

VENTURING INTO OUR PAST



JGSCV

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

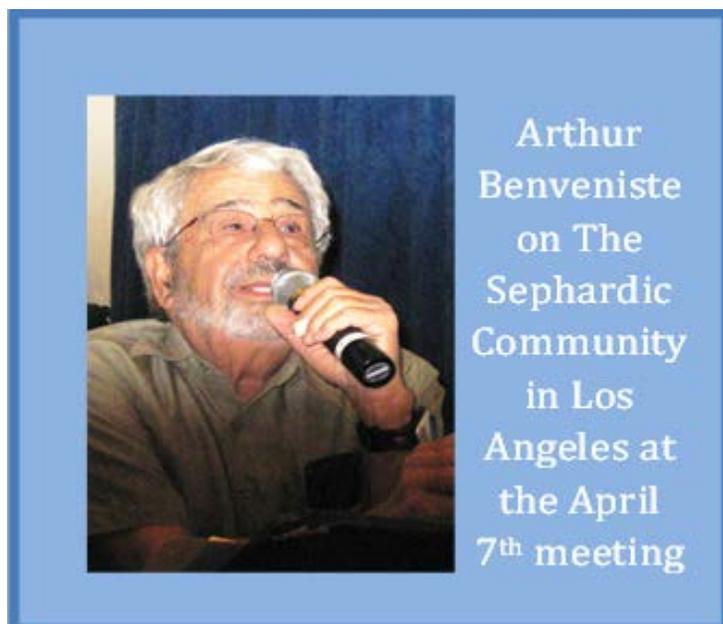
May, 2014

Volume 9 Issue 8

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Arthur Benveniste, treated JGSCV members and friends to an excellent presentation at our Monday April 7th meeting: *Sephardic Jews in Los Angeles*. Arthur has spoken to JGSCV previously on different Sephardic topics and he always presents an interesting and entertaining program. Arthur's parents were from the Island of Rhodes where his ancestors lived for four hundred years. Arthur is a native Angelino grew up in a tight community of Sephardic Jews from the island of Rhodes. Most of the community lived within walking distance of the Sephardic Hebrew Center on 55th and Hoover. Until he was in high school, he thought that all Jews spoke Spanish. For many years, he has been interested in tracing the roots of Sephardic culture. Benveniste has been active in the Society for Crypto Judaic Studies since 1993, and served as president from 2001 to 2003 as well as the co-editor of *Halapid*, the newsletter of the society. See page 6 for highlights from the presentation.

The five-minute genealogical hint was given by me about using the JGSCV website resources. JGSCV's excellent webmaster, David Oseas, updates our website twice a month with the newsletter, meeting notice and library additions. Twice a year David updates the resources on the JGSCV website. In addition to the local library, vital records offices, cemeteries and family history centers there are approximately 300 links



NEXT MEETING

SUNDAY, May 4th 1:30-3:30 PM

Yom Hashoah Commemoration

Part 1: Documentary Film: "The Voyage of the St. Louis". Part 2: Clare Knopfler, Holocaust survivor recounts her family's story from a Jewish ghetto to Auschwitz and Riga. See page 4 for more information.

JGSCV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6052 Hackers Lane
Agoura Hills, CA 91301
818-889-6616

Jan Meisels Allen, President
president@jgscv.org

Stewart Bernstein, Member at Large
stewart@jgscv.org

Debra Kay Blatt, Secretary
secretary@jgscv.org

Warren Blatt, Member Education
education@jgscv.org

Dorothy Drilich, Member at Large
Dorothy@jgscv.org

Allan Linderman, Newsletter Editor
newslettereditor@jgscv.org

Helene Rosen, VP Membership
membership@jgscv.org

Karen Lewy, Treasurer
treasurer@jgscv.org

Israel Perel, Librarian
librarian@jgscv.org

Jan Meisels Allen, Publicity
publicity@jgscv.org

Barbara Algaze, FHL
barbara@jgscv.org

David Oseas, Webmaster
webmaster@jgscv.org

for your genealogical research. Go to www.jgscv.org and click on the resources tab. You will find many useful sites. At the meeting the Sephardic sites were demonstrated.

Thank you to Warren Blatt for facilitating the schmoozing corner 20 minutes before the meeting and to Indy Rebhun for joining the Publicity Committee.

Karen Lewy, JGSCV treasurer asked attendees to complete two survey documents: 1. asking for feedback on future topics for JGSCV computer classes; and 2. sharing your genealogical stories for our newsletter. Copies of the survey documents are on page 11. If you did not complete one at the meeting please do now and email it to treasurer@jgscv.org.

While the April meeting was one of two held annually on a Monday evening, we return to Sunday afternoons on May 4th. We try to accommodate as many different schedules as possible—and recognize that some people cannot attend on Sunday afternoons. We also recognize that most of our members prefer Sunday afternoons which is why the majority of our meetings are held on Sundays.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day, as declared by the United Nations, was commemorated on January 27. Both the United Nations and the European Union remember the Holocaust on that day. Eighteen governments have legislated January 27 as an annual Holocaust Memorial Day to mark the date as an international day of commemoration to honor the victims of the Holocaust. This year, Israel and the United States remember the Holocaust on Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) on Monday April 28th. The recognized date for Holocaust Remembrance Day corresponds to the 27th day of *Nisan* on the Hebrew calendar. It marks the anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising.

Each year JGSCV commemorates Yom Hashoah and that will be our special program on Sunday, May 4th.

JGSCV is following the 2014 *Days of Remembrance* theme of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) which is *Confronting the Holocaust: American Responses*—both action and inaction in the face of the refugee crisis in 1939 and the 70th anniversary of the deportation of Hungarian Jews. JGSCV will be showing the documentary, *The Voyage of the St. Louis* which tells the story of the infamous SS St. Louis episode as recalled by passengers who made the crossing as children and in readings from the diary of the ship's captain. To commemorate the 70th anniversary of the deportation of the Hungarian Jews to Auschwitz-Birkenau, our speaker will be Clara Knopfler, who will recount her family's journey from a Jewish ghetto, to the concentration camps of Auschwitz and Riga—where she lost her father, brother and 37 other members of her family. Knopfler will also sell her book, *I Am Still Here, My Mother's Voice* for \$15.00. Due to the length of the program there will be no 5-minute genealogical hint for the May meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday May

Jan Meisels Allen



ABOUT JGSCV . . .The Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County meets once a month, usually on a Sunday. Meetings are oriented to the needs of the novice as well as the more experienced genealogist. Members share materials, research methods and ideas as well as research success or failures. Members have access to the JGSCV library located on special shelves at the Agoura Hills Public Library. Members also receive our monthly newsletter, which is circulated by email.

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 by selecting the membership button.

GESHER GALICIA ADDS 18 NEW RECORD SETS

Gesher Galicia added 18 new record sets to the All Galicia Database. Many cover 20th century vital records up to 1942-an important addition to Holocaust research. Other Galician databases have also been updated. <http://search.geshergalicia.org>.

AUSCHWITZ TATTOO NUMBERS PROJECT

The Auschwitz Tattoo Numbers Photography Project is led by Gabriella Y. Karin who is capturing and cataloguing this visual documentation of Auschwitz captives. If you know of an Auschwitz survivor, please contact Ms. Karin at auschwitznumbers@earthlink.net or at the address below with the following information:

- Photograph of the person showing the tattoo
- Photo of the forearm with the number and a close-up of the number
- Full name (including maiden name, if applicable), city and country where person lives
- Tattoo number written clearly

Gabriella Y. Karin
c/o Los Angeles Museum of Holocaust6435
Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90048

FROM ANCESTRY: 900 MILLION RECORDS

In this video Crista Cowan introduces viewers to 900 million new international records published online by ancestry.com in January: <http://tinyurl.com/mjeb65l>. This adds records from 27 countries new to ancestry.com including Mexico, Panama, Argentina, Brazil, Luxembourg and Ukraine.

FAMILYSEARCH ADDS 6.6 MILLION RECORDS

FamilySearch has added more than 6.6 million indexed records and images to collections from Austria, Brazil, Dominican Republic, England, Mexico, Nicaragua, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland and the US. Included in the Austria records are more than 1.1 million images of Seigniorial Records from 1537-1920. Search for free at <http://tinyurl.com/ne3g398>

RECTIFY OLD AND NEW MAPS

Using just a video tutorial, you can now overlay an old map onto a contemporary map and digitally rectify them. The New York Public Library's *Map Warper* tool makes this possible with access to more than 20,000 digital maps of areas across the globe. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/yzu3nq4> and view the video and learn how.

The JGSCV will hold a general meeting, co-sponsored with Temple Adat Elohim, on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The Topic: Commemoration of Yom Hashoah Confronting the Holocaust: American Responses—SS St. Louis and the 70th Anniversary of the Holocaust in Hungary

Each year JGSCV observes Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) with a special program. This year, in keeping with the theme of The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum [USHMM], we commemorate with *Confronting the Holocaust: American Responses*.



In May 1939, a passenger liner, the *SS St. Louis*, carrying 937 people—almost all of them German Jews fleeing Nazi persecution—left Hamburg, Germany, for Havana, Cuba. The ship had landing permits to enter Cuba which were invalidated before the ship arrived in Havana. For 30 days the *St. Louis* wandered the seas and was refused haven by every country in the Americas including the United States. Even before WWII began in Europe, these attempts to enter the US were unsuccessful and pleas to President Roosevelt were unheeded. The ship returned to Europe where many passengers eventually were killed in the holocaust.



Documentary: JGSCV will be showing the documentary, *The Voyage of the St. Louis** which tells the story of this infamous episode as recalled by passengers who made the crossing as children and in readings from the diary of the ship's captain.

Speaker: Clara Knopfler, Holocaust survivor. To commemorate the 70th anniversary of the deportation of the Hungarian Jews to Auschwitz-Birkenau, Knopfler will recount the brutality of her family's journey from a Jewish ghetto, to the concentration camps of Auschwitz and Riga-where she lost her father, brother and 37 other members of her family. Knopfler will also sell her book, *I Am Still Here, My Mother's Voice*.



The Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County is dedicated to sharing genealogical information, techniques and research tools with anyone interested in Jewish genealogy and family history. There is no charge to attend the meeting. Anyone may join JGSCV. Annual dues are \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family.

*Showing the *Voyage of the St. Louis* is made possible through the National Center for Jewish Film www.jewishfilm.org

JGSCV UPDATES . . .



JGSCV is seeking an assistant editor for our newsletter, “Venturing Into Our Past”. The assistant editor will need to devote a total about of 2 hours (at your own pace) throughout each month researching and accumulating the records updates and insights that appear on page 3 of this publication. Help in writing will be provided if necessary. Please contact Allan Linderman if interested: newslettereditor@jgscv.org



THE SCHMOOZING CORNER is available If you would like individual insights for your genealogical pursuits from an experienced JGSCV member. Warren Blatt (in photo left) led the Schmoozing Corner prior to the April meeting. Come to the front right corner of the meeting room and look for the SCHMOOZING CORNER sign 20 minutes before the meeting is



scheduled to begin. JGSCV founding member Werner Frank will facilitate the Schmoozing Corner on May 4th.

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.

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 available at meetings and on the website www.jgscv.org

JGSCV Computer Workshops are one of the many benefits of membership. To help plan future Workshops, please review the form on page 11 and tell the board what interests you most. You may print it, fill it out and hand it in at the sign-in desk at the next meeting. If you prefer, just ask for the form at the desk at the next meeting and fill it out there.

JGSCV would like to include your genealogical discoveries in our newsletter. Maybe it is a photo or a document that you have uncovered. Maybe you have connected with a new relative. Or, maybe you’ve encountered a brick wall that you’d like to share. Please take some time to summarize what you would like to share and we will contact you for more details if necessary. See page 10 for more details.

Highlights From:

Sephardic Jews in Los Angeles

Arthur Benveniste is an excellent storyteller of Sephardic Judaism. JGSCV has been privileged to have him speak to us on two previous occasions—on Crypto Jews in February 2009 and the Holocaust in the Balkans and North Africa in April 2012. The presentation on Sephardic Jews in Los Angeles was another highly enlightening program.



Overview of History of Sephardic Jews

Benveniste began his talk with an overview of the Sephardic Jews. When Spain expelled the Jews in 1492 most went to Portugal, Morocco and the Ottoman Empire. In 1497 when the King of Portugal wanted to marry the daughter of Spanish King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, he was told in order to do so he had to expel the Jews from Portugal. Jews were forced to convert to Catholicism if they did not flee—and many did flee to North Africa, Italy, and the Ottoman Empire. The Ottoman Sultan wanted Jews for their business acumen. The Sultan “kicked” the Knights out in 1522 and in 1528 brought in 40 Jewish families to Rhodes—Arthur’s family was one of the founding 40 families where they lived for over 400 years.

The single largest area that Jews inhabited was Salonika today known as Thessaloniki (now the second largest city in Greece). It became the largest Sephardic area on mainland Europe. It
May, 2014

was known as “Jerusalem of the Balkans”. Thessaloniki also included the historically significant and ancient Greek-speaking Romaniote community. (The Romanioti Jews settled in the eastern Mediterranean area at the time of Alexander the Great and spoke Greek.) During the Ottoman era, Thessaloniki's Sephardic community comprised more than half the city's population; the Jews were dominant in commerce until the ethnic Greek population increased after Greek independence in 1912. The Romaniotes were absorbed into the Sephardic culture and with the exception of Ioannina and Corfu, they spoke Spanish or Judeo-Española or Ladino –the language of Sephardic Jews, which is written in the Latin alphabet and was originally written with the Rashi or Solitrea script.

In World War II the Nazi’s occupied Greece where the Jews were first put into a ghetto and then transported to Auschwitz. Almost 96 percent of Thessaloniki was exterminated.

Sephardic Jews in Los Angeles

Salomon Nuñez Carvalho was the first Sephardic Jew in Los Angeles. He was an explorer who arrived with John C. Fremont’s second expedition to the west and met the Labatt brothers—Samuel and Joseph—in whose building Carvalho had his photographic studio. Carvalho became one of the founding fathers of the Los Angeles Jewish community.

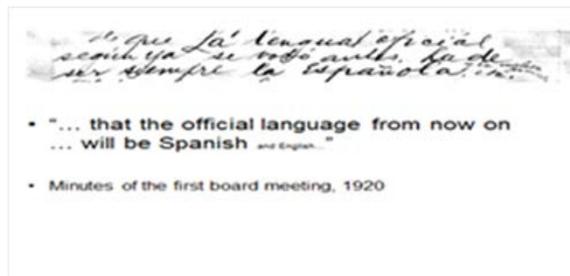
Samuel K. Labatt was the first president of the first Jewish organization to be established here in 1854. The Hebrew Benevolent Society of Los Angeles still exists today as the Family Service of Los Angeles. Labatt also was responsible for acquiring the first land for a Jewish cemetery—

in Chavez Ravine- where today is the home of Dodgers Stadium.

In 1905 two groups of Sephardim arrived in Los Angeles: two Algerian brothers and three "Turkinos" from Bursa. Between 1905 and 1912 Jews came to Los Angeles from around the Aegean: Rhodes, Salonika, Izmir, Monistir among others. In 1912 the first Sephardic Congregation was formed: Congregation Ahavat Shalom which later was known as *La Comunidad Sefardi de Los Angeles*. The first spiritual leader was Rabbi Abraham Caraco. The members were from Turkey and Rhodes. The Rhodes community separated in 1917 and formed The Peace and Progress Society. The Peace and Progress Society became the Sephardic Hebrew Center and built Temple Ohel Abraham on 55th and Hoover in 1935. In 1921 Sephardics from Izmir separated from La Comunidad to form the Sephardic Brotherhood and reunited in 1953. The new name became The Sephardic Community and Brotherhood of Los Angeles. The Sephardic Community of Los Angeles dedicated their first synagogue at 1516 West Santa Barbara Avenue, (now called Martin Luther King Boulevard) on February 21, 1932. Later the name changed again, this time to the Sephardic Temple Tifereth Israel, the name by which it is known today. It is located on Wilshire Boulevard where they moved in 1979 to accommodate the needs of the growing congregation. Unlike Ashkenazi Synagogues, in the Sephardic Temples the bimah is located in the center of the sanctuary as were shown in photographs of Tifereth Israel.

Benveniste also showed photographs of some of the original Sephardic residents of Los Angeles as well as some of the founding documents of the Congregation. One of the most interesting documents were minutes from a 1920 board meeting stating that the official language will be Spanish, and the minutes of the board meeting will be in Ladino. The minutes also showed that they were to pay the Rabbi—Abraham Caraco \$1.00 per year and that monthly membership dues were \$1.00 per person. In 1960 the

Sephardic Jewish Community and Brotherhood of Los Angeles engaged Jacob Ott as their rabbi and he held that position for 34 years.



The occupations of the Sephardic members of the Los Angeles Community were predominately florists, shoemakers and grocers with many located at the Grand Central Market.

Sephardic names include: Caraco, Soriano, Beraha, Behar, Amado, Cordova, Hassan, Rafael, De Leon, Eshkenazi, Roditi, Rugeti, and Meshulam.

Names were also changed:

Last Names:

Benveniste—Benton, Bain

Cohen—Collins

Almalech—Kingston

First Names:

Sadok—Ralph

Israel—Harry

Moshe—Morris

Aslan—Leon-Arthur

Benveniste also reviewed how Ladino differs from Spanish. Several examples included:

Piron (Tenador) -- fork--Greek

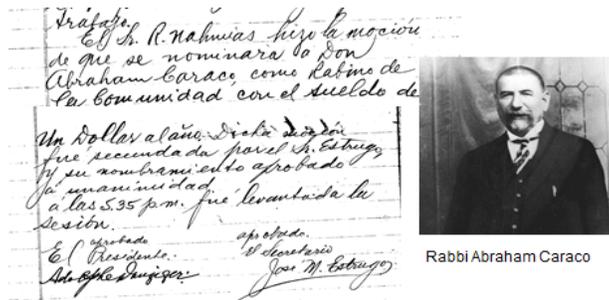
Chapeo (Sombrero)—hat—Portuguese

Kushak (Cintaron) -belt-- Turkish

Lavoro (Trabajo)—work--Italian

Examples also included differences in pronunciation between Ladino and Spanish. Additionally examples were given on how Ladino parallels Yiddish. As with other languages, Ladino has different dialects-- from Salonika, Rhodes and Izmir. We were also

introduced to different types of Ladino foods such as *travados* which are almond honey



Mr. Nahmias made the motion to nominate Don Abraham Caraco as Rabbi of the Community with the wages of One Dollar per year.....

From the minutes of the first meeting Sunday, February 1st 1920

turnovers and *baklava* a honey and nut desert, *fasula* string beans, *balumas* cheese, potato or spinach pastries. The Sephardic drink is *Raki* – an anise- flavored liquor.

During the question and answer period Benveniste discussed the pending legislation in Spain that would provide descendants of expelled Sephardic Jews dual citizenship. The problem is determining how to prove one’s eligibility. Genie Milgrom who was a speaker at JGSCV in November 2012 was mentioned as she has been able to prove her ancestry through the Inquisition records. Benveniste also discussed the Falange Party during the Spanish Civil War which decreed citizenship to Sephardic Jews – but dual citizenship was not permitted. General Franco rescued 60,000 Jews during the World War II and gave them Spanish citizenship.

Benveniste will be presenting twice at the 34th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy in Salt Lake City July 27-August 1.

(More graphics from the lecture are on found on page 12)

Genie Milgrom has written a new book on how to exactly do the work that she had done: to trace genealogy through Catholic and Inquisition Records. The book is: **How I Found My 15 Grandmothers**. This book is in English and Spanish under the same cover and available on Amazon at the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/lmysbzt>

34th 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. It is expected that the full program will be posted to the website by the end of April or in early May since the chosen speakers were notified April 6 and have 10 days to sign the Speaker agreement.

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. FAQ’s regarding registration can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/l3hgysm>. Hotel rooms are limited so make your reservation now if you plan to attend. There is no penalty to cancel the hotel reservation up to 24

hours before the check-in date.

The conference website <http://iajgs2014.org> is updated regularly so visit often to learn more as new information is released.

And, for insights regarding travel and transportation once in Salt Lake City, go to <http://tinyurl.com/l1g4h5o>

“Venturing Into Our Past” © is the newsletter of the Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley (JGSCV). All rights reserved. Any article may be reproduced with prior notification and attribution.

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

The month of May is Jewish American Heritage Month (JAHM).



This recognition was started by President George W. Bush in 2006 as a result of the Jewish Museum of Florida and South Florida Jewish

Community leaders resulting in congressional leaders urging then-President Bush to recognize the more than 350-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture. The recognition of Jewish American Month has been continued by President Barack Obama. JAHM acknowledges the achievements of American Jews in fields ranging from sports and arts and entertainment to medicine, business, science, government, and military service.

The 2014 theme for Jewish American Heritage Month: "American Jews and Tikkun Olam"--Healing the World. The theme celebrates Jewish Americans who have weaved the fabric of American culture, history and society which include humanitarian causes, social justice, medical and scientific research, community-building, and philanthropy.

This year JAHM is partnering with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). The JDC celebrates its 100th anniversary as a Jewish international humanitarian organization, putting into action the precept that all Jews are responsible for one another and for all humankind. The JDC was founded at the beginning of WWI and has benefited people and transformed lives in Israel and 90 countries.

The JAHM has website with educational features for this year's theme <http://www.jahm.us>. The JAHM also has an interactive calendar for organizations to place their programs celebrating JAHM: http://www.jahm.us/view_events.aspx

When you go to <http://www.jahm.us/index.aspx> you will see a gallery of famous Jewish Americans. They also have a 50 states/50 stories gallery <http://www.jahm.us/statestories.aspx#a1>. Other stories are welcome to be submitted, however the JAHM reserves the right to edit or refuse any story.

In the past, presidents made an annual presidential proclamation for JAHM. This usually occurs during the month of May and therefore any 2014 proclamation is not yet posted but will be available on the JAHM website when this year's



proclamation is available.

The National Archives will also celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month with two programs. On **May 14th at 7:00 PM eastern** a panel program entitled *A Nation of Immigrants: How They Have Shaped America* will feature three award winning authors discussing how millions of immigrants helped shape America from the late 19th through the 20th century. Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and historian Nick Kotz, author of the newly published, *The Harness Makers's Dream: Nathan Kallison and the Rise of South Texas* (TCU Press), will moderate a panel featuring Steve V. Roberts, New York Times bestselling author of *From Every End of the Earth: 13 Families and the New Lives They Made in America*, and Sanford J. Ungar, President of Goucher College and author of *Fresh Blood: The New American Immigrants*.

On May 27th at 7:00 PM eastern The National Archives will present *The Jewish Experience During the Civil War*. This panel will discuss the contributions of the Jewish men and women during the Civil War and will focus on documents and events including General Grant's Order 11 which called for the expulsion of all Jews in his military districts. Dr. Gary P. Zola, executive director of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the

American Jewish Archives, will moderate a panel including Eli Evans, former president of the Revson Foundation and author of *Judah P. Benjamin: The Jewish Confederate*; and Dr. Pamela S. Nadell, director of the Jewish Studies Program at American University and co-editor of *Women and American Judaism: Historical Perspectives*.

All evening programs are streamed live at <http://tinyurl.com/bc6xegc>

SHARING GENEALOGICAL STORIES

Attendees at the April meeting were invited to share genealogical stories, discoveries or photos. Below are a discovery and a request for help. Please print the form below and let us know what you would like to share. Or, as for a form at the desk at the next meeting.

JOANNE CADIS shared a discovery:

"I have found 4 families of relatives, 3 in Israel which I recently visited. In Pittsburgh I also visited a 96 year old Auschwitz survivor. (I) also found a family in Budapest."

TAMMY WILLIAMS-ANDERSON would like help with a brickwall:

"brickwall: maiden surname of g(reat)-g(reat)-grandmother is same as (her) husband. Are they related (not unusual) or does the document have an error?"

Will You Share Your Genealogical Stories?

To all JGSCV members: We would like to include your genealogical discoveries in our newsletter. Maybe it is a photo or a document that you have uncovered. Maybe you have connected with a new relative. Or, maybe you've encountered a brick wall that you'd like to share. Please take some time to summarize what you would like to share and we will contact you for more details.

Name _____ Email address _____

Contact Number _____

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

Future JGSCV Computer Classes Survey

To all JGSCV members: Thank you for taking the time and effort to respond to this survey. We want to know what interests you. We have listed some topics, but please add anything else you want to learn.

_____ Jewish Gen – Data Base Searches

_____ JGSCV.org Website Resource Links

_____ How to use Google for Genealogy searches

Genealogy software programs (write on the line below)

Other

Name (optional) _____

(Continued from page 8- Photos from Arthur Benveniste' s Lecture)



1st Sephardic Jew in L.A.
Came with Fremont's
Second Expedition
1853-54

• Salomon Nunes Carvalho

Los Angeles Star July 8, 1854



Solomon Carvalho,
Artist & [Photographer](#).
Inspired Others
to Form New Jewish
Benevolent Society.

- *The Israelites of this city have formed themselves into a society under the name of the Hebrew Benevolent Society. At a meeting held on the 22nd inst, the following gentlemen were elected officers of the society:*
- *S[amuel] K. Labatt, President
Chas Shachco, Vice President
Jacob Elias, Secretary and Treasurer
S[olomon] Lazard and H. Goldbery,
Trustees*



800 Year
Old Torah
from
Rhodes

JGSCV Meeting Dates Through August, 2014 At Temple Adat Elohim

NOTE: Programs are set through August 2014. There is no meeting July, 2014 to accommodate the annual IAJGS Conference (held this year in Salt Lake City). Next month's newsletter will include the meeting dates from September 2014-June 2015.

Sunday, May 4th 1:30-3:30 PM "Yom Hashoah" (Holocaust Memorial)

Confronting the Holocaust: The United States Response- SS St. Louis – documentary about the SS St. Louis in 1939 and the absence of the US response and commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Holocaust in Hungary with Clara Knopfler, holocaust survivor.

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

No Meeting in July to accommodate IAJGS Conference in Salt Lake City

Sunday, August 10th 1:30-3:30 PM Genealogy in the Round- Members and attendees share genealogical successes, brickwalls and artifacts.

*All programs subject to change. Check website www.jgscv.org