

# VENTURING INTO OUR PAST



# JGSCV

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### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I was in New Jersey and New York attending my great-great nephew's (that is not a typo) Bar Mitzvah—when JGSCV met on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Genealogy is all about family and this was an opportunity to see nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews! Tom and I had a wonderful time. We stayed another 5 days after the Bar Mitzvah and visited more family and friends and even worked on three sides of my family tree by adding and correcting the different branches.

Thanks to Warren Blatt for conducting the meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Joel Weintraub's program: *Manifest Destiny-Names at Ellis Island* was excellent. I attended Joel's presentation at the IAJS conference in August and knew it would be well received. See the summary of Joel's program on page 6 by JGSCV board member, Andrea Massion. Joel's handout is on the JGSCV website: [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org) under meetings/prior/11 September Thank you to Werner Frank for facilitating the Schmoozing Corner.

As a California Corporation, JGSCV is required to have a Secretary for record keeping. Despite numerous requests to eligible members by JGSCV Nomination Committee chairman, Hal Bookbinder, no one has agreed to accept that position and run for the board. Fortunately, Helene Rosen our VP of Membership has been doing double duty since our past secretary retired from the board. If anyone is willing to take on this role please let me know. The Nominating Committee will make its recommendations to the membership in November,



**Joel Weintraub guest speaker at JGSCV's  
September meeting**

### NEXT MEETING

**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30 PM**

### ***Immigration After the Civil War***

Judy G. Russell the renown *Legal Genealogist* will describe the challenges faced by our ancestors as they tried to immigrate to America after the Civil War.

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### Mission Statement:

JGSCV is a non-profit organization run by enthusiastic volunteers dedicated to the sharing of genealogical information, techniques and research tools with those interested in Jewish genealogy and family history. Members who include beginners and experienced genealogists share with each other.

per our by-laws.

Starting in 2001, US Congress declared October as Family History Month. Checkout the local archives, the National Archives and do some of your own research. A list of suggestions on celebrating genealogy is on page 10. The National Archives is holding its annual virtual genealogy fair on 26-27 October. To read more about this see page 8.

October is when JGSCV begins its annual membership drive. Forms are available on page 15 of the newsletter, on our website [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org) under "About JGSCV" and will be available at our meetings. For those who renew or join now through our 4 December meeting **and attend** the 4 December meeting, their names will be eligible to be drawn for wonderful genealogical gifts including subscriptions to Ancestry.com, Findmypast, MyHeritage, Fold3.com, Newspapers.com, FamilyTreeMaker, Legacy FamilyTree, Legacy Webinars, DNA testing from several companies and more! Each of these prizes is worth much more than the cost of an annual membership subscription.

I hope everyone has signed-up or renewed their Ralphs Community Program and made JGSCV your charity of choice. JGSCV relies on the contributions from Ralphs and Amazon.com to help our budget. Contributions from both of these organizations equal about 20-25 percent of our operating budget and it doesn't cost you anything. **Each September 1<sup>st</sup> Ralphs requires all those previously registered to re-register.** We rely on both members and non-members to support JGSCV through these two programs. For more information on both programs see pages 5 and 17.

October is JGSCV's 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We appreciate the support of Temple Adat Elohim, our meeting co-sponsor since our first meeting. For our 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary program we have the renowned *Legal Genealogist*, Judy Russell speaking on *Through the Golden Door-Immigration after the Civil War*. Judy will explain why America's doors were open to all before the Civil War, with few restrictions. Afterwards, the laws began tightening with exclusions and quotas. Sometimes, even visas were required. How did the immigration laws affect your ancestors who immigrated after the Civil War? What challenges did they have to enter America's "golden door"?

We are delighted that JGSLA, our sister society, is co-sponsoring this special lecture, along with Temple Adat Elohim. This could not have happened without Pat Thomas, JGSCV member and vice president of the Ventura County Genealogical Society. Pat suggested we partner with VCGS where Judy Russell is their one-day conference speaker the day before our meeting. Judy will be presenting *Through the Golden Door* only to JGSCV that weekend.

L'Shana Tova! On behalf of the JGSCV Board we wish all our members a very happy, healthy, prosperous and safe New Year! Looking forward to seeing you on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

*Jan Meisels Allen*



## Vive le Jewish History

Pierre Curin is a French historian and genealogist living in France. He writes on his website: "It is well known that the Alsatian Jewish community, mostly rural, was the biggest of whole France at the evolution in 1789 and already offered from the Sephardim living in cities of southern France."

More on Monsieur Curin at <http://tinyurl.com/hfi4oko>

## Food Genealogy?

There is a field of study to determine the origins of your food, and they call it Food Genealogy. Writer Paul Mabrey suggests that "In the context of food, a genealogy aims to account for the entire life-cycle of your food."

He discusses why knowing the source and processes of your food can lead to improved nutrition and health. Even the seeds may be genetically modified.

Mabrey suggests reading Michael Pollan's *The Omnivores Dilemma*. "Pollan's book traces entire food genealogies for four different types of meals he prepared."

Perhaps we need another category on our individual genealogy records for each ancestor: favorite foods? Allergies? Famous for what recipe! See more at: <http://tinyurl.com/z655njf>



## Yizkor Candles at Yom Kippur

To many Jewish Genealogists, our work reflects the memory of our families and the gifts they left us. Like the memorial candle, our work also honors those who came before us.

So it's fitting at Yom Kippur's Yizkor service that at home, we light a Yahrzeit candle in memory of a loved one. This candle in glass honors the memory of those no longer with us in life. It is a lovely Jewish minhag (custom). The lighting of a 24-hour candle in the home is not required by halakhah. (Jewish law)

How appropriate for us, the family genealogists and keepers of history, to practice this custom. We light a candle on the Hebrew date of death for our parents, a spouse, siblings, and children, and this is when we also say Kaddish. In addition, there are four more holidays that present this

opportunity. Yom Kippur is one of the four Jewish Holidays that mark Yizkor in the synagogue. The three pilgrimage festivals (Pesach, Shavuot, and Sukkot) also include Yizkor on the last day of each festival.

## Generation Y Explained For Us Boomer Types

D. Josh Taylor, a co-host on Genealogy Roadshow (PBS) has presented at our IAJS Conference. He is a talented, young genealogist and addresses the dilemma of how Societies might attract younger people to genealogy, specifically Gen Y.

Born between 1976 and 2001, Gen Y members are digital natives and have grown up with email, the Internet and social media. One might think that this would be a natural fit to do genealogy, as Mr. Taylor points out in his article on the Huffington Post and on his blog, but there are other factors at work with this techno generation.

Read Taylor's full article at <http://tinyurl.com/hp7prd9>

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

Join JGSCV for our 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!



The Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County (JGSCV) will hold a general meeting, co-sponsored with Temple Adat Elohim, on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, 91362 1:30-3:30 pm

## The Topic: Through the Golden Door - Immigration After the Civil War

America's doors were open to all before the Civil War with few restrictions. Later, the laws began tightening, with exclusions, quotas and more. How did the immigration laws affect your ancestors who immigrated after the Civil War? What challenges did they have to enter America's "golden door"?

**Speaker: Judy G. Russell, *The Legal Genealogist*.** Judy G. Russell is a



genealogist with a law degree. She writes, teaches and lectures on a wide variety of genealogical topics, ranging from using court records in family history to understanding DNA testing. A Colorado native with roots deep in the American south on her mother's side and entirely in Germany on her father's side, she is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society and numerous state and regional genealogical societies. She has written for the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* and *National Genealogical Society Magazine*, among other publications. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, from which she holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist® and Certified Genealogical Lecturer<sup>SM</sup>. Her blog appears at *The Legal Genealogist* website (<http://www.legalgenealogist.com>).

There is no charge to attend the meeting. Anyone may join JGSCV. Annual dues are \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family. Our 2017 membership drive begins with this meeting. Join JGSCV now and membership is good through December 2017. The meeting is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

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 genealogy and family history.

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# JGSCV Updates

See pages 13-14 for the program schedule through August, 2017. There are some extraordinary speakers lined up who will surely whet your genealogical appetite.

JGSCV continues to participate with both Amazon.com as an affiliate and with Ralphs Community Program. Simply enter the Amazon site from any of the JGSCV's website pages. Start at

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<http://www.jgscv.org> and scroll to the bottom to click on the Amazon graphic (like the one here). This takes you to the same page you always start at – except JGSCV will receive a marketing fee at no cost to you. See “notices” on the JGSCV.org website for instructions for Ralphs Community Contribution Program, too. AND, if you shop at Food 4 Less and use your Ralph's card, JGSCV will benefit as though you shopped at Ralph's.

The SCHMOOZING CORNER is open 20 minutes before each monthly meeting is scheduled to begin. Just come to the front right corner of the meeting room and look for the “SCHMOOZING CORNER” sign where next month you will find an experienced JGSCV member waiting to field your individual questions and provide one-to-one help until the meeting begins. On the left in the photo left is JGSCV's founding board member Werner Frank helping a member at the Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Marion Werle will facilitate the SCHMOOZING CORNER on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.



Learn about Password managers from Hal Bookbinder on “Safe Computing” on page 9.

**Be sure to give us your feedback to the questions of page 15.**

*Genealogy Odds and Ends*

on page 12 has more insights on the release of NYC marriage license records.

**JGSCV MEMBERSHIP Annual dues are \$25 for a single membership/\$30 for a household. To join, printout the membership form on our website [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org) by selecting the membership button. Send it with a check in the appropriate amount payable to: JGSCV and mail to Helene Rosen at 28912 Fountainwood St., Agoura Hills, CA 91301**

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Highlights from . . .

# Manifest Destiny: Your Name Was NOT Changed At Ellis Island

*Joel Weintraub Brings the Immigration Experience to Life*

By Andrea Massion



Joel Weintraub is funny. He's also a great educator as he uses a variety of learning modalities to immerse us into the world of immigration to the United States.

Passing around original documents, die-cuts and pictures related to Ellis Island and the other U.S. ports where our ancestors arrived, Joel laid out his agenda and began with a power point full of pictures, photos and details. Another JGS Conejo Valley meeting is underway, and news of this speaker has brought in many new-comers. Joel has made genealogy his passion since the death of his mother. "I asked her to do our family research, but she died. So it was up to

me!" he stated with humor.

The allure of Ellis Island, Galveston and San Francisco has inspired and informed fiction, film and tourism: Lisa See's books on her Chinese family entering at San Francisco, "Brooklyn," the novel by Colm Toibin became an award-winning film with scenes of Irish immigration, and Mark Harelik's play, "The Immigrant" about his Jewish family entering through Galveston, Texas come to mind. Mystery writer Nevada Barr sets an entire book, "Liberty Falling" on Ellis Island before its renovation was completed in 1990.



Die-cut cards (above) were sent to kin in the old country, encouraging them to come to the "Goldina Medina." The Hebrew under the American eagle is from the evening prayer, Hashkiveinu: Give us refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Joel Weintraub takes us there as well. He begins with a historical timeline of Ellis Island and continues by de-bunking the myth of name changes by port inspectors. "There is no evidence of name changes by immigration inspectors. Names could be changed

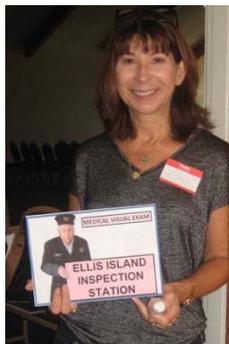
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during the naturalization process, not at Ellis Island."

And lest you think you have heard his presentation already, take note: Joel treats his talks like a research project. He says he gathers as much information and data as he gives, and this contributes to the on-going evolution of the content.

After the history, Joel dived into genealogy research and how to get the records you need via several channels. Included was an explanation of the outer garment Immigrant Identification Tag worn while going through the Ellis Island process. The numbers identify the page and line on the ship's manifest. Joel also used a case study to solve the matter of torn or destroyed pages of a manifest, caused by pressure when turning the pages. Where might we find copies of these pages before the damage was done? Joel pointed out that Ellis Island Database in many cases did not show the remaining data from damaged lines on the manifest or names from the Detention pages, but [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) did. One might check at [www.Familysearch.org](http://www.Familysearch.org) for Book Index Films: 807 rolls of film that include immigration lists from 1906-1940's. There's also a collection of Work Project Soundex cards (WPA created jobs during the Depression) that were created before most of the damage was done, or that caused the damage while handling the manifests when filming. And finally, one might



find immigration shipping data by reversing their direction and begin with a search of the Hamburg Shipping Records.

Joel showed an ad when Ellis Island was actually for sale back in the 1950's. In 1965, President Lyndon Baines Johnson signed a bill that would never allow it to be on the market again: His official remarks on May 11, 1965 included the following:

*I am signing today a proclamation making Ellis Island a part of Liberty Island National Monument. In addition, I am asking Congress to enact legislation authorizing appropriations to make Ellis Island a handsome shrine in the broad harbor of the great port of New York.*

Alas, Congress did not provide the monies for restorations nor did they approve the creation of a Job Corps Conservation Center on the New Jersey shore adjacent to Ellis Island that would do the job.

Restoration came 18 years later when President Reagan appointed Lee Iacocca to spearhead the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation. Those of us who paid \$100.00 to have immigrant relatives' names inscribed on the Wall of Honor in the 1980's gave to that foundation that successfully opened Ellis Island to the public as a museum and historical experience.

Thanks to Joel Weintraub, all this history will not be forgotten, and no names will ever be changed.



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# Virtual Genealogy Fair

On 26 & 27 October the (US) National Archives is hosting a two-day virtual genealogy fair via webcast. You attend from the comfort of your home! Viewers have the opportunity to participate with the presenters and other family historians during the live event on YouTube. All of the session videos and handouts will be available free of charge. Registration is not required.

For the calendar of events go to: <http://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair/>  
More events are being added so check back before the event.

Remember, times are given in Eastern Time and we are 3 hours earlier.

At the appropriate time go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXsSQnQgEpl>

## Remembering Babi Yar



Nazi firing squad killing Russian civilians (1942)

29 September marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Babi Yar, one of the most infamous mass slaughters of World War II. A ravine in the Ukrainian capital of Kiev, Babi Yar is where the mass executions of 33,771 Jews took place over 48 hours between 29-30 September 1941. Men, women and children were ordered to strip before they were marched to the Babi Yar ravine and machine-gunned. Ultimately, over 100,000 people were murdered at Babi Yar during World War II, including thousands of Roma and Soviet political prisoners along with most of Ukraine's Jewish community. The site has become emblematic of the "Holocaust by bullets" propagated throughout Eastern Europe, a method of mass murder that preceded the gas chambers of Auschwitz; an early example of how Nazi Germany learned how to commit murder on an unprecedented scale.

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# Safe Computing: Password Manager

*Twelfth in a series*

*By Hal Bookbinder*



Password managers store your login information for the sites that you visit. They then automatically log you in to the site once you bring up the login page. Better password managers will generate unique complex passwords for you, fill in forms and synch across your devices. Some even provide legacy features to pass on your access to another, so that if you become incapacitated or die, someone will be able to access your accounts.

I tried the free version of one of the very best password managers, Dashlane 4. It did a great job in automatically capturing IDs and passwords as I logged into websites and then replayed them when I went to those sites again. However, it was constantly pushing me to purchase the commercial version which was required for important functions like being able to view, update, delete or synchronize passwords across various devices. Eventually, I uninstalled it and focused on the free password managers.

An excellent free password manager is LastPass 4.0. It is intuitive, providing “cards” for each website you wish to access and displaying them in logical folders. You enter a description, ID and password into each card. I set up separate folders for financial sites, frequent flyer sites, genealogy sites, email sites, retail sites and social sites. I then simply clicked on the card for the site that I wished to open and LastPass logged me in.

LastPass presumes sites have a single ID and single password to log in. So sites that do not fit

this profile may require you to manually enter a field. For example, the American Airlines’ Frequent Flyer site requires an ID, a last name and a password. LastPass entered the ID in both of the first two fields requiring me to otype my last name - a minor annoyance.

Some sites do not permit you to go directly to a login page but rather have an icon on the home page which displays the login function. In these cases, clicking on the LastPass card icon brings up the home page. You must then click on the login icon and then have LastPass fill in the required information. Some of the commercial tools are more sophisticated and include unique profiles for hundreds of sites.

LastPass also generates complex passwords on request which you can use to better protect yourself. This is especially for important sites. Download it from <http://www.lastpass.com>. Please do your own investigation to select the right tool for you.

Commercial password managers cost \$20 to \$40 per year. For excellent comparisons of these tools, see “The Best Password Managers of 2016” (<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,240716,8,00.asp>) and “The Best Free Password Managers of 2016” (<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,247596,4,00.asp>).

A password manager is a convenient, secure way to maintain different passwords for the various sites that you visit. Of course you must create and remember a password for your password manager. Consider recording it in a secure location, like your safe deposit box - just in case.

*This is the twelfth in a series of articles by JGSCV founding Board Member Hal Bookbinder. Hal is also a Past President of JGSLA and IAJGS. He is the 2010 recipient of the IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award and his online skills are well documented.*

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# Family History Month



In 2001 Congress passed a resolution introduced by Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT) declaring October Family History Month. That resolution has been reintroduced annually since then. Senator Hatch wrote in the first resolution, "By searching for our roots, we come closer together as a human family."

With Family History Month, you should do something to celebrate genealogy!

- Have you Googled your family names? Put in the name of a person you are searching with a few more parameters like location, dates and spouses' names. Don't forget to try initials or nicknames and put in the last name first to see if you get different results.
- Google also has a book search and you put in names and places <https://books.google.com/>. Try Google Scholar for books by placing the name of your ancestral town or other location or person (author or someone who a book may have been written about) <https://scholar.google.com/intl/en-US/scholar/help.html>. Also try Google Newspapers (<http://news.google.com/archivesearch>) and Google International newspapers (<http://news.google.com/newspapers>).
- Have you searched military records for those in your family who served? A free



site is the United States National Archives: <http://aad.archives.gov/aad/>. Click on the war you are searching. Paid/subscription sites include <https://www.fold3.com/>, where you can search for free and some collections, including the holocaust collection are free access.

- Interview a relative. Do you have relatives that you haven't visited with in a long time and may know some family history? If they live nearby, make an appointment to meet with them. If they are not close by, call them. Remember to ask permission before recording and do not argue with their memory of a family situation—just write it down and attribute their version to them.
- Write down a memory of one or more of your parents, grandparents or siblings. It could be watching your grandmother cook/bake; a day in the park or spending it with your grandparents or parents on vacation, or playing with a sibling.
- Create a Family Cookbook! A cookbook with family heirloom recipes is a wonderful way to preserve memories shared with the family. Contact members of the family to ask them to share with you some of the family favorites. Include family stories about each shared recipe/meal in addition to the recipe.

- Recording family health history known as medical genealogy is VERY important to the health of current and future generations. Thousands of diseases have genetic links and run in families. Creating a medical family tree includes illnesses and diseases with the relationships with your family members. The US Surgeon General suggests everyone create a medical history going back at least three generations.
- Update your family tree with the items you have been meaning to get to!
- Take a family memory trip - and bring the kids and grandkids! Visit the sites that are important to your family history. It's a way to share memories and get the next generation into genealogy!
  - Family photographs are gems to be preserved. Get the old photos out of



those shoe boxes in the rear of the closet and ask the older family members to help name the people in the marked photos. Scan them into your computer and store the originals in acid-free boxes or albums.

- Remember to back up your tree.
- Check local archives and libraries to see if they have special events to celebrate Family History Month.
- Use JGSCV's library. The permanent JGSCV library is located at the Agoura Hills Library. Their address and hours are posted on our website. We have over 300 books and a number of journals from around the world!
  - Use the JGSCV website with more than 350 resources: [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org)

AND:

- If you haven't joined or renewed JGSCV for 2017 do so!

JGSCV Welcomes New Member

LAURIE SLOMI

# Genealogy Odds and Ends

More on NYC marriage indexes. **RECLAIM THE RECORDS** announced the successful outcome for their Freedom of Information lawsuit in the Supreme Court of New York, resulted in the first ever public copy of the New York City marriage index 1930-1995. For more information go to:

[www.reclaimtherecords.org](http://www.reclaimtherecords.org)

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The Rosh Hashanah 2016 Special Edition of *Jewish Affairs* from South Africa is now available at: <http://tinyurl.com/jof6a2f>

Editor David Saks explains why it is special: "2016 marks 175 years since the founding in Cape Town of South Africa's first Jewish religious congregation, an event that in turn marks the formal birth of the South African Jewish community. To mark this milestone, this Rosh Hashanah special issue of *Jewish Affairs* is devoted to looking back on, and celebrating this heritage. This year *Jewish Affairs* has achieved a milestone of its own, namely 75 years of continuous publication since the appearance, in June 1941, of the first issue of the journal. . . "

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Barbara Algaze reports that back issues of the *Los Angeles B'nai B'rith Messenger* from 1898-1922 can be accessed online at: <http://web.nli.org.il/sites/JPress/English/Pages/BBM.aspx>

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## Free Genealogy Education

As Chairperson of the IAIGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee, Jan Meisels Allen, reports The Board for Certification of Genealogists is holding a free day of Genealogy Education on Friday 7 October in Salt Lake City. The 6 lectures are also being broadcast online for free through Legacy Family Tree Webinars. **Note times are listed in US Mountain Time.**

The six lectures are:

9:00 AM - "Enough is Enough. Or Is It?" Pamela Boyer Sayre, CG, CGL

10:15 AM - "FAN + GPS + DNA: The Problem-Solver's Great Trifecta." Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL

11:30 AM - "Black Sheep Ancestors and Their Records." Ann Staley, CG, CGL

1:30 PM - "Bringing Life to Our Ancestors: Manuscript Collections." Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, CG

2:45 PM - "Adoption for the Forensic Genealogists." Michael Ramage, JD, CG

4:00 PM - "When Worlds Collide: Resolving Conflicting Evidence." Judy G. Russell, CG, CGL

For information on the 6 lectures through Legacy Family Tree Webinars go to:

<http://familytreewebinars.com/BCG>. You can register for each one individually on the website or all at: <http://tinyurl.com/z3z5jyb>.

# Streicher Library Recoveries



The Jewish Community (IKG) Nuremberg owns the formerly known “Stürmer or Streicher Library”, today known as the Israeli Cultural Community-IKG, a collection of approximately 10,000 books stolen by the Nazis. IKG has a special interest in restoring the library to its rightful owners. Restitution is free of charge. So far, more than 700 writings were returned to approximately 170 persons or entities in ten different countries. It is very important to understand that the books are not only from Austria—in fact the research of the provenance references in the writings in 25 languages has resulted in over 2,200 former owners from localities in Europe and Overseas. A complete list of robbed victims is found at: <http://tinyurl.com/hkcoka4>

As genealogists we know the importance of provenance research which relies on family research. On the above-mentioned website is a letter from Magister Leibl Rosenberg the representative of the city of Nuremberg for the IKG who is asking for our collective assistance in identifying the original owners of the 10,000 books. I learned within hours of GenTeam placing the notice on their Facebook page they solved a case in Israel and one in Warsaw. Please contact [Leibl.rosenberg@stadtnuernberg.de](mailto:Leibl.rosenberg@stadtnuernberg.de) with any questions or research findings. If you are interested in learning some history about the collection see: [https://www.nuernberg.de/imperia/md/stadtbibliothek/dokumente/ikg\\_infoblatt\\_en.pdf](https://www.nuernberg.de/imperia/md/stadtbibliothek/dokumente/ikg_infoblatt_en.pdf)  
Thank you to Felix Gundacker of GenTeam for providing this information.

## Future Meeting Dates through August 2017

**Sunday afternoons starting at 1:30 pm**

**Monday evenings starting at 7:00 pm**

**Programs co-sponsored by Temple Adat Elohim.**

**Remember to check the website and this newsletter for future updates**

## 2016

**\*October 16 Sunday 1:30-3:30 pm Speaker: Judy Russell, The Legal Genealogist". "Through the Golden Door - Immigration After the Civil" JGSCV's 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

\*November 7 **MONDAY 7:00-9:00 pm** Speaker: Janice Sellers, "Read All About It: Using Online Newspapers for Genealogical Research"

\*December 4 Sunday 1:30-3:30 pm Annual Chanukah Celebration and Membership Meeting Speaker: Karen Franklin "The Stedman Story - Mystery, Intrigue, Adoption and DNA: Jewish Genealogy Strategies Unravel a Family Mystery"

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\*January 8 Sunday 1:30-3:30 pm Speaker: Warren Blatt "Polish-Jewish Genealogical Research"

\*February 12 Sunday **1:00-5:00 pm** Assisted Research Afternoon at LA FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

\*March 6 **MONDAY 7:00-9:00 pm** Speaker: Mary Cozy "Google for Genealogists"

\*April 2 Sunday 1:30-3:30 pm Annual Yom Hashoah Commemoration, Program To Be Announced

\*May 7 Sunday 1:30-3:30 pm Speaker: Marcia Fine "A Sephardic Journey"

\*June 4 Sunday 1:30-3:30 pm Program To Be Announced

\*July No Meeting - IAJGS Conference 7/23-28 Orlando, FL

\*August 6 Sunday 1:30-3:30 pm Genealogy In the Round where members and guests share their successes, brickwalls and artifacts.

Programs are subject to change - check JGSCV website [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org)

# JGSCV WOULD LIKE YOUR FEEDBACK

Your JGS works very hard to fulfill the needs and interests of its members. But unless you tell us, we only do what we THINK you want. Please let us know by responding to either Jan Meisels Allen, JGSCV President at [president@jgscv.org](mailto:president@jgscv.org) or Allan Linderman, editor of *Venturing Into Our Past* at [newslettereditor@jgscv.org](mailto:newslettereditor@jgscv.org).

1. The Programs you are most interested in hearing
  - a. Do you like the current schedule of speakers?
  - b. Which past speakers have you enjoyed the most?
  - c. Which past speakers have you least enjoyed?
2. Do you like the newsletter "Venturing Into Our Past"?
  - a. What do you like most about it?
  - b. How can it be improved?
3. What do you think of the series on "Safe Computing" written by Hal Bookbinder?
  - a. How could it be improved?
  - b. What do you like most about the series?



## 2017 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 2017**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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

# WEBSITE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS



Help support JGSCV by enrolling in **Ralphs Community Contribution Program!**

Join Ralphs' Club (required to rejoin each September 1) and they will contribute a percentage of what you purchase to JGSCV! Registration is easy and helps your local Jewish genealogy society! Having a Ralphs card also helps you with discounts on purchases and their website **saves you money** too by downloading coupons. See the step-by-step directions below.

If you are already a registered participant, you will remain active until August 31, 2016 at which time you will have to reregister starting **September 1, 2016**. You can reregister for the new term at [www.Ralphs.com](http://www.Ralphs.com) starting **September 1, 2016**. Even if you registered as recently as July you will be required to register again starting September 1<sup>st</sup>!

**Remember: You can renew or register for the first time at the JGSCV's meetings—but you must first have a Ralph's Card. You can easily obtain a card by going to a Ralphs near you at their customer service desk. For information contact Karen Lewy at [Karen@jgscv.org](mailto:Karen@jgscv.org).**

## **IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED YOUR REWARDS CARD ONLINE**

**NOTE: We have a secured website, these procedures apply to everyone who has not entered their email address and assigned a password.**

1. Log in to [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com)
2. Click on 'No Account' Register
3. Follow the easy steps to create an online account
4. You will be instructed to go to your email inbox to confirm your account
5. After you confirm your online account by clicking on the link in your email, return to [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) and click on 'Sign In', enter your email address and password.
6. View all your information and edit as necessary
7. Link your card to JGSCV's participation by clicking on:
  - a. Community Rewards - Enroll
  - b. Type JGSCV's NPO number : **84732** or **Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley &**" Remember to click on the circle to the left of our organizations' name
  - d. Click on Enroll to finish your enrollment process.

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3. Enter your email address and password that you registered with.
4. Click on 'Your Name' (In the top right hand corner)

5. View all your information and edit as necessary
  6. Link your card to JGSCV by clicking on:
    - a. Community Rewards – Re-Enroll
    - b. **Type JGSCV's NPO number: 84732 or Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley &" OR:** Type in the first words of our organization i.e. "Jewish Gen" (if you only type in "Jewish" a number of organizations appear including ours, so by typing in the first few letters of our second name only we appear) and click on "search" and our name will pop up: Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley &" **Make certain it's our Society as there are other Jewish Genealogy Societies registered!**
    - c. Remember to click on the circle/bubble to the left of JGSCV's name
    - d. Click in save changes
- Our name Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley &..) will appear on the right side of this page
- e. Click on Enroll to finish your enrollment process

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JGSCV has been receiving from Ralphs about \$100 per quarter, or equal to 4 JGSCV memberships per quarter!

Thank you on behalf of the Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County.

The JGSCV Board of Directors

L' Shanah Tovah  
Have a sweet year!

