



VENTURING INTO OUR PAST

NEWSLETTER OF THE JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF THE CONEJO VALLEY AND VENTURA COUNTY (JGSCV)

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President's Letter:

DNA has become a “hot” topic within the genealogical community and a number of JGSCV members requested a program that would help them in understanding the DNA results they received upon taking a DNA genealogy test. JGSCV’s December program was the answer to that request—on Genetic Genealogy Demystified with Elise Friedman who is a consultant to both FamilyTree DNA and JewishGen on DNA. There were many questions, and some members took DNA tests. The presentation was an erudite glimpse in the complicated world of genetic DNA. The program coincided with FamilyTree DNA’s Chanukah special pricing. Elise’s handout, FamilyTree DNA’s order form and JewishGen’s Jewish Genealogy by Genetics are on the JGSCV website www.jgscv.org under “Meetings: Prior” and December 6 date. And, read “A DNA Success Story” by Ann Rabinowitz on page 3.



Elise Friedman

Twelve of our “2011” members received Chanukah gifts as part of our annual Chanukah Party and membership renewal drive. Our grand prize of a Worldwide Deluxe Subscription to Ancestry.com was donated by Ancestry.com along with a FamilyTree Maker 2011 software package. Other fantastic prizes included two subscriptions to Footnote.com, Legacy Family Tree Deluxe 7.0, genealogy software RootsMagic Software, and FamilyTree Magazine donated a copy of Google Earth for Genealogy DVD. Thanks to all our corporate donors. Other prizes included donated genealogically relevant books. JGSCV thanks all of its corporate and member donors for making the Chanukah party and membership renewal drive so successful! Photos of many winners: Page 4.

If you haven’t renewed or joined JGSCV yet, a membership/renewal application form is on page 9 of this newsletter and on our website under membership. Remember we are a 501-C3 corporation. Therefore, your membership dues are eligible for tax deductibility—best to check with your tax advisor.

A few words about our outgoing board members: Fred Land and Werner Frank. Both are founding JGSCV members. Fred joined JGSCV’s board three years ago and took over the treasurer’s position—not one he had anticipated holding when he ran for the board. He has been a most valued member of the board and treasurer—a very responsible position to make certain that all our governmental filings are accurate and timely as well as paying the bills and watching our treasury. Werner served on the original organizing board as well as five years on the JGSCV board. Werner was the creator of and original editor of *Venturing Into Our Past* and has been a wonderful source of guidance on the board. What the board has experienced, and JGSCV has benefited from, is the diligence, knowledge and humor both Fred and Werner have displayed—we are fortunate that both will continue to be active members of the society.

The JGSCV traveling library has grown to 200 books and as a result, it is necessary to recategorize into four categories. The books have been recategorized into categories A, B, C & D. See page 10 for more information on the JGSCV libraries. The JGSCV website has the revised books listed by categories. The new system starts with the January 9th meeting. Categories A and C will be at the January 9 meeting.

Our January 9th meeting is a special meeting Authors! Authors! Authors! featuring five of JGSCV’s members –all published authors. Come and hear and learn from: Warren Blatt, Werner Frank, Erica Miller, Ph.D, Helene Rosen and Mark Abbott Stern.

On behalf of the JGSCV Board of Directors, have a happy, healthy, and safe New Year!
Looking forward to seeing you at JGSCV meetings.

Jan Meisels Allen

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ABOUT JGSCV.....

The Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County meets once a month, usually on a Sunday. Meetings are oriented to the needs of the novice as well as the more experienced genealogist. Members share materials, research methods and ideas, as well as research success or failures. Members have access to the JGSCV library located on special shelves at the Agoura Hills Public Library. Members also receive our monthly newsletter which is circulated by email.

2011 dues are \$25.00 for a single membership and \$30.00 for a household unit. To join, please send appropriate amount in check made out to JGSCV and addressed to Helene Rosen at 28912 Fountainwood St., Agoura Hills, CA 91301. Obtain the new/renewal membership form on our website at www.jgscv.org by selecting the membership button.

CALL FOR BOYLE HEIGHTS NATIVES

The Western States Jewish History Journal will publish a special summer/winter 2011 issue, "The Boyle Heights Jewish Community 1920-1960". People who grew up in Boyle Heights, lived there or had friends, relatives or neighbors in that Los Angeles neighborhood are invited to share their memories in this special issue. Family photographs or other pictures of the neighborhood circa 1920-1960 are of interest. For more information email Abe Hoffman, Special Projects Editor hoffmanas@gmail.com

He may also be contacted by postal mail to his attention at:

Boyle Heights Special Issue of WSJH
22151 Lenark Street
Canoga Park, CA 91304

UK MARRIAGE RECORDS 1837-2005

You may need to work a bit but FindMyPast's *MarriageMatch* system will attempt to match spouses during that period. The county, registration district, volume and page number are provided as well as the Government Record Office where a certified copy may be obtained. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/39e78ty>

SIGN UP AT RALPHS and HELP JGSCV

Remember to sign up for the Ralphs Community Contribution Program. Ralphs requires annual registration on their website www.ralphs.com. Sign in and scroll down to community contribution. JGSCV is number 84732 that you insert under charity of choice. Even as an occasional Ralphs' shopper, it helps JGSCV with no cost to you!

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? NBC ANNOUNCES 2ND SEASON CELEBRITIES

See NBC's web site at <http://bit.ly/e15IyT> for the details, including the list of celebrities starring on new season beginning February 4th 8 PM.

HELP NARA WITH THE 2010 CENSUS

NARA asks for the help of all genealogists in considering the following question:

"Have you ever wondered what it will be like to research the 2010 census records in the future?"

Go to NARA's blog <http://blogs.archives.gov/online-public-access/?p=3762> and read how you can offer your comments.

NEW DATABASE FOR LODZ CEMETERY

It is now possible to search the Lodz Jewish Cemetery by name. Previously, the 80,971 names in the database were searchable only by cemetery section. You can enter through <http://stevemorse.org> (with additional help from soundex) or directly at <http://tinyurl.com/364a5gf>.

SYNAGOGUE'S OF EGYPT FOR VIEWING

Photos of synagogue's in Cairo and Alexandria, Egypt can be viewed as part of the Museum of Family History's synagogue exhibits. Eliyahu HaNavi Synagogue in Alexandria as well as Cappoussi Synagogue, Ben Ezra Synagogue and Sha'ar Hashamayim Synagogue in Cairo can be seen at <http://tinyurl.com/3965hg3> The Museum's Synagogue collection also includes past and present pictures from synagogue's throughout Europe, Asia and Africa. You may include your own photos of synagogue's outside of North America by sending them to: postmaster@museumoffamilyhistory.com

CENTROPA: AN EASTERN EUROPEAN ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Centropa is an interactive database of oral history. There are 1300 interviews of elderly Jews in Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union and the Sephardic communities of Greece, Turkey and the Balkans. The database includes 25,000 digitized images. The website <http://centropa.org> includes links to biographical films based upon interviews and family pictures. You may also add your own family pictures. The site is very easy to navigate and includes a trove of information.

JEWISH CEMETERY IN RIGA DESECRATED

The *European Jewish Press* reported an attack on a Jewish cemetery in Riga. It was reported that about 100 tombstones were spattered with swastikas according to the state police. "Such things cannot and will not be tolerated", said Latvia President Valdis Zatlers. Read the story at <http://tinyurl.com/2vg4ujl>

FAMILYSEARCH BETA SITE MOVED

FamilySearch.org announced that its Beta Family Search site has now replaced the familysearch.org site. By going to: <https://www.familysearch.org/> it takes you to the new site, which had been the beta site.. FamilySearch also has a blog--subscription is free: <https://blog.familysearch.org/>

A DNA Success Story

Posted By Ann Rabinowitz (Reprinted with permission of the author)



The other day, I received a message from FamilyTreeDNA that I had a new mtDNA or maternal match. The person matched in the basic HVR1 test for maternal ancestry that I had taken. I thought there might be a chance of a connection and contacted the person, who turned out to be Max Blankfeld, Vice-President of [FamilyTreeDNA](#), which is a partner with JewishGen in genetic research.

Upon discussing our families, we could not find a definite connection at all as there was no common last name and no common shtetl or country. His maternal family (Kuper and Neuman) came from Pinsk and Lakhva, Belarus, and mine (Oxenberg and Schubert) from Boryslaw and Drohobycz, Ukraine, but we agree to keep looking. Perhaps the connection was further back than we had records for.

It is always difficult to document one's female ancestor's as very often there are no records or family history, especially of maiden names. This was certainly the case of my great great grandmother Gitlia Schubert whose maiden name was unknown.

In passing, I mentioned to Max that I was familiar with his paternal Blankfield name from South Africa and he acknowledged that he had family there. He said that finding them was his DNA success story. I always

love success stories, so asked for Max's story which he provided from an interview he gave to Blaine Bettinger, the author of "[The Genetic Genealogist](#)", a blog founded in 2007.

I certainly did test, in 2000, and while the results did not surprise me, it helped find and confirm distant relationships, and also gave me very close matches with people that I was not aware of.

So here's my DNA break through: in 1983, when I was still in Brazil, our family received a letter from a Blankfield living in Australia, where he gave us some of his genealogy and asked if we could possibly be related. The problem was that my father passed away in 1981, and never discussed very much his family with me because he was a Holocaust survivor, and both parents and sisters were murdered by the Nazis in 1942. So, I didn't have any facts to check against that letter. I kept the letter in the drawer.

Fast forward to the year 2000, and the start of genetic genealogy. I start looking for Blank(en)f(i)elds to be test. Saul Issroff, an avid genealogist from England tells me that he's related to some Blankfields in South Africa, and gives me the name of a female Blankfield. She convinces her father to be tested. High expectations. Results come in and bingo - very close match. I ask for their family tree and guess what - that man from Australia is in that tree! We put together both trees, and it looks like we shared the same great-great-great-great-grandfather! (I must say that I had a previous attempt with another Blankfield that did not show a relationship).



***BLANKENFELD FAMILY WEDDING IN RIGA, LATVIA
(Eli Blankenfled, between his sisters, 2nd from right, top
row, his father Motel Blankenfled, 4th from right, second
from top row, his mother to left of father)***

After relating this story to me, Max further stated that the man in Australia had passed away since then and that his son Mark had later contacted him, but he had lost his information. He certainly wanted to be in contact with Mark again. Given this, I decided to check out several resources and see if I could locate the missing Mark.

- [JewishGen Family Finder](#) - First, I checked out the JewishGen Family Finder and noted that there were numerous researchers looking for Max's last name or its variants, but neither Max nor Mark were registered as being amongst them. This is a further incentive for those of you who have not signed up with the JewishGen Family Finder to do so.
- [Facebook](#) - Subsequently, I looked on Facebook and, again, no Mark appeared, but a number of individuals did exist with the same last name. Evidently, they were not genealogists as they had not been listed in the JewishGen Family Finder.
- [Google](#) - The next step was to check out the Internet and I Googled Mark's name and found a Mark in several references along with his wife Hilary, but with no contact information.
- [Skype](#) - Thereupon, I used Skype to make free calls to friends and relatives in Australia, who were formerly from South Africa, to see if they knew Mark. One of my relatives told me that there was no one in Sydney, Australia, with that last name and that Mark must live in one of the other major towns where South Africans had settled such as Melbourne, Perth, or Adelaide, for instance.
- [Australian White Pages](#) - Given that, I also made use of the Australian White Pages which provides residential, commercial and governmental phone listings and postcodes in Australia. There I found fourteen listings for Max's last name and its variants, all with only first initials of the first name. As I knew that I was looking for a Mark and possibly a Hilary, I carefully searched these listings. Success! There was an M & H listed in Melbourne.

Hoping that they would uncover additional relatives, I gave Max the links to the individuals I had found who were searching their family names. They will now have further means of locating their relatives and getting them DNA-tested as well to ensure that they are actually related and aren't just individuals with the same last name.

This is where DNA can be quite helpful as there may be cases in the past where families had the same common Jewish family name, or took on different names for various reasons such as changing their names when marrying, shortening their names from something else, or changing their names because of possible military conscription. All of these things can make locating relatives quite complicated.

And so ends this particular DNA success story, for the moment. It took not only getting tested to obtain results, but some good old-fashioned genealogical sleuthing too to make it all happen. Remember that the next time you have an inkling to find your ancestors and their descendants via DNA.

JGSCV UPDATES . . .



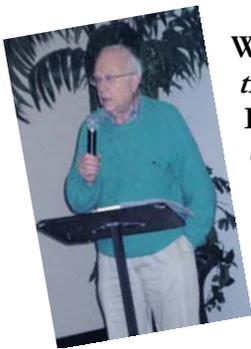
Look for the SCHMOOZING CORNER sign (left) where you will find a JGSCV expert who can help you overcome a genealogical



brick wall or maybe just answer a question. Hal Bookbinder helps Mark Stern (photo right) on Dec. 6th. The Schmoozing Corner is open for 15 minutes immediately prior to the start of the meeting. Warren Blatt will be the facilitator on Jan. 9th.

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS

Hal Bookbinder, Nominations Committee chairman, conducted the election of the open board positions. The slate of four board members was accepted by acclamation. Elected to the board for 2-year terms were: Debra Kay-Blatt, Sara Hyman, Marion Werle and Helene Rosen. We welcome Sara and Marion as new members to the board. Half of the JGSCV board members are elected every year for two-year terms. Following the by-laws, the Board determines the assignments at their January meeting.



Werner Frank (left) presented the book report reviewing *The Holocaust, The French and the Jews* by Susan Zuccotti. While much has been written about the collaboration of the French with the Nazi's, 76% of France's Jews survived WWII - more than almost any other Western European country. The book offers insights into the French reaction to the holocaust. Current dues-paid members may borrow books between the monthly meetings from the traveling library for making a book report. If anyone would like to make a future book report on a genealogically relevant book, please contact Jan Meisels Allen at president@jgscv.org.

CONGRATULATIONS CHANUKAH PRIZE WINNERS!



Traveling Library Books classification A and C will be at the January 9th meeting. Visit our website at www.jgscv.org under library traveling for the list of books in these categories. See page 11 for more news about our libraries.



Come to the Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County*

(* and surrounding areas)

Sunday, January 9, 2011 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E.Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks

"Authors, Authors, Authors"

The Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County is dedicated to sharing genealogical information, techniques and research tools with anyone interested in Jewish genealogy and family history.

JGSCV is privileged to have five published authors as members—all books have a genealogical interest—learn from the techniques used by the authors.



Warren Blatt is one of the original genealogical authors. His book, *Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy*, outlines techniques and resources.

Werner Frank (right) researched his multi-generational family history on the German-Jewish experience going back 800 years including the impact of the holocaust. *Legacy: The Saga of a German-Jewish Family Over Time and Circumstance*;



Erica Miller, Ph.D. takes us from her childhood in Romania, to her life under a brutal Nazi regime, her emigration to Israel, to her eventual emergence as a dedicated mental health professional in America: *The Dr. Erica Miller Story: From Trauma to Triumph*. (Dr. Miller will conduct a book signing following the meeting; cash and checks only.)

Helene Rosen (right) created a family book for her children with copies of family photographs. Any one can use this technique for their family photographs! *Our Family in Pictures*



Mark Abbott Stern wrote a biography of a US colonial Jewish businessman, David Franks, from his beginnings in a prominent Jewish family to his trials for treason and his exile in the post revolutionary period *David Franks; Colonial Merchant*;

Meeting co-sponsored with Temple Adat Elohim
There is no charge to attend the meeting. Anyone may join JGSCV.

Hal Bookbinder, a founding member of JGSCV, has been elected to the JewishGen Board of Governors. Hal is past president of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) as well as the Jewish Genealogical Society of Los Angeles. He has chaired or served in the leadership team for eight of the International Conferences on Jewish Genealogy and has presented at most such conferences in the past dozen years. He created and continues to edit the "Jewish Genealogical Yearbook" and has published numerous articles on genealogical techniques, Jewish history, border changes, and safe computing. In 2010, he was given the IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award.

Hal is currently a director in the Health System Information Technology Department, UCLA and an instructor in business, mathematics and IT for the University of Phoenix. He also created and directs a highly regarded program for recovering addicts at The Midnight Mission, a major recovery shelter for men located in the "skid row" area of Los Angeles. Hal and his wife, Marci, have four children and four grandchildren, all of whom live in Southern California.

The JewishGen Board of Governors is an advisory board consisting of leaders of the Jewish genealogical community as well as the operating officers of JewishGen.

We asked Hal Bookbinder, “What is the most common advice you give at the ‘Schmoozing Corner’?”

“Along with searching for records on direct ancestors, be sure to look for the records of siblings, cousins and other relatives which may actually provide you with important information about your direct ancestor. A ship passenger record may contain the name of parents and their address (where asked for a contact left in former location). If this is a sibling of your direct ancestor this would be your direct ancestor’s parents as well. If your direct ancestor came before this relative, the name and address of your direct ancestor might be listed as the “traveling to” destination. A petition for naturalization would normally show town of birth for the relative (which may well be the same as that for your direct ancestor). Searching the census record for these relatives can be worthwhile in letting you know if and when they were naturalized and when they arrived in the US. You might even be pleasantly surprised by additional information that you did not expect (like finding a relative living with them who you could not otherwise locate). A marriage record of a relative might have the signature of your direct ancestor as a witness. Sometime, genealogists focus only on the direct ancestor about whom they are interested and do not think to research their relatives as well. Don’t overlook this potential gold mine.”

31st IAJGS Conference Call For Papers And Blog



The 31st IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy hosted by JGSGW has opened the call for papers. The conference will be held August 14-19, 2011 in Washington DC at the Grand Hyatt Washington DC. The website is www.dc2011.org. Anyone interested in presenting a paper should select the "Call for Papers" tab on the left side of the conference website; read the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) before selecting "Submit a Proposal" to begin the process. Each person may submit up to 8 proposals. The conference committee suggests that the required bio and program description should be written on a word processor with spell-check, then copied and pasted into the submission software.

Follow the latest information about the 31st IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy with the DC2011 Capital Conference Blog. You can connect to the blog through the DC2011.com conference web site, or go to www.dc2011conference.blogspot.com.

JGSCV Welcomes New Member Diane Fuqua

2011 JGSCV Meeting Dates
All Meetings are held at Temple Adat Elohim
Unless Otherwise Noted
2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks

ALL MEETINGS SUNDAY 1:30-3:30 PM (Except March 6th, see below)

2011

January 9

Authors! Authors! Authors! Five JGSCV members speak about books they have written: Warren Blatt, Werner Frank, Erica Miller (including signing), Helene Rosen and Mark Abbott Stern

February 13

Why Did Our Ancestors Leave A Nice Place Like the Pale? Hal Bookbinder gives background of the 120 years of the Pale.

March 6

1:00 -5:00PM Exclusive Research Day at the LA Family History Library Personal genealogical help is available from LAFHL volunteers and senior JGSCV members.

April 3

Pictures Worth a Thousand Words: Images of Jewish Reinvention on America's Pacific Edge, Ava F. Kahn Jewish experience in Seattle, Portland, SF, LA and small western towns. Program Co-sponsored with the Western States Jewish History.

May 1

Yom Hashoah Day Commemoration, The First Massive Jewish Deportation: To Camp de Gurs in 1940, Werner Frank Thousands of Jews were expelled to Camp de Gurs on the way to the 'Final Solution'. Frank describes these actions and others as they relate to his family in Baden.

June 5

Wrongful (Jewish) Wraskals of the West, Ron Arons West coast criminals including research tools and methodology.

July 10

Genealogy in the Round: Share you Successes, Failures, Artifacts and Brick Walls

August 14-19

IAJGS hosted by JGS Greater Washington
No JGSCV meeting in August



2011 Membership/Renewal Form
Jewish Genealogical Society of the
Conejo Valley and Ventura County (JGSCV)*

*Member of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS)

www.JGSCV.org

Check one:

This is a New Membership _____ Renewal _____

Single \$ 25.00 _____ + \$1.00 Family* \$30.00 _____ + \$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 \$ _____

(Suggested minimum voluntary contribution for either fund \$5.00)

Make check payable to JGSCV and send with this completed form to:

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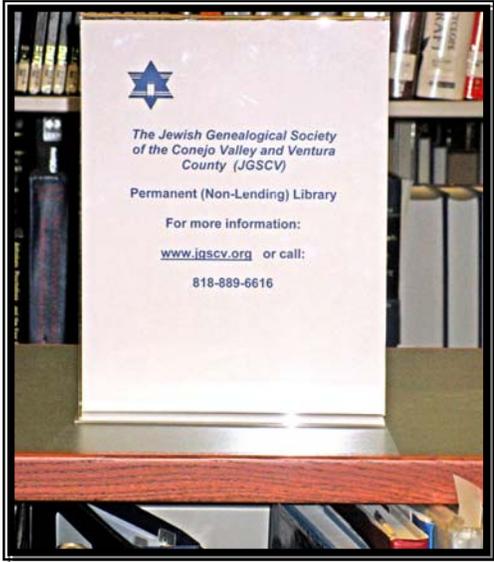
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Please tell us what talents you can share (language skills, computer skills, translation, etc.).

JGSCV LIBRARIES



Among the more meaningful services offered by JGSCV is access to its extensive research libraries. JGSCV has two non-circulating libraries: permanent and traveling. A list of books, journals, newsletters in the respective libraries may be found on our website at: www.jgscv.org under Library: permanent or traveling tabs. These website lists are updated whenever we acquire new materials, including the monthly newsletters of other Jewish Genealogical Societies (permanent library).

JGSCV Traveling Library

The JGSCV non-circulating traveling library of approximately 200 categorized books is available at JGSCV meetings 30 minutes before to a short time after the program. We started categorizing two years ago into three categories, but our library has nearly doubled in the past 2 years and it has become necessary to

categorize further—into four categories:

- A: Essential research books (e.g. *Where Once We Walked*, Beider and Menk Books, *Morton Allen Directory of Passenger Steamship Arrivals*, etc.)
- B: Eastern Europe; How To Books
- C: American General; American Jewish; Sephardic
- D. Holocaust, Miscellaneous, Western Europe

All "A" category books will be available at each program meeting. Categories B, C and D books will be at meetings on a rotating basis. Therefore, traveling library books at a meeting will be category A & B, and the next month A & C and the following month A & D. Books relevant to the program will be at the meeting regardless if it is their turn in the queue. For example, a meeting on Sephardic genealogy would have the Sephardic books available even if category C books were not otherwise scheduled for that meeting. Members may request a specific book to be at a meeting as long as they contact the president at (president@JGSCV.org) **at least 5 days** in advance of the meeting.

JGSCV current dues-paid members may borrow a book from the traveling library for the month between meetings, if they agree to make a book report on the book at an upcoming meeting. Not all books are eligible for this privilege—therefore, it is necessary to check with us beforehand. A form for book-borrowing must be completed and signed acknowledging if the book is damaged or lost, the borrower must either replace the book with the same book in similar condition as it was borrowed in, or pay JGSCV for the replacement cost of the book.

If a current JGSCV member wants to review a specific book or book(s) between meetings they may make an appointment with the president to set up a mutually convenient time.

In addition to the JGSCV-owned books, the personal property books of Jan Meisels Allen are available at the meetings for use at the meetings. Her books are also listed within the categorization list with (JMA's personal) next to the book's name.

New Additions to the Traveling Library

Since we reported in August 2010's newsletter the following books have been added to the JGSCV traveling library. If you have genealogically relevant books that you would like to donate, please contact Jan Meisels Allen at president@JGSCV.org.

- A Hole in the Heart of the World Being Jewish in Eastern Europe Jonathan Kaufman Viking Press NY 1997 **Category B**
- Atlas of Jewish History Martin Gilbert Cartography by Arthur Banks Dorset Press 1984 **Category D**
- Driven to Darkness: Jewish Émigré Directors and the Rise of Film Noir Vincent Brook Rutgers University Press New Jersey 2009 **Category D**
- Images of America: Camarillo Jeffrey Wayne Maulhardt Arcadia Publishing Charleston, SC 2006 **Category C**
- Images of America: Oxnard 1867-1940 Jeffrey Wayne Maulhardt Arcadia Publishing Charleston, SC 2004 **Category C**
- Jewish Ancestors? A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Germany & Austria JGS Great Britain First ed. 2001 **Category D**
- Jewish Ancestors? A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Poland JGS Great Britain First ed. May 2007 **Category B**
- Jewish Ancestors? Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Latvia and Estonia Second Ed. June 2006 **Category B**
- Jewish Ancestors? A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Lithuania First Ed. August 2005 **Category B**
- Jewish Voices of the California Gold Rush: A Documentary History 1849-1880 Ava Kahn Wayne State Press, Detroit Michigan 2002 **Category C**
- Jews and Judaism in Romania: Jewish Romanian History, Romanian Jews, Romanian Rabbis, Synagogues in Romania, Elie Wiesel, Tristan Tzara Books LLC Memphis TN 2010 **Category B**
- List of Participants In The World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors Jerusalem 1981 **Category D**
- Migration From the Russian Empire Lists of Passengers Arriving at the US Ports Ed. Ira Glazer Vols 1-4 Jan 1875-May 1889 Genealogical Publishing Co Baltimore, MD 1997 **Category A**
- Remnants: The Last Jews of Poland Malgorzata Niezabitowska; Photographed by: Tomasz Tomaszewski Friendly Press, Inc. New York 1986 **Category B**
- The Conejo Valley Old and New Frontiers An Illustrated History Carol A Bidwell 1989 Windsor Publications Chatsworth, CA **Category C**
- The Courage to Care Rescuers of Jews During the Holocaust Carol Rittner and Sondra Myers Ed. NY U Press NY 1986 **Category D**
- The Jewish 100 A Ranking of The Most Influential Jews of All Time Michael Shapiro Citadel Press NY 1995 **Category D**
- The Jews in South Africa: An Illustrated History Richard Mendelsohn and Milton Shain Jonathan Ball Publishers South Africa 2008 **Category D**
- The Long Journey of Gracia Mendes Marianna D. Birnbaum Central European Press Budapest Hungary 2003 **Category C**
- The Slovak Jewish Heritage Route Bratislava 2010 **Category B**
- Was the Jersey Homesteads of Roosevelt, New Jersey a Utopia, and What Happened to It? Tammy Williams-Anderson Cal State University Northridge URBS 300 May 2010 **Category C**

JGSCV Permanent Library

The permanent non-circulating JGSCV library is located at the Agoura Hills Library a branch of the County of Los Angeles Public Library—29901 Ladyface Court Agoura Hills, CA 91301 818-889-2278 <http://www.colapublib.org/libs/agourahills/>

Current library hours are Tuesday-Wednesday 10AM-8PM, Thursday 11AM-5PM and Friday and Saturday 10AM-5PM Closed Sunday and Monday. The library has computers and copy machines for your convenience.

The JGSCV library is located at the reference desk- where we have three shelves of journals and newsletters of various Jewish Genealogical Societies worldwide, plus *Avotaynu*, *Western Jewish States History Journal* and selected books.

The Agoura Hills Library also is designated as one of two holocaust reference libraries for the County of Los Angeles and has an extensive holocaust collection- both reference (non-circulating) and circulating. A recent acquisition to the library's holocaust collection is the Yad Vashem Encyclopedia of the Ghettos During the Holocaust Editor-in-Chief: Guy Miron; Co-editor: Shlomit Shulhani (This encyclopedia gathers data from research studies, historical information, testimonies and documents dealing with more than 1,100 ghettos throughout mainly Eastern Europe. The entries include the location, wartime name and geographical coordinates of each ghetto, no matter what its size or duration; and, for the larger ghettos, informational sections on the following: Pre-World War II; Soviet occupation; German (Nazi) occupation; ghetto setup; ghetto institutions and internal life; murder, terror and killing operations of ghetto inhabitants; underground and resistance; and number of survivors at liberation.)



We hope you make use of both of the JGSCV libraries for help with your genealogical research.

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