VENTURING INTO OUR PAST
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE CONEJO VALLEY
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PRESIDENT’S LETTER
This is a combined August-September newsletter due to having our meeting late in August following the IAJGS Conference and not holding a meeting in September due to all the Jewish holidays. Therefore, this longer than normal newsletter will cover our July program of Genealogy in the Round and the IAJGS International Conference in Warsaw held in August.

Mazel tov! to JGSCV and especially our excellent newsletter editor as JGSCV was awarded the 2018 IAJGS Outstanding Publication (newsletter) at the IAJGS Conference in Warsaw during the banquet on August 9. JGSCV’s newsletter, Venturing Into Our Past is a remarkable society publication as it comes out monthly 12-18 pages, with review of our past program, genealogical news and other items. Originally designed and created by JGSCV founding board member Werner Frank, Allan Linderman has been the newsletter editor since June of 2009 and has done a remarkable job. Our newsletter is sent out to other genealogical societies, both Jewish and non-Jewish and shared with all synagogues in our area along with over 80 other organizations each month. Some smaller societies who do not have a newsletter share our newsletter with their members.

Thank you to Marion Werle who facilitated the schmoozing corner for our July program, Genealogy in the Round. In addition to the seven participants who shared their successes and brick walls, JGSCV’s webmaster David Oseas, presented a longer genealogical hint on Finding Naturalization Images on Family Search. David has posted his slides to the JGSCV website under meetings-prior and the July 15th date. To read the Highlights of the presentations...
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.

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as well as David’s genealogical hint see page 6.

Andrea Massion and Judy Karta are organizing the JGSCV showcase at the Agoura Hills Library for November when we celebrate International Jewish Genealogy Month. Please contact them with any genealogical documents or artifacts you might like to display. At the July meeting Andrea also presented a genealogical “a-ha” moment that re-energized her family history research. You are invited to describe your “a-ha” experience in up to 300 words with photos or documents, if you have them. See page 3 for more information and contact Andrea at Andrea@jgscv.org or Judy at Judy@jgscv.org. Please participate.

JGSCV is a member of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) which recently changed to an electronic vote process. See page 20 for the results.

I am blown away...JGSCV had 19 members and family attend the 2018 IAJGS Conference on Jewish Genealogy in Warsaw, Poland on August 5-10, 2018. This is the largest group we have had attend any of the IAJGS conferences. To learn more about the conference see the Highlights starting on page 13. If you were not able to attend the conference you can still see and hear 40 of the sessions by subscribing to On-Demand. See: http://www.iajgs2018.org/on-demand_about.cfm

Hal Bookbinder’s excellent series on Practicing Safe Computing continues on page 12. This time the topic is Google Search Tips.

The JGSCV Board appointed the 2018 Nominations Committee for board positions. Chairperson is Sonia Hoffman, Israel Perel is the board representative and Marion Werle is the general member. In August, Sonia will be contacting all eligible members to gauge their interested in serving on the board. Currently, we have 10 board members and our bylaws permit us to have up to 12. Five of the board members’ terms are up the end of the year—four have indicated they wish to stay on the board. This should not dissuade anyone from applying as we have room for 3 more. An application is on the website located at: www.jgscv.org under “About JGSCV” scroll down to “become a board member” and on the “Contact Us” page. Deadline for submitting the application is September 9. We hold board meetings 4-5 times a year immediately following our regular meeting except for the most critical meeting which is our annual budget and planning meeting, held in late January. If you have any questions about serving on the board contact Sonia at Sonia@jgscv.org.

Our August 26 meeting will be members who attended the IAJGS conference in Warsaw talking about their visits to ancestral towns, sites in Poland and other countries and highlights of the conference. If you were not able to attend the conference, this is the way to “live” it from your genealogical friends’ perspective. Looking forward to seeing on August 26!

On behalf of the JGSCV Board of Directors, have a very happy, healthy and safe New Year, L'Shanah Tova!

Jan Meisels Allen
Contribute With Your A-Ha Moment PLEASE!

Judy Karta and Andrea Massion request your favorite a-ha genealogical moment for a display at the Agoura Hills Library. JGSCV has been presented an opportunity to use the lobby display case in honor of International Jewish Genealogy Month (Oct.-Nov.) with a November display. What genealogic discovery or moment will you share? What moment sparked for you? What part of Genealogy do you really enjoy? Write a paragraph, or we’ll assist you to write a super one. Email it to judy@jgscv.org or andrea@jgscv.org or to both. Questions? Write and we’ll respond. Deadline is October meeting.

DNA Tests Offered to Reunite Families at the Border

“By expanding our DNA Quest pro bono project to include families separated by the current U.S. border crisis, we hope to use the power of DNA testing yet again to do good, and to reunite parents and children who might otherwise never see one another again,” announced Gilad Japhet, Founder and CEO of MyHeritage back in June. Another big player in the genealogy and DNA space, 23&Me, has also said they will be happy to offer their services, though they have not yet specified what steps they will take. https://tinyurl.com/ya5mslmv

Jewish Genealogy in East Prussia and the Baltic States

Beginning August 3 - August 26, 2018, Nancy Holden and the Education Team at Jewishgen.org is offering a research class with focus on Jewish Genealogical research in East Prussia and the Baltic States. This course will focus on the modern countries of Lithuania (Kaunas), Latvia, Estonia and the western part of East Prussia that borders the Baltic Sea. If your ancestral roots were in East Prussia, Northern Poland, Western Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia this class may help you overcome brick walls in your research. We will work at records still in existence for these areas. JewishGen education classes are private, open for your posts 24/7. You post your family information and the instructor will help you set objectives to find the solutions for finding missing data. Tuition for this class is $125. for three weeks of instruction.

A Bevy of Beider Research

The prolific author and statistician Alexander Beider, has a number of articles on the Forward.com website about Jewish surnames, names from Jewish communities and the history of names. Find them here at https://tinyurl.com/y9lfdxkl

Digital VS. Paper: Substantiating Our Gen Research

How we save, archive or reference our research has changed 100-fold in the last 10 years alone. Perhaps it all comes down to personal preference. Keep in mind, though, that the inheritors of your research will be tech-savvy and less likely to see paper as their friend. Here’s another of many articles on organizing your genealogy cachet at https://www.familytreemagazine.com/premium/end-the-genealogy-paper-trail/.

Submit your genealogical a-Ha moment for our Agoura Hills Library Display to judy@jgscv.org or andrea@jgscv.org. Start with, “I discovered . . . “, or “We were searching . . .”, or “I met . . .” or, “There it was . . “, or “The telephone rang . . .” AND IT WAS EXCITING!
Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County* (JGSCV) (*and surrounding areas)

The Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County (JGSCV) will hold a general meeting, co-sponsored with Temple Adat Elohim on Sunday, August 26, 2018 at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, 91362 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The Program:
IAJGS Conference Highlights
Visits to Ancestral Towns
And More!

JGSCV members and friends will relate their experiences visiting their Eastern European ancestral towns and what they learned, archives visited, friends they made and more!

In addition highlights from the IAJGS first conference in Eastern Europe will be discussed.

Come and enjoy!

There is no charge to attend the meeting. Anyone may join JGSCV. Annual dues are $25 for an individual and $30 for a family.
It’s been more than a year since JGSCV first announced the need for a traveling library librarian. **We still need a traveling library librarian.** This entails bringing 3-5 boxes of books from Jan’s home in Agoura Hills to Temple Adat Elohim for the monthly JGSCV meetings. With board approval, the books may be stored at the librarian’s home. The traveling librarian would not be responsible for watching the books at the meeting. If you are interested in this position, please contact Jan Meisels Allen at president@jgscv.org. This is not a board of director’s position, and therefore no board meeting requirements.

**The Schmoozing Corner** awaits your questions on the right side at the front of the meeting room beginning at 1:00 PM. At right, Marion Werle leads at the last meeting.

If you have a genealogical “a-Ha” you’d like to share, please contact Judy Karta at judy@jgscv.org or Andrea Massion at andrea@jgscv.org to easily place it in our display case at the Agoura Hills Library in November. Also, consider contacting Andrea or Judy about a document, postcard, ritual object, etc. that has a genealogy story behind it if you would like to have it safely displayed in November.

See “Noteworthy” on the [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org) website for instructions on how to help JGSCV by participating in Ralphs Community Contribution Program. AND, if you shop at Food 4 Less and use your Ralph’s card, JGSCV will benefit as though you shopped at Ralph’s. Remember to reregister starting September 1-not before ! See page 22.

Recently, Marion Werle offered information about her family as part of her presentation: “Ferreting Out Family Stories”. Marion has uncovered even more insights about those family members.

When shopping at Amazon.com please go to our website first and click the Amazon logo at the bottom of any page **before** you start to shop. It doesn’t cost you anything and JGSCV receives a marketing fee.

Barbara Algaze will no longer be at the Family History Center due to family health reasons. We do not how long this will be, and if/when she returns we will let you know.
Highlights from **Genealogy In The Round**

*By Jan Meisels Allen*

JGSCV’s annual Genealogy in the Round was a rousing success! We had 7 presenters – members and friends plus an extended genealogical hint. DNA played a major role in a number of the presentations. Also brick walls, finding a rare book with information on the members’ father’s Polish regiment during World War II and good old genealogical research. Welcome to last month’s “Genealogy in the Round”.

Each year’s Genealogy in the Round is a members’ program for sharing a genealogical success, failure, brickwall or artifact. I am always concerned that we won’t have enough volunteers for the meeting, yet every year we have more than enough consistently making this program one of the best. This year was no exception! This program is always excellent and continues to get better annually.

The following are the summaries of the presentations:

**David Oseas - Genealogical Hint**: Finding Naturalization Images on Family Search

The topic of finding unindexed images on Family Search was first mentioned by Marion Werle in her presentation last May on “Ferreting Out Family Stories”. (See Marion’s follow up on page XX.) The topic of finding unindexed images is one that truly deserves a full program, but with limited time David did a remarkable job explaining how the technique can be used for any image on FamilySearch.

Last year FamilySearch ceased loaning microfilms as they had been digitizing their collection. By the end of April 2018 they had 2 billion digitized images in the collection and by 2021 they expect to have 3 billion; adding 300,000 images a year. FamilySearch admits that 77 percent of the historical records on their website are not able to be found by searching! That is a lot of information that you may want to access and David’s methodology is the way to find these elusive records. Volunteers perform the indexing of the images and currently there are one billion records waiting to be indexed. It will take from four years to 17.5 years to complete indexing the unindexed records. FamilySearch has a video on Finding Elusive Records which may be viewed at: [https://tinyurl.com/yayxxdah](https://tinyurl.com/yayxxdah).

David used an example of a naturalization – where the man could have lived in Brooklyn (Kings County) but be naturalized in New York County (Manhattan). From the index card on New York naturalizations, David did a search for corresponding collections using as few words as possible. A search operator looks at each word and could get confused by the multiple names for the same county/locality. For example, if one is looking at the New York City Borough (county) of Richmond it might be better to use Staten Island as Richmond might return results for Richmond Virginia or other Richmonds.

Another suggestion had to do with searching for the court. For example, New York Superior Court or New York Supreme Court. If the results have too many words, start to add words to further refine the results.

As you are looking at images from a microfilm they will appear in a long string. You need to navigate within the digital images to locate the desired item. David showed how to find the image number and page number and suggested finding the number of...
images in a set. For example a single document may have several pages, each page being an image. You will have to make an educated guess as to which image is the one you are seeking.

David also showed several examples of naturalization index cards each with different amounts of information. One card had only had name and number while another had name, address, date of birth, date of admission, date of certification and the court name, petition number, alien registration number and signature.

David indicated he would make his slide presentation into a handout and it is posted to the JGSCV website under Meetings, -prior meetings- with the July 15 date.

Paula Poll - On DNA Finding a New Cousin
Paula Poll shared a DNA story about family secrets that can come out of DNA testing. Paula was contacted by someone who is a DNA match. The person was adopted at birth and was searching for their birth parents. Based upon the information given and the matching DNA it is likely this person is related. The circumstances of the birth must have been very painful because of the need to give the child up for adoption. There are two critical issues in this case—the birth parents’ right to privacy and the adoptee’s right to understand the circumstances of their birth. Sometimes DNA results pose ethical issues that require careful deliberation in what information should/could be shared. To retain the privacy of both parties it has been decided not to share more of the information that was discussed at the meeting. The issue of Privacy and Genealogy: What are the Rules will be the topic of JGSCV's November 5 program with E. Randoll Schoenberg and Jan Meisels Allen.

Allan Linderman - Brick Wall
Allan said he was not presenting but begging! Allan showed a picture of part of his family tree showing his maternal grandparents, Sam Sonenreich and Bertha Plitt—the first generation that immigrated to the US. Sam died in the 1950’s his birth record is not available. Allan’s quandary is finding Bertha’s ships manifest—all in New York City. Bertha’s father Abraham Plitt died before they immigrated to the United States. Bertha immigrated with her mother Rebecca Plitt. Allan has already looked at naturalization records which showed the grandmother was from Chernowitz and the grandfather from Bukovina while the grandfather’s ship’s manifest shows he was from Wishnitz.

Allan asked for help in finding Bertha’s ships manifest and many suggested he look at other ports of entry, not just New York City, including Canadian entries to the United States. Other suggestions included different spellings of Bertha and Rebecca’s names to ones more akin to the European or Jewish names, such as Rivka, Rochel, Basha, Blima etc.

Ellie Quarress - Discovering Her Mother's Four Brothers Through DNA
Ellie thanked her friend Helene Rosen, VP Membership for JGSCV, for getting her records. Ellie’s mother died and had never mentioned that she had four brothers—Ellie’s uncles. Ellie’s parents were estranged when she was a child and were estranged from her father’s family as a result. Ellie was “hungry” for family. She knew her mother had one sister—Sarah. Sarah married in Poland
and had a child. They did not immigrate when Ellie’s mother and parents came to the United States in 1933.

After she sent her DNA sample to Ancestry, she found entrance papers to the United States listing her grandmother, her mother and two siblings—Henry and Lewis. Ellie thought it was a mistake as her mother never mentioned she had any brothers. Through DNA match on Ancestry she contacted the person who was listed as a potential cousin and mentioned she had lost contact with the family. Some names were pitched and received a positive response—this person Michael—had some information: Ellie’s mother’s only sister that she knew about - Sarah - was murdered in a concentration camp. Michael put her in touch with both his mother and grandmother who would have more information.

This started to put the puzzle pieces together. She found that some used their middle names as their first names—not an unusual occurrence. Two names on the grandfather’s entrance papers were her mother’s full brothers. Evidently there was a first marriage and a son from that marriage. Michael’s mother, Robin, and the rest of the family all live in Massachusetts and other parts of the east coast. The most exciting news was that Michael’s mother Robin will be coming to California next week to meet Ellie. They are first cousins once removed. Another cousin is also coming for this first family reunion!

Sara Applebaum - A Soldiers Path

Sara talked about the book she wrote (and presented to JGSCV in 2011) Lost and Found: A Family Memoir. When the book was published she already knew her Dad served in a Polish unit of the Russian Army. He was temporarily blinded by a white phosphorus bomb, recovered, crossed the Vistula River in a critical battle and was among the soldiers who liberated Majdanek. But knowing and proving were two different things and Sara wanted the proof. It arrived years after the book was published.

Sara had written to both the U.S.S.R. military archives and Kyrgyzstan military archives—Kyrgyzstan is where Sara was born after her family fled from Poland, then Siberia during World War II. Neither archive responded. Sara obtained the name of a genealogist from Russia who gave her the name of a military website: Centralne Archiwum Wojskowe. Six weeks later, a large package arrived: her father’s official certification and his unit papers including the name of his unit: the 33rd Polish Regiment. Only the cover was in English.

The translation of the official certification for her father read: ABRAHAM Borczuk, son of Majer, born January 25, 1899 (she said the month was wrong—his birth month was October not January). “He performed military
under medical treatment, for a recurrence of malaria, in a military hospital for contagious diseases. They also informed Sara that his name was not found among the collected material of the 33rd regiment and that the Archive did not have complete evidence of former members of the Polish Army.

What made the official certification possible was the malaria that he was being treated for and the diligent doctor at the Military Hospital in Lublin that kept meticulous records. The records included records of everything her father brought with him and his daily temperature readings!

The letter said he was in the 33rd Regiment of the Polish Army—now Sara had a new search to undertake. She started by looking at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum photo archives and found at least some group photos of the soldiers in the Polish Berlin Army. Many Jewish prisoners that were in Kyrgyzstan signed up for the World War II Polish Army.

By looking in World Cat Sara found a rare book on the 33rd regiment—all in Polish. Only 6 libraries in the world had a copy of the book, including the Library of Congress in Washington DC. Through Interlibrary loan her local library was able to borrow the book—and Sara had to use it at the library only. She took photos of each of the 300 pages. The book had first person accounts and pictures of the 33rd regiment, maps and illustrations, including the troop’s daily schedule, just three days before her father was hospitalized. In that way, she knew where her father was and what he was doing on that very day.

Sara’s challenge was to translate all 300 pages! She used Google translate, on just a brief section. It is a challenge. The sentence structure is less than perfect, but it does give one the gist of what is being said.

Sara found others interested in the subject who will be attending the IAJGS Conference in Warsaw but unfortunately Sara will not be attending.

Although the PDF itself was too large a file to e-mail, Sara was still able to share the rare book by creating a pdf and then placing it on the CLOUD for others to access via a link. https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Sxb3H237XgjI0_6239SFY9tAMrI-JQ1Y Note: you must have a Google password to access.

Israel Perel - Finding New Cousins
Issie had his DNA tested by Ancestry and matched a Charles Lapin—not a name with which he was familiar. The test said he was a possible third-fourth cousin with an extremely high confidence level. He looked at his DNA matches for 23andMe and also found Charles Lapin listed as a possible second cousin sharing 1.65% DNA on 8 segments. Issie had no idea of the connection. No names on the tree matched his tree but the name FILER could be similar to Issie’s mother’s maiden name FILLER. His previous research revealed that translated spellings of family names varied so this was a possible clue.

Issie looked at the Declaration of Intent for Fannie Lapin and it said her immigration name was Faiga Fuller now Fannie Lapin. The 1909
manifest of arrival had Faiga Fuller or Feller, listing her closest relative in country of origin as her father Abraham Feller/Filler. It also stated that she was going to join her uncle Max Robinson in Portland, Maine. He looked at the 1910 US census and found Fenny Filler/Fenny Feller and Fanny Fuller listed as a boarder in the home of Max Robinson. Max Robinson is a documented cousin in Issie’s family.

Charles Lapin had a photograph of his grandmother Fanny/Feige and his tree showed that she married someone named Samuel LAPPIN. Her marriage certificate listed Israel LAPIDUS as her spouse. Now, are LAPIDUS and LAPIN the same family name? Charles told Issie that his paternal grandfather had shortened the family name from LAPIDUS to LAPIN. The photograph of the headstone of Sam Lapin reads in Hebrew: Israel son of Yechiel. This confirmed that Sam Lapin and Israel Lapidus was the same person.

So how are Issie and Charles related? The research using family trees, a naturalization petition, ship manifests, census records and grave markers showed that Issie’s mother Helen Filler and Charles Lapin’s paternal grandmother Feige/Fayga Filler were first cousins. After the research it turns out Charles Lapin is Issie’s second cousin once removed—both Ancestry and 23andMe had predicted Charles was Issie’s second or third cousin—very close to what the documentation proved.

**Helene Rosen - Serendipity**

Helene talked about her recent successes. Her first success was finding DNA matches on Ancestry. She found two second cousins—both males her age that she had on the family tree ever since her mother told her about them 40 plus years ago but she thought the branches were lost. She made other discoveries by going on Ancestry and looking at other people’s trees that had the same names as those on her tree—and found that some of these people had copied her names to their trees!

Helene updated her discovery from last year where she found a new cousin who had contacted her when she was away at the IAJGS Seattle conference. He contacted her again after the conference as he thought they were related. As it turned out his tree had every branch except Helene’s and Helene’s tree had every family branch except his! She and her cousin met in person and also became Facebook friends. He and his husband were featured in a documentary, *An Ordinary Couple*, and when they held the Los Angeles premiere at the Episcopal Church in Beverly Hills she decided to attend. The cousin upgraded her tickets to VIP status which was an unexpected surprise. The gist of the film was that the cousin and his husband built a mausoleum for themselves at Hollywood Forever Cemetery and held their funeral—a party of sorts—before they died. They wanted to attend it themselves! At this time no one is buried in the mausoleum except the cat.

As Helene sat in the beautiful church, gazed around at the well-dressed audience, and listened to a special performance by the Los Angeles Gay Men’s Choir, she could only think of the word serendipity to describe all the circumstances that brought her to this event and that you never know what surprises lie ahead in the world of genealogy.

**Pat Fuller – Have I Found One of the Long-Lost Kaplits Sisters?**

Pat explained that she needed the group’s help in determining whether she found one of the long-lost KAPLITS sisters. She presented evidence to prove her case.

First the name KAPLITS is a very uncommon name.
The original spelling in Lithuania was KAPLITS. However, brothers changed it to: KAPLITZ, CAPLITZ and CAPLETS. Two brothers changed their name to Rosenberg. They spread out around the United States and one went to Israel. Family lore says three of the sisters may have returned to Lithuania or went to South Africa—a total of 8 siblings born to Aron Shimon KAPLITS and his wife Chaya Leah.

Pat found one record for each of the two missing sisters: Basa and Khana Ester known as Annie. Both were found on different Lithuanian revision lists (census record: 1874 and 1858 from Ukmerge in the Kaunas Gubernia). The third missing sister was Dvoire.

Pat took an Ancestry DNA test and received her ancestry matches several months ago. She looked at her closest matches and looked for the ones that had trees posted. She found a CAPLITZ tree and contacted the person. The match she focused on was J.K. (Judy Krieger) managed by Dean Willows which predicted they were possibly 4th - 6th cousins with a 99% confidence level. The amount of shared DNA was 48 centiMorgans (cMs) across seven DNA segments.

Pat then uploaded her DNA to GEDMatch along with her matches to Judy Krieger, and those to her other known cousins. The GEDMatch chart shows the relationship by cMs to each person. Pat’s sister Beth being her sibling has the most cMS at 2610.

Missing sister Dvoire Ginde (Dora) KAPLITS Krieger was born in Lithuania in 1861 and died in Sharon, PA in 1926. She married Aharon Arthur Krieger in Lithuania and they had four sons and three daughters. She immigrated to the United States in 1905. Dora KAPLITS Krieger was Judy Krieger’s great grandmother. The hypothesis Pat wants to prove is if Dora were a daughter of Pat’s great grandfather then Judy would be her 3rd cousin once removed which is close to the 4th cousin presumed by the DNA test.

Pat knew she had Pittsburgh KAPLITS relatives on several branches of the tree and Dora Krieger lived in Sharon PA about 60 miles NW of Pittsburgh. Through further research Pat found that Dora had two sons living in Pittsburgh and they later moved to Sharon PA. Some of Pat’s research found two Ohio marriage records for Dora’s daughter Esther – but one record shows the bride’s mother as Dora CAPLITZ and the second as Dora Rosenberg. She further found evidence on the Social Security Applications and Claims Index for Cecilia Helen Krieger whose parents were Aaron Krieger and Dora Rosenberg. Dora’s death certificate from 1926 says her father’s name was Simon CAPLITZ.

On her tree, Pat entered Dora Kaplits Krieger as if she were her long lost great grand aunt Dvoire.

Her question to the group was: Did her research prove that she had found one of the long lost KAPLITS sisters? The group unanimously agreed that Pat had found the missing great grand aunt Dvoire!

One of the questions from the audience was about “once removed”. This is due to generational differences. The removal of the cousin relationship is the number of generations the cousins are apart. When the cousins are separated by a different number of generations from the most recent common ancestor, the cousin relationship is removed. The difference between the numbers of generations for each cousin is the removal. Two people can be “removed “, but be around the same age due to differences in birth dates of parents, children and other relevant ancestors.

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Practicing Safe Computing: “Google Search Tips and Techniques”

by Hal Bookbinder (#35 in an ongoing series)

Google is the primary way virtually all of us routinely search the internet. My students feel that they have performed their research by simply doing a Google search. As genealogists we seek confirmation of information we find. Here are a few tips to make you a more powerful Google user (most work for other search engines as well).

Add symbols and special words to your search, such as

- (minus sign) to exclude a word from your search (must be immediately before the word)
“ “ (quotation marks) around a phrase to return that exact phrase
define to look up the meaning of a word
image to display images related to the search word(s)
map xxx to display a map of the location. You can then take a closer or farther away look
OR to indicate that you want pages with either word or phrase (must be capitalized)
related:xxx.com to search related sites to xxx.com
site:xxx.com to search only in that domain
to convert currencies enter something like “200 zlotys to dollars”
translate to convert a phrase from one language to another
weather to look up the current and forecast for a location

Want to learn more? Search “Google Tips”. But, be aware that Google periodically changes these features. For example, they used to allow wild cards within words but do not do so now. Some tip sites are out of date. I prefer ones published in the past year.

OR is a powerful tool to speed research. Say you are searching for Joseph Bookbinder but it may be spelled Buchbinder, you could search for “Joseph Bookbinder” OR “Joseph Buchbinder” and do this in one search rather than two. Remember, you must capitalize the OR.

The minus (-) function can be used to narrow your search. One of the families I am researching is Barenberg. There are lots of pages on Russ Barenberg, a guitarist. When I want to exclude these pages, I search Barenberg -Russ (note that Russ immediately follows the minus sign with no intervening blanks).

I have found the map function to be particularly useful. In preparing for my trip to the Warsaw Conference and associated travel in Poland and Ukraine I used this tool regularly to understand the proximity of a location to others as well as to check out a town’s street layout. One can easily move the map, hone in for a closer view and back up for a wider one. I printed several for use during the trip.

A final tip is to use Google to track your packages. Simply type in the FedEx, USPS or UPS tracking number and this will retrieve the package’s history and current location. No need to enter the company. If you don’t find what you want, consider another search engine like Bing or Yahoo!. Features are similar to Google but they can scan the Internet and present findings differently. They may find something that Google did not, or return it on one of the first pages rather than many more pages down. To learn more, search for “BING tips” or “Yahoo tips.”

This is the thirty fifth in a series of articles by JGSCV founding member Hal Bookbinder. Hal is also a Past President of JGSLA and IAJGS. He is the 2010 recipient of the IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award and his online skills are well documented. All the Safe Computing articles by Hal Bookbinder are available on the JGSCV website www.jgscv.org under Noteworthy.
Highlights from 38th IAJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY
WARSAW, POLAND

By Jan Meisels Allen

Awards
I am writing this out of sequence because at the annual banquet, JGSCV was awarded the Outstanding Publication award. I am absolutely delighted and exceptionally proud. Hearty congratulations to Allan Linderman, JGSCV’s outstanding editor and all who work on the monthly electronic newsletter originally designed and created by JGSCV founding board member, Werner Frank.

The certificate (right) reads:

IAJGS Outstanding Publication Award 2018/5778

Venturing Into Our Past

Published by the Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County

This year we bestow the IAJGS Outstanding Publication Award to Venturing into Our Past, the electronic monthly newsletter of the Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County. As such, we recognize Allan Linderman, the JGSCV newsletter editor, and the society’s president, Jan Meisels Allen. The newsletter includes materials that span a variety of areas that are of interest to Jewish genealogists: original articles by members, photographs, the society’s program and local information, and occasionally information that may have been published elsewhere. It is e-mailed to members, former meeting attendees, interested parties and other JGSs, and worldwide non-Jewish organizations. Venturing into Our Past is a model for other JGS publications.

Other award winners include:

Outstanding Project: CSI Crowd Sourced Indexing, Banai Feldstein- For creating a website that allows anyone with internet access to participate in indexing a database without downloading files.

Volunteer of the Year: Carol Hoffman (Israel)- For leadership and dedication in the worlds of Israeli Jewish Genealogy and Lithuanian research.

Volunteer of the Year (yes there two) Max Heffler (Texas)- For his ongoing commitment to advancing the research of Jewish genealogy.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Mark Halpern (Philadelphia, PA)- For his many years of service to Jewish genealogy.

The Rabbi Malcom Stern Grant was awarded to the Litvak SIG for the Vilna Household Register Books. The John Stedman Memorial Fund grant was awarded to Reclaim the Records for the indexing of the New York City Birth and Death Records.

August 2018

VENTURING INTO OUR PAST
The IAJGS conference met for the first time in Eastern Europe: Warsaw, Poland. It was an excellent conference! A year ago IAJGS did not know if a conference was possible as the then chair had to step down for health reasons—he is fine now—but a new conference chair had to be found. Mazel tov to Robinn Magid for the outstanding job she did in one year and the excellent result for a fantastic conference! The conference was co-hosted by the POLIN Museum, Jewish Historical Institute and in association with the Polish State Archives. An app including an electronic daily planner provided easy access to the program and more. Nineteen JGSCV members and family members attended the conference and four of our members were presenters: Jan Meisels Allen, Debra Kay-Blatt, Warren Blatt, and Hal Bookbinder.

Including On Demand! subscribers (due to time zone differences some of the sessions were recorded but access was not live as in the past), speakers, attendees, technical crew and exhibitors there were approximately 950 people in attendance from 30 countries! Over 40 hours On Demand! are available if you missed the conference or could not attend multiple sessions at the same time. The cost for the full package is $179 for conference attendees and $209 for non-registrants. On Demand! is available until the next conference (July 2019). For more information go to: http://www.iajgs2018.org/on-demand_about.cfm. The lectures included in “IAJGS ON-DEMAND!” are noted on the program by the prefix “OnDe!” in the session title. You can easily see all of them by doing a keyword search with that string. To see the list of programs go to: http://www.iajgs2018.org/program_schedule.cfm.

The opening plenary session included a welcome address by several special guests including Michael Schudrich, the Chief Rabbi of Poland; Professor Antony Polonsky the conference scholar-in-residence; and a welcome to Warsaw with special remarks by Mr. Marian Turski, Chairman of the Board of the POLIN Museum, who is a Shoah survivor and citizen of Warsaw himself. The executive director of the Polish State Archives, Wojciech Woźniak also welcomed the attendees. The session concluded with a dramatic performance about Chelm Stories by Witold Dabrowski from Grodzka Gate - Theatre NN Centre from Lublin, Poland called "Stories of the Night". The performance was in Polish with English translation projected on a screen accompanied by a Klezmer musician.

On Sunday, there was a SHARE Fair, for SIGS, BOFs, JGSs, archives and repositories, providing an opportunity for attendees to spend time at different tables to learn and mingle! The fair gave conference participants the opportunity to talk with representatives of the organizations and to become acquainted with these organizations and what they offer to genealogists.

IAJGS Annual Meeting

This year was the first time under the by-laws adopted at the 2017 Annual Meeting that the election was held electronically before the conference. See page 20 for the election results. IAJGS Board members are elected for two-year terms. For the even-numbered years it’s the directors and the odd-numbered years it’s the officers who are elected.

Items discussed at the Annual Session

Membership grew to an all-time high thanks to IAJGS Board member Nolan Altman who is responsible for membership on the board of directors. Currently there are 83 Jewish Genealogical Societies and Jewish Historical Societies worldwide which are members of IAJGS. In 2009, there were only 67 members! This year there are eight new members: Western Massachusetts; Mercer County (NJ) at Temple Beth El; Greater Kansas City JGS; Capital Region JGS (Albany area-NY), JGS of Northeastern Indiana JGS (Ft, Wayne, IN), Western North Carolina (Ashville, NC), Socieded de Genealogia Judaica de Rio de Janerio, (Rio de Janerio, Brazil), and two...
new associate (non-voting members): Tiszafüredi Menőra Nyilt Alapítvány (Hungary) and My Heritage. In addition, Nolan is in touch with 15 potential societies within the United States and 9 internationally.

The major concern discussed was the monetary loss from the 2017 conference (Orlando). The attendance was less than projected which has been determined as the cause of the financial loss.

This followed the loss from the 2015 Israeli conference. The 2016 conference in Seattle made money. It is anticipated that the Warsaw conference will also run a deficit. IAJGS is looking at a new model for fundraising to help conferences. IAJGS relies on making money when the conferences are held within the United States in order to hold conferences outside the United States which are known to lose revenues.

IAJGS President Ken Bravo made an outreach to societies to agree to have conferences held in their cities. Under the existing model, IAJGS runs the conference and is responsible for the finances and therefore a JGS is not responsible if there is an economic loss. Several JGS presidents expressed interest and would talk to their boards about the possibility of an IAJGS conferences in their cities.

Next year’s conference will be held in Cleveland, Ohio July 28-August 2, 2019.

Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimlett –JGSLA Pamela Weisberger Memorial Lecture
An outstanding program was sponsored by our sister society, JGS Los Angeles. *Meet the Family: A Journey of a Thousand Years at POLIN Museum* was given by the curator of the exhibit, Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimlett who was born in Canada to Polish Jews. She began interviewing her family and others in 1967. Kirshenblatt-Gimlett had curated other museums before POLIN, and specializes in Eastern European Jewry.

The Holocaust killed 90 percent of Poland’s pre-war Jewish population of 3.3 million people. Poland had been the largest Jewish community in the world and was now the smallest. Lost were hundreds of thousands of tombstones in over 1,000 Jewish cemeteries. The 1,000 years of continuous Jewish presence was essentially gone. It was important to understand the thousand year history of Polish Jews in order to focus on the Holocaust. The Museum began as an idea in 1993 and the project to develop the Museum started in 1996. The core exhibit is divided into 7 historical periods beginning in the 10th century to the current time.

When it opened in 2014 visitors were 70% Polish and 30% other European. Each year the number of visitor numbers increases. Today visits are about 50% Polish-50% Other European. With the increase in Israeli visitors, the number of Israeli guides has grown to 400. Visitor demographics are across all lines. School groups come voluntarily. To date there have been 2.5 million visits.

The POLIN Museum has received many European Museum awards: European Museum of the Year 2016, European Museum Academy Prize 2016, and Best in Heritage of Education.

The Kirshenblatt-Gimblett’s lecture covered how a forty-year conversation with her father about growing up in Opatów before the Holocaust prepared her to serve as Chief Curator of the core exhibition at POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews. (POLIN means ‘here you should rest’.) This thousand-year history is a story of how families and descendants may well find their ancestors in the exhibition: Piotr Wislicki’s grandfather was an MP in the Polish Sejm during the interwar years; Sylvain Cappell’s great grandfather Rabbi Dov Berush Meisels supported struggles for Polish independence during the 19th century; Elizabeth Rynecki is documenting the paintings of her great grandfather Moshe Rynecki; Gary Breitbart is dedicated to the legacy of his great granduncle, the Jewish strongman Zishe Breitbart; and David Mazower treasures the literary legacy of his controversial grandfather Sholem Asch. This talk provided a behind-the-scenes tour of POLIN Museum’s core exhibition from a family history perspective.
Pamela Weisberger was the program vice president of JGSLA for over a decade before her sudden and unexpected death three years ago. We were privileged to have her son Michael come from Los Angeles to attend this special program which was attended by over 500 people-standing room only!

Those JGSCV members who attended stayed for our group photo. See page 23.

Many of the attendees visited the POLIN Museum and it is an outstanding experience. If anyone visits Warsaw this is a must see!

JewishGen (www.jewishgen.org) Avraham Groll, director, JewishGen, said that JewishGen had over 1,000 volunteers active in the past year. The JewishGen Volunteer of the Year for 2018 is Yefim Kogan who is the leader of the 2018 Bessarabia Interest Group.

Avrami (Avraham’s nickname) mentioned the partners that JewishGen developed over the past year:

1. Miriam Weiner Routes to Roots Collection is being added to the JewishGen website. A link has been placed on its home page (www.jewishgen.org). Already online are Belarus and Bessarabia, 15,000 Holocaust records, names list for variations of Poland and Ukraine, maps and books. Databases and community pages and kehila links are being added on an ongoing basis. JewishGen will also be digitizing both of Weiner’s books: Jewish Roots in Poland (a copy of which is in JGSCV’s permanent library) and Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldava (which is out of print and JGSCV would love to have a copy donated to our permanent library).

2. Israel Genealogical Research Association (IGRA) and Jewish Gen have a strategic partnership. Through this arrangement one may search the IGRA website and access their data bases on JewishGen and vice versa. Through the central panel one can search over 1,250,000 records. This is a model for other societies and JewishGen to partner together. This will be available to search starting this fall.

3. Jewish Galicia and Bukovina Organization cemeteries are on JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Records (JOWBR). There are 10,000 records that will be added the next time JOWBR will be updated. Researchers will be able to visit virtually and see gravestones in the cemetery!

4. Gesher Galicia - Last year, JewishGen announced ignition and signature grants to be awarded in support of the inception and/or completion of Jewish genealogy projects that expand records available to family historians. The first such grant was awarded to Gesher Galicia which is an independent special interest group. The award was for 8,500 records of the Holocaust and Nowy Sacz and Rzeszow. It is expected these records will be online in 2019.

5. Museum of the Jewish People at Beit Hatfutsot (https://www.bh.org.il/) has a collection of family trees and the new agreement is one that permits one to search the JewishGen Family Tree of the Jewish People (FTJP) (https://tinyurl.com/ybluqhek) and simultaneously search Beit Hatfutsot family trees and vice versa.

Yizkor Books

Yizkor Books are remembrances of towns by survivors of the Shoah and former residents of the towns. Over the past year JewishGen volunteers added 18 complete translations. There are 152 Yizkor Books completed online. JewishGen has printed 70 of the translations of which 6,400 copies of the translations have been distributed. In addition to translating the books into English, some of the books have been translated into Yiddish and Hebrew.

Necrology Index

The necrology index, the list of those who died in the Shoah and are mentioned in the Yizkor Books total
of 381,000 names for 400 plus necrologies.
Kehila Links
There are nearly 1,000 kehila pages online.

Education
The JewishGen Education program consists of 125 courses that have been given. There were 4,000 students that took the courses. New courses being offered include Galician-Belorussian and East Prussian and Baltic Nations. Nancy Holden from Los Angeles develops and gives the courses.

The education program will be adding webinars, video tutorials and new software.

Viewmate
Viewmate ([https://www.jewishgen.org/ViewMate/](https://www.jewishgen.org/ViewMate/)) is the JewishGen service where one can upload a document for assistance in translation. Once it is uploaded and accepted the person who uploaded posts about it on various discussion groups asking volunteers to help them translate.

This year there were 6,400 submissions with 1,000 participants and 6,900 responses—some postings may receive multiple replies.

Other JewishGen Items Reported
The Jewish Genealogy Portal ([https://www.jewishgen.org/ViewMate/](https://www.jewishgen.org/ViewMate/)) has 27,000 members on Facebook.

There will be a replacement for the JewishGen Discussion Group expected before the next IAJGS conference. This is exciting news as the replacement will allow for rich text/html and we no longer have to post in plain text! The new program will also permit for non-Latin characters and accented characters.

JewishGen in conjunction with IAJGS is helping create and sustain Jewish Genealogical Societies by using their extensive database of subscribers to help new and existing societies grow and increase membership.

Record Collections

Avrami mentioned multiple record collections. The following is just a sample of what JewishGen is adding to the website:

- **JewishGen Family Finder**
  - 110,000 researchers
  - 544,000 towns/surnames
  - 500,000 searches per year
  - 18,000 unique towns

- **JOWBR:**
  - 3.3 million records
  - 7,800 cemeteries
  - 128 countries

- **Memorial Synagogue Plaques:**
  - 178,000 records
  - 263 synagogues/visits
  - 11 countries

- Austria-Czech SIG added 500,000 birth, marriage and death records from Vienna nearly 875,000 in total.
- Belarus added 30,000 records—nearly 500,000 in total
- France added 22,000 records from the Alsace region
- Germany has new website interface and new webpage ([https://www.jewishgen.org/GerSIG/](https://www.jewishgen.org/GerSIG/))
- Hungarian-SIG has a new Slovakian project. They added 13,000 records from Maramaros and added 16,000 records
- Latvia added 900,000 birth records and 15,000 marriage records
- Litvak SIG added two million records
- Jewish Records Indexing –Poland ([www.JRI-Poland.org](http://www.JRI-Poland.org)) added 150,000 new records. Of the 7.4 million Polish records on JewishGen five million come from JRI Poland.
- Romania added Iasi marriage records
- Subcarpathia added 123 record books for 214,000 vital records
- Ukraine SIG added 20,000 lines of revisions lists (census) and the 1897 Odessa census
JGSCV’s own founding and board member Warren Blatt, JewishGen’s Managing Director discussed the technical aspects of moving databases from one older technology (FoxPro) to MySQL and SolR. JewishGen moved to the AWS (Amazon Cloud computing). He also discussed “Project Frosting” which is the name for the project for a JewishGen unified database, unified search engine and more.

Michael Tobias discussed the JewishGen unified search. He also reviewed some of the newer attributes, such as “save this as favorite search” where one can also remove a search and one can view this from their own profile.

Other exciting news included institutional logins from two places: Auschwitz Jewish Center in Poland and the Museum of Jewish Heritage – the parent of Jewish Gen in New York City.

Jewish Records Indexing-Poland

Robinn Magid gave the annual JRI-Poland report as Stanley Diamond was not permitted to travel due to health issues. JRI-Poland has 5.4 million records covering 550 towns formerly in Galicia, Poland and Germany. The Napoleonic records cover Congress-Poland, Russian records cover the Grodno Gubernia and Galician columnar records. The Prussian Civil registers are preprinted records. The Polish records run from 1826-1867 and the Russian era records begin in 1868.

Robinn discussed Phase III of the JRI-Poland process which started in 2016 which accesses records to research by extracting all genealogically-relevant information, not only the names, dates and location of the occurrence. One of the items mentioned was the linking of JRI-Poland search with Yiddish names which may include the grandfather’s name which are not included in the Russian or Polish documents. The Polish State Archives (PSA) undertook the digitization of records. As a result of the change in Polish privacy laws in 2015, marriage and death records are now available after 80 years, rather than the previous 100 years from date of occurrence. Birth records still have the 100-year embargo period. Local USC administrators may release the marriage and death records to the PSA up to 1937. Birth records are available up to 1917. However, if later years are included in the same book, nothing in the book may be released until years included in the book meet the privacy requirements.

In 2013, there was an agreement between JRI-Poland and the Polish State Archives which created a perfect opportunity to put full extracts of records on the website for 40/92 towns, approximately 200,000 records.

The priority of the PSA is to scan the most fragile books first, for repair and restoration and focus on national history. There are 2.4 million scans online from many branches, JRI-Poland is one of but a few organizations that is permitted to perform the scanning. A benefit of scanning is to see the record and find if there had been previous errors in interpretation of the handwriting for names etc.

JRI-Poland also has Family Tribute Pages for indexing towns. One can memorialize families and towns by stories and photos on the website. Of course a contribution to JRI-Poland would be required.

JRI-Poland is scanning records from Lodz. It was reported that there are 253,000 records to be extracted; 1871-1917 births, marriages and deaths and 1916-1937 marriages and deaths.

A JGSCV member added 300 names from gravestones for her town.

Other items mentioned included notarial records which were extracted but not added. Those who contribute may access them- best to talk to the town coordinator who is listed on the JRI-Poland website.

Robinn explained the difference between the data on JewishGen and JRI-Poland. JRI-Poland allowed their data to be displayed on Jewish Gen and JRI has different ways to look at the data. Jewish Gen has the all Poland database where the largest amount of data comes from JRI-Poland.

There are way too many other sessions to summarize here.
Ferreting Out Family Stories – A Postscript

By Marion Werle

My talk on “Ferreting out Family Stories,” given in May 2018 focused on a story about my brother-in-law’s great grandfather, Samuel Wilson, who, according to family story, had been a greengrocer from Ohio. The talk presented a methodology to research family stories and concluded that:

- No evidence has been found that Samuel ever lived in Ohio, although his father’s farm in Western Pennsylvania (between Independence and Hopewell Townships) was very close to Ohio
- Samuel’s documented occupations do not indicate that he was ever a greengrocer.

I reached these conclusions after months of research, and the last couple of months have provided an opportunity to delve deeper into Samuel’s life. Nothing I discovered has caused me to question my initial conclusion. But a new explanation came to light while tying up some loose ends writing up the Wilson family history. A combination of a marriage record and census records, confirmed by city directories, provides plausible origins for the story, although the grocer in Ohio was not Samuel.

Samuel had a sister named Mary, who married John Adamson, and one of her children, Thomas J. Adamson, had moved from Independence Township, Pennsylvania to Ohio. By 1910, he was living in Creston Village in Canaan Township, Ohio with his family, and by 1920 he was living about 20 miles away, in Barberton, Summit County, the latter of which is now part of the Akron metropolitan area. In 1910, his occupation was listed as a retail merchant in a grocery, working on his own account, and both of his sons, John and [James] Grant, were grocery clerks. In 1920 the census was taken earlier, on 7 January, shortly before son James’ marriage to Jean Coleman on 30 January. James listed his occupation on his marriage license application as “grocer.” The 1920 census of Barberton, Ohio shows that Thomas had become a coal merchant, but his sons were retail merchants in a grocery, both listed as employers.

The Akron city directories, which include a separate section for the town of Barberton, provide additional information. Barberton Cash Grocery at 681 Baird Avenue, owned by T.J. Adamson and J.H. McClelland, first appeared in the 1911 issue (note that city directories were typically compiled the prior year and issued for the current year). By 1913, the store had expanded to two locations, running under the name of J.M. Adamson Co. The 1916 directory shows that Thomas had left the business, which was now a single location called Adamson Brothers, located at the original Baird Avenue address. Both sons were in the military in 1917, and Thomas, perhaps because of the war effort, became the co-proprietor of Peoples Cash Coal Co. By 1920, the two sons had reestablished their grocery business under the Adamson Brothers name.

Thomas Adamson and his two sons (Samuel’s nephew and grand-nephews) are the closest people in Samuel’s extended family who fulfill both the residence and the occupation mistakenly attributed to Samuel. They are the most likely explanation for the “greengrocer in Ohio” story. By the time they had moved to Ohio, Samuel had passed away, but his widow, Cynthia and her sister Virginia, both living in California, were likely still in contact with relatives in Pennsylvania who kept them abreast of family news.

1 1910 U.S. Census, Wayne County, Ohio, population schedule, Creston Village, sheet 3B (penned), ED 158, dwelling 73, family 74, Thomas Adamson household; digital images, Ancestry.com (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 4 July 2018); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm T624, roll 1239.
During the IAJGS 2017 Annual Meeting held during the IAJGS conference in Orlando, Florida, the members voted to accept proposed bylaws amendments which included electronic voting for board members which occurs by mail before the annual meeting. According to the new bylaws, society presidents receive the Nominations Committee report 100 days before the Annual meeting and any additional people who wish to run for the board, and receive four member society voting representatives endorsement/signature on the appropriate form may be added to the ballot. Upon confirmation by the IAJGS Secretary, electronic ballots are provided to the society presidents at least 55 days before the annual meeting and the presidents must submit their vote at least 35 days from the date of distribution of the balloting materials. For the full process see the IAJGS Bylaws Article VI at http://iajgs.org/documents/IAJGS.Bylaws.2017.07.26.pdf

The first year this process was put in place was 2018. Being an even numbered year, the directors (6) positions were up for election. (Officers are elected in the odd-numbered years.) The Nominating Committee had 6 slots to fill and three existing board members elected not to run for another two-year term:

Quinton Atkinson, Daniel Horowitz and Binny Lewis. All three served with distinction and their guidance, devoted service and knowledge will be missed.

The six recommended by the Nominating Committee and who were elected for two-year terms are:

Nolan Altman  Jane Rosen Berenbeim
Crista Cowan  Shipley Munson
Sarina Roffe  Janette Silverman

JGSCV members should recognize at least two of the new members:

Crista Cowan—Corporate Genealogist, Ancestry.com and a popular speaker at JGSCV- and our 2018 December meeting speaker.

Janette Silverman—ProGenealogist (Ancestry affiliate) Senior Genealogist / Research Team Manager. Janette is also the Coordinator of the Ukraine SIG (JewishGen) and had spoken to JGSCV in March 2015 when she was with the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Sarina Roffe Is the founder and president of the Sephardic Heritage Project and the editor of DOROT, the JGS NY journal.

The returning IAJGS Board members are:
Nolan Altman—has served on the IAJGS Board of Directors since 2009 and is responsible for membership and membership development. He comes from JGS Long Island as a board member and past president and is the JewishGen Vice President for Data Acquisition.

Jane Rosen Berenbeim –has served on the IAJGS Board of Directors for two years and is the current Jewish Genealogical Society, Inc. (NYC) president and has served on their executive council for over 10 years.

Shipley Munson—has served on the IAJGS Board of Directors since 2014 and is the outreach director for FamilySearch International. He is the founder and manager of RootsTech.
### Future JGSCV Meeting Dates through August 2019

**Sunday at 1:30 p.m. OR Monday at 7:00 p.m.**

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#### Sunday, August 26 1:30-3:30 PM “Stories from Eastern Europe”
IAJGS Warsaw Conference Attendees Tell of the Conference and Visits to Ancestral Shtetls

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