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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We hope this finds you well and safe.

We are nine-plus months into the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. We continue to watch the strength of the Ukrainian people and government as Russia tries to decimate its country. As the situation is fluid, we are all concerned for their well-being. In our previous issues, I have listed several organizations if you wish to donate on their behalf. Links to reputable organizations can be accessed on our website via on Page 1 of our May 2022 newsletter: https://jgscv.org/pdf/newsletters/Venturing_V17_N8.pdf

We had an excellent program in November with Daniel Horowitz whose talk was entitled "*Did My family Lie or Are the Records Wrong?*" I heard that presentation at the IAIGS conference this summer. However, he surprised us by saying he'd changed his topic to reflect the wealth of new information he uncovered about one of his great-grandmothers via the recently available records from the Holocaust in the Arolsen Archives. Thanks to these new records, we learned that we can't believe everything we uncover until we confirm all our data. See page 4 for highlights of this fascinating program.

Thank you to those members who have renewed for 2023. However, many still have not. We are at 43% renewal -- below where we were last year. Those who join/renew for 2023 will have their names placed in a bowl and are eligible on the Zoom call to have their names drawn. You must be at the meeting to be eligible for one of the excellent gifts. We must **RECEIVE** your payment by check or cash no later than **December 10**. Anyone who joins has their membership through December 2023! A renewal/membership form is on page 13 or you may print off a renewal form from the website at: <https://jgscv.org/pdf/membership%20application.pdf>

If you are thinking of holiday gifts, a membership to JGSCV is always a great idea. We can send a nice certificate to acknowledge the gift. We have members in Europe, Colorado, Idaho, New York as well as California.

The Nominations Committee, Allan Linderman Chairperson, with board representative Barbara Finsten and general membership member Judy Karta submitted their report to the membership at the November meeting. There was no one who asked to be on the board from the floor at the meeting, therefore, nominations were closed, and the election will be held at the December 11 meeting by acclamation. Per JGSCV's bylaws, the positions board members do are decided by the board at its January board meeting. Please see page 3 for the bios of the four candidates for the board.

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NEXT MEETING

Sunday, December 11th
1:30-3:30 PM

"Reclaim the Records"

Presented by



Brooke Shreier Ganz

+ JGSCV Annual Meeting,
Elections, and
Chanukah Party!

Members Only ZOOM

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JANUARY MEETING

PRESENTED BY TODD KNOWLES

*"THE KNOWLES COLLECTION OF JEWISH
GENEALOGY: WHAT IS IT AND HOW DO I USE IT?"*

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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.

December 2022

Hal Bookbinder continues with his Practicing Safe Computing Series, "Search tips for selected genealogy websites" on page 7.

I asked for comments about continuing the "Ask the Experts" section of the meetings before the actual meeting. Our goal is to emulate the schmoozing that occurs at the beginning of in-person meetings when people are looking at books and socializing together. I heard back from just a handful of members. Of those who responded the majority wanted it to continue, although one was very critical of my comments at the beginning of the meeting. One of our past speakers was so impressed with it that she went back to her JGS and they installed a similar pre-meeting session for their members. I really need more membership input! As the majority who responded wanted it to continue, I will do so for a while unless responses tell me otherwise.

I have contacted the Temple Adat Elohim (TAE) board president about the possibility of JGSCV again meeting in person at the Temple starting in 2023. As it takes several months to get speakers, I asked them about starting in February. And, since they need to talk with their Board about our proposal, I am currently booking speakers for Zoom presentations. We will most probably continue to meet by Zoom at least through March if not later into 2023. See page 11 for our upcoming meetings. The TAE board will decide which meeting dates for 2023 past February at our next board meeting and we will be post to our website and in *Venturing Into Our Past*.

If you missed JewishGen's recent zoom program "Enemy, Alien, Declarant-Grief: Learning from Missteps in the Naturalization Process" with Emily Garber, watch it on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5pgPexdRz2U>. Emily is a genealogist and researcher who has spoken to JGSCV previously. She is an archeologist by training. She has been researching her family since 2007 and serves on the IAIGS Board of Directors.

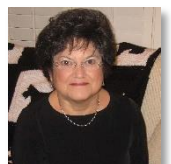
For those who are researching Civil War ancestors you may find this of interest: The Center for Jewish History is holding an event on December 12 7PM EST/4PM PST on *Jewish Soldiers in the Civil War: Discoveries from the Shapell Roster*. The event features: Adrienne DeArmas, Jonathan Sarna, Adam D. Mendelsohn & Deborah Dash Moore. It will be live streamed on Zoom. For more information and tickets, go to: <https://programs.cjh.org/tickets/civil-war-2022-12-12>.

For those researching New York, the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society (NYG&BS) has a program open to the public on January 24, 2023 at 7:00PM EST/4:00PM Pacific Standard time on *Jewish Gravestones and the Internet: A Researcher's Guide to New York City*. For more information and to register, go to: <https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/events/jewish-graves>.

Our December 11 meeting is with Brooke Shreier Ganz, the founder and president of Reclaim the Records (RTR). RTR has been successful in getting indices of records of genealogical importance available to the public so they can be ordered through vital records departments. She has been successful both by inquiry and by litigation. For those who have been stymied by records administrators, this meeting is a must for how-to successfully obtain vital records.

Looking forward to "seeing you" at our December 11th meeting—and don't forget to renew so you will be eligible for the genealogical gifts drawing.

Jan Meisels Allen



Forthcoming JGSCV Elections

As per the JGSCV Bylaws, a duly appointed Nominating Committee, chaired by Allan Linderman (with board member Barbara Finsten and general member Judy Karta) has recommended the following slate of individuals to fill the 2-year positions on the JGSCV board effective January 2023: Jan Meisels Allen, Janet Fishman, Helene Rosen, and Debby Wenkart.

At the November 6th JGSCV meeting a call for additional nominations from the floor resulted in no responses. Then all nominations were closed. The board is currently set at eight elected members. The JGSCV By-Laws permit 6- 12 elected board members with two appointed board members with the consent of the board. Four individuals—all recommended by the Nominating Committee—are recommended for two-year terms. Elections will be held at the December 11, 2022 meeting. At the initial 2023 board meeting the board will determine the various officer and non-officer board positions. This will be reported to the membership in the February 2023 *Venturing Into Our Past*.

Candidate bios:

JAN MEISELS ALLEN currently serves as President, JGSCV and is a JGSCV founding member. She served on the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies [IAJGS] board 2004-2013. She continues to serve as Chairperson, IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee and writes the *IAJGS Records Access Alert* since 2013. Jan serves as the IAJGS sponsoring representative on the Records Preservation and Access Coalition (RPAC), an umbrella group of genealogical umbrella organizations. At this time only NGS and IAJGS have a vote on the Coalition. In 2013, the National Genealogical Society (NGS) awarded Jan its President's Citation in recognition of her outstanding and continuing contributions for vigilance in support of records preservation and in defense of public access to public records. In June 2014, Jan was invited to speak to committee members of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) in Berlin, Germany on access to holocaust records. In 2015, Jan was awarded the first IAJGS Volunteer of the Year Award. In 2017 Jan was awarded the IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award. She has written articles for *AVOTAYNU*, *AVOTAYNU Online* and *JGSCV's Venturing Into Our Past*. Jan served in various administrative capacities for eleven IAJGS conferences. Prior to helping found JGSCV, Jan was a 5-year board member and first vice president-programming of JGS Los Angeles. She served on the JGS Los Angeles Board of Directors most recently with the portfolio chairing the Pamela Weisberger Memorial Lecture Committee for two years. Jan lectures at the national and international genealogy conferences and to genealogy societies. She began her genealogy research in 1998 tracing her Polish, Galician and Hungarian roots. She is married to Tom Allen (another JGSCV founding member) going on 43 years. Tom can trace four sides of his family to pre-Revolutionary War times and is a member of Sons of American Revolution (SAR) and his female first cousin is a member of the DAR. Jan is a retired lobbyist.

JANET FISHMAN J.D. is a Professional Organizer and Daily Money Manager, specializing in paper organizing and helping clients with mail and bills. With her juris doctor degree and years of business experience, she knows what papers clients need to keep and which documents they can dispose of. She sorts through old papers in tote bags under the bed, bins in the closet, and boxes in the garage, and creates a filing system so family members can easily locate important documents. She makes sure every paper has a home and will call companies of old papers to ascertain if that policy or account is still viable or has been closed. You can learn more about Janet at her website: www.hopeorganizers.com.

HELENE ROSEN is the current Membership Vice President and JGSCV Zoom coordinator, and a founding member of JGSCV. Helene has attended nine IAJGS conferences, written articles for *JGSCV's Venturing Into Our Past* including her father's WWII story, used Steve Morse's site to find her grandmother's steamship record and her genealogical visit to Texas. On several occasions, she has presented her research findings during *JGSCV's Genealogy in the Round* meetings. Her family tree contains over 1900 names. She is a graduate of UCLA, has worked for the County of Los Angeles in IT, and is the mother of three fine young men and grandmother of two, almost three.

DEBBY WENKART is the current Secretary of JGSCV. After earning her BA in Sociology/Social Welfare and a Master's of Science degree in Counseling Psychology, she enjoyed a 40 year career working in Social Services. Retirement offered me the time to explore my family genealogy and I joined the JGSCV in 2017. She enjoys serving on the JGSCV Board in the role of Secretary for the past 2 years and I would like to continue to volunteer in this role.

The paternal side of her family came from Austria-Hungary and her maternal side left Russia for Canada during the pogroms at the turn of the last century. She visited Vienna, her father's birthplace, with him and has worked on obtaining documents and archives from Austria. In 2018, she donated a copy of her father's Austrian passport and Palestinian naturalization papers that she received from the Israeli National Archives, to the JGSCV genealogy display at the Agoura Hills Library. In 2019, she traced her paternal grandfather's history from Austria to Palestine. His Holocaust story is in the October 2020 JGSCV newsletter. Part of her grandfather's Holocaust story was his rescue by the British Jews. In 2019, she traveled to London to attend the Kitchener Camp Exhibition dedicated to the rescue of 4000 Vienna and German Jews which was coordinated by their descendants. She also submitted her father's World War 2 story and her step-grandfather's "escape from Russia" stories to the JGSCV newsletter.

Her husband's family proudly descends from Norway and Sweden and with the help of the FamilySearch Library has a family tree which dates to the 1600s. In 2017, they had a memorable trip to Norway and in 2019 enjoyed a family reunion and a visit to the family farm in Canada.

Highlights from: “Did My Family Lie or Are the Records Wrong?”

By Jan Meisels Allen

I heard Daniel Horowitz present the program, “Did My family Lie or Are the Records Wrong?” at the 2022 IAJGS virtual conference. As he began that presentation at our November meeting, Daniel explained that he’d changed his talk from this summer to one that reflects the new information he’d acquired about one of his great-grandmothers. This information was thanks to a wealth of newly available records from the Holocaust in the Arolsen Archives (<https://arolsen-archives.org/en/>) formerly known as the International Tracing Service (ITS). These records may help you find more information about the fate of your family before, during, and after the war.

Author’s note: One of my cousins found more information about our respective grandmothers’ family that we had not known about. She found 20 pages of records even though the Archives said years ago they had nothing about my family -- underscoring the adage one must continue to search and go back to sources that previously said they had nothing.

[Note: JGSCV had Giora Zwilling, Deputy Director of the Archives speak to us December 2021 and the highlights of his program may be found in Venturing Into Our Past https://www.jgscv.org/pdf/newsletters/Venturing_V17_N4.pdf starting on page 4.]

Daniel started with introducing us to his family. He started with Hersh or Hesiu HOROWITZ who was the son of Josef HOROWITZ and Sara or Sally MENCZEL. Sara/Sally died when she gave birth to a brother of Daniel’s grandfather. Josef remarried to Pnina or Pepi STERNBERG. She was the daughter of Avraham STERNBERG and Ester LAXER. Since Hersh had more children with Pepi the family was a blend of “mine, yours, and ours”.

All the children left the Ukraine (Czernowitz) before the war, and none were murdered in the Holocaust. The couple that Daniel was researching was Josef HOROWITZ and Pnina/Pepi STERNBERG.

MyHeritage

By having his tree on MyHeritage he found two matches:

Smart Matches which are matches with other family trees posted to MyHeritage, and Record Matches. He received record matches for both Josef and Pnina.

MyHeritage sends him emails once every week which tells him about the latest matches. **To find matches this way one must have a tree on MyHeritage.**

MyHeritage has 18.8 billion historical records—birth, marriage, death, census, immigration, historical newspapers, military and more.

Arolsen Archives

The Arolsen Archives record collection started after the war to gather information about those who survived the camps.

At the end of the war, the Nazis were burning records -- including records the Nazis themselves collected in Bad Arolsen. That is why this collection received its name as the tracing service was physically located in that place.

The International Tracing Service (ITS) was originally run by the International Red Cross. Then Germany took over the operation. The ITS permitted only eleven countries to receive copies of the records for their Holocaust Museums. Germany pays the costs of operating the ITS.

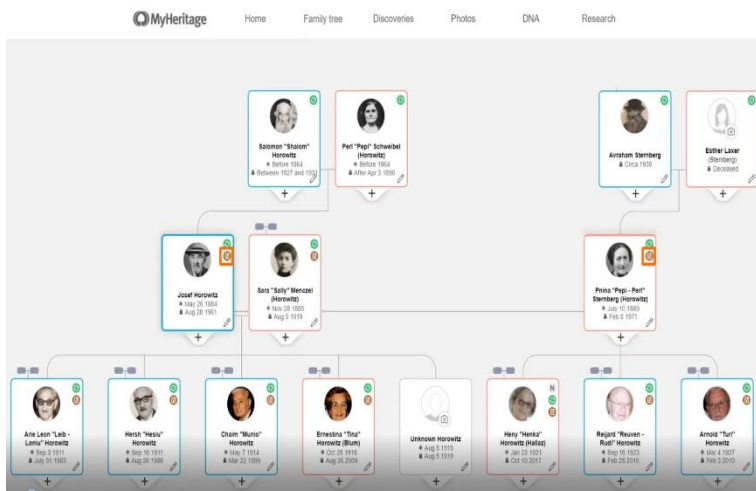
As not all eleven countries agreed to have the records, these are the following countries’ Holocaust Museums that have the copies of the records:

- Bad Arolsen (Germany)
- Yad Vashem (Israel)
- Archives Nationales (France)
- US Holocaust Memorial Museum (Washington, DC-USA)
- Archives Générales du Royaume (Belgium)
- Luxembourg National Archives (Luxembourg)
- Szukajwarchiwach.gov.pl (National Archives) (Poland)
- Wiener Holocaust Library (Great Britain)

Those countries without the records are Italy, Greece and the Netherlands.

One can always write to the Arolsen Archives org to do a deeper look for your relatives.

Daniel showed how to search on Arolsen Archives and the index.



Daniel’s family tree researching Joseph Horowitz and Pnina/Pepi

MyHeritage

Daniel then showed his matches by source in MyHeritage where he received four matches. He clicked “review matches” where he reviewed the different individuals that have a match.

The left side of the slide shows information from his family tree with parents, siblings, partners and children. The information on the right side comes from the records. The information matches with what the family lore said. Since MyHeritage does not have all the information, the reader will get direct access to the record itself, in this example from Arolsen Archives.

Josef Horowitz
Josef Horowitz from your family tree was found in other sources. Review the matches to save new information to your tree.

All Matches | Record Matches | Smart Matches | Confirmed

One confirmed match

In your tree: Josef Horowitz, Great-grandfather, Birth May 26 1884, Horodnytsya, Hrusyatyń, Ternopil Oblast, Ukraine, Death Aug 28 1961 - Netanya, Israel.

Record Match from Arolsen Archives Documents: Josef Horowitz, Birth May 26 1884 - Kadoleski, Unit 3 Registrations and Files of Displaced Persons, Children and Missing Persons + 3.2 Relief Programs of Various Organizations + 3.2.1 (R) "Care and Maintenance" Program + 3.2.1.2 CM1 Files originating in Italy + CM1 Files from Italy A-Z.

Review match

Parents: Shalom Horowitz and Perl "Pepi" Schneibel (Horowitz)
Siblings: Unknown, Rachel, Shlomo, Saly, David and Hentzia
Partners: Peina "Pepi - Perl" Sternberg (Horowitz) and Sara "Sally" Menczel (Horowitz)
Siblings: Mosy, Rejard, Arnold, Leib, Hersk

Josef Horowitz match by people on MyHeritage

As MyHeritage did not have the record it directed Daniel to the Arolsen Archives:

The collection had 39 images for Daniel to review which he could save and download to his computer, as well as save it to his tree to review, and analyze.

Arolsen Archives

Search for topics or names
Enter your search term... Search

Include synonym

People 8 records found

| Last N. | First N. | Residen No. | Place of Bir. | Date of Bir. | Pris |
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| HADOPZAN | BEZROS | | MONTE VIDEO | 06/25/1929 | |
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| HOROWITZ | JOSEF | | KADOLESKI | 05/26/1884 | |
| HOROWITZ | LEIB | | | | |
| HOROWITZ | PEPPI | | REINSCH | 01/11/1896 + | |
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| PLATH | GERDA | | | 04/07/1909 | |

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39 Images

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Daniel's Great Grandmother's Records

In reviewing the records for Pepi STERNBERG (HOROWITZ) he found three different birth dates listed. The documents also listed a surname he had not heard of previously: REINCH.

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1. HOROWITZ geb. REINSCH s. REINSCH
14.1.1896 + 01.11.1896 + 01.11.1896
Geb. Ort: Kadoleski

BEGLEITPERSONEN:

2. HOROWITZ
14.1.1896
Geb. Ort: Kadoleski

3. HOROWITZ
14.1.1896
Geb. Ort: Kadoleski

4. HOROWITZ
14.1.1896
Geb. Ort: Kadoleski

• Why 3 dates?
• Why "Reinsch or Rensch"?

One date matches the information that Daniel had. Other names mentioned included Josef HOROWITZ born in Kadoleski. It also included the name "Leib" which is a name of one of Daniel's grandfather brothers. Daniel compared everything to his records. He had his birth records for the family and has marriage certificate of Joseph and Perl (Pepi).

Declaratie

From Daniel Horowitz's Personal Research

Josef Horowitz
Pepi Sternberg (Horowitz)

Handwritten notes and signatures are visible on the document.

Records from Daniel's Personal Research

Everything matched except the records from Arolsen came from a different place. The card has information of where people came from. The cards were duplicated: one in original handwriting the other typewritten. They were trying to get to Israeli (Palestine at the time) as they had a son living in Petah Tikva.

Daniel put all the information in a timeline:

- 1948 Jan 19 Filled papers
- 1950 April 11 Reviewed Eligibility
- 1950 May 17 Eligible Status
- 1950 June 27 Josef Eligibility for resettlement/Pepi HC9M9
- 1950 Dept 6 Eligible Status for whole family

Questions Which Led to More Research

- He did not understand why two documents?
- Why different processes for Josef and Pepi?
- Why on Pepi's card she has maiden name of REINCH? This was both handwritten and typed on the cards.

What was more confusing was that Pepi was listed dying on 4 January 1962! But he showed us a photograph of her metzevah (gravestone) from where she is buried in Israel and that death date is February 8,

1971. In addition, Daniel spoke with people who remember her in Israel. Daniel showed us a photo of her metzevah from when he visited Israel.

record saying she had been placed in Mombello Hospital suffering from paranoia and states she will remain there for life.

Conflicting documents show they arrived in Tel Aviv with Josef HOROWITZ and a document from the Israeli government that she died in Israel in Sha'ar Menashe which is a psychiatric hospital. No one in the family mentioned her mental health issues. If it was real, the family must have known.

Daniel went back to the Arolsen Archive records and finds Mombello in Milan that shows she has a mental health problem. There were invoices that the community was paying for her mental health. One of the documents stated she was admitted to the hospital of neuropsychiatric hospital that she died in 1962 of a heart attack. **How could this be when he had information she died in Israel in 1971?**

Daniel Googled and found that hospital had an archive that had medical records. He wrote to the hospital with the information about the patient and how he is related. Since its more than 70 years (privacy embargo period) he was able to get the information, backing up the information from Arolsen.

The folder also contained a photo of the patient! Getting the photo would be able to compare the photo with what he had. The photo the hospital sent compared to the photos Daniel had was not the same Pepi! This case was two persons with same names and marrying a person with the same name.

What I Don't Understand

- Why 2 documents?
- Why different process?
- Why "nee Reinsch"?
- **WHY DECEASED 4 Jan 62?**

Pepi's Confusing Death Dates

To try to solve this conundrum, Daniel decided to call and email relatives. He asked them questions about Josef and Pepi – what they remembered about them and whether they noted something strange. Did they have photos and documents about them? One relative had a travel visa through Italy that permitted them to travel to Venezuela and immigrate to Israel. Daniel's grandfather was living in Venezuela at the time.

Lessons Learned

- Build a family tree and record all the facts
- Research, document and preserve the paper trail and photos
- Involve and share it with family members

Pepi Horowitz nee Sternberg
B. 10 July 1889 - D. 08 Feb 1971

Pepi Horowitz-Reinsch
B. 11 Jan 1896 - D. 04 Jan 1962



Pepi's Italian Visa

He has documents that show they arrived in Palestine on 5 September 1947. He'd shown us earlier a document that they got their status in 1950 not 1947. That is a three-year difference after they were already in Palestine. **The more he researched the less he knew!** They listed her as single; her papers were filed on a different date than he had, they had her born in Poland not the Ukraine, and the name REINSCH appeared again, and that she was transferred from displaced persons to a mental health

hospital. This was totally unexpected. No one in the family mentioned any mental issues.

He looked at more documents that the names and birth dates were correct! Living in Milan, Italy was also correct. They had her living in Villa Lante which is not close to Milan or Rome. A person cannot be in two places at the same time and according the various documents Daniel has that is what appeared to be happening. The next record from Milan to Mombello in 1949- still single and a nurse! None of these matched what he'd known of his great-grandmother. There is also a

The human error is explained.

Arolsen put everything together and the documents got mixed up. No one checked the facts and so they remained mixed up until Daniel's recent digging.

The take-aways:

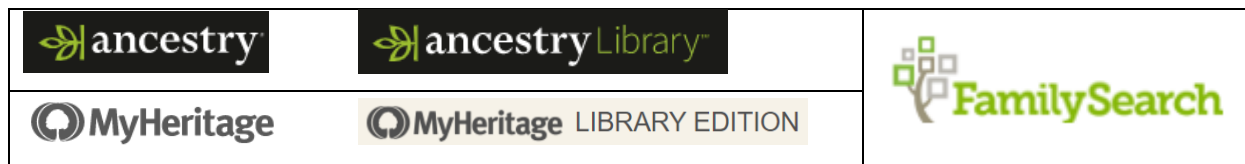
- You cannot believe everything you find and research until you re-research and confirm all the data.
- Never give up, always ask more questions.
- Cite your sources.
- Keep the memory of the Holocaust alive.

Daniel Horowitz has been 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. He was a board member of The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) for 10 years, now is involved in several crowdsource digitization and transcription projects and holds a board-level position at The Israel Genealogy Research Association (IGRA). Since 2006, Daniel has been working at MyHeritage liaising with genealogy societies, bloggers, and media, as well as lecturing, and attending conferences around the world.

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Practicing Safe Computing Article #85: “Search tips for selected genealogy websites”

By Hal Bookbinder



Congratulations on finding a document in Ancestry, MyHeritage, or FamilySearch. Be sure to check the pages to the right and left. I found a Declaration of Intent (DOI) in Ancestry for Julius Bookbinder, filed in Denver in 1910. When I looked to the right, I found 16 pages of supporting documents. Occasionally, I have found documents on other relatives filed next to the located document.

Before finding him, I had no awareness that this Julius Bookbinder even existed. My Bookbinders came from Dubno in northwestern Ukraine. Ancestry has a “**Keyword**” field that is compared to the contents of all transcribed fields in the record. I searched for the surname “Bookbinder” and entered “Dubno” in the “**Keyword**” field and up popped Julius. MyHeritage has a similar field called “**Keywords.**”

In this case, “Dubno” was Julius’ place of birth. However, it might have been his last location before emigrating or the town of his closest relative in the old country. Finding a “Bookbinder” associated with “Dubno” is a lead that I would want to pursue. I was able to identify a collateral line and take my research back another generation to my sixth great-grandfather, Itsko, likely born around 1730.

Search criteria and results may differ between Ancestry, MyHeritage, and FamilySearch. Consider repeating searches in all three. For example, MyHeritage indexes the name of the person to whom a passenger is traveling; Ancestry does not. So, searching my grandfather’s name in MyHeritage returned links to the passenger lists of a niece and a nephew who were traveling to him.

In another instance, Both Ancestry and FamilySearch found a couple of relatives in an index of naturalizations from Essex County, New Jersey. However, FamilySearch had images of the Petition for Naturalization, while Ancestry did not. I have found differential information often enough to make the extra effort of replicating searches to be worthwhile.

In addition to my subscription to the U.S. version of Ancestry, I use AncestryLibrary. It provides access to worldwide records. Some libraries provide only in-library access to commercial genealogy databases such as AncestryLibrary; some offer remote access. To maximize my chances for remote access, I have signed up with various library systems, most recently, Las Vegas. (Local residency is not required.)

Finally, don’t overlook Ancestry’s card catalog. This is a searchable list of all of Ancestry’s collections. Click on “**Search**” or “**Begin Searching**” after you log in. Then, click on “**View all in card catalog**” at the bottom of the right column. I searched for “Canada” and “Passenger” and 12 collections were listed. I searched for, and found, a great-grandfather in “**Canada, Ocean Arrivals (Form 30A), 1919-1924**”.

This is the eighty-fifth in a series of articles by JGSCV founding member Hal Bookbinder. Hal is also a Past President of JGSLA and IAJGS. He is the 2010 recipient of the IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award, and his online skills are well documented. All the Safe Computing articles by Hal Bookbinder are available on the JGSCV website <https://www.jgscv.org/noteworthy.html>.

JGSCV Updates

Renew today and your JGSCVS membership will be good through December 2023!

Those who join/renew will be entered in our Chanukah drawing (*must also attend December meeting) for the chance to win fabulous gifts donated by our generous sponsors. See items and sponsors on page 9.

A renewal/membership form is on page 13.

Note regarding payment:

Send a check made out to JGSCV and mail to our membership vice president, Helene (address on form).

Jan Meisels Allen at president@jgscv.org

Whether you are a friend or member we appreciate your support and hope you will sign up for Ralphs, Food For Less, or Amazon Smile.

These programs give donations to JGSCV when you shop.

For more information and signing up go to JGSCV's website under Noteworthy <https://jgscv.org/noteworthy.html>.



Zoom Meeting Notice

We send out the meeting notice with the Zoom instructions on the Friday before the meeting,

I heard from one member after the meeting who said he did not receive the notice and had tried to reach me by email just before the meeting. I do not know why he did not receive the notice as he is on the mailing list. I do not look at my emails the hour before the meeting as I am busy preparing for the meeting.

If you do not receive the meeting notice by Friday evening, email me or call me on Saturday during the day or Sunday between 8-11 AM. You can also email Helene our membership Vice President who sends out the Zoom email at membership@jgscv.org. Members all have my home telephone number. Members who need my home number email me at president@jgscv.org and I will provide it.

Family Histories

Joan Adler, our June 2020 speaker, suggested our members write up memories and genealogical discoveries to publish in our newsletter.

We would love to include more of these personal, unique, and fascinating memories.

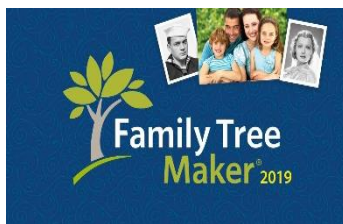
We are eager to help you!
Please send to Diane at newslettereditor@JGSCV.org and Jan at president@jgscv.org

Our Generous Contributors for Chanukah Prizes

****Join or Renew before December AND attend December meeting (12/11) for a chance to win:***

Ancestry (1-year all-access subscription, 2 six-month all-access subscriptions, subscriptions to newspapers.com and fold3.com), MyHeritage- complete annual subscription, Geni 1-year Pro subscription, Legacy Software, Legacy webinar one-year subscription, FamilyTree DNA family finder test, FamilyTree Maker 2019 Version, Roots Magic Subscription and more.

Each of these prizes is valued from \$120 to \$450 -- all way above the cost of a JGSCV subscription!



Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County (JGSCV) will hold our October meeting on **Zoom**.

Sunday, December 11, 2022, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Ask the Experts/Schmoozing Corner begins at 1:10 PM.

Genealogical Chanukah gifts for JGSCV paid members by name drawing for 2023 will be done at end of meeting for those whose renewals for 2023 are received by December 10.

Zoom link will be emailed to members before the meeting.



DECEMBER PROGRAM

“Reclaim the Records”



Brooke Schreier Ganz

The Program:

Tired of being told by archives, libraries, and government agencies that the genealogical records you want are “unavailable”? We were too, so we figured out how to do something about it. We're Reclaim the Records, a new not-for-profit activist group of more than 5,300 genealogists, researchers, historians, and journalists. We use Freedom of Information (FOIA) laws – and sometimes even lawsuits – to obtain copies of previously inaccessible archival record sets, which we then put online for free public use. Learn how you too can access historical and genealogical records from local, state, and federal government archives, agencies, and libraries -- even if they claim you're not allowed to see the records.

The Speaker:

Brooke Schreier Ganz is the founder and president of Reclaim The Records, a non-profit organization that fights for better public access to historical and genealogical materials held in government archives, agencies, and libraries. One of the largest open records activist groups in America, RTR has filed and won multiple Freedom of Information lawsuits at the city, state, and federal levels. Brooke was the inaugural winner of the Massachusetts Genealogical Council's Shirley M. Barnes Records Access Award. And when not busy suing the government, she also builds huge free record search platforms, including for Geshet Galicia and IGRA's All Israel Database.

There is no charge to attend the meeting. Anyone may join JGSCV. Annual dues are \$30 for an individual and \$35 for a family. Anyone may join JGSCV
<https://www.jgscv.org/pdf/membership%20application.pdf>



2022-2023 JGSCV Meeting Dates

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE RESERVED FOR MEMBERS ONLY VIA ZOOM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

**NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY, December 11th
1:30-3:30PM via Zoom**

| DATE | PRESENTER | PROGRAM |
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| Dec 11 | Brooke Shreier Ganz | <i>"Reclaim the Records"</i> + Annual Meeting, Elections and Chanukah Party |

2023 Meetings

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| January 8 | Todd Knowles | <i>The Knowles Collection of Jewish Genealogy: What is it and How Do I Use It?"</i> |
| February 5 | Jonathan Brent | The YIVO Institute for Jewish Research |
| March | TBA | |
| April | TBA | |
| May | TBA | |
| June | TBA | |
| July | TBA | |
| August | NO Meeting (IAJGS conference) | <i>IAJGS Conference will be held in London, England July 30 to August 3, 2023</i> |
| September | TBA | |
| October | TBA | |
| November | TBA | |
| December | TBA | Annual Meeting, Elections, Chanukah Party |

Genealogy Odds and Ends



MUSEUM OF
JEWISH HERITAGE
A LIVING MEMORIAL
TO THE HOLOCAUST

JGSCV Member Hal Bookbinder will be the featured speaker at the JewishGen Webinar this coming Wednesday.

His presentation is scheduled for 2 pm (EST), 11 am (PST).

Hal continuously updates this talk to reflect the latest threats and actions folks should take to reduce their risks.

The link:

<https://898a.blackbaudhosting.com/898a/JewishGen-Talks-Practicing-Safe-Computing>.



JewishGen

מרכז עולמי לגנאלוגיה יהודית

The Global Home for Jewish Genealogy

Ukraine Research Division adds 200k New Records!

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



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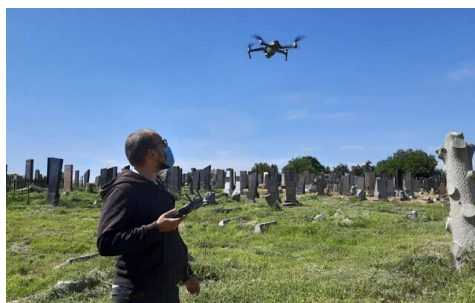
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<https://catalog.archives.gov/>

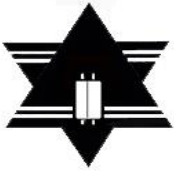
Launch of the DNA Reunion Project at the Center for Jewish History. a new worldwide effort by the Ackman & Ziff Family Genealogy Institute to reunite families separated by the Holocaust. The DNA Reunion Project at the Center for Jewish History will make commercial DNA kits available free of charge to Holocaust survivors or their children and will serve as a central genealogical resource where survivors with complex case histories can avail themselves of expert genetic genealogical consultation. **Ticket Info:** Pay what you wish; register. Read more about the project: <https://www.cjh.org/research/dna>

CENTER FOR JEWISH HISTORY

Drones to help survey thousands of Jewish cemeteries across Europe



<https://www.jewishnews.co.uk/drones-jewish-cemeteries-survey/>



2023 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 2023

Date _____

Check one:

This is a New Membership _____ Renewal _____

Single \$ 30.00 _____ + \$1.00** Family* \$35.00 _____ + \$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 \$ _____

Security Fee Fund \$ _____

(suggested minimum voluntary contribution for any 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.)