



JEWISH GENEALOGICAL AND ARCHIVAL SOCIETY OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

The Roots of Antisemitism

Dr. Robert Watson explored the long and tragic history of anti-Semitism at KI on Wednesday night. We were very fortunate to hear his energetic and enthusiastic lecture. We had two additional guests, Rabbi Benjamin David and Stephen Weiner, 2G Speaker of Hamec, for a Q and A with the audience.



This was our first joint effort with HAMEC, KI, and the Jewish Community Relations Council of Philadelphia.



Delicious goodies were provided by The House of Kosher.

ANTI-SEMITIC WATCH LIST

Al-Awda (al-awda.org)

Angry Patriot Movement (www.angrypatriotmovement.com)

ANSWER – Act Now to Stop War & End Racism
(www.answercoalition.org)

BDS – Boycott Divest Sanction (bdsmovement.net)

Free Gaza Movement (www.freegaza.org)

Friends of Sabeel-North America (www.fosna.org)

Identity Evropa (www.identityevropa.com)

If Americans Knew (ifamericaknew.org)

Insani Yardim Vakfi (www.IHH.org.tr)

Dr. Watson made a few suggestions. He said that your college kids and grandkids need to know who the safe contacts are on campus. Get involved with Hillel and/or the Chabad. Know the professors you can go to for comfort and safety and let the college president know if there are any incidences. Above is a list of organizations that have popped up that are know antisemitic groups. Call and voice your complaints if they exist on the campus of your alma mater!

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend for this in person event.

Beginner's Corner and Research Tips

Two fabulous re-sources are available on our website:



Book Club Update



Hope to see many of you at our Book Club meeting. All are welcome any time! Our books are either written by an author with Jewish heritage or is one who writes about a Jewish theme. 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. Meetings are the 4th Wednesday of the month unless there is a holiday. PLEASE RSVP to membership@jgasgp.org.

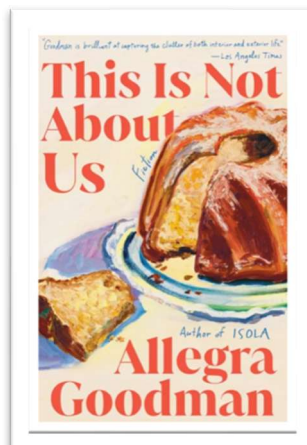
Our Book club always starts at 7:30 PM.

If you'll be joining us, please RSVP to membership@jgasgp.org.

Our meetings are usually on a Wednesday night. I've adjusted the dates to be the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

1 This is Not about Us by Allegra Goodman

(Xandra recommended) Date Wednesday, September 30th 7:30PM

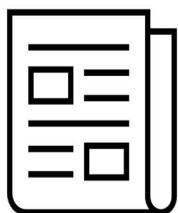


<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Dates 2026-2027</u>
<u>41. This is Not about Us</u>	Allegra Goodman	30-Sep-26
<u>42. A Place to Hide</u>	Ronald Balson	21-Oct
<u>43. The Alice Network</u>	Kate Quinn	18-Nov
<u>44. Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships</u>	Nina Totenberg	16-Dec
<u>45. Not Me</u>	Michael Lavigne	20-Jan
<u>46. People of the Book</u>	Geraldine Brooks	17-Feb
<u>47. Melting Point</u>	Rachel Cockerell	17-Mar
<u>48. Kantika</u>	Elizabeth Graver	14-Apr
<u>49. Mrs. Everything</u>	Jennifer Weiner	19-May
<u>50. The Lost: A Search for Six of Six Million</u>	Daniel Mendelsohn	16-Jun
<u>51. The Immortalists</u>	Chloe Benjamin	
<u>52. The Book of V.</u>	Anna Solomon	

Chronicles *The Fall issue is almost complete! I'll let you know when it's sent out.*
If you paid for a copy and don't receive it, please contact Jim: Webmaster@jgasgp.org. New subscribers to Chronicles for 2026 will receive the SUMMER edition as your first copy.

Debbie Terman, *Chronicles Acting Deputy Editor*, has recently updated the *Chronicles* Index covering every issue from Vol 1-1 in 1982 through Volume 43-1, Spring 2026.

The index is accessible to members only - on our website under the Publication Tab > Chronicles - at the bottom of the page. It is sorted Chronologically and by Author, includes each article title and its starting page. There are also some keywords and notes included. The index is in Excel format, enabling users to sort and organize their research as necessary. Every back issue of Chronicles is also posted on our website under publications for members.



Do you have a story to tell? Did your research teach you something new? Did you uncover a family secret? Did you meet any new relatives through your research? Have you made any unusual finds in your attic? We'd love to hear from you! Our editors will help you! Don't be shy!

Please send your draft articles to editor@jgasgp.org.

With our thanks,

Ed Flax, Acting Editor editor@jgasgp.org

Debbie Terman, Acting Deputy Editor dcterman@jgasgp.org

Everything Genealogy

Our next meeting: October 5th at 7:30 PM. ZOOM only
Bring you questions, brick walls, and suggestions! You never know...

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84288984402?pwd=0oceDDMj6bk8dDpNQUZ29lbY8AnB9K.1>

New Members introduce yourselves!
Bring your BRICK WALL questions and FINDS!
This meeting is very popular! Come and join us. Listen in and offer research advice. All are welcome.

JGASGP Meeting Schedule and Updates



The Zoom link or Livestream link will be sent out on the morning of the meeting at 8 AM. Most of our programs will be recorded with the permission of the guest lecturer. Using Zoom, if anyone does not wish to be recorded, please do not participate in the live program Q and A.

Date: Sunday, October 11, 2026

Time: 1-130 Check in, chat and shmooze

Official start time 1:30

Speaker: Karen Franklin, Professional Genealogist and Speaker



Karen S. Franklin is Director of Outreach for JewishGen and Director of Family Research at the Leo Baeck Institute. She is a past president of IAJGS, and has served as chair of the Council of American Jewish Museums, the Memorial Museums committee of the International Council of Museums, and played leadership roles in many other professional organizations.

Topic: Researching the Rescuers: The Story of Survival in Southern France

More info to follow.

Look for the Zoom link at 8AM on Sunday morning.

All microphones and cameras will be turned off during the lectures. We will use closed captioning.

See our website for more details about the speakers and the topics.



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

HAMEC

We offer personalized in-person or virtual tours for individuals, families, and classes during the week by appointment. These can last anywhere between thirty minutes to more than two hours. Please contact us beforehand to schedule a tour or you can perform a self-guided tour below. See the website.

<https://hamec.org/>

In the News

Jewish genealogy has always been about persistence. About doing the hard work to get it right, even when it takes longer than expected.

That's the spirit behind an important announcement from the IAJGS Board today.

We are moving our **Virtual Conference to April 4–6, 2027** and our In-Person Conference to 2028 because we are not willing to rush something this important to our community.

Our president Susan Weinberg has written a full account of why, including the financial realities facing conference organizers post-COVID and what we're doing differently to build a stronger future.

It's worth a read. 📖

<https://www.iajgs.org/an-important-update-on-the-future.../>

And if you have thoughts, questions, or ideas, we always want to hear from you at feedback@iajgs.org.

Emily H. Garber

Vice President

IAJGS

<https://www.iajgs.org/>



Membership

Thank you to everyone who has paid their dues!

<https://jgasgp.org/joinrenew>

All payments received now will go towards your 2027 membership.

Payments are remaining the same for this year.

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

It is **NOT** automatic because you are a JGASGP member. Jim needs to activate you individually. Don't delay. All members become inactive on Dec. 31st unless Jim has a current membership for you.

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 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 Ed Flax - ejflax@gmail.com or

Debbie Terman Acting Deputy Editor - dcterman@jgasgp.org with Chronicles article questions.

Our new fiscal year runs from January 1st - December 31st, 2027.

Mentors

THANKS to [Alicia Weiss](#) and [Beth Steiner](#) who have joined our Mentor Team! They have been very helpful to those who have contacted them.



If you need a mentor or would like to volunteer to be one, let me know!

We love our volunteers!

Do you have website skills? We could use your help. Please contact Jim: webmas-

ter@jgasgp.org

Programs from other societies



JGSGB PROGRAM

10 Generative AI Prompts Every Genealogist Needs to Know

Blaine Bettinger

October 18, 1:30 pm

IAC, [1320 Centre St, Newton](#)

Hybrid

[More info](#)

**These are presented by a variety of societies. We are NOT the presenters.
Please click on the link provided for information. (Thanks to JGSGB for this information.)**

All program times listed are East Coast time.

Navigating Holocaust Resources Online

Kaye Prince Hollenberg

Jewish Genealogical Society of Palm Beach County

September 27, 1 pm

[More info](#)

Bringing Jewish History Back to Birzai

Jonathan Dorfan

San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society

September 28, 7:30

[More info](#)

Mining the Manifest

Susan Weinberg

Center for Jewish History

October 8, 5 pm

[More info](#)

Resolving Relationships with Ancestry.com

Dr. Janette Silverman

Global Jewish Genealogy Society

October 11, 4 pm

[More info](#)

A History of the South African Jews: From The Pale to Pretoria – Part 2

Ralph Cilevitz

Jewish Genealogy Society of Pittsburgh

October 11, 1 pm

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[More info](#)

Caring for the Jewish Cemeteries of Poland

Dan A. Oren
Museum of Jewish Heritage
October 14, 2 pm
[More info](#)

Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center Open House

Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center
October 20, 6 pm
[97 Newbury St, Boston](#)
[More info](#)

Comparing Antisemitism in the United States and Europe: A Conversation (HYBRID)

Pamela Nadell and Flora Cassen
Boston College
October 22, 5 pm
[More info](#)

Finding ancestors in the 1850 Russian Revizskie skazki

Hal Bookbinder
Orange County Jewish Genealogical Society
October 25, 1 pm
[More info \(scroll down the page\)](#)

****Check out the calendar from L'DorV'Dor!***

The L'Dor V'Dor Foundation (LDVDF) Announces Worldwide Jewish Event Calendar.

The calendar, called JDays, was unveiled at the 44th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy. Read more including FAQ's at: [JDays - L'Dor V'Dor Foundation \(LDVDF\)](#) This is a real "game changer" in the posting and discovering Jewish educational events 24/7/365 from around the world. A single place to post and a single place to view Jewish events!

You can have the programs sent to your calendar, so you don't miss anything. See instructions on their website!

A NATIONAL CENTER FOR FAMILY HISTORY, HERITAGE & CULTURE

SERVICE AVAILABLE TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-6 P.M. (ET)

Our expert staff is available five days a week through Ask a Genealogist online chat! Do you have questions about how to get started with genealogical research or where to locate a particular record? Stumped on border changes in a particular town or how to access an online database? We are here to help!

When an expert is available, you may click on the chat icon in the lower right-hand corner of this web page, enter your question in the chat box and one of our experts will connect with you soon.



We Can Help

- ***Explain how to use a particular website or resource***
- ***Answer brief local history questions***
- ***Define an unfamiliar term or phrase in a record***
- ***Make recommendations for where to find records***

Chat is limited to less than 15-minute inquiries. For more in-depth discussions, please review our Consultations service.

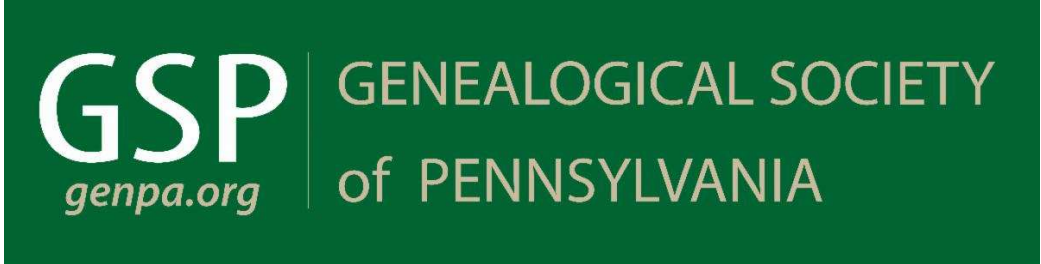
Just enter your question in the chat box during the times listed, and one of their expert genealogists will respond. You can access the feature directly [here](#), or find it on the home page of the [American Ancestors](#) website, scroll down just a bit to the "Stay in Touch" section, where "Ask a Genealogist - Live Chat!" is one of the options. Click on Chat Now and ask away.

***See the calendar of genealogy events posted on the Bucks County Genealogy Society website.**

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



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



Click the green box to see the available programs at GSP.

PODCAST and INFORMATIVE NEWSLETTER. <https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/>

Suggestion Box



Do you have any ideas for our society? We want to hear from you. Please send your ideas or thoughts to me. Subject: Suggestion Box! I appreciate the program offerings and Youtube videos I’ve been receiving!
Below are a few suggestions I’ve received:

Condolences

If you know of the passing of any member, please let me know so I can inform everyone.



Disclaimer: The purpose of our group is to help foster research and education, collect family records, and make family connections. No political comments or advertising for services or merchandise are permitted.

