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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Over thirty avid JGSCV member-genealogists had a very successful research experience during our exclusive research afternoon at the Los Angeles FamilySearch Library in Los Angeles. Due to distance and the inclement weather the attendance was a bit lighter than expected but those who attended all said it was a worthwhile genealogical afternoon. We also gained two new members!

Thank you to Warren Blatt, Managing Director, JewishGen for presenting *All About JewishGen* for those members who wanted to learn more about the extended resources on JewishGen! See highlights of Warren's presentation on page 6.

For the first time JGSCV offered translation services to the members. We had translators for Hebrew, Polish, Russian and Yiddish. Thank you to the local missionaries who were from Russia and the Ukraine who provided the Russian translation. Murray Kaplan a friend of Barbara Algaze volunteered to help with the Yiddish translation and JGSCV founding member Debra Kay-Blatt and JGSCV member Bernie Behrens helped with the Polish translations. JGSCV board members Andrea Massion and Judy Karta assisted with the Hebrew translations! All in all a very successful afternoon.

There are 40 JGSCV members who have not yet renewed for 2019 and according to our bylaws *Article II. Membership Section 6* members in good standing are those whose dues are current and payable on January 1st of each year. Anyone who is in arrears for three months or more after

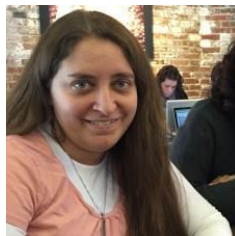


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NEXT MEETING

Sunday March 3rd 1:30-3:30 PM

Success In - And In Spite of Endogamy



Lara Diamond, President of JGS of Maryland, makes sense of genetic genealogy for cultures (like Ashkenazi Jews) who have married in close groups for generations.

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Mission Statement:

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

due notice by the society will be dropped from membership. We are starting our third month and I will be contacting each of those who have not paid before they are dropped from membership—something we do not want to do. There are benefits to membership—our recent annual assisted exclusive research afternoon, my several times a month emails about free access to genealogical websites, discounts on DNA tests, new databases and more; and access to the traveling library between meetings to name but a few of these privileges. We hope you will pay your dues promptly! A membership form is on page 13 and may also be found on our website, www.jgscv.org under “about” and “membership”

Last month I mentioned the National Library of Israel asking for “family histories or other books written by members of our genealogical society” to be considered for donation to the library. We have four members who provided information on their books/family histories and I am delighted that all four were accepted: Sara Applebaum, Andrea Massion, Helene Rosen and Tammy Williams-Anderson. If anyone else has a self-published book or one that the National Library may not have which is published, please let me know and I can still submit candidates. This is a wonderful recognition of work by our society members!

We had several more books placed in our permanent library. Please see the complete list of our library at the Agoura Hills Library on our website <http://www.jgscv.org/> under “library”, “permanent”. The list of periodicals and newsletters in the permanent library is updated monthly and also placed on our website under permanent and click where it says “periodicals”. The list of books added to our permanent library since last October is on page 12.

Hal Bookbinder’s next installment of “Practicing Safe Computing” *Google Chrome Critical Error!* starts on page 10.

The IAJGS Conference on Jewish Genealogy will be held on July 28-August 2, 2019 in Cleveland, Ohio at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown. Registration is now open; go to: http://www.iajgs2019.org/register_conference.cfm Please note their new policy on mandatory food vouchers to be used against food purchased through the conference such as breakfast with the experts, SIG luncheons and the banquet. If you are planning on attending and want to make your hotel reservations go to: http://www.iajgs2019.org/hotel_reserve.cfm. They require one night’s deposit at the time of reservation which is refundable up to three days before check-in, if you must cancel. You can subscribe to a discussion list to stay informed as more things are announced: http://www.iajgs2019.org/discussion_list.cfm There is also a Facebook group: http://www.iajgs2019.org/facebook_group.cfm.

Our March 3 program with Lara Diamond is *Success In-And In Spite of Endogamy*. See page 4 for information on the program.

Looking forward to seeing you on March 3rd!

Jan Meisels Allen



Worth Repeating: Rabbinic Y-DNA Research

Jeffrey Mark Paull leads a research team that has been conducting Y-DNA studies to identify the unique Y-DNA genetic signatures and ethnic origin of some of the world's most esteemed and historically significant rabbinical lineages and dynasties. He recently posted in SIG discussions on Jewishgen.org that a paper on this research is now available.

The lineages include Katzenellenbogen, Lurie, Polonsky, Rappaport, Cohen, and Shapiro rabbinical lineages, and the Twersky and Wertheim-Giterman (Savran-Bendery) Chassidic dynasties, as well as the lineages descending from the Baal Shem Tov, Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berdichev, Rabbi Naftula Cohen of Belaya Tzerkov, Rabbi Raphael of Bershad, Rabbi Yechiel Michel of Zlatchov, Rabbi Yehuda Heller Kahana of Sighet, and the Shpoler Zeida. The title of the article is: "Y-DNA Research Studies of Rabbinical Lineages and Their Importance to Jewish Genealogy" and is posted at: <https://independent.academia.edu/JeffreyMarkPaull>. The link requires registration to view the article.



Sundown March 20-Nightfall March 21

What’s a Census Predictor?

The 1950 U.S. Census will be released in April 2022 after its 72 year hibernation! This inspired Christy Underwood, who writes the blog [Shaking My Family Tree](#), to create a document that shows future researchers in her family where they might find her and her family so that they don’t have to wait that long for a future census. Ms. Underwood has filled out this “census predictor form for each of her family members who have lived since 1950.

<https://www.shakingmyfamilytree.com/2019/02/the-1970-2020-census-predictor-for.html>

Year	State	County	City	Address	Who Was Living There? + Notes
2020	MO	Jackson	Kansas City	<i>Private—obviously I leave the actual address in my files for future researchers.</i>	Christy and her dog and cat: <i>I have no plans to move so this will most likely be our home. Best laid plans?</i>
2010	MO	Jackson	Kansas City	12710 Baltimore Court	Christy was a live-in caregiver for her mom, Corinne, at her mother's home.
2000	MO	Jackson	Kansas City	501 West 11 th Street	Christy and a different dog: <i>We lived in three different units in this apartment building. I don't remember which one we were in when I filled out the census form.</i>
1990	MO	Jackson	Kansas City	3414 East 105 th Terrace	Christy lived with her parents, Steve and

Above: Christy uses a simple table to show her locations at each decade. Her future family will not have to wait 72 years for a census release!

Tips for Organizing Gen Data On YOUR Computer

Still making that transition from old paper records to computer or online apps? Amy Johnson Crow has a website with a subtitle of “Modern Genealogy Made Easy,” and addresses this task in the link below.

<https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/organizing-genealogy-files/>

Page 3 is compiled by JGSCV Board member, Andrea Massion (andrea@jgscv.org)

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, March 3, 2019 at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, 91362 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The Program: Success In-And In Spite Of Endogamy

Genetic genealogy is particularly daunting for those whose forebears come from endogamous populations (such as Ashkenazi Jews, Native Hawaiians and Cajuns, who have married in a closed group for generations). The work of identifying actual relatives from the mass of genetic distantly-related family can be frustrating. Drawing on case studies, this lecture explains how you can have success in such a situation. For Lara Diamond, this work has led to reunification with many relatives, including a family branch thought to have been killed in the Holocaust.

Speaker: Lara Diamond has been researching her family for 25 years,



starting as a middle school student. She has traced all branches of her family multiple generations back in Europe using Russian Empire-era and Austria-Hungarian Empire records. Most of her research is in modern-day Ukraine, with a smattering of Belarus and Poland. As she is an Ashkenazic Jew, she gets to have particular fun with her completely endogamous genome. She is president of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Maryland, leads JewishGen's Sub-Carpathian SIG, and is on JewishGen's Ukraine SIG's board of directors. She also runs multiple district-and town-focused projects to collect documentation to assist all those researching ancestors from common towns. She blogs about DNA and her Eastern European research at <http://larasgenealogy.blogspot.com>.

The Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County is dedicated to sharing genealogical information, techniques and research tools with anyone interested in Jewish genealogy and family history. There is no charge to attend the meeting. Anyone may join JGSCV. Annual dues are \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family.

JGSCV Updates

Come see Carol Flesher at the SCHMOOZING CORNER starting at 1PM on March 3rd. The SCHMOOZING CORNER is open 30 minutes before each JGSCV meeting where a knowledgeable JGSCV member is available to offer individualized help with your personal family history questions. The SCHMOOZING CORNER is located on the right side of the meeting room as you enter.

See “Noteworthy” on the www.jgscv.org website (or see page 18) 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.

See page 12 for new resources added to the JGSCV library including *Jewish Marriage and Divorce in Imperial Russia* by recent JGSCV presenter and Brandeis University professor, ChaeRan Y. Freeze.

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.



JGSCV Welcomes New Members

DARLENE AND MARC FEIGEN
JOAN SIEGEL-CLARK
CAROL OBERG

Highlights from All About



JewishGen

An affiliate of the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust

By Jan Meisels Allen

Warren Blatt, Managing Director of JewishGen and founding JGSCV member and board member gave a presentation entitled *All About JewishGen*. JewishGen is the primary and premiere website for researching Jewish genealogy resources. JewishGen is an affiliate of the Museum of Jewish



Warren Blatt presenting 'All About JewishGen' at the LAFSL

Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust. JewishGen is an all-volunteer organization with two paid staff: Warren in Simi Valley, California and Avrami Groll who is located in New York City. See: www.jewishgen.org

All of JewishGen's databases are free and always have been. Everything on JewishGen is available without charge. For an annual \$100 contribution one has access to added features such as notification if someone adds the name you listed on the FamilyFinder and one free education class. The \$100 annual donation for "Value Added Services" (VAS) provides: "Advanced Database Search Features", which let you combine multiple search criteria, using Boolean AND/OR searches. This allows more focused, targeted searches. See: <https://www.jewishgen.org/JewishGen/ValueAdded.asp>. Several of the hosted private SIGS may have a charge for accessing the most current data on their websites, but that is not through JewishGen

and is best to contact the specific Special Interest Group for information about their programs.

Warren focused his comments on three areas: The JewishGen Discussion Group, Tools and Projects.

Warren began his presentation with a brief history of JewishGen. Started by Susan King as an international electronic resource for Jewish genealogy (a FidoNet bulletin board) in 1987 with approximately 150 users, it moved to the internet around 1990. There, JewishGen was mostly a mailing list and online forum. By 1995 it had its own website and in 2003 became an affiliate of the Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust. JewishGen is a non-profit organization. Today it has over 1,000 active volunteers and a base of over 500,000 registered users worldwide.

Warren reviewed the following JewishGen features:

Yizkor Books



JewishGen
Yizkor Book Project

Yizkor books are the best source of what your ancestral town was like in Eastern Europe. These are books written by survivors or former residents of the towns and who gathered "landsleit" groups mainly in Israel, the United States and South America. Each is a tribute to the hometown's history, description, survivors and those who did not survive. Each usually includes photographs and maps. When they were published—they published a limited number of books, and this was one mainly in the 1950's and 1960's. Most are written in Hebrew and Yiddish, but some are also in other

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languages, such as Greek, etc. There was a need to translate the books into English so that a larger percentage of today's Jewish people could read the materials. Many of the 2,000 books published have been translated into English, with additions added monthly. To see which books are translated along with partially translated books go to: <http://www.jewishgen.org/Yizkor/>

Many of the books include a necrology of those who perished in the Shoah. Of course as these are written by the few survivors of the town. If the survivors did not know your family they will not be mentioned. JewishGen started a Yizkor Book in Print program several years ago—currently there are 80 books in print (<https://www.jewishgen.org/Yizkor/ybip.html>)

Necrology Index

The JewishGen Yizkor Book Necrology Database indexes the names of persons in the necrologies — the lists of Holocaust martyrs — published in the Yizkor Books appearing on the JewishGen Yizkor Book Translation Project. This is only a list of names and directs researchers back to the Yizkor Book itself where more information may be available. See:

<https://www.jewishgen.org/databases/yizkor/>

KehilaLinks

JewishGen KehilaLinks

JewishGen KehilaLinks (formerly "ShtetLinks") is a project facilitating web pages commemorating the places where Jews have lived. KehilaLinks provides the opportunity for anyone with an interest in a place to create web pages about that community. These web pages may contain information, pictures, databases, and links to other sources providing data about that place.

קהילה קהילי (Hebrew) n. (pl. kehilot קהילות): Jewish Community. Used to refer to a Jewish community, anywhere in the world.

Click on the region below to see a list of KehilaLinks sites in that region.
All places are listed by their modern names in their current countries. Yiddish and other names follow in parentheses.

Americas	Asia & Africa	Australia	Balkans
Belarus & Russia	Hungary & Slovakia	Latvia & Estonia	Lithuania
Middle East	Poland	Romania & Moldova	Ukraine
Western Europe	Region / District Studies	British Isles	Off-site Resources

JewishGen KehilaLinks (formerly "ShtetLinks") is a project facilitating web pages commemorating the places where Jews have lived. Once again volunteers create mini websites which include photographs, maps, the history of towns, memoirs. Currently there are over 920 towns that have Kehila Links. While most are from Eastern Europe, there are some from throughout the world where Jews once lived. For more information or if you are interested in creating a

KehilaLink for your ancestral town go to: <https://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/>.

Education Program

JewishGen began offering education programs in 2006. The online classes are self-paced with a workbook. The more advanced courses last four weeks. Some are one-on-one courses with an interactor, and personal monitoring. JewishGen also offers for first timers, information on their education courses and webcast videos. To see the array of educational opportunities that JewishGen offers see: <https://www.jewishgen.org/Education/>

ViewMate

ViewMate is a feature that allows participants to post photographs and documents online and request help in translating or identifying information. This is a collaborative effort with worldwide assistance. Once something is uploaded and confirmed it is posted. It is then the responsibility of the poster to notify subscribers by posting an email about the availability on the appropriate discussion group or SIG. This year there were over 54,000 images uploaded.

JewishGen Family Finder (JGFF)

JewishGen Family Finder (JGFF) is the oldest and most active of the databases which is comprised of ancestral towns and surnames currently being researched by Jewish genealogists worldwide. There are over 575,000 entries representing more than 18,000 towns and over 135,000 individuals. As it is cross-indexed one can search by either surname or town. It is an interactive database as one is entering the surnames and towns and countries. Due to different spellings for names the Daitch-Mokotoff Soundex program used. The D-M Soundex focuses on the way the word sounds not the way it is spelled.

Warren also discussed border changes where names of towns and countries are changed. Examples given were for this town currently in Lithuania:

- Vilna (1795-1917)
- Wilno (1918-1926)

Vilnius (1991 +)

Lemberg, Austria (1771-1917)

Lwów, Poland (1918-1939)

L'Vov, U.S.S.R. (1945-1991)

L'viv, Ukraine (1991+)

JewishGen standardizes to use the modern name:

Warszawa not Warsaw

Vilnius not Vilna

Danzig Germany today is Gdansk Poland

Beregszasz, Hungary today is Berehiv, Ukraine

Family Tree of the Jewish People (FTJP)

Family Tree of the Jewish People (FTJP) includes over 7 million records from about 7,000 family trees. This is a static database as the trees on the FTJP are not like those on some other genealogical programs in that others may not change what you input. The FTJP is limited to only Jewish people and neither photographs nor documents may be linked to the tree. The tree is a "simple GEDCOM". See: <https://www.jewishgen.org/gedcom/>

Gazetteer

The JewishGen Gazetteer contains the name of over one million localities in 54 countries in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia. It is based on the JewishGen Communities database. It includes the town names, country, official synonym, and the distance from the country capital. It will display coordinates in latitude and longitude and links to maps and the **current** country where the town is located.

The Jewish Communities Database only includes Jewish communities, JGFF, yizkor books, kehila links, JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR), Yizkor Book Necrology Database and more data set that pertain to the focus of the country, all known synonyms including Yiddish town names; links to JewishGen resources. At one time there were 6,500 Jewish communities.

An example given about town names in the United States was Brooklyn. In the US there are 38 different communities with the name of Brooklyn.

However, if that town is mentioned to someone who is Jewish, they immediately identify with Brooklyn, NY not the other 37 towns with the same names.

There are 20 million records in the historical record databases.

All Country Databases search all relevant JewishGen databases. There are 800 datasets and now JewishGen is sharing data with Gesher Galicia whose data is part of the All Poland Country database. One can search by surname, given name region and town. The searches in the All Country database are through all relevant JewishGen databases such as the JGFF, JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR), the JewishGen Yizkor Book Necrology Database, as well as all other datasets which pertain to the focus country. See:

<https://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/documentation/databases.htm>

The All Poland Database includes Jewish Records Indexing and the JewishGen data bases. One can filter by region or gubernia. To see an example of the myriad of databases for one country see the All Poland. For towns that were at one time in either Lithuania and now in Poland and vice versa, some records are in both. Database at: <https://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Poland/>

JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry – JOWBR

JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry

The **JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR)** is a database of more than three million names and other identifying information from cemeteries and burial records worldwide. [Click here for more information about JOWBR, its goals, and how you can contribute.](#)

Cemeteries: See the [Contents of the Database](#), which lists all the cemeteries included in this database.

This database started in 2004 and now contains more than three million records from 7,500 cemeteries from 128 countries. This database uses names and other identifying information from cemeteries and burial records worldwide. There are more than 3.1 million records. One can search

by surnames, given names, geographic filter and Landsmanshaften. This database searches all surnames, not just primary names. There are filters for global, country and state/province. Half of the tombstones have photographs on the database.

Memorial Plaques Project

A companion to the burial registry is the Memorial Plaques Project which was begun by the JGS of Long Island. These are the plaques placed within synagogues to remember to those who have died. In some instances they might be the only reference to find a deceased, or their parents. As synagogues are closing, this project is critical to retaining the information which may otherwise be lost. While the types of information vary by synagogue it does contain genealogically-relevant information including patryonymics (father's Hebrew name) or dates of death. Warren related a personal story about memorial plaques that his grandfather had placed for *his* parents' which included names taking Warren back to the 1820's. There was genealogical information with death date, birth date or year, and at least one parent's name.

New Databases

Over the past 18 months JewishGen has added data for:

Belarus, Prague, Bohemia; new French databases including Alsace region, Hungarian SIG (H-SIG) vital records from Sub-Carpathia SIG, Slovakia, Bohemia and more. They also recently added 62,000 names from Latvia with links to the archives. The Irish Jewish Database has also been added to JewishGen. Other additions include from the Litvak SIG; revision lists (similar to censuses) Bessarabia (Moldova) which is east of Romania; 2.2 million of the 7million records on Jewish Records Indexing-Poland have been linked to JewishGen; Bukovina (northeast Romania and Ukraine); Sub-Carpathia region which was in in Hungary per World War I and was in

Czechoslovakia but today is in the Ukraine; United Kingdom- including Great Britain and Ireland; and for the United States the addition from a Denver Colorado funeral home.

JewishGen moved its host to the Amazon Web Services. JewishGen unified all 26 million records into one database. In the JewishGen Unified search there is one major issue that staff is still addressing. If one searches "Joseph Rabinowitz" one can find Joseph and Rabinowitz, but not the two names together.

Following the presentation Warren accepted questions from the JGSCV member audience.

One question was about Russian records. Many "Russian" records were really in other countries, such as Poland, Lithuania, Ukraine and few were from "Russia-proper".

Belgium records are included in the French database along with the other French speaking countries. In the unified database one can find the records all in one place. There are only burial sites, no vital records.

On the Family Tree of Jewish People one can only upload a new Gedcom. One cannot edit what is already uploaded. One can take their tree from MyHeritage as JewishGen has a sharing agreement with them. Warren was not certain how often the My Heritage tree on JewishGen is updated when one updates their tree on MyHeritage.

Warren Blatt is Managing Director, JewishGen, an affiliate of the Museum of Jewish Heritage and founding member and board member of JGSCV. In 2004, Warren received the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) Lifetime Achievement Award. He is the author of *Resources for Jewish Genealogy in the Boston Area*; and co-author of *Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy*. Warren has over 25 years of research experience with Russian and Polish Jewish records, and is the author of the "JewishGen FAQ: Frequently Asked Questions about Jewish Genealogy, and other FAQs.



Practicing Safe Computing #41: Google Chrome Critical Error!

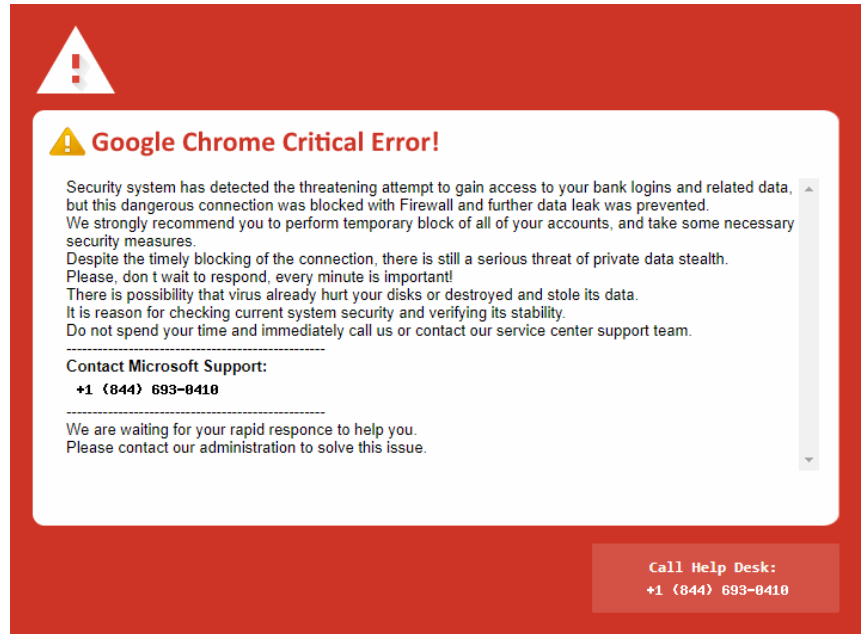
by Hal Bookbinder

Have you ever gotten a screen like this? As you likely suspect, it is a scam. The number is not to Microsoft Support but rather to the scammer who will try to sell you services for your nonexistent problem and seek to obtain your private information. Most believe that they would never be fooled by this. However, these scammers are very good at scaring you and in gaining your confidence.

They may ask to take a look at your system to assess the problem. Granting them such access allows them to implant malware on your computer. Never give another access to your computer unless you have full faith in them. I have given access to staff from my employer's help desk to troubleshoot a problem. But, I am hard-pressed to think of anyone else to whom I would grant such access.

This pop-up is triggered by visiting unsafe sites. You may have inadvertently accessed such a site by clicking on a link or mistyping an address. Generally, you are not at risk and should simply close the window. If the malware prevents you from doing so, simultaneously press 'Alt', 'Ctrl', 'Delete' and choose 'Task Manager'. The programs you are running will be displayed. Highlight 'Google Chrome' and press 'Delete'. This will force close the program, not actually delete it. If this does not work, power off and then back on your PC. Generally, the pop-up will not return until you visit another unsafe site.

If you get such a message and wonder if it is real, Google it (go ahead and search for 'Google Chrome Critical Error!'). You will likely learn that it is a



known fake message designed to part you from your money and information. You will likely also see sites displayed offering programs and services to clean your computer. Tread carefully as these too may not have your best interest at heart.

There are various clues in this message that it is not real, including not showing the source (though implying it is Microsoft), the sense of urgency, and the fact that the number shown is not that of Microsoft Support (which is 800-642-7676). These messages are invariably fake. Do not fall for them! Never call the number or click on any link on such a warning message. If you want to reach out to Microsoft Support, call them directly and they will surely reassure you that this is a scam.

This is the forty first 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.

Genealogy Odds and Ends



The U.S. State Department announced that additional reparation payments would be made to individuals with approved claims in connection with the

Holocaust Deportation Claims Program. Those whose claims were previously approved will be notified by letter from the State Department. The amount will be 97% of their prior approved claim amount, based on the remaining funds for approved claims. Forty-nine Holocaust survivors will receive \$402,00 from the French government for the French trains that deported them to Nazi concentration camps.

For more information go to: www.state.gov/deportationclaims/index.htm

Four new and beautiful historical maps of the Kingdom of Galicia are now on the Gesher Galicia Map Room: <https://maps.geshergalicia.org/>

These maps span 1775 to 1872, including one of the earliest maps in the collection, a very early road map from 1820, and some of the best map designs ever seen. The four maps on our site are all thanks to Areta Kovalska and her Forgotten Galicia blog site, which featured them among many other maps of Galicia in a special post one year ago: <http://forgottengalicia.com/historical-maps-of-galicia-1775-1918/>



The Library of Congress has been running the Veterans History Project, Experiencing War, for several years which has been reported on previously. They have now added the GI Bill to commemorate its 75th anniversary. The GI Bill

collections has 15 veterans who subsidized their education through this legislation. To read the blog post see: <https://blogs.loc.gov/folklife/2019/02/vhps-newest-online-exhibit-the-gi-bill-75-years-of-opportunity/>. The online exhibit may be viewed at: <https://www.loc.gov/vets/stories/ex-war-gi-bill.html>

At least two of the persons' interviews are Jewish: Stanley Karnow who served in the Army Air Corps in World War II and Jonathan Newmark MD who served on the War on Terrorism. There are also interviews, some video and some audio only that include military personnel, both male and female, Army, Air Force, Marines and Navy, who took advantage of the GI Bill which shaped the post-war lives from World War all to Iraq and Afghanistan.

The GI Bill of 1944 was a very important bill to advance education. It brought Jews (as well as non-Jews) into a different level of society. Unlike Jewish parents at the time who might have been shoemakers, tailors, merchants, the GI Bill provided the largest single way that Jews became doctors, lawyers, dentists, etc. The GI Bill also broke down and eliminated for the most part the Jewish quotas for colleges and universities.

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New Additions to the JGSCV Libraries

Since we reported in the October 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.

Beyond the Tunnel: The Second Life of Adolph Sutro Mark Abbott Stein 2018 California

Lomza: In Memory of the Jewish Community 1957; Publisher: American Committee for Lomzer Pinkos (Hebrew)

Lost and Found a Family Memoir Sara Borczuk Applebaum Fastpencil, 2010 California

Jewish Marriage and Divorce in Imperial Russia ChaeRan Y. Freeze Brandeis University Press 2002 Hanover, New Hampshire

Polish Jews A Pictorial Record Roman Vishniac Shocken Books Second printing 1969 New York

The Frontier Jews Rabbi I. Harold Sharfman Citadel Press 1978 New Jersey

The Jew in the Medieval World A Source book: 315-1791 Jacob Rader Marcus Rev Ed 1999 reprinted 1990 Hebrew Union College Press, New York

The Shtetl: A Creative Anthology of Jewish Life in Eastern Europe Translated and edited by Joachim Neugroschel 1989 The Overlook Press Woodstock, NY

Wolkovisker Yizkor Book Volume1:1949 Publisher: Wolkovisker Yizkor Book (Hebrew)

2019 IAJGS CONFERENCE CLEVELAND, OH JULY 28-AUGUST 2

Registration has now opened for the Cleveland Conference. Go to the conference website (www.iajgs2019.org) and look under the REGISTRATION tab.



For now, the registration form does not have all of the meals. Those items will be added later, once scheduling has been finalized, and you will be able to update your registration. Be sure to read through the registration overview page, paying particular attention to something new this year, the mandatory meal voucher.

March 2019

VENTURING INTO OUR PAST



2019 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 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:

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 _____

Home telephone _____ Mobile telephone _____

E-mail address _____

Talents that you have to share (accounting skills, language skills, computer skills, translation, etc.)



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, March 3rd 1:30—3:30 PM *Success In-And In Spite Of Endogamy with Lara Diamond*

MONDAY	APRIL 8, 2019	7:00-9:00 PM	“Branching Out from Sephardic-Solving a Converso Mystery”	Speaker, Sarina Roffe, founder Sephardic Heritage Project
SUNDAY	MAY 5, 2019	1:30-3:30 PM	Annual Yom Hashoah Program - Program, Documentary, “The Forgotten Ones: The Story of Yugoslav Jewry”	(Yom Hashoah actual date: May 2)
SUNDAY	JUNE 2, 2019	1:30-3:30 PM	“MyHeritage New Features and New Records”	Speaker, Daniel Horowitz, Genealogy Expert, MyHeritage
SUNDAY	JULY 14, 2019	1:30-3:30 PM	Genealogy In The Round	Members and Friends share successes, brickwalls and artifacts

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Check www.jgscv.org for updates

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS (Cont’d on next page)



WEBSITE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

No Need To Reregister for 2018-2019 If Already Registered

Note: Ralphs Changed our NPO Number Please use the one listed below when searching for JGSCV: RG981

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:

Join Ralphs' Club and they will contribute a percentage of what you purchase to JGSCV! Registration is easy and helps your local Jewish genealogy society! Having a Ralphs card also helps you with discounts on purchases and their website **saves you money** too by downloading coupons. See the step-by-step directions below.

You can register for the new term at www.Ralphs.com starting **September 1, 2018**.

Remember: You can renew or register for the first time at the JGSCV's meetings—but you must first have a Ralph's Card. You can easily obtain a card by going to a Ralphs near you at their customer service desk. For information contact Karen Lewy at Karen@jgscv.org.

IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED YOUR REWARDS CARD ONLINE

(This means that you have already entered your email address and assigned yourself a password)

1. Log in to www.ralphs.com
2. Click Sign In
3. Enter your email address and password that you registered with.
4. Click on person icon (in top right hand corner)
5. Click on My Account
6. View all your information and edit as necessary
7. Link your card to JGSCV by clicking on:
 - a. Community Rewards – Re-Enroll
 - b. **Type JGSCV's NPO number: RG981 or Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley &" OR:** Type in the first words of our organization i.e. "Jewish Gen" (if you only type in "Jewish" a number of organizations appear including ours, so by typing in the first few letters of our second name only we appear) and click on "search" and our name will pop up: Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley &" **Make certain it's our Society as there are other Jewish Genealogy Societies registered!**
 - c. Remember to click on the circle/bubble to the left of JGSCV's name
 - d. Click in save changes

Our name Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley &..) will appear on the right side of this page

- e. Click on Enroll to finish your enrollment process

Remember even if you are only an occasional Ralphs shopper, your purchases help JGSCV!