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March is Women’s History month. Have you found surprising facts about any of your female ancestors? Finding maiden names in your family tree can be challenging. If you cannot find them on a vital record or census record, then write something about a memory. It could be how a female relative took care of you when you were young or ill. A favorite recipe, a special outing or some other story that is meaningful to you is worth writing down in the notes part of your family tree. Genealogy is not only about names and dates, but also about the lives and times of our ancestors.

We still have several members who have not renewed membership for 2013. We are at 88 percent of where we ended in December—which is fantastic and thank you to those who renewed membership or joined for 2013! Those who have not yet renewed their membership for 2013 will continue to receive future meeting notices but will be removed from active membership by the end of March. While our meetings are open to all, there is great value to membership and those who support our programs and activities with their dues receive those extra benefits. We hope that if you attend our meetings you will become a member or renew your membership. A membership form is on our website: www.jgscv.org

After several requests from me, we still have no volunteers for the synagogue memorial plaque project—going to the synagogues in our area and photographing the memorial plaques. We need a project coordinator as well as volunteers to do the photography. Started by the JGS of Long Island and hosted by JewishGen, this will capture much needed local genealogical insights. If you are interested, please contact me at president@jgscv.org. Volunteering for a Society activity is a way of strengthening your commitment to JGSCV and strengthening the Society! I hope to hear from you soon.

Each Yom Hashoah - Holocaust Memorial Day - is commemorated with a special program by JGSCV. Our April 7th meeting has four presentations depicting different aspects of the holocaust. Ruth Drobman, a holocaust survivor, will discuss Kristallnacht and the Kindertransport; Werner Frank, a holocaust survivor, will report on the 1940 deportation of over 6,000 German Jews to Camp de Gurs—an intermediate step to the “Final Solution”; Debbie Enenstein, a DP survivor, will discuss displaced persons (DP) camps and Indy Rebhun and Jeffrey Spector will talk about the March of the Living. Due to the length of this program there will not be a 5-minute genealogical hint this month.

On behalf of the JGSCV Board of Directors have a Happy Passover and for those of our members and friends who celebrate Easter have a Happy Easter.

Jan Meisels Allen
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.

2013 dues are $25.00 for a single membership and $30.00 for a household unit. To join, please send a check in the appropriate amount 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](http://www.jgscv.org) by selecting the membership button.

POLISH STATE ARCHIVES AND JRI-Poland AGREEMENT EXPANDS ACCESS TO RECORDS

The Polish State Archives and Jewish Records Indexing-Poland have reached an agreement that will result in access to at least one million additional records in the next year. Read the entire story on page 8.

LAC INDEXES 1911 CENSUS

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) has released an indexed version of the 1911 census. Previously available only in image format on the website, searches can now be done by surname, given name, age and province at: [http://tinyurl.com/brfwa44](http://tinyurl.com/brfwa44)

IGRA UP TO 100 DATABASES

The Israel Genealogy Research Association continues to add databases. Now at 100, begin your search at: [http://tinyurl.com/dyul82s](http://tinyurl.com/dyul82s). You must be registered to log-in. Registration is free.

PUBLIC MAY NOW PARTICIPATE IN DNA PROJECT FROM ANCESTRY.COM

After nine months and more than 100,000 DNA samples, AncestryDNA is now open to the public. Anyone who would like to participate in the project that tests individual DNA samples and attempts to match them with other participants to uncover potential familial relationships can do so by starting at [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) and clicking on the DNA tab at the top.

INFORMATION ON KOREAN WAR CASUALTIES FREE ON FOLD3

Fold3 has collected more than 100,000 casualty records from the Korean War. Information on each casualty may include name, service prefix and number, grade, branch, place and date of casualty, state and county of residence, type of casualty, casualty group, place and date of disposition, year of birth (only if deceased), military occupational specialty, unit number and more. There are more than 27,000 records for personnel who died and 82,248 records for nonfatal casualties. To access go to: [http://tinyurl.com/cw7jt8s](http://tinyurl.com/cw7jt8s)
Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County* (JGSCV) (*and surrounding areas)

The JGSCV will hold a general meeting, co-sponsored with and located at Temple Adat Elohim, 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

**Sunday, April 7, 2013 1:30 PM-3:30 PM**

**The Program: Yom Hashoah Day-Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration**

Each year JGSCV commemorates Yom Hashoah Day [Holocaust Memorial Day] with a special program. This year, JSGCV members and friends will give presentations on different aspects of the holocaust from their personal history. Join JGSCV for this special commemoration

**Ruth Drobman** a holocaust survivor, will discuss Kristallnacht, the Kindertransport and how she fled Berlin in 1939 on the last train out to go to Sweden. Ruth will also talk about how they had to hide her father before they got out.

**Werner Frank**, a holocaust survivor, will report on the 1940 deportation of over 6,000 German Jews to Camp de Gurs, a Vichy France internment facility that became an “intermediate” step to the 1942 imposed "Final Solution“ moving these incarcerated Jews – including members of Werner's family--from Gurs to the Parisian suburb of Drancy, an assembly point for deportation of the victims to the Auschwitz death camp.

**Debbie Enenstein**, a DP survivor, will explain the DP [Displaced Persons] Camps and describe her life’s journey and her return visit.

**Indy Rebhun and Jeff Spector** will discuss their trip with the March of the Living in 2012. The March of the Living program explored the story of the Holocaust in Poland and the rebirth of Jewish people in Israel. It included a somber Yom Hashoah march from Auschwitz to the Birkenau death camp in Poland and a joyous Independence Day march from Sabra Square to the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

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.

There is no charge to attend the meeting. Anyone may join JGSCV. Annual dues are $25 for an individual and $30 for a family. Dues paid good through December 2013.
Traveling Library books in category A and D will be available at the March 3rd meeting. To request a book for a future meeting please email Jan Meisels Allen at least 5 days in advance of the meeting at president@jgscv.org.

THE SCHMOOZING CORNER is now open 20 minutes before all meetings. Come to the front right corner of the meeting room and look for a sign like the one on the right.

Ralphs requires everyone to reregister for their community contribution program. If you have a Ralphs card and are not yet signed up, please do so and include JGSCV as your ‘community’. Your groceries cost the same but Ralphs will send JGSCV a contribution. If you need help setting this up, please ask at the front desk when you arrive at the next meeting.

You can also help JGSCV when you shop at Amazon.com by simply entering the Amazon site from JGSCV’s home page. Start at www.jgscv.org and scroll to the bottom to click on the Amazon graphic (like the one on right). This will take you to the same page you always start at – except JGSCV will receive a marketing fee at no cost to you.

The Santa Barbara Jewish Festival, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Santa Barbara will be held in Santa Barbara’s Oak Park on Sunday, April 28, 2013, from 11am to 4pm. An important part of the Jewish community, the festival offers a variety of activities including entertainment like klezmer music, youth and adult choirs, Israeli dancing. There will be food galore and an array of artisans with Judaica crafts. To read more go to: http://tinyurl.com/a7xubje

JGSCV founding member Werner Frank will give a presentation at the Agoura Hills Library, a branch of the County of Los Angeles Public Library, on Tuesday April 9, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm, “Internment at Camp de Gurs, Way Station to Auschwitz.” He tells the story of the little known tragedy of the Jews of the State of Baden Germany, in 1940 who were relocated to Camp de Gurs in Vichy France and then in 1942 to the death camp of Auschwitz. Werner will recount the fates of his 700 member family from Baden, Germany.
JGSCV’s First Members-Only Computer Class

On March 10th JGSCV held its first members-only computer class: “Introduction to JewishGen and Its Databases” at the Conejo Valley Adult Education Center. We were at capacity for the number of available computers—as everyone had their own classroom computer. Debra Kay Blatt and Warren Blatt facilitated the program. Debra has given this class at the IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy for a number of years and of course Warren is the managing director of JewishGen! We could not ask for better instructors.

As a first time experience for both JGSCV and the Adult Education Center we knew there would be a learning curve—for which we appreciate the patience of our members. We learned that if we do this in the future we will limit the group to a total of 24. Our attempt to accommodate more participants by expanding into an adjacent room did not work optimally. The evaluation questionnaires showed that almost all found this session helpful and at the “right” level. Of course our more advanced members would have liked a more advanced session which will be considered in the future. All questionnaire responders said they would like more computer classes sponsored by JGSCV. There were a variety of suggestions for future classes—which the JSGCV board will discuss.

While there was no charge to JGSCV members for this class, there were costs incurred by JGSCV: the cost of opening the Adult Education Center on a Sunday; having one of their technical staff available in case there were computer issues and a rental fee for the computer classroom. Virtually all responders (over 80 percent) said they would make a voluntary donation to JGSCV toward the cost of future computer classes while 90 percent said they would pay a $10 fee if charged for any future classes.

We are appreciative of the courtesy the Adult Education Center afforded JGSCV to have this experience.

JGSCV MEMBER BENEFITS

- Annual assisted research afternoon at the Family History Library
- Members-only emails from the president announcing special events and free opportunities with Ancestry and other genealogical organizations and other items of genealogical interest
- Use of the traveling library at president’s home – with an advance appointment
- For the first year of membership, JewishGen’s Warren Blatt will assist with one concise question per month. He won’t do your genealogy but with well thought out questions, he can help your on your genealogical journey.
- NEW! Members-Only Workshops on valuable genealogy tools

April, 2013
SHARE Fair To Kick Off Conference

By Florence Schumacher, Publicity Chair 33rd IAJGS

The first day of this year’s International Conference on Jewish Genealogy will feature a new version of the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and Birds of a Feather (BOF) Fair. Now called the SHARE Fair, an acronym for SIGs and BOFs, Historical Societies, Archives, Repositories, Eminent Jewish Genealogical Societies, the expanded event will include a broader range of participants.

The conference will take place in Boston from August 4-9, at the historic Boston Park Plaza Hotel. Over 1,000 family researchers, from beginners to experts, are expected to attend.

So far, twenty-one SIGs and nearly 30 BOFs will be participating in the Conference. The SIGs that will be at the SHARE Fair are: Bessarabia, French, German Jewish, Galicia, Hungarian, JRI-Poland, Ukraine, Lithuania, Lodz, Romania, Sub-Carpathia and the United Kingdom.

The BOFs are: Bolechow Jewish Heritage Society, Bukovina, Canadian, DNA Project Administrators, Friends of Jewish Dokshitsy, Geni.com Jewish Genealogy Portal, IGRA (Israel Genealogy Research Association), Jewish Polesie, Kobrin Uyezd Jewish Research Group, Kolbuszowa Region Research Group (Poland), Lublin and Zamosc Area, Mac Users, Next Generation Jewish Genealogists, Novogrod-Volhynsky (Zvolh) (Ukraine), Rohatyn District Research Group (Ukraine), Suchostaw Region Research Group, and Svencionys District.

The Fair will be held on Sunday, August 4th from 1:30-5:00 pm, so attendees can find out what is available locally and make plans to visit the places of interest during the week. During the week of the Conference, the SIGs and BOFs will hold individual meetings for their groups, many with speakers and meals. Some repository groups like the AJHS will make their restricted databases available in the Resource Room during the week for attendees to examine their holdings in detail.

At the opening plenary session on Sunday evening, the keynote speaker will be Aaron Lansky, founder and president of the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Massachusetts. Mr. Lansky is responsible for revitalizing the study of Yiddish literature and language and motivating hundreds of young scholars to study and teach Yiddish. He has saved over a million Yiddish books since he started collecting them as a 23-year old graduate student in 1980. His mission to rescue Yiddish literature earned him a MacArthur Foundation Genius Grant in 1985.

The remaining four and a half days will feature 250 programs on a rich and varied range of topics. The program Committee is putting the final touches on these and will announce them shortly.

Registration is open and the early discount is in effect until April 30th. For more information or to register, visit http://www.iajgs2013.org/.
HISTORIC AGREEMENT RESULTS IN ACCESS TO THOUSANDS OF POLISH RECORDS

By Stanley Diamond, Executive Director For the Board of Jewish Records Indexing - Poland

On Friday, Feb. 15, the Polish State Archives (PSA) and Jewish Records Indexing-Poland (JRI-Poland) entered into a new multi-year agreement that will expand access to Jewish records for thousands of family historians. The agreement will enable JRI-Poland to rapidly expand its current online database of indices to five million records. With the support of researchers, indices to more than one million additional records are expected to become available within a year. The agreement reflects a resumption of cooperation between the PSA and JRI-Poland, whose landmark agreement from 1997-2006 resulted in the indexing of more than four million records whose listings are searchable in the JRI-Poland database.

JRI-Poland and the PSA will institute a new Order Processing System to vastly simplify the process of obtaining copies of archival records. JRI-Poland will have the administrative responsibility for processing orders for records from branches of the Polish State Archives. Researchers will be able to place orders by clicking on record index entries of interest in the JRI-Poland search results and paying by credit card via the JRI-Poland website. In a statement reflecting the strong significance of these records and their importance to family historians around the world, the PSA announced that they are beginning a massive effort to digitize all vital records in their more than 30 Regional Archives. These will be available -- free -- on their National Digital Archives and Regional Archive websites. JRI-Poland will serve the research community and PSA by linking its search results to the PSA’s digital images of the Jewish records. As a result of the massive indexing undertaken by JRI-Poland since 1995, the indices to Jewish records will form the bulk of all digital image linking on the PSA website. The Order Processing System will eventually be phased out as digitized records become available online.

PSA General Director, Professor Wladyslaw Stepniak observed: "The signing of this agreement will open a new phase in the cooperation between JRI-Poland and State Archives in Poland. I am convinced that the results of our mutual efforts will be helpful for many people interested in centuries-old Polish-Jewish relations, shared history and family history research." To reach this milestone took the combined and diligent efforts of the JRI-Poland executive committee, Judy Baston, Stanley Diamond, Mark Halpern and Michael Tobias, and former committee member Hadassah Lipsius, and the invaluable input of our board members. We also would like to thank those JRI-Poland Archive Coordinators and Town Leaders who continued to carry out their responsibilities and serve researchers around the world during the years leading up to this new agreement. The full text of the Jewish
Highlights From: *Tracing Your Canadian Jewish Roots*

JGSCV Board Member Marion Werle presented “Tracing Your Canadian Jewish Roots” on March 3rd. Marion combined the historical background of Jews in Canada with her own family history and created a presentation rich in genealogical insights and family anecdotes.

By the 1860’s almost half the Jews in Canada lived in Montreal with small communities in Halifax, Three Rivers and Toronto. There was a flood of refugees after 1882 for a variety of reasons including Canadian immigration policy, overseas committees encouraging refugees to flee to any accepting country and U.S. immigration laws causing some to be turned away. Between 1882 and 1914 the Jewish population grew from 2,500 to over 100,000. By 1914 Jews represented more than 6% of the total population of Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg.

It is impossible to include all of Marion insights and suggestions but here are a few:

- Check U.S. steamship records first as Canadian family members may have arrived here before moving north
- Check Canadian ship records on Ancestry.com’s multiple collections (www.ancestry.com)
- Check Library and Archives Canada (http://tinyurl.com/crqwpa3)
- Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) case files in the genealogy collection of the Canadian Jewish Heritage Network held in the Canadian Jewish Congress Charities Committee National Archives (CJCCNA) at the Concordia University Montreal campus (http://tinyurl.com/cx5gedb)
- Canadian census is taken every 10 years
- Privacy laws permit census records to be released after 92 years
- Library and Archives Canada (LAC) maintains Prairie Province enumerations from 1906 and 1916 (Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta)
- The 1921 census will be at the LAC on June 1, 2013
- Census Indexes:
  - http://tinyurl.com/c8s8vtj
- Between 1940-46 National Registration was required of all persons over 16 who were NOT in the armed forces, a religious order or confined to an institution
- Information on how to request National Registration records at http://tinyurl.com/a2vgywb
  - Must include subject’s address in 1940
  - Proof subject is deceased for more than 20 years
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum 20th Anniversary and Program in Los Angeles

By Jan Meisels Allen

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) is honoring its 20th anniversary with a national tour program visiting five cities: Boca Raton, Los Angeles, New York, Chicago and Washington DC. The program is a tribute to the Holocaust Survivors and World War II veterans. The Museum will hold a one-day public event at each location bringing together historians, leaders, writers and Museum experts to help explore reasons for the holocaust and its lessons for today.

The Los Angeles tribute was held on February 17, 2013 at the Skirball Cultural Center. The free, daylong event brought to Los Angeles an array of Museum programs including opportunities to conduct family research and meet with curators to discuss or donate personal artifacts. The capstone of this day came when hundreds gathered to honor the more than 300 Holocaust survivors and 80 World War II veterans from Southern California. JGSCV founding member Werner Frank (left) was among those so honored. Videos from this day may be viewed at: http://tinyurl.com/bgu9f4z.

Several thousand people attended with survivors and veterans identified with specially marked badges. Multiple programs were scheduled throughout the day. In addition to lectures on Jewish Life Before the Holocaust, there were several plays depicting the physical, social and political hardships of the day. For genealogists and other students of history, there were opportunities to conduct Holocaust-era research using the USHMM extensive archive and to participate in the World Memory Project [co-sponsored by Ancestry.com and the USHMM]. Attendees could also meet with Museum staff to discuss or donate Holocaust artifacts or to record statements by Holocaust survivors and WWII veterans. More than 40 personal family collections were donated to the Museum that day. There were also hundreds of school age children who participated in workshops and educational programs exploring some of the unanswered questions about the Holocaust.

USHMM executive director, Sara Bloomfield and historian Peter Hayes (below) led a most thought provoking session, “The Unanswerable Question: Why?” Hayes gave an overview of the sweeping economic, political and psychological issues following World War I that provided Hitler with a “perfect storm” that resulted in anti-Semitism being blamed for starting WWII. When Hitler was appointed Germany's prime minister, less than 50 percent of the population had voted for him. Hitler blamed the Jews for Germany’s loss in WW I. He believed he
needed to remove the Jews if Germany was to win a new war. Hitler was conquering countries with large Jewish populations so the number of Jews couldn't be reduced fast enough. This led to his “final solution” of murdering the Jews. **Professor Hayes stated that of all the Jews killed in the holocaust, 75% of the murders occurred in 20 months and 50% in one year: between March 1942-February 1943.**

Professor Hayes also discussed the immigration policies of the United States from 1933-1939. The United States was just coming out of the great depression and there was concern that a wave of new immigrants would take any available jobs. It was noted that with a population of 130 million, the U.S. could have easily absorbed the 500,000 German Jews. However, the U.S. was unwilling to absorb the 3.5 million Jews living in Poland and Lithuania.

The lesson of the holocaust in the US today: One cannot preserve a free society in a state of emergency.

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**YOM HASHOAH DAY**

In commemoration of Yom Hashoah Day, Yad Vashem has updated its ‘Pages of Testimony’. You may use the form on page 13 with instructions on page 12 or visit [www.yadvashem.org](http://www.yadvashem.org) and click on ‘Submit Pages of Testimony Online’.

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**2013 FUTURE MEETING DATES**

**Sunday, April 7th** 1:30-3:30 PM Yom Hashoah Day “Holocaust Survivors and March of the Living”, JGSCV Members

**Sunday, May 5th** 1:30-3:30 PM “Obscure Records of Citizenship and Nationality”, Marian Smith, USCIS

**Sunday, June 2nd** 1:30-3:30 PM “Lodz, The Manchester of Poland”, Debra Kay Blatt

**Sunday, July 14th** 1:30-3:30 PM “Genealogy In The Round”

**NO MEETING IN AUGUST DUE TO IAJGS CONFERENCE IN BOSTON AUGUST 4-9**
Since 1955, Yad Vashem has worked tirelessly to fulfill its mandate to preserve the memory of the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust by the Nazis and their collaborators. Through “Pages of Testimony” we record their names - the ultimate representation of their identities, thereby realizing our moral imperative to remember every single victim as a human being, and not merely a number. To date, the names of four million Shoah victims have been documented in the online Central Database of Shoah Victims’ Names (www.yadvashem.org). The names and life stories of millions of victims remain unknown, and time is running out. We need your help to complete this historic task!

**Instructions for Submitting Pages of Testimony**

Pages of Testimony commemorate Jews who were murdered DURING the Holocaust, or in the months following the liberation of the camps. You do not have to be a relative of the victim to complete a Page of Testimony for him or her.

**How to fill out a Page of Testimony:**
- Complete a separate Page of Testimony for EACH victim, including children.
- Please write in pen, in clear, block capital letters.
  - Write the names of people and places as close to their original spelling as possible, in Latin characters.
  - Additional forms may be photocopied, downloaded from the website or requested from Yad Vashem.

**Information Fields:**
- **Fields in bold are mandatory:** family name (or maiden name), first name, gender, permanent residence before the war (or place of birth), circumstances of death, relationship to the victim and signature.
- Please fill out all additional identifying information you may have (parent’s name, etc.).
- If circumstances of death are unknown, write: “Holocaust”.
- If the first name of the victim is unknown, then write “unknown” in the “victim’s first name” field and specify gender as well as parents’ names.

**Please Note:**
- It is advisable to search the online Names Database before filling out a Page of Testimony.
  - If the name of the victim you searched for does not appear in the database, or is included only as an archival listing, please submit a Page of Testimony to honor his/her memory. **If the name of the victim has already been recorded on a Page of Testimony there is no need to submit an additional page unless you have new information to add.**
  - To fill out a Page of Testimony online, enter the Names Database and click “Submit Additional Names”.
  - If you possess a photograph of a victim please attach it to the Page of Testimony. Alternatively you may send a high-resolution scan of the image (up to 2 Megabytes).
  - Sign and date each completed Page of Testimony and return the original signed copy, unfolded, to your local representative or mail to: Yad Vashem, Hall of Names, POB 3477, Jerusalem 91034, Israel.

- Victims of anti-Jewish persecution who survived the war may complete a Survivor Registration Form, available online.
- For a free community outreach guide and information on initiating a local names recovery campaign, please contact: names.outreach@yadvashem.org.il
Pages of Testimony commemorate the Jews who were murdered during the Holocaust – Shoah. Please submit a separate form for each victim, in block capitals. Fields outlined in bold are mandatory.

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