

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL AND ARCHIVAL SOCIETY

OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

January 14, 2024

MARILYN GOLDEN VP membership@jgasgp.org



Happy and Healthy New Year to all! Thanks to everyone for sending in their payments.

We have over 275 current members!

THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU.

Over 75 people signed in to listen to Ava Cohn on Sunday. I have heard a lot of positive feedback and I hope you were impressed too.

Known professionally as Sherlock Cohn, The Photo Genealogist, Ava has been the go-to expert on Jewish family



photographs since 2009. She is internationally known with an ever-growing list of clients from Europe, America, Israel, Australia, Canada, Germany, UK and other countries. A Brandeis University graduate, her background includes the study of decorative arts, art history, history of photography and costume/theatre history. In addition to being a popular speaker and writer on the pairing of photography and genealogy, Ava is a collector of 19th and 20th century

photographs of all kinds. She is a member of JGSI and has explored her own roots in Canada, Belarus, Ukraine, Romania and the Austro-Hungarian Empire. She can be reached at her email: sherlock.cohn@comcast.net or on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/SherlockCohn

Announcement: Recording of meetings!

Our lectures will be recorded and posted with the approval of our speakers. We did not have permission to record this meeting.

Beginner's Corner and Research Tips



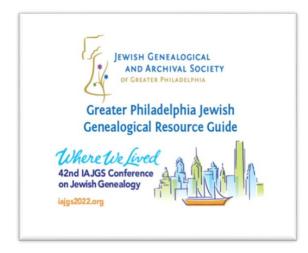
Make sure you dig a little deeper and review the

documents to check the facts before adding information to your family tree!

Search the On-demand library of RootsTech to watch great videos for Jewish researchers!

Two great resources are available on our website:





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

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK NEWSPAPERS FOR MORE INFO. ABOUT YOUR ANCESTORS! CHECK OUT THIS ARTICLE.

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The Philadelphia Inquirer (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) . Thu, Aug 13, 1914 . Page 5

Downloaded on lan 6, 2024

Dr. Harry H. Shatz, of 1634 Franklin street, was arraigned before Judge in the Domestic Relations Branch of the Municipal Court vesterday, charged by his wife, Rosa, with non-

support.

It was admitted by both of them that Rosa's parents had agreed to pay Dr. Shatz \$3500 when he married their daughter. The money, according to the testimony, was given to Rosa as her dower, in accordance with the Hebrew custom, but she only turned \$2000 over to her husband after the wedding, insisting upon keeping \$1500 for herself, yet demanding that the physician give her a receipt for the full amount of her dower.

They were married on March 15 last

and separated on May 22.

Dr. Shatz agreed to settle the matter and live with his wife, provided the \$1500 was turned over to him. Shatz not only declined to do this, but refused to accept the \$2000 paid to her husband as settlement of all claims. Her attorney reminded the court that \$2000 at 6 per cent. would only bring in \$120 a year and asked for a payment of \$30 a weeks. The court finally made an order on Dr. Shatz for \$10 a week.

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I wonder if this couple stayed together. See more help for beginners below from Joel Weintraub's Youtube videos.

BOOK CLUB UPDATE



The link will be sent out to all on the morning of each meeting. See our website under <u>Events</u> for updated Book Club titles and descriptions. All members are welcome to join us.

Please join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, January 24th at 7:30 pm.

I am really enjoying this book!



The Matchmakers Gift by Lynda Cohen Loigman

"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 soulmates. 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?

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.

CHRONICLES

Chronicles is seeking a new editor. If you have writing and/or editing experience, this might be up your alley.

Enjoy the process of being the first to read fascinating, new stories by our members and help refine and craft them for publication. You'll have the opportunity to continue to build on *Chronicles' legacy* as a publication that has been informing and instructing JGASGP

members about genealogy, and reporting our members' joys and challenges as they travel their research journeys.

Current editor, Evan Fishman, will be available to train and mentor.

Contact Evan at editor@jgasgp.org.

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

The latest electronic version has been e-mailed. Hard copies haven't been printed and mailed out yet.

Chronicles is posted on our website. Contact Jim, <u>webmaster@jgasgp.org</u> for any questions about receiving your hard copy. Jim has posted all issues of Chronicles dating back to 1982 (Vol 1 # 1). Hard copies will be mailed out in about a week.

CONTRIBUTIONS

We would like to thank members who have made generous donations to our society. Your continued kindness is greatly appreciated. Please let us know if you want to send a donation **in honor of**, or **in memory of** someone special.

Fred & Joan Blum
Adam Denish
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FROM THE PRESEIDENT'S DESK

DEAR JGASGP MEMEBERS,

Let's hear a round of applause...the countdown has begun! We are now 32 weeks away from hosting the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies. Save the date for August 18-22, 2024. This will be an in person conference at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown 201 N 17th St, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

The last IAJGS conference hosted by JGASGP was in 2009 and it was a huge success with over one thousand attendees. This was due to the amazing team of volunteers from our society.

For our upcoming conference, WE NEED YOU! A conference of this size and importance requires many people helping out. Since our society has doubled since 2009 to over 400 members, we hope to surpass the number of worker bees and overall attendance of the 2009 event.

If you can volunteer in the planning or on site during the actual event, your services will be much appreciated. Vice President of Membership, Marilyn Mazer Golden will be

coordinating our team of volunteers, so please reach out to her directly ASAP at membership@jgasgp.org!

Of course, we hope to see ALL our members here in person!!! If you live outside the Philly area, this is a great chance to come home to the City of Brotherly Love! There will be many great research and networking opportunities.

Happy and Healthy 2024 to you all!
Felicia Mode Alexander, JGASGP President



THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO IS VOLUNTEERING!



Mentor for new members

Alicia Weiss, and Beth Steiner have joined our JGASGP Mentor Team!

We are very lucky! If you are new and need a mentor, let me know!

JGASGP MEETING SCHEDULE

The Zoom link will be sent out to members by Friday and posted on the HOME page of our website on Sunday prior to each meeting.

PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

Most of our programs will be recorded with the permission of the guest lecturer. If anyone does not wish to be recorded, please do

<u>not participate in the live program.</u> All microphones and cameras will be turned off during the lecture but may be turned on during the Q and A. Thank you for your cooperation!

Date: Sunday, February 11, 2024.

Time: 1:00 check in, chat, and schmooze

1:30 pm Est official start time on zoom



Dr. Adina Newman, EdD, the creator of **My Family Genie**, is a professional genealogist and educator. Her specialties include Jewish genealogy, genetic genealogy, social media, and New England, and she presents on these topics in a variety of venues, from major genealogy conferences to local genealogy societies. Her findings have received international media attention, such as mentions in The Daily Mail, Washington Post, AP News, TODAY, People, and The Times of Israel, and she has made appearances on several news outlets such as NPR and I24NEWS. She co-founded the DNA Reunion Project, a program to raise awareness about the potential of DNA testing within the Holocaust survivor community and provide

survivors and their children with commercial DNA tests. She volunteers as a moderator for a Jewish genetic genealogy Facebook group and on the program committee for her local Jewish genealogical society. She was also a 2020 recipient of the AncestryProGenealogists scholarship. Website: https://www.myfamilygenie.com/

Topic: #Genealogy: Incorporating Social Media into Your Genealogical Research

Social media has become an essential tool for genealogists in the 21st century. Through platforms like Facebook, X, Instagram, Linkedin, and TikTok, genealogists have limitless opportunities for expanding research, learning new skills, and collaborating with other researchers. Whether a social media novice or seasoned expert, everyone will walk away from this presentation with new ideas for incorporating social media into their genealogical research and practice.

SEE ADDITIONAL WINTER EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE! CHECK OFTEN. NEW LECTURES WILL BE ADDED MONTHLY.

Har Jehuda Cemetery Digitization Project Update:

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

Our Volunteers are awesome!

We are not finished yet!

New lists are up on our website. We are also in JewishGen!



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JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry

Cemetery Information

Cemetery Identification				
Cemetery ID:	USA-11060			
Cemetery Name:	Har Jehuda			
Section:				
Cemetery Location				
Country:	USA			
State:	Pennsylvania			
City:	Upper Darby			
Street:	8400 Lansdowne Avenue			
Cemetery Details				
Number of Burials:	17212			
Number of Photographs:	0			
Cemetery Description:	Courtesy of a project submitted by the Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia (JGASGP). The project was headed by 4 Coordinators (Karen Albert, Marilyn Golden, Alan Kaminsky, and Helene Rosenfeldt and approximately 30 additional volunteers. For more information please see the cemetery's website at http://www.harjehuda.com/index.htm or the cemetery map at http://www.harjehuda.com/har_juhuda_property_map.htm Additional information about the JGASGP is at: membership@jgasgp.org (The database currently includes records for surnames alphabetically through ROSEMAN. Additional records will be added in the next update.)			
Data last updated:	12/30/2023			



JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry



JOWBR FAQ



JewishGen Databases



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TAKE A LOOK ON OUR WEBSIT'S FAMILY FINDER. HAVE YOU MADE ANY CONNECTIONS? LET US KNOW!

HAMEC



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

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

IN THE NEWS



RootsTech 2024

Thu, Feb 29, 2024 - Sun, Mar 3, 2024

RootsTech 2024 will be a free virtual

<u>event</u> and an in-person event. In 2024, you will still be able to join virtually from anywhere in the world or you can attend with us live at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City February 29–March 2, 2024.



Registration is open now for this free conference!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS • ROOTSTECH - FAMILYSEARCH

IAJGS CONFERENCE 2024

Fred BLUM and Felicia Mode Alexander

are

Local Co-Chairs of the conference.

Stay tuned for more information

about

volunteer opportunities!

We are going to count on <u>your</u> 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 \(\sigma\)
2025, August 10 - 14	Fort Wayne, IN	IAJGS and Northeast Indiana JGS

MEMBERSHIP AND SOCIETY NEWS

It's not to early to renew for 2024!

Thank you to everyone who has paid their membership dues!

*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!

<u>Contact Marilyn</u> (me) (membership@jgasgp.org) if you have any dues related questions.

<u>Contact Jim</u> (webmaster@jgasgp.org) with web access questions or receiving hard copy problems.

<u>Contact Evan</u> (editor@jgasgp.org) with Chronicles article questions.

Our new fiscal year will run from January 1st - December 31st, 2024.

Our 2024 membership form is on our website. \$10 extra for printed Chronicles.

Webinars, Conferences, Podcasts, and Meetings of Interest





READ ALL ABOUT IT!: USING ONLINE NEWSPAPERS FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Wednesday, 17 January at 7:30 p.m.

Newspapers are valuable in genealogical research because one can find information on births, marriages, deaths, moves, businesses, naturalizations, court cases, and more. Millions of pages of the world's newspapers are now accessible online, but there is no one place to find them all. In this presentation, Janice will provide an overview of what is available and demonstrate techniques to improve your chances of finding information about your relatives.

Janice M. Sellers is related to actor Peter Sellers and to John of Gaunt, son of a king and father of a king. At least, that is what her grandparents told her. Unfortunately, they were wrong, but That is why she has been researching her family for almost 50 years. She is now a professional genealogist who is passionate about making sure she finds the right pieces to fit the genealogical puzzle. Janice specializes in Jewish, Black, dual citizenship, and newspaper research. She has taught at local and international events and previously worked as an editor and indexer

Janice's site is ancestraldiscoveries.com

To register and receive a Zoom link go to jgstoronto.ca/register

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Who may register for this program?	Public
Is it being recorded?	Yes
Is the recording available to members	Yes
Is the recording available to non-members	No

DNA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) Q&A WORKSHOP

Featuring our JGS Toronto members, Gil Bardige and Arthur Sissman

Sunday, 28 January at 10:30 am. ET <u>VIRTUAL MEETING: Join from Home</u> Virtual doors open at 10:20 a.m. ET

All are invited to participate in the second segment of our 4-part DNA Q&A Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting! Our DNA experts will commence the session with a brief educational presentation covering the

basics of **DNA or strategies for interpreting test results.**

Here's your chance to send in your DNA-related inquiries to our experts, who are here to aid your research. When you submit your questions, there might be a request for consent to potentially share your screen, DNA match names, and family tree members. This sharing enables others to learn from the techniques used by our experts. Please be sure to include comprehensive details with your question, highlighting your previous research. You'll find the questionnaire form available on the registration page - please send your submissions before 14 January. This deadline ensures that our mavens can contact you for any extra information, if required.

- Gil Bardige, originally from Chicago, has been a genealogist for over 40 years and a genetic genealogist since 2007. He has tested at the 4 major testing companies and is the Co-Administrator of 3 projects at FTDNA including Jewish R1B and R-A11711 Subclade Projects. He is Chair of the Columbus Ohio JGS, a volunteer at IAJGS Conferences (including the Program Committee), and Director of the Mentoring Program. Gil is a firm believer that you can use DNA results as a tool in your genealogy research. Over the last five years, he has regularly helped people navigate their DNA matches by speaking at dozens of Jewish genealogical societies. After his presentations, people say: "Thank you, Gil, I am no longer confused!"
- Arthur Sissman, from Naples FL, has been engaged in family history genealogy since 1999 and genetic genealogy (DNA) since 2015. Arthur has built over 60 family history trees for his various family surname lines. In addition, he has tested his autosomal DNA at all the major DNA testing

companies, and his Y-DNA and MtDNA at FamilyTreeDNA. Using his 3-Legged Stool Protocol focusing on Surname, Place and DNA, Arthur has found relatives previously unknown to him and has built a current tree out to 1500 people, from Galicia/Romania, with over 50+ DNA matches across all branches. For information on Arthur's Jewish Genealogy SIG monthly meetings and scheduled workshops, email genresearch13@yahoo.com.

To register for the DNA SIG event, please go to <u>jgstoronto.ca/register</u>. The questionnaire form can be found below the registration link.

You will then receive an immediate acknowledgement plus the link to access the event.

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Is the recording available to non-members	No	

FEBRUARY 2024 MEETING: DEBRA HOFFMAN ON SISTER PORTS:

Saturday, February 3, 2024, 10 am to 12 noon

PHILADELPHIA & BALTIMORE

When:

vvnere:	Virtual meeting via Zoom (open to public)
Subject:	Immigration
Title:	Sister Ports: Philadelphia & Baltimore
	Philadelphia and Baltimore were major entry points for immigrants to America. Learn about their similarities and their differences as the history and the sources available to document individuals who arrived through these ports is explored. An understanding of each port's unique characteristics can inform a researcher's methodology.

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Registration for this program opens on **Monday**, **January 29**, **2024** for both members and non-members.

Members, use the link in the email you will receive on Monday, January 29 to register, or log into the website, go to Members Only and select Meeting Registration. Member registration fee is \$5.00.

Non-members, use this link beginning on Monday, January 29, either to register as a non-member for \$10.00, or to join BCGS and register as a member for a total fee of \$25.00.

This presentation will be recorded. Only members who have registered for this program as members will be able to view it for 30 days following the program date, by

logging in to the website and selecting "Meeting registration" from the Members-Only menu.



Speaker:

Debra Hoffman

Debra A. Hoffman, PLCGS, is a professional genealogist and the owner of Hoffman Genealogical Services. She is a genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher. She is a frequent speaker at genealogical societies, libraries, and has presented at the Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (Gen-Fed), the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), the International German Genealogy Conference, and coordinated the Maryland course at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) in 2020. She has authored articles in the Carrolltonian, Der Kurier, Bluegrass Roots, Maryland Genealogical Society Bulletin and the Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly.

For complete information on programs and speakers, please visit https://www.bucksgen.org/index.php/bcgs-programs.

Also, our Comprehensive Calendar of Events has been updated through 2024 and available free at CompCalendarEvents.pdf. It continues to be our most popular download and linked to from many genealogy websites. Feel free to submit your organization's public events directly to me. Thanks so very much for your support this year to Bucksgen and to our genealogical community. Sincerely,

Cathy Ivins

Director of Publicity. publicity@bucksgen.org

Joel Weintraub spoke to our Society about the 1950 Census before it was released in 2022. He is an expert on such records. Joel recently posted this message on JewishGen. Might be helpful to you.

I have recently put online three YouTube videos I think will be of interest to 'Genners. They are:

1. A Rat Ate My Family's Manifest 27:25

https://youtu.be/exK3GOOTzls

Subtitle: I have their ship manifest, but they are not on it! Using the first 3 letters of the surname, and the 3 children's ages and sexes, I find the "missing" family manifest at Ellis Island.

2. U.S. Naturalization: Processes, Denials & Immigration Scams 39:19

https://youtu.be/EgA-jmupKSA

What is Naturalization; Finding Naturalization records; Declaration of Intention; Getting a Certificate of Arrival; Manifest Annotations; Witness legal steps & why the infamous Charles Ponzi's witnesses' statements caused him to withdraw his Naturalization papers; the Petition; Women & Naturalization laws & Repatriations. Two cases of denial of the Petition. Finally, I document swindles involving the ship manifest at Ellis Island. If you have a relative whose name was lined off the manifest yet still arrived in America from that voyage, or went mysteriously from steerage to first class, it might be a product of an early 1920s swindle.

3.Immigrant Names & Manifest Searches 1:20:14 https://youtu.be/vy98KS-gaK8

Changing names or spelling and manifest searches. I concentrate on how Certificate of Arrival (C/A) requests were managed by the Naturalization Bureau in the 1920s. I show the viewer, with two examples, how one applies for the C/A. I then discuss the spellings of immigrant names, and how they affect manifest searches. With a sample of over 40 immigrants using multiple names (or spellings) from online C/A applications, the viewer will see, in the immigrants' own words, why they used those names (mostly their given (first) names). Applications where the Immigration Service could not, initially, verify the port/ship/date of arrival are shown with their solutions. C/A applications are also shown of a person arriving under another person's name and the naturalization consequences, and an individual arriving under his mother's maiden name (unknown to him). I end with an example where an immigrant in 1927 sued Ellis Island who told him he could not be found on his stated ship's manifest (he did) and then would not let his agent look at the manifest.

Spread the word.

Thanks, enjoy!

Joel Weintraub

Dana Point CA

https://www.youtube.com/c/JDWTalks

GET HELP WITH RESEARCH CHALLENGES!

#JGS-IAJGS

Do you have a confounding brick wall in your family history?

Sometimes it helps to review what you know with



others who are working with similar records, places, and time periods. With that kind of teamwork, you can be back to climbing your family tree in no time.

Many Jewish genealogy societies hold both virtual and in-person meetings. Visit our member page to find a group that meets your needs.

https://www.iajgs.org/membership/member-societies/

Emily Garber Director, IAJGS

American Ancestors.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

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

Condolences

Selma Neubauer, past president of JGASGP passed away in November. She was instrumental in coordinating the Ethnic Bank Records of Philadelphia, which are now on JewishGen.

Ron Arons

Dear worldwide members of the genealogical community,

I am extremely saddened to announce that a very dear friend, Ron Arons, died of a heart-attack while out jogging, early Monday morning, January 8th. Ron had been a member of SFBAJGS since 1994.

Many of you who have attended the last few International Jewish Genealogy Conferences may not have realized that much of the technical and behind-the-scenes activity which ensured that the conference flowed smoothly was as a result of Ron's hard work.

Following on from his discovery of his great grandfather's criminal shenanigans, he became an expert in criminal genealogical research, a path he forged for others to follow. He wrote a book entitled The Jews of Sing-Sing. He also developed a research technique for which he wrote another book Mind Maps for Genealogy: Enhanced Research Planning, Correlation, and Analysis.

His website (which I hope will be maintained) remains as a testament to his various skills that were developed to assist him (and later the rest of us) in his various genealogical research endeavors; https://www.ronarons.com/

Ron was born in New York in 1956. He attended Princeton University where he was

awarded a B.S. in Engineering. He was very proud to be a Princeton alumnus and participated in many annual reunions. After university he worked as a marketeer for a number of hi-tech companies but became much more interested in his family history after both his parents passed away from cancer nearly twenty years ago. Since that time, he has traced his family roots to England, Poland, Romania, Ukraine, Belarus, and Lithuania.

As well as his genealogical prowess, Ron also had a unique sense of humor, this was also seen at the conferences where he put on genealogy-themed quizzes, usually with the assistance of Jordan Auslander. His "promotion" of 'black sheep" products was another outlet for his offbeat humor.

He will be missed, most assuredly at this year's Conference, being held in Philadelphia, just 45 miles from his alma mater.

Jeremy Frankel, President president@sfbajgs.org

Dear Jane and Members of the IAJGS Board,

Upon receiving the news today about the passing of our friend and colleague, Ron Arons, I was stunned and deeply saddened. Ron was a true mensch and provided considerable help and guidance to our society over the years. His expertise in Jewish genealogy and technology was unmatched. I got to know Ron after becoming JGASGP president several years ago and will really miss his dry sense of humor and friendship.

On behalf of the JGASGP, I extend our deepest condolences to you all.

May Ron's memory be a blessing to all who will miss him.

Sincerely, Felicia Mode Alexander

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.

