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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Our annual assisted research afternoon at the Los Angeles Family History Library was a hit, despite the closure of freeway exits and local roadways due to the Los Angeles Marathon. Next year the Marathon is not on the same Sunday as when we meet! We also have 6 new members as a result of the meeting. Thank you to the Missionaries who came in on their Sabbath to help our members—it was an exclusive opening—only for JGSCV members. Thank you also to the JGSCV Board members and senior members who helped the members: Andrea Massion, Debra Kay Blatt, Hal Bookbinder, Marion Werle, Warren Blatt and our registration desk volunteers: Helene Rosen and Karen Lewy.

Barbara Algaze gave two presentations, *How To Access Ancestry.com Databases From the Family History Library Computers*, and *Exploring the FamilySearch Website*. To read the highlights of her programs see page 6. Andrea Massion also translated the Hebrew from metzevah's for those who brought in photographs.

As of writing this letter, our 2016 membership is at 102 memberships and 129 members. It is about where we were last year at this time. We are at the time of the year if we don't receive your renewal dues we will reluctantly have to remove you from our membership. Each of you who have not renewed will be hearing from me, and for those of you on the attendee list an email from Helene



Barbara Algaze making one of her two presentations to JGSCV at LAFHL

NEXT MEETING

Sunday, March 6th 1:30-3:30 PM

Sephardic Records at USHMM

Megan Lewis, reference librarian at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum will discuss the Museum's Sephardic collection and how best to research those records.

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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.

asking if you wish to join or remain on the mailing list. While our meetings are open to the public, in order for the society to do what it does, it needs dues-paying members. If you have not yet renewed or joined a membership form is on page 17.

The IAJGS 36th International Conference on Jewish Genealogy has sent out the acceptances to those who will be speaking at the conference. JGSCV will be well represented: Andrea Massion, Debra Kay Blatt, Hal Bookbinder, Jan Meisels Allen, Marion Werle and Warren Blatt—have all received speaking acceptances. We hope that you will attend. The actual program will not be posted until later in March, but registration for both the conference and hotel are open. See page 9 for more information.

JGSCV has excellent resources for our members and friends—our two libraries and our excellent website. An article about these resources and what may be found in them is on page 13.

Hal Bookbinder has been writing a monthly article on safe computing. This month's article is on page 12.

Our March 6th program is our annual Sephardic program. We are delighted that Megan Lewis, Reference Librarian, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USJMM) will be coming to talk to JGSCV on the Museum's excellent Sephardic collection and how to best research the collection. The Holocaust affected all the Jewish communities in Europe, including Sephardic communities in Greece, Bulgaria, other parts of the Balkans,

Jan Meisels Allen



March 6th: Accessing Sephardic records from the

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Corfu Jews Hidden During WWII: Reunion

Last spring on Israeli TV, a prime time news show featured a story of how the inhabitants of Erikoussa, a small Greek island, had risked their lives in WWII to save a Jewish tailor's family from the Nazis.

The story was spotted by a documentary producer who approached "My Heritage" for assistance in finding the people who hid the family.

There are photos, both old and new about the family's experience and a recent reunion on the island at the link here.

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0.7340.L-4647522.00.html>

For details of how "My Heritage" did the research, go to <http://blog.myheritage.com/2015/05/myheritage-on-prime-time-news-the-secret-of-erikoussa/>



WWI & II RESEARCH TIPS FROM JGSLI

The Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island (JGSLI), winner of the IAJGS 2015 Outstanding Publication Award for its You Tube Channel, is pleased to announce the latest video, "7 Important Genealogical Hints from World War I & World War II Registration Cards."

Draft registration cards from World War I and World War II can provide you with some important information that might not be available on other genealogical source documents. Here is an explanation of what was required by these drafts and 7 possible hints to further your research.

You can access all our videos from <http://jgsli.org/> or directly from JGSLI's You Tube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV8xttIn93AwJX2_I0AIAg/feed

The Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island had just recently added to their YouTube library "8 Ways to Get the Most out of JewishGen's Communities Database." JewishGen's Communities Database is a powerful page of vast information having to do with each town and the JGSLI video explains how to use it.

HUNGARIAN MACSE OPENS JEWISH RESEARCH DIVISION

The JewishGen Hungarian SIG coordinator has announced that the Hungarian Society of Family Researchers (MACSE) in Budapest has established a Jewish Genealogical working group. This special interest group

Fascinating Photos of Early So California

Some of the earliest known photos of sites and land in Southern California are found here, as well as photos of "programmatic" architecture, and the changing Cahuenga Pass.

<http://waterandpower.org/museum/museum.html>

is organized to facilitate the research of Jewish families, help in the dissemination of research results, and promote an exchange of research methodology. An important objective of this new SIG is to work with similar organizations internationally including JewishGen.

The Working Group is open for all to join, however the access to MACSE's databases remain the privilege of MACSE members. Information about MACSE membership is available in English on this page: <http://www.macse.hu/society/en/belepes.php>

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, March 6, 2016 at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The Topic:

Photo: Courtesy United States Holocaust Memorial Museum



Sephardic Records at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

The Holocaust affected all the Jewish communities in Europe, including Sephardic communities in Greece, Bulgaria, other parts of the Balkans, North Africa and the Netherlands. The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) holds both wartime and prewar records for many of these collections. In addition, the Museum's library holds an extensive collection of rare books about Sephardic history, culture and language. Megan Lewis will discuss the USHMM's Sephardic collection and how to best research the records.

Speaker: Megan Lewis started working at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1998. She spent 12 years conducting research on individuals working for the Museum's Holocaust Survivors and Victims Resource Center. Since 2010 she works as a reference librarian in the Museum Library and Archives reading rooms. She has a BA in history and a Masters of Library Science, and has given presentations about the Museum's genealogical resources at IAJGS Conferences, numerous genealogical societies, the American Library Association conference, and several conferences/workshops about Nazi looted art.

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

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 genealogy and family history.

JGSCV UPDATES

JGSCV Welcomes New Members

PAMELA CARTER

PATRICIA DILKS

MORT and RAE MINIKES

JEANNETTE NEMON-FISCHMAN

HERSCHEL RITZMAN

Page 15 begins the program schedule through October, 2016. There is something for everyone and a calendar rich in genealogy insights.

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 scroll to the bottom to click on the Amazon graphic (like the one here).

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to the same page you always start at – except JGSCV will receive a marketing fee at no cost to you. See “notices” on the JGSCV.org website for instructions for Ralphs Community Contribution Program, too.



The SCHMOOZING CORNER will be open for business again at our next meeting on March 6th. The SCHMOOZING CORNER took time off in February due to the LAFHL Assisted Research Afternoon. Remember, 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 Werner Frank, founding JGSCV member waiting to field your individual questions and provide one-to-one help until the meeting begins. At left is Hal Bookbinder and Werner

Frank leading the Schmoozing Corner prior to the January meeting.

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 . . .

JGSCV's Annual Research Afternoon

By Jan Meisels Allen

Each year JGSCV is privileged to hold an exclusive assisted research afternoon at the Los Angeles Family History Library. The missionaries at the LA Family History Library give up their Sunday to open the library for us and help with



Board members Karen Lewy (L) and Helene Rosen at the Welcome Desk

providing direction to JGSCV members. In addition to the missionaries, senior JGSCV members provide personal hands-on assistance to help with family history research. We had 31 avid genealogists make the long drive to take advantage of this special program available only to JGSCV members. Considering we had to reroute several times due to the Los Angeles Marathon closing off the freeway exits closest to the Family History Library as well as the major streets, we are delighted that so many of the JGSCV members attended. We also have six new members as a result of the meeting!

Barbara Algaze, a JGSCV member, and librarian of our sister society JGS Los Angeles, presented an informative talk on *How To Access Ancestry.com Databases From the Family History Library Computers*. The Family History

Library has the worldwide subscription, not just that of the United States. She focused her talk on searching the card catalog and public member trees. As JGSCV has many new members, Barbara gave a second, abbreviated lecture on *Exploring the FamilySearch Website*. Her handout is posted to the JGSCV website, www.jgscv.org under "meetings/prior" with the February 14, 2016 date. Barbara prepares a different lecture each year and this one focused on the Ancestry website, www.ancestry.com.

Barbara's first lecture, "How to Access Ancestry.com Databases From the Family History Library Computers", focused on how to access the subscription website, which is available for free at the Family History Library. Ancestry.com along with other subscription websites are available at no cost at all Family History Centers. If you don't wish to travel to the LA Family History Library which is far for many JGSCV members, there is a list of all the Family History Centers in the JGSCV website www.jgscv.org under resources.

The first item Barbara reviewed was how to search the Ancestry.com card catalog by focusing on census and voter lists. By law, there has been a US census every ten years since 1790.



Ancestry allows free access to non-subscribers to two of those censuses: 1880 and 1940.

Barbara suggested starting with the 1940 census. She said always start with the census where you will get the “biggest bang for your buck”. Barbara reviewed the US Enumeration District maps and description. We were advised to take the time to read the “research tips on the right side of the screen” as that information may alert us to unique items that will save us time in our research. Barbara then had us focus on the filters, such as collections: Jewish.

If your search using last name/first name does not give you the desired results, that is “your” person does not come-up in the search, Barbara advised us on how to search an alternate way: don’t use the surname. Instead, only insert the first name along with father, mother, children, siblings etc . . . but no last names.

When filling out the items in the search box, there are boxes to check for “exact” information. Barbara suggested starting with an exact search and if “your” person is not found, then uncheck “exact”. Barbara reiterated, if the

importance of sourcing our data, and there is an option to print the page with the source information included.

The second item Barbara reviewed on the Ancestry.com website was Public Member Trees. This is an option to connect users who, unknown to each other, are researching the same people or families. Once again Barbara emphasized the importance of sourcing the data so that future generations looking at your data know where you obtained the information. The tools icon is again employed to print out the member tree, but for details one must return to the original page for the Public Member Trees.

For the second presentation on “*Exploring the Family Search Website*”, Barbara reviewed some of the attributes of the website. The website is sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS). Their goal is to digitize all of their resources, including books, microfiche and fiche. The entire website is free, but one may be required to register to access

“ . . . how to search an alternate way: don’t use the surname.”

search does not return the person you are looking for, then try with first name only—no last name—and add in spouse and children – again with first names only.

The recent upgrading of the Ancestry website includes a tools icon, which is where to find the “print” option. On a census page the tools icon has an option to zoom on an area or the entire page. Barbara also reminded us of the

many of the records...registering is free and easy. Many are already digitized and on their website. Before ordering a specific microfilm, check to determine if the records on the film have yet been digitized. Barbara showed us how to do that search. When one checks on search, they can search the record, genealogies, catalog. There are different records than on Ancestry.com in some instances, and therefore, we should search both websites.

In the FamilySearch catalog, searches can be by surnames, titles, authors, subjects and keywords. One may find records for your shtetls. When searching by shtetl, look for what the name was during the time period for which you are searching. Note: this process is different than JewishGen or Ancestry where you search using the shtetl’s current name. While foreign records will be in the native



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language (German, Polish, Dutch etc.) the index (which tells you what is included in the collection) is in English. On FamilySearch for Israel, there are two options: what Israel is today and pre-1948 Palestine. Therefore, be specific when doing your search.

Microfilms not in the local Family History Center, may be ordered from the FamilySearch website. You must be subscribed to FamilySearch in order to get to that part of the website. When you are in the catalog, you can put in Salt Lake City and order the film on-line. A short-term loan of 30 days is \$7.50. The cost for a permanent loan in the LA Family History Library \$18.75. Again, one must register to be



able to borrow films. If the microfilm is listed in red then it has been digitized and is online at the www.FamilySearch.org website. When using the catalog at the Los Angeles Family History Library use the “keyword” to look up topics. For example to access the JGSLA library, use “JGS”. Results for “JGS” are 1,203 items of which 650 are books and the remainder their journals and newsletter collection.

Family Search has a Wiki on their website—this is similar to Wikipedia, except that it has

everything on genealogy— but no records. The wiki however does advise you where to look and how to do research.

Barbara also advised on how to copy records off the website by right clicking on a USB drive. It was also



suggested that a USB could hold more data than its listed capacity if you place the downloaded records into a folder created on the USB. For example, a ‘Family History Library’ folder will hold more than the USB drive’s alleged capacity, i.e. an 8 GB drive could hold more.

It was also suggested it was better to make a download copy to a USB drive than email yourself the link. This is important for example, if you emailed yourself an Ancestry.com link, but do not have a subscription on your home computer you would not be able to access the document.

Barbara volunteers most Tuesday afternoons at the LA Family History Library. She strongly encourages that an appointment be made in advance so that she can spend adequate time with you. You may reach Barbara at barbara@jgscv.org.



36th IAJGS Conference on Jewish Genealogy

If you've not registered for the 36th Annual IAJGS Conference in Seattle (August 7-12, 2016) yet, consider the following:

- The conference's **Early Registration** period, which runs until April 30, offers the lowest fees, with savings of \$55 for the full conference. The conference website, www.iajgs2016.org has complete details on how to register for all levels of the conference. Once registered, you can make reservations at the Sheraton Hotel at a reduced rate.
- Eric Goldman, noted Jewish film scholar and teacher of cinema at Yeshiva University, is organizing the **film festival** for the conference, The conference film program will include an array of 25 Jewish-



themed films. Goldman stated the film festival will “offer an amazing look at world Jewry and the various migrations that have impacted our people through the centuries. There will be a special focus on immigration to the United States.”

- [Dr. Devin Naar](#), chair of the University of Washington Sephardic Studies Program, will deliver conference keynote address.
- Attorney [Judy Russell](#), JGSCV's October 16th speaker, Certified Genealogist, Certified Genealogical Lecturer and renown blogger at *The Legal Genealogist*, will speak at Thursday evening's banquet.
- There are [day-trips and planned Alaskan cruises](#) before and after the conference.

A Pre-Conference cruise departs Seattle, Friday afternoon, July 29, 2016 at 5:00 PM, returning to Seattle on Friday morning, August 5, 2016 at 8 AM on board the *Celebrity Solstice*. The seven day itinerary is scheduled to take you to Ketchikan, Alaska, Tracy Arm Fjord (cruising through the fjord and glaciers), Juneau, and Skagway, Alaska on the northbound route and cruising the Inside Passage with a port call in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada on the return leg. This is a family-friendly cruise with many amenities available for children. Prices start at \$1299 per person, double occupancy for an inside cabin. For cabins with an ocean view or a balcony, the prices are higher. Note these fees do not include approximately \$200 per person in taxes and port fees, and any other amenities you may wish to purchase. For more details and information about the Post-Conference Cruise and day trips visit <http://www.iajgs2016.org/2016/02/iajgs-seattle-day-tours-and-cruises/>

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Nothing Is Forever: The Retirement of Family Tree Maker

By: Jan Meisels Allen

Last month I wrote about the surprise from Ancestry.com that as of 1 January 2017 they would cease supporting the #1 desktop genealogy software program—Family Tree Maker. Less than 5 weeks later — on February 2, Ancestry announced some new options for Family Tree Maker users. I have no idea why Ancestry did not wait until the ink was dry on their agreements to release one statement incorporating both announcements. If they had done so, surely thousands of people would have had their stress levels lowered. Ancestry told me they were not expecting the very vocal outcry by the many Family Tree Maker subscribers.

The New Options

Software MacKiev is acquiring the Family Tree Maker software line as the publisher for both the MAC and Windows versions. Software MacKiev has been the developer of Family Tree Maker for MACs for over six years. Software Kiev maintains its corporate headquarters in Boston, but the majority of the workforce is located in Kiev, Ukraine. The agreement means you will receive software updates and new versions from Software MacKiev and be able to purchase new versions of Family Tree Maker software. You will have access to Ancestry Hits, Ancestry searches, and be able to save your tree on Ancestry with Family Tree Maker. See: <http://www.mackiev.com/> for more information about Software MacKiev. I

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understand from talking with their vice president at RootsTech that they are planning an update around March 1, which will be free for existing Family Tree Maker patrons. On Software MacKiev's website there is an opportunity to sign-up for product news. Go to: <http://www.mackiev.com/ftm/index.html>. Software MacKiev also has a FAQ section which may answer some of your questions: <http://www.mackiev.com/familytree-maker/ftm3/faq.html>

For those who use TreeSync[®] there will be new technologies to access your Ancestry Family Tree and keep it consistent with your Family Tree Maker file. This is important as after 1 January 2017 TreeSync[®] will not be supported from the current version..

Tamura Jones a genealogy blogger had the opportunity to interview Jack Minsky, the president of Software Kiev while at the recent RootsTech conference earlier in February. Her interview may be read at: <http://www.tamurajones.net/NewFamilyTreeMakerFuture.xhtml>.

Family Tree Maker has had a number of “owners” over the years. When I first started with Family Tree Maker in 1998 Broderbund owned it. Since then the software was “owned” under various company names including Ancestry. This current acquisition should be no different than previous acquisitions.

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RootsMagic Ancestry made a separate agreement with RootsMagic, another leading desktop publisher, to connect Ancestry with RootsMagic software by the end of 2016. This option will allow having RootsMagic as your desktop software while still having access to Ancestry hits, Ancestry searches and the ability of saving your tree on Ancestry. RootsMagic will be the only desktop software besides Family Tree Maker to search Ancestry’s collections of historical records and be able to download records to your own file. To access the Ancestry features the user will be required to have an Ancestry subscription. For more information about the RootsMagic and Ancestry agreement see: <http://www.rootsmagic.com/Ancestry/default.aspx>



If you read the RootsMagic question area it doesn't say that it will synchronize a

RootsMagic user's tree to Ancestry as TreeSync[®] currently does, but rather "that RootsMagic users will have convenient access to Ancestry's vast collection of trees and records as well as synchronizing with private trees online." While RootsMagic will be programmed to read a native Family Tree Maker file and not have to go through a GEDCOM import from Family Tree Maker, it will take the next generation of RootsMagic (version 8) to accomplish these changes. Thank you to Randy Seaver and his blog *GeneaMusings.com* for discussing this important issue.

One of the issues for all of Family Tree Users is whether the API (the system by which Ancestry can communicate with other products) will work with either Software MacKiev or RootsMagic. As of writing this article, the API is still in development, and it is expected that "TreeSync[®]" in the future will be different than what users have currently. The current TreeSync[®] capability between an Ancestry Member Tree and Family Tree Maker will be retired after 1 January 2017.

Ancestry is still working out details, and they say they were not able to announce this at the time they announced their ceasing to support Family Tree Maker as of 1 January 2017, as the contracts had not yet been signed. They are signed now.

Is It True that Macs Are Safer Than PCs?

By Hal Bookbinder



Yes, it is true. Apple's iOS operating system (which powers Macs) has proven to be less impacted by

viruses than PCs running any version of Windows. The reason is two-fold. First, with about 7.2% of the market for desktop and laptop computers vs. 91.4% for Windows based PCs, virus creators find it more attractive to write malware for PCs. (The remaining 1.4% of personal computers use a variant of the Linux operating system.)

The second reason relates to the way Apple updates its operating system vs. the way Microsoft updates Windows. Microsoft does its best to provide for backward compatibility. In other words, they want to see that programs which ran on earlier versions of the operating system continue to run. This translates into lots of old code being included in current Windows operating systems.

With about 50 million lines of code, much of it carried forward; there are lots of opportunities for mischief as hackers discover flaws in the software which they then exploit through malware. When this occurs, Microsoft releases a security patch to close the flaw and the anti-virus companies release an update to counter it. But, they are always playing catch up and there is an inevitable lag.

When Apple releases a major operating system upgrade, it is built fresh. If older software will not run, so be it. Apple is more focused on the overall user experience with its current operating system and associated software

rather than compatibility with older versions. So, as an Apple user you may find that you have to buy a new version of software when upgrading to the newest operating system.

By writing new code, Apple can concentrate on protections and the user experience and does not have to contend with protecting old operating system code. While Apple does a pretty good job in controlling viruses endangering the Apple system, it does not do as much regarding viruses and worms simply using the Apple as a landing place on their way to a Windows PC.

Apple users remain at risk for phishing in which unscrupulous folks strive to obtain personal data. So, Apple users still need to be on their guard. There are a half dozen companies that provide Apple-specific anti-virus software. While the risk is lower, Apple users owe it to themselves (and the PC users with whom they interact) to acquire and run anti-virus software on their machines.

As PC Magazine wrote on February 13, 2015, "Mac users simply cannot be complacent and leave their machines unprotected. Even if they never encounter malware, they would certainly benefit from social media protections and keeping their machines from being used to attack other computers. And with numerous free options, there's simply no excuse; get antivirus protection for your mac today." - [11 Antivirus Apps for Mac.](#)

This is the sixth in a series of articles by JGSCV founding Board Member Hal Bookbinder. Hal is also an Immediate Past President of JGSLA and IAJGS. He is the 2010 recipient of the IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award and his online skills are well documented.

JGSCV Resources

By Jan Meisels Allen

JGSCV has a few excellent resources that are open to all. Even if you are aware of them, maybe you don't know how useful these resources can be.

Our Libraries

- The “permanent library” located at the Agoura Hills Public Library, a branch of the County of Los Angeles Public Library, and
- The “traveling library” parts of which come to each meeting

And our website www.jgscv.org.

Our libraries:

The Permanent Library located at the Agoura Hills Pubic Library, a branch of the County of Los Angeles Public Library is located at 29901 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, CA 91301. The library is open 6 days a week-Monday-Saturday including several evenings. To learn their specific hours by day, call 818-889-2278.

JGSCV is fortunate enough to have a dedicated aisle of shelves for our collection. We have approximately 300 books in that collection plus our journals and newsletters from around the world. Our excellent librarian Issie Perel updates the newsletters and journals every month, and David Oseas our webmaster, posts the updates whenever they are available. Have you looked to see the wealth of materials that JGSCV has? If not, why not? There are valuable “jewels” to assist you with your genealogy. Our journals range geographically from Australia with the *Kosher Koala*, to South Africa with *Yichus*, and many JGS journals from Europe, Canada and the United States. In addition, we have *Avotaynu*, the award winning journal of Jewish genealogy; the *Western States Journal*

of Jewish History as well as journals and newsletters from the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) and the National Genealogical Society (NGS). All in all, a wealth of information waiting for you to access. Our hard copy books run the gamut including subjects on America (general), Eastern Europe, How to Genealogy, Holocaust, Jewish History North America (US and Canada), Sephardic, Western Europe and the catchall “miscellaneous”.

We also have pamphlets of interest in our collection.

The Agoura Hills Library is also the designated Holocaust library for the 88-branches of the



County of Los Angeles Public Library. One of the foreign languages designated for books in the Agoura Hills branch is Hebrew—all relevant to our having our Jewish genealogy library housed there. There is something of interest for everyone. The JGSCV library books are **not** circulating, that is they must be used in the library. The library has copy machines, and computers to use, and provides an excellent research area.

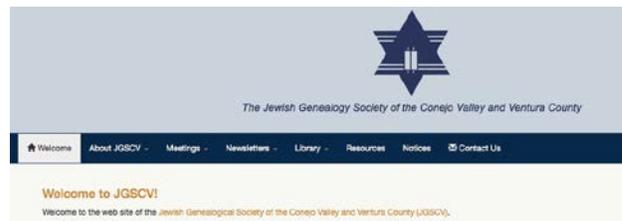
The Traveling Library comes to the meetings held at Temple Adat Elohim. We divide the approximately 100 books into categories, which can be seen on our website. *Category A* books, are the primary resource books, such as the Beider, Faiguenboim, Feldblym, Menk, and Tagger books on names and others. Categories B, C and D books are each paired with Category A on a rotating basis so there are always 2 categories of books at each meeting. The other categories are: *B*—Eastern Europe, How to Books; *C*—American General, American Jewish History, Sephardic; *D*-Holocaust, Miscellaneous and Western Europe.

If you have books to donate, please check online to see if we have the book already. If not we are always willing to accept genealogically related books.

JGSCV's Website

I am continually asked by members for a website that might help them for a specific research question. Often, I give them the same answer: "Check the resource list on our website." For some reason, JGSCV members don't think of the website as a research tool

but it is. There is a wealth of resources listed by category on www.jgscv.org under "resources". Managed by of our excellent webmaster David Oseas, the resource list is updated twice a year - not only adding new links, but making certain that the current links are still relevant and working. The categories include: blogs, Canada, Cemeteries, DNA, Europe, Family History Centers, Genealogy Subscription Websites, General Interest, Government Archives, Holocaust, Immigration and Naturalization, Israel, Latin America, Libraries, Local/California



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Ethics in Genealogy Video



THE IN-DEPTH GENEALOGIST

For excellent insights into how to access and use family search data ethically, this panel of experts offers exceptional guidelines. The 10 minute video recorded and posted by The IN-DEPTH GENEALOGIST on Feb. 6th at RootsTech, is hosted by Jennifer Alford and Shannon Combs-Bennett and includes panelists Judy Russell (JGSCV's October speaker), Kirsty Gray, and Jill Ball. It can be viewed at <http://theindepthgenealogist.com/rootstech-interview-on-ethics-in-genealogy/>

Future JGSCV Meeting Dates through October 2016

Sunday afternoons starting at 1:30 Monday evenings starting at 7:00
Programs co-sponsored by Temple Adat Elohim.

Check the website and this newsletter for future updates

March 6, Sunday 1:30-3:30 PM Program Megan Lewis, USHMM, Sephardic Records at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

April 4, Monday 7:00-9:00 PM Program Emily Garber. *When It Takes A Village*. This presentation will outline a program for solving genealogical research problems via cluster research techniques including FAN (family, associates, and neighbors). Topics will include: appropriate application, research planning, commonly used resources and documents, and case studies successfully tracking individuals from Europe to the United States, overcoming name and residential changes.

May 1, Sunday 1:30-3:30 PM Annual Yom Hashoah Program Holli Levitsky, Ph.D. "*Creating New Witnesses to the Holocaust: Teaching the Holocaust Locally, Globally and Virtually*". Dr. Levitsky will talk on how the Holocaust was experienced in the Jewish Catskills vacation areas and why she wrote a book about it; why the Shoah continues to be so important, and how the Shoah is being made relevant to the next generations. Co-editor of: *Summer Haven: The Catskills, the Holocaust, and the Literary Imagination*. There will be a book purchasing opportunity. Dr. Levitsky is the Director of Jewish Studies Program at Loyola Marymount University. Her research and scholarship focus on Holocaust representation and questions of (Jewish) identity, especially as it relates to exile and displacement.

June 5, Sunday 1:30-3:30 PM Program Speaker: Geoff Rasmussen
Exploring Legacy Family Tree Software

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 meeting date to be announced

October 16 Sunday 1:30-3:30 pm Speaker: Judy Russell, "The Legal Genealogist". Topic TBA. JGSCV's 11th Anniversary

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

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