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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We hope this finds you well and safe.

We had an excellent and informative program on February 5th with Jonathan Brent, Executive Director and CEO of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. YIVO is the great repository of East European Ashkenazic culture, of which American Jewry is the heir. The YIVO Archives and Library represent the single largest and most comprehensive collection of materials on East European Jewish civilization in the world. Jonathan Brent spoke about the history of the YIVO archival collections, the recovery of its materials after WW II, and the current digitization projects. He initiated The Edward Blank YIVO Vilna Online Collection Project in 2014, an international project to conserve and digitize all YIVO's pre-WW II collections in New York City and Vilnius, Lithuania. In 2018, Brent initiated the development of the YIVO Bruce and Francesca Cernia Slovin Online Museum. See page 4 for highlights of this program.

Since our meeting, YIVO announced two items: first, with the National Library of Israel the completion of the digitization of the papers of Chaim Grade and Inna Hecker Grade available online; and second, the initiation of a new project to digitize its Jewish Labor and Political Archive — an eight-year project to conserve, process, digitize and make it available free, online.

We are hoping more members will send in their renewal dues for 2023 now! At the time of writing this president's letter, we are at 75% renewal. I know more will renew before the date our bylaws require us to drop you from membership — and that date is fast approaching. I ask now for those who have not renewed to do so. I have sent an email to each member who has not renewed. We thank those who have already renewed. A renewal form is available at: <https://www.jgscv.org/pdf/membership%20application.pdf> 2023 will be a hybrid year! We will start to meet again at Temple Adat Elohim beginning April 2nd at 2:30 p.m. Note the later time for at least April and May due to other functions earlier the same day in the Social Hall. I know many of you are excited about getting back to in-person meetings...as there is an energy being with others that Zoom does not provide. However, Zoom has been great for the past three years and kept us in touch with our monthly meetings. We will probably have at least one Zoom meeting later in the year — depending on the speaker's location. It is a great option so that we can have geographically distant speakers without the travel and housing costs. Zoom has certainly been a fantastic vehicle for us to keep meeting during these unusual times. We are looking forward to continuing our 17-year affiliation with Temple Adat Elohim.

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NEXT MEETING

**Sunday, March 5th
2:30-4:30 PM**

***"Gone Girl:
DNA and Document Strategies for
Finding a VERY Long Lost
Female Cousin"***

Presented by



Rhoda Miller

Members Only ZOOM

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APRIL MEETING

TO BE ANNOUNCED

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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.

March 2023

We will require you to wear masks and strongly encourage you to have been vaccinated and boosted as we are a group that is predominately over 50 and with aging comes affiliated health issues.

Due to cost increases, we will have to provide our own beverage service at this year's in-person meetings at the Temple. We would love to have volunteers to keep our coffee and tea table neat and to assist in clean-up at the end of the meeting. Please contact Andrea Massion from our board who has graciously accepted to take on this coordinating role: andrea@jgscv.org

If you would like to sponsor one or more of this beverage service, please contact me at: president@jgscv.org. See page 9 for more information about the coffee/tea/water service.

Our July meeting is our "Genealogy in the Round" and we need YOU to participate. This is the meeting where you — our members and guests — are the presenters. This year it will be held on July 9. Start thinking now of a success, brick wall, or artifact you can share with us. In the past year, I hope you have done genealogy research and made some headway. Please contact me so I can place you on the program president@jgscv.org. This event always turns out to be one of the best programs because of your participation! See flyer on page 3.

The board met and approved our budget — for the first time a deficit budget — but we have been prudent and built up a reserve for unexpected occasions like this. We are stretching every dollar now that we will be bringing in speakers to make in-person presentations. We've always had stellar programs and that will not stop! JGSCV has always brought dynamic topics and interesting speakers to our members, and this will continue.

Meanwhile, JGSCV needs additional revenues as our dues do not bring enough for us to operate. We still participate in the Ralphs/FoodforLess/Krogers Community Contribution Program. If you shop, even occasionally at one of the Krogers stores (in Southern California it's Ralphs and FoodforLess) please sign up for their program. Several years ago — pre-pandemic, I was traveling in Iowa for my husband's family reunion, and we went to a Kroger's in Des Moines, and I used my Ralphs card there as it was part of the Kroger family. Again, look at <https://jgscv.org/noteworthy.html> for instructions, or contact our treasurer, Janet Fishman for assistance at treasurer@jgscv.org

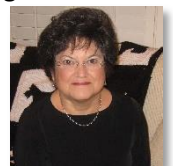
Hal Bookbinder continues with his "Practicing Safe Computing" on page 8. This is his eighty-eighth in the series and is entitled "Dangers of saving your passwords in your browser."

We have not received any new submissions for our Family Histories column, which started after Joan Adler (June 2020 speaker) suggested member stories be featured in our newsletter. We would love to include more of these personal, unique, and fascinating memories. Please send to both Diane Goldin, newsletter editor, at newslettereditor@jgscv.org and me at president@jgscv.org. If you need assistance, Diane is eager to help you.

Our March 5th meeting with speaker Rhoda Miller is Gone Girl: DNA and Document Strategies for Finding a VERY Long Lost Female Cousin. See page 10 for details.

Looking forward to seeing you on March 5th via Zoom.

Jan Meisels Allen



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Genealogy in the Round

Have you ever thought you'd like to present at a genealogy seminar or meeting but lack the experience?

Have you ever bored a friend or relative with your genealogy details until their eyes glazed over?

Did your therapist suggest you try public speaking?

Do you have a research story or topic that you want to share?

If you answered YES to ANY of the above, then you'll want to participate in the **JGSCV Annual Genealogy in the Round!**

Members are invited to prepare 10 minutes of Genealogy (slides or props are optional) at our July meeting. Your audience are folks who love genealogy as much as you and have your success at heart.

Topics include but not limited to:

What I learned doing Genealogy

Resources that I love

My biggest breakthrough

Meeting newly-found family

What I accomplished during quarantine

To speak at the meeting, contact our president at president@jgscv.org and let her know you are coming aboard! She can answer your questions.

Highlights from: “The History of the YIVO Archives and Digital Access”

By Jan Meisels Allen

JGSCV was delighted to welcome Jonathan Brent, Executive Director and CEO of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research as our speaker. YIVO is the great repository of East European Ashkenazic culture, of which American Jewry is the heir. The YIVO Archives and Library represent the single largest and most comprehensive collection of materials on East European Jewish civilization in the world.

The YIVO Archives contain some 24 million items, including sound and music collections, theater and art collections, communal and personal records, photographs and films, manuscripts, diaries, memoirs, personal correspondence, and much more. Its holdings span Jewish civilization from the 15th to 21st centuries, with an emphasis on the Jews of Eastern Europe and their descendants. There is a special focus on the Yiddish language and culture, Jewish life in Europe, the Holocaust and its aftermath, and Jewish life in the United States.

The YIVO Library has nearly 400,000 volumes in all European languages and is the world’s only academic library specializing in the history, languages, literature, culture, folklore, and religious traditions of East European Jewry. It has books in many languages, but also constitutes the largest collection of Yiddish-language books, pamphlets, and newspapers in the world.

Jonathan Brent spoke about the history of the YIVO archival collections, the recovery of its materials after WW 2, and the current digitization projects. He initiated The Edward Blank YIVO Vilna Online Collection Project in 2014, an international project to conserve and digitize all of YIVO’s pre-WW II collections in New York City and Vilnius, Lithuania. In 2018, Brent initiated the development of the YIVO Bruce and Francesca Cernia Slovin Online Museum.

How YIVO was Founded

Jonathan began his presentation about historic YIVO. It was founded in Wilno, Poland (today Vilnius) in 1925. (The Polish language does not have a “V” and uses the “W”, which in the language has the “V” sound when pronounced.) Before 1920, Wilna had been Vilna, Russia, then Wilno Poland, and after 1919, it is Vilnius, Lithuania, the country’s capital. From 1925-1935 YIVO was engaged

in numerous campaigns to collect materials from all over the Jewish world—all reaches of the Russian Empire—Germany, France, England, the Americas, Japan, and China, including the Middle East. YIVO collections span every European and non-European language.

YIVO was founded with the idea it would become the academy of higher learning for Jewish people of Eastern Europe. At the time there was no Jewish university, nor central Jewish library for Eastern European Jews. There was religious training and Yishovot. The YIVO founders sought to collect the day-day material and social reality of Jewish life to explain concretely how we got as a people to be who we are. That story is not learned from the Talmud (the body of Jewish civil and ceremonial law and legend) or the Tanakh (the Jewish Scriptures comprising the books of law, the prophets, and collected writings). How did we get from Mt. Sinai to Bloomingdales?

Historic YIVO

YIVO documents go back 500 years. The first documents are from the 15th century in Spain, however, most of the documents come from the 17th–20th centuries. In 1925, the then-director, Max Weinreich, placed advertisements in Yiddish newspapers throughout the worldwide Jewish community asking for materials to be sent to YIVO, materials such as recipes, folklore, songs, amulets, etc. those things that the average Jewish person kept at home. The response to the advertisements was materials from all over the world. As a result, before World War II, YIVO had the largest collection of material and social objects related to Jewish life.

*YIVO
Building
Wilno,
Poland
1935*



The photograph above depicts YIVO's building which was finally built and opened in 1935. They had no money, so they campaigned to build the building—but they didn't have enough money for postage. So they needed a second campaign—this one for the postage for the first campaign! Jonathan showed a video of the people at the time, all garbed in western style clothing, (not the style of clothes depicted by Roman Vishniac in his photographs).

Today, the building no longer stands as it was. Today, a "modern" building in approximately the same place bears a plaque that states the YIVO building once stood there. But the actual site is in the middle of a street made in the post-war years after the rubble had been cleared away. It is an empty site that to Brent symbolizes the "emptiness" in the minds of most of the American Jewish descendants of Eastern Europe who know little about their families or culture.



YIVO Building after World War II (1946)

The building was destroyed by the Soviets when they took over Lithuania. Standing in the photograph (lower left) is the poet Sutzkever.

The YIVO Building During World War II

During the war, the YIVO building became a hiding place for documents, as did the underground bunkers all over the ghetto. When the Nazis arrived (in the Russian zone), they immediately focused on YIVO as it was known to the Nazis as a great storehouse of documents on the Jewish people. Alfred Rosenberg, the chief Nazi propagandist, ordered that the materials in YIVO not be destroyed but seized and brought back to Germany. But the Germans could not read Yiddish, Hebrew, Russian, or Polish. They enlisted slave laborers, including Avraham Sutzkever and Shmerke Kaczerginsky, to sort the books. The books and documents they sorted were sent to Frankfurt, Germany where Rosenberg's Institute had been established.

However, Sutzkever and Kaczerginsky did not want these precious books and documents to go to Germany, so they



Avraham Sutzkever and Shmerke Kaczerginsky sorting books in YIVO Institute for shipment to Germany (1941)

and other workers hid the materials in their clothes, shoes, etc., and took them in secret out of the YIVO building where they hid them throughout the ghetto. They also gave

some materials to non-Jewish friends outside of the ghetto. Both sets did survive the war, those sent to Frankfurt and those given to friends or hidden in the ghetto.



YIVO staff members examining items looted by the Nazis and recovered in Germany with the help of the U.S. military (1947)

The Frankfurt materials were eventually found by the United States Army and, thanks to the Manishevitz Brothers, shipped to New York City in 1947. The contents of the crates depicted in the photograph above, constitute the largest part of what YIVO calls the "Vilna Collection". This includes 16th-century books, manuscripts, poetry, diaries, songs, educational records, and *landsmanshaften* materials.

After the War

When Sutzkever returned to Vilna after the war, he and his friends went house to house to find the materials they had hidden from the Nazis.

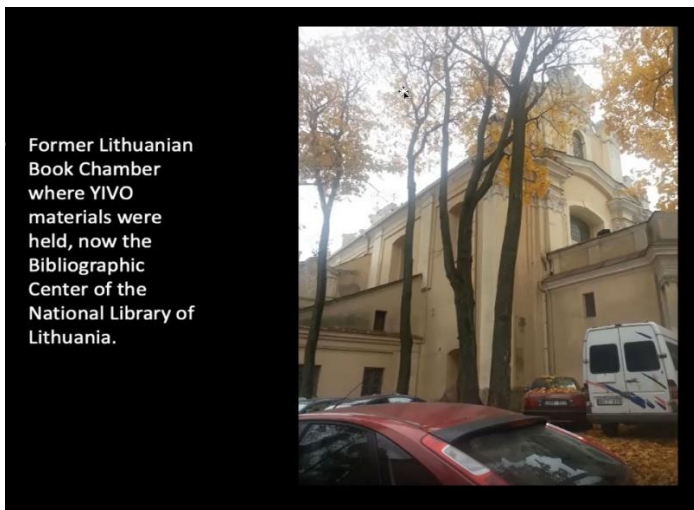
After the war, all the materials -- about 500,000 documents, paintings, statues, etc. -- were put into what

was thought of as the new museum of Jewish Museum of Vilnius—a successor to the YIVO Institute.



Kaczerginski standing among rescued materials in 1944-1945

The Soviets came in 1946, and in 1948 Stalin’s anti-Semitic campaign got underway. The order was given that all of these materials should be “pulped” -- turned into toilet paper. At that point, a Lithuanian librarian, named Antanas Ulpis, decided on his own (since no one was left in the Museum) to prevent this destruction. With several close colleagues, he hid the materials in the Lithuanian Book Chamber, originally the Church of St. George, where these materials stayed from 1948 to 1991, until the Soviet Union fell. Doing a search of the Lithuanian Book Chamber building in 1991, the Lithuanian government came across the materials. The documents were stamped “YIVO”. The government contacted YIVO in New York City who at that point wanted the materials “returned” to New York City. But this was difficult for many reasons—legal, historical, and social. The materials had never been in New York City so how could they be “returned”? The Lithuanian government did not steal these materials; they protected them. The remaining Jewish community in Lithuania claimed them as their inheritance.



Former Lithuanian Book Chamber where YIVO materials were held, now the Bibliographic Center of the National Library of Lithuania.

The Legal Battle

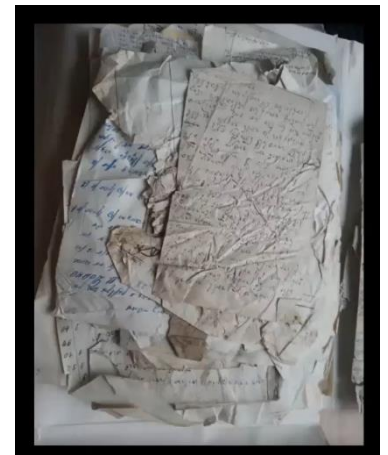
A legal battle ended in deadlock and the materials were kept in largely substandard conditions until 2014 when Jonathan went to Lithuania with a proposition: Instead of fighting over who owned the materials, both Lithuania and YIVO should work together to make them available to the world. The materials could enrich both Jewish and Lithuanian culture and society. When Brent looked at the ledger of use at the Central State Archives of the Republic of Lithuania to see who had used the materials from 1991-2011, he found **there had been no more than seven researchers from 1991 to 2014 of which three were the same person making repeat visits.** The inference was that no one was looking at the materials and they had no circulation in the Jewish world.

Digitization Project—A King Solomon Decision

In 2014, YIVO (New York) began the project of digitizing the materials. The project is called the *Edward Blank YIVO Vilna Online Collection Project*. Jonathan believed that continuing to argue about who owned them was like the biblical story of King Solomon and the two babies. Jonathan went to individuals in the Lithuanian government and the heads of the National Library and Central State Archives and proposed working with them to make them available to the world. They immediately embraced the idea of holding the collection in Vilnius, Lithuania and the project has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage site.

A Monumental Effort

In 2014, YIVO (New York) began raising money and working out how all of this was going to be accomplished. YIVO had never undertaken such a project. Much of the materials were not in good shape and needed conservation—documents glued together-- the dust of the ghetto could still be found in the creases. In the desperation of transporting the documents to Germany or hiding them in the ghetto, some of the documents were torn apart. Conservators working with experienced archivists had to piece many documents back together. On YIVO’s



Documents in need of conservation

server, the documents now appear complete and whole. A



Documents being conserved in the Central State Archives in Vilnius—NOT at YIVO

reader would not know that one part is in New York City and the other in Vilnius.

The project cost \$7 million. And it took seven years to

complete. The project was completed in January 2022.

As a result, by going to the YIVO website (<https://yivo.org/>) wherever you are worldwide, you can access the documents from cell phones or laptops! Unlike the 20-years the materials in Vilnius where only 7 people accessed them, the first year the materials were online some 30,000 people had viewed them. Jews from across the globe are getting in touch with their heritage and filling that “empty space”.

YIVO has documentary videos showing what life was like in different cities in Lithuania and Ukraine which had been in an exhibition in New York City some years ago.

Jewish Partisans

Jonathan then showed examples of documents that were found in the cache. One example was an astronomical manuscript written in Hebrew from 1791 at Alsace, France. Others included documents that showed resistance—either physical or cultural—which has become an important subject of scholarly interest in the past 20 years turned toward Jewish partisans.

The autobiography of Bebe Epstein from 1925, a 5th grader is interesting in this regard. Bebe was only 12 years old when she submitted her memoir to a YIVO contest. The manuscript was among those hidden in the Vilna Ghetto during the War. YIVO staff presumed that she had died in World War II, but the manuscript cover contained a photo of her and *The New York Times* ran an article in the culture section about YIVO’s project and included Bebe’s story (<https://tinyurl.com/2yfrdp3>) with her photograph.

The following day Jonathan received a phone call from Michael Leventhal from Los Angeles, Bebe Epstein’s son. Bebe survived several concentration camps, went to the United States, and lived until early 2012. In Bebe’s childhood memoir, she says she wants to go to college, but with the antisemitism in Lithuania, she may have to go to

Paris instead. How many 12-year-olds think of this and where they would go? She also wrote in her autobiography about the first movie that was shown in the Jewish theater in Vilnius—the first silent adaptation of *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*. Her story is as much about resistance as about survival.

YIVO has 600 autobiographies of young people.

Jonathan showed other examples of the types of documents and books found in the cache. Many are helpful in genealogy research from HIAS and NAYANA, the Bureau of Soviet Emigres, etc. In addition, the photographic, sound, music collections, and immigration records as well as their genealogical materials possess lists of names, towns, and more.

There was a comment from Andrea Massion about JewishGen’s Yizkor Book collection, several of which have been translated into English as many are not able to read or understand Yiddish - the language of many of the Yizkor Books. Jonathan shared with us that YIVO has been approached by Ancestry.com to digitize their Yizkor Book collection. Everything at YIVO is free and Ancestry is behind a paywall, so they are discussing this.

Andrea thanked YIVO for initial research in Chugwater, WY, as she did research there and found Yiddish Farmer magazines that included information on her own family.

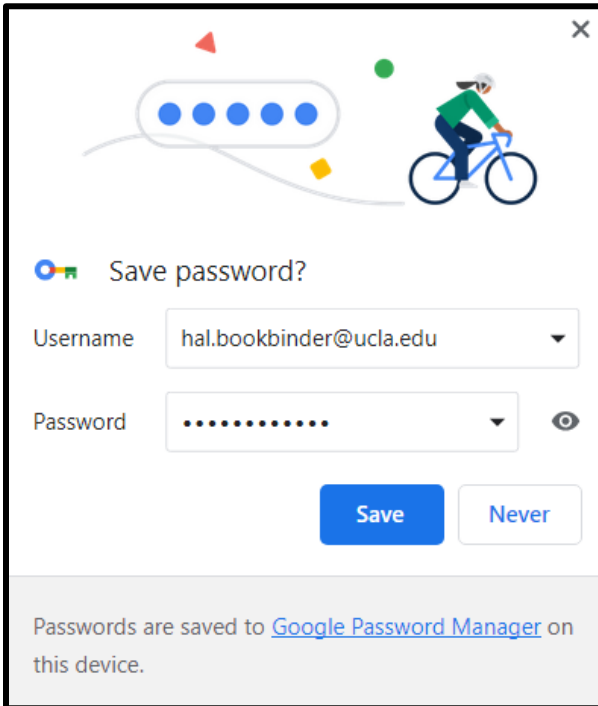
If anyone wants to contact Jonathan, his email address is jbrent@yivo.org. He also urged the members to go to the archives <https://yivo.org> and see what is there to assist in your genealogy research. YIVO is also creating an online museum, taking tranches of materials contextualizing them, creating narratives, and putting them online—thus far, over 200 documents all translated into English are online in the first exhibit which is the memoir of Bebe Epstein. Jonathan recognized they not only had to translate but show the historical and political situations, before and beyond.

The members thanked Jonathan for his excellent and educational presentation.

*Jonathan Brent became Executive Director and CEO of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in 2009. He is a historian, publisher, translator, writer, and teacher. In 2019, Jonathan Brent received the Cross of the Knight of the Order for Merits to Lithuania by H.E. Dalia Grybauskaitė, President of the Republic of Lithuania. For eighteen years (1991-2009) he was Humanities Senior Editor and then Editorial Director at Yale University Press where he established the *Annals of Communism* series. His books include *Stalin’s Last Crime* (2003); and *Inside the Stalin Archives* (2008). Brent has translated poems of Joseph Brodsky and Vladimir Mayakovsky and teaches history and literature at Bard College. He is currently writing a study of Stalin’s seizure of power, and finishing a novel. Brent lectures and publishes widely on Jewish, Soviet, and East European history.*

Practicing Safe Computing Article #88: *Dangers of saving passwords in your browser*

By Hal Bookbinder



You sign into a website and your Chrome, Firefox or Edge browser asks if you would like to save the username and password. While it will make logging into sites easier, it puts you at increased risk that cybercriminals might steal your credentials.

Verizon's 2022 Data Breach Investigations Report shows that attackers are increasingly successful in using a combination of phishing and malware to steal user credentials. This is especially so when you opt to store your credentials in your computer's browser.

A cybercriminal might send you an email that piques your interest. You click on a link to get more information or press a button to access a special offer. You have just been phished!

Once you click on a link, select a button, or sometimes even when you simply open the email, you may be permitting the sender to execute a set of instructions on your computer. This may include the installation of malware that discovers the master password for your browser and then uses it to download the IDs and passwords that are saved in the browser. The master password in Chrome is simply your Windows login PIN (the series of digits you enter to

unlock the screen). Using a "keylogger", installed malware could easily discover this.

It is more difficult for cybercriminals to steal your credentials if they are stored away from your computer in a commercial, cloud-based password manager. To make it even more difficult for cyberthieves to access your credentials, set the password manager to automatically shut down when you close the browser and then require you to reenter your master password when you re-open the browser.

I've used the free version of LastPass password manager for years and, for convenience, set it as an extension to my Chrome, Firefox, and Edge browsers. In LastPass, I selected 'Account', 'Extension Settings', and 'Log out when all browsers are closed'. This automatically shuts down LastPass when I close any of my browsers. Your password manager certainly offers a similar setting.

To clear passwords that you have already saved in Chrome, click on your picture icon in the upper right and then on the 'key' symbol. A list of the sites for which you have saved passwords will be displayed. Click on the three dots to the right of each and then on 'Remove'. For Firefox, click on the three bars in the upper right, select 'Passwords', and select 'Remove' for each saved password.

Given the risk of your credentials being compromised, and the impact if it happens, be sure to opt for multifactor authentication for critical financial, health, and business websites. With such authentication, you must confirm that it is you by responding to a text or voice message sent to your smartphone.

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

JGSCV Updates

Coffee / Tea Service

Dear Members,

Due to cost hikes, JGSCV will provide **our own coffee and tea service** at this year's LIVE meetings at Temple Adat Elohim. We know this service is comforting and convenient for attendees.

Perhaps there are a few **volunteers** to keep our coffee and tea table neat, and to assist in clean-up near the end of the meeting. Please contact

andrea@jgscv.org to help with the table.

Should you wish to sponsor this service during the year, please contact President Jan at.

president@jgscv.org

This could be one time or for the entire year.

We thank you for your consideration.



Sincerely,

Your Board of Directors

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW
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Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County* (JGSCV)

(* and surrounding areas)

will hold our March 2023 meeting on **Zoom**.

Open only to JGSCV members (see below for membership app).

NOTE DIFFERENT TIME

Sunday, March 5th from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Ask the Experts/Schmoozing Corner begins at **2:10 PM**.

Zoom link will be emailed to members before the meeting.



MARCH PROGRAM

“Gone Girl:

DNA and Document Strategies

For Finding a VERY Long Lost Female Cousin”



Rhoda Miller

The Program:

DNA and document strategies will be unfolded in this quest for a female cousin. Finding females is a common genealogical challenge. When the woman does not want to be found, the challenge becomes even greater. Learn techniques for breaking through a brick wall as well as resolving new problems on the other side of that wall.

The Speaker:

Rhoda Miller has been a Certified Genealogist since 1998, specializing in Jewish research and Holocaust studies. Rhoda is a Past President of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island (JGSLI). With JGSLI, she led the award-winning project of publishing Jewish Community of Long Island. A board member of LitvakSIG, she also serves as Coordinator of the Svencionys District Research Group. As an Instructor for the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), Rhoda taught in the Eastern Europe course. Rhoda was formerly a Genealogist Researcher for Ancestry ProGenealogists, on the Eastern European team.

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>



2023 JGSCV Meeting Dates

**ALL MEETINGS WILL BE FOR MEMBERS VIA ZOOM
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

| NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY, March 5 th **2:30-4:30 PM** via Zoom | | |
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| 2023 Meetings | | |
| DATE | PRESENTER | PROGRAM |
| March 5 2:30-4:30 | Rhoda Miller | <i>Gone Girl: DNA and Document Strategies for Finding a VERY Long Lost Female Cousin.</i> (Zoom) |
| April 2 2:30-4:30 pm | TBA | |
| May 7 2:30-4:30 pm | TBA | Annual Holocaust Memorial Program |
| June 11 | TBA | |
| July 9 | JGSCV Members | Genealogy in the Round |
| August | NO Meeting (IAJGS conference) | <i>IAJGS Conference will be held in London, England July 30 to August 3, 2023</i> |
| September 10 2:30-4:30 pm | Andrea Massion | Reaching Rebecca: The Hunt for at Lost Relative |
| October | TBA | |
| November | TBA | |
| December | TBA | Annual Meeting, Elections, Chanukah Party |

Genealogy Odds and Ends



JewishGen.org



News

"The Weekly News Nosh"

A JewishGen Weekly E-Newsletter

Edited by Phil Goldfarb

Loaded with articles and research links:

<https://tinyurl.com/muck842u>

Tablet

The Outback's Jewish Museum

...Once it was a synagogue serving Jewish immigrants in a remote Australian mining town. Today, it's a reminder of a history many have forgotten.

Read the full article here:

<https://tinyurl.com/dvwcjuh2>

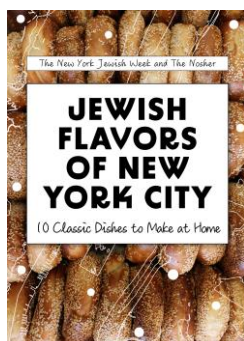


Cyndi's List
of Genealogy Sites on the Internet

How to pass on your genealogy research after you're gone ~

<https://cyndislist.com/preservation/after-youre-gone>

The Jewish Foods of New York City digital cookbook from *The Nosh* and *New York Jewish Week*. Restaurant-quality tastes inspired by global Jewish flavors.



<https://tinyurl.com/pxkenufv>

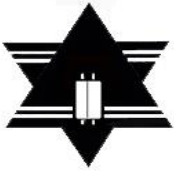
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Stay tuned for further information!





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