I was terrified for him and whether he would be able to get home to us in Pennsylvania. While awaiting instructions about what the public should do, I huddled in front of my tv with a neighbor, the two of us anxiously channel surfing and awaiting word about our husbands, both working in NJ and our little ones at school. Thankfully, we were able to reunite later that day.

What could the average person do after such a tragedy? There was a notice on our town cable news feed calling for blood donations. I attempted to donate blood the next morning as I have an unusual blood type. The line was hundreds of people long and extended around the municipal building where the Red Cross had set up. The sense of community was truly uplifting. Tragically, after being online for several hours, we were all sent home; there were few survivors who would need blood. Devastating news. May the memories of all those lost as a result of the attacks on 9/11 be a blessing.

Patriotism was at a level I had never witnessed before. Remember all of the *American* flags displayed? On houses, buildings, cars... People openly wept when the Star Spangled Banner or America the Beautiful were played at sporting events. I felt so proud to be an

American....but now I realize our freedom is fragile and comes at a cost which we must never take for granted. 9/11 changed our country forever.

22 years later, the America that drew our ancestors here from faraway lands is no longer innocent. Dangerous political ideologies have caused schisms in our wonderful nation. Attacks on fellow citizens emanating from antisemitism, racism and xenophobia as well as gender-based incidents are at all-time highs. George Washington stated in his Presidential Farewell Address before leaving office, "Beware of factions". These were prophetic words. Our generation and those that follow us must all be on guard to protect the freedoms our fathers and grandfathers fought for in past generations and for which our immigrant families sacrificed everything to be able to live freely and thrive.

In closing, as we approach the High Holidays, I wish you all peace, good health and the wonderful joy of being with family.

From my family to yours, L'Shanah Tova!

Felicia Mode Alexander

President JGASGP



HELP WANTED
THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED!



Mentor for new members

Thank you, Alicia Weiss, and Beth Steiner, for joining our Mentor Team!

J G A S G P M E E T I N G S C H E D U L E



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!

The new facilities manager at MLRT has asked us to move our meetings one hour later to allow them to tear down and set up the rooms after dismissal of Sunday school at 12 noon. In the future all MLRT meetings will start at 2:30 pm with the informal schmoozing starting at 2 pm.

2023 STEVE SCHECTER MEMORIAL LECTURE

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL MEETING WHEN WE
HONOR OUR
BELOVED STEVE SCHECTER.**

Steve Schechter (z”l) wore many hats and contributed in multiple ways to the success of our society. Steve was a mentor, sounding board, and all-around great guy.

Read the full dedication that Evan wrote for Steve on page 5 of our Greater Philadelphia Jewish Genealogical Resource Guide

Date: Sunday, October 22, 2023

Time: 2:00 Check in, Chat, and Schmooze

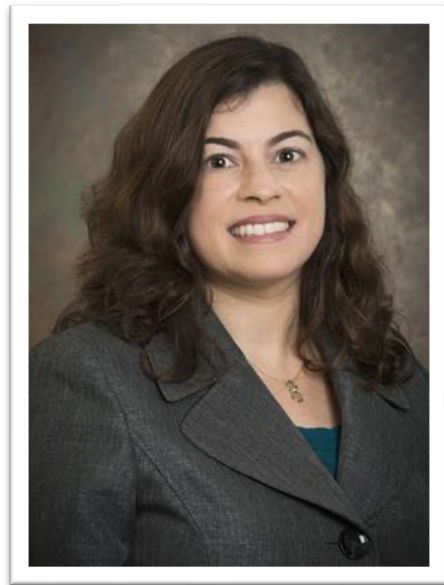
2:30 pm EST Official start time

Hybrid Meeting Zoom and

In Person Venue: Main Line Reform Temple, 410 Montgomery Ave Wynnewood, PA 19096

Speaker: Dr. Polly Zavadviker, Assistant Professor of History and Director, Jewish Studies Program, University of Delaware

All guests are welcome to attend free of charge.



Polly is Assistant Professor of History and Jewish Studies at the University of Delaware. She is the editor and translator of the recently published *The 1915 Diary of S. An-sky: A Russian Jewish Writer at the Eastern Front*.

Her work has been published in journals including *East European Jewish Affairs*, *The Simon Dubnow Institute Yearbook*, *Russian Review*, and others.

She is currently at work on a manuscript entitled “Blood and Ink: Jewish Chroniclers of Catastrophe in Twentieth Century Russia.”

She has a Ph.D. from University of California, Santa Cruz, an M.A. from New York University and a B.A. from University of California, Berkeley.

Topic: The Golden Torah, or how Russian Jews Set out to Rescue Sacred Objects during World War I

When Russia’s Pale of Settlement became a battleground and site of military atrocities during World War I, it was not only people but also Jewish sacred objects and spaces that became the targets of pogroms, iconoclastic violence, arson, and theft. Setting out to rescue the

centuries-old sacred treasures of the shtetls, the Jewish Historical-Ethnographic Society in Petrograd (St. Petersburg) waged a brief but dynamic campaign in 1916 to evacuate Jewish material heritage from front zones. Its organizers visited 25 shtetls in regions that are now part of

Belarus and Ukraine, where they rescued nearly 500 Torah scrolls and hundreds of manuscripts, community record books, and other sacred objects. This presentation sheds light on this little-known campaign and its importance for understanding the transformations and conflicts within Russian Jewry in a time of global war and revolution.

Date: Sunday, November 12 or 19, 2023

Time: 1:00 Check in, Chat, and Schmooze

1:30 pm EST Official start time

Hybrid Meeting Zoom and

In Person Venue: TBD

Speaker: Meryl Frank, Author and former Mayor of Highland Park, NJ

Frank was appointed as the United States Representative, and subsequently, as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) by President Barack Obama in February 2009. She was selected as one of “The Fifty Most Influential Jews in the World” by the Jerusalem Post (2012) for her work on behalf of women around the world.

Prior to her appointment as Ambassador, Frank was elected Mayor of Highland Park, New Jersey. She served in that capacity for ten years, from January 2000 to January 2010.

Topic: Unearthed: A Lost Actress, a Forbidden Book, and a Search for Life in the Shadow of the Holocaust (the title of her book)

A thrilling mystery woven into a beautifully constructed family memoir: Meryl Frank’s journey to seek the truth about a beloved and revolutionary cousin, a celebrated actress in Vilna before World War II, and to answer the question of how the next generation should honor the memory of the Holocaust.

Date: Sunday, December 10, 2023

Time: 1:00 Check in, Chat, and Schmooze

1:30 pm EST Official start time

Hybrid Meeting Zoom and

In Person Venue: Congregation Rodeph Shalom. 615 North Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19123

Speakers: Gary Pokrassa, Data Acquisition Director, and Joel Spector, Director of Metric Record Projects for the Ukraine Research Division of JewishGen

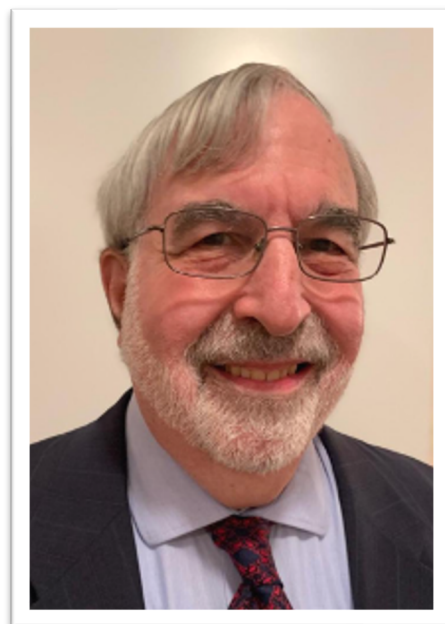


Gary is the Data Acquisition Director for the Ukraine Research Division of JewishGen, Treasurer and Director of JRI-Poland, and town leader for 4 shtetls. He is a member of the JGS of Long Island. At the 2020 IAJGS Conference, he presented on Alex Krakovsky and his Wiki and was a panelist on the Ukraine Research Division Meeting. Gary has authored an article on the Alex Krakovsky project published in AVOTAYNU Summer 2020.

Joel is a Past President of the Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia, where he has also

been chairperson of its Russian Special Interest Group. Joel is a former Secretary of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) and now serves as its Archivist. Currently Joel is a member of the Ukraine Research Division and serves as its Director of Metric Record Projects.

Topic: The Alex Krakovsky Project: Navigating the Wiki to Locate Town Records



For several years, Alex Krakovsky, a Ukrainian Jew, has been scanning metrical and census records found in long-closed Ukranian archives. He has placed the indexes, in Cyrillic, on a webpage where they can easily be

accessed by anyone interested. This presentation will discuss the origin and method of Alex's data acquisition, and then give an overview of the contents of his site.

SEE ADDITIONAL FALL EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE!

FAMILY FINDER PROJECT:

TAKE A LOOK ON OUR WEBSITE!

HAVE YOU MADE ANY CONNECTIONS? LET US KNOW!

SEND ME ANY CORRECTIONS!

**NEW MEMBERS NEED TO FILL OUT YOUR FAMILY RE-
SEARCH INFORMATION ON THE MEMBERSHIP FORM.**

Har Jehuda Cemetery Digitization Project Update:



ANNOUNCEMENT!

*Records have begun to be posted on our
website!*



*We have completed over 10,000 of the 26,000 or so records so far.
We have terrific volunteers! Would you like to join us so we can
complete our mission?*

Contact Karen Albert (karenalbert48@gmail.com)
if you'd like to volunteer.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

This is tedious work that needs you to take your time and follow all the directions. We provide guidance and helpful assistance!

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, maintaining a master list of burials, and is responsible for a group of volunteers.
4. **Marilyn Golden** (membership@jgasgp.org) is responsible for a group of volunteers.

Anyone wishing to help with cemetery clean up days, see below for future dates at Har Nebo and Har Jehuda!



Jewish Federation
of Greater Philadelphia

REGISTER: CEMETERY CLEANUPS

[Cemetery Project](#) | [Donate to Cemetery Restoration](#) | [Donate to Jewish Community Fund](#)



Honor those at rest by joining your community and help clean up a local historic Jewish cemetery.

We are deeply appreciative of the outpouring of kindness and generosity from volunteers. Please fill out this registration form once for each volunteer. Note that this is appropriate for adults and school-age children, ac-

companied by an adult.

UPCOMING CLEANUPS

Sunday, October 15 | 1:00p.m. – 3:00p.m.

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

Sunday, October 22 | 9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 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.
- Please dress appropriately for the weather and activities. We encourage you to wear long pants and shirts, high socks, and sun hats.
- For questions about the cemetery cleanups, please contact Jeffrey Lasday at jlasday@jewish-philly.org

H A M E C



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

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



IN THE NEWS

IAJGS CONFERENCE 2024

Fred BLUM is our Local Co-Chair of the conference. Stay tuned for more information about volunteer opportunities!

We are going to count on your help to make our IN-PERSON conference a huge success!



WHAT IS IAJGS?

The **International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS)** is an organization of organizations formed in 1988 to provide a common voice for issues of significance to its members, to advance our genealogical avocation, and to coordinate items such as the annual [International Conference on Jewish Genealogy](#).

Most local and national Jewish Genealogical Societies (JGSs) and several Jewish genealogical Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and historical societies are members.

The purposes and objectives of the IAJGS are well outlined in its [bylaws](#).

[Future Conferences](#)

2024, August 18 - 22	Philadelphia, PA	IAJGS and JGASGP	★
2025, August 10 - 14	Fort Wayne, IN	IAJGS and Northeast Indiana JGS	★

MEMBERSHIP AND SOCIETY NEWS

413 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.

We will be updating it to the 2024 version. Any dues money received will go towards 2024!

WEBINARS, CONFERENCES, PODCASTS, AND MEETINGS OF INTEREST



SOUSA MENDES FOUNDATION

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AMONG THE RIGHTEOUS — ARAB RESCUERS OF JEWS

OCTOBER 15

tickets by donation (\$18 suggested, tax-deductible)

11 AM LOS ANGELES • 2 PM NEW YORK

Not to be missed! For twenty years, **Dr. Robert Satloff** has been on a quest to find Arabs who rescued Jews from Nazi persecution during World War II. The result is the powerful film, ***Among the Righteous: Lost Stories from the Holocaust in Arab Lands***. Join us for this **unforgettable film-and-discussion program** featuring Israeli Ambassador **Nissim Zvili** who was himself rescued by an Arab family and Holocaust historian **Dr. Mordecai Paldiel**.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).



SAVE THE DATE!

**MEMORIAL SCROLLS
TRUST GATHERING**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 7:00 P.M.
KRISTALLNACHT
CONGREGATION RODEPH SHALOM
(615 N. BROAD ST. PHILADELPHIA, PA 19123
ENTRANCE & PARKING LOCATED AT 1339 GREEN ST.)

Honor the Holocaust Torah Scrolls
rescued from Czechoslovakia.

Registration required at bit.ly/mstgathering.

For questions, contact Barbara Chesler
at bchesler12@gmail.com.



Register for this in person event to be held at Rodeph Shalom Synagogue!

Evidence shows Jews have lived in Moravia and Bohemia since the 10th century. Over 600 Jewish communities emerged in the Kingdom of Bohemia (including Moravia).^[9] In the 1930 census, Czechoslovakia had a Jewish population of 356,830. Jewish communities flourished in the 16 and 17th centuries and again in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

In October 1938, the Sudetenland was absorbed into Germany following the Munich Agreement and the nightmare for the Jews began. In just two months, in Czechoslovakia and Germany, pogroms destroyed families and homes, synagogues and ritual artifacts were vandalized, many were destroyed, and life became fearful and ugly. Jews started leaving, going to Palestine, Britain, France, or America.

The Nazis invaded Bohemia and Moravia by March 1939 on their way to Poland. Nazis immediately took over Jewish businesses and property, forcing the congregations to close.

All communities in Bohemia and Moravia sent their “historically valuable” items to the Jewish Museum in Prague; some members of Prague’s Jewish community persuaded the Nazis to allow them to bring other religious treasures from the deserted communities and destroyed synagogues to the comparative safety of Prague. More than 212,000 artifacts were brought to the Museum, and 40 warehouses were required to house these treasures. **Among them were approximately 1,800 Torah scrolls.**

After the war, only 15% of the Jews of Czechoslovakia survived. About fifty Jewish congregations re-established themselves in the Czech Republic and were provided with religious artifacts, not necessarily from their communities. When the Communists took over the country’s government in 1948, Jewish communal life was again stifled, and most synagogues were closed. Their possessions went to the newly restored Jewish Museum of Prague. One survivor, a museum curator, convinced the newly formed government to allow her to transfer all the scrolls to an abandoned and ruined temple outside Prague. They stayed on wooden racks, with a leaky roof, mice, and mold from 1948 until the early 1960s.

Through the generosity of Ralph Yablon, they were bought and brought to London and donated to the Westminster Synagogue in 1964. Damaged and deteriorating, the scrolls needed loving care. **The Memorial Scrolls Trust** was created as an independent charity/Trust to care for the scrolls and loan them to congregations, schools, and organizations worldwide. Currently, there are 1400 scrolls in circulation. The collection dates from the 1200s up to WWII. All of the scrolls are from the Czech lands.

Pennsylvania has 67 MST scrolls, of which 59 are in the eastern part of the state -44 in the Philadelphia region. New Jersey has 84 scrolls, and Delaware has 2.

AmericanAncestors.org

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.

One of our genealogists will quickly respond to help 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

There are MANY programs from other societies. These sites are my favorite for comprehensive information. I have decided to cut back on the number of programs that I personally post. If you come across something you think is relevant to us, please let me know. Also, you can share on Facebook too!

See <https://conferencekeeper.org/> for a calendar of Genealogical events.
<https://conferencekeeper.org/calendar/>

See <https://www.bucksgen.org/index.php/bcgs-programs>

Sign up for Newsletters too: JewishGen.org Discussion Group - Daily Summary <https://groups.jewish-gen.org/g/main> and Eastman's online genealogy newsletter Eogn.com.

*Welcome to the Center for Jewish History

Another wonderful source for information and learning opportunities!

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THE LARGEST AND MOST COMPREHENSIVE ARCHIVE OF THE MODERN JEWISH EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE OF ISRAEL

Center for Jewish History and partner collections span five thousand years, with tens of millions of archival documents (in dozens of languages and alphabet systems), more than 500,000 volumes, as well as thousands of artworks, textiles, ritual objects, recordings, films, and photographs. The Center's experts are leaders in unlocking archival material for a wide audience through the latest practices in digitization, library science, and public education. As one of the world's foremost research institutions, the Center offers academic fellowships, symposia, conferences and lectures as well as a wide array of cultural, educational and genealogy programs for the public. Please visit the Center, search our collections online and join our Email List.

Condolences

Barbara Rabinowitz, a longtime member of JGASGP has passed away. May her memory be for a blessing. *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.*

