PRESIDENT’S LETTER

JGSCV hosted its annual assisted research afternoon for members at the Los Angeles FamilySearch Library on Sunday, February 11. This is one of the many benefits of JGSCV membership as only current dues-paid members could attend. Those who attended had successful research experiences with assistance from senior JGSCV members, LDS Missionaries and other genealogists who gave up their Sunday to help us with our annual exclusive assisted research afternoon.

Barbara Algaze gave an excellent new talk, *Researching at the FamilySearch Library*. The talk focused on all the research you can do ONLY at the Family History Library, i.e. free access to: the subscription genealogical websites; the Jewish book collection; the microfilms we still have at the Los Angeles location; online microfilms that are only available at a FamilySearch facility computer as well as classes and society meetings that take place at the FamilySearch Library. And, we gained 2 new members who we look forward to seeing at future meetings. See page 6 for more information on the assisted research afternoon and Barbara’s presentation. The handout from her lecture is posted to the JGSCV website [www.JGSCV.org](http://www.JGSCV.org) under meetings, prior with the February 11 meeting date. Next year’s Annual Assisted Research Afternoon is already set for Sunday, February 10, 2019.

Our membership total is on par with last year. However, we have 43 members/33 memberships who have not yet renewed for 2018. According to March 2018
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our by-laws, dues for the current year are due by January 1st of each year and “Any member whose dues are in arrears for three months or more, after due notice from the Society, shall be dropped from membership in the society and all rights and privileges granted shall cease.” That means if we don’t receive your dues soon you will be dropped from membership. In March, I will personally be in touch with each person who has not renewed—not my favorite job as president. While our meetings are open to the public, we are a membership organization and have grown each year since our inception and we want YOU to renew. Your dues help us provide the excellent programming and research library with over 300 books and journals from around the world. Other membership benefits include the members-only emails with notification of specials—such as free opportunities with Ancestry, Fold3, MyHeritage, and other genealogical programs as well as information on new databases to help you with your research. You just don’t want to miss out. If you find value in our meetings, please support JGSCV by joining. A membership form is on page 13.

We continue with our Amazon affiliate program where you can shop ‘til you drop, by first going to our website, www.jgscv.org and clicking on the Amazon link before shopping like you normally would. You pay the same as you usually do and JGSCV gets a marketing fee. The other way members and non-members can help us is by shopping at Ralphs or Food for Less (owned by Ralphs) and registering JGSCV as your charity of choice on Ralphs website for the Ralphs Community Contribution Program. Directions are on the JGSCV website under “noteworthy”. If you need assistance in registering at Ralphs, ask our treasurer Karen Lewy at treasurer@jgscv.org

Hal Bookbinder’s next installment in his excellent monthly series on Practicing Safe Computing is Precautions while Traveling. See page 9.

We meet twice a year on Monday evenings to enable those who are not able to attend on Sunday afternoons. Our March 5 meeting 7:00-9:00 PM is one of those Monday evening meetings. The program is a documentary film, Jewish Soldiers in Blue and Gray. It is about the 10,000 Jews who fought in the Civil War on both sides of the battlefield. Having viewed the documentary this week, I can tell you it is excellent and as genealogists all love history, you will very much appreciate the excellence in covering this very interesting time for Jews in the United States. It covers such items as General Grant’s Order 11 resulting in the expulsion of all Jews in his military district, comprising areas of Tennessee, Mississippi, and Kentucky; the requirement for Congress to permit rabbis to be military clergy; President Lincoln’s acts on behalf of the Jewish population; the destruction of southern cities, including Charleston which at the time had the largest Jewish population in the United States and more. Narrators include Brandeis Professor Jonathan Sarna and actor Sam Waterson.

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday, March 5 at 7:00PM!

Jan Meisels Allen
Consumer DNA Testing in 2017

“More people took genetic ancestry tests last year than in all previous years combined,” writes Antonio Regalado on the website, Technology Review. Regalado suggests that 1 in 25 American adults have access to their DNA information. Biotech companies and research labs want that information. The article also suggests that the big growth is due to advertising. Ancestry.com spent $109 million on TV and other ads in the US during 2016. 23 and Me came in second with $21 million advertising dollars. Read it at https://www.technologyreview.com/s/610233/2017-was-the-year-consumer-dna-testing-blew-up/

Podcasts for Genealogists

A podcast is an audio program, like a radio show that is posted to the Internet to download and listen to via iTunes or on a Smartphone. Podcasts are standard MP3 files, so any device that can play an MP3 can play a podcast. Apps from podcast suppliers may be downloaded, such as “NPR One” for all the talk shows from National Public Radio. Genealogy has its podcasts. Here are just a few:

“Genealogy Gems,” Lisa Louise Cooke does a podcast that covers many topics. She also does “Family Tree Magazine Podcast.” https://lisalouisecooke.com/podcasts/
“Research in the National Archives and Beyond” http://www.blogtalkradio.com/bernicebennett

Google “genealogy podcasts” for more podcasts on Genealogy.

Know of a Child in 1926 Poland?

There’s a beautiful image of children’s names at LarasJewneology.com. In 1926, in honor of America’s 150th anniversary of independence, Polish schoolchildren wrote their signatures in "admiration and friendship for the United States." The book contains names from all religions and peoples in Poland. Find her article at https://larasgenealogy.blogspot.com/2018/02/polish-schoolchildrens-signatures.html - more

Virtual Tour of Ellis Island’s Medical Complex

This project began in 2014 as part of the National Park Service Centennial preparations, and was available beginning in 2015. Now, with current technology, one can access the unrestored rooms of the Hospital Complex on the South side of Ellis Island including an operating theatre, the psychiatric floor, and the amazing boiler room with its huge floor-to-ceiling iron stove. One may click on historical photographs as the tour proceeds. This area has little or no access for the public. The virtual tour allows us inside the complex, blemishes and all.

Access the tour at https://www.nps.gov/hdp/exhibits/ellis/Ellis_Index.html
The Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County (JGSCV) will hold a general meeting, co-sponsored with Temple Adat Elohim on Monday, March 5, 2018 at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, 91362
7:00-9:00 pm

The Program:

Jewish Soldiers in Blue & Gray

Brother against brother, Jew against Jew. Ten thousand Jewish soldiers fought in the nation’s deadliest war, in numbers proportionally higher than other American groups. Jewish Soldiers in Blue & Gray explores the little known history of the Civil War Jews who fought on both sides of the battlefield—7,000 for the Union and 3,000 for the Confederacy.

Allegiances during the War Between the States split the Jewish community as deeply as it did the nation at large. Some prominent Jews, including Jewish slave owners, cited the Torah to justify slavery, while others were leaders in the abolitionist movement or established their synagogues as stops on the Underground Railroad.

Jewish Soldiers in Blue & Gray unreels remarkable history, including Ulysses S. Grant’s infamous "General Order No. 11" expelling Jews from Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi; the rise of Sephardic Jew Judah P. Benjamin to Secretary of State of the Confederacy; the imprisonment of Confederate spy Eugenia Levy Phillips; and the unlikely story of Abraham Lincoln’s Jewish doctor who moved through the South as a Union spy.

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

There is no charge to attend the meeting. Anyone may join JGSCV. Annual dues are $25 for an individual and $30 for a family.
It’s been a year since JGSCV first announced the need for a traveling library librarian. **We still need a traveling library librarian.** A member who chooses to remain anonymous has offered a ‘Librarian Grant’ to JGSCV pay a **stipend for this much needed service.** 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.

At the JGSCV board meeting held in late January it was determined that additional revenue sources were necessary in order to maintain dues at the $25/$30 level. One of the suggestions will start at the March meeting. At the registration desk will be a “tzedakah” box for voluntary contributions from attendees and members. Any amount is welcome.

**The Schmoozing Corner** is back. Look for Werner Frank, this month’s facilitator, on the right side at the front of the meeting room beginning 6:30 PM.

**HELP WANTED**

JGSCV is seeking TWO (2) volunteers from the membership to help in completing an annual **Financial Review** of JGSCV. In keeping with best practices, the Financial Review Committee will track JGSCV revenue and expenses to ensure that the society continues to maintain its extraordinary financial strength. A desire to help JGSCV is the main requirement as long as you remember how to balance a checkbook. Any business or financial acumen is a plus. Please contact Allan Linderman at newslettereditor@jgscv.org with questions or to volunteer.

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.

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.

**JGSCV Welcomes New Members**

**DAVID DOWDY**

**KIRK FILER**

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Highlights from The Assisted Research Afternoon at the LA Family Search Library

By Jan Meisels Allen

Each year JGSCV is privileged to hold an exclusive assisted research afternoon at the Los Angeles Family Search Library. The missionaries at the LA FamilySearch Library (LAFSL) give up their Sunday to open the library exclusively for us and help with providing direction to JGSCV members. In addition to the missionaries, senior JGSCV members provide personal hands-on assistance to JGSCV members to help them with their family history research. We are delighted to have had 30 avid genealogists make the long drive to take advantage of this special program available only to JGSCV members. We recognize we would have probably had more if not for the bad accident on at the junction of the 101 and 405 freeways which resulted in a one hour back-up. Some members just turned around and went home. And, two new members joined at the meeting!

Thank you to the missionaries who helped. Thank you to the JGSCV members also helped with needed assistance: Andrea Massion, Debra Kay-Blatt, Hal Bookbinder, Issie Perel, Karen Lewy, Marion Werle and Warren Blatt. Thank you also to Madeleine Isenberg who assisted with Hebrew translations and to Nancy Goldberg and Mary Sosa who also volunteered to assist JGSCV members!

Barbara Algaze’s Lecture
Barbara Algaze, a JGSCV member and librarian of our sister society JGS of Los Angeles, presented an informative talk on Researching at the Family Search Library. Her handout is posted to the JGSCV website www.jgscv.org under “meetings/prior” with the February 11, 2018 date. Her talk focused on the research available ONLY at the Family History Library, i.e. accessing the subscription genealogical websites for free; the Jewish book collection; the microfilms we still have at the Los Angeles location; online microfilms that are only available at a FamilySearch facility computer as well as classes and society meetings that take place at the FamilySearch Library.

Premium Subscriptions
Barbara reviewed the premium subscription websites which are accessible free at the FamilySearch Libraries, including those local to JGSCV. (See the www.jgscv.org website under resources for a list of the local Family Search Centers that are regional to us.) The LAFSL has the largest holdings of any branch outside of Salt Lake City. The premium sites include: Ancestry (institution version) which includes the worldwide sites, Findmypast, Fold3, MyHeritage, Newspaper Archive, ProQuest Obituary Listings and more (for a complete list see: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Los_Angeles_Family_History_Library_-_Commercial_Websites). Barbara recommended accessing Fold3, newspapers.com and Archive.com directly through the FamilySearch portal’s list of premium sites. While they are part of the Ancestry.com family, if one accesses those sites from the Ancestry page, you will be invited to subscribe.
**Books**

An extra feature at the LAFSL is the availability of permanent libraries of genealogy societies including our sister society, JGSLA. The resources are available for anyone to use. One can check the FSL inventory of JGSLA books by looking them up on the Library’s catalog under JGS (see below). Also a list of books is on the JGSLA website: [http://jgsla.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/JGSLALibraryIndex-update.pdf](http://jgsla.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/JGSLALibraryIndex-update.pdf)

**Note:** The JGSCV permanent library has over 330 books plus many of the same journals as JGSLA. Before taking the trip to West Los Angeles, you might want to check to see if JGSCV has either the book or journal in our library. The lists are updated regularly and are posted to our website at: [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org) under library, permanent.

Books at LAFSL are catalogued by the Dewey Decimal System and the books in the main room are organized by country and state (in the order that the state entered the Union). The LAFSL is not a lending library and books are not permitted to leave the facility. The Library has copy machines to copy pages at 10¢ per page.

There are various genealogical societies that house their libraries at the LAFSL. These include the Jewish Genealogical Society of Los Angeles (JGSLA), the Polish Genealogical Society, and the California African American Genealogical Society.

The LAFSL catalog includes all of the JGSLA books located at the LAFSL. Just type in JGS where the call number is listed. There are 1,690 entries for JGSLA as each issue of each journal is counted separately.


You can search for place, surnames, titles, authors, subjects, or keywords.

Barbara also suggested that when researching, birth, marriage, death and divorce records, that we look under “vital records” when searching in United States databases.

**Microfilm**

The number of microfilms, microfilm readers, microfiche, microfiche readers and books has been reduced, as many of these records and books are now digitized. However, many foreign vital records microfilms, including the Jewish ones are still available at the facility. JGSLA has a list of the Jewish microfilms on their website that are currently located at the LAFSL: [http://jgsla.org/microfilms-available-at-lafhl-2/](http://jgsla.org/microfilms-available-at-lafhl-2/)

We don’t know when the existing microfilms at the LAFSL will be recalled, as that process started internationally in 2017. Lending microfilms from Salt Lake City to the local libraries ceased on September 1, 2017. The change in their long-standing practice is due to FamilySearch's microfilm digitization efforts and that microfilm technology is becoming obsolete.

Recently, FamilySearch also changed which digitized records may be seen from home due to agreements they have with the original archives. Therefore, when searching online for some information that you previously found researching at home, a window may appear stating that record may only be seen at a FamilySearch Library.
Free Classes
The LAFSL also posts a list of free classes on their website at:  https://tinyurl.com/ybysk7nt

Wiki
The FamilySearch wiki functions like “Wikipedia” for genealogy. It will not advise on where or how to search for family records. See: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page
You can search by place or topic and there is a map where one can click. Barbara used the example of Lithuania:

The red circled area in the photograph states “Lithuania Online Records”. There are maps and how to guides, research strategies and more.
To access the records you are required to have an account with FamilySearch. At the top right hand side of the FamilySearch website is “free account”. All that is requested is your first and last name, username and password.
Barbara volunteers at the LAFHL most Tuesday afternoons. 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.

Award to Jan Meisels Allen

By Sandy Malek, President, JGSLA

On February 11, 2018, at the JGSCV meeting, an award recognizing service “above and beyond” to JGSLA was presented by Sandy Malek to Jan Meisels Allen.
The award to Jan was in recognition of her stepping forward to form and chair the committee to run the Pamela Weisberger Memorial Lecture Fund. This included accounting for the many contributions made to JGSLA for the memorial lectures, selection of outstanding speakers, fund raising, and whatever else needed doing.
Pamela’s sudden and untimely passing left JGSLA in some disarray.

With the waters roiling, Jan’s offer to assist us with the many tasks involved with administration of the award were hugely appreciated by the JGSLA Board. Upon the termination of Jan’s service after two years, the JGSLA Board wanted to recognize Jan’s service.

Although Jan is also a 20-year member of JGSLA, her actions are an exemplar of the kind of assistance from one sister society to another to which all societies should aspire.
Well done, Jan…and THANK YOU!!

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Civil Rights (HHS OCR) recently published a lengthy list of precautions to limit your exposure when traveling. Along with the obvious things like requiring passwords to access your devices that cannot be easily guessed and backing up your data before your leave on your trip, following are six that you may not have previously considered:

**Bring and Use Your Own Power Adapters and Cords**
It’s never safe to charge your devices using anything other than your own power adapters. Cyber thieves may install malware onto hotel lamps, airport kiosks and other public USB charging stations. If you absolutely must charge your device on the road, and you don’t have access to your charger/adapter, power down your device before you connect it into any airport chair or public USB charging station.

**Install Security Updates and Patches**
Be sure to patch and update operating systems and software (including mobile device apps). This should be a regular practice, but it is particularly important if you will be unable to update while traveling. Updates and patches can fix security flaws and enable security software to detect and prevent new threats.

**Turn Off WiFi Auto-Connect and Bluetooth**
Go into your device’s Settings feature, and disable the WiFi auto-connect option so that you manually connect when it is safe to do so. Similarly, disable Bluetooth connectivity. If left on, cyber thieves can connect to your device in a number of different and easy ways.

**Avoid Public WiFi**
Avoid connecting to any public WiFi network. Using your mobile network (like 4G or LTE) is generally more secure than using a public wireless network. Do not conduct sensitive activities, such as online shopping, banking, or sensitive work, using a public wireless network. Always log into your work networks through VPN, and only use sites that begin with “https://” when online shopping or banking.

**Ensure Physical Security of Your Devices**
NEVER let your devices leave your sight. If you cannot physically lock devices in your hotel room safe or other secure place, take them with you. There are no good hiding spots in your hotel room! Many breaches occur because a device was left unattended when an opportunistic thief struck. When traveling with laptops and tablets, the best protection is to carry them with you. It’s never safe to pack your devices in your checked luggage.

**Use Geo-Location Cautiously**
Most social media sites are happy to automatically share your location as you post photos and messages. This also tells thieves back home that you are away, which is a great time to break in. So, limit the information you post regarding your location at any point in time.


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*This is the twenty ninth in a series of articles by JGSCV founding member Hal Bookbinder. Hal is also a Past President of JGSLA and IAIGS. He is the 2010 recipient of the IAIGS 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.*
JGSCV Permanent Library Location Shifted at Agoura Hills Library

At the request of the County Library of Los Angeles, the JGSCV permanent library was moved one aisle closer to the reference desk in the Agoura Hills Library. Our library will now be more readily discernable as the first taller aisle visible from the reference desk. It is the aisle with the potted plants on top in the photo.

The move accommodated the County which plans to remove the last aisle of tall shelves so they can increase their reading room capacity. We were in the second tall aisle and the County Library made the necessary shifts.

JGSCV’s Permanent (non-lending) Library is located at the County of Los Angeles Public Library-Agoura Hills Branch

29901 Ladyface Ct,
Agoura Hills, CA 91301
http://www.colapublib.org/libs/agourahills/ to see hours of operation
(818) 889-2278

IAJGS 2018 Warsaw Conference August 5-10, 2018

If you are still wavering about attending the 2018 IAJGS Warsaw Conference, consider this:

- More than 150 lectures, panel discussions, and workshops focusing on genealogy methodology, available archival resources, and the history of all Jewish communities with special emphasis on the Jews of Central and Eastern Europe
- Presentations aimed at all Jewish genealogists—from “first-timers” to conference veterans
- An innovative “Resource Village” combining a traditional Vendor Exhibit Hall and Resource Room with genealogy experts, mentors, archivists, local NGO’s, and craftspeople for a one-stop research experience at the conference site
- Opportunities for one-on-one conversations with archivists from Europe including Poland and Lithuania
- Networking via popular Special Interest Group (SIG) and Birds of a Feather (BOF) meetings and luncheons
- Special “Welcome to Warsaw” activities on Sunday, August 5, 2018, including walking tours of the city and introductory lectures
- In-depth DNA workshops
- Tours of Poland’s rich Jewish history and visits to Holocaust memorial sites both before and after the conference
- Conference website is: http://www.iajgs2018.org/

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According to Avraham Groll, Director of JewishGen, awarding the $5,000 Ignition Grant to Gesher Galicia’s Holocaust Records Project will result in obtaining and making available unique records from the Polish State Archives Nowy Sacz and Rzeszow. It will include Nowy Sacz Book of Punishments (1940-44) in German and Nowy Sacz Municipal Workshops as well as Czudec List of Jews (1940-42) and Czudec Forced Labor Lists. These will be accessible via JewishGen’s Holocaust Database.

Vivian Kahn, JewishGen Hungarian SIG Coordinator, reports that Martin Davis has identified a new source that may help researchers locate the places in Hungary, Slovakia, Romania, Ukraine and other Eastern European communities when only the Yiddish name is known. Yiddishland: Countries, Cities, Towns, Rivers is a YIVO website that lists the current and several previous names of geographic locations and place names as well as Yiddish names in both Hebrew script and with the Yiddish transcribed. Go to https://www.yivo.org/Yiddishland to search the database. Much, although not all, of this information can also be found in JewishGen’s JewishGen Communities Database https://www.jewishgen.org/Communities/Search.asp and JewishGen Gazetteer https://www.jewishgen.org/Communities/LocTown.asp.

New at Ancestry.com
Canadian Passenger Lists 1865-1947
South Carolina, Naturalization Records, 1868-1991
Berlin, Germany, Births 1874-1899 (in German)
Berlin, Germany, Deaths 1874-1920 (in German)
Michigan Marriage Records (1867-1952)

If this month’s program, the film “Jewish Soldiers in Blue and Gray” piques your interest and you would like to learn more about Civil War Jewish history, there are at least 2 books available on Amazon.com: “Jews and the Civil War: A Reader” by Johathan D. Sarna and Adam D. Mendelsohn and “Lincoln and the Jews: A History” by Jonathan D. Sarna and Benjamin Shapell. Remember, as with all purchases on Amazon.com, start on the JGSCV website (www.jgscv.org) and click on the Amazon logo at the bottom of the page which will take you to the Amazon site. You can shop for these books or anything else while Amazon pays JGSCV a marketing fee – at no cost to you.


* Note: The above is for information of the reader. JGSCV has no affiliation with the authors or publishers of the books.

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2018 Membership/Renewal Form
Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County (JGSCV)*

*Member of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS)

www.JGSCV.org

Dues paid now are good through December 2018

Date ________

Check one:
This is a New Membership________ Renewal________

Single $ 25.00____+$1.00** Family* $30.00 ______+ $2.00**

*family defined as two people living in the same household
** $1 per person is a voluntary donation to the IAJGS Stern Award, granted annually when it recognizes institutions for outstanding work in the creation and availability of resources for Jewish Genealogy.

Additional voluntary contributions:
Library Acquisition Fund $_______ Programs Fund $________
(suggested minimum voluntary contribution for either fund $5.00)

Make check out to: JGSCV Mail application to: Helene Rosen,
28912 Fountainwood St.
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

Name (Print) ______________________________________
Address __________________________________________
City _______________________________________________
State _____________________________________________
Zipcode + 4 _______________________________________

Day telephone __________ Evening telephone __________

E-mail address _____________________________________

Talents that you have to share (accounting skills, language skills, computer skills, translation, etc.)
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March 5  **Monday 7:00-9:00 pm** Video—Jewish Soldiers in Blue and Gray
Explores little known history of the 10,000 Jewish soldiers fought in
the Civil War on the Union and Confederacy.

**April 8 Sunday 1:30-3:30 pm**  Celina Biniaz, “A Second Chance at Life”  The
Youngest of Schindler’s Jews  Annual Yom Hashoah Program

**May 6 Sunday 1:30-3:30 pm**  Marion Werle, “Ferreting Out Family Stories - Fact, Fiction or Somewhere in Between?”

**June 3 Sunday 1:30-3:30 pm**  Schelly Talalay Dardashti, “The Other Side of
Jewish Genealogy: Sephardic Research”

**July 15 Sunday 1:30-3:30 pm**  Genealogy In the Round  Members and guests share
their successes, brickwalls and artifacts

**August no meeting**  IAJGS Conference Warsaw, Poland  August 6-10

**Programs are subject to change -check JGSCV website for updates**

**www.jgscv.org**

**Did You Know . . .?**

JewishGen has a series of five minute webcast videos for beginners who would like a little help in getting started with their genealogy and learning about JewishGen: [http://tinyurl.com/y9lno5jz](http://tinyurl.com/y9lno5jz).

Videos include:
1. Prepare For Your Search
2. Navigate JewishGen
3. Find Your Ancestral Town
4. Communicate With Other Researchers
5. Special Interest Groups and Hosted Organizations
6. Jewish Genealogy Websites and Organizations

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