



VENTURING INTO OUR PAST

NEWSLETTER OF THE JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF THE CONEJO VALLEY AND VENTURA COUNTY (JGSCV)

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President's Letter:

Founding JGSCV member, Ron Arons, spoke to JGSCV on June 5th on *Wrongful [Jewish] Wraskals of the West*. The first western Jewish wraskal was in 1869 –a forger. Ron suggested several websites to help with your research on possible criminals on your family tree: <http://news.google.com/archivesearch> (which provides an easy way to search and explore historical archives, and is an excellent source for many types of newspaper research—not just criminals) and the FBI's freedom of information act: <http://www.fbi.gov/foia/>. If you want to research books and photos, Ron suggested looking at <http://books.google.com/> and reminded us of the excellent photo collection online at the Los Angeles County Public Library <http://www.colapublib.org/>. Prior to fingerprinting being developed, the Bertillon method was used for identifying criminals, which was named for a French police officer, who developed the identification system based on physical measurements. Based on the 70% of the Jews in Sing-Sing the top three crimes committed by Jews were burglary, robbery and grand larceny. Ron's two books: *The Jews of Sing-Sing* and *Wanted! US Criminal Records Sources and Research Methodology* are in JGSCV's Traveling Library (Category C).



Ron Arons

The book report was given by JGSCV Treasurer, Sara Hyman—on crime novels by Dan Waddell, a British journalist who wrote the companion book for the BBC-TV series "Who Do You Think You Are?". The protagonist is a genealogist, that involved the National Archives, how to keep records and a series of murders. The books are: *The Blood Detective* (2008) and *Blood Atonement* (2009). The books are available at the local libraries.

The JGSCV board met following the June 5th meeting. The board decided, starting in the Fall, that we replace the monthly meeting book reports, with 5 minutes at the beginning of the meeting on a genealogy technique—such as reviewing old research for new clues, making a time line, how to research a naturalization, etc. If you would like to participate with sharing a technique let me know (president@jgscv.org). The board also made decisions on programming for September 2011-August 2012. The new confirmed programs are listed on pages 8-9. Your suggestions made at the end of the June meeting are reflected in the upcoming programming. Thank you for your suggestions. I am certain that you will agree that our future programming will provide us with a dynamite year!!

Our July 17th program, *Genealogy in the Round: Share a Success, Brickwall or Artifact* is **YOUR** program and we have 10 presenters so far! Even if you are not presenting, you can learn from what others in the JGSCV family have learned, or suggest how to overcome a brickwall, and share in the artifact's family history. We hope you will attend.

Jan Meisels Allen

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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.

2011 dues are \$25.00 for a single membership and \$30.00 for a household unit. To join, please send appropriate amount in check made out 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.

AARP GENEALOGY CONTEST

AARP The Magazine has announced a genealogical sweepstakes with a Grand Prize package that includes

- Five hours of phone consultation with Megan Smolenyak, professional genealogist and author of "Who Do You Think You Are"
- Signed copies of Megan Smolenyak's books "Who Do You Think You Are" and "Trace Your Roots with DNA"
- One time DNA ancestry testing through FamilyTreeDNA.com
- One year subscription to Ancestry.com
- \$1000 gift card

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/3upxgcb> and get started.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

More than 145,000 member applications and 1.2 million records of American forefathers and founding fathers are available at Ancestry's website at <http://tinyurl.com/3d9und6>

JEWISHGEN ALL HUNGARIAN DATABASE

The Hungarian SIG announced a major update to its All Hungarian Database (AHD). This update of approximately 150,000 records brings the total number of vital records to more than half a million. The complete database, which also includes census and other records, totals more than 1.1 million. Databases may be accessed at <http://tinyurl.com/3ptengj>

ONLINE WORLD WAR II RECORDS

In keeping with our July 4th celebrations, remember to search Ancestry's WW II Indexes and Records which are multiple and varied with many records available on a state by state basis: <http://tinyurl.com/bzoyzn>

SUB-CARPATHIA PORTAL

A Sub-Carpathia Research Group mail list has been created for researchers with Jewish roots in villages and towns located in present-day Ukraine but formerly located in those parts of the pre-1918 Hungarian counties of Bereg, Maramaros, Ugocsa and Ung, the 1918-1939 Czechoslovak territory of Podkarpatska Rus' (Subcarpathia Russia) and the inter-war Hungarian territory called Carpatho-Ukraine.

To complement the Sub-Carpathia Research Group mail list, a Sub-Carpathia Portal (web site) was created for the specific purpose of gathering, presenting and preserving genealogical and historical information about Jewish life in Sub-Carpathia in the former Hungarian counties of Bereg, Maramaros, Ugocsa and Ung, as defined above. The web site portal is always a work in-progress. Therefore, if you have content of interest to all, to enrich the portal, please contact Marchall Katz via the e-mail link at the portal. For more information on this subject visit the portal <http://tinyurl.com/3na62ab>

MASS GRAVES DATABASE WILL BE ONLINE

Information gleaned from Father Patrick Desbois' years-long search for mass Jewish graves in Eastern Europe will soon be made available on a database. Desbois' organization, Yahad-In Unum, has joined with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Jewish Committee to set up an online database of his findings since 2004 of mass graves in more than 600 towns and villages throughout the areas of Belarus, Ukraine, Russia and Poland.

The database, known as Traces, will be available by midsummer on Yahad-InUnum's website <http://www.yahadinunum.org/en/> or at the museum's website (<http://www.ushmm.org>).

GENEALOGY IN FICTION

Sara Hyman's book report at the last meeting featured two novels involving a genealogist. If that has piqued your interest, consider the list featured on this website, 'Genealogy in Fiction': <http://tinyurl.com/3vvqsrf>

Another site worth visiting on this subject is <http://tinyurl.com/43nxcz5>

OVERLOOKED JEWISH HERITAGE SITES

On June 21, 2011 *The Jewish Daily FORWARD* published "Forgotten History, Top 10 Overlooked Jewish Heritage Sites From Around the Globe" written by Michael T. Luongo. It is a truly global listing of easy to miss sites that contain a wealth of information. From the Jewish Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Montevideo Holocaust Memorial in Uruguay, there is surely something for you <http://forward.com/articles/138890/>



Look for the SCHMOOZING CORNER sign (left) fifteen minutes before our regular meetings at Temple Adat Elohim where you will find a JGSCV expert who can help you overcome a genealogical brick wall or maybe just answer a question. Marion Werle will facilitate on July 17th.

GENEALOGY IN THE ROUND ON JULY 17TH



JGSCV's July meeting will feature members helping members by sharing genealogy triumphs and brick walls. Please help others by explaining how you shattered a brick wall or just uncovered an intriguing family tidbit. Or maybe describe your brick wall and learn how someone else has overcome something similar. Perhaps you found a family heirloom you would like to share. July 17th is YOUR meeting. Each voluntary participant will have 5-10 minutes. Please contact Jan Meisels Allen for more information and to be placed on the Agenda: president@jgscv.org

PICTURES AT THE MEETINGS You may have noticed various JGSCV members taking photographs at the meetings. These pictures are sometimes posted on our facebook page (<http://tinyurl.com/4yqs7bk>) or included in the monthly newsletter. If for any reason, you would prefer NOT to be photographed, please notify the photographer. More information on this subject will be posted at the sign-in desk at each meeting.



Traveling Library Books classification A and B will be at the July 17th meeting. Visit our website www.jgscv.org under library/traveling for the list of books in these categories. If you would like an unscheduled book to be brought to the meeting please send a request to Jan Meisels Allen at least 5 days in advance of the meeting (president@jgscv.org)



Sara Hyman presenting her book report, "The Blood Detective"



Jan Meisels Allen, JGSCV President, introducing the meeting



Guest speaker Ron Arons (right) with JGSCV founding board member Werner Frank



On the left, JGSCV board member Warren Blatt leads the Schmoozing Corner, speaking with JGSCV founding board member Dalya Dektor

Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree

June 10-12, 2011

By JGSCV Board Member Marion Werle



I just got home from this year's SCGS Genealogy Jamboree, which is held annually at the Burbank Marriott Hotel and Conference Center across from the Burbank Airport. I have attended the Jamboree a few times in the past, and this year the conference was bigger than ever, with many well-known speakers. This conference is nearby and relatively inexpensive as far as conferences go. It is a great way to stay on top of the many developments in the genealogical community as a whole, although sessions focusing early American sources are meaningless to someone whose Jewish immigrant ancestors arrived many years after these events took place. However, many topics, including those discussing the latest internet sources, social media, DNA, research methodologies, copyright and tips on running a genealogy society are equally applicable regardless of genealogical specialization.

I met President Jan Meisels Allen at the conference and attended a couple of sessions with her regarding genealogy societies, one addressing copyright issues and the other about programming. Following lunch, I attended the first of three sessions with Thomas MacEntee (right) of GeneaBloggers. This session was about searching for living people, with a focus on internet research, offering a number of avenues to locate living people to expand your research, locate lost and previously unknown relatives, and locate heirs. He provided a list of both well and lesser-known search engines, as well as offering advice on strategies in contacting previously unknown people (expect both hesitancy and/or



rejection) and using caution and verifying any information you obtain.

Two additional sessions the following day discussed blogging, both how to set up a blog and ways to approach genealogical blogging. Tom's website <http://www.geneabloggers.com> is a repository for all sorts of information on genealogy blogging, and includes a list of over 1,900 genealogy blogs at <http://www.geneabloggers.com/genealogy-blogs/>. Both of his blogging sessions included panel discussions with bloggers discussing their experiences and the different types of blogging that they do and suggesting various blogging topics and approaches. The second session was more focused on advanced blogging issues, and Dick Eastman was one of the panelists on this topic. The panelists discussed copyright issues, using blogs to publicize a business, using affiliate advertising, and privacy and liability issues. The panelists represented a number of different approaches to blogging, including two who administered blogs for genealogy societies.

I attended two sessions by John Colletta (below), author of *They Came in Ships* and *Only a Few Bones: a True Account of the Rolling Fork Tragedy and Its Aftermath*. In addition to being an excellent speaker, both of his talks were very informative. The first one was titled "The Seventeen Million Stories of Ellis Island – What's Fact? What's Myth?" One of the things I learned was that Ellis Island, which was built entirely of wood and opened in 1892, had burned to the ground in 1897, and did not reopen until then end of 1900. When I visited Ellis Island a couple of years ago, it was a semi-religious experience for me, retracing my namesake grandmother's steps and going through the same door she went through to meet her brother who was waiting to welcome her to



America in 1899. I was therefore crushed to learn that she actually came through the old Barge Office, which had been used before Ellis Island was built, and was the temporary immigrant processing center during the time that Ellis Island was being rebuilt after the fire.

Dr. Colletta's second talk was "Using Original and Derivative Sources: How to Evaluate Evidence" and was a reminder of how to apply the generally accepted standards of genealogical proof and a discussion of the types of sources and their reliability. Even an abstracted source ("official copy") is considered derivative, as the person who created it was not present at the event. There was a good deal of discussion on what it means to conduct a "reasonably exhaustive search", how to cite sources, analyze and correlate information

and resolve conflicting data. The topic could have been boring, but it was presented in an interesting manner with good examples. It made me realize that I need to go back and reexamine some of my earlier genealogical efforts, cite some of my earlier sources, and reevaluate information that I have accepted as true with little supporting evidence.

Additional useful sessions included an update on Canadian sources, a presentation by Maureen Taylor on photo recognition and some tips for jumpstarting research by Lou Szucs from Ancestry.com. Although the topics at the SCGS Jamboree were not specifically Jewish, many were relevant and very useful for those of us doing research on our Jewish ancestors.

6 INTERVIEW TECHNIQUES TO AVOID

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By Mary Penner, Genealogist and Family Interviewer

It's nearly summer and genealogists everywhere are making plans to connect with their extended family. For some, it's a family reunion; for others, it's a family wedding; and for others, it's a research trip back to the family's old stomping grounds. While many of our relatives are content to catch up on the latest family gossip and chow down on the potato salad, genealogists usually have an additional agenda. We're looking at them and wondering, "What do they know about our ancestors?"

Naturally, we don't want to waste this face-to-face opportunity to root around for family clues. In practical terms, you probably can't interview everyone. You need to settle on a few people who are likely to know, and remember, the most. Zero in on those chosen few. But, before you forge ahead with your family fact-finding mission, keep a few things in mind and avoid these interview snafus.

The Ambush Interview

Don't expect your flustered relatives to spontaneously pluck dates and names from their cobwebby memories as soon as they step out of the car. Timing is everything.

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Tell your relatives in advance that you're gathering information, and ask them to bring along any photos or documents tucked away in the attic. Be sensitive to individual needs. If Aunt Hilda is an early riser, suggest a pre-breakfast coffee and interview on the porch. You'll get much better answers that way than if you wait until 11:00 the night before she leaves for home.

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The "Que Sera, Sera" Interview

"Whatever will be" interviews can fail flat. It helps to prepare. Put Together a list of questions ahead of time. Think about what Uncle Harry is likely to know and remember. Ask for specifics and avoid questions that can be answered with a frustrating "yes" or "no". Instead of asking, "Do you remember your grandma?" try instead, "Tell me what you remember about your grandma."

That said, be open to rambling off-the-topic answers, too, because some of the best stuff comes out during a ramble.

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The "I'll Remember Everything" Interview

Don't rely on your own memory. Take notes. Lots of notes. Or better yet, let technological gizmos take notes for you. Use a digital tape recorder or a video camera. And, keep that recorder handy at all times. When hanging out with relatives, I've whipped out my digital recorder in the car, in restaurants, while out watering the garden, and while feeding the cows. Seriously, I've gleaned some good details from a relative while tossing hay.

One caveat though--don't play James Bond and conceal listening devices everywhere; be upfront and explain the gadgets to your techno-shy relatives. If they balk and become self-conscious about being recorded, settle for the note-taking approach. Don't try to get down every word, just the key points.

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The Marathon Interview

Your relatives need to stretch their legs and rest their vocal cords. They need to recharge their brain cells. Don't expect them to give up hours and hours to feed your ancestral appetite. Their motives for attending the family shindig probably stem from something other than family history. They want to eat, drink, and be merry with all the cousins.

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If your cousin is looking longingly toward the horseshoe pit, don't keep him from the fun. Divide your interviews into reasonable chunks of time, and know when to stop. No matter how much you poke and prod, they just won't remember some things.

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The Accusatory Interview

Beware of pushing relatives into an awkward ancestral corner. Sure, you may have good reason to believe the rumors about your great-grandfather's run-in with the law. But, if your relative insists it isn't so, or feigns ignorance, don't press him or her. You can probably get the information from some other source.

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The Procrastinated Interview

Life is capricious. We think we'll have tomorrow to get those interviews done, but sometimes tomorrow is too late. When you're with your relatives this summer, don't squander the opportunity to interview some of them. Avoid these interview snafus and you'll be in good shape.

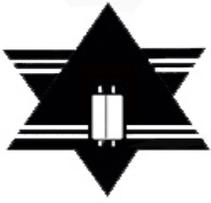
So how do you get your family talking? Leave a comment and share your valuable tips and pointers for interviewing relatives.

AMAZON.COM ENDS ASSOCIATES PROGRAM IN CALIFORNIA

One Source of JGSCV Funding Stopped Effective June 29, 2011

The state budget signed by Governor Brown on June 29th included a provision requiring California residents to pay sales tax on items purchased online if the transaction was made through a California affiliate. Consistent with their reaction to similar actions taken by other states, Amazon.com terminated all Associates Programs in California. As you know, JGSCV had such a program whereby Amazon.com paid a small advertising revenue to the associates generated by individuals who purchased through the associates website. Amazon's cancellation of the program for California associates does not impact your use of the website; it merely means that JGSCV will no longer benefit. Your Amazon purchases through **IAJGS** will continue to benefit that organization by starting at <http://www.iajgs.org> and scrolling to the bottom of the home page and click on the Amazon link.

The JGSCV Board of Directors thanks all members and friends who participated in the JGSCV Amazon Associates Program since January, 2011. You may continue to help JGSCV by participating in the Ralphs Community Contribution Program by signing up at www.ralphs.com and choosing JGSCV as your charity of choice. Directions are on our website www.jgscv.org under notices.



The Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County*

(* and surrounding areas)

Future Meeting Dates through August 2012

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

July 17, 2011 Sunday, 1:30-3:30 PM *Genealogy in the Round: Share Your*



Successes, Failures, Artifacts and Brick Walls JGSCV's annual program where the members and friends can relate a genealogical success, brick wall or show an artifact. We all learn from one another—take this opportunity to share your genealogical story—success or failure, ask questions about your brick walls, and more

August 14-19, 2011 Washington, D.C. 2011 31st IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy hosted by JGS Greater Washington at Grand Hyatt Washington DC No JGSCV meeting this month

September 12, 2011 Monday 7:00-9:00 PM Hal Bookbinder *US Immigration and Naturalization*

One of the first things that the newly created United States of America did was to establish laws covering naturalization. These laws, however, were administered by the states with many variations. Over the years, the laws were repeatedly changed. Finally, in 1906 the Federal Government took control of the entire process. The standardized documentation after 1906 has proven invaluable to genealogical researchers. Similarly, laws controlling immigration have also changed over time, generally becoming more restrictive. As immigration and naturalization documentation can be key information in tracing one's roots, understanding how the process worked over time, understanding how the information was recorded and where it might be found is essential. This lecture will provide a short history of immigration and naturalization laws and provide general guidance in finding your ancestor's documentation.



October 10, 2011 Monday 7:00-9:00 PM Crista Cowan, *Ancestry.com Finding Your Jewish Ancestors on Ancestry.com* Do you have an Ancestry.com subscription (or are thinking about getting one) but suspect that you are only using a fraction of what can be done with the powerful tools and resources available on this website? We will focus specifically on using the Ancestry.com resources to locate your Jewish ancestors. Learn more about unleashing the full potential of Ancestry.com on your family history. Even if you've been using Ancestry.com for years you are sure to learn something new! **JGSCV 6th Anniversary!**

November 7, Monday 7:00-9:00 PM Jan Meisels Allen *"How To Begin Your Genealogy"*

Whether you are a new to genealogy or a seasoned genealogist there is something for everyone to learn in this program covering family documents, time lines, census records, immigration and naturalization records, family photos and newspaper research.



December 11, Sunday 1:30-3:30 PM Steve Morse: *From DNA to Genetic Genealogy: Everything You Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask.* This talk introduces genes, chromosomes, and DNA, and goes on to show how DNA is inherited. That knowledge of inheritance can be used for finding relatives you didn't know you had, learning about your very distant ancestors and the route they traveled, and determining if you are a Jewish high priest (Kohan). Examples presented include Genghis Khan's legacy, the Thomas Jefferson's affair, and the Anastasia mystery. **Chanukah Party-Membership Renewal Prizes/Board Election**

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January 8, 2012 Sunday 1:30-3:30 PM *Ethics, Sensitivities, Sensibilities and Property Rights: Panel Presentation: Hal Bookbinder, Author of IAJGS Ethics Code, past president IAJGS and founding member of JGSCV; Sandra Malek, attorney at law and president of JGSLA; Rabbi Jeffrey Marx, Santa Monica Temple and renowned genealogist. Moderator: Marion Werle: JGSCV Board Member. We have all had the to struggle on how to include family sensitive issues in our family trees- factually as well as with appropriate sensitivity. Today, with more people posting family trees on the internet, the issues of posting without permission, or sites not removing information is a reality many of us are facing. This program addresses these problems, and how they should be addressed.*

*February 12, 2012, Sunday 1:00-5:00 PM *Annual Exclusive Assisted Research Afternoon at the Los Angeles Regional Family History Library. Current JGSCV dues members only! Anyone may join JGSCV at the door. Meeting not held at Temple Adat Elohim.*

March 4, 2012 Sunday 1:30-3:30 PM Joel Weintraub: "*Here Comes the 1940 US Census: We Are Ready*". The US 1940 Census will be released by the National Archives on April 2, 2012. Come learn what you will find in the census and how to search it!



April 1, 2012 Sunday 1:30-3:30 PM TBA

May 6, 2012 Sunday 1:30-3:30 PM *Visiting Your Ancestral Shtetl/Towns*

One of most poignant and significant activities on genealogy is visiting your ancestral shtetl. JGSCV members and friends who have made trips to their ancestral towns will talk on what they did, how they prepared and what they learned.

June 10, 2012 Sunday 1:30-3:30 PM TBA

July no meeting- IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy Paris, France

July 15-18, 2012

August 5, 2012 Sunday 1:30-3:30 PM TBA

Programs are subject to change -check JGSCV website www.jgscv.org

Ventura County Fair
AUGUST 3 - 14, 2011

The Ventura County Fair (Aug. 3-14) will once again hold a 'Hobby's Competition' with a Division for Genealogy. Entries may be submitted July 29, 30 or 31 between 10 AM and 5 PM. Go to the 'Hobbies and Collections' page (<http://tinyurl.com/3p3ogaw>) and scroll to the bottom right where you can download the Entry Guide and Entry Form.

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The 31st International Conference on Jewish Genealogy Hosted by JGSGW



Resource Center at the Conference

This year's Resource Center represents an overwhelming benefit to attendees in conducting their research, and definitely should not be overlooked. It is a "problem worth having": one guaranteed to compete with researchers' time and focus on attending sessions, networking, and other Conference benefits. In fact, the Resource Center will be a lively, "happening" place to be because virtually EVERY Conference attendee will visit the Resource Center! Volunteers also are welcomed to help out by

spending a few hours staffing the Resource Center. They are likely to derive a great deal of satisfaction in helping others advance their research.

The Resource Center has four major components designed to assist attendees:

1. **Key reference materials, specialized archival materials, and maps** from the library collection of the organization hosting the Conference, the Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington (JGSGW);
2. **Five computers dedicated to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) Central Names Index (CNI)**, used to inform attendees' Holocaust-era research and be a major aid when conducting research at the Museum itself; and
3. **35 additional PCs loaded with links to websites usually accessible only through subscription or membership.**
4. **Translation Services:** located in an adjacent room; a free 20-minute appointment for conference attendees who sign up at the conference. Schedule to be posted.

When using the Reference Center, it is suggested you remember . . .

- Bring a listing of "research goals" or specific surnames, towns, or dates being researched so that searches can be conducted more easily.
- All maps are laminated and available for use in the Resource Center on long tables. Books and archival materials will be available for checkout with a government issued photographic ID to be left with Resource Center staff. This ensures that materials are returned. No one will be permitted to leave the room with library materials.
- The vast majority of the material available will be in English; if translation assistance is needed, that can be arranged.
- The Resource Center welcomes temporary loan of books and copies of archival materials, and bound and unbound family histories. A temporary cataloging system for materials brought to share with others has been devised.
- The USHMM Central Names Index (CNI) will be available. Holocaust Museum-trained volunteers will be available to answer questions, thus making it easier to understand the meaning of results or follow up on what is found. Document translation assistance also will be available. [The CNI does not include access to International Tracing Service (ITS) records that only will be available at USHMM.]
- The Resource Center area will be large enough that volunteer staff, colleagues and translators can sit with users as they explore the Name Search database.
- Some guidelines to ensure everyone can benefit during peak hours: individual's computer use will be limited to 90 minutes. Using the computers in the Resource Center to access e-mails is prohibited. (An Internet Café will be available for this purpose), Eating and drinking in the room also will not be allowed.

The Resource Center will have 35 computers with links to both free and subscription (free at the conference) genealogy-related websites to be used to conduct research. (More on the Conference on the next page)



Gala Speaker, Thursday, August 18

David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, will speak at the Conference Gala on Thursday evening, August 18. The evening will feature excellent kosher food, extensive networking and social opportunities, announcements of IAIGS awardees for their contributions to genealogy, and the music of the world-renowned Robyn Helzner Trio.

David S. Ferriero was sworn in as 10th Archivist of the United States on November 13, 2009. Previously, he served as the Andrew W. Mellon Director of the New York Public Libraries (NYPL). In this position he was part of the leadership team responsible for integrating four research libraries and 87 branch libraries into one seamless service for users, creating the largest public library system in the United States as well as one of the largest research library systems throughout the world.

Before joining the NYPL in 2004, Mr. Ferriero served in top positions at two of the nation's major academic libraries, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, MA, and Duke University in Durham, NC. In those positions, he led major initiatives including the expansion of facilities, the adoption of digital technologies, and a reengineering of printing and publications. At Duke, he raised more than \$50 million to expand and renovate the university's library, and was responsible for instructional technology initiatives.

Make sure you include the Gala in your conference plans. You can register for the conference or modify your existing registration to purchase tickets through the <http://www.dc2011.org/index.php/register> web site.

REMEMBER ME? US HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM PROJECT

Remember Me? was launched by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as an online project in April, 2011.

Between 1933 and 1945, the Nazis and their collaborators displaced millions of children as a result of persecution. After World War II, relief agencies photographed some of the children who survived to help find their families. Now, more than 65 years later, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is working to discover what became of these young survivors.

By publicizing these 1,100 photographs, the Museum hopes to identify these children, piece together information about their wartime and postwar experiences, and facilitate renewed connections among these young survivors, their families, and other individuals who were involved in their care during and after the war.

Since the launch of the site, about 80 children have been found. By going to <http://rememberme.ushmm.org/updates> you can read about those who have been found. Photos of those not yet identified are listed at: <http://rememberme.ushmm.org/gallery> If you recognize yourself or someone you know in one of the photos, please contact the Museum's [Holocaust Survivors and Victims Resource Center](#) at RememberMe@ushmm.org or via phone at 202-488-0416.

Even if you don't recognize anyone, please share these photographs with your family and friends. Doing so will increase the chances of identifying these children and help raise awareness about the experiences of the most vulnerable victims of war and genocide. To read more about the project go to: <http://rememberme.ushmm.org/>

New Additions to the JGSCV Traveling Library

Since we reported in January 2011'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. The books in the traveling library are categorized A, B, C or D determining which come to which monthly meeting. All A books come to every meeting. Categories B, C and D alternate which month they are brought to the meeting. A full list of all of our permanent and traveling library holdings may be found on the website: www.jgscv.org.



Across America on an Emigrant Train Jim Murphy Clarion Books -Houghton Mifflin (Category C)

Children of the West Family Life on the Frontier Cathy Luchetti WW Norton New York 2001 (Category C)

Hidden History of the Kovno Ghetto United States Holocaust Memorial Museum 1997 (Category D)

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