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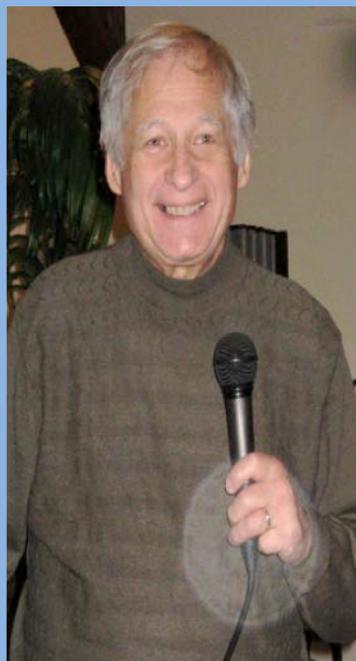
PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We had an outstanding turnout at our November, Monday 4 evening meeting. Steve Morse talked about the One-Step Website and a Case Study on how to use the website. As always Steve gave an excellent presentation. See page 6 for highlights of the program. We try to meet twice a year on a Monday evening for those who cannot attend our usual Sunday afternoon meetings. We return to Sunday afternoons with our December 15 program.

Thank you to Werner Frank for facilitating the schmoozing corner. For the sake of time we did not have a five-minute genealogical hint. And, we will use that time next month as well to select the winners of the Chanukah Party and Membership Drive prizes. The five-minute genealogical hint will return in 2014. Anyone who wishes to volunteer to present please let me know.

At our July Genealogy in the Round program I asked for suggestions for future programs and someone suggested a program on Germany pre WW I. I can't remember who suggested the program and we have the program scheduled for our March 2nd meeting. I would like the person who recommended it to contact me as we have some questions to make certain we cover what you requested. Please email me so that we may talk.

One of the members of the publicity committee will no longer be able to participate starting in January and we need



Steve Morse presenting "The One-Step Website and Case Study" at the November 4th meeting

NEXT MEETING

SUNDAY, December 15th 1:30-3:30 PM

Smarter Searching on Ancestry.com

Crista Cowan of ancestry.com will share special insights and hints to make your ancestry.com searches faster and easier.

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another volunteer. You must be able to send out emails with an attachment, receive materials in Word and pdf formats, and use any type of spreadsheet to keep the list of places to send the materials. It should take only 1-2 hours a month. There are four of us on the Publicity Committee and each of us have about 25-30 contacts that we send the monthly meeting press releases to synagogues, libraries, senior centers, local newspapers etc. It is very important for the growth of JGSCV that our monthly publicity gets out timely. The materials go out the first week of every month. I write the press release so all you have to do is send it out. If you are willing to help your society with this monthly assignment, please contact me at president@jgscv.org

I understand from the Agoura Hills Librarians that the patrons are using our permanent collection! I hope you are taking advantage of our vast book, newsletter and journal collections. If you have genealogically-relevant books to donate great—please check our list of books on our website first as we don't need duplicates. Go to www.jgscv.org under library.

Our December meeting is also our annual board election. There are six open positions because the JGSCV board voted to expand the board to ten members. For continuity, we elect half the board every other year with board members serving terms of two years. In order to maintain this balance, I as president, agreed to run for a one-year term while the others will be elected to two-year terms. This will result in five open positions next year. I assured the Nominations Committee and rest of the board that it is my intention to stay on the board. I expect to be on next year's slate also. During the November meeting Vice President Helene Rosen, also a member of the 2013 Nominations Committee, read the report and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There being none, the vote at the December meeting will be by acclamation. See page 8 for bios on the six nominees. Thank you to Hal Bookbinder for chairing the committee and Susan Birdsall and Helene Rosen for serving on the Nominations Committee.

Looking for a Chanukah gift? JGSCV will provide a lovely Chanukah certificate made out to the person of your choice when you purchase a gift JGSCV membership.

JGSCV's annual membership drive underway and already 40% of our 2013 members have renewed! If you join or renew between now and our December 15 meeting—and attend that meeting you are eligible to have your name selected for one of many great genealogical prizes.

Our December 15 program is the return of the *Barefoot Genealogist* ©, Crista Cowan, Ancestry.com who will talk on *Smarter Searching on Ancestry.com* including some of her favorite search tips and site tricks and insights into what's new.

On behalf of the JGSCV Board of Directors, have a Happy Chanukah. We are looking forward to seeing you at the December 15 meeting—remember we return to Sundays starting at 1:30 PM- but come 30 minutes early to use the traveling library.

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.

2014 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 by selecting the membership button.

NEW YORK TIMES: “HOW TO RESEARCH FAMILY HISTORY”

Elizabeth Shown Mills answers NY Times’ readers’ questions on family history research in four parts:

1. <http://tinyurl.com/ky66ldh>
2. <http://tinyurl.com/moimpum>
3. <http://tinyurl.com/k8abkbk>
4. <http://tinyurl.com/krelbov>

The links to her answers were provided by JGSCV members Judy Karta and David Oseas.

AUSTRIAN AREA RECORDS AT GENTTEAM

GENTTEAM (<http://www.gentteam.at/>) a site that aggregates databases produced by genealogists and historians has added about 482,000 records.

1. Catholic Indices from Upper- and Lower Austria, Bohemia, Austrian Silesia, Styria, Hungary and Vienna – about 130,000 new records
2. Catholic baptisms in Vienna: about 127,000 new entries
3. new database: owners of Houses in Salzburg in 1829 about 45,000 entries
4. Jewish Community Vienna: about 180,000 new records available. Marriages and deaths 1913-1938, birth up to 1913

All GENTTEAM databases are available at no charge. You must register to access the database.

MOCAVO’S ‘THANKSGIVUKAH’ SURVIVAL KIT

Along with family gatherings for the holidays comes the opportunity to talk to relatives and learn new stories or ask new questions. Mocavo offers a Survival Guide with ideas at: <http://tinyurl.com/pgkewqv>

CENTENNIAL OF WW I

Next year marks the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I. Much is already in progress in the UK to mark this event. The Imperial War Museum has many projects planned to commemorate the event: <http://tinyurl.com/mfwo3xk>

ANCESTRY WIKI

The ancestry.com Family History Wiki is an excellent way to discover more information about records and family history. Find the Family History Wiki by hovering over the ‘Learning Center’ tab in the navigation bar at the top of the page and you will see the ‘Family History Wiki’ at the bottom of the drop down list. See the video here: <http://tinyurl.com/oaerqtz>



IAJGS 2014 CONFERENCE
July 27-August 1, 2014
Salt Lake City, Utah
Go to: www.iajgs2014.org

Call for papers now open!

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



The JGSCV will hold a general meeting, co-sponsored with Temple Adat Elohim, on Sunday, December 15, 2013 at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The Topic: Smarter Searching on Ancestry.com



Shaky leaf hints. Global searches. Database specific. Fuzzy. Exact.

These are just a few of the ways to locate records on Ancestry.com. You can search by person or location. You can use the Card Catalog to discover what is online before you begin your search. You can change your collection priority to focus on records specific to your Jewish ancestry and utilize the Daitch-Mokotoff Soundex system. Spend an afternoon with Crista Cowan, The Barefoot Genealogist ©, as she shares what's new on Ancestry.com and best tips to help you find all of the information available on Ancestry.com about your ancestors.

Speaker: Crista Cowan "The Barefoot Genealogist" © has been employed at Ancestry.com since 2004. Crista has been involved with family history research for over 20 years and is the owner of Legacy Family History Services, specializing in descendency research, Jewish immigration, and sharing family history with the genealogically challenged.

Everyone is eligible for the drawing of fantastic genealogical prizes for those who renew their JGSCV membership or join for 2014. You must be present to win! Light refreshments will be served celebrating Chanukah and our membership drive. There is no charge to attend the meeting. Anyone may join JGSCV. Annual dues are \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family.

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 UPDATES . . .



New JGSCV member, Fran Berman recently was given a treasure trove of family documents and memorabilia from her brother. The materials (left) belonged to their grandfather- Abraham Berman. Fran brought the materials to the recent computer class to show what she received—every genealogist’s wish to get family papers to help sort out the family genealogy!

THE SCHMOOZING CORNER is open 20 minutes before all meetings. Come to the front right corner of the meeting room and look for the SCHMOOZING CORNER sign where a knowledgeable JGSCV member will be available to help with insights specific to your genealogical questions. Founding JGSCV member Werner Frank is helping at the last meeting.



Our second computer training class was held October 20th after the last newsletter was sent out. We had an excellent program with Barbara Algaze facilitating on using the FamilySearch.org website. The board will discuss about holding more computer training sessions in 2014-again we will be charging a minor amount \$10 to help defray the costs—JGSCV pays the majority of the costs. See page 11 for write-up of the October computer class.

CORRECTION: *Letters Home* beautifully written by **Lil Blume**, appeared on page 11 in the November issue of *Venturing Into Our Past*. The author’s name was incorrectly noted in that issue. “Venturing Into Our Past” apologizes for the error.

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



Don’t forget to sign-up or renew your Ralph’s Community Contribution Program. JGSCV receives significant contributions from Ralph’s when you use your Ralph’s Card and have chosen JGSCV as your participant organization. See “Notices” at the JGSCV website www.jgscv.org.

If you enjoy and are enriched by JGSCV programs, please remember to renew your membership or join for the first time. JGSCV dues help defray the costs required to develop such a full

schedule of fertile programs and speakers to enhance your genealogical research and experience. A form is on page 13 and on the website www.jgscv.org

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Highlights From:

One-Step Webpages

By Jan Meisels Allen

The incomparable Stephen Morse captivated the audience at JGSCV’s November meeting. The large turnout learned all about his One-Step website [<http://stevemorse.org/>] which facilitates researching large databases more easily – in one step. Steve started the website more than a decade ago after having difficulty researching his wife’s family on www.ellisland.org.

Steve was frustrated with the multiple steps and the length of time of time it took to search such a large database. He realized instead, he could simplify it with one-step which allowed him to easily find his wife’s grandfather. He put up a search form on his own website which others then found - and the rest is history.

Today, the One-Step website has three Ellis Island immigration forms:

- White, 1892-1924
- Gold 1892-1924
- All NY Arrivals 1820-1957 (To search the results on the all NY passengers which take the researcher to Ancestry.com, one must either be a subscriber or be at a public library or Family History Center with free computer access to Ancestry’s subscription.)

Steve showed how he found Irving Berlin whose real name was Israel Balin but the manifest spelling was Beilin, by using the One- Step and placing the first name sounds like Balin, arrival year and birth year [those points of information were found by doing Internet research on Irving Berlin]. He also demonstrated how he found Albert Einstein using the gold form by looking at “traveling companion” which is not available on the “white form” Today the One-Step Website contains over 200 links covering Ellis Island, Castle Garden, other ports, US census, Canada and UK census, NY census, vital records, phonetic matching, calendars, maps, foreign alphabets, genetics [DNA], holocaust and Eastern Europe and more. There is no fee or registration requirement for using the One-Step website.

Steve also reviewed doing census research on the website. First look by name and see the census image. He reminded us what the census taker “hears” might not be what the person actually said, especially if the speaker has a foreign accent or a long complicated name. One can also search by address. The US census is not organized by addresses but by enumeration

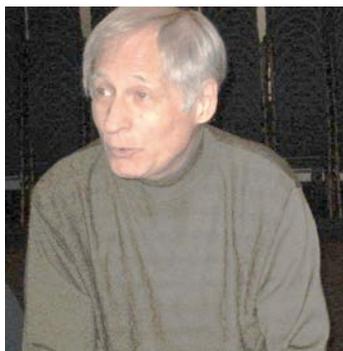


districts. The One-Step website includes the function of converting an address into an Enumeration District [ED]. Once the ED is known the researcher can look for the census image. The One- Step website includes addresses to ED conversion tools for the 1880, 1900, 1910, 1930 and 1940 US censuses and for 1920 it has a table for converting from a 1930 ED to a 1920 ED.

Steve also showed how to find a person using various links on the website. The example was Donald F. Duck living in Disneyland, CA. Steve used Private Eye, Zaba Search and Intellus—part of PrivateEye and Intellus websites are paid and other free-ZabaSearch is 100 percent free. Using a birthdate database, Steve showed how to find Donald F. Duck's birthdate as well. He also showed how to find former Presidents George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush's birthdates.

The One-Step website includes a Soundex calculator. Soundex is an encoding of names whereby names that sound the same are given

the same encoding. There are several Soundex systems: the traditional American Soundex, the Daitch-Mokotoff system and a more recent



Beider-Morse Soundex System—all three are included in the options on the One-Step Website.

Using his wife's family tree, Steve showed how to calculate family relationships-the calculator is also included on the website. As the family had a number of intra-familial marriages it was an excellent example of how to calculate especially difficult and multiple relationships.

There are numerous other aides on the website to assist the genealogical researcher.

Steve then presented a Case Study of Renee Kaufmann using the One-Step website. He created this in memory of the sister of his high school friend – Jerome Levkov. The case study showed how to find her name. He knew her married name was Kaufman but didn't even know what her first name was. He showed how he was able to use Google to find out that it was Renee. He also showed how to search the census without a surname using first names and the names of the spouse and children only. He used various census records to fill in the birth date, marriage dates etc. Using <http://www.italiangen.org/> he searched death records.

Steve reminded us that names are not necessarily spelled the way we think they are and how the names that are recorded may also be incorrect. He also said if you don't want to be surprised don't do the research because you may find some interesting criminals on your family tree.

Stephen received both the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Outstanding Contribution Award from the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies [IAJGS], Award of Merit from the National Genealogical Society and first-ever Excellence Award from the Association of Professional Genealogists. He is best known as the architect of the Intel 8086 (the granddaddy of today's Pentium processor), which sparked the PC revolution 30 years ago.

GIVE A JGSCV MEMBERSHIP FOR CHANUKAH

Thinking of a unique Chanukah Gift? JGSCV offers a beautiful, high quality gift certificate to announce your generosity. Anyone would be proud to give or receive one. Please contact Helene Rosen, VP Membership at membership@jgscv.org. Or stop by at the sign-in desk before the next meeting.

2014 IAJGS CONFERENCE IN SALT LAKE CITY

More information is available at <http://www.iajgs2014.org> . Save the date: July 27-August1, 2014. Subscribe to the blog for more information as it becomes available: <http://blog.iajgs2014.org/>

Forthcoming JGSCV Elections

As per the JGSCV Bylaws a duly appointed Nominating Committee, chaired by Hal Bookbinder (with board member Helene Rosen and general member Susan Birdsall) has recommended the following slate of individuals to fill the six individuals for election to two-year positions on the JGSCV board effective January 2014. The terms of five of the nine existing board members are expiring at the end of this year. As permitted by the Society's bylaws, the board has authorized an increase in the Board to ten directors.

Nominee biographies are below. Elections will be held at the December 15th meeting

JAN MEISELS ALLEN- currently serves as President, JGSCV and is a JGSCV founding member. She served on the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies [IAJGS] board 2004-2013. She continues to serve as Chairperson, IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee and serves as the IAJGS representative on the Records Preservation and Access Committee (FGS/NGS/IAJGS). In 2013, the National Genealogical Society (NGS) awarded Jan its President's Citation in recognition of her outstanding and continuing contributions for vigilance in support of records preservation and in defense of public access to public records. For over nine years she has also been assistant to the editor of Annual Jewish Yearbook on Genealogy. Jan served in various administrative capacities for the past five IAJGS conferences. Prior to helping found JGSCV, Jan was a 5-year board member and first vice president-programming of JGS Los Angeles. She began her genealogy research in 1998.

STEWART K. BERNSTEIN- founding member of JGSCV and member of the board for eight years. He has been involved in genealogy for seventeen years. Stew is the Co-ordinator of the English Translation Project for the Pultusk, Poland Yizkor Book. Currently retired, after having spent thirty-five years in the Motion Picture and Television Industry, he was recognized with two National Emmy Awards and numerous additional nominations. Stewart initiated and coordinated the computer training classes for JGSCV members with the Conejo Valley Adult Education Center and he provided the original suggestion to Jan for a JGS serving the Conejo Valley and Ventura County.

WARREN BLATT- founding member of JGSCV has served on the JGSCV Board for the past eight years. Warren is the JewishGen Editor-in-Chief (2000-date) and Managing Director (2008-date) as well as author of many JewishGen databases. Warren has been involved in genealogy research for over thirty-five years. He is a winner of the IAJGS' Lifetime Achievement award. He is a presenter at many JGSCV meetings and an annual presenter at the IAJGS conferences. He is the author of two books and numerous journal articles.

DOROTHY DRILICH- founding member of JGSCV, and member of the Board for the past eight years. Dorothy has had a long time interest in her family history and has started her genealogy research in recent years.

ALLAN LINDERMAN- is a member of JGSCV since 2008 and became JGSCV's newsletter editor in the Spring of 2009. He has been engaged in genealogy for five years. Allan is an advertising and media consultant and is president of The Linderman Media group and brings to his role his writing and editing skills.

ISRAEL "ISSIE" PEREL Ph.D. currently serves as JGSCV librarian. Issie has been involved in family genealogy research for under two years. He recently returned from France where he met with newfound cousins discovered through his genealogy research. Issie received his B.Sc. degree from McGill University in Montreal, Canada and his PhD degree in Psychology from University of California, Santa Barbara. He is currently on the board of the Ray Hosford Foundation at UCSB and has been appointed by the Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency to serve on the statewide Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects.

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 you on your genealogical journey.
- NEW! Members-Only Workshops on valuable genealogy tools

A WALL BROKEN DOWN

By Joanne Cadis

I want to share with you a wall broken down with the help of John Kovac and Andras Koltai whom I am very thankful to. Both are involved with the JewishGen Hungarian SIG.

I had just found an old Christmas greeting card addressed to my Gran in NY with a return address in Budapest, dated Dec 1948. What a surprise this was to me. It was tucked away in a prayer book.

I didn't know if we had any family alive as my

Grandma Malvina HERSKOVITS Berger, from Regec, Hungary came to the USA in 1906 at the age of 15. All I knew is what she told us, she lost her whole family to TB. I now know she meant her immediate family. I was referred to Andras Koltai in Budapest-by John Kovac. I sent him a couple of records I had, in four days he found my cousin Judit very much alive in Budapest.

I found out that her Mother was not Jewish and that because of her Maternal Grandmother they were not sent to a concentration camp as her Father was. He did survive but he was never the same. He lived in



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grief after that, as my cousin put it.
Not only did I find her but many other cousins.

I now also have cousins in Israel, Toronto and New York that I did not know about.

Werner Frank Receives Award For *Curse of Gurs*

JGSCV founding board member Werner Frank was awarded a State Prize for homeland research in recognition of the “remarkable and extensive research that encompassed Frank's widespread family”. Official description of the award is below:

Eppingen:

For his book "The Curse of Gurs: Way Station to Auschwitz," Werner Frank is awarded a State Prize for homeland research.

Representing the now living in America and native Eppinger, is Mayor Klaus Holaschke and the chairman of the Eppingen historical society Reinhard Ihle, who accepted the award in Sulz am Neckar on his behalf. The second prize of 1,300 euros is being donated by the awardee for the further study of Jewish history.

"The Curse of Gurs - Way Station to Auschwitz"

A second place went to the American Werner Frank who traces the fate of Baden Jews in the Nazi era. The jury observed that his authored work in the English language resulted in remarkable and extensive research that encompassed Frank's widespread family.

Delegation from Eppingen that travelled to Sulz in order to accept the Landespreis award on behalf of Werner Frank



(from left to right: Bernd Röcker, Oberbürgermeister Holaschke, Elisabeth Hilbert, Heiner Vogel and Reinard Ihle)



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FamilySearch.org COMPUTER CLASS

By Jan Meisels Allen

On October 20th, JGSCV members had an outstanding experience with our second computer class—Introduction to the FamilySearch.org website. Barbara Algaze, JGSCV member, JGSLA Librarian and volunteer at the Los Angeles Family History Center was the facilitator. We met at the Conejo Valley Adult Education Center in Thousand Oaks. JGSCV paid for 65 percent of the costs and the attendees each paid \$10 to help defray the remaining costs. Barbara’s two handouts are on the JGSCV website [www.jgscv.org] under prior



meetings and computer class.

Some of the comments from the attendees which described how well they enjoyed the class included:

“excellent format and teaching and working on computers learning while listening”, “really made progress now I know where to search”; this is great, first time on this website”; “each time we do something like this I learn more and more”.

FamilySearch.org website includes over 3 billion records and they are adding over one million records per month. Before each record appears on the website, three people review the record to minimize any transcription/interpretation errors. Individuals may volunteer to index on the website –but first you need to sign-in and create an

account. One can research most databases without an account—some databases are available at first only to volunteers and later are made available to the general public. To register you only need to provide your name, a user name, password of your choice, email address, sex, birth date, and country of residence. To go to the site go to: <https://familysearch.org/> . To order a microfilm that is not yet digitized or available at the local Family History Center one must be registered for an account.

A helpful hint from Barbara was once you find the record you are interested in; to make a copy—don’t wait for another time as sometimes records are removed from the website due to contractual reasons between FamilySearch and the repository.

Barbara reviewed the following areas on the FamilySearch website: records, collections, genealogies, catalogue, books and wiki.

Records

- The researcher has the option to search by Soundex or an exact search. Sometimes it is best not to use an exact search-but to use a Soundex search as spellings or locations vary. Due to “changing borders” at one time Poland was its own country at other times it was part of Russia.
- For some searches being exact is important. When looking for a specific person, adding the location where the person resided is important to differentiate

between different people with the same names.

- If the search item is returned with a camera icon that means it has a visual or digital image. That does not mean the specific item has been indexed—it could be that a full microfilm has been digitized and the reader will have to scroll through it to find the record they are searching—but you can do that from home—much more convenient than traveling to a Family History Center to look at a microfilm. Or it could mean that the item is on one of the partner sites, such as Ancestry.com. If the partner site is a subscription site, the person must have a subscription or access to the paid site at either a Family History Center or local library that has a subscription.
- If in your search you find a microfilm number, to search for the specific microfilm go to the FamilySearch website and click on search, catalogue and then type in the film number. To see where it is located then click on Family History Centers.

Collections

Collections may be used as a refining tool to eliminate too many search results. It is best to go with what you know and work back. Barbara suggested beginning by making the search more restrictive and then expanding to a wider search area.

FamilySearch has records worldwide—not just from the United States. An example given was Germany which has 52 collections. Some record collections specify that they are specifically for Jewish records. The searcher may have to browse and look at each image if the collection is digitized but not indexed.

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Catalogue

Within the catalogue one can search by place names, surnames, titles, authors, subjects and keywords. When searching places, it is a book, microfilm or microfiche that will be in the catalogue—not a person's name. Barbara, also reminded us that the spelling of a location's name is catalogued the way the city or town was spelled at the time the Missionary was microfilming the documents. For example if one put in Vienna they would not find anything—but if they search Wien they would find materials. This is different than the way JewishGen.org does the spelling of towns—they use the current spelling of the location.

Items that are in “red” indicates they have been digitized and information is available on the website. Click on it and it takes you to the item.

The catalogue is also able to tell the reader where the materials are located—if they are not in the local Family History Center. The catalogue provides information on where to order the microfilm/microfiche (books may not be ordered) and have them delivered to the FamilyHistory Center closest to you. You can order the materials online—but you must be registered to order.

The Los Angeles Family History Library is in the processing of cataloging the JGSLA library which is housed there. To find these books, do a catalog search for call numbers starting with JGS.

Wiki

FamilySearch's Wiki is similar to Wikipedia. You can search keywords or research forms or localities—not individuals. Some research form results may take you to another site such as Ancestry.com which has ~~is~~ free access for the forms.

If you find a record that is on a microfilm at the Family History Library- and the microfilm is not available locally, anyone may order the record free online from FamilySearch. You would need to

provide the date/name/ function- [birth/marriage/death] and they will send it by email.

Genealogies

These are submissions by individuals that may be searchable. If someone is under 100 years of age and there is no death date the information will not be posted. FamilySearch no longer supports PAF [personal ancestral file] but they recommend other software.

Books

FamilySearch has links to over 80,000 books scanned and on-line from partner libraries.

Barbara also showed us how to use a “snipping tool” that is included in Windows accessories. This tool helps with cutting a specific area of a record- such as a census record enabling only the portion the reader is interested in to be saved to a family history book or other document.

Barbara will again be with JGSCV for our annual assisted research afternoon at the Los Angeles Family History Center on February 9, 2014 from 1:00-5:00 pm. That meeting is open only to current-dues paid JGSCV members...any one may join at the door.

JGSCV JOINS WITH GENEALOGY GROUPS

This year JGSCV joined three organizations: The Federation of Genealogical Societies [FGS], National Genealogy Society [NGS] and the California State Genealogical Alliance. We have been a member of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies [IAJGS] since our inception in 2005. Each of these organizations bring something to JGSCV- and we are part of the larger genealogical family- internationally, Jewish and non-Jewish and the state of California. As members, of each of these organizations, JGSCV and its members and friends sometimes are offered opportunities for purchases. See the story below regarding the DELL purchase program through FGS. This is another reason to join or renew your membership with JGSCV. A membership form is available on page 13.

DELL COMPUTER DEALS FROM FGS

One of the FGS member benefits JGSCV receives is the Partner Benefits Program. One of these is the Dell Member Purchase Program that was announced at FGS’s 2013 Conference. Through this program, Dell provides discounts on products sold through the Dell website to their FGS member societies' members (like JGSCV), their families, and their friends.

Dell has announced a new holiday program featuring its new family of tablet computers, with prices starting at \$146.99 for members. These, along with other products at the Dell site, are excellent deals.

Please pass this information on to your friends and family so that they can take advantage of this offer if they choose. Dell member stores can be found at <http://dell.com/mpp/FGS> or reached by telephone at 1-800-695-8133. JGSCV members, their friends and family members will need this ID code once you are ready to purchase: SS131372490.

JGSCV is pleased that our membership in the Federation of Genealogical Societies brings benefits to members in addition to those related to genealogy.

JGSCV Welcomes New Members

CAROL FLESHER

SUSAN KADNER

PEGGY SIMON

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JGSCV Meeting Dates Through June, 2014* at Temple Adat Elohim

Sunday, December 15th 1:30-3:30 PM "Smarter Searching on Ancestry.com" AND JGSCV's CHANUKAH CELEBRATION
Crista Cowan of ancestry.com will return with more insights and tricks to more easily navigate the site. *AND, Genealogical Chanukah Door Prizes for Members!*

Sunday, January 5, 2014 1:30-3:30 PM "For the Sake of the Children: The Letters Between Otto Frank and Nathan Straus, Jr." Joan Adler, Executive Director, Straus Historical Society reveals Otto Frank's letters to his friend in his desperate attempts flee Holland more than a year before his family was forced to hide.

Sunday, February 9th 1:00-5:00 PM "Assisted Research Day"
At LA Family History Center. Only current members. May join at the door.

Sunday, March 2nd 1:30-3:30 PM Program "A Hundred Germanies—A Hundred Jewish Histories-German Jewish Genealogy Pre World War I"
Roger Lustig, research coordinator for GerSIG and researcher and genealogist specializing in the history of German Jewry

Monday, April 7th 7:00-9:00 PM "The Sephardic Community in Los Angeles"

Arthur Benveniste discusses growing up in the LA Sephardic community.

Sunday, May 4th 1:30-3:30 PM "Yom Hashoah" (Holocaust Memorial)
Program TBD

Sunday, June 1st 1:30-3:30 PM Program TBD

*All programs subject to change. Check website www.jgscv.org



2014 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

Dues paid now are good through December 2014

Date _____

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 out to: JGSCV Mail application to: Helene Rosen,
28912 Fountainwood St.
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

Name (Print) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zipcode + 4 _____

Day telephone _____ Evening telephone _____

E-mail address _____

Talents that you have to share (accounting skills, language skills, computer skills, translation, etc.)
