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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

JGSCV had the great opportunity to hear seven members share their genealogical successes, brick walls and artifacts at our annual 'Genealogy In The Round' meeting. The topics ranged from an unsolicited announcement of Albert Einstein as a cousin, to a family tree handed down through generations, to rogue relatives who abandoned their families, to a genealogical trip and Ancestry.com's help in finding documents that assisted in confirming relationships. See page 8 for the highlights of the meeting.

Thank you to Marion Werle who facilitated our schmoozing corner, which gives attendees the opportunity to ask questions about their genealogy with a senior member of the Society.

Many of us may be visiting family this summer. If you do, don't forget to take advantage of the opportunity to ask questions that may help fill in gaps on your family history. If you have some old family photographs with unidentified people - bring copies of the photos with you and ask questions. You may be pleasantly surprised and learn who the "mystery" people are. If you are traveling to a location that was a family hometown or



NEXT MEETING

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

Beyond The Family Tree

JGSCV board member Marion Werle explains and demonstrates how to make your family tree more interesting than just names and dates.

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ancestral home, look for histories of the town/city. You never know – your family might be mentioned.

We have almost completed the move of the majority of our traveling library books to the permanent library at the Agoura Hills Library, a branch of the County of Los Angeles Library. I expect only those books *not* being transferred to the permanent library will be available at the September 15th meeting. Hopefully, I will be able to announce the completion of the transfer in the September newsletter. Remember, the books are **not** circulating, whether by members or non-members. We will have a lot of growth room. If you wish to donate books of genealogical value, please first check our website [www.jgscv.org] under both traveling and permanent and to see if JGSCV already owns that book. We will consider accepting books of genealogical relevance (not Judaica) that JGSCV does not already own.

The October 20th computer workshop on Using the FamilySearch website is filling up quickly. As of this writing there is room for only 8 more individuals. Remember, there is a \$10 fee at the door. I will start a wait list if necessary but we are not able to accommodate more than a total 24 in the class and sixteen have already signed up. More on the class on page 11.

We have not yet set a date for the visit to the Autry Museum for *Jews in the Los Angeles Mosaic*. More information on that next month—we will need at least 10 people for a personal docent lead tour. Let me know if you would be interested in attending.

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—volunteer blocks are in four-hour increments. Go to <http://venturacountyfair.org/pages/3447/> for more information.

We don't meet in August due to the 33rd annual IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy co-hosted with the JGS of Greater Boston. Highlights of the conference will be included in the September issue of *Venturing Into Our Past*.

Do look at our list of upcoming meetings on page 13. The programs are set through the end of the year and some programs into 2014. We meet again on September 15th — a bit later in the month than normal due to the early occurrence of the High Holidays.

Our September 15th program is with our own Marion Werle speaking on: *"Beyond the Family Tree – Bringing Your Family Stories to Life"*. Marion will discuss approaches to adding interest to your family stories. She will cover what to write about, where to begin and how to keep from being overwhelmed.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Jan Meisels Allen

VENTURING INTO OUR PAST



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 by selecting the membership button.

NGS REFERENCES FOR RESEARCH

The National Genealogical Society has compiled a list of Genealogical Standards and Guidelines for individuals wishing to improve their skills and performance in genealogical pursuits. You may access those files at: <http://tinyurl.com/l3e9zye>

NEW ONLINE RESOURCE

Thomas MacEntee (organizer of 'GeneaBloggers') has created a new technology resource for the genealogy community. "Hack Genealogy" will provide information on emerging technology that can impact genealogists. For more information including *discussions, e-guides, interviews, product reviews,* etc. visit: <http://tinyurl.com/lqtfhbb>

LA TIMES STORY OF NAZI FLIGHT

Seventy four years ago Leon Prochnik and his family fled the Nazis leaving their chocolate factory behind. Here is the LA Times' report of how he shares his story with local students: <http://tinyurl.com/lgh29bs>

JOWBR DATABASE NOW EXCEEDS TWO MILLION RECORDS

The JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry contains names and other information captured from cemeteries and burial records worldwide. Recently, 20,000 records have been added from 140 German cemeteries. The JOWBR site is: <http://tinyurl.com/ko3pl47>

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE ON TLC

The genealogy show that uncovers the family history of celebrities, "Who Do You Think You Are" now airs on cable's TLC. The first episode aired on July 23rd and featured Kelly Clarkson. Information of future shows as well as full episodes of shows that have aired can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/o4mf2yc>

LEARNING FROM THE CEMETERY PLOT

The 'genealogy insider' blog offers step-by-step clues on how a genealogist found more than she expected when visiting a family plot at a hometown cemetery: <http://tinyurl.com/kvo7ygr>

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, on



Sunday, September 15, 2013 1:30-3:30 PM

2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

The Program:

Beyond the Family Tree - Bringing Your Family Stories to Life

When you bring out your family tree and genealogy reports at a family gathering, do your relatives' eyes glaze over? Are you overwhelmed with data after so many years of research and wonder how to tell your family's story without getting lost in the details? Have you done so much research that you don't even know where to start in telling your family's tale? If so, this program is for you. Marion Werle will discuss approaches to adding interest to your family stories. She will cover what to write about, where to begin and how to keep from being overwhelmed. She will discuss various techniques like how to add background and context to make your ancestor come alive and how to use timelines to help tell your story. She will also discuss the importance of sharing your own life history.

Speaker: Marion Werle, began her family history research over 17 years ago, researching family from Lithuania, Latvia and Belarus. She is on the board of JGSCV, is a past president of the Latvia SIG and has also been on the board of JGSLA. She is a member of the SCGS Writers Group and has attended a number of lectures on family history writing, and has several writing projects in progress. She has master's degrees in both European History and Library Science from UCLA.



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.

JGSCV UPDATES . . .

Traveling Library books in category A –D will be available at the July 14th 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. See the website (www.jgscv.org) for recent additions. Remember most of our books are in the process of being transferred to our permanent library at the Agoura Hills Library.



THE SCHMOOZING CORNER is 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. September speaker and JGSCV board member Marion Werle (left in photo right) is helping Sharlene Pass at last month's meeting.



“Venturing Into Our Past” is not only a channel for the JGSCV to communicate with members, but also a channel for members to communicate and share with each other. We are constantly seeking your genealogical stories, brickwalls and insights to publish in “Venturing Into Our Past” so the entire JGSCV community may benefit from research or insights garnered from individual sleuthing, hard work and (so often) just plain luck. We welcome your stories and offer our help to bring your stories to the written page. Please contact Allan Linderman, editor of “Venturing Into Our Past” (newslettereditor@jgscv.org) with ideas or thoughts. Allan will help organize your thoughts to get started or write your story for you. Or anything in between. We have many, many stories in our society and can surely help each other with insights into our genealogical journeys.

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 help 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:

LIVE! VIDEO STREAMING



This year's IAJGS conference will be held in Boston August 4–9. JGSCV board members Debra Kay-Blatt, Warren Blatt and Hal Bookbinder will be presenting programs as will JGSCV president, Jan Meisels Allen. The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (www.iajgs.org) and the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston (www.jgsgb.org) are co-hosts. The conference features more than 300 lectures and workshops bringing together, from around the world, the best minds in Jewish genealogy to share, to learn and to discover.

People who cannot attend in person can still view many of the programs via live streaming. *IAJGS Conference LIVE!* will provide a valuable service to the global Jewish genealogical community – providing accessibility to thousands of people, young and old, to a source of new-found knowledge and ultimately enabling them to discover their ancestors, cousins, and a thread of common identity.

The first ever *IAJGS Conference LIVE!* will use the latest video streaming technology to broadcast live from the 33rd *IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy*. Annually, the

International Association of Jewish Genealogy (IAJGS) brings the best minds and knowledge in the field of Jewish genealogy to its conference. This year the conference will host more than 1,000 attendees from 17 countries. Via *LIVE!* video streaming, however, anyone in any location with the desire to learn more about their Jewish family history will be able to tap into this knowledge and attend the event via the Internet.

LIVE! will broadcast approximately 50 sessions over five days from the Boston venue. *LIVE!* participants will be able to view the sessions in real time via an Internet connection to a computer or tablet or smartphone. Sessions will also be available for playback for three months after the conference. Handouts, where provided by the speaker, will be available via download. *LIVE!* participants will be able to ask questions of the speakers and panelists via Twitter. *LIVE!* participants will be able to join either by paying a daily fee or a fee for the entire five days of sessions. *IAJGS Conference LIVE!* is being produced by the IAJGS, FamilySearch, and thanks to the generosity of Harvey Krueger. To view the schedule of *LIVE!* sessions, to learn more about *IAJGS Conference LIVE!*, and to register, go to www.live.iajgs2013.org.

See page 12 for more 'quick links' to Conference information.

MYHERITAGE.COM ASSISTS IN RECOVERING PROPERTY STOLEN IN THE HOLOCAUST

By Jan Meisels Allen

Many descendants and survivors of the holocaust have listed their names with the Claims Conference [Conference on Jewish Material Claims against Germany, a private New York-based organization that works to secure restitution for survivors and their heirs] . However, not all knew about this or did not think it was relevant to them. A new twist on how people are being found, is from Israel-based social media genealogy company, MyHeritage. MyHeritage is using the Internet to help match property stolen by the Nazis to heirs of the victims. Behind the new push to use social media to help people to make restitution claims has been



Gilad Japhet (left), CEO and founder My Heritage, A few months back, Japhet read a report about the Claims Conference's list of over 40,000 buildings, stores and factories that could

not be matched with their original owners. Japhet matched some names on the list to the millions of names that users had posted on MyHeritage's family trees online. Japhet put together a team of five employees and had them write a computer program that



automatically matches the names on the Claims Conference's list with those on the virtual family trees. So far, they have been able to match about 150 names on the list with names on the family trees.

Descendants can come forward to claim their family's assets until the end of 2014 if they find their original property on a recently released list by the Claims Conference, called the Late Applicants Fund. Due to the aging of holocaust survivors many have died and with them much of the information that might have been needed for descendants to make a claim. As the records become digitized they may find more families to make claims.

MyHeritage is doing this as a "mitzvah" and does not expect or desire any compensation for finding the people or any part of the restitution.

To read more about the story go to: <http://tinyurl.com/ktap9ud>

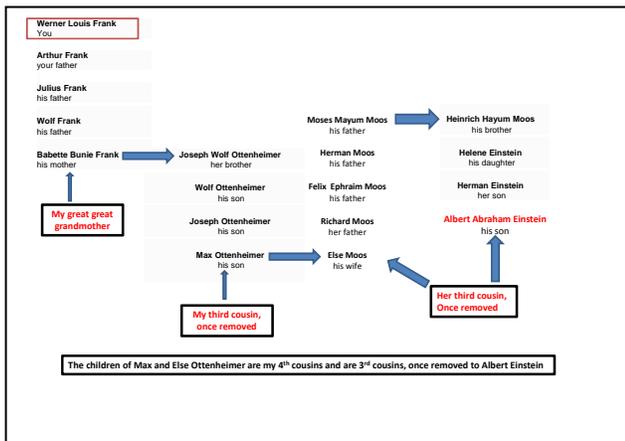
Thank you to Randy Hershaft, AP researcher who contributed to the story for alerting us to this story.

Highlights From:

Genealogy in the Round

By Jan Meisels Allen

JGSCV had seven presentations for the annual Genealogy in the Round program- ranging from a 1920's framed family tree to how hard it is to hide information from the internet-to using Ancestry to help establish a genealogical connection, a roots trip - promulgation of unmaintained data can lead to gross errors and more.



The first presenter was JGSCV founding member, **Werner Frank** who talked on “Discovering My Connection to Albert Einstein”. Werner received an unsolicited notification from Geni about his being related to Albert Einstein. He walked us through his family tree to find the connection—which showed Werner’s 3rd cousin once removed was the wife of his cousin and was Albert Einstein’s third cousin once removed. That raised the question: Is genealogy about relationships/and or connections? If Max and Else had an Einstein family reunion perhaps Werner would have been invited!

JGSCV webmaster **David Oseas** gave an update on his Klein family and related some surprises that came about serendipitously. David was given a box of family memorabilia which included citizenship certificates, birth, marriage and death records and photographs that had the names of the people spelled out on the backs. Annie was a new relative who he located using a known relative’s death record (Benjamin Klein) and correlating the address in the census. The ship’s manifest showed Rose (Benjamin’s wife) coming over with children Anna [Hannah] and Isadore. David demonstrated that his known documents had possible links such census, death and passenger manifest records. A WWI draft record included the name of Isadore Klein’s home town in Hungary which helped in his research. Why was Benjamin buried alone? Benjamin died young in 1916. What happened to Rose? She was listed in the 1920 census living with her daughter Anna Stecker and her husband and children, but not the 1925 New York State census or the 1930 federal census.

Searching Anna Stecker, using Family Tree Maker, a “shaky leaf” showed her linked through her husband on the tree of Phyllis Kramer, JewishGen’s VP for Education. David contacted Phyllis and asked her to share his contact information with a grandchild listed on the FTM tree. They corresponded, and David shared a photo with them he had that did not have the names on the back—and they had the same photo! It was Rose in 1942—she had remarried and therefore, no

longer using the same - the reason David could not find her.

Lesson's David learned:

- Take every opportunity to ask questions of family members
- Try to obtain every document, even though it may seem to be redundant
- Follow-up on every lead
- Follow parallel branches of the family
- Don't discard possibilities too early
- Cast as wide a net as possible

Karen Lewy, JGSCV treasurer, talked about using multiple sources to find records focusing on her husband Barry's family the Lewy's and the Oettinger's [Julius Lewy Barry's great grandfather married Amilia Oettinger].

The sources Karen used included:

Family notes and documents, Ancestry.com, *Baltimore Sun* papers, FamilySerach.org, local synagogues and cemeteries and Google. Karen was able to discover census information from Ancestry.com for 1870, 1880 and 1900, a second marriage record from Family Search and City directories as of 1902. From the *Baltimore Sun* papers Karen was able to find obituaries and read the tombstone information by visiting the cemeteries where the Lewy-Oettingers were buried.

Still having several brick walls, she searched Google and found a *Biographical and Historical Cyclopedia of Westmoreland County PA* that included an entire biography on Julius Lewy starting in Mecklenburg-Schwerin Germany in 1834, traveling to Sweden, immigrating to the US, where he worked in New York and then settling in Mt. Pleasant PA, marriage dates and lists his son. [Searching on Google and Google Books is an

excellent source for genealogical research.] Karen still has research to do but this has helped chip away at her brick walls.

Mike Sanders showed a framed family tree from the 1920's that he remembers from growing up and inspired his interest in family history. Since the family heirloom (below left) now



belongs to him, Mike has made notes by adding information obtained from the United States Citizenship and Information Service (USCIS), Jewish Gen and Ancestry.com.

Sue Geiger talked about *Tracking Down Black Sheep in the Family* and that it is a lot harder to hide in the Internet age. The side that Sue talked about was her maternal side—starting with her grandmother Edna Merle McKnight and her two brothers who each abandoned their wives and young children. Both brothers headed west from Minnesota and started new families without benefit of divorce. They were not heard from again for over 80 years. Sue advocates posting your tree on at least one of the genealogy sites. It was by such a posting that a previously unknown cousin—a child of one of the great uncles, found her on Ancestry.com. She thought she had no living relatives and has now found her half siblings and many nieces and nephews.

The abandoned wives were listed in city directories and census as “widowed” and the two “rogues” are listed as single in census records. Even the obituary of one of the “rogues” lists him with no survivors—making the point not to believe everything you read including in an obituary. Sue was able to trace a second family for one of the great uncles using the San Francisco City Directories, California Voter Registrations,

and newspaper articles all from Ancestry.com. Fortunately, the “abandonment” feature was not carried through to the children left behind. One of the sons who died at age 90 left 8 children, 22 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren.

Helene Rosen, JGSCV Vice President, talked about her recent genealogical trip to Texas. Learning as a teenager that she had an uncle who served as a Captain in the Confederacy sparked Helene’s interest in genealogy. As they lived in Texas, Helene had on her “bucket” list to visit the town they were in and to see their graves. This Spring Helene and a friend went off to Austin TX and visited Oakwood Cemetery to visit the grave of Sprinze Seelig Badt, the Captain’s mother and Helene’s third great grandmother. Her tombstone states that she was born in 1776 and died in 1888 at 112 years of age. In the 1880 census she is reported as being as being 93 years old and her husband Joseph Badt as 65. That would mean that she aged 19 years between 1880 and her death in 1888. Also it means that she would have given birth to Captain Seelig Alexander at age 48. All questionable and another reason to question dates on a gravestone. Helene then went on to LaGrange TX, the home of Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, but Helene’s reason for visiting LaGrange is that it was the home of the Alexander family where she visited the old historic Jewish Cemetery. Helene wrote

about her trip in the June issue of *Venturing Into Our Past*.

Hal Bookbinder, founding member of JGSCV, spoke about the Canadian Ancestors that he found on Ancestry.com. Hal discussed the Bookbinders he found starting in Rivne Raine and Rivne Oblast, Ukraine that ended up in Winnipeg, Canada. The area in the Ukraine that Mottel Bookbinder was from is the same geographic area as Hal’s known family was from—Dubno--however, not all Bookbinders are necessarily related—and that is the challenge Hal is working on-to try to identify those who are related. The word ‘Bookbinder’ derives from a profession. The 1916 Manitoba Census shows Mottel now known as Mike coming from the same area Volhynia as Hal’s known family from Dubno. The census gives additional information such as year of immigration, naturalization, nationality, “race” and occupation. Several of the Canadian censuses were shown which are available from the website of the Library and Archives Canada. Canada destroyed all naturalization documents before 1916. Other documents that helped Hal in his research were Border Crossings from Canada to the United States, Canadian Passenger lists, United Kingdom Outward Passenger lists, vital records—all found on Ancestry.com which has over 300 Canadian databases. Hal also researched the Barenberg’s, his father’s mother’s maiden name.

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

Only Eight Openings Left For The Second Computer Workshop

JGSCV's second *Members-Only* computer workshop is booking up fast. The "introduction to the Family Search Website" will take place on October 20th from 1-4 PM at the Conejo Valley Adult Education Center in Thousand Oaks. 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 20th from 1-4PM. Family Search (<https://www.familysearch.org>) 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!

There are only 8 openings remaining. Please act soon if you plan to attend! There is no room for overflow.

"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. (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 20th***. 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 to JGSCV 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 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 8 remaining spaces will go quickly so please sign-up now if you plan to attend! Additional information will be provided to registered participants. If you have any questions contact Jan at president@jgscv.org

IAJGS CONFERENCE ‘QUICK LINKS’

Conference Basics:	http://tinyurl.com/n4pwzek
Log In for Speaker Handouts:	http://tinyurl.com/magxxxo
Boston Area Research:	http://tinyurl.com/lvkxvdk
Exhibitor Hall Participants:	http://tinyurl.com/n6zvcfv
Conference Hours:	http://tinyurl.com/lxqll69
Getting The Most Out Of The Conference:	http://tinyurl.com/mbdtdks
Frequently Asked Questions:	http://tinyurl.com/ms46x48

JGSCV Meeting Dates Through June, 2014* at

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

Sunday, September 15th 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 6th 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 4th 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 15th 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 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 TBD

Monday, April 7th 7:00-9:00 PM "Navigating FindMyPast.com"

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

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