

# VENTURING INTO OUR PAST



# JGSCV

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

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### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

On January 5<sup>th</sup>, JGSCV had the wonderful opportunity to hear Joan Adler, Straus family historian and executive director of the Straus Historical Society talk about her new book, *For the Sake of the Children: The Letters Between Otto Frank and Nathan Straus, Jr.* This is the story of how Otto Frank, the diarist Anne's father, tried desperately albeit unsuccessfully, to get his family out of war-torn Holland in 1941, fifteen months before they went into hiding. The story is told through letters between college roommates and life-long friends, Otto Frank and Nathan Straus, Jr. Nathan Straus Jr. was a member of the family that owned Macy's Department store for over 100 years and was the Housing Administrator under F.D.R. Joan is an exceptional storyteller, and even though we all knew the unfortunate outcome before she started to tell this previously unknown part of the Frank family story, there was nary a dry eye in the audience. For a summary of Joan's presentation see page 6.

Thank you to Werner Frank for facilitating the Schmoozing Corner which is available 20 minutes before each meeting to assist you with your genealogical questions.

With the IAJGS 34<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, July 27-August 1<sup>st</sup>, in Salt Lake City, a short introduction to the conference was presented. JGSCV founding member, Hal Bookbinder, is the main conference Co-Chair, and I am on the



Joan Adler speaking about "For The Sake of the Children" at the January Meeting

### NEXT MEETING

**SUNDAY, February 9<sup>th</sup> 1:00-5:00 PM**

### **Assisted Research at the LA Family History Library**

Learn about the many resources at the LAFHL and get hands on help with your own individual family history searches.

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Conference committee—responsible to obtain many databases to be available in the resource room for your research. You will be hearing about the conference through the rest of the year. Other JGSCV members also attending the conference include, Warren Blatt, Deborah Blatt, Helene Rosen, Karen Lewy, Allan Linderman and I hope more!

Following the membership meeting the JGSCV board of directors held their annual reorganization meeting. There were no changes in responsibilities. Officers for 2014 are as follows:

- Jan Meisels Allen, President
- Helene Rosen, Vice President, Membership
- Debra Kay-Blatt, Secretary
- Karen Lewy, Treasurer

Other board responsibilities remain unchanged and are listed on the masthead to the left and under 'contact us' at [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org).

I am delighted to inform you that JGSCV ended 2013 with 148 members with 121 memberships —two members less and one membership less than last year. With more renewals and more new members joining at the January meeting and afterward, we are already at 77% of last year's membership. If you have not yet joined or renewed, a membership form is on page 13 as well as on our website. This did not happen by happenstance. Our fabulous monthly newsletter - thank you Allan - is one that any society would be envious of and is our best PR! Our programs attract more and more and our outreach through publicity is critical. We can have a great program but if no one is there to hear it – to what avail? Therefore, publicity is a key instrument in making our society a success. Thank you to the Publicity Committee members! Our website is the envy of others--due to the great and bimonthly updates by David! We have a growing library and our permanent library with all the journals is an excellent resource for all our members and friends. Thank you Issie for keeping the permanent library updated in a timely manner throughout 2013. Thank you to Temple Adat Elohim for its unwavering support for co-hosting our meetings since our inception. And most of all thank you to our members without whom there would not be JGSCV. This is truly a team effort!

Our Annual Assisted Research Afternoon at the Los Angeles Family History Library (LAFHL) is scheduled for Sunday, February 9th 1:00-5:00 p.m. This is where you get hands-on help from senior members of JGSCV and volunteers at the LAFHL. This meeting is one where only current dues-paid JGSCV members may attend. You can renew/join at the door. Barbara Algaze, JGSLA's librarian, LAFHL volunteer—and JGSCV member will be at the meeting to help and give a new presentation starting at 1:30 p.m.— a brief introduction to the resources at the L.A. Family History Library including using free subscription websites and ordering microfilms. See page 9 for suggestions on how to prepare before you attend the meeting! We also will have access to both the JGSLA permanent library and the Polish Genealogy Society library therefore, we will not have the JGSCV traveling library at this meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you on February 9!

*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.

2014 dues are \$25.00 for a single membership and \$30.00 for a household unit. To join, please send a check in the appropriate amount to JGSCV and addressed to Helene Rosen at 28912 Fountainwood St., Agoura Hills, CA 91301. Obtain the new/renewal membership form on our website at [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org) by selecting the membership button.

### **STATE RESEARCH GUIDES AVAILABLE**

Ancestry.com has released comprehensive guides on how to best research state records for seven states. Ready to be downloaded, you can access these pdf files individually.

- Alaska <http://tinyurl.com/kpat699>
- California <http://tinyurl.com/n73umad>
- Georgia <http://tinyurl.com/n2mp58n>
- Indiana <http://tinyurl.com/kk22s7t>
- New York <http://tinyurl.com/mooq5kj>
- Texas <http://tinyurl.com/n4dtqcy>
- Virginia <http://tinyurl.com/kwtgz8h>

### **WORLD WAR I PRISONER OF WAR CARDS**

The American Jewish joint Distribution Committee has indexed Jewish prisoner of war records from 1920 in Siberia. Many of the more than 1,000 cards in the collection contain photographs and biographical data from soldiers who served in the German and Austro-Hungarian armies. For more information: <http://tinyurl.com/khhng32>

### **ROOTSTECH FEB. 6-8 IN SALT LAKE CITY**

RootsTech, the largest genealogical conference in North America will provide live streaming of selected programs. If you cannot attend, you may still check the schedule for programs of interest: <http://tinyurl.com/lw2hl69>

### **GOOGLE ALERTS**

Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter (<http://tinyurl.com/ljgzdf>) reminds us how helpful it can be to use Google Alerts, an email service that will send you a message when it has found an update on the subject you are searching. Set up your Google Alert at [www.google.com/alerts](http://www.google.com/alerts) - and then do nothing. Google does all the work.

### **SOUTHERN BUCOVINA AND SOUTHERN TRANSYLVANIA RECORDS**

The Leo Baeck Institute at the Center for Jewish History has released an online guide to the Jewish archives of 10 cities in southern Bucovina and two in southern Transylvania. Vital records are included as well as other official documents. Visit <http://jbat.lbi.org>.

### **HESSEN GATERMAN DATABASE AVAILABLE**

More than 31,500 records from northern and eastern Hessen have been made available for the first time via the JewishGen Germany Database. This represents 45% of the first phase of this project. Volunteers are needed to continue and complete the project. Reading/writing German is good but not necessary. Begin your search at <http://tinyurl.com/n4ggxik>

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



The JGSCV will hold a meeting, on Sunday, February 9, 2014 at the Los Angeles Family History Library 10741 Santa Monica Blvd. West Los Angeles (on grounds of the LDS Temple) from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Parking is free. *This special program is open only to current dues paid members of JGSCV! Anyone may join or renew their membership with JGSCV at the door.*

## The Topic: Assisted Research Afternoon at the L.A. Family History Library (LAFHL)

Experienced JGSCV members and Family History Library volunteers will be available to help members get the most out of the L.A. Family History Library's [LAFHL] resources, including computer assistance with many popular genealogical databases such as Ancestry.com (full access), Fold3.com, Heritage Quest, World Vital Records, Godfrey Memorial Library on-line resources and more! The LAFHL has many computers so everyone can use them simultaneously. In addition, there are Jewish microfilms of Eastern Europe and a selection of others, including maps and gazetteers. Bring your research documents with you and bring a flash drive if you want to download electronic images of online images. Hard copying is also available. Our sister JGS, JGSLA's library is available for research at the LAFHL.

Barbara Algaze, JGSCV member, volunteer at the LAFHL, and librarian for the JGSLA, will give a brief introduction to the resources at the L.A. Family History Library including using free subscription websites and ordering microfilms. This is a new presentation to help with your Jewish Research, getting started on the Family History Library computers and navigating the Family Search website.



This meeting is open only to current dues-paid members of JGSCV. Anyone may join at the door. Annual dues are \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family.

JGSCV is open to any one interested in researching their Jewish roots.

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.

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## JGSCV UPDATES . . .

Many JGSCV members are already signed up for the IAJGS 34<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, July 27-August 1<sup>st</sup>, in Salt Lake City. You can expect to see JGSCV members Jan Meisels Allen, Hal Bookbinder, Debra Kay Blatt, Warren Blatt, Karen Lewy, Allan Linderman and Helene Rosen at the conference. If you are planning to attend, please notify a member of the board if you would like to meet up at the conference. If you are still considering attending, mention it to a board member at the next meeting and perhaps they can help you decide.



THE SCHMOOZING CORNER will not be available at the LAFHL. For the March meeting however, it will be open 20 minutes before the meeting is scheduled to begin. Come to the front right corner of the meeting room and look for the SCHMOOZING CORNER sign where an experienced JGSCV member will be available to help with insights specific to your genealogical questions. At right, JGSCV founding board member Werner Frank (center) facilitated at the January meeting.

The traveling library will not be available at the February meeting at the LAFHL. It will return in March when it can be accessed 30 minutes before the meeting. JGSCV's permanent collection is now kept at the Agoura Hills Library.

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 here). This will take you to the same page you always start at – except JGSCV will receive a  marketing fee at no cost to you.

Don't forget to sign-up or renew your Ralph's Community Contribution Program. JGSCV receives significant contributions from Ralph's when you use your Ralph's Card and have chosen JGSCV as your participant organization. See "Notices" at the JGSCV website [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org).

The June 1 program will be roundtables on country-specific research. If you have expertise in a particular area please let Jan know that you are interested in volunteering to lead that country-research table.

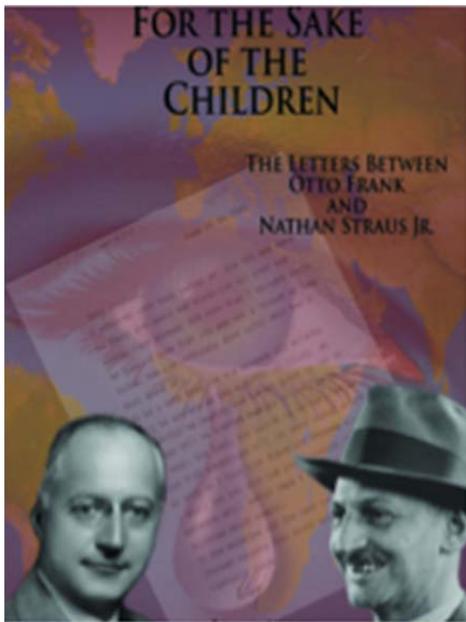
If you enjoy and are enriched by JGSCV programs, please remember to renew your membership or join for the first time. JGSCV dues help defray the costs required to develop such a full schedule of fertile programs and speakers to enhance your genealogical research and experience. A form is on page 13 and on the website [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org)

## Highlights From:

# For the Sake of the Children: The Letters Between Otto Frank and Nathan Straus, Jr.

By Jan Meisels Allen

Joan Adler, has been the Straus family historian for 23 years. She is the executive director of the Straus Historical Society. Her new book, *For the Sake of the Children: The Letters Between Otto Frank and Nathan Straus, Jr.* relates the story of



two life-long friends and college roommates at the University of Heidelberg. The letters tell the story never before known outside the small circle of those who were involved: How Otto

Frank tried desperately to get his family out of war-torn Europe.

In 2007 Jewish genealogist Estelle Guzik discovered the letters while she was going through boxes of files at YIVO The Institute for Jewish Research, in New York City. Upon opening an unlabeled folder she found letters between Otto

Frank and Nathan Straus, Jr. The letters revealed for the first time that Otto Frank, diarist Anne's father, tried desperately to get his family out of war torn Holland in 1941, fifteen months before they went into hiding. The letters give us greater insight into this tragic era. Because Joan is known for her Straus family affiliation, she was granted access to the letters. They comprise carbon copies of the letters as well as copies of original letters between the two men.

Nathan Straus Jr. was a New York State Senator. Nathan Jr.'s father, Nathan, owned Macy's along with his brother Isidor, and was also responsible for bringing pasteurization to millions.

Nathan Jr.'s name was originally Charles Webster Straus but he changed his name in 1910 to Nathan Straus Jr." for political reasons". One of only two people who were allowed to continue to call Nathan "Charlie", was Otto Frank. Charles," Nathan, Jr.". graduated Princeton in 1910. He worked at Macy's in 1911 and in 1914 was stranded in Munich when World War I was declared and had to escape to the Netherlands to get out of Europe.

From 1909-1911 Otto Frank worked at Macy's in New York. In 1911 Otto returned to Germany as his father died and he needed to take care of the family. In 1915, during World War I, Otto was

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called into military service in Germany. As an example of his character, Joan related a story: during the War he promised to return horses to their owners in Belgium and did so after the war, taking three weeks to walk back to Germany after he returned them.

The Frank family moved to the Netherlands in 1933. Otto Frank's business was making pectin (for jams). His cousin wanted him to relocate to London but he didn't want to uproot his family. In 1938 seeing what was happening in Europe he applied for immigration visas to the United States, under the German quota. The waiting list was 300,000 names, but the United States at the time was xenophobic –anti-immigrant.

In April 1940 Denmark fell to Germany and in May Luxembourg, France and Netherlands also fell to Germany. Gradually, because of worsening and more frequent reprisals, the locals stopped associating with Jews. Otto Frank thought it was too late to leave as it was too difficult to move the family which included his cancer ridden mother-in-law. They did not have a car and how could they get to the ports where ships were still leaving.

The first of the recovered letters to Nathan Straus was dated April 30, 1941 he wrote, "for the sake of the children" asking for help. Many of the letters have redacted portions as YIVO felt the passages were too personal for public scrutiny. At this point Nathan Straus, Jr. was working in the Roosevelt Administration as the Housing Administrator.

Requirements for immigration included monetary deposits to help get the Franks out-and while Straus was willing to put up the money there was also concern that once money was wired, it might not get into the correct hands—the money was not to be sent directly to Frank but to banks. Today we would email or instant message, but then, letters could take weeks to get from Europe to the United States. As it happened, the letters would be sent to the Straus home in New York, but as Nathan was working in Washington DC his mail

would be packaged and sent to him once or twice a month –further delaying the request for help.

Once the letter was received it took time to compose information and reply. While this was occurring there was a change in availability of visas—they were no longer available in Rotterdam. Further correspondence showed letters were sent to the National Refugee Service in late May of 1941. The Straus sponsorship for the Frank family finally materialized in late June, 1941, but the State Department rules changed as of July 1, 1941 and the sponsorship under the "old" rules would not arrive in the Netherlands before the change.

While everyone agreed to help, the change in forms caused another delay, and now the Franks had to find a Consulate General that was open—the final problem. There were only four countries that still had open American Consulates: Free France, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland. How could they get there as the countries between the Netherlands and the "neutral" countries were blocked with German-occupied countries.

The Franks also looked toward Cuba, however, it was a concern if they could even obtain a Cuban visa. The "Catch 22" was one could only get an exit permit once the Cuban visa was sent and the Cubans would not send a visa without an exit visa. When Germany and Italy declared war on the United States, Cuba cancelled all visas.

The rest of the story of the Frank family during the War is known through Anne's diary. Only Otto



survived. After the war Otto Frank and Nathan Straus Jr. continued their life-long friendship and Otto's second wife, a holocaust survivor, Fritzi also became friendly with

the Strauses. Nathan died in 1961 and Otto died in 1980.

JGSCV was privileged to have several members of the Straus family attend our meeting to hear

Joan's presentation. Joan's book is currently available for purchase through the Straus family website: <http://tinyurl.com/lmnsqjk> and from her own website: [www.joanadler.com](http://www.joanadler.com) , on Amazon or when she is speaking. Joan sold her book at a discounted rate at the meeting. Almost 40 percent of the attendees purchased a copy - a new percentage record for JGSCV! JGSCV purchased a

copy and it will be placed in our permanent library collection at the Agoura Hills Library. If you are interested in learning more about the fascinating Straus family, read the newsletters available on the Straus Historical Society website: <http://www.straushistoricalsociety.org/>

# How to Organize and Edit Your Photos Using Picasa

**By Marilyn Baskin**

(As appeared in the autumn issue of *The Kol*, published by the Jewish Genealogy Society of Cleveland. Reprinted with permission of the author.)

Picasa is a digital image management system available free at [www.picasa.google.com](http://www.picasa.google.com) . It has a lot of good features for picture editing. Your original photos are preserved, as you edit your files. You can caption photos, store photos in different folders, share the photos by e-mail, print the photos send the photos to websites, edit the photos to improve the image prepare and resize the images to use elsewhere back up your pictures.

You can choose the formats you want to see. You can move photos from one folder to another, or delete from a folder. Folders can be displayed in several formats, like grouped or listed. You can create albums of photos.

Facial recognition can be used to find and group similar faces to organize photos with people in them. This can be turned off, if you do not want to use the computer memory required.

For fixing photos, Picasa can crop straighten fix red-eye resize lighten apply auto-contrast apply auto-color remove glare

You can use "save as" to save a variation on the original photo.

Text can be placed right on the photo. You can choose the font, style, and color of text.

The photos can be organized to make them easier to find. They can be found by using people, places, technical information, or by "tags". One photo can have multiple tags, which are one word, or multiple words for identification. Geotagging shows where the photo was taken, and then when you are on the internet the place shows up on Google maps, in street satellite, terrain, or hybrid maps. A Smartphone can add GPS when the photo is taken, and Picasa will accept it as metadata to add to the photo. For genealogy use, you can show your house or school and where it is/was on a map.

*Marilyn has used Picasa to create family photograph books to publish. My Publisher online can be used to create books.*



# Preparing For the Exclusive Research Afternoon at the Los Angeles Family History Library February 9, 2014 1:00-5:00 PM

JGSCV members are privileged to have an exclusive research afternoon at the Los Angeles Family History Library (LAFHL). This meeting is open only to **2014 current-paid members**. Anyone may join or renew their JGSCV membership by paying their dues at the door—and if you prefer to pay before the meeting a form is on page 13 of this newsletter. The LAFHL is the largest Family History Library outside of Salt Lake City making this an opportunity to visit and receive assistance with your personal genealogy that is not to be missed!

Car-pooling is best, so ask your friends from JGSCV about sharing. JGSCV itself is not putting together any car pools.

## Directions:

The LAFHL is located at: 10741 Santa Monica Blvd in Los Angeles on the grounds of the LDS (Mormon) Temple. From the 405 freeway get off at Santa Monica Blvd. and go east to Manning Ave. Turn north on Manning Ave, make the first left into the LDS Temple compound, proceed right until reaching the Visitor's Center and park along the fence. The entrance to the library is on the right (east) side of the building. The library is on the lower floor; there are stairs and an elevator from the first floor.

LAFHL has the largest holdings of any branch outside of Salt Lake City! For a comprehensive list of their available resources, take a look at: <http://www.lafhl.org/index.htm> or <http://tinyurl.com/nx6v6es>. In addition to microfilms, microfiche, maps and books, they have 86 computers (PCs not Macs) that have access to many genealogical sites at no charge! These sites include: Ancestry.com (full institution subscription); FindMyPast.com, Fold 3.com (previously known as Footnote.com), Godfrey Memorial Library (godfrey.org), Heritage Quest Online,

Historic MapWorks Library Edition, Paper trail, WorldVitalRecords.com, 19th Century British Library Newspaper Digital Archive, Alexander Street Press-The Civil War, Origins.net, Arkiv Digital Online, Legacy Stories and Access Newspaper Archive.

The number of microfilms, microfilm readers, microfiche, microfiche readers and books has been reduced, as many of these records and books are now digitized. However, the foreign vital records microfilms, including the Jewish ones are still available at the facility. JGSLA has a list of the Jewish microfilms on their website that are currently located at the LAFHL: <http://jgsla.org/research/microfilms-at-lafhl>

At 1:30 p.m. there will be a presentation on a brief introduction to the resources at the L.A. Family History Library including using free subscription websites and ordering microfilms. by Barbara Algaze, volunteer at the LAFHL and JGSCV member. Her presentation will include:

What is available on the computers: Ancestry.com (including census, military, and immigration records), Footnote.com, and the LAFHL website.

Getting the most out of the microfilms: (what they contain, how to find them, how to order them, how to use them), and an abbreviated overview of the FHL.

In addition to Barbara, there will be several volunteers from the LAFHL to help you with the resources you need to do your research.

To make the best use of this experience you should prepare in advance and take your research papers with you. Be sure to bring with you: Copies of your family group sheets, documents, family time lines, and family trees!

- **Prioritize your research lists:**  
Foreign and state censuses, city directories, vital records (birth, marriage or death records), maps, naturalization records, WWI and WWII draft registration records.
- **For traditional methodology,** bring:  
Paper pads, post-it notes, pens, pencils and a magnifying glass.
- **For electronic methodology,** bring:  
Laptop computer (if you prefer to use your own), genealogy program, USB storage drives, writable CD Rom, digital camera—to use if making photos from microfilms. WIFI is available in the library. In addition, you can connect to the internet by using internet cables. These cables are available for rent from the library with a deposit of \$3.00. They sell 8 gig thumb drives (flash drives) for about \$10.22 each.

If you are planning to use the foreign microfilms, remember the records are in their native language. Unless you are knowledgeable in the language, it is best to have some key-finding words in that language such as male, female, birth, death, marriage, wife, husband, father, and mother. While there are some foreign language dictionaries available at the LAFHL, the more you prepare in advance, the more your limited time will be used to its best advantage. Many records are handwritten, are in chronological rather than alphabetical order, and may not be indexed. Bring a magnifying glass to help you read the handwriting.

An extra feature at the LAFHL is the availability of permanent libraries of genealogy societies including

our sister society, JGSLA. The books are available for anyone to use. You may wish to look at the JGSLA website to see which books are available: <http://jgsla.org/research/library-lafh>. The Polish Genealogical Society of Southern CA, also has their permanent library housed there and we can use their materials at the library. To see which books the Polish Society has, check out this link: <http://www.pgscsca.org/Library2.html>. Remember, all books, microfilms, microfiche, maps, etc. may only be used at the FHL. It is not a lending library therefore, **nothing is permitted to be removed from the facility.**

There is a small lunchroom with vending machines and a refrigerator where you can store your bag lunches and drinks. We don't know what or if food will be available in the vending machines on a Sunday. If you want to bring a snack or lunch you may eat and drink **ONLY** in that designated area. See floor plan on the following page.

There are lockers with keys available at no fee for members to keep their valuables. There is a coat rack for coats, jackets, and sweaters. Sometimes they forget to ask maintenance to turn on the heat on Sundays (when they are usually closed) and it gets very cold down there--especially in the classroom. **You might want to bring a sweater, sweatshirt, or jacket—**just in case!

If you wish to print a document off a computer, microfilm or microfiche reader, or copy machine, you make your copies and pay at the front desk (10 cents per page). **We don't know how much change they will have so it would be appreciated if you bring change and small denomination bills.**

Have a very successful research trip!

# JGSCV Welcomes New Member

## ABBIEY CLARK

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## 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.

# 34<sup>th</sup> IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

The 2014 IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy will be held in Salt Lake City July 27-August 1. Registration is open and you may make your hotel reservation at the conference rate now. Registration for the full conference is \$295 until May 31, 2014. June 1 the fee increases to \$325. It is \$365 to register on-site. See : [www.iajgs2014.org](http://www.iajgs2014.org)

As the conference will start one day shy of the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I, plans include a major focus on the impact of the War on the lives of our ancestors, whether they served in the armed forces of



any of the nations involved in the conflict, suffered the impacts of fighting through the heartland of Jewish Eastern Europe, emigrated to another county because of the war and its aftermath, or were otherwise touched by the conflict. All registrants will be encouraged to share family stories and pictures from the World War One era.

Other areas of focus of the conference include:

- Technology in the Pursuit of Genealogy
- Jewish Migrations Over the Ages
- Ethical Genealogical Challenges
- Jews (and crypto-Jews) of the Western United States

## JGSCV Meeting Dates Through June, 2014\*

At Temple Adat Elohim

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

At LA Family History Center. Available to current members only. May join at the door.

**Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:30-3:30 PM Program "A Hundred Germanies—A Hundred Jewish Histories—German Jewish Genealogy Pre World War I"**

Roger Lustig, research coordinator for GerSIG and researcher and genealogist specializing in the history of German Jewry

**Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00 PM "The Sephardic Community in Los Angeles"**

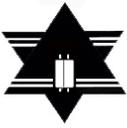
Arthur Benveniste discusses growing up in the LA Sephardic community.

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

**Program TBD**

**Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 1:30-3:30 PM Program "Roundtables" featuring country-specific tables with experts leading each table**

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