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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Our June 5th program was with Geoffrey Rasmussen, Legacy Family Tree Software a Millennia company, which includes Legacy Webinars. With Ancestry ceasing to support Family Tree Maker at the end of the year, there were member requests to have a program on another family tree program. As several of our senior members are using Legacy Family Tree and are very pleased with the program, Geoff was invited to introduce the product to the JGSCV. Currently, it is not available for MAC users, but they are in beta-testing and it will be available very soon. For more information on Legacy Family Tree and discounts on the purchase of the program see the Highlights of the meeting on page 6.

Thank you to Werner Frank for facilitating the schmoozing corner.

The 36th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy is fast approaching—August 7-12, 2016. I know at least sixteen JGSCV members are attending—some as speakers and some as attendees. If you plan to attend please let me know at president@jgscv.org. The program is very rich, there will be a film festival and the resource room will have access to subscription databases at no charge as well as hundreds of non-subscription databases. It's a great way to try out different genealogical sites before you subscribe. Read more on page 13. To see the program posted in detail: http://s4.goeshow.com/iajgs/annual/2016/program_schedule.cfm

The Ventura County Fair is also fast-approaching—August 3-14. While it partly overlaps with the IAJGS



Geoff Rasmussen at JGSCV's June Meeting

NEXT MEETING

Sunday, July 10th 1:30-3:30 PM

Genealogy In The Round

A chance for JGSCV members to share genealogical successes, brick walls and artifacts. Email Jan for a place on the agenda: president@jgscv.org

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Mission Statement:

JGSCV is a non-profit organization run by enthusiastic volunteers dedicated to the sharing of genealogical information, techniques and research tools with those interested in Jewish genealogy and family history. Members who include beginners and experienced genealogists share with each other.

Conference, this annual event is one where JGSCV members have volunteered to help at the genealogy table which also has volunteers from the Ventura County Genealogical Society and the Ventura Family History Center. The Fair runs 10 days and volunteers are in 4 hour blocks. See page 14 on how you can volunteer.

While we are located in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties we sometimes overlook the resources available in the Los Angeles Public (City) Library. That library has a genealogical treasure trove located in the main building at: 630 W. 5th Street Los Angeles, CA 90071. They have resources that are available remotely and at their branches. Any California resident may obtain a library card for the Los Angeles Public (City) Library. There is no cost for the library card. See page 11 for more information.

The Board has been very busy setting up programs for the rest of the year and into next year. At this point we have programs through February 2017 and invitations extended to speakers for past that date. Don't forget to mark your calendars. See page 16 for the upcoming programs—they are spectacular!

Summer is here—and we felt it this week with 110-112 degrees locally. During the summer, many of us visit family. This is a wonderful opportunity to interview relatives and share some family photos and stories to help you with your family history.

Security is always a concern. Recently, Carbonite a leading back up software company announced hackers are trying to break into users accounts. Last month I was contacted by Linked-In to update my password because they were hacked. Google recently released a two-step security upgrade. Some of the nation's largest banks, acknowledging that traditional passwords are either too cumbersome or no longer secure, are increasingly using fingerprints, facial scans and other types of biometrics to safeguard accounts. Our series on Safe Computing by Hal Bookbinder is on vacation this month and will return next month. In the meantime take the time to make certain your computer and smart phones are secure.

This month's program is **YOUR** program. It's our annual *Genealogy in the Round* where you get to share a brick wall, success or genealogical artifact. Everyone who wants to participate can take 8-10 minutes depending on the number of participants. As of this writing we have 7 presenters and we usually have 8-10. Please contact me if you want to participate—there is still room. This program is always a big hit with everyone and this year will be no different.

Looking forward to seeing you on July 10th.

Jan Meisels Allen





Page Three: Summer's here & the time is right for growing family trees.

BELARUS SIG ANNOUNCES ASSOCIATION WITH ROOTS TO ROOTS FOUNDATION

Nancy Holden recently announced that the Belarus Special Interest Group of Jewishgen.org has reached an agreement with Miriam Weiner's *Roots to Roots Foundation*. As a result of this agreement, the SIG will receive a large amount of material collected by Ms. Weiner during her 20 plus years of working in the archives of Belarus.

"The material includes numerous archive inventories and copies of archive documents (with summary translations for much of the material) including thousands of personal names from over 50 towns in Belarus," wrote Ms. Holden, an educator at Jewishgen.org. For detailed information and future plans, go to:

<http://www.jewishgen.org/Belarus/misc/MiriamWeiner/index.html>

FUNERAL RECORDS AS A SOURCE FOR INFORMATION

Finding a funeral receipt and checking on a record from a mortuary may uncover new information: who paid, what

names were used, where was the internment, a change in the name of the deceased. The location of the offices may have changed but the files exist somewhere.

ANOTHER WAY TO SAY DNA IN GENEALOGICAL TERMS

CeCe Moore is a professional genetic genealogist who writes the popular blog [Your Genetic Genealogist](#). She's also the DNA specialist who Dr. Louis Gates turns to on the recent season's *Finding Your Roots* on PBS since including DNA results on each episode.

In 2012, CeCe Moore provided a 4-part overview of genetic genealogy for the website Geni.com. as a guest writer. If reading results to DNA tests, or understanding how they might serve genealogy research is a puzzlement to you, this series will interest you. Find part one at [CeCe Moore 4 part article](#) and the other three by searching on Geni.com.

I THOUGHT I WAS JEWISH!?

We love those amazing discovery stories. You can find an interesting example at about what happened when a young mother takes 23andMe DNA test and discovers a Bronx tale at this link:

Photograph at right: Hollywood By the Sea sign at beach, Oxnard, CA. "Welcome to Hollywood by the sea, park your car, enjoy the beach" -- on entrance. Not Dated. *Auto.Club of Southern CA, Photo Archives*

<https://strangepilgrimage.wordpress.com/2015/01/22/and-who-wouldve-thought-it-figures/>

FROM THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF GENEALOGISTS WHERE'S THE PROOF ?

Proof is a fundamental concept in genealogy. In order to merit confidence, each conclusion about an ancestor must have sufficient credibility to be accepted as "proved." Acceptable conclusions, therefore, meet the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS). The GPS consists of five elements:

- reasonably exhaustive research;
- complete, accurate citations to the source or sources of each information item;
- tests—through processes of analysis and correlation—of all sources, information items, and evidence;
- resolution of conflicts among evidence items; and
- a soundly reasoned, coherently written conclusion

More about proof, and standards at: <http://www.bgc certification.org>



Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County* (JGSCV) (*and surrounding areas)

The JGSCV will hold a general meeting, co-sponsored with Temple Adat Elohim, on Sunday, July 10, 2016 at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 1:30-3:30 p.m.



The Topic:

**"Successes, Failures,
Artifacts and Brick Walls"**

Round Genealogy in the

Come and share a genealogical success, failure, brick wall, or genealogical artifact! This is **YOUR** meeting—We all learn from one another—take this opportunity to share your genealogical story—success or failure, ask questions about your brick walls, and more!

If you wish to participate in the program, please contact Jan Meisels Allen at president@JGSCV.org. Each participant will be given 5-10 minutes to share—depending on the number of presenters. Whether you are a JGSCV member or a potential member—we'd love to hear your genealogical story.

The Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County is dedicated to sharing genealogical information, techniques and research tools with anyone interested in Jewish genealogy and family history.

There is no charge to attend the meeting. Anyone may join JGSCV. Annual dues are \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family.

JGSCV Updates

JGSCV Welcomes New Members:

BARBARA FINSTEN

AIDA E. REYES

See page 16 for the program schedule through February, 2017. There is something for everyone and a calendar rich in genealogy insights.

JGSCV Webmaster David Oseas updated the resources on our website. See: www.jgscv.org and go to resources. Thank you David!

JGSCV continues to participate with both Amazon.com as an affiliate and with Ralphs Community Program. Simply enter the Amazon site from JGSCV's home page. Start at <http://www.jgscv.org> and

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The SCHMOOZING CORNER is open 20 minutes before each monthly meeting is scheduled to begin. Just come to the front right corner of the meeting room and look for the “SCHMOOZING CORNER” sign where next month you will find an experienced JGSCV member waiting to field your individual questions and provide one-to-one help until the meeting begins. On the left in the photo left is JGSCV's founding board member

Werner Frank helping a member prior to the June meeting. After 9 consecutive months of helpful insights, “Safe Computing” by Hal Bookbinder is vacation. Look for the next installment next month.



JGSCV MEMBERSHIP Annual dues are \$25 for a single membership/\$30 for a household. To join, printout the membership form on our website www.jgscv.org by selecting the membership button. Send it with a check in the appropriate amount payable to: JGSCV and mail to Helene Rosen at 28912 Fountainwood St., Agoura Hills, CA 91301

Highlights from . . .

Exploring Legacy Family Tree Software

By Jan Meisels Allen

JGSCV's June 5th guest speaker was Geoffrey Rasmussen from Legacy Family Tree Software a Millennia company. Several JGSCV members use Legacy Family Tree software and are exceptionally pleased with the software which is why Geoff was invited to share the richness of the program with our members and guests. Legacy has been a many-year supporter of JGSCV providing us with Legacy Software and a subscription to Legacy webinars for our annual Chanukah/membership December meeting.

Geoff talked about how Legacy Family Tree software helps you plan, research and share your family tree. He showed us how Legacy helps us write sources correctly and easily in *Evidence Explained* style, and how to create shareable CDs, migration maps, customized wall charts, publish books, and get automated research suggestions. And for those who might be interested in changing from Family Tree Maker when Ancestry ceases to support it the end of the year, Geoff showed us how to import a Family Tree Maker file in two simple steps.

Geoff began his presentation explaining that he had started with Family Tree Maker as the software program for his own genealogy. About 20 years ago he wrote to Legacy as he had some ideas about software and they hired him, and now he gets to advise the software development people. Legacy began in the 1990's and is now in version 8.0. The

standard edition is a free download off their website: <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/>. The deluxe edition 8.0 includes: mapping, wall charts, source writer for citing your sources; relationship calculator, setup wizard, interview reports where you can choose from



over 1,000 pre-written interview questions and memory joggers and much more. The software is available on a disk or as a download and the prices are included on the website above. Attaching documents are critical to genealogy-

and that is an attribute only on the paid version of Legacy Family Tree.

Family Tree Webinars

Family Tree Webinars (www.familytreewebinars.com/) offers 362 classes. While there is an annual charge of \$49.95 for the subscription, JGSCV members have a special offer from Legacy for \$29.95. This was sent out to members in late January and new members when they joined. If you are interested in the offer, and cannot find the email, contact Jan at president@jgscv.org. This offer is for JGSCV members-only. There is a list of free webinars which can be accessed directly at: http://familytreewebinars.com/archived_webinars_free.php

When the webinars are given live, they are free to attend. Access to the recordings are also free to all for the first week after the presentation. Following that, non-subscribers are charged a fee for access. Webinars are given every Wednesday at 11AM Pacific Time.

Converting to Legacy from Family Tree Maker

One of the webinars is how to input Family Tree Maker into Legacy—a one- minute thirty-second video that is free. The short video attests to how easy it is to change. Please note that the easy input is for FTM 2014 or FTM 2014.1 (which is currently being sold by MacKiev), and that includes attachments such as photographs and documents. If you have an older version of 2014 you will need to either: find someone who has 2014 to convert the older format to the current format for Legacy

to convert to their program; or find a way to purchase 2014. Ancestry ceased selling FTM



December 2015. (Note: eBay had several copies for sale at the time this article was written-JMA). Somewhat tongue-in-cheek, Geoff also suggested the option of retyping your entire genealogy tree, notes etc.

Legacy Family Tree Aspects

One of the attributes of Legacy Family Tree is color-coding by family for ease of remembering which family branch one is working on at any given time. Legacy uses the Mary E.V. Hill filing system. Ms. Hill is on the staff of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, UT and is an accredited genealogist.

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There is a video on the color-coding system as well as a handout which may be obtained at: <http://www.millenniacorp.com/videos/webinars/2011-11-04-familyroots/2011-11-04-handouts.pdf>.

Geoff showed shades of coloring to indicate when the key person is related to both the paternal and maternal lines—something that is common in Eastern European Jews who married cousins within the same village.

Legacy Family Tree can also show from the oldest common relationship to the person in question. As an example, Geoff’s son is also his 14th cousin and 13th cousin once removed from his wife.

Rasmussen is a Danish name and under one of the reports it shows the ethnicity. He amused us telling how his mother-in-law is adamant that she is Canadian through and through, but by using the records in the family tree it showed that other ethnicities were stronger and Canadian much weaker.

In the family group record, under the Legacy Family Tree program one can see AKA (also known as) names for different spellings.

There is also a “to do” list so one can mark what they want to look for at the Family History Library (microfilms or online). This



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precludes carrying multiple binders to do research – all you need is your laptop with the to do list! Legacy also provides suggestions on where to find missing pieces of information, such as Find a Grave, Billion Graves, Family Search and many other websites.

Privacy is of interest to everyone. There is an option to record the information but to ensure that it will not be shared when the tree is shared. In the notes section, the tree creator may write about the person's history. By using two square brackets [[]] the information within the brackets may only be seen by the creator and no one else. Legacy permits the tree to be marked as private (on reports or books) or invisible. By default all information is not private.

Legacy Charting . Legacy Family Tree has 18 styles of charts. Charts are also printable—under Publish there is information on how to order a chart.

Geoff also talked on ways to encourage reluctant relatives to be more responsive. Some of the suggestions included:

1. Go to publish tab and check email and say here is the final copy of the tree, do you have any updates?
2. Go to Facebook and find the silliest photograph and ask if they would like to change the photo in the family tree?
3. Before sending the family group, open the XX field and put in a false date that they would like to amend—such as marriage, or birth. Getting a response may work if you put in the child's birth date two years before their marriage date or by using an older birth date for someone.

Reports

Geoff reviewed the reports table and descendants book. He showed how to insert underlines with missing dates/places/information and send the underlined portions to family to fill in the missing items.

Legacy also has “red circles” where they may be potential problems—such as missing children—too large a gap between children or first birth after marriage appears to long. Again, these are suggestions, and there may be good reason for such gaps and there are no errors in the tree.

MAC Users

Legacy Family Tree will be available for MAC users in the next few months. Currently it is in beta testing. It will be similar to Reunion and they already have cross-overs on Reunion. For more information before the inauguration, Geoff suggested to go to their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LegacyFamilyTree/>.

Facebook Users Group

In addition to the aforementioned Facebook page for announcements, Legacy also has a Facebook user group page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LegacyUserGroup/>

Discount on Legacy

Geoff is offering a special \$10 off discount for Legacy 8.0 for JGSCV through July 7, 2016. Go to the Legacy store at: <http://www.legacyfamilytreestore.com/> and use the code jgscv16.

JGSCV member Mike Markowitz found a discount on the Internet: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LegacyUserGroup/>. This is sold by a Legacy partner, not Legacy. Geoff says it's an excellent price, but is uncertain if there is an expiration date to the offer. If you are interested consider purchasing it now while the offer is still valid.

Genealogical Hint

Geoff gave us a genealogical hint for those who are researching in the U.S. in 1890. As most of the 1890 US census was destroyed by fire (some fragments may exist in some states), he informed us there is a separate census for widows and veterans of the Civil War of which one-half survived. It is called the 1890 Schedule.

It is available on Ancestry.com

at <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8667>. This database contains the names of approximately 6.3 million soldiers who served in the American Civil War. In addition to their names, information that may be listed for each soldier includes regiment, company, and rank.

The 1890 schedule may also be accessed through FamilySearch.org at <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1877095>. It enumerates Union veterans and widows of veterans of the Civil War for the states of Kentucky through Wyoming. Data for the states of Alabama through Kansas do not exist.

While originally the census was for the Union soldiers, in some areas, Confederate veterans were listed as well. The information for both sources is originally from Record Group 15, Records of the Veterans Administration and is NARA publication M123.

As Geoff indicated, one can continue to use Family Tree Maker, and use Legacy as a research tool. Legacy will not have the Ancestry "green leaves" for hints from the Ancestry database. The green leaves will only be available on the new FTM from MacKiev and from RootsMagic, the two companies that



Ancestry contracted with when they discontinue supporting the software. Legacy will soon have the hinting for other sites such as MyHeritage,

FindMyPast, GenealogyBank and more.

Geoffrey D. Rasmussen is the recipient of the "RootsTech Distinguished Presenter" award, is father of four budding genealogists. He graduated with a degree in Genealogy and Family History from Brigham Young University and has served as director and vice-president of the Utah Genealogical Association. He is a dynamic genealogy speaker on all forms of genealogy technology, and as host of the Legacy Family Tree webinar series, has spoken virtually to nearly 100 different countries. He has authored books, videos, articles, and websites, and develops the Legacy Family Tree software program. On a personal note, Geoff enjoys playing the piano, organ, cello, basketball and bowling. His favorite places are cemeteries, the ocean, and hanging out with other genealogists. He met and proposed to his wife in a Family History Center.

Family Tree Maker Update



Last month we included in *Venturing Into Our Past* an update on Family Tree Maker and MacKiev, the software company that purchased the program from Ancestry. MacKiev announced they would be providing new, free updates that would be available in March, 2016 to those who had FTM 2014 and MAC 3 and had registered the software with Ancestry. At the Southern California Genealogical Jamboree the MacKiev representatives offered some private insights. It turns out their beta testers are still working on finding items they want fixed before they send out the new patch. The new version is further delayed and will not be available now until early 2017. This is not a new edition, but a patch—there are no new features—that’s why it’s free.



Ellis Island and Red Star Line Museum Exhibit

If you are going to be in the New York City area now through September 4th you may wish to visit a new exhibit called, *Via Antwerp: The Road to Ellis Island*. Many immigrants to the United States started in eastern Europe and made their way to Antwerp to travel on the Red Star Line. There they had to undergo medical and administrative inspections. The *Via Antwerp* exhibit is a temporary exhibition space next to the Great Hall of Ellis Island where the immigrants waited to be interviewed. The processing of immigrants at Ellis Island mirrored the buildings at Rijnkaai, Antwerp where the Red Star Line Museum is located.



Among the immigrants that traveled on the Red Star Line from Antwerp to New York was Israel Isidore Baline, known to us as Irving Berlin. The exhibit has information on his life, his music and more.

See: <http://www.redstarline.be/en/exhibition/exhibition-antwerp-road-ellis-island>.

For more on Ellis Island see: <http://tinyurl.com/jczt9ee>.



Los Angeles Public (City) Library

Genealogy Department

By Jan Meisels Allen

As we are located in the Los Angeles County and Ventura County areas many of us are used to relying on the Los Angeles County Public Library branches, Ventura County Public Library branches, Calabasas, Camarillo, Moorpark, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks Libraries (see our website for more information about those libraries-<http://www.jgscv.org/> under resources). Therefore, we sometimes “overlook” that the Los Angeles Public (City) Library (<http://www.lapl.org/>) has an extensive genealogy collection. The Genealogy Librarian is Julie Huffman, jhuffman@lapl.org and the collection is part of the LA Public Library’s History and Genealogy

Department: <http://www.lapl.org/branches/central-library/departments/history-genealogy>. Any California resident may obtain a library card to access some of the select online databases. (You must, however, have photo identification with your name and current address.) <http://www.lapl.org/about-lapl/borrower-services>

Los Angeles Public Library Genealogy Collection:

The Genealogy Collection numbers more than 40,000 volumes, including more than 10,000 genealogies. A family name index to the collection is available through the databases link on the library home page. One can search names from their computer.

Collections of interest within the Genealogy Department include:

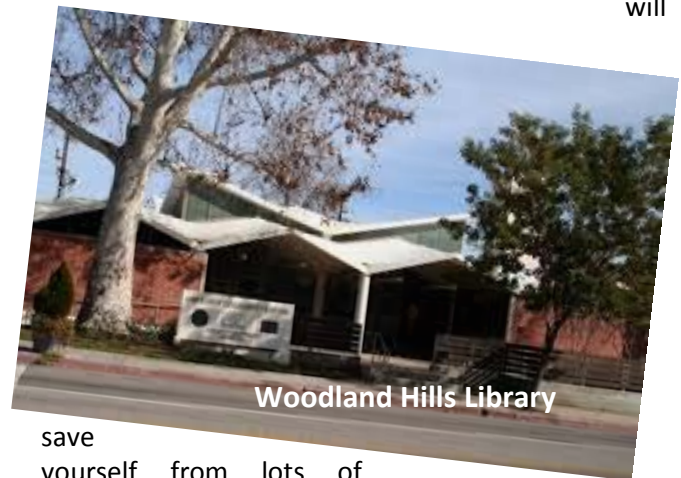
- Census records (1790-1900, 1920 all; 1910&1930 partial)
- Immigration records from San Francisco, Boston and Philadelphia. Their New York manifests are 1820 to 1846 only and San Pedro/Wilmington/Los Angeles 1907-1948
- Naturalization records—all available for the U.S. District Court for Southern California
- A unique collection of 10,000 titles of family histories of which 20 percent are **not** in the Library of Congress (they solicit family histories from genealogists across the country to add to their collection)
- How to books on genealogy techniques
- Local Histories—comprised of histories at the county level, cemetery records, probate records and town histories
- Maps-complete set of USGS topographical maps covering the US in a 1:24,000 scale with indices for each state at the reference desk

- City Directories-over 5,000 rolls of microfilm covering 1861-1960 and microfiche for earlier years—these span across the U.S. Recent additions are 90 Los Angeles-area city and street directories, digitized and available for anyone to use from their website: <http://rescarta.lapl.org/ResCarta-Web/jsp/RcWebBrowseCollections.jsp>. An additional 12 more will be added in the near future
- Military records-soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War and hundreds of unit histories from World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam
- Newspapers-via ProQuest (online subscription service) the Los Angeles Times from 1810-1986, which is available at the Central Library and all branches, and full text from 1985-, which is available at Central Library, all branches, and at home with a library card. ProQuest Newsstand has full text for over 300 newspapers and is available at Central Library, all branches, and at home with a library card. Access Newspaper ARCHIVE, is available at Central Library and all branches. It includes more than 2,700 newspapers from more than 700 cities. A partial run of the Van Nuys News and Valley News under various title changes from 1900-1977 is found there in digitized images.
- Vital Records-the collection includes the California Death Index 1905-1994; California Marriage Index 1949--1986, and death and marriage indexes for Nevada, Texas and other selected states. In addition, there are 200 book indexes to vital records at the county or city level, and many books of cemetery records

Online Databases

Perhaps one of the most interesting collections is their 177 online databases which includes: Ancestry Library Edition (accessible at any of the branches-not from home); Heritage Quest Online (accessible also at any branch and from home with a library card) and New England Ancestors.org (available only at the Central Library). <http://www.lapl.org/collections-resources/research-guides/genealogy>

While at the research and homework site search the other online databases: <http://www.lapl.org/collections-resources/research-and-homework> click on the letter of the term you want to search (B- Biography; G-genealogy; V- Veterans etc.) . Remember to look at the graphic codes to determine which are available from any computer, which are available solely from the Central Library and those that are available from any branch of the LAPL. Some have a special access rule or a library card is required . You will



save yourself from lots of frustration if you understand the graphic codes.

Locations and Hours

The central library is open seven days a week including evenings Monday-Thursday. The closest branch to us in Woodland Hills is open Monday - Saturday including Monday -Thursday evenings. For addresses and hours: <http://www.lapl.org/branches>

36th IAJGS Conference on Jewish Genealogy



The 36th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy is full of more new and different elements than ever. For more information go to: <http://www.iajgs2016.org/>

- Family Finder is now live so you can seek out conference goers with matching surnames, towns or countries.
- “From Door to Door”, a play about three generations of a family of Jewish women written by James Sherman, will be performed in the Grand Ballroom on August 9th.
- *Genealogy for Jewish Educators* is a program of six workshops sponsored by the Samis Foundation and Conenant Foundation and offered to individuals who teach, run camps or other programs or create inter-generational events. It will begin at 9AM Sunday with a \$50 fee.

A few months ago Co-chair Chuck Weinstein created a video preview of the conference which insists you will not be *Sleepless in Seattle* this August: <https://youtu.be/7VLKJYMTHuM>

There will be many JGSCV members at the conference. Be sure to notify Jan if you will be there: president@jgscv.org

Genealogy Odds and Ends

From MyHeritage Blog: 25 Family History Questions You'll Really Want to Ask - <http://tinyurl.com/zu7md3m>

Gondy Karoly and Egey Istvan had a photography business in Debrecen, Hungary. Images can be searched by surname on the Deri Museum site: <http://gondy-egey.derimuzeum.hu/>

Findmypast blogger Frederick Wertz reports that a 'population count' from the 1780's was uncovered. This pre-dates the first census in 1790. <http://tinyurl.com/zgamaik>

An Ancestry Insider reader shared what they termed 'The Best Kept Genealogy Search Secret'. Read it here: <http://tinyurl.com/i8lpunl>



2016 Ventura County Fair Dates:

August 3-14

Ventura County Fair

Once again the Ventura County Fair (August 3-14) will take place at the Ventura County Fairgrounds located at 10 W. Harbor Blvd. in Ventura. This year's theme is: "A Country Fair with Ocean Air." Genealogical awards and prizes are offered as part of the Hobbies Department. For entry details go to: <http://www.venturacountyfair.org/hobbies> [L](#).

Scroll down below the moving pictures page. You can enter until July 18, 2016 or bring your items to the Gem & Mineral building at the fairgrounds between 10 am-5 pm on July 29, 30 or 31. You are not required to enter online to enter. Just bring your items between July 29-31.

The entry guide may be found at: <http://www.venturacountyfair.org/fair/entryguides/>. Information specific to the Hobbies Department may be found at: <http://www.venturacountyfair.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/2016-Hobbies.pdf>

Genealogy is division 465 (page 5 of the entry guide). There are 8 genealogy entry classes.

JGSCV members have volunteered in past years in the genealogy booth and enjoyed it! Genealogy volunteers are needed for each day. Volunteers participate in 4 hour shifts 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. There are no parking passes for volunteers. It is suggested to use the park and ride at the Stanley Avenue exit off the 33. They say it is small, well lit and does not have a line!

It is best if volunteers are familiar with Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org as well as other popular programs to show the fair attendees how genealogy is researched. Training sessions will be held for those needing an update on the latest programs. Volunteers are admitted to the Fair free but there are no parking privileges.

If you are interested in volunteering please email Bettye Berg at bettyeberg@yahoo.com



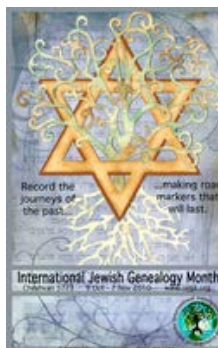
Annual IJGM Poster Competition

The IAJGS holds an annual competition for work to be used as either a poster or flyer for announcing and celebrating the International Jewish Genealogy Month (IJGM). The winner is unveiled each year at the IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy. This year the conference will be held August 7-12 in Seattle, WA. (See page 13 for more information on the conference.) For information on Requirements, Submissions, Judges and more as well as a Release Form and Application Form, go to: <http://www.iajgs.org/blog/ijgm/poster-competition/>

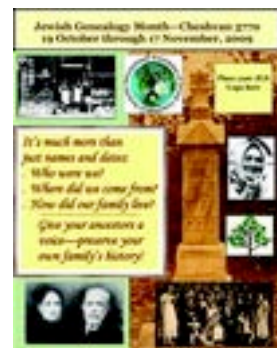
The past winning artwork is above. Other winners are here:



July, 2016



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Future Meeting Dates through August 2017

Sunday afternoons starting at 1:30

Monday evenings starting at 7:00

Programs co-sponsored by Temple Adat Elohim.
Remember to check the website and this newsletter for
future updates

2016

*July 10 Sunday 1:30-3:30 PM Genealogy in the Round
Members and guests share their successes, brickwalls and
artifacts

*August No Meeting IAJGS International Conference August 7-
12 Seattle, WA

*September 11 Sunday 1:30-3:30 pm Speaker: Joel Weintraub
"Manifest Destiny - Names at Ellis Island"

*October 16 Sunday 1:30-3:30 pm Speaker: Judy Russell, The
Legal Genealogist". "Through the Golden Door - Immigration After
the Civil War" JGSCV's 11th Anniversary

*November 7 **MONDAY 7:00-9:00** pm Speaker: Janice Sellers,
"Read All About It: Using Online Newspapers for Genealogical
Research"

*December 4 Sunday 1:30-3:30 pm Annual Chanukah Celebration
and Membership Meeting Speaker: Karen Franklin "The Stedman
Story - Mystery, Intrigue, Adoption and DNA: Jewish Genealogy
Strategies Unravel a Family Mystery"

2017

*January 8 Sunday 1:30-3:30 pm Speaker: Warren Blatt "Polish-Jewish Genealogical Research"

*February 12 1:00-5:00 pm Assisted Research Afternoon at LA FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

*March 6 **MONDAY 7:00-9:00 pm** Program To Be Announced

*April 2 Sunday 1:30-3:30 pm Annual Yom Hashoah Commemoration, Program To Be Announced

*May 7 Sunday 1:30-3:30 pm Program To Be Announced

*June 4 Sunday 1:30-3:30 pm Program To Be Announced

*July No Meeting - IAJGS Conference 7/23-28 Orlando, FL

*August 6 Sunday 1:30-3:30 pm Genealogy In the Round where members and guests share their successes, brickwalls and artifacts

Programs are subject to change - check JGSCV website www.jgscv.org

Don't Forget!

Genealogy In The Round This Sunday

Your chance to share a genealogical success, failure or artifact

1:30-3:30 @ Temple Adat Elohim

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