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New President, New Look!

Exciting changes are underfoot at JGSCV, detailed in this month's newsletter.

Future issues might have a different appearance as well. Stay tuned as we tweak our format while continuing to deliver timely and useful information to our membership. If you'd like to submit an article or suggestion, please email our new president, Israel (Issie) Perel, at president@jgscv.org

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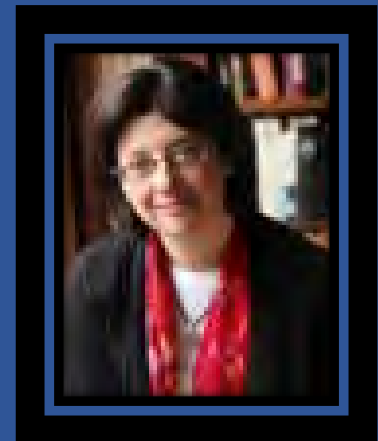
NEXT MEETING

Sunday, March 3rd, 2024

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

via **Zoom**

“Clued-In: The Photo Genealogist”



Presented by

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings Jewish Genealogy enthusiasts,

On February 6, the Board of Directors of JGSCV appointed me as the new president of the organization. The outgoing president, Jan Meisels Allen chose to step down because of family health concerns. We appreciate Jan's many years of work to establish and maintain this organization. Jan has been a moving force benefiting all of us members. She will continue to serve on the board. We are truly fortunate that she has agreed to stay on and serve as vice president of programming. She will coordinate the recruitment and scheduling of the speakers who will do presentations both in person as well as on Zoom. We all wish Jan and her family good health, and we're gratified that she will continue to be an active board member of JGSCV. I also welcome Steve Feldman as the new vice-president of membership taking over for Helene Rosen after her many dedicated years in this position. We appreciate Janet Fishman, Debby Wenkart, Barbara Finsten, Andrea Massion, and Diane Goldin who are keeping their board positions. We are grateful for all their efforts with JGSCV. Additionally, I want to commend Pat Fuller, publicity, and our webmaster, David Oseas, for all their hard work.

I recall the first meeting of JGSCV that I attended was in November 2009. Rabbi Shimon Paskow, of blessed memory, talked about his collection of Jewish documents. The presentation and audience response caused me to renew my long dormant interest in genealogy. I have acquired a great deal of knowledge at JGSCV using information learned at the presentations as well as interacting with our skilled members. In using this knowledge, I have found many ancestors who lived in Europe prior to the Shoah as well living ancestors in England, France, and of course Israel. I'm sure many of you have similar stories as well as a shared passion for Jewish genealogy research. I hope that we all can share our personal stories at future meetings.

We are in a new era for JGSCV. The space for our usual meeting room time at Temple Adat Elohim is not currently available. We will have to concentrate on Zoom meetings for the present. We will be seeking feedback from the membership about meeting topics as well as other activities we can schedule. We have numerous skilled genealogists available in our membership and we can offer meetings where these members can be available to offer consultation and training. What are your ideas?

I welcome feedback from members about current activities and new ideas. You can email me at president@jgscv.org Everyone stay healthy, and I look forward to interacting with you in the future. Am Yisrael Chai!

Issie Perel
JGSCV President



A Tribute to our out-going president

By Diane Goldin

It is not hyperbole to say that JGSCV exists because of Jan Meisels Allen.

Years ago, residents of the West Valley and Conejo Valley had to drive to Los Angeles for JGSLA meetings. For a long time, everyone complained about going “over the hill” for these meetings. There was an obvious need for local Jewish genealogists to gather and share information. Like many other times in her life, Jan stepped up to address it, and JGSCV was born.

JGSCV has been Jan’s baby ever since. She has worn many hats on behalf of our organization, from bookkeeper and speaker, to arm-wrestler and negotiator. She juggles schedules and formulates contingency plans, always aware of legal, financial, and other important considerations. I recall the first JGSCV meeting my husband and I attended because we were mesmerized by the compact dynamo of a woman at its helm.

Jan’s genealogy interest started thanks to her husband, Tom. He retired in 1998 and Jan took an early retirement so they could be together. She decided to pursue genealogy as a hobby. Around that time, Jan went to a family reunion in Chicago and saw cousins she hadn’t seen since childhood. After the exhilaration of reuniting with family, Jan was hooked. Tom gave her a Family Tree Maker and she began the process of formally researching her ancestors.

Jan’s extensive academic and professional experience probably helped when she began this quest. But what has guided her most are her mother’s words to never rely on a man. This advice came

because of her mother’s struggles after being widowed with two young kids and then later divorced from Jan’s father. Jan and her sisters were raised to become educated and self-reliant. Sadly, Jan’s mother passed when she was about to begin her senior year in college. Nonetheless, Jan graduated with a degree in Biology from Adelphi University, followed by Baruch College of City University of New York for graduate studies in Healthcare Administration. She then worked three jobs to pay off her student loans. A professor suggested her for advocacy work, and Jan’s career as a Legislative Director/Lobbyist began and endured in a notable career.

After retirement, and with her newfound passion for genealogy, Jan delved into the world of Jewish genealogy organizations. She attended meetings, founded JGSCV, served as JGSCV’s President and served on its Board, volunteered for the national organization, IAJGS, where she chaired numerous committees and served as its Vice President. IAJGS awarded her volunteer of the year in 2015 and a Lifetime achievement award in 2017. Jan is also an esteemed speaker at societies all over the world for her expertise in records access. She has won numerous awards and commendations for her instrumental role in records preservation and public access to public records legislation. In 2013, she was given the President’s Citation by the National Genealogical Society for her “outstanding, continuing... contributions to the field of genealogy...” We have been fortunate to have her as our own!

We have been led by Jan for nearly two decades and her impact on our community is immeasurable. She said it has all meant a lot to her too, and that she has most enjoyed that so many people are interested in finding out their family history. It has made the work of running the organization a privilege as she's gotten to hear about members' discoveries.

She's had some wonderful discoveries of her own. She'd reached a brick wall in her research about her grandmother and her great aunt. She knew the year they'd immigrated but nothing more. She reached out to the Arolsen Archives <https://arolsen-archives.org/en/>, an international center on Nazi persecution with the world's most comprehensive archive on the victims and survivors of National Socialism. They responded that they had no information. Brick Wall. *Twenty years* later, Arolsen Archives digitized and made public their records. Soon after, a 2nd cousin found 20 pages of documents about Jan's grandmother and great aunt – including letters written by them and the names of two additional

sisters! This was a literal treasure trove of family information! Amongst them, Jan discovered her grandmother's birthplace was not in the town she'd been researching but another one nearby.

She's been to hundreds of meetings over the years and she's proud of all the ones she has overseen for JGSCV. One in particular, "Yom HaShoah and Celina Biniaz: The Youngest of Schindler's Jews" held in April 2018, moved her deeply. It was an exceptional program with a remarkable speaker. More than 300 people attended it. (Highlights of that meeting are available at: <http://tinyurl.com/3hda3s4h>, page 6

Jan is happy with her decision to step down as JGSCV's president. It is a role she has devoted herself to but it's time now to focus on caring for her husband and herself. She will continue to research her family history and hopes to be a resource to others doing the same.

We look forward to celebrating Jan's many years of service when we meet in person later this year. For now, our gratitude, and best wishes for her and Tom's health and happiness.

**JAN MEISELS ALLEN'S
BEST GENEALOGY TIP:**

When you hit a brick-wall – do not stop!

New information continues to be discovered.

Keep looking and periodically recheck sources.

(read article for Jan's 20 year brick wall that got torn down!)

Highlights from: "How a Record Match Almost Led Me to an Insane Asylum"

Presented by Daniel Horowitz

By Andrea Massion

Daniel Horowitz has been around—the world, that is. Every community and education experience, job and activity has led him to his position at MyHeritage. As Genealogy Expert at MyHeritage, his duties include providing key contributions including his blog, liaising with genealogy societies, bloggers, and media, as well as lecturing and attending conferences around the world. At the core of his work is a love for genealogy beginning in Venezuela in 1986. His family immigrated there after World War II. Further history is on his personal website at:

<http://searchingformyroots.com/Daniel-Horowitz-biography.htm>

In 2021, MyHeritage was acquired by Francisco Partners, a San Francisco-based global private equity firm that specializes in investments in technology and technology-enabled businesses. Despite the acquisition, the company's operational structure remained substantially the same with Gilad Japhet of Israel retaining his role as the Founder and CEO. Daniel is a crucial team player at MyHeritage pushing forward its mission to simplify record searches as well as introduce the use of technological innovations that can enhance presentations and bring ancestors to life. And of course, his kindness and enthusiasm make him an ideal world-wide liaison for the company.

Daniel has spoken to JGSCV, numerous times. At the February 2024 Zoom meeting he shared the research and challenges of a great-uncle's wife



during and after World War II. It was an ideal lesson on gleaning the correct facts out of a situation that presented numerous versions of similarly named people, and training oneself to distinguish one record from another for results that are accurate and substantiated. It was called "How a Record Match Almost Led Me to an Insane Asylum."

We were introduced to Daniel's family. His great-grandfather, Joseph became a widower and remarried Pepi with whom he had three additional children to make eight total, one being Daniel's grandfather from the previous marriage.

Since Joseph and Pepi were refugees after WWII, Daniel headed online to the Arolsen Archives, a huge database of papers from the:

International Tracing Station (ITS). Arolsen also has Red Cross papers. Eleven countries received copies of the Archives: Germany, Israel (YadVashem), France, United States (Holocaust Memorial Museum in Wash. D.C.), Belgium, Luxemburg, Poland and Great Britain.

www.Arolsen-archives.org

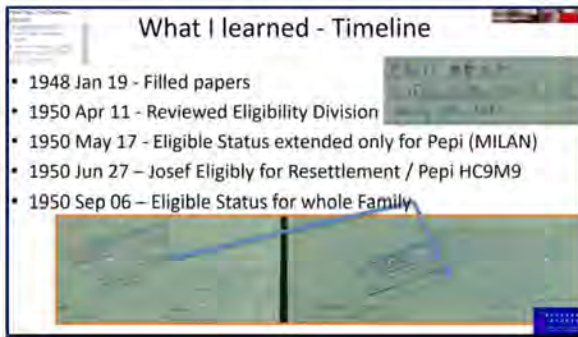
Three countries are pending: Greece, Italy, and The Netherlands.

This story is about Joseph and especially Pepi from Czernowitz, Ukraine and what happened to them after World War II.

MyHeritage does have some of the public digitalized records and will point you to Arolsen. When you go to the Arolsen website, you can request by petition for them to search additional documents of your relatives that are not online.

So how did Daniel handle these documents about both Joseph and Pepi (P'nina)? There were documents from the Displaced Persons camps in Italy. (To ensure that the DPs were cared for, even in the interim period, the UN set up the Preparatory Commission of the International Refugee Organization (PCIRO)). Daniel found particular interest in requests to go to British Palestine, and after 1948, to Israel.

In order to understand better the PCIRO documents, Daniel created a timeline.



Daniel had other questions: Why did some of Pepi's documents say "nee Reinsch" deceased

1962? Pepi's tombstone in Israel in tells us 1971. "Something fishy is going on here," said Daniel.

So he involved other relatives. A son had a document with her travel dates and stamps to Italy and then to Israel. Another document says Pepi was placed in a Mental Hospital and was transferred from Milano to Via Lante which is between Florence and Rome.

Yet another document said she was a nurse who spoke Romanian and German and was hospitalized "for life" for Paranoid Schizophrenia.

Still another document shows Pepi made it to Israel with Yosef, and died at Sha'ar Menashe, a mental health hospital near Hadera. More documents gave more information that was not matching one to the other. There were even invoices for the Italian hospitalization paid for by the Tracing Service.

With this myriad of papers, Daniel "divided and conquered" by filing the papers into two distinct folders: My Pepi vs. Hospital Pepi with almost no overlapping. A final letter informed on the death of (hospital) Pepi, who died of heart failure in a neuropsychiatric hospital in Italy in 1962.

Daniel turned another corner by researching the Italian hospital which is still functioning. They had a Facebook page which allowed him to communicate with the Archives there. He sent

Last N.	First N.	Maiden N.	Place of Bir.	Date of Bir.	Pris
BAKOPCAR	GEORGI		MONTE VIDEO	08/25/1928	
HERZBERG	ANSEL				
BURKHETZ	PEPI			1890	
BRONICKI	JOSEF		BRONICKA	04/20/1904	
BURKHETZ	LEON				
BRONICKI	PEPI	BRONICK	BRONICKA	04/20/1904	
JACOVYCH	ARELA			10/03/1900	
BLATN	BERDA			04/07/1908	

Final Letter

Teramo 07 January 1962

We inform you that the named person in question, admitted to the **hospital of Neuropsychiatric** on February 17, 1952, charged to IRO, **ceased to live** on 04 January c. y. (1962) from a chronic myocarditis diffuse bronchitis cardiovascular collapse.

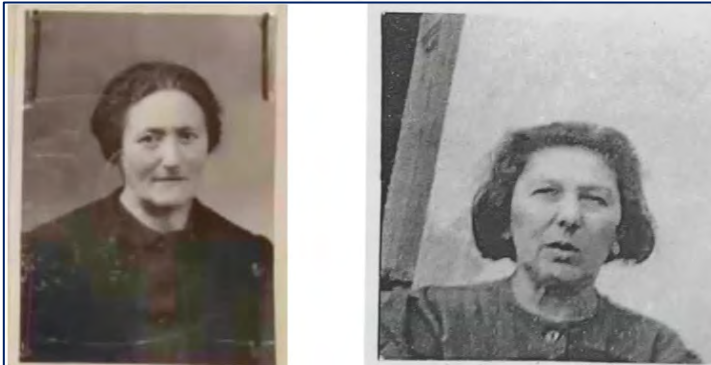
Above: The Italian document announcing the death of "Hospital Pepi" in Italy in January of 1962.

Above: One of Daniel's searches at Arolsen-Archives.org for Yosef & Pepi had 36 documents. Each needed to be reviewed to determine that they were Joseph's family members.

the requested proof of kinship (a family tree and some Arolsen documents) which included the acquisition of a photo of "Hospital Pepi!"

The results showed that Hospital Pepi was another woman who shared the same first name and married surname. *Daniel proved with this step that two women with the name Pepi Horwitz shared the same Arolsen file.*

As a bonus, Daniel attended an Arolsen seminar and presented the case of two Pepis in one file.



Above: Two distinct Pepi Horwitz refugees in one file.

By correctly identifying and separating the two women, Daniel Horwitz followed up with Arolsen Archives and saw to the creation of two distinct files. By researching his great grandfather's second wife, he brought clarity and honor to both women, Holocaust survivors. May their memories be blessed. Amen.

Tips from Daniel Horowitz

- When requesting by petition for a personal search on Arolsen, be sure to choose "Don't make my inquiry private." This will allow for others who are looking for the same person to find you.
- Keep stories or records even when they are doubtfully your family in a safe place. They may remind or inform you later.
- When distinguishing between two people with the same name, separate them into 2 distinct files (different birthdates, places, ages) to further see any distinctions.
- Never Give Up.

Where We Lived

**44th IAJGS Conference
on Jewish Genealogy**

**Philadelphia
Aug 18-22, 2024**

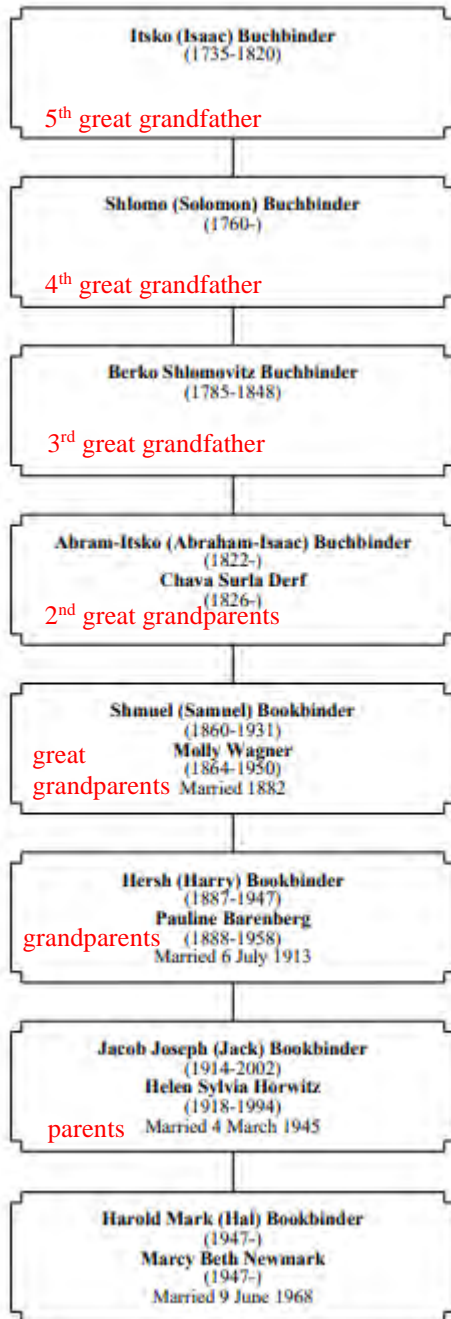


iajgs2024.org

<https://site.pheedloop.com/event/EVEVKKSMMLYPN/Home>

My 5th Great Grandfather's Name

By Hal Bookbinder



The oldest document that I possess on my Buchbinder ancestors is the 1850 Revision list (Ревізские скáзки, Revizskie skazki) for Dubno, Volhynia, Russia. Dubno is now in Rivne Oblast, Ukraine. My 2nd great grandfather, Abram-Itsko Buchbinder (1822) was shown along with his deceased father, my 3rd great grandfather, Berko Shlomovich Buchbinder (1785-1848).

The first revision list was ordered by Peter the Great and taken in 1719. Later revision lists were accomplished in 1743, 1761, 1781, 1794, 1811, 1815, 1833, 1850 and 1856. Some of the original books have survived, but many have not. Surviving 1850 Revision Lists for Volhynia are held by the Zhytomyr, Ukraine Regional Archive. I am not aware of the existence of any earlier revision lists for Volhynia.

The civil records office in Dubno burned to the ground during World War II. All records were lost. I had heard of this and confirmed it with the Dubno town leaders when I traveled there in the summer of 2018. During my trip, I conducted research in the Rivne Regional Archive but found that they held no relevant records from Dubno prior the Polish period between World War I and World War II.

In 1897, the Russian Empire conducted its first, and only, "All-Russia Census". It is from this census that we learn that, at the turn of the 20th Century, Russia contained 5.2 million Jews; 4.9 million (94%) of whom lived in the Pale of Jewish Settlement. As an aside, the 1850 Revision List showed that the population of the Russian Empire was 68.5 million. The U.S. population, per the 1850 Census, was 23.2 million, including 3.2 million slaves. Russia would free its serfs in 1861, several years before the Emancipation Proclamation.

Revision lists have an advantage over censuses in that they not only show those living at the time, but also show those who had run off, been exiled, conscripted, or had died since the prior revision list. Thus, my 3rd great-grandfather, Berko Shlomovich Buchbinder, who had died in 1848, was included on the 1850 Revision List. His middle name, Shlomovich, indicates that his father's name was Shlomo.

Thus, the 1850 Revision List provides the names of my 2nd, 3rd, & 4th great-grandfathers, along with the birth year of my 2nd great grandfather and the birth and death of my 3rd great grandfather. As Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. says towards the end of each episode of "Finding Your Roots", "The paper trail had now run out ...". So, I could only hypothesize the given name of my 5th great-grandfather. Below is the page from the Revision List showing the males of my family.

REVIZSKIE SKAZKI (REVISION LIST)

РЕВИЗСКАЯ СКАЗКА.				
1850 года Октября 30 дня, Волынской Губернии Городъ				
Dubno October 30, 1850 Volinsk Gubernia Town of				
Семья.	По последней ревизии состояло и после оной прибыло.	Изъ того числа выбыло.	Иныхъ на лицо.	
Dubno МУЖЕСКІЙ ПОЛЪ.				
№ Еврей Male Jew	#5 Лѣта.	#6 Когда введено.	#7 Лѣта.	
#1 Берко Шломоновичъ Буабиндеръ.	48	Июль 16 1848		Died in 1848
#2 Берка Шломоновичъ: Абрамъ Ицко. #3 Шимонъ. #4	11 1 1/2	" " Июль 16 1837	2 1/2	Died in 1837

#1 Berko Shlomovich Buchbinder, my 3rd great grandfather
 #2 Berko's sons
 #3 Abram Itsko, my 2nd great grandfather
 #4 Shimon

#5 age on the prior revision list (July 16, 1833)
 #6 status change since prior revision list
 #7 age on this revision list (October 30, 1850)

The 1850 Revision List showed that Berko had two sons, Abram-Itsko (1822) and Shimon (1831-1837). In the Ashkenazi tradition, these two brothers likely carried on the names of honored ancestors. Possibly, the name of my 5th great-grandfather was Abram, Itsko, or Shimon.

The 1850 Revision List showed just one other Buchbinder household in Dubno. It was headed by Chiam Shmuelovich Buchbinder. Chiam was 55 years old in 1850 and so was born in 1795. This made him a contemporary of Berko, who had been born in 1785. Their patronymic shows that they were not brothers, as Chiam's father was Shmuel, and Berko's father was Shlomo.

Czar Alexander I's edict of 1804 required all Jews living in the Pale to adopt unique permanent surnames. Czar Nicholas I's edict of 1835 prevented Jewish surnames from being altered or changed. My first hypothesis is that Shmuel and Shlomo were brothers, and that their father had adopted the Buchbinder surname. Chiam and Berko would then have been first cousins.

I now examined the names of the sons of Chiam. They are Itsko Shmuel (1833-1835), Shaya (1837), Yankel (1840), and Leibish (1844). The name "Shmuel" would appear to be carrying on the name of Chiam's father. The only other name that matches one of Berko's sons, is Itsko. My second hypothesis is that this name, which appears around the same time in both families, is the name of the common ancestor, my 5th great-grandfather.

REVIZSKIE SKAZKI (REVISION LIST)

РЕВИЗСКАЯ СКАЗКА.				
1850 года Октября 30 дня, Волынской Губернии Городъ Дубна. October 30, 1850 Volinsk Gubernia Town of Dubno				
Семья	МУЖЕСКИЙ ПОЛЪ.	По послѣдней ревизіи состояло и послѣ оной прибаво.	Изъ того числа выбыло.	Иныхъ на одно.
№	Имя	Лѣтъ.	Когда именно.	Лѣтъ.
	#1 <i>Переплетчикъ</i>			
#2	<i>Шмуель Шмуелевичъ Бухбиндеръ.</i>	39	"	53
#3	<i>Шмуель Шмуелевичъ Шмуель.</i>	1	Скончался въ 1835	← Died in 1835
	<i>Шая.</i> #5		"	13
	<i>Янкель.</i> #6		"	10
	<i>Лейбисъ.</i> #7		"	6

- #1 Perepletchik, which means "bookbinder" in Russian
- #2 Chiam Shmuelovich Buchbinder
- #3 Chiam's sons
- #4 Itsko Shmuel
- #5 Shaya
- #6 Yankel
- #7 Leibish

- #8 age on the prior revision list (July 16, 1833)
- #9 status change since prior revision list
- #10 age on this revision list (October 30, 1850)

I assume that *Переплетчикъ* was shown as a translation of the name "Buchbinder", as this German word would be meaningless to the Russian ear. I suspect that this was the first of the four pages of revision lists for the two Buchbinder households (two for men, two for women).

When I do not know the birth date, I estimate it to be 25 years prior to the birth of the first child. So, I estimated Shlomo to have been born around 1760 and Itsko to have been born around 1735. If my theory is correct, Itsko would have died prior to Abram-Itsko's birth in 1822. These estimates provide the approximate dates shown in the ancestor chart at the beginning of this article.

According to <https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/dubno-jewish-history-tour>, several Jewish printing presses were established in Dubno starting in 1794. So, Itsko, and his sons, may well have been employed at one of these as bookbinders and taken this occupation as the family surname that has come down to this day.

Practicing Safe Computing Article #100: “Data breach awareness”

By Hal Bookbinder

In prior articles, I have shared the free <https://haveibeenpwned.com/> website to check whether your email address has been exposed in a data breach. If it has not, the site will return:

Good news — no pwnage found!
No breached accounts and no pastes (subscribe to search sensitive breaches)

When I entered one of my addresses, bookbndr@ucla.edu, I got the response above. I was not surprised, as I have never used it as an identifier in any website. However, when I entered hal.bookbinder@ucla.edu, I received the following:

Oh no — pwned!
Pwned in 11 data breaches and found no pastes (subscribe to search sensitive breaches)

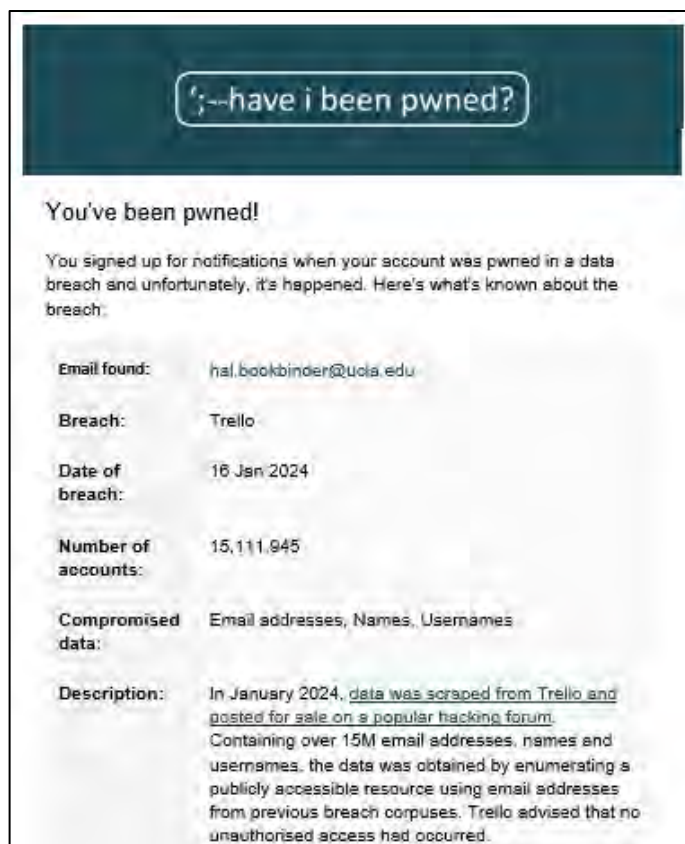
The site goes on to describe each of the eleven breaches, what data elements were captured, and whether the information is for sale on the dark web. Most captures are annoying, but relatively harmless. However, some demand attention, especially if passwords have been exposed.

Rather than checking the site, one can enter their email address into ‘Notify me’ found at the top of the home page. They will then receive alerts when an email address shows up in a breach. I recently received this alert. →

While I have not used Trello in years, I never deleted my account. My data was waiting to be exposed.

Expect breaches to continue. While you cannot stop them, you can:

- ✓ Limit what you share.
- ✓ Stay aware of known breaches.
- ✓ Delete outdated credentials.
- ✓ Avoid reusing passwords.
- ✓ Update passwords periodically.
- ✓ Use multi-factor authentication.
- ✓ Create an email just for logon IDs.



The screenshot shows the 'have i been pwned?' website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'have i been pwned?'. Below the search bar, a notification reads: 'You've been pwned! You signed up for notifications when your account was pwned in a data breach and unfortunately, it's happened. Here's what's known about the breach:'. The notification details are as follows:

Email found:	hal.bookbinder@ucla.edu
Breach:	Trello
Date of breach:	16 Jan 2024
Number of accounts:	15,111,945
Compromised data:	Email addresses, Names, Usernames
Description:	In January 2024, data was scraped from Trello and posted for sale on a popular hacking forum. Containing over 15M email addresses, names and usernames, the data was obtained by enumerating a publicly accessible resource using email addresses from previous breach corpuses. Trello advised that no unauthorised access had occurred.

This is article is number one hundred 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

JGSCV Updates

MISSION STATEMENT

JGSCV is a non-profit organization run by enthusiastic volunteers and dedicated to sharing genealogical information, techniques, and research tools with those interested in Jewish genealogy and family history.

Members include beginners and experienced researchers.

Our society is entering an exciting new chapter.

We invite you to share your research goals, challenges, and discoveries with us.

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Community Contribution Program

Whether you are a friend or member we appreciate your support and hope you will sign up for Ralphs and Food-for-Less community programs.

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>.



Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County* (JGSCV)
(*and surrounding areas)

will hold **a Zoom meeting**

Sunday, March 3rd from 2:30-4:30PM

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

Zoom link will be sent out the Friday before the meeting.



MARCH PROGRAM

**“Clued-In: More Cases from Sherlock Cohen,
The Photo Genealogist, Ava Cohn”**



The Program:

Family photos are your most valuable records. But sometimes either you are too close to the photos or lack the time or expertise to detect and interpret the clues that can further your genealogy research. Ava Cohn, aka Sherlock Cohn, The Photo Genealogist, is an internationally known professional genealogist who specializes in the dating, identification, and interpretation of family photographs and portraits. Working with professional genealogists as well as those interested in learning more about their family history, she uses a multidisciplinary approach that combines knowledge of immigrant and European cultures and traditions along with research-based fashion, family histories and vital records to tell the background stories within our heirloom photographs.

The Speaker:

Ava Cohn, The Photo Genealogist. Ava has been the go-to expert on Jewish family photographs since 2009. Family photos are your most valuable records. But sometimes either you are too close to the photos or lack the time or expertise to detect and interpret the clues that can further your genealogy research. She is internationally known with an ever-growing list of clients from Europe, America, Israel, Australia, Canada, Germany, UK and other countries. A Brandeis University graduate, her background includes the study of decorative arts, art history, history of photography and costume/theatre history.

There is no charge to attend the meeting. Anyone may join JGSCV. Annual dues are \$30 for an individual and \$35 for a family.

<https://www.jgscv.org/membership.html>

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See: www.JGSCV.org



2024 JGSCV Meeting Dates

NEXT MEETING:

Sunday, March 3rd, 2024

*“Clued-In: More Cases from Sherlock Cohen,
The Photo Genealogist, Ava Cohn”*

****2:30-4:30PM** on Zoom**

April 7 Zoom	TBA	
May 5 Zoom	TBA	
June 2 Zoom	TBA	
July 14 Zoom	TBA	
August	NO Meeting (IAJGS conference)	<i>The 2024 International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) annual conference will be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from August 18 to 22, 2024.</i>
September	TBA	
October	TBA	
November	TBA	
December	TBA	

Genealogy Odds and Ends

JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

EST 1917

A murder victim was anonymous for 13 years.
Jewish genealogists found her name.

<http://tinyurl.com/5f3wsdar>

NBC NEWS

80 years after the Holocaust, a genealogy test helped her
find a cousin...

<http://tinyurl.com/yckh7r6k>

JewishGen Talks series with Dr. Alexander Beider
Wednesday, February 28th, 2024 at 2:00 PM ET.

*“Sephardic Names in the Ottoman Empire as Traces of the History
of Judeo-Spanish/Ladino”*

To register:

<http://tinyurl.com/3adetj3e>



**Generations': An Unscripted Series Exploring Genealogy
Set to Premiere on Jewish Life Television**

<http://tinyurl.com/4wb4fu7b>

Cancer gene test to be offered to people of Jewish ancestry.

Thousands of people with Jewish ancestry are to be offered a genetic test owing to their
higher risk of some cancers.

NHS England is rolling out national BRCA gene testing to pick up changes that push up
cancer risk, with anyone over 18 with Jewish ancestry offered a simple saliva test.

<http://tinyurl.com/4j6pvhu5>



2024 Membership/Renewal Form

Jewish Genealogical Society

of the

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Dues paid now are good through December 2024

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.)
