

Jewish Genealogy Yearbook 2006

Organizations: International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS)

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- Library: No library. However resources posted at the IAJGS website include Old maps of Poland and Romania (the first part of a project to make old maps available for researchers); the listing of Jewish Records available at the Family History Library (LDS); a Bibliography of North American Jewish Community Books; a listing of Legislative Websites; the previous Yearbook; a Statement on Ethics for genealogists; Guidelines for Brainstorming; and the IAJGS Forum where JGSs can post questions of common interest for discussion or share helpful information about how to keep a society going successfully.
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- Membership: 77 member organizations
- Mission: The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) is an independent non-profit umbrella organization with national and local Jewish genealogical societies (JGSs) from around the world and special interest groups as members. Its broad mandate is to provide a common voice for issues of significance to its members, to advance our genealogical avocation, to assist in the formation of and growth of JGSs, and to ensure the continuity and effectiveness of the annual Jewish Genealogy Conference.
- Update: The IAJGS continues to assist in the formation of new JGSs with its booklet on How to Start a JGS in Your Community. Two new JGSs joined IAJGS in 2005. Our Public Records Access Monitoring Committee has been active in following legislation that impacts access to vital records. Member organizations have benefited from the film lending library set up in a joint effort with the Jewish Community Library of Los Angeles; from the expanding information available from the IAJGS cemetery project, from internet chats covering a variety of issues, and their ability to be recognized as 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organizations under the umbrella of the IAJGS 501 (c) (3) status. The IAJGS continues to award excellence in the presenting the Achievement Awards and to assist with worthy projects with the Stern Award. The IAJGS will host the 2007 Annual Jewish Genealogy Conference in Salt Lake City.