



Reasons For A Jewish Genealogical Society To Belong to IAJGS

- Be part of the 70 plus Jewish Genealogical Societies worldwide;
- Be assigned an IAJGS mentor for you to ask questions and direction for your society;
- Participate in the IAJGS Leadership Forum and exchange ideas and ask for feedback with society management, programming etc. with JGS leaders around the world;
- Be part of a community that works toward the development and improvement of Jewish genealogy worldwide;
- Belong to a group with people of similar interests;
- Opportunity to attend IAJGS Management Sessions at the annual IAJGS conference designed to assist genealogical societies in membership development, programming, ethics and more;
- Participate in the IAJGS Newsletter Initiative;
- Eligible to submit a bid to host or co-host the annual IAJGS International Jewish Genealogy Conference in your area.
- Eligible to be under IAJGS 501-C3 umbrella if want to have 501-C3 status [this saves a great deal of time and expense if you are looking at that option]; **US only**
- Eligible for the IAJGS group liability insurance policy for those member JGSs that wish to have such coverage [with our litigious society many of our members participate in this program]; **US only**
- Receive the benefit of the IAJGS Public Records Access Membership Committee (PRAMC) actions on behalf of the genealogical community to keep records access available—without access to vital records we can't do our genealogy so this is critical to our love of genealogy;
- Nominate projects for the Rabbi Malcolm Stern Grant;

- Nominate persons/organizations for the Annual IAJGS Awards: Lifetime Achievement; Outstanding Contribution to Jewish Genealogy via the Internet, Print or Electronic Product; Outstanding Programming or Project that Advances the Objectives of Jewish Genealogy; and Outstanding Publication by a Member Organization of IAJGS--to read more about the prestigious IAJGS awards see: <http://www.iajgs.org/awards/awards.html> ;
- Be eligible to win the IAJGS Outstanding Publications award, open only to IAJGS member societies;
- Nominate persons for an IAJGS Salute Award;
- Access to *How To Start a Society Guide*.

Intangibles:

- Network at IAJGS conferences with IAJGS and other Jewish Genealogical society leaders for aid in how to run a society;
- Increasing membership potential by being listed on IAJGS membership and on the IAJGS website under members others in your area would learn of your JGS;
- Going to a conference as a member society increases your visibility