

Jewish Genealogy Yearbook 2006

International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies 2005 Achievement Awards

Annually since 1998, the IAJGS has issued achievement awards to recognize outstanding individual and organizational contributions to Jewish Genealogy. Potential awardees are nominated by one or more of the 77 IAJGS member societies, and determined by a committee appointed by the IAJGS Board of Directors. Hal Bookbinder, Outgoing IAJGS president, presented the 2005 awards during the 25th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.

- The IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award - It is presented to a living individual for a lifetime of outstanding contributions of major significance and benefit to Jewish genealogy.
- The IAJGS Outstanding Contribution Award - It is presented to a person, persons or organization in recognition of an exceptional contribution to Jewish genealogy via the Internet, print, or electronic product.
- The IAJGS Outstanding Programming or Project Award - It is presented to a person, persons or organization either in recognition of a single program or series of programs, or in recognition of a single project or series of projects.
- The IAJGS Outstanding Publication Award - It is presented to an IAJGS Member Organization in recognition of an outstanding of an outstanding journal, newsletter, or other publication that Jewish genealogical research.

The 2005 IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Susan King, recognizing her twenty years of pioneering vision and leadership in making resources freely available to the worldwide Jewish genealogical community. Through her tireless devotion many thousands of people who might never have explored their Jewish roots have successfully done so, benefiting from the continually expanding array of online resources offered by JewishGen. She has changed the face of Jewish genealogy with a clear and focused goal of preserving our history for future generations.

The 2005 IAJGS Outstanding Contribution to Jewish Genealogy was presented to Yad Vashem, recognizing the unique and exceptional resources that is the Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names. This database provides convenient worldwide access to information on millions of victims of the Shoah and so preserves their eternal memory while facilitating the documentation of additional victims. Its easily searchable repository of digitized Pages of Testimony is an invaluable resource to researchers linking them both to the victims of the Shoah and to long-lost family members.

The 2005 IAJGS Outstanding Project Award was presented the Jewish Genealogical Society of Los Angeles, in recognition of a series of events and programs marking the society's 25th anniversary. These included a special double issue of RootsKey featuring a nine-page centerfold spread of pre-1900 photographs of JGSLA ancestors; a 25th Anniversary Memorial Program booklet that generated donations to a Special Projects and Programs Fund; a video, "Genealogy Anyone?" which combined interviews with founding members and present members and two special programs, one featuring Miriam Weiner and another featuring Yale Reisner; and accomplishing this through aggressive cosponsorship with other organizations.

The 2005 IAJGS Award for Outstanding Publication by an IAJGS member Society was presented to the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Philadelphia, recognizing the excellence of Chronicles, its quarterly journal. With over two-thirds of its content original and authored by members, it is truly a publication by members for members. Its editorial philosophy stresses variety, combining Jewish history, culture, family stories and research techniques. Effective editing and graphic design add to the overall impact that it has made in the genealogical community scores of people remain remote members primarily to receive this fine publication.

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International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies 1998-2004 Achievement Awards

2004

Lifetime Achievement Award	Warren Blatt
Outstanding Contribution	Alexander Beider (proper name and surname research)
Outstanding Publication	Jewish Genealogical Society, Inc. (Genealogical Resources New York (2nd Edition))
Outstanding Project	David Fox (Belarus SIG databases)

2003

Lifetime Achievement Award	Miriam Weiner
Outstanding Contribution	Stephen Morse (One-Step website)
Outstanding Publication	JGS of Palm Beach County (Beginners and Intermediate Genealogical Workbook)
Outstanding Project	JGS of Montreal (the Drouin Project)

2002

Lifetime Achievement Award	Stanley Diamond
Outstanding Contribution	JewishGen (Yizkor Book Project)
Outstanding Publication	JGS of Los Angeles (RootsKey)
Outstanding Project	JGS of Ottawa (Chernivtsi Cemetery Project)

2001

Lifetime Achievement Award	Peter Landé
Outstanding Contribution	
Internet	Michael Tobias (Jewish genealogical database development)
Print	Dan and Rosanne Leeson (18th Century Alsatian Jewish Census and marriage indices)
Electronic Media	Nancy Goodstein (Index of Jewish Records in the FHL)
Outstanding Publication	Asociacion de Genealogia Judia de Argentina (Toldot)
Outstanding Programming	JGS, Palm Beach County
Outstanding Project(s)	JGS, Inc. (NY) (Indexing of various historical records)

2000

Lifetime Achievement Award	Sallyann Amdur Sack
Outstanding Contribution	
Internet	Litvak SIG (All Lithuania Database)
Print	Miriam Weiner (Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova)
Outstanding Publication	JGS of Michigan (Generations)
Outstanding Programming	JGS of Greater Washington
Outstanding Project(s)	JGS of Canada (Toronto) (Jewish Youth Genealogy Project)

1999

Lifetime Achievement Award	Arthur Kurzweil
Outstanding Contribution	
Internet	Jewish Records Indexing-Poland Project
Print	Miriam Weiner (Jewish Roots in Poland)
Outstanding Publication	Israel GS (Sharsheret HaDorot)
Outstanding Programming	JGS of Michigan
Outstanding Project(s)	JGS, Inc. (NY) (Family Finder)

1998

Lifetime Achievement Award	Gary Mokotoff
Outstanding Contribution	Susan King (Jewishgen)
Outstanding Publication	JGS of Great Britain (Shemot)