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PRESIDENT’S LETTER

The August program of JGSCV members sharing their experiences at the 2018 IAJGS Warsaw Conference was a rousing success. We had 58 in attendance with 5 first timers who came to learn. Nine of the 18 JGSCV members and family presented their experiences at the conference, side tours and trips to ancestral homes. To read about the experiences see page 6.

Thank you to Marion Werle for facilitating the schmoozing corner. We have added Carol Flesher and Stephen Weinstein to the rotation of senior members will to share their knowledge with people who attend the schmoozing corner which starts 30 minutes before each meeting.

We start our 2019 Membership campaign at our October 7 meeting. Forms are available on page 14 of the newsletter, on our website www.jgscv.org under “About JGSCV” and will be available at our meetings. Anyone who renews or joins starting at the October 7 meeting through the December 9 and attends the December 9th meeting has their name entered into a door prize drawing for one of 10 excellent genealogical gifts ranging from DNA tests to subscriptions for Ancestry.com, FamilyTreeMaker, Findmypast, Fold3.com, Legacy FamilyTree, Legacy Webinars, MyHeritage, Newspapers.com, Roots Magic and more! Each of these prizes is worth much more than the cost of an annual membership subscription.

Sonia Hoffman, Chairperson of the Nominations Committee, advised me that the only board applications the Nominations Committee received
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were from those whose terms were ending. If anyone is thinking about serving on our board, you have one more chance this year at our November meeting when nominations from the floor are permitted. At that meeting, the Nominations Committee slate will be presented to the members, and nominations will be closed and voting will occur at our annual meeting on December 9. I do hope more of you decide to run for the board. Remember our bylaws permit up to 12 board members and with the four current board members running we will have a board of 9 starting in January.

We need a librarian starting in January. This position need not be a board position. Several of our existing board members will be changing roles within the board which will leave the librarian spot open. Basically, the librarian spot requires copying the electronic newsletters and placing them in the permanent library at the Agoura Hills Library and doing an inventory of the permanent books once a year. JGSCV will reimburse for paper and cartridges for the copying. One only has to go to the library at least once or twice a month. The permanent library is located at the Agoura Hills Public Library a branch of the County of Los Angeles Library located in Agoura Hills. If you have any questions please ask me or Issie Perel our current librarian.

We have added books to our permanent library. To see what was added please see page 17. Our permanent library has well over 350 books and an updated searchable list is on our website, www.jgscv.org under libraries-permanent.

Hal Bookbinder’s excellent series in Practicing Safe Computing continues on page 11 with iPhone tips!

We have added two more programs to our future programs. Please see page 15 for the programs through July 2019.

Ralphs is not requiring those who are already enrolled to reregister this year only for the Community Rewards Program due to their updating their system. Instructions on how to register for those who are not registered are on page 16. JGSCV relies on Ralphs Community Rewards. Whether you are a member or a friend of JGSCV please shop with Ralphs and Amazon. See page 5 for more information about Amazon.

Our October meeting is on Sunday October 7th. It is our 13th anniversary! We would not be as successful without the wonderful support of our meeting co-sponsor Temple Adat Elohim. Thank you! We also would not be celebrating this anniversary if not for our fantastic members who keep our society going.

Our October 7 speaker is Professor ChaeRan Freeze, Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University talking on Everyday Jewish Family Life in Tsarist Russia.

Looking forward to seeing you on October 7!
Italy’s Foundation for Jewish Culture

For those who may be planning to visit or research Italy, Italy’s Foundation for Jewish Culture has a new online portal which may help you with the country's Jewish heritage—from ancient Rome to the current times. One may search by synagogues, cemeteries, Jewish neighborhoods and museums and memorials. While they do not list who is buried in the Jewish cemeteries, they give information which may help in a search for names. In the Jewish neighborhoods they also include the ghettos of the past.

Go to: http://www.visitjewishitaly.it/en/ where you can search by town, using photos or a drop down box. There are additional links to Jewish Italian websites on many of the pages, for example Torino at https://torinoebraica.it/ that list sites of Jewish interest in each city or district.

New Website: Jewish Life in Germany

A new collaborative website, Jewish Places, consolidates Jewish Life in Germany in one interactive map. the launch of the official website was September 13, 2018. The website a collaboration between the Jewish Museum of Berlin, the German Federal Agency for Civic Education, and the F.C. Flick Foundation against Xenophobia, Racism, and Intolerance. The site is in German but if you open Chrome browser, it will be translated Or use a translation service such as https://translate.google.com/. Links on the map lead to sites, photos. After joining, viewers may participate by sharing photographs and texts. Jewish Heritage Europe for informing us about this new website. Find the site at https://www.jewish-places.de/
The Jewish Museum of Berlin, one of the participants in the project, has a website at https://www.jmberlin.de/en/jewish-places.

Encore: Time Machine Travel via Prokudin-Gorsky Images

Sergey Prokudin-Gorsky’s (1863-1944) images of people, landscapes, architecture, historic sites, industry, and agriculture were created by exposing three glass plates through three different color filters—green, red and blue—and then combining them to create a composite color image. He captured thousands of images that offer a rare glimpse of Russia before the Bolshevik Revolution and First World War.

Prokudin-Gorsky planned to use the resulting photos to educate Russian school children about their vast country. Today, his body of work is preserved on thousands of glass plates, which are prized by historians and collectors. See the images at https://foto.gettyimages.com/archive/historic/russia-in-color-photos-of-life-before-the-revolution/

Need Some Inspiration? Podcasts!

If you have a smartphone, you can stream podcasts about Genealogy. Some are humorous, some are serious, some are great stories, some are instructive. (iphones have a purple podcast app. Search genealogy.) Or search for a podcast website such as these:
http://genealogyguys.com/
https://lisalouisecooke.com/podcasts/
https://jgsny.org/index.php/ny-area-research/podcasts-free (JGS NY, Inc.)
The 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, October 7, 2018 at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, 91362 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The Program: Everyday Jewish Family Life in Tsarist Russia

This talk will examine every day Jewish life in tsarist Russia as a site of interaction with modernity, where Jews confronted the unfamiliar and negotiated their environment in strategic and creative ways. Prof. Freeze will present several fascinating archival documents from the former Soviet Union that reveal the daily struggles of ordinary Jews as they confronted changes in the areas of family life, religion, and health (especially mental health), as well as new government regulations such as registration, military conscription, and opportunities to settle outside the Pale of Settlement. The lecture will show how to find new sources for genealogy that go beyond vital records and census materials, and highlight the rich diversity of the Jewish experience in the Russian empire.

Speaker: ChaeRan Freeze is Professor of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies at Brandeis University. She has focused her research on the history and culture of the Jews of Russia with a focus on women and gender. Her first book, Jewish Marriage and Divorce in Imperial Russia (2002) examines the impact of modernization on Jewish family practices and patterns in Imperial Russia based on newly-declassified archival materials from the former Soviet Union. Her most recent book, Everyday Jewish Life in Imperial Russia, 1825-1914: Select Documents (coauthored with Jay Harris), documents Jewish daily life in the tsarist empire.

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. Our 2019 membership drive begins with this meeting. Join JGSCV now and membership is good through December 2019.

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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. Hal Bookbinder will lead the Schmoozing Corner at the next meeting.

The JGSCV display at the Agoura Hills Library coinciding with International Jewish Genealogy Month is being designed by JGSCV board members Andrea Massion and Judy Karta. Remember to plan to stop by the library and see how it looks this 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.

JGSCV’s Dec. 9th meeting is special not only because Crista Cowan of Ancestry will be the guest speaker but also because it is our annual meeting, with elections and membership renewal/Chanukah door prizes. Your society, (which starts its 14th year at our October meeting), at the December meeting will be another special celebration including many, many genealogical door prizes for dues-paid members. Many are valued at more than our annual dues! More details to follow but be sure to renew your membership before the meeting to be eligible for the special prizes. If you are friend of JGSCV, please join to be eligible for the great prizes!

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.
Highlights from IAJGS Conference, Visits to Ancestral Towns AND More!

By Jan Meisels Allen

JGSCV had 18 members and family attend the outstanding IAJGS conference in Warsaw, Poland in August. At our meeting, nine of the JGSCV members shared their experiences at the conference and ancestral town visits.

Karen Franklin (right) is a JGSCV member who lives in New York. While she could not personally attend the meeting she sent in the following to be shared:

The highlights of a conference for me are not just the sessions but rather the interchange among friends and the place. What impressed me most was that for many of the attendees, the meeting offered a time to visit their ancestral homes. Many were visiting Europe for three weeks or even more, with substantial plans. A number of people combined weddings and visiting relatives in their itineraries. It’s not so easy traveling in Poland. That being said, I didn’t hear of any attendee experiencing anti-Semitism.

Visiting POLIN (Jewish museum) was for many an important part of the trip. Barbara Kirschenblatt-Gimblett, main curator, gave an overview of the exhibition, stressing the integration of the Jewish population into Polish society and history for over 1,000 years. The session was packed. The director of POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Dariusz Stola, also spoke about the role of the museum and power of the place in changing attitudes about Jewish life in Polish society. This institutional role is often not stressed but extremely important. When it opened, there was a 70/30 visitation local to international visitors. Now it’s 50/50. Barbara said that no students and teachers were forced to come, but hundreds of thousands come every year.

JRI Poland played a large role in the program. That the State Archives has worked for so many years with Stanley Diamond and JRI to make millions of documents public and accessible was stressed. If you have been in the genealogy field for many years, you can see how far they/we’ve come.

Warsaw was pretty inexpensive for New Yorkers. I shared a lunch off the beaten track with a friend. We paid under $5 for 2. That being said, the food was pretty inedible. The hotel food, however, was not that expensive.

And finally, Congratulations to you all for the IAJGS Publications Award. Much deserved!

Cherie Wrigley

Cherie had been to Warsaw previously but wanted to go again. At first, she felt uncomfortable coming to an event like this as she is not religious and 100% Ashkenazi Jewish—but it turned out she felt quite at home. She encountered a young adult male who wanted to take a photograph of her as she described herself as a Secular Jew because he was told that Secular Jews did not exist. This was a funny, but awkward moment for her. There were a variety of things like vendors and mentors, working to make it fantastic! She was very grateful to attend this most incredible conference. Cherie wants to go to Cleveland next year because the people at the conference were inspiring and all seemed to understand that we are studying history and people
“long gone”. She had a cousin who, after the war, passed as a Catholic. She died this year. Cherie decided not to tell her cousin’s family the truth about their Jewish lineage, for now.

**Pat and Ralph Fuller**

Pat and Ralph talked about two Taube tours that they took through the conference: Jewish Warsaw and Auschwitz-Birkenau.

**Jewish Warsaw**

Ralph talked about the Jewish Warsaw tour. He started by talking about Grzybowski Square in the downtown district of Warsaw which was home to the largest Jewish community in Europe before World War II. During the war it became incorporated into the Warsaw Ghetto. Only small remnants survive today as it was bombed and destroyed. Many Jews found shelter in the Catholic church on the square and were issued false baptism certificates.

Other photos we were shown included the Warsaw Ghetto Bridge at the time of the war, Memory Bridge which is a memorial commemorating the Warsaw Bridge, consisting of poles demarking where the bridge was; the ghetto boundary marker made of memorial plaques marking the maximum perimeter of the ghetto established in 1940 by the Nazis. There are memorials to Janusz Korczak born Henry Goldszmidt, a Jewish-Polish educator and medical doctor who stayed with the children when the orphanage was liquidated and they were sent to Treblinka in 1942. The Nozyk Synagogue is the only surviving prewar synagogue in Warsaw, built in 1898-1902 and rebuilt after World War II.

Photos also included the large Russian-era building now called the Palace of Culture and Science which is the tallest building in Poland; the ghetto escapees memorial, located near the sewer entrance where a group of fighters from the Warsaw ghetto escaped in May 1943; and remnants of the original ghetto wall which are preserved as national monuments.

**Auschwitz-Birkenau**

Pat discussed their tour to Auschwitz-Birkenau which was the largest Nazi concentration and extermination camp. Auschwitz was comprised of three camps: Prison camp-Auschwitz; extermination camp – Auschwitz II or Birkenau and a slave-labor camp - Auschwitz III. It is located in southern Poland about a 4.5 hour drive from Warsaw near the town of Oswiecim.

Of the 6 million Jews murdered in the Holocaust, the largest numbers were from Poland (2,930,000), Hungary (565,000) and Ukraine (532,000). The fewest number of Jews murdered were from Finland (7), Denmark (116) and Tunisia (250). The camp’s buildings are all original and have been maintained and are now a museum and tourist attraction.

Pat shared photos of crematoria in Auschwitz I; the ruins of the gas chambers at Birkenau; the book of names from the room that contains huge parchment books mounted on hanging rods with
names, birth dates, places of residences, and fates if known, of 4 million of the 6 million Holocaust victims. The books included some of Pat’s family who were murdered in the Holocaust.

Christine Goodman Nuttall
Christine and her daughter, Elyse, traveled to the conference and spent a fantastic two weeks in Poland. Christine has always liked history and especially family history. She was in her 20s when she found out that her father’s side of the family was Jewish. Many ancestors immigrated to Texas and Louisiana from Poland. When the IAJGS Conference in Warsaw was announced, she knew she had to go!

From a discussion on the conference Facebook page, Christine got the name of the Polish tour guide and Jewish genealogist, Jakob Czuprynski. He was also a presenter at the conference. Jakob researched Christine’s Polish family’s ancestral villages and available family history prior to the conference.

One town they visited with their other Polish guide, Kuba, was Golub-Dobrzyń. Christine shared photos of the town and the ancestor that immigrated to Louisiana in the 1860s. There was a small memorial to the Jews who had once lived in the town.

The other town that was visited was Kcynia (Prussian name Exin). Christine and Elyse visited a building that had been owned by her family before WW II. They met a local woman, Adelaide, who had known their relative and currently lives in that building. Adelaide took them to the WW II mass grave and murder site of the Jews of Kcynia. Headstones that had been removed from the Jewish cemetery are being returned but cannot be placed at the correct gravesites.

Mike Markowitz
Mike started his genealogy adventure in 1987 when his grandfather was already deceased. Mike shared that his father was a Holocaust survivor. He put together a tour of ancestral towns a week before the conference began: His father was from Lodz, his grandfather from Pajeczno and his great grandfather was from Wislka. Other towns visited included: Belchatow, Szercow and Grocholice. Mike asked the guide to see the cemeteries, but they were not easy locations to find. He wanted to find his father’s place of residence and had contacted a researcher in advance to find the locations. Mike said the conference was a great place to get knowledge and enjoyed the trip.

Steve and Marian Rothstein
Steve and Marian said they had a wonderful trip!

Steve on Professor Polansky and the new Polish Law
Steve spoke about Antony Polonsky who was scholar in residence during the conference. Polonsky is emeritus Professor of Holocaust Studies at Brandeis University and Chief Historian of the Museum of the History of Polish Jews. He said not all Poles were anti-Semitic. Poland was heavily persecuted in the 20th century after both world wars. In the Bialystok region, Jews were associated with the Russians who were considered to be better than the Germans. But the Poles were not trusting of the Russians especially since they took over their country following World War II. Prior to the Rothsteins’ trip to Poland in 2012 there was an extreme view of Jews in the Northeastern region. Poles were heavily involved in the Holocaust and anti-Semitic. Some participated in the Holocaust. Many turned Jews over to the Nazis while many others saved Jews. Many Poles have been named by Yad Vashem as Righteous Among the Nations. Professor Polansky tried to bring both sides
together with his lectures. He does not endorse “collective guilt”.

Steve also discussed the new Polish law which is about free speech and believes some parts are misunderstood. According to Steve the new law does not say Poles were not complicit, but that one cannot say the nation of Poland was complicit. The government ceased to exist during World War II and, unlike France’s Vichy government, there was no Polish government to “side” with the Nazis.

Marian on Visiting Berlin and Warsaw
Marian and Steve visited many museums. She found the museums welcoming and free and well attended in Berlin. In Berlin they visited the Holocaust Museum and Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe. The outside of the museum is created with varying height pillars which makes one feel as though they are walking through the grid of the Holocaust. It is very overwhelming.

The Jewish Museum of Berlin welcome center was closed for renovations.

The Topography of Terror is an outdoor and indoor history museum. In Berlin, It is located on Niederkirchnerstrasse, formerly Prinz-Albrecht-Strasse, on the site of buildings that housed the SS Reich Main Security Office, the headquarters of the Sicherheitspolizei, SD, Einsatzgruppen and Gestapo, during the Nazi regime. The museum gave a chronology of the first six months after Hitler took over. The cellar of the Gestapo headquarters, where many political prisoners were tortured and executed, was found and excavated. Marian said all was well done and well attended.

Jan Meisels Allen
Jan and Tom Allen hired the same tour guide they used on their first trip to Poland in 2001 and asked him to take them back to both of Jan’s maternal grandparents’ ancestral homes: Sochaczew and Stawiski.

Seventeen years ago when they visited Stawiski (in Lomza Gubernia—north eastern Poland) the town where her grandfather immigrated from in the early 1890’s or late 1880’s, appeared as though it stood still with unpaved roads and some horse-drawn carts and Russian-style wooden houses. Today, most of the streets are paved, no horse-drawn carts, some Russian-style wooden houses and many more “modern” houses.

Jan had a copy of an original photograph of the synagogue before it was destroyed and when they visited in 2001 they thought the current fire house and movie theater (same building) was the original location. On this trip, their guide had done some research and found the original location was instead, the empty lot next to the fire house where the firemen did their practicing.

When they visited in 2001 they stopped in front of some wooden houses and the owners came out. While at the time the owners would not permit photos of themselves, about six weeks later a letter arrived from the wife (Wanda) who gave Jan the name of a Jewish neighbor, whom her husband had hidden during the war. The Jewish neighbor now lives in Israel. Jan and Wanda corresponded for about 10 years and then stopped. When the guide heard this he stopped at the house and knocked on the door. Out came Wanda—now a widow who talked to them for 30 minutes- all translated by the guide. Wanda explained what happened to the Jews on the street. Some they hid, others were murdered. One
Christian neighbor was able to get extra grain and gave some to the Jewish neighbors. Unfortunately, the Nazis found out about the Jews having grain and wanted to know who gave it to them. The Jews refused to tell on their neighbor and were murdered in front of the neighbors on the block. Another neighbor told the Nazis about who gave them the grain but the other Polish neighbors found out and hid the grain giver from the Nazis.

Wanda also remembered Jan’s grandfather’s sister and explained that her family was either buried in the mass grave outside of town with the 700 other town Jews (memorial above) or in Koln where some of the Jews were murdered there and vice versa. (One week in July 1941 the locals murdered the Jews in 5 towns-the most notorious being Jedwabne where the locals burned the Jews in a barn.)

Jan and Tom were told that the Nazis took the headstones from the Jewish cemetery and placed them on a road about 4 km outside of town so the Jews could be walked into the forest where they were placed in a mass grave.

Loren Grossman

Loren Grossman and her son, Jacob, were first-time IAGS conference attendees, as well as first-time travelers to Eastern Europe. After 4 years of genealogical research, Loren was able to determine that her family that came from present day Poland, Lithuania and Belarus and arrived in the US in the late 1800’s.

They attended several conference sessions. In Warsaw, they were able to take in the POLIN Museum of the History of the Polish Jews, the Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute, and the Neon Muzeum. as well as day trips to the Wall of Remembrance Wyszkow Holocaust Memorial to visit the matzevah (tombstone) of their maternal 2nd great-grandfather SOKOL, Auschwitz, and Krakow. Taking the train to Bialystok, where another maternal 2nd great-grandfather GINCBERG came from, they visited the Bagnowka Jewish Cemetery, where a team of volunteers under the auspices of the Degen family from Massachusetts were restoring the cemetery. Driving into Vilna, where their paternal grandfather’s cousins KAGAN had escaped the ghetto liquidation and become partisans, they went on to Valkija, where their paternal grandmother’s KARNOVSKY family had settled. They flew into Minsk and were able to visit the National Library of Belarus and Koidanovo, where their paternal grandfather SLUMIEL had lived.

While Loren and Jacob enjoyed the charm of drinking local dark beer and wandering through the reconstructed old downtowns, they were amazed to see how much history is preserved and honored and talked about, it seemed odd to see children from urban high-rise apartments playing unaware in public parks dotted with memorials. She had read Nuremberg transcripts and seen Claude Lanzmann’s Shoah and was surprised to see that the sites of tragedy had given way to idyllic dense forests teeming with storks, flowing rivers and lush farmlands. Some 20,000 Jews are now in Poland, most in Warsaw, which is a beehive of construction; in contrast, Lithuania and Belarus have few Jews and less construction. Our take away message? The passage of time seems to heal some wounds, with survivors and their memories fading, and governments regrouping to reflect their 21st century realities.

The 18 attendees found the conference and the trip well worth it and educational, exciting as exemplified in their comments above. For the JGSCV members who attended the conference and side trips the entire experience was well worth it!
Practicing Safe Computing: “iPhone Tips”

By Hal Bookbinder (#36 in an ongoing series)

After this Summer’s conference in Warsaw, I spent several weeks traveling across Poland and Ukraine, taking thousands of iPhone pictures. I was bummed after inadvertently deleting some before transferring them to my laptop. I then found that the iPhone was prepared for this. Here are some iPhone tips, starting with recovery of deleted photos.

Photos that you “delete” from your iPhone are recoverable for about 40 days. Use the “Photos” app on your iPhone to recover them. To do so, click on “Albums” and then on “Recently Deleted”. Icons of your recently deleted pictures will be displayed with a number of days until they will be permanently gone. You generally have 40 days to recover deleted photos. Once you click on a picture icon, you can choose to “recover” it or to “delete” it permanently.

Once you see a highlighted location in the Map app in which you are interested, tap on it and see information about it such your distance from it, its address, directions to get there, phone number, hours, website, what Wikipedia has to say about it and more. You can even look inside an airport or shopping mall to find a gate, restaurant or restroom.

In an emergency, first responders can access important medical information without needing your passcode. To provide info, such as medications you take, open the Health app and fill out your Medical ID. I had forgotten where it was located. So, I swiped down on the home screen and typed “Health” into the search field. The Health app icon was displayed along with its folder’s name.

Want an alternative to using your thumbs to enter names or text messages? You can speak these instead. Tap the microphone symbol and speak the name or message. It will be automatically typed. Like Victor Borge, you can even speak the punctuation. Oh, come on, you remember Victor Borge!! You don’t? Look him up on YouTube.

Want to be able to use your iPhone as a magnifying glass? Go to Settings > General > Accessibility and turn on Magnifier. Then triple-click the Home button at any time to use the camera to zoom in on small details. Review other accessibility options as well. Also, check out “Display and Brightness”.

Among other settings, you can adjust “Text Size” and even make text “Bold” so that it easier to read - a great alternative to squinting!

Over time, you may find that your iPhone is getting sluggish. There are a number of steps you can take to clear the cobwebs and speed it up. Check out the following for several hints: https://www.macworld.co.uk/how-to/iphone/speed-up-slow-iphone-3463276/

Ever wish to take a screenshot of what is displayed? Press the Home button (at the bottom center of the iPhone) and the Sleep/Wake button (on the right side of the iPhone) at the same time. The picture will be saved to the Screenshots album in Photos. A small version of it will be briefly displayed in the lower left corner of the screen.

Want more? Go to https://tips.apple.com/en-us/ios/iphone for more iPhone tips. Or, to get help with a specific problem, simply Google, “How do I xxxx on my iPhone?” substituting your issue for the x’s.

This is the thirty sixth 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.
What were we watching?
The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is holding a free event on November 18 at:

**The Writer's Guild Theater**
135 South Doheny Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90211

Stories about World War II and the persecution of Europe's Jews were a constant presence in American movie theaters and living rooms throughout the 1930s–40s. This documentary shows how Hollywood and leaders in entertainment and government battled for the hearts and minds of Americans. While the event is free, tickets are required.
To get tickets go to: [https://events.ushmm.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x433020001](https://events.ushmm.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x433020001)

Speakers: Laurent Bouzereau, Director and Producer of the Netflix series Five Came Back and Daniel Greene, Curator of the Americans and the Holocaust special exhibition, US Holocaust Memorial Museum

Updates on DNA
Ancestry recently updated its ethnicity estimates. They did this because they have more people in their own research studies and they say they are better able to tell regions apart because they have 16,000 reference samples assigned to 380 possible regions rather than the previous 3,000 reference samples from 353 regions in the world. The advancement in DNA science allowed them to divide the world into more regions which permitted more "nuanced" estimates. The change only affects percentages not matches. Just about everyone tested will see some changes.


MyHeritage announced they now support the upload of 23andMe v5 and Living DNA data files, in addition to supporting data uploads from all major DNA testing services, including Ancestry, 23andMe (prior to V5) and Family Tree DNA (Family Finder). Since 2016, MyHeritage has allowed users who have already tested their DNA to upload their DNA data from Ancestry, 23andMe and Family Tree DNA. They receive DNA Matches and ethnicity estimates on MyHeritage for free. For users that upload now, they offer full access to DNA Matching, Ethnicity Estimates, and their chromosome browser for free. You can upload your results by going to: [https://www.myheritage.com/dna/upload](https://www.myheritage.com/dna/upload).

**As of December 1, 2018, MyHeritage's policy regarding DNA uploads will change:** DNA Matching will remain free for uploaded DNA data, but unlocking additional DNA features (for example, ethnicity estimate, chromosome browser, and some others) will require an extra payment for DNA files uploaded after this date. MyHeritage will provide more information closer to the December 1 date. To read more: [http://tinyurl.com/y9kk5rk6](http://tinyurl.com/y9kk5rk6)

Organizing Papers
Organizing our genealogy papers can be a challenge. JGSCV member Carrie Glickstein recommends this YouTube video [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m8a1f8swv_4&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m8a1f8swv_4&feature=youtu.be). JGSCV invited Ms. Lucey, the presenter from the New England Historic Genealogical Society to come speak to us but she does not travel outside the New England area.

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Reclaim the Records has announced that their Freedom of Information request (FOIL) from 2017 to the New York State Department of Health for the birth index in 2017 has been fulfilled. The dates of 1881-1934 are currently online at the Internet Archive and the remaining years 1935-1942 will be online by the end of this week! Note: These are New York State not New York City birth indices. New York City is a separate US Public Health jurisdiction from New York State. Additionally, the cities of Albany, Buffalo and Yonkers are not included until about 1914 or 1915 as they did not initially participate in statewide registration of births and kept their own records. Later years of the birth index may become publicly available after 75 years and each January Reclaim the Records will make new FOIL requests for each newly-available year of data. Note: NY State has a 75 year embargo on birth records and the person is known to be deceased. To get to them on Internet archive go to: https://archive.org/details/nybirthindex?sort=titleSorter.

A new collaborative website, Jewish Places, consolidates Jewish Life in Germany in one interactive map. The website was developed with the Jewish Museum of Berlin, the German Federal Agency for Civic Education, and the F.C. Flick Foundation against Xenophobia, Racism, and Intolerance. See: https://www.jewish-places.de/ The site is in German but if you open it in the Chrome browser it will be translated. Or use a translation service such as https://translate.google.com/.

The map opens to four areas: places, facilities, people and walks. Some of the places have photographs which will be stated on the icon. You can find places of Jewish life, learn more about the project and participate by sharing photographs and texts. To learn how you can participate see: https://www.jewish-places.de/de/join. You will have to register with your email address and username and password.

For more information read their FAQs at: https://www.jewish-places.de/de/faq

Board for Certification of Genealogists/Legacy Tree Webinars-October 19, 2018

The Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG) and Legacy Family Tree Webinars, part of the MyHeritage Family of companies, are offering a free day of lectures on October 19. Note times are listed in Mountain Time

The five lectures will be broadcast online (free registration is required)

Go to: https://familytreewebinars.com/bcg to sign up for the courses individually or https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars-multireg.php to sign up for multiple lectures and to see the subjects.

All live webinars are free and their recordings are free to watch for the first seven (7) days. After then one can pay for an individual session or annual subscription. For more information on each lecture go to https://familytreewebinars.com/bcg and click on "register free" button. You will be able to read about the lecture before you register. The Genealogists who are giving the lectures are: Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, 9:00AM; Elissa Scalise Powell, 10:30 AM; Rebecca Whitman Koford, 1:00PM; Thomas W. Jones, 2:15 PM; and Judy G. Russell 3:30 PM

For more information read Judy Russell's blog post: https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2018/09/19/thanks-to-the-fhl/
2019 Membership/Renewal Form
Jewish Genealogical Society of the
Conejo Valley and Ventura County (JGSCV)*
of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS)
www.JGSCV.org
Dues paid now are good through December 2019
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:
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28912 Fountainwood St.
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

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Talents that you have to share (accounting skills, language skills, computer skills, translation, etc.)
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Future JGSCV Meeting Dates through August 2019

Sunday at 1:30 p.m. OR Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Programs co-sponsored by Temple Adat Elohim.

Sunday, October 7 1:30-3:30 PM “Jewish Family Life in Tsarist Russia” with Brandeis Professor of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies Choe Ran Freeze - AND JGSCV Anniversary

Check www.jgscv.org for updates

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2019 IAJGS CONFERENCE JULY 28-AUGUST 2 CLEVELAND, OH
Help support JGSCV by enrolling in Ralphs Community Contribution Program! This year only! Those registered do not have to reregister as Ralphs rolled everyone over. They are updating their system and felt it easier for this year not to require. For those who have not yet enrolled in the Ralphs Community Contribution Program please follow these directions:

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Thank you on behalf of the Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County.

New Additions to the JGSCV Libraries

Since we reported in the January 2018’s newsletter the following books have been added to the JGSCV library. If you have genealogically relevant books that you would like to donate, please contact Jan Meisels Allen at president@JGSCV.org. The books in the traveling library are categorized A, B, C or D. Those without a letter categorization are in our Permanent Library. The majority of our books are now housed at the Agoura Hills Library, a branch of the Los Angeles County Public Library. A full list of all of our permanent and traveling library holdings may be found on the website: www.jgscv.org.

Because of Eva Susan J. Gordon Syracuse University Press New York, 2017
Documents on the Holocaust Selected Sources on the Destruction of the Jews of Germany and Austria, Poland and the Soviet Union Yad Vashem Jerusalem, Israel 1981
Eyewitness to American Jewish History Part Two The German Immigration 1800-1875 Azriel Eisenberg and Hanna Grad Goodman Union of American Hebrew Congregations New York 1977
Final Journey: The Fate of the Jews in Nazi Europe. Martin Gilbert Steimatzky’s Agency and Jerusalem Post 1979 Jerusalem
Heroes of the Holocaust Extraordinary True Accounts of Triumph As told to Arnold Geier Berkley Books, New York 1998
In Their Words: A Genealogist’s Translation Guide to Polish, German, Latin and Russian Documents Vol IV: German William F Hoffman and Jonathan D. Shea Language and Lineage Press Houston, TX 2017
Notes From the Warsaw Ghetto From the Journal of Emmanuel Ringelblum iBooks Distributed by Publishers Group West 2006
The Jewish Pioneers of Tombstone and Arizona Territory Ron First Edition 2002 Ron W. Fischer Enterprises Tombstone, AZ
The Jewish Celebrity Hall of Fame Tim Boxer Shapolsky Publisher NY 1987
The Jews of Russia Their History in Maps and photographs Martin Gilbert Third Edition Steimatsky and Jerusalem Post 1979 Jerusalem
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