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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

JGSCV was privileged to host the US Premiere of *The Forgotten Ones: The Story of Yugoslav Jewry* for our annual Yom Hashoah program. The program followed 30-year-old Stella as she sets out on a journey full of revelations to investigate how the Yugoslav community was destroyed in the country without anti-Semitism before the war and what happened to her great-grandfather, who was crowned Righteous among the Nations, by Yad Vashem. Through her travels we learned of the Nazi atrocities in Yugoslavia- an area that suffered the largest, by percentage, loss of their Jews. See page 6 for highlights of the program.

Thank you to Hal Bookbinder for facilitating the Schmoozing Corner. Each month a senior member facilitates this feature for you to ask questions and get general guidance. The schmoozing corner begins 30 minutes before our program begins.

We began the program with the lighting of six Yahrzeit candles and a memorial prayer remembering both the 6 million Jews and 5 million others by JGSCV Board member Israel Perel, a son of Holocaust survivors.

Temple Adat Elohim has given us our meeting dates for August 2019 through July 2020. We are indebted, since our inception in 2005, to be invited to hold



Joanne Cadis discussing her family's film *The Forgotten Ones: The Story of Yugoslav*

## NEXT MEETING

**Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:30-3:30 PM**

## MyHeritage New Features And New Records



Daniel Horowitz, MyHeritage Genealogy Expert, will share the best techniques for navigating the newest features, newest records

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**Mission Statement:**

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

our meetings at Temple Adat Elohim. They are a wonderful meeting co-sponsor. The new dates are on page 12. Now that we have the dates we can start to work on programs. As the programs are confirmed they will be announced here in *Venturing Into Our Past*, posted on our website, [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org) and available on the future meeting handout at our meetings. Speaking of programs, our annual **Genealogy in the Round** where members and friends can share a genealogical success, brick wall or artifact is on **Sunday, July 14th**. I am always nervous that we won't have enough volunteers to share and am always delighted as more people come forward. If you would like to share please let me know sooner rather than later—you don't want a stressed out president!

The IAJGS Conference on Jewish Genealogy will be held on July 28-August 2, 2019 in Cleveland, Ohio at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown <https://www.iajgs2019.org/>. The main hotel is totally sold out but back up hotels are now available. The program is up and you can now sign-up for Breakfast with the Experts, SIG luncheons and the gala banquet. See page 13 for more information.

After asking for volunteers for the JGSCV table at the Southern California Genealogical Jamboree on Friday May 31, we have filled all the time slots! Thank you JGSCV members!

Hal Bookbinder's next installment of "Practicing Safe Computing", *PC Magazine as a Source* starts on page 10.

The Annual Ventura County Fair is July 31-August 11 July 31-August 11, See page 13 for details on the genealogy portion.

Father's Day is later this month. This is a perfect time to add to your family tree with a remembrance about a father, grandfather, uncle, brother, nephew or son. Adding memories both in writing and with photos and documents helps preserve their memories.

Our June program is with Daniel Horowitz of MyHeritage, *Latest New Features and Records Release by MyHeritage*. During recent months, My Heritage made a series of new releases on their records: The Theory of Family Relativity™, AutoClusters, DNA Quest, the completion of the Israeli Cemeteries Digitizing project and millions of new records, among others. Daniel will go over these and other features in detail. See page 4.

Daniel is making an offer to sell MyHeritage DNA tests for \$59 each or less if they are offered less at the time. However, he needs to know in advance how many DNA kits to bring. See page 5 for more information The form to fill out for this special offer is on available at: <http://bit.ly/JGSCVDNA>

Looking forward to seeing you on June 2nd.



*Jan Meisels Allen*

## Magazine for Women as Resource for Local Names

*The American Jewess* (1895-1899) described itself as "the only magazine in the world devoted to the interests of Jewish women" and was the first English-language periodical targeted to American Jewish women. Its archives are online, and Page 3 experimented with some key words to find possible sources for genealogy. Women's names in various capacities and in specific cities are numerous: monthly reports from the National Council of Jewish Women including both national and local meetings; newsy articles on local events and who attended; St. Louis Ladies' Sewing Society; Baron Hirsh Ladies' Aid Society of Chicago; Cleveland Orphans' Society; Paris, France; Pittsburgh, and Denver. Colorado where it was reported that "the prospects of opening a night school for the Russian Jews on the West side are very good..." (Volume 2, Issue 3, December, 1895, pp. 177-186) Use your best keywords at <https://quod.lib.umich.edu/a/amjewess/>

## Your World War II Story is Waiting to be Told!

Our newsletter folks and the JGSCV Board have a call out for stories and research on your loved ones during WWII. European Theater? Pacific Region? Boot camp, escape or survival? We're marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of this remarkable and momentous event through 2020, and would love to hear from you.

Contact us if you can contribute to this series. We are happy to assist with editing and would welcome any photos, too. Email Allan Linderman, editor, at [newslettereditor@jgscv.org](mailto:newslettereditor@jgscv.org) or Jan Allen, our President. Or talk to them at the next meeting and tell them what you'd like to write about.



## Jewish Immigration Study from 1914 at Project Guttenberg Online

Project Guttenberg Online provides free access to copies of publications created in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. **Jewish Immigration To The United States From 1881 to 1910 by Samuel Joseph, 1914** from an academic journal entitled **Studies In History, Economics And Public Law**

**Concerning Genealogies: Being suggestions of value for all interested in family history by Frank Allaben, 1904**  
[http://www.gutenberg.org/files/35415/35415-h/35415-h.htm#Page\\_141](http://www.gutenberg.org/files/35415/35415-h/35415-h.htm#Page_141)

## DNA: What Can That Centimorgan Number Do For Me?

We've read that it's good to be wary when matches are reported for your DNA results. Here's a free tool that may shed light on the nature of those matches. The Shared cM Project 3.0 tool v4 at [dnainter.com](http://dnainter.com) can help you to narrow down the possible relationships for a match based on the number of centimorgans (cM) you enter from your online matches. Find a helpful video by Blaine Bettinger of DNA Central and [thegeneticgenealogist.com](http://thegeneticgenealogist.com) about what DNA Painter is and how to best use it.

Second cousin twice removed? Great-great aunt? Find the tool at <https://dnainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4>

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, June 2, 2019 at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, 91362 1:30-3:30 p.m.



## The Program: Latest New Features and Records Release by MyHeritage

During the last months, MyHeritage has released a series of new records and DNA offers including The Theory of Family Relativity™, AutoClusters, DNA Quest, the completion of the Israeli Cemeteries Digitizing project and millions of new records, among others.

Daniel Horowitz will go into detail on each of these and other new features that are available now. He will demonstrate the best way to take advantage of each one to enhance your family research.

**Speaker:** Daniel Horowitz is the Genealogy Expert at MyHeritage providing key contributions, liaising with genealogy societies, bloggers and media, as well as lecturing, and attending conferences around the world. Dedicated to Genealogy since 1986, he was the teacher and the study guide editor of the family history project "Searching for My Roots" in Venezuela for 15 years. Daniel is involved in several crowdsource digitization and transcription projects and holds a board level position at the Israel Genealogy Research Association (IGRA).



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

Bring your family history questions to the SCHMOOZING CORNER starting at 1 PM on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 genealogy questions. The SCHMOOZING CORNER is located on the right side of the meeting room as you enter. Look for Sara Applebaum facilitating at the next meeting.



Board member Irv Camhi has tendered his resignation from the board effective immediately due to personal reasons. He continues to be a member and will continue to assist at the library table. We will miss Irv's board contributions and appreciate his time on the board.

JGSCV added *Genealogy Standards Second Edition* by the Board for Certification of Genealogists to our permanent library. See the updated list of permanent books on our website at <http://www.jgscv.org> under library permanent.

In 2020, *Venturing Into Our Past* will be commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WWII with a series of stories about our family members and the war. Start thinking about how you would like to recognize the exploits of someone in your family tree as they relate to that period. If you'd love to tell the story but need assistance writing, please contact Allan Linderman ([newslettereditor@jgscv.org](mailto:newslettereditor@jgscv.org))

**Daniel Horowitz, JGSCV's June 2 speaker is offering discounts for My Heritage DNA tests with preorders. Fill out the form at <http://bit.ly/JGSCVDNA> and pay just \$59\* per test. \*Price may be lowered if offered for less at the Southern California Genealogical Jamboree**

When shopping at Amazon.com please go to our website ([www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org)) 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: *The Forgotten Ones: The Story of Yugoslav Jewry*

By Jan Meisels Allen

JGSCV was privileged to have hosted the US premiere of *The Forgotten Ones: The Story of Yugoslav Jewry* for our annual Yom Hashoah program. It is a documentary that brings to light, for the first time, the Holocaust of the Jewry of the former Yugoslavia. German Nazis, Croatian Ustaši, Hungarian Fascists, Bulgarian occupiers, nationalist Serbs, some Italians, and even the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, all played their different roles in the Holocaust of Yugoslav Jewry. It was an old community from the time of the Second Temple and the expulsion of Sephardi Jews. Ashkenazim and Sephardim, living in harmony, developed a special culture. In the film, 30-year-old Stella sets out on a journey full of revelations to investigate how the Yugoslav community was destroyed in the country without anti-Semitism before the war. She sought to learn the fate of her great-grandfather, who was crowned Righteous Among the Nations, by Yad Vashem, who saved Jews during the Holocaust. Stella is a young Israeli born in Yugoslavia.

Yugoslavia suffered the largest by percentage, loss of their Jewish population due to the Holocaust -85 percent with Macedonia exceeding 98%. While a number of Yugoslav Jews were transported to Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen and Treblinka, many are not aware of the number of death camps that were in Yugoslavia.

Stella and her family left Sarajevo (today Bosnia) when she was 11 and immigrated to Israel. Stella had recently married and moved into her grandmother's home where she



found previously unknown family photographs and a certificate for Righteous Among the Nations and wanted to learn more. She started her inquiry at Yad Vashem where they explained the certificate of Righteous Among the Nations for her great-grandfather, Ahmed Sadik Sarlop. He arrived in Sarajevo from Salonki—and liked doing business with Jews, which is why he spoke Ladino. He forged papers for a Jewish family and hid the family in his home and they survived. Yad Vashem said the only information they have on the Yugoslav Jews is from survivor's testimony.

She went to Yugoslavia to find more information. There she interviewed survivors, some with family ties to Yugoslavia since the

Inquisition, and historians. The documentary also includes photographs and old videos from the war and



noted there were 300,000 Jews at the beginning of the war. With a smaller Jewish population, the Holocaust of Yugoslav Jewry was dwarfed by what happened to Jews in Poland where 3 million Jews were murdered. There both Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jewish communities within Yugoslavia.

Hitler demanded from the King of Yugoslavia that they join the axis. There was a military coup which did not like the TriPartite Pact, and rebelled. On April 6-7, 1941 Hitler attacked Yugoslavia. After killing 5,000 Yugoslavs they relented. Later in the month Yugoslavia was divided between the axis powers: Italy, Germany, Hungary, Bulgaria and Macedonia. Belgrade, Serbia was the first city in Europe that was "judenfrei". While the King of Bulgaria was stated to have saved Bulgarian Jews, he was actually brutal toward Yugoslavian Jews. The actions against the Jews started immediately upon the break-up of Yugoslavia.

During the war, Yugoslavia was one country comprised of various "factions". Nazi Germany and its axis allies invaded Yugoslavia in April 1941. The Nazis permitted the fascist and terrorist Ustaša to found the Independent State of Croatia which included Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The Jews of Belgrade were sent to Saimishte, the main Serbian concentration camp. In December 1941 all Jewish women and children from Belgrade and other parts of Serbia were sent to this concentration camp. In early 1942, the special gas vans arrived from Germany which transported the women and children to Yainici, on the outskirts of Belgrade. By the time they arrived, the gas had killed the people inside the van. The van made many trips to kill all the Jewish women and children. The bodies were thrown into graves dug by the Romanis (gypsies) who were also prisoners.

In January 1942, the Hungarians in Bachka and Serbia arranged a "Ratzia" (pogrom). The Jews were killed in their homes and the streets. A transport also brought the Jews to the Danube and lined them up in groups of four and made them go to the frozen Danube to drown. A messenger from the Hungarian Parliament came and stopped the "Ratzia".

Among the concentration camps the Ustaša established were two on Pag Island, Croatia. On the Adriatic, there was one camp for men-Slana, and one for women-

Metania. The documentary depicted the current Holocaust deniers on the island and that the plaque memorializing what had been there was destroyed three times.

While many Yugoslav Jews were shipped to Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen and Treblinka, the documentary focuses on the concentration camps within Yugoslavia. One of the worst camps was Jasenovac, in Croatia, an extermination camp operated by the Ustaše regime rather than Nazi Germany.

Twenty-thousand children under age 14 died there. Today, the only memorial is this monument without any indication of what the area was previously. It was one of the largest concentration camps in Europe and it has been referred to as "the Auschwitz of the Balkans" and "the Yugoslav Auschwitz". Jasenovac was located in the German occupation zone of the Independent State of Croatia. The Jasenovac complex was a string of five camps on the bank of the Sava River, about 60 miles south of Zagreb. They murdered people in the most primitive ways.



The Allies bombed the area toward the end of the war. The architect of the camp did not want any replication made after the war as it would not be "authentic." Not even the names of those killed there are imprinted on the memorial (above). It's as if the Yugoslavian Holocaust never occurred. As with all the Yugoslavian camps, what happened was erased.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) in Washington, D.C. presently estimates that the Ustaša regime murdered between 77,000 and 99,000 people in Jasenovac between 1941 and 1945, comprising "between 45,000 and 52,000 Serbs; between 12,000 and 20,000 Jews; between 15,000 and 20,000 Roma (Gypsies); and between 5,000 and 12,000 ethnic Croats and Muslims, political and religious opponents of the regime."

In Croatia there were 40 concentration camps. The camps are depicted in the schematic below as # 1-40

and the two camps in annexed territories are marked 54 and 55.

The country broke apart in the 1990s to form five countries:

- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Croatia
- Republic of Macedonia
- Slovenia
- Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

In 2003, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia it was split into two countries:

- Montenegro
- Serbia

The documentary shows Stella visiting various organizations to find out what happened to her great-grandfather. She learned that a Jewish man got off a train to get some water for his family and Stella's great-grandfather told him to go elsewhere as his destination was very bad for Jews. It is assumed someone told the authorities her great-grandfather helped the Jewish family and he was sent to Jasenovac and the limited documentation shows he died in April 1945. The last day of the camp was April 22, 1945 when many of the prisoners were killed and the guards murdered most of the surviving prisoners before dismantling the last three Jasenovac camps in late April.

At the end of the documentary, JGSCV member Joanne Cadis spoke about the Israeli group which made the documentary, *Hitahdut Oley Ex Yugoslavia*. She also mentioned that Stella, who is the person trying to find out about her great-grandfather and her family immigrated to Israel and converted to Judaism.

The documentary was uploaded to YouTube though not necessarily by *Hitahdut Oley Ex Yugoslavia*, who made the film. The film may be viewed at: <https://tinyurl.com/yygumuom>

original url: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpGs9QS7NX4&list=UUB5dwaiEDbnEox\\_B\\_nLiAto&index=0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpGs9QS7NX4&list=UUB5dwaiEDbnEox_B_nLiAto&index=0)



Axis / fascist concentration camps in Yugoslavia in World War II

— Internationally recognized borders  
 --- Illegal Axis / fascist borders in occupied Yugoslavia

1. Sajmište	18. Grabovci	31. Podgoranija (Kasanka)	46. Petrovgrad (Zrenjanin)	61. Prevlaka
2. Breznika Mitrovica	17. Gornjavica	32. Bugojna	47. Sloboje	62. Zengelo
3. Dabovo	16. Slak	33. Vilegrat	48. Bačka Palanka	63. Maribor
4. Vukovci	19. Cagrag (children's camp)	34. Pale	49. Sombor	64. Ljubičana
5. Dečani	20. Gospić	35. Mladina	50. Bečej	65. Beogradski dvor (Beli)
6. Trnjski Antonaev	21. Jadovo	36. Dolac	51. Novi Sad	66. Celje
7. Slavenska Puzega	22. Stana (female camp)	37. Magjaj	52. Bačka Topola	67. Kruševac
8. Stara Gradiska	23. Stana (male camp)	38. Srebrenica	53. Subotica	68. Smederevska Palanka
9. Jadarac	24. Opatovci	39. Jasenovac	54. Tab	69. Petrovac na Mlazi
10. Mita	25. Cerovljani	40. Gacko	55. Morat	70. Zagubina
11. Jasenovac	26. Prijedor	41. Deligrad (Banjica)	56. Kraljevo	
12. Bodošaj	27. Kraljevo	42. Na (Green Krst)	57. Babar	
13. Ladiševac	28. Zenica	43. Trepča	58. Cingiraj	
14. Rajci	29. Sarajevo	44. Sabor	59. Bar	
15. Paklenica	30. Vlasovica (Jan Pijevac)	45. Bar	60. Manula	

Note: Some scholars are suggesting that term "fascist" is not a proper description for all countries that participated in occupation of Yugoslavia. Other scholars (including those from former Yugoslavia) are using this term as a description for all these countries.



# Commemorate WWII

# In Future ‘Venturing Into Our Past’

June 6 will be the 75th anniversary of D-Day. Did you, or do you know someone who served in World War II? Next year JGSCV will be running a year-long series on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II. If you have a story to share, contact our newsletter editor Allan Linderman at [newslettereditor@jgscv.org](mailto:newslettereditor@jgscv.org). Allan Linderman or page 3 editor Andrea Massion can assist you in writing or editing if you need some assistance.

## Honoring Those Who Honored Us with Their Lives

*By Curt B. Witcher, Librarian, Allen County (PA) Public Library-Genealogy Center*

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Memorial Day 2019 will be upon us in just a few weeks. As has been done previously in this newsletter over the years, I want to encourage all to use this holiday to actively pursue discovery of our military ancestors, just as actively preserve the documents that witness that service—that ultimate sacrifice, and present those stories of our military ancestors as part of our families’ stories. There are an amazing number of online sources we can use to find our military heroes and heroines.

A sample of great United States military sites is listed in the following. Use this list to encourage and inspire your efforts to find ancestors who participated in the defense of our freedoms. Then continue on to find those ancestors who died in that defense.

American Battlefield Trust’s American Revolution Site [www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/american-revolution-faqs](http://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/american-revolution-faqs)

War of 1812 Pension Files  
[www.fold3.com/title/761/war-of-1812-pension-files](http://www.fold3.com/title/761/war-of-1812-pension-files)

National Park Service Mexican War Links  
[www.nps.gov/paal/learn/historyculture/links.htm](http://www.nps.gov/paal/learn/historyculture/links.htm)

Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System  
[www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm](http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm)

Spanish American War Centennial Website  
[www.spanamwar.com](http://www.spanamwar.com)

National World War I Museum  
[www.theworldwar.org](http://www.theworldwar.org)

World War II at History.com  
[www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/world-war-ii-history](http://www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/world-war-ii-history)

Korean War Veterans Memorial  
[www.koreanwarvetsememorial.org/the-memorial/](http://www.koreanwarvetsememorial.org/the-memorial/)

Vietnam Veterans Memorial  
<http://thewall-usa.com/names.asp>

National Gulf War Veterans Resource Center  
[www.ngwrc.org/](http://www.ngwrc.org/)

The above list represents far less than one percent of all the useful military sites available for free use on the Internet. The USGenWeb project contains many names and relevant military service information as do the following sites.

The Genealogy Center’s Our Military Heritage  
[www.genealogycenter.info/military](http://www.genealogycenter.info/military)

National Archives--Research in Military Records  
[www.archives.gov/research/military](http://www.archives.gov/research/military)

National Cemetery Administration of the US Department of Veterans Affairs  
<https://m.va.gov/gravelocator/>

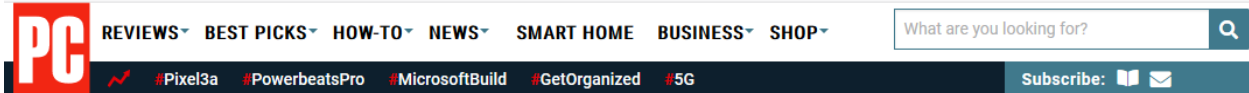
Pay sites add millions upon millions of additional records. Fold3.com continues to build upon its amazing corpus of military records. The paths for pursuing one’s military ancestors are many and increasingly robust.

Once information is gathered and organized, it is important to commit to preserving that data for future generations. And a part of preserving is presenting that organized data to libraries, archives, and other organizations committed to access and sharing. Increasingly, we all must do more proactively to ensure our military history and our families stories in which we place our military histories, are available for our grandchildren’s great-grandchildren.



# Practicing Safe Computing #44: PC Magazine as a Source

By Hal Bookbinder



PC Magazine <http://www.pcmag.com> has all kinds of good stuff that can help you Practice Safe Computing and it is free. It has a search field (shown above) that allows you to find information on most any PC, Internet or technology topic imaginable. The articles are in plain English and do not take a technical degree to read. Based on your interests or the latest news, you might search for articles on “Facebook hacks”, “best notebook computers”, “Google privacy”, or even the “best photo printers”.

When you do you a search, expect to see associated advertisements as well. PC Magazine clearly makes their money through advertising. While I have found good, seemingly unbiased information in PC Magazine, it is always best to do additional research before making important decisions. PC Magazine has several articles on the best antivirus protection for 2019 (enter “best antivirus” in the search field above). There are articles for PCs and MACS, for paid and for free tools. While acknowledging the advances made by Windows Defender (which I wrote about last month) they continue to recommend other solutions, many of which are advertisers. Probably just a coincidence☺.

An April 2019 article on DNA kits compares 23andMe, AncestryDNA, Living DNA, HomeDNA, National Geographic Genographic Project and MyHeritage DNA. You may find it to be worthwhile even if you have already obtained DNA results and especially if you have yet to test your DNA. You can find it at <https://www.pcmag.com/roundup/356975/the-best-dna-testing-kits>



Notwithstanding repeated issues regarding Facebook, we still rely on it, as do 2.38 billion Mostly Active Users (MAU) Worldwide. Earlier this year, PC Magazine provided a series of tips on hidden Facebook features. You can find the article at <https://www.pcmag.com/feature/324797/24-hidden-facebook-features-only-power-users-know>. Along with each tip, the article provides step-by-step instructions, often with great diagrams. (Continued on page 15).

*This is the forty fourth 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](http://www.jgscv.org) under Noteworthy.*

# Genealogy Odds and Ends



**JewishGen**

Nolan Altman reports that JewishGen “announced the completion of its most recent update to the JewishGen Holocaust Database. The database can be accessed directly at <https://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Holocaust/> The database now includes more than **2.75 million** records from approximately **200 component databases**.

All component databases (individual data sets) have a project introduction. The introduction gives you further information about the historical background of the data, location of the original source document, fields used in the database, translation aides when applicable and acknowledgments to those that helped with data entry, validation and online preparation of the data set. A listing of each of the component databases can be found by scrolling down the main search page. All data can be searched in one database-wide search from the Holocaust Database home page.”

As reported by Peter Lande of Washington, D.C., The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum has added 549 names of twins at Auschwitz. The collection contains lists of names and certificates for twins who were used in 1944 in Mengele's medical experiments at Auschwitz II. You can request and immediately receive digital copies of the original documents in your email.

Research at

[https://www.ushmm.org/online/hsv/source\\_view.php?SourceId=48578](https://www.ushmm.org/online/hsv/source_view.php?SourceId=48578)

Last fall, Ancestry announced their new ethnicity estimates for new and existing customers. Due to a new algorithm and five times more reference samples, Ancestry believes the estimates are more accurate. Effective May 30, 2019 all AncestryDNA® customers will be transitioned to their new ethnicity estimates. To keep prior results, download them by July 20, 2019.



To read more see the Ancestry Blog: <https://tinyurl.com/y2txpete>



*Who Do You Think You Are* returns to NBC. After 8 seasons on TLC, the genealogy show will return to its original home at NBC where it aired from 2010-12. The new season calls for 13 original episodes where celebrities trace their family history. No celebrity names were released.



# Future JGSCV Meeting Dates through August 2020

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

Programs co-sponsored by Temple Adat Elohim

**Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:30-3:30 PM 'MyHeritage New Features and New Records' presented by Daniel Horowitz, Genealogy Expert, MyHeritage**

Check [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org) for meeting updates

SUNDAY	JULY 14, 2019	1:30-3:30 PM	Genealogy In The Round	Members and Friends share successes, brickwalls and artifacts
<b>2019 IAJGS CONFERENCE JULY 28-AUGUST 2 CLEVELAND, OH</b>				
SUNDAY	AUGUST 25, 2019	1:30-3:30 PM	Highlights from IAJGS Conference; Panel Ask the Experts	Sharing experiences from IAJGS conference; 30-Minute Ask the Experts
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 15, 2019	1:30-3:30 PM	TBA	JGSCV 14 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
OCTOBER NO MEETING DUE TO JEWISH HOLIDAYS				
<b>MONDAY</b>	NOVEMBER 4, 2019	<b>7:00-9:00 PM</b>	TBA	
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 8, 2019	1:30-3:30 PM	TBA	Annual Chanukah Party; Annual Mtg. Program
SUNDAY	JANUARY 5, 2020	1:30-3:30 PM	TBA	
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 9, 2020	1:00-5:00 PM	Annual Exclusive JGSCV Assisted Research Afternoon	Los Angeles Family History Library
SUNDAY	MARCH 1, 2020	1:30-3:30 PM	TBA	
<b>MONDAY</b>	APRIL 6, 2020	<b>7:00-9:00 PM</b>	TBA	
SUNDAY	MAY 3, 2020	1:30-3:30 PM	TBA	Annual Yom Hashoah Program
SUNDAY	JUNE 7, 2020	1:30-3:30 PM	TBA	
AUGUST NO JGSCV MEETING <b>IAJGS CONFERENCE AUGUST 9-14, 2020 SAN DIEGO, CA</b>				



## VENTURA COUNTY FAIR

JGSCV has participated at the genealogy booth in past years at the Ventura County Fair. The 2019 Ventura County Fair (July 31-August 11) "A Country Fair with Ocean Air" will take place at the Ventura County Fairgrounds located at 10 W. Harbor Blvd. in Ventura. Genealogical awards and prizes are offered as part of the Hobbies Department –Division 465 (Page 5). See: <https://tinyurl.com/y2vxmv7c> . JGSCV founding member, Dalya Dektor has been a volunteer at the Fair for a number of years for the genealogy area and is a good source of information. You can contact Dalya with questions at: [dilly@roadrunner.com](mailto:dilly@roadrunner.com).

You can enter Online – June 1-June 15, 2019 at [www.venturacountyfair.org](http://www.venturacountyfair.org). Online entries close at 10:00 PM on July 15, 2019 or bring your items to the Gem & Mineral building at the fairgrounds on July 26-28, 2019 between 10 am -5 pm. You do not have to enter online to exhibit at the fair – just bring your items on July 26-28, 2019 between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm. For more information see: aforementioned Hobbies link. The entry guide may be found at: <http://www.venturacountyfair.org/fair/entryguides/>. Click on the blue rectangle on the aforementioned entry guide website for the online entries.

JGSCV members have volunteered in past years in the genealogy booth and enjoyed it! Genealogy volunteers are needed for each day. The genealogy booth location is the same corner of the Gem & Mineral/Hobby building as it has been in the past several years. There are three shifts per day. You can select more than one shift. Volunteers participate in 3.5 hour shifts 11:00a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. There are no parking passes for volunteers. It is suggested the best park and ride is at the Stanley Avenue exit off the 33. I understand it is small, well-lit and does not have a line! More information will be sent to the volunteers as 'Fair Time' draws nearer about shuttle buses and picking up tickets for free admission at the 'Will Call' desk.

It is best if volunteers are familiar with Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org as well as other popular programs to show the fair attendees how genealogy is researched. Training sessions will be held for those needing an update on the latest programs. Volunteers are admitted to the Fair free but there are no parking privileges.

For general information about the Fair see: <https://www.venturacountyfair.org/fair/>  
There is a sign-up form. You need to provide your first and last names, email address and phone number <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a49acaa23abf85-ventura>. You may sign up without creating an account on Sign Up Genius, but if you do create an account you'll be able to make changes to the sign ups yourselves. Otherwise you can contact Bettye to make changes.

If you have any questions about volunteering contact Bettye Berg by email, phone or text at [bettyeberg@yahoo.com](mailto:bettyeberg@yahoo.com) or call her at 805-797-7084.

# 2019 IAJGS CONFERENCE

## July 28 - August 2

### CLEVELAND, OH

#### LATEST NEWS:



**Hotels are quickly selling out.** The Hilton, the Conference's main hotel is sold out as is the first two back-up hotels the Marriott and the Westin. At this time, *there are rooms still available in the conference block at Hampton Inn Cleveland-Downtown.* It's a little bit cheaper than the Marriott and Westin, but it's also farther away. The Overflow Hotels page (<https://www.iajgs2019.org/overflow-hotels.cfm>) on the website has been updated. Keep in mind, it is very possible that rooms will become available as some who booked those

rooms will cancel. It is suggested that individuals seeking rooms at the Hilton, Marriott, or Westin, regularly check the special online reservation portal on the conference website. As people cancel, the rooms become available so it would be good to check often.

Rooms cancelled from the IAJGS block may be re-booked at the IAJGS rate up to 5 PM EDT on July 8. After that time, rooms booked will be at the hotel's standard rate. The conference committee asks you advise them if you plan to cancel a room reservation. As the July 8 cutoff approaches, they may try to manage a waiting list (but no promises) so that they can transfer rooms that someone wants to release to someone who is looking for a room.

**Tours of Cleveland-area cemeteries** are offered. Please begin the research to determine which cemeteries you want included.

**Program Schedule is available** on the website ([www.iajgs2019.org](http://www.iajgs2019.org)) by clicking on the PROGRAM tab. Note, check back often for updates and changes.

**New pages added to the website** include Sightseeing and Restaurants as well as Religious Services. Also, Conference Hotels, Press & Media Information and Short URLs can be accessed under the ABOUT page.

**Educators' Program** has been added to the opening day of the conference. The program will begin with a breakfast followed by a keynote by noted Jewish educator and genealogist Carol Oseran Starin, former Vice-President of the Jewish Federation of Seattle. Participants may select from two workshop time periods, each with a choice from three nationally known presenters, followed by lunch and idea exchanges. The program will benefit educators who work in both formal and informal settings; work in day or synagogue schools; create and facilitate family and intergenerational programs; teach history; teach writing and research skills.



# Practicing Safe Computing #44: PC Magazine as a Source (Continued from page 10)

These are the titles of the tips that the shared article shares

1. The Inbox You Didn't Even Know You Had
2. See Who's Snooping In Your Account
3. Restrict Select Friends from Seeing Posts
4. Save Posts for Later
5. Download a Copy of All Your Facebooking
6. Find All the Photos Liked by...Anyone
7. Choose a 'Legacy Contact' for After You Croak
8. Add Some Extra Security
9. Edit Your Ad Preferences
10. Block Facebook Mobile Browser Tracking
11. Curate Your News Feed
12. See All The Friends You Requested, Ever
13. Turn Off Autoplay Videos
14. Embed Public Content
15. Send Money Through Facebook
16. Transfer Files Over Facebook Messenger
17. Upload '360' Pics and Vids
18. Make a Fundraiser
19. Facebook Is a Virtual Arcade
20. Visit Town Hall
21. Stop with the Birthdays
22. There Are Lots of Secret Emoji
23. Upside Down or Pirate Speak
24. Using SMS Texts to Get Facebook Status, Access



## IAJGS Records Access –Alert

By Jan Meisels Allen

IAJGS publishes the IAJGS Records Access Alert. This is a free, subscription information source on issues confronting our access to vital records and other platforms that genealogists rely upon for their genealogical research. Jan Meisels Allen writes the Alerts which may have multiples in a day and then days without any postings—it all depends on what is happening. Anyone may subscribe by registering at: <http://lists.iajgs.org/mailman/listinfo/records-access-alerts> and follow the instructions to enter your email address, full name and which genealogical organization with whom you are affiliated. To access the archives go to: <http://lists.iajgs.org/mailman/private/records-access-alerts/>. You must be registered to access the archives.

Most of the articles are about legislation affecting birth, marriage, death records and census. However, recently, there have been a number of articles about Facebook and other social media platforms and the regulatory challenges they face not only in the United States but globally. About 30 percent of the world uses Facebook according to *Forbes*, including many genealogists use Facebook who should be aware of their current regulatory problems over privacy violations. *Forbes* also reported Facebook's loss of market share. According to CNET Facebook lost 15 million users in the US alone over the past two years See: <https://tinyurl.com/yyxx2jm5>. While CNET does not state why the drop in subscribers, the concerns over privacy violations and investigations by the Irish Data Protections Authority, Federal Trade Commission, New York State's Attorney General and Canada's Federal Privacy Commission—to name a few-- may shed some light. See: <https://tinyurl.com/y5ag6sa6>; <https://tinyurl.com/y6yzvb33>; <https://tinyurl.com/yygyrucq>; <https://tinyurl.com/y5x6bfvd>; <http://bit.ly/2UFGCNU>

# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS (Cont'd on next page)



## WEBSITE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

**No Need To Reregister for 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.

**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](mailto: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](http://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!



## National Archives Civil War Research Guide



For those researching their ancestors in the Civil War this may be of interest. The (US) National Archives has a Civil War research guide available at:

<https://www.archives.gov/research/military/civil-war/resources>

It covers both Union and Confederate records, where and how to find the records, pension records, and more. Pension records are very interesting as they provide information on what the soldier did during the war.

A new feature is that Civil War paper pension records can now be ordered online:

<https://tinyurl.com/2slr6f>

Original url:

<https://eservices.archives.gov/orderonline/start.swe?SWECmd=Start&SWEHo=eservices.archives.gov>

### Jews and the Civil War

It is estimated that 10,000 Jewish soldiers fought in the Civil War: about 7,000 for the Union and 3,000 for the Confederacy, with some 600 Jewish soldiers killed in battle.

(Donald Altschiller, "Jews," *Encyclopedia of the American Civil War: A Political, Social, and Military History*, eds. David Stephen Heidler, Jeanne T. Heidler, and David J. Coles (2000). W. W. Norton, p. 1070-1071.)

There were nine Jewish generals and 21 Jewish colonels participating in the war.

Judah Benjamin served as the second Confederate States Secretary of War and Secretary of State. Before the Civil War, Benjamin was the first Jewish Cabinet member in a North American government.