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NEXT MEETING

Sunday, June 9th, 2024

****1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

via **Zoom**

**"A Gallery of Missing Husbands:
Family Deserters in Jewish Genealogy"**

Presented by



Michael Morgenstern,
Holocaust Museum LA

See page 8

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 include beginners and experienced genealogists who share with each other.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings Jewish Genealogy enthusiasts,

You won't want to miss our June 9th speaker, Michael Morgenstern, who will present "A Gallery of Missing Husbands: Family Deserters in Jewish Genealogy." This is a fascinating presentation that combines immigration and family issues and describes how they affected our ancestors' lives after arriving in America. It is a well-researched talk with numerous stories of women and the hardships they faced after their husbands deserted their families. I highly recommend this informative talk. Please see page 8 for more information and please note the earlier start time of **1:00PM**.

The JGSCV board of directors welcomes suggestions on future topics and presenters. We received member suggestions for talks on topics including: a comparison of the various DNA testing companies; a training session about using the free Ancestry library edition; member discussions of their historic family photographs and memorabilia; consultations on finding research sources; and, overcoming brick walls in your personal research. Please submit any additional suggestions to me at my JGSCV email address: president@jgscv.org or to any of the board members listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

We will have several members attending the 44th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy in Philadelphia on August 18-22, 2024. Participants will be able to attend many sessions and workshops to advance their family history knowledge. The conference schedule can be accessed at: <https://www.iajgs.org/conference/schedule/> There will not be a recording or virtual component to the conference. If you do not plan to attend, check the schedule to see if there is a speaker that you would like us to contact about a future presentation at JGSCV.

On January 19th, we had our first meeting in conjunction with the Jewish Genealogical Society of Los Angeles. Our members were admitted at no charge to this meeting in Northridge. We had several members attend and we would like to plan future meetings with JGSLA and other local genealogical groups. We have mutual interests, and we would like to take advantage of all the expertise that would be available to our organization. As I indicated previously, we are interested in continuing the fine programming that has been available in the past while recognizing that the internet now offers access to Jewish Genealogy presentations from all over the globe. We want our membership to take advantage of these opportunities as well as coordinating local presentations geared to all of you including hands-on assistance for people's personal research.

Enjoy the school graduations and the official start of summer on June 20. Am Yisrael Chai.

**Issie Perel
JGSCV President**

JGSCV May 2024 Speaker:
MEGAN LEWIS
*The United States
Holocaust Memorial
Museum (USHMM): New
Resources and
Collections*

By Andrea Massion

It's been 8 years since Megan Lewis visited JGSCV. Megan has worked at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum since 1998. She serves as a reference librarian at the Museum's Library and Archives reference desk. One of her current tasks includes finding relevant books on Greece for the museum library.

Megan's presentation focused on the new aspects of the Museum's online interface and features. She then followed with a tour showing various collections that might interest genealogists and the best ways to search them. This includes biographies, memoirs, photographs and film. Megan has given presentations about the Museum and its resources at genealogical conferences, gatherings of Holocaust survivors and the American Library Association. She received her BA in History from the University of Oregon in 1997 and her Master of Library Science from the University of Maryland, College Park in 2006.

There are millions of papers at the Museum from 70 countries. About 272,972 are available online. (See box below for link and categories) There are even more digital records NOT available online due to restrictions of ownership or agreements. There records will say "this record is digitized but cannot be downloaded online."



I've been here 26 years and I'm still finding new stuff and I think genealogists should know about them.
-Megan Lewis

Megan told us about the thirty-year relationship with the *Ukrainian State Archives* which gave the Museum permission to put online all the material copied from their archives. This is the largest collection of Ukraine interwar-era materials. This collection is rich with content in Ukrainian, Polish and Hungarian and is all downloadable. While there is a surname search, it doesn't always give good results, but a town search might do the trick.

Megan showed us a list of confiscated homes by address in Tarnopol. There is a column for the owners' names as well. Single page download is

**Online at the U.S. Museum of the
Holocaust as of May 5, 2024**

- 13,584 archival collections
- 110,211 publications
- 35,141 photographs
- 82,095 Personal stories
- 416 historic home movies

= 272,971 records available directly online

<https://collections.ushmm.org/search/>

easy. Entire files require a slightly more complicated process. Megan asked that we fill out the feedback areas to inform the staff that your reason for your online visit is genealogy. She has been working hard to show that genealogists are frequent users on the site, and the feedback helps in that endeavor. Genealogists might access letters, memoirs, photographs or immigration paperwork if not from their families, then from the towns of their families.

Here are some of the other collections online:

Holocaust Survivors and Victims Database:

View Names of Survivors and Victims in this Collection

Photographs Collection: this is where town names searches might produce surprise information.

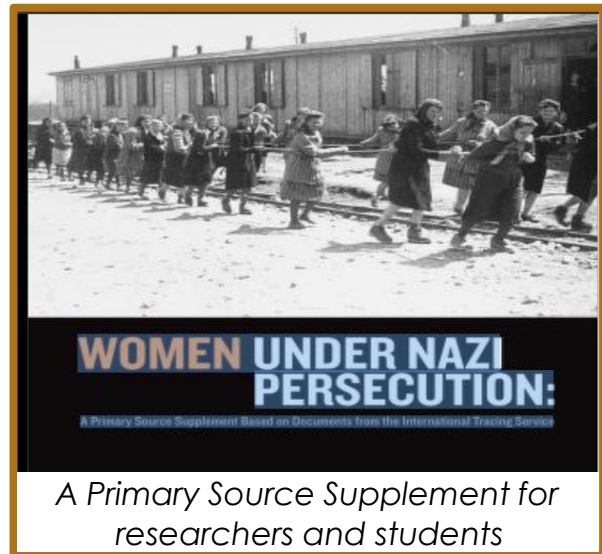
Memoirs Collection: the USHMM is digitizing several hundred written claims conference testimonies and personal memoirs.

ITS Primary Source Supplements: These are research tools, and e-books using primary sources to further elaborate on a topic. Intended for use in undergraduate classrooms, each presents a different theme important to the study of the Holocaust.

<https://tinyurl.com/yft5bcjd>

Outside of the USHMM Collection, Megan recommends the use of the **Internet Archives** that has a wide range of materials and e-books.

<https://archive.org/>



Near the end of her question-and-answer session, Megan shared a poignant snippet from the USHMM film collection. It was a home movie taken in Humenne, Slovakia in 1932-- a moment in time that could have belonged to any American family's film collection: family and the children outside their home, waving and moving for the camera. It really did bring home the idea that war can break out anywhere if we are not vigilant. The five 16mm films were recorded by Louis and Harry Sommer when they visited their family in Houmena (Humenne), Slovakia from Omaha, Nebraska in March 1932. Bernard and Emery Klein rescued the decaying films from their cousin, Beatrice Sommer, in the 1950s. The films were given to the Museum in 2012.

More USHMM Collections

The Katz Ehrenthal Collection

<https://tinyurl.com/4rr5rdzf>

A collection of more than 900 objects depicting Jews and antisemitic and anti-Jewish propaganda from the medieval to the modern era, in Europe, Russia, and the United States. The collection was amassed by Peter Ehrenthal, a Romanian Holocaust survivor,

Gertrude Winter Collection

<https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn755005>

This collection includes children's work, lesson plans, student lists, photographs, and receipts documenting Winter's work as a first- and second-grade teacher at a Jewish community elementary school in Vienna. Winter likely gathered the items and gave them to a neighbor for safekeeping prior to her deportation to Theresienstadt in 1942.

Curator's Corner. Online videos

<https://www.ushmm.org/collections/the-museums-collections/curators-corner>

Museum staff members discuss a specific item or collection in the Museum. One such example is *I Am Going to Be a Witness: Maria Madi's Diary*. Maria Madi was a non-Jewish physician living in Budapest during World War II. She kept a record of the war in diaries in English. She also hid Jews in her home.



A Brief Genealogical History of the Leading Presidential Candidates

By Hal Bookbinder

“American Ancestors” published an article on the genealogy of President Joseph Biden in its Winter, 2021 issue, (Vol. 21, #4) and of former President Donald Trump in its Spring, 2017 issue, (Vol.17, #1). Online access to “American Ancestors” is available to paid members of the New England Genealogical Society. Free access is available at some libraries and at LDS FamilySearch Centers

While much of the ancestry shown below comes from the articles in American Ancestors cited at the beginning of this article, other sources were used as well. If the reader would like more on the ancestry of Biden and Trump, there are many online sources readily available.

President Biden’s mother was 100% Irish. His father was about 25% Irish; he was mostly English. He may have had a small amount of German ancestry. But this is conjecture, based on some of his ancestors’ surnames. So, President Biden is 62.5% Irish (100% + 25%)/2. The only president more Irish was President Kennedy, who was 100% Irish.

Ancestry of Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr. (PA, 1942)		
Paternal		Maternal
└ Richard Byden (Eng.)	5GGF	
└ James Byden (Eng., 1767)	4GGF	
└ William Biden (Eng., 1787)	3GGF	
└ Joseph Henry Biden (MD, 1828)	2GGF	└ Owen Finnegan (Ire., ~1818)
└ George T. Biden (MD, 1867)	GGF	└ James Finnegan (Ire., 1840)
└ Lydia Ann Randle (MD, 1833)	2GGM	└ Jane Boyle (Ire., 1820)
└ Joseph Harry Biden (MD, 1893)	GF	└ Ambrose Joseph Finnegan (PA, 1894)
└ Robert Theodore Lidell (MD, 1844)	2GGF	└ Thomas Roche (Ire., ~1814)
└ Mary Emily Lidell (MD, 1872)	GGM	└ Catherine Roche (Ire., 1844)
└ Susan E. Bomberger (MD, 1845)	2GGM	└ Bridget Fox (Ire., ~1817)
Joseph Robinette Biden (MD, 1915)	F/M	Catherine Eugenia “Jean” Finnegan (PA, 1917)
└ Moses J. Robinette (MD, 1819)	2GGF	└ Patrick R. Blewett (Ire., 1832)
└ George Hamilton Robinette (WV, 1844)	GGF	└ Edward Francis Blewett (LA, 1859)
└ Jane Eliza Pumphrey (DC or MD, ~1820)	2GGM	└ Catherine Scanlon (Ire., ~1839)
└ Mary Elizabeth Robinette (MD, 1894)	GM	└ Geraldine Catharine Blewett (PA, 1886)
└ John Hanafy (Ire., 1815)	2GGF	└ James Stanton (Ire., ~1840)
└ Mary Ann Hanafee (VA [now WV] 1862)	GGM	└ Mary Ellen Stanton (PA, 1861)
└ Mary Ward (Ire., 1826)	2GGM	└ Mary Arthurs (Ire., 1843)

President Biden has stated that he is the first of his family to go to college. Per the Pennsylvania Senate Website, <https://www.library.pasen.gov/people/member-biography.cfm?ID=5076>, his great-grandfather, Edward Francis Blewitt, graduated from Lafayette College in 1879 with a BS in Civil Engineering and served as a state senator from 1907 to 1910.

President Biden has also stated that his grandfather, Ambrose Finnegan, attended Santa Clara University where he was a star quarterback. Her 1949 obituary in the Tribune (Scranton, PA), reports that his grandmother, Geraldine Finnegan (né Blewitt), was a graduate of Marywood College. Perhaps, he meant that he was the first *Biden* to go to college.

Two of Biden's 3rd great grandfathers, Jesse Robinett (father of Moses) and Thomas Randle (father of Lydia), were slave owners in 19th century Maryland. Jesse's father George Robinett (President Biden's 4th great grandfather) was a member of the Maryland House of Delegates in 1812. Biden has paternal ancestors who were residing in the Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania colonies in the 1600s.

Former President Trump is 50% Scots and 50% German. His Scots roots are primarily from the remote Scottish Outer Hebrides (in the far north) where his ancestors worked as fishermen and spoke Gaelic. His German roots, much of it in Bavaria, included generations of vintners.

Ancestry of Donald John Trump (NY, 1946)		
Paternal		Maternal
┌ Johann Paul Trump (Ger., 1727)	3GGF	┌ William MacLeod (Scot., ~1809)
┌ Johannes Trump (Ger., 1789)	2GGF	┌ Alexander MacLeod (Scot., 1830)
┌ Johannes Trump, Jr. (Ger., 1829)	GGF	┌ Catherine MacLeod (Scot., 1809)
┌ Susanna Maria Bechtloff (Ger., ~1805)	2GGM	┌ Malcolm MacLeod (Scot., 1866)
┌ Friedrich Trump (Ger., 1869)	GF	┌ Alexander MacLeod (Scot., 1806)
┌┌┌ Johann Jakob Kober (Ger., 1802)	2GGF	┌ Anne MacLeod (Scot., 1833)
┌┌┌ Katherina Kober (Ger., 1836)	GGM	┌ Ann MacKenzie (Scot., 1811)
┌┌┌ Elisabeth Peter (1814)	2GGM	┌ Mary Anne MacLeod (Scot., 1912)
┌ Fredrick Christ "Fred" Trump (NY, 1905)	F/M	┌ Duncan Smith (Scot., ~1803)
┌┌┌ Johann Georg Christ (1823, Ger.)	2GGF	┌ Donald Smith (Scot., 1833)
┌┌┌ Philipp Christ (Ger., 1856)	GGF	┌┌┌ Henrietta MacSwane (Scot., ~1810)
┌┌┌ Sabina Christina Hartung (Ger., 1823)	2GGM	┌ Mary Smith (Scot., 1867)
┌ Elizabeth Christ (Ger., 1880)	GM	┌ John MacAulay (Scot.)
┌┌┌ Johannes Anthon (Ger.)	2GGF	┌ Mary MacAulay (~1835)
┌┌┌ Anne Maria Anthon (Ger.)	GGM	┌ Ann MacAulay
┌┌┌ Eva Farny (Ger., 1818)	2GGM	

Note: The Trump name had varied spellings in 18th and 19th Century Germany. I have standardized it in the chart above. While various sources show Johann Paul Trump as the father of Johannes Trump, I question this. At 62, he is somewhat old to become a father. Possibly, his birth year is incorrect, possibly, he is actually one generation further back, or possibly this is correct as shown.

During World War II, with the unpopularity of German connections, Fred Trump (Donald Trump's father) presented his heritage as Scots/English or Swedish. He and Donald Trump continued with this assertion well into the 1980s. In his book, "The Art of the Deal," published in 1987, Donald Trump claimed that his grandfather had emigrated from Sweden.

Johannes Trump's twin sister, Charlotta, married Johann Georg Heinz, their grandson, Henry John Heinz (Donald Trump's second cousin twice removed), founded the Heinz Company. Teresa Kerry, the wife of John Kerry, was the widow of Henry John Heinz III (Donald Trump's fourth cousin), and on his death in 1991 inherited \$500 million of Heinz stock (equal to \$1.15 billion today). She and Senator Kerry wed in 1995. Genealogy does indeed make odd connections.

For further reading, check out "[A whistle-stop tour of every US president's ancestry](https://www.findmypast.com/blog/history/us-presidents-ancestry)"

JGSCV Updates



Call for Your Stories

We all have them: stories about the trials and tribulations of genealogy research, and tales of our ancestors' lives.

We invite you to share *your stories* in our newsletter. Please send to contributions Diane at newslettereditor@JGSCV.org (also available to assist with writing) and Issie at president@jgscv.org

A Word of Encouragement to New Genealogists...

At the time I started doing genealogy, in 2008, both my parents had died, and I knew very little about my ancestors on either side. Since then, just plugging away (nothing special and with a lot of help from others), I have uncovered SO MUCH, both vertically and horizontally. Vertically I have gone back to great-great grandparents in some cases. On my father's mother's side, I discovered a connection to the "famous" Kuklya or Kukla family (Google this if you don't know about it). Horizontally I have "collected" many cousins and have connected them via e-mail lists. I have found "long-lost" ancestors and have unearthed scandals such as the murder of a great-aunt by her lover, the involvement of one branch of my family in the Minnesota mob, and a great-uncle who had an affair with an employee at his cigar factory and produced a rabbi! I thought that my Kaplits family from Lithuania consisted of a Minneapolis branch and a St. Paul branch. I now know that there is also a North Dakota branch, a Michigan branch, a Pittsburgh branch, a Chicago branch, a Boston branch, and a Cleveland branch. I could go on. But there is still a lot I don't know (and some I probably won't ever know). It's rewarding but it can be frustrating.

- Contributed by Pat Fuller, JCGVS Publicity & long-time member

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)

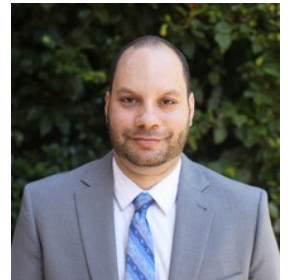
will hold a **Zoom Meeting**

Sunday, June 9th from 1:00-3:00PM

Link will be sent out the Friday before the meeting.

JUNE PROGRAM

“A Gallery of Missing Husbands: Family Deserters in Jewish Genealogy”



Michael Morgenstern

The Program:

The Forward was the leading Yiddish language newspaper in the United States throughout the first half of the 20th century. It regularly sought the community's help in locating husbands who had deserted their wives and children. Wives submitted photographs and information and *The Forward* published them in the **“Gallery of Missing Husbands.”**

Jewish charities tried to alleviate the plight of abandoned wives and children. Some provided monetary support to families while others sought to locate and retrieve the husbands.

In addition to economic hardship, desertion also posed a religious problem for these wives. A Jewish divorce requires a get, a document that the husband formally presents to his wife. This concludes the divorce process and allows both parties to remarry under Jewish law.

The Speaker

Michael Morgenstern is a native of Los Angeles. He has been an avid genealogy researcher since 2007. Since 2014, he has worked as an educator at the Holocaust Museum LA. He frequently volunteers as a genealogical researcher for Holocaust survivors, focusing on those who do not have any prewar family documents or photographs. Michael has presented at IAIGS conferences and on Uniworld's Jewish-heritage-themed European river cruises.

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>

Practicing Safe Computing Article #103: “One of the biggest breaches that you never heard of”

By Hal Bookbinder



On May 14, I received an email from “Have I been Pwned?” alerting me that my information had been exposed in a data breach of “The Post Millennial”. I had never even heard of The Post Millennial. On checking, I learned that this is a conservative Canadian news site. I am certain that I had never accessed it. Yet, my data is currently for sale on the Dark Web!

Per “Have I been Pwned?”, the database that was hacked was consolidated from a variety of mailing lists, not all of them controlled by The Post Millennial. On May 2, 2024, it was breached. Data on 56,973,345 accounts was exposed and quickly made available for sale. The compromised data included some or all of the following: Email addresses, Genders, IP addresses, Names, Phone numbers, Physical addresses, and Usernames. There was no mention of passwords.

It appears to me that this was a database used for advertising and so I expect to see even more spam than I already get. If I had an account at ThePostMillennial.com, I would have immediately changed my password. But not knowing the actual source of the data, I have no idea what password or passwords to change. To limit damage from any such breach, I use different [strong complex passwords](#) for all websites on which I have accounts, and [multi-factor authentication](#) where I can.

Several days after being notified by HavelBeenPwned.com (note that there is no “a” in Pwned), I was notified by Experian that my data had been exposed. The information provided by Experian was not as specific nor informative as that provided by HavelBeenPwned.com. I was notified because I had entered my email address into the “Notify me” feature at HavelBeenPwned.com. There is no charge for this service.

Check it out by going to the site and entering your own email address to see if it is for sale on the Dark Web. If you prefer, enter my email, hal.bookbinder@ucla.edu. Scroll down and you will see that my data has been exposed in a dozen breaches. Oddly, they are in alphabetical, rather than chronological order, with the seventh being The Post Millennial breach.

You will also notice that I was part of the Twitter breach in 2023, the LinkedIn breach in 2021, the MyHeritage breach in 2017, and the Dropbox breach in 2012. To date, HavelBeenPwned.com has recorded over 13 billion exposed accounts. Your email and associated data have likely already been exposed. I encourage you to sign up with HavelBeenPwned.com for quick, meaningful, notifications.

If the summary for the breach indicates that passwords have been exposed, change the password on the affected site(s) immediately. If you have used that password elsewhere, change it there as well. Most breaches are used to feed advertising spam operations and are more annoying than dangerous. By reading the explanation at HavelBeenPwned.com, you can determine whether to act or just to be annoyed.

This is the one-hundred and third article in a series 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

Genealogical gifts

By Diane Goldin

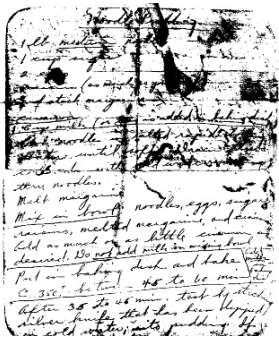
I struggled to find a wedding present for my niece last summer. Everything on her registry was fine, but nothing conveyed the sentiment of such a special family event.

Then I remembered a handwritten recipe for Noodle Kugel, given to my sister (the bride's mother) on her wedding day in 1975. It was from our grandmother, who received it from her mother, who'd taken it from Russia to St. Louis, MO in the 1800s.

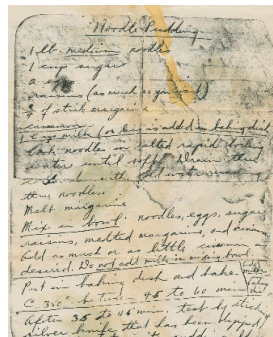
I asked my sister to scan the recipe and send it to me. As you can see, the recipe did not age well, and our home printers didn't help. I paid for a high-resolution scan and the difference was dramatic. I then played with the image on Photoshop until our grandmother's words were clear.

I searched online for recipe gift ideas and stumbled on an Etsy artist who fires images onto porcelain cookware. The result is permanent, microwave, oven, and dishwasher safe. I sent her photos of the five generations of women who have prepared this kugel, starting with my great-grandmother, grandmother, mother, sister, and now niece.

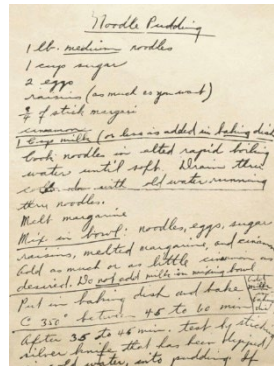
The brand new, "heirloom" baking dish was a huge hit with the bride and groom! It felt so good to honor family history while rejoicing in today – much how I feel about genealogy research in general.



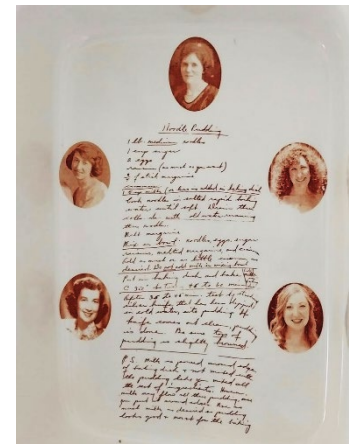
First scan attempt



High-Res scan



Cleaned up with Photoshop



Recipe & 5 Generations

In hindsight, I wish I'd also given her some info on kugel and Ashkenazi food history. (See Additional Reading below.)

I remember Amy Wachs' presentation to JGSCV in March 2021. She talked about the so-called "Gefilte Fish Line" running through Galicia that separated savory traditions on one side and sweet ones on the other. For the first time, I felt appreciation for the raisins in my great-grandmother's kugel. Genealogy with taste and smell.

Additional Reading

- Summary of presentation by Amy Wachs: "Highlights from Our Eastern European Roots: We Are What Our Ancestors Ate" - <https://tinyurl.com/vszawx66> (*page 5)
- "The Tangled History of Noodle Kugel" - <https://tinyurl.com/32adhhtn>
- "Kugel: Simple Food That's Not So Simple" - <https://tinyurl.com/fbh9c5d6>
- "Feeding the Family Tree": JGSCV members' recipes - <https://tinyurl.com/3sduprdu>

Genealogy Odds and Ends

1. **“The Weekly News Nosh” by Phil Goldberg.** If you’re not receiving his E-newsletter, you ought to be! Subscribe for free to the JewishGen (<https://www.jewishgen.org/>) Discussion Group under “subscribe” at: main@groups.jewishgen.org”.

-- OF INTEREST FROM PHIL’S RECENT NEWSLETTERS:

2. **IAJGS Meeting adds Walking tours.** The IAJGS Meeting in Philadelphia from August 18-22 has just added two walking tours to its schedule. In addition, the early bird registration will end on June 15th. The meeting will only be LIVE in Philadelphia this year and there will be no virtual or recorded meetings to view. If you have never been to a IAJGS meeting, it is educational, enlightening, interesting, motivating, thought-provoking, and a lot of fun for beginners up to experts in genealogy. Each and every program is excellent, and it is like you are a kid in a candy store again with so many programs, computer classes, SIG lunches and films to choose from as well as vendors to visit! For more information and to register go to: [Conference - IAJGS](#).
3. **The Last Jew of Peki’in.** Peki'in has had a Jewish presence since the Second Temple period, until Arab riots in the 1930s. Meet the remaining member of the Zinatis, the only family who returned. When the Second Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans, there were a few families who survived the starvation and massacres; they managed to flee to other areas in Israel. Read the full story from Aish: <https://aish.com/the-last-jew-of-pekiin/?src=ac>
4. **New film to chronicle the 1493 exile of 2,000 Jewish children from Portugal.** The film will record the largely unknown story of how 2,000 Jewish children up to the age of 8 years old were yanked from their families in Portugal by King João II of Portugal in 1493 and exiled to the African island of São Tomé, 7,500 kilometers (4,660 miles) away. A year after being deported to the islands, only 600 children had survived the unhealthy conditions and depredations of wild animals. Read more from JNS: <https://tinyurl.com/4bd8k3k4>

-- MORE INTERESTING GENEALOGY NEWS:

5. **From D-Day to Liberation: Honoring Veterans on the Front Lines of History.**
Wednesday, June 5, 7 p.m. ET / Registration is required.
80 years after the D-Day invasion, join us in collaboration with Arlington National Cemetery for a special digital program honoring the resilience, commitment, and courage of American veterans. Learn how their sacrifices inspired some Holocaust survivors to serve their new country.
<https://tinyurl.com/mvn76ttj>
6. **2024 National Archives Genealogy Series**
June 2024 are Free and there’s no registration! <https://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-series/2024>
7. **Perfectly preserved, 2,300-year-old gold ring found under City of David parking lot.**
Small Hellenistic-era ring, set with a red garnet, was likely made for a child’s finger; the item and other recent discoveries to be shown to public at June Jerusalem Day event.
<https://www.timesofisrael.com/perfectly-preserved-2300-year-old-gold-ring-found-under-city-of-david-parking-lot/>
8. **Mexico’s likely next president has a Jewish origin. Is that relevant in a deeply Catholic country?**
<https://tinyurl.com/35w4h9s6>



2024 Membership/Renewal Form

Jewish Genealogical Society

of the

Conejo Valley and Ventura County (JGSCV)*

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