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## VENTURING INTO OUR PAST

### THE NEWSLETTER OF THE JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE CONEJO VALLEY AND VENTURA COUNTY

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#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

JGSCV's own Debra Kay Blatt was the speaker at our June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on Łódź: Manchester of Poland. Debra did an outstanding job relating the story of Łódź, previously Poland's second largest city—today's its third [Krakow and Łódź interchange second and third place depending on the census year]. Jews were a significant presence in the history and development of Łódź through the time of the holocaust. The lecture explored the many resources available through JewishGen, JRI-Poland and other sources. The Łódź: Ghetto is probably the most explored ghetto in Poland. Debra's handout is posted to the JGSCV website—go to [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org) and click on programs, prior and the June 2 date. To read highlights of the program see page 9.

Marion Werle, JGSCV Board Member and publicity chairperson facilitated the Schmoozing Corner.

**Thank you Temple Adat Elohim!** Temple Adat Elohim is again co-hosting our programs for September 2013-June 2014. We have confirmed some programs—including the return of Crista Cowan, Ancestry.com, Warren Blatt and Steve Morse. See page 4 for the list of new meeting dates and programs. We are very appreciative of Temple Adat Elohim's continued support for JGSCV's programs by providing us a meeting location.

JGSCV will offer another members-only



JGSCV founding board member and current board member Debra Kay-Blatt on the subject of Łódź at June's meeting.

#### NEXT MEETING

**SUNDAY, July, 14<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30 PM**

#### Genealogy In The Round

JGSCV members and friends share their successes, brickwalls and artifacts. Hear how others uncovered family history insights and maybe offer help to breakthrough someone's brickwall.

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workshop on October 20 at the Conejo Valley Adult Education Center. The topic will be on the millions of records available on the Family Search website. Barbara Algaze will conduct the educational workshop. Attendance will be limited to 24 members. See page 11 for more details and how to register.

JGSCV will also offer a members-only visit to the Autry Museum to experience the *Jews in the Los Angeles Mosaic* exhibit later this Fall. JGSCV member Sara Hyman, a Museum docent, will conduct the tour on a date to be determined soon. Helene Rosen and I report on our visit to the exhibit on page 7.

Don't forget the Ventura County Fair is July 31- August 11. If you would like to volunteer at the Genealogy Booth please contact me. See page 3 for more information.

I wrote to you earlier this month about California SB 71 that would amend the California Public Records Act and make requests to the local government agency voluntary compliance. Thank you for contacting your State Assemblypersons and State Senators. The California Newspaper Publishers Association was incensed to permit public agencies to voluntarily comply with requests for public documents and virtually every California newspaper took this on. The result, the governor and Senate reversed course after the Assembly agreed to remove the egregious provision. Governor Brown signed SB 71 without this provision.

David Oseas, JGSCV's webmaster, has updated and added to the "resources" listed on our website [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org). We have well over 260 genealogically-relevant sites linked to our website plus local libraries, Family History Centers, local cemeteries and more.

By the time you read this, part of our traveling library will have moved over to the Agoura Hills Library in their new home. The processing of putting in tattler strips, bar codes, LA County Library catalogue code numbers and JGSCV markings on the book spines is proceeding. While the books are being housed at the Agoura Hills Library a branch of the LA County Public Library, JGSCV retains full ownership of our books and journals. Approximately 60-70 books will be retained for the traveling library and be available at the monthly meetings. A list of the books that are transferred from the traveling to permanent library will be posted to the JGSCV website once the transfer is complete. Remember, the books are **not** circulating, whether by members or non-members. See page 13 for the 6-month update on books added to our library.

Our July 14 meeting is our annual Meeting in the Round where **YOU**, our members and friends may share a brick wall, success or genealogically relevant artifact. This is **YOUR** program and it only works if you participate. Anyone who wishes to share may contact me at [president@jgscv.org](mailto:president@jgscv.org). Each person will have 5-7 minutes to share. As of writing this president's letter only three members have volunteered—we need more!

Looking forward to seeing you on July 14<sup>th</sup>! Don't forget to contact me about participating at the meeting.

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*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.

#### **INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE (IHRA) SURVEY**

To improve access to Holocaust related materials, IHRA is surveying users. The survey focuses on legal, physical and material obstacles that confront researchers. The first of 5 phases, this survey will assess researchers' experiences globally. If you have experience researching Holocaust related materials, take the survey at <http://tinyurl.com/mzzh6uh> To read about IHRA go to: <http://tinyurl.com/pjgj5df>

#### **WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE RETURNS**

The show that traces the family history of celebrities is returning to television. Although canceled by NBC, "Who Do You Think You Are" will air new episodes beginning July 23<sup>rd</sup> on TLC a cable network. This season's celebrities include Christina Applegate, Kelly Clarkson, Cindy Crawford, Zoey Deschanel, Chelsea Handler, Chris O'Donnell, Jim Parsons

and Trisha Yearwood. For more information: <http://tinyurl.com/nstbxps>

#### **Q&A WITH ARCHIVIST BERTRAM LYONS**

NY Times readers asked questions about archiving and preserving family history. Bertram Lyons an archivist at the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress, answered many of those questions in a three part series that may be accessed as follows: Part 1 <http://tinyurl.com/lcm74ge> , Part 2 <http://tinyurl.com/lwxzfwfwa> , Part 3 <http://tinyurl.com/kh8bkg4>

#### **COUNTY FAIR**

The 2013 Ventura County Fair will take place July 31-August 11 at the Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 West Harbour Boulevard in Ventura. The Fair schedule is not yet available but free concerts include Styx, Air Supply, Daryl Hall and John Oates and much more. For more information go to <http://tinyurl.com/q5zfr5g> .

#### **EUROPEAN JEWISH CEMETERIES PROJECT**

The Lo Tishkach European Jewish Cemeteries Initiative has identified more than 11,000 cemeteries and mass graves in parts of the Ukraine. That database is at <http://tinyurl.com/nv27rd9>. Beginning in June, in concert with the Association of Jewish Organizations and Communities of Ukraine (VAAD), Lo Tishkach will begin surveying Jewish cemeteries in L'viv and Poltava. This data is expected to be processed and uploaded by the end of 2013 in both English and Russian. For information on this project visit <http://tinyurl.com/pgfc9qv>

# JGSCV Meeting Dates Through June, 2014\* at

Temple Adat Elohim  
2420 E. Hillcrest Drive  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

**Sunday, July 14, 2013 1:30-3:30 PM "Genealogy in the Round"**

Members and friends share a genealogical success, brickwall or artifact. A learning opportunity for all.

**August:** No Meeting - IAJGS Conference in Boston August 4-9

**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30 PM "Beyond the Family Tree: Make Your Family Stories Come Alive"** Marion Werle, JGS Board member will teach you techniques about turning names, dates and places into interesting family stories to keep your family members' eyes from glazing over when you share your family history.

**Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30 PM "Jewish Given Names"**

Warren Blatt, Managing Director of JewishGen and JGSCV board member will explain the history and patterns of Jewish first names

**Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00 PM "One Step Webpages +" and a new Case Study using the One Step Webpages**

Steve Morse will explain how one-step webpages (and others) can be used to develop entire family histories.

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30 PM " Smarter Searching on Ancestry.com"**

Crista Cowan of ancestry.com will return with more insights and tricks to more easily navigate the site.

**Sunday, January 5, 2014 1:30-3:30 PM Program TBD**

**Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 1:00-5:00 PM "Assisted Research Day"**

At LA Family History Center. Only current members. May join at the door.

**Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:30-3:30 PM Program TBD**

**Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00 PM "Navigating FindMyPast.com"**

Josh Taylor of FindMyPast.com will demonstrate navigation techniques. **Tentative awaiting confirmation**

**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30 PM "Yom Hashoah" (Holocaust Memorial Day) Program TBD**

**Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 1:30-3:30 PM Program TBD**

\*All programs subject to change. Check website [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org)

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## UPDATES . . .

Traveling Library books in category A and D will be available at the July 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:president@jgscv.org). See page 13 for new additions to the Traveling Library.



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 left. JGSCV board member Marion Werle (left in photo right)

led the Schmoozing Corner in June.



In the past, “Venturing Into Our Past” has included stories about the Red Star Line. And, we have had expert speakers on the topic at monthly meetings as well as others whose topics included some portion of the Red Star Line’s involvement in our family history. Commemorating its role as an immigration hub from 1873-1934, The Red Star Line Museum will open on Sept. 28, 2013 in Antwerp, Belgium. Built on the site that originally housed the ship line, the museum will include a timeline of human migration as well as an exhibit simulating the immigration experience. If you or someone you know would like to share photographs of their Red Star Line experience to the website at <http://tinyurl.com/pymq3el>

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 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.



Ralphs requires everyone to reregister annually 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 or see <http://www.jgscv.org> under “notices”.

If you enjoy and are enriched by JGSCV programs, please remember to renew your membership or join for the first time. JGSCV dues helps defray the costs required to develop such a full schedule of fertile programs and speakers to enhance your genealogical research and experience.

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# IAJGS CONFERENCE UPDATE



You can now sign up for the special events at the 33rd IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy to be held in Boston August 4-9th. These are events rich in genealogy content that require additional fees, such as computer workshops, Breakfasts with the Experts, Special Interest Group (SIG) Luncheons, the Gala Banquet, and sightseeing tours. Look under the PROGRAM tab on the conference website ([www.iajgs2013.org](http://www.iajgs2013.org)) for detailed information about these events.

You will note that JGSCV very well represented with lectures by members Jan Meisels Allen, Debra Kay-Blatt, Warren Blatt and Hal Bookbinder. These are included in the registration fee.

If you have already registered for the conference, and wish to sign up for special events, go to the conference website and update your registration form (mouse over the REGISTRATION tab and click on "[Update Your Registration Info](#)"). If you haven't registered yet for the conference, you will need to do so to be eligible to sign-up for these activities (follow the same procedure as above but click on "[Registration Form](#)" instead). In both cases, you will be put into the registration form, which has

a section covering the optional fee-based items. The number of participants for these activities is limited, so sign up as soon as possible to reserve your place.

Computer workshops are available for PCs and Macs. They include "Creating One Step Search Tools" with its creator, Stephen Morse; "Getting Started with Family Tree Maker" and "Beginners' Reunion" and "Getting the Most Out of Reunion10" (Mac); workshops for Hungarian and Bessarabian (Moldova) research, JewishGen, social media, and Jewish community history, to name a few.

Breakfasts with the Experts include "Researching Your Roots" in Galicia, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Lithuania, Poland, and Ukraine with the leading experts in these fields. Another breakfast features "Understanding DNA Testing and Results" with Bennett Greenspan. Genzyme will be offering a special breakfast session on genetic diseases.

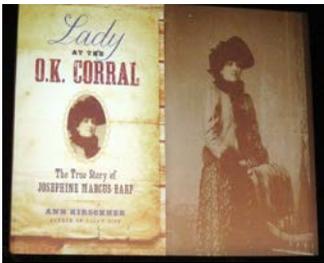
The Gala Banquet will feature entertainment by the internationally known Zamir Chorale.

Throughout the week guided tours will be offered to local sites of Jewish interest. On Sunday there will be a bus tour to the Touro Synagogue, celebrating its 250th anniversary and a walking tour of old Jewish Newport in Rhode Island. On Friday there will be a bus tour to the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst where you'll find a million Yiddish books, permanent and traveling exhibits, and art galleries.

# *Jews in the Los Angeles Mosaic* at the AUTRY MUSEUM

By Helene Rosen and Jan Meisels Allen

In early June JGSCV board member Helene Rosen and I visited the *Jews in the Los Angeles Mosaic* exhibit at the Autry National Center. We also attended a lecture by Ann Kirchner, author of *Lady at the OK Corral*. *Lady at the OK Corral* is a new book about Josephine Sarah Marcus Earp, the Jewish, almost 50-year common law



wife of Wyatt Earp. Wyatt Earp was not Jewish but he is buried with Marcus Earp's family at the synagogue-affiliated Hills of

Eternity Cemetery near San Francisco. Josephine was born in New York in 1860. She was the daughter of Sophia Lewis and Hyman Marcus, Prussian-Jewish immigrants from Posen. The family moved to San Francisco soon after Josephine was born where she led a 'Jewish' life but was not religious.

At 18, Josephine Marcus fled San Francisco with a touring theater group performing H.M.S. Pinafore. Two years later she met Wyatt Earp in Tombstone, Arizona. By then, Earp was the only survivor of the famous gunfight at the OK Corral. When Josephine arrived in Tombstone Wyatt's common law wife was Mattie and Josephine's partner was Johnny Bedan. Bedan was clear that he was not interested in marrying Josephine. Wyatt and Behan were rivals in several ways not just for Josephine's affection.

While this is not a review of Kirchner's book, the program, was engaging, focusing on a

spirited woman with ambition and adventure who spent almost 50 years with one of America's folk heroes. The book talks about frontier boomtowns and mining camps from Arizona to Colorado to California to Alaska to Hollywood and more! Kirchner's research on Josephine is very enlightening and the path a genealogist would follow to find out details of the life of someone in their family tree.

It was personally intriguing to learn that Kirchner grew up in the same "town" within New York City as I did: Jackson Heights, Queens. We even went to the same Junior High School - albeit at different times. I had not known this before.

Sitting near Helene and me was Harriet Rochlin, the author of *Pioneer Jews in West* (a copy of which is in our library).



Across the aisle were

JGSCV members, Sara and Anita Hyman. Sara is a docent at the Autry Museum and unexpectedly and delightfully she took Helene and me on a tour of the exhibit following the presentation by Ann Kirchner.

Sara Hyman will be our docent for an exclusive JGSCV members-only tour of the *Jews in the Los Angeles Mosaic* later this fall. More information will be shared in the next few months

# VALIDATING RECORDS



By Jan Meisels Allen

Last month I attended the National Genealogical Society conference in Las Vegas. One of the sessions was given by Thomas W. Jones *PhD, CG, FASG, FNGS*. Mr.

Jones (left) is a genealogist who is very well known outside of world of Jewish Genealogy. His session, *Debunking Misleading Records*, focused on standards of proof and the questioning of sources. In order to validate a record, one has to question the validity of a record. Unfortunately, many of us assume just because a record states something it is fact. As genealogists, we need to question so we can detect errors. Probably many of us reading this story shared information that was false as we did not research the accuracy. I know when I first started my genealogical journey in 1998 I took information and assumed it was “fact” without doing my “due diligence”. As I matured as a genealogist I learned the **necessity** of both fact checking and citing sources. I also found errors on family vital records. For example, on my late paternal uncle’s death certificate his daughter--my cousin—had listed the incorrect maiden name of his mother-our grandmother. She used the married name of our grandmother’s eldest sister. I wrote to the state to have it corrected. [I have our grandmother’s birth record and death record as corroborating evidence of the correct maiden name].



We detect errors by analysis and comparison. We then discard the incorrect information. We prove correct answers by explaining and documenting our conclusion, including the resolution of conflicting evidence. Mr. Jones suggested discarding incorrect information when it is:

- Information that you cannot corroborate
- Secondary or indeterminable information from a derivative source
- Information you can document or convincingly explain as incorrect
- Some combination of these.

In his recently published book, *Mastering Genealogical Proof*, he talks about the Board of Certification of Genealogists determination of accuracy and labeled it “Genealogical Proof Standard” [GPS]. The book is written to help researchers and family historians understand and use the GPS. Because of the importance of accuracy in our family history research, the JGSCV Board decided to purchase Mr. Jones’ book and it is now in the JGSCV Traveling Library under Category B “How To Books”.

Genealogists are naturally curious and we ask questions. Without curiosity we would not be good researchers and without questions we would never get answers. Remember we are detectives and questions are the basis of our research and the answers need to be validated.

## Highlights From:

# Łódź: Manchester of Poland

*By Jan Meisels Allen*

Debra Kay Blatt, JGSCV founding member and Secretary, gave an outstanding presentation on *Łódź, Manchester of Poland*. Debra has been researching her family for 15 years and has published in the *Kielce-Radom Special Interest Group Journal*, and has been a volunteer for JewishGen, JRI-Poland, and the Łódź Area Research Group.



Łódź grew from a small village to the second largest city in Poland—and remained such for 100 years. Jews migrated to Łódź from small villages and towns to work in the textile industry. Łódź was founded in 1805-1816 as an international city and people were invited to move there from Poland, Bohemia, Germany, Silesia and more. As people came from elsewhere to Łódź, it is a “genealogical challenge” as to where they originally lived. Jews were a significant presence in the history and development of Łódź through the time of the holocaust.

Some of the top 10 reasons to research Łódź according to Debra include: Polish vital records exist for the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries; the Łódź Ghetto has extensive surviving documents; people immigrated to Łódź from towns and villages in the region and it was a central point in the journey from there to America. She discussed the various resources for researching Łódź through JewishGen and Jewish Records Indexing-Poland (JRI-PL) and other sources.

To better understand Łódź, Debra began by giving an overview of the history of Poland. The Jewish population grew over time: 10,000-30,000 Jews in 1500; 750,00 in 1800; 600,000+ by 1921.

Łódź had a long period of Jewish autonomy and growth. In 1793 there were 11 Jews in the City; by 1897 there were approximately 98,400 and by 1931 almost 203,000 Jews in Łódź. At the time of the holocaust there were 3 million Jews living in Poland.

Before 1820 there was no Jewish presence in Łódź —it was a church-owned small village. By the late 18<sup>th</sup> century there were few Jewish families—mainly small shopkeepers, brewers and innkeepers. There was no synagogue or cemetery until 1809-1811. Prior to the industrial revolution, Jews lived in towns and practiced trades such as tailoring and shoemaking. The industrial revolution in the 1800’s helped grow factories and steam engines which spurred migration to cities. Many Jews were industrialists. Debra gave an historical review of the area through the 19<sup>th</sup> century and how the area grew. In 1862 the Czar lifted previous restrictions on migration from poor villages and by the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century from the Russian Empire.

In the 1900's Jews experienced pogroms, WWI which inspired immigration to Canada, United States, South America and Australia.

Jews had self-government – a Kehillah - and Jews were let to work out their own affairs.

Poland was a “bread basket” as it produced grain. Jews fit into the economic model and were given licenses to sell alcohol for the time and region. At one point 40% of Jewish males were involved with the industry.

Debra mentioned 178 letters written from 1922-1939 by Wolf Lewkowicz, a resident of Łódź to his nephew living in Chicago. They give a first-hand account of living in Łódź -- the citation is included in Debra's handout which is available on the JGSCV website (<http://www.jgscv.org>) under meetings, prior and the meeting date.

The Germans occupied Łódź in September 1939 and established the second largest ghetto in Poland and it became an industrial center. The Łódź ghetto is probably the most extensively researched ghetto in Poland. Łódź became Litzmannstadt. A Judenrat was formed and its leader was Chaim Rumkowski – a Jewish businessman who thought the key to Jewish survival was productivity in the Ghetto. The children age 10 and under were deported from the Ghetto in 1942. The elderly and sick were also deported. With waves of deportation, the ghetto was liquidated in 1944. Out of the 200,000 sent to Auschwitz from the Łódź Ghetto, only 800 were alive upon liberation of the Camp.

In addition to photographs that Debra showed from her trip to Łódź and those found in Archives, Debra reviewed Łódź sources on JewishGen.org from alternate names, Yizkor book translations, JewishGen Family Finder—start with the town search,

kehilalinks, JOWBR (Jewish On-line Worldwide Burial Registry) and nearby Jewish Communities and the Łódź Ghetto Deportation List (240,000 inhabitants of the Ghetto from 1940-1944 gleaned from the population books). Also discussed was the All-Poland Database, which is a multiple database search engine. The search engine includes JRI-PL and JewishGen databases. She suggested starting to research there using the family surnames you are studying. There are also cemetery records from the Łódź cemetery. While the “old” cemetery is no longer in existence, there is a list of burials from, 1822-1922. There is information on the “new” cemetery and “Tahara” Lists (lists of names found on wooden boards found in the purification room). Look at the JewishGen cemetery databases [www.jewishgen.org/databases/cemetery](http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/cemetery) to access these databases.

Debra reviewed where one should research Łódź records: JewishGen (<http://jewishgen.org>); Polish State Archives (addresses for the archives and regional archives are on the JRI-PL website), JRI-PL, an independent organization which is hosted on JewishGen <http://jri-poland.org>, business directories which are indexed by JRI-PL and all Poland directories listed on the <http://genealogyindexer.org/directories>

The Łódź Area research Group (LARG) is a forum for exchange of information and dissemination of genealogical information regarding Łódź. There are over 80 towns included LARG. If you are researching Łódź and the nearby area you might wish to subscribe to this listserve – <http://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/Lodz/LARG.htm>.

# Second Computer Workshop For JGSCV Members-Only

JGSCV is delighted to announce new arrangements with the Conejo Valley Adult Education Center in Thousand Oaks to hold another *Members-Only* computer workshop session on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 1-4PM. This, our second computer workshop, will be an "Introduction to the Family Search Website" <https://www.familysearch.org>. Family Search has millions of records that have been digitized and are available free online. JGSCV member, Barbara Algaze who is also a volunteer at the Los Angeles Family History Center and JGSLA Librarian will be the instructor. Barbara also provides the excellent overview at our annual assisted research afternoon at the LAFHC.

This workshop is in addition to our monthly programs held at Temple Adat Elohim, and is offered exclusively to 2013 dues-paid members. If you have not yet renewed or joined JGSCV for 2013 this is an excellent reason to do so now!

***This workshop will be limited to 24 participants as we learned from the first one that holding the workshop in two rooms was not ideal.***

"An Introduction to the Family Search website" will be available on a first-come first-serve basis. **To participate, you must register through JGSCV.** You may NOT register through the school. If you are interested, contact Jan Meisels Allen at [president@jgscv.org](mailto:president@jgscv.org). (Note, only Conejo Valley Adult Education Center computers will be used for this workshop. Please do **not** bring your own laptop.) **There is a \$10 participant fee for this workshop to help defray a portion of the cost.**

JGSCV will pay the balance. Registered participants will be required to pay the fee upon entrance by check or cash.

The class will start ***promptly at 1:00 PM on October 20<sup>th</sup>***. Late arriving registrants will be admitted but will be required to catch up on their own. Please plan to arrive early enough to be ready to begin at 1PM. **The Conejo Valley Adult Education Center is located at 1025 Old Farm Road in Thousand Oaks.**

JGSCV is required to provide The Adult Education Center with information about each registered participant. If you have a family membership and both members want to participate that is considered two (2) registrations (two \$10 fees) and both must submit the information below. Therefore, in your email to Jan please provide the following information:

## **How to Register for "An Introduction to the Family Search Website"**

Only emails to Jan Meisels Allen at [president@jgscv.org](mailto:president@jgscv.org) with the following information will be accepted

(Do Not Contact the School Directly):

1. Name
2. Address
3. Phone number (cell or landline)
4. Birth date including birth year (this is the unique identifier used by the school)

**NOTE:** If you have a family membership to JGSCV and both members wish to attend, you

MUST provide the above information *separately* for each family member.

The school assures us that this information will not be used for solicitation or other purposes unless you give them permission to contact you following the class.

For those who register, it will be helpful if you bring a USB (flash) drive with you to copy and bring home any documents you may create or want to download. Please bring with you the family names and towns you wish to research. A handout will be provided at the class to those who are registered.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

1. Be a JGSCV 2013 dues paid member- neither spouses nor friends that are not current JGSCV members may attend and

those who are current members need to be individually registered.

2. **You must be proficient in basic computer skills:** how to work a mouse- including the difference between right and left clicking, opening and closing a window, getting on the internet, migrating through webpages and **following directions.** The computers use Windows 7 operating system. **This is not a class on learning how to use a computer.** The only assistance given will be how to use the Family Search website.

The limited number of spaces will go quickly so please sign-up now! Additional information will be provided to registered participants. If you have any questions contact Jan at [president@jgscv.org](mailto:president@jgscv.org)

## **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

**JGSCV Welcomes New Members**  
**LELAND and ARLEEN BLUM**

# NEW ADDITIONS TO THE JGSCV TRAVELING LIBRARY

Since last reported in January 2013'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](mailto:president@JGSCV.org). The books in the traveling library are categorized A, B, C or D determining which come to which monthly meeting. Category A books are available at every meeting. At each monthly meeting either category B, C or D books will be available (in addition to 'A'). A full list of all of our permanent and traveling library holdings may be found on the website: [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org).

## NEW ADDITIONS:

A Memorial to the Martyrs of Rhodes and Kos 1944-1945 (Yizkor Book) Yad Vashem, Israel (in French and Spanish) (Category C)

Abraham's Children: Race, Identity and the DNA of the Chosen People, Jon Entine Grand Central Publishing 2007 (Category D)

Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean, Edward Kritzler First Anchor Books 2008 (Category C)

Legends of the Chinese Jews of Kaifeng, Xu Xin KTAV Publishing New Jersey 1995 (Category D)

Lithuanian Jewry: 1993 A Demographic and Sociocultural Profile Sidney and Alice Goldstein Hebrew University of Jerusalem 1997 (Category B)

Mastering Genealogical Proof, Thomas W. Jones National Genealogical Society Special Topic Series NGS Arlington VA 2013 (Category B)

My Father's Paradise A Son's Search For His Family Past, Ariel Sabar Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill 2009 (Category D)

New York City, Long Island, and Westchester County NGS Research in the States Series Laura Murphy DeGrazia National Genealogical Society NGS Special Publication Number 108 VA 2013 (Category C)

The Alhambra, Decree David Raphael Carmi House, California 1988 (Category C)

The Complete Black Book of Russian Jewry (eyewitness testimonies, letters, affidavits etc. on activities of Nazi's against Jews in camps, ghettos etc. Eastern Europe), Ilya Ehrenburg, Vasily Grossman, Translated by David Patterson, Transaction Publisher USA. 2007 (Category D)

The Hidden Children, Howard Greenfeld Ticknor and Fields New York 1993 (Category D)

The Holocaust Failed in Denmark, Jorgen H. Barford Naranyana Press, Gylling Denmark 1985 (Category D)

The Jewish Writer, Jill Krementz Henry Holt & Co New York 1998 (Category D)

The Jews in the California Gold Rush Robert E. Levinson Commission for the Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and Landmarks of the Judah L. Magnes Museum 1994 Second Printing (Category C)

The Lehmans: From Rimparr to the New World A Family History Roland Flade Königshausen & Neumann Wurzburg Germany 1996 (Category C)

The Ottenheimers of Arkansas, Carolyn Gray LeMaster 1995 Rose Publishing (copy) (Category C)

Under the Vine and The Fig Tree: The Jews of Napa Valley Lin Weber Jewish Historical Society of Napa Valley Wine Ventures Publishing California 2003 (Category C)