Jewish Genealogy Yearbook 2012
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Reporting on 147 Organizations Dedicated to
Supporting Jewish Genealogy

Note that while not highlighted, the links throughout this Yearbook operate.
The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) is pleased to present the *Jewish Genealogy Yearbook* on an annual basis in the hopes that it will be of help as you pursue your family research.

I want to thank Hal Bookbinder for his long-time devotion to editing the Yearbook and all those who have taken the time to respond to his requests for the information.

Hal will also be co-chairing, with Michael Brenner, the 34th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy to be held in Salt Lake City, July 27 through August 1, 2014.

With very best wishes for successful research.

Michael Goldstein
President, IAJGS

The *Jewish Genealogy Yearbook* began in 1998 as a section in the syllabus of the Jewish genealogy conference held that year in Los Angeles. The initial edition included reports on about 80 organizations involved in Jewish genealogy. This has grown to 147 organizations involved in Jewish Genealogy. We hope you find it to be a valuable resource.

I extend my thanks to the organizational and project leaders who put the effort into gathering, reviewing and submitting the information that appears in this edition of the Yearbook. And, I especially thank Jan Meisels Allen for her ongoing assistance.

Hal Bookbinder
Editor, *Jewish Genealogy Yearbook*
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Awards

1991 - 2011 Stern Grants

The Stern Grant honors Malcolm H. Stern, widely considered to have been the dean of American Jewish genealogy, and his efforts to increase the availability of resources for Jewish genealogical research. The Stern Grant is a funding award given to encourage institutions to pursue projects, activities and acquisitions that provide new or enhanced resources to benefit Jewish genealogists. It has been awarded since 1991.

2011: Gesher Galicia was awarded a Stern Grant towards the continuing efforts to inventory, index and record acquisition for the Cadastral Map and Landowner Records Project. This project will benefit a wide range of genealogists. - $2,000

The American Jewish Historical Society was awarded a Stern Grant towards the Archive's continuing efforts to microfilm the Records of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (Boston), 1870-1977. The original files are in Boston and by microfilming them it would give greater access to these records both in their Boston and New York facilities. A partial finding aid is searchable on-line. This project is not only beneficial to genealogists but by providing funds to the AJHS we build better relationships between Archives and Genealogist. - $1,000

2010: The Israel Genealogical Society (IGS) which has taken upon itself an ambitious project to make available significant new databases in preparation for the 2014 Conference - $2500


2008: The Italian Genealogical Group (www.Italiangen.org). to create and computerize a Brooklyn Brides Index for 1910-1930 - $2,500

2007: US Holocaust Memorial Museum for its upcoming project to index materials it receives from the International Tracing Service (ITS) - $2000

2006: Toledot-Jewish Family History Centre in Prague for its project to Digitize Jewish Familiant Registers from Bohemia (1760-1849) - $2000

2005: Jewish Genealogical Society of Montreal for their project to digitize and index Canadian naturalization records 1932-1951 covering approximately 400,000. The data will be posted to the Internet. - $2000

2004: No award given
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2003: The University of Denver Ira M. Beck Memorial Special Collection Archives to support the JCRS project indexing about 25,000 tuberculosis patient files from 1904-1920 - $2,000

2002: The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, OH - $2,000 to expand its archives

2001: Genealogy Institute of the Center for Jewish History, New York City - $1,000 Central Zionist Archives, Jerusalem - $1,000 The Philadelphia Jewish Archives Center, Philadelphia, PA. - $1,000 Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Latvia, Riga - $1,000 JewishGen, Houston, TX - $1,000

2000: No award given

1999: The International Survey of Jewish Monuments, Syracuse, NY - $2,000 The US Holocaust Museum, Washington, DC - $2,000 to computerize Russian lists of Holocaust victims

1998: Jewish Agency Search Bureau, Jerusalem Jerusalem - $1,250 Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw, Poland - $1,250

1997: No award given

1996: Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw, Poland - $1,250 The US Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, Washington, DC - $500

1995: Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw, Poland - $1,000 The Federation of Genealogical Societies' Stern-NARA Gift Fund for US National Archives microfilming - $1,000

1994: Yad Vashem, Jerusalem - $3,000 to purchase computers to speed process of computerizing Pages of Testimony

1993: Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People, Jerusalem - Funding for adding much needed office space - $2,000

1992: No award given

1991: Jewish Agency Search Bureau, Jerusalem - $3,000
2011 Achievement Awards

Annually since 1998, the IAJGS has issued achievement awards to recognize outstanding individual and organizational contributions to Jewish Genealogy. Potential awardees are nominated by one or more of the 70 IAJGS member societies, and determined by a committee appointed by the IAJGS Board of Directors.

- The IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award - It is presented to a living individual for a lifetime of outstanding contributions of major significance and benefit to Jewish genealogy.
- The IAJGS Outstanding Contribution Award - It is presented to a person, persons or organization in recognition of an exceptional contribution to Jewish genealogy via the Internet, print, or electronic product.
- The IAJGS Outstanding Programming or Project Award - It is presented to a person, persons or organization either in recognition of a single program or series of programs, or in recognition of a single project or series of projects.
- The IAJGS Outstanding Publication Award - It is presented to an IAJGS Member Organization in recognition of an outstanding of an outstanding journal, newsletter, or other publication that Jewish genealogical research.

The 2011 IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Michael Tobias
"This award is given in deep appreciation for your many contributions to the world of Jewish genealogy. As JewishGen Vice President, Programming and co-founder of Jewish Records Indexing - Poland for his role in development and improvement of online database systems."

The 2011 IAJGS Outstanding Contribution to Jewish Genealogy via the Internet, Print or Electronic Product to Phyllis Kramer
"This award is given in recognition of her valuable work as JewishGen Vice President, Education, for her role with the JewishGen Learning Center."

The 2011 IAJGS Outstanding Project Award was presented to The Columbus Jewish Historical Society
"This award is given for their "Legacy 2010: 170 Years of Jewish Life in Central Ohio" project. Accepting on behalf of CJHS was Legacy 2010 Project Director Toby Brief."

No award was made for Outstanding Publication by an IAJGS member Society

1998-2010 Achievement Awards

2010
Lifetime Achievement Hal Bookbinder
Outstanding Contribution Judith Frazin (A Translation Guide to 19th Century Polish-Language Civil-Registration Documents)
Outstanding Publication Jewish Genealogical Society of Los Angeles
Outstanding Project Jewish Genealogical Society of Philadelphia (Philadelphia
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Area Jewish Genealogy Resource Guide

2009
Lifetime Achievement Joyce Field
Outstanding Contribution Harry Boonin (books on the history of the Philadelphia Jewish community)
Outstanding Publication Jewish Genealogical Society, Inc (Dorot)
Outstanding Project Heidi Ulrich, JGS of Greater Boston (Hebrew College Course)

2008
Lifetime Achievement Howard Margol
Outstanding Contribution Steven Lasky (online Museum of Family History)
Outstanding Publication JGS of Great Britain (guidebooks comprising the Jewish Ancestors? series)
Outstanding Project Petra Laidlaw (Jewish Community in Mid-19th Century Britain database)

2007
Lifetime Achievement Mathilde Tagger
Outstanding Contribution Lars Menk (A Dictionary of German-Jewish Surnames)
Outstanding Publication No Award
Outstanding Project No Award

2006
Lifetime Achievement Stephen P. Morse
Outstanding Contribution Ada Green (recording New York City area Jewish burials)
Outstanding Publication JGS of Greater Boston (MASS-POCHA)
Outstanding Project JGS of Greater Philadelphia (Blitzstein and Lipshutz "ethnic bank" records)

2005
Lifetime Achievement Susan King
Outstanding Contribution Yad Vashem (Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names)
Outstanding Publication JGS of Greater Philadelphia (Chronicles)
Outstanding Project JGS of Los Angeles (25th anniversary activities)

2004
Lifetime Achievement Warren Blatt
Outstanding Contribution Alexander Beider (proper name and surname research)
Outstanding Publication Jewish Genealogical Society, Inc. (Genealogical Resources in the New York Area (2nd Edition))
Outstanding Project David Fox (Belarus SIG databases)
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2003
Lifetime Achievement Miriam Weiner
Outstanding Contribution Stephen Morse (One-Step website)
Outstanding Publication JGS of Palm Beach County (Beginners and Intermediate Genealogical Workbook)
Outstanding Project JGS of Montreal (the Drouin Project)

2002
Lifetime Achievement Stanley Diamond
Outstanding Contribution JewishGen (Yizkor Book Project)
Outstanding Publication JGS of Los Angeles (RootsKey)
Outstanding Project JGS of Ottawa (Chernivtsi Cemetery Project)

2001
Lifetime Achievement Peter Landé
Outstanding Contribution
Internet Michael Tobias (Jewish genealogical D/B development)
Print Dan and Rosanne Leeson (18th Century Alsatian Jewish Census and marriage indices)
Electronic Media Nancy Goodstein (Index of Jewish Records in the FHL)
Outstanding Publication Asociacion de Genealogia Judia de Argentina (Toldot)
Outstanding Programming JGS, Palm Beach County
Outstanding Project(s) JGS, Inc. (NY) (Indexing of various historical records)

2000
Lifetime Achievement Sallyann Amdur Sack
Outstanding Contribution
Internet Litvak SIG (All Lithuania Database)
Print Miriam Weiner (Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova)
Outstanding Publication JGS of Michigan (Generations)
Outstanding Programming JGS of Greater Washington
Outstanding Project(s) JGS of Canada (Toronto) (Jewish Youth Genealogy Project)

1999
Lifetime Achievement Arthur Kurzweil
Outstanding Contribution
Internet Jewish Records Indexing-Poland Project
Print Miriam Weiner (Jewish Roots in Poland)
Outstanding Publication Israel GS (Sharsheret HaDorot)
Outstanding Programming JGS of Michigan
Outstanding Project(s) JGS, Inc. (NY) (Family Finder)

1998
Lifetime Achievement Gary Mokotoff
Outstanding Contribution Susan King (Jewishgen)
Outstanding Publication JGS of Great Britain (Shemot)
The “IAJGS Salutes” recognizes noteworthy projects and activities relating to Jewish genealogy that increase the availability of resources, demonstrate creative techniques others can use or increase interest and participation in Jewish Genealogy.

Honorees to date are shown below. For information about the noteworthy efforts by these honorees, please see the IAJGS Website, www.iajgs.org.

- Nancy Adelson
- Mary Barkan
- Angelika Ellmann-Krüger & Dietrich Ellmann
- Allen Halberstadt
- Steven Lasky
- Sidney & Arline Sachs
- Marian L Smith
- Leo Baeck Institute
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Jewish Genealogy Month

In 1999, Avotaynu declared the month of Nissan—the Passover season—as "Jewish Genealogy Month." In association with this event, Avotaynu commissioned a poster that was distributed free of charge to Jewish genealogical societies for posting in synagogues and other Jewish institutions in their areas. They continued commissioning posters each year through 2006.

In 2007 IAJGS took over this tradition, shifting Jewish Genealogy Month to Cheshvan in the fall. The IAJGS started a new tradition of sponsoring annual contests to select a poster for Jewish Genealogy Month. Submissions come from IAJGS member societies. The winning poster is highlighted at the IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy and distributed to the IAJGS member societies shortly thereafter. The creator of the winning poster is recognized at the Conference and given free registration to attend.

All of the posters from 1999 through the current year can be viewed at the IAJGS.com website and are shown on the following pages of this Yearbook. The 1999-2006 posters are available for purchase on the Avotaynu.com website."
Poster was created by Jillian Beroza (Brzoza): Both an amateur genealogist and artist, Jillian Beroza is the Art Director at HJMT, a public relations, social media, event planning, and graphic design agency.

Always having a passion for history and a love of family, Jillian developed an interest in genealogy from the frustration of a 4th-grade assignment to create her own family tree. While other students had sprawling trees dating back to the creation of their surnames, Jillian's small family tree contained mostly question marks, misspellings, and vague locations. From not even knowing the names of her great-grandparents, Jillian's research has led her to discover that she is the decedent of some of the most famous rabbis and scholars. Her roots are in Lomza, Suwalki, Ostroleka, Minsk, Riga, Krasilov, Starokostyantyniv and Sătoraljaújhely.
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Jewish Genealogy Month Posters – 1999 - 2011

2010

2009

2008

2007

Jewish Genealogy Month
19 October through 17 November, 2009

It’s much more than just names and dates:
Who were we?
Where did we come from?
How did our family live?
Give your ancestors a voice—preserve your own family’s history!

Jewish Genealogy Month—Cheshvan 5770

30 October through 27 November, 2008

Researching our past helps us to better understand the present and prepare for the future!

"This is unique to the Bible in the literature of the ancient world. No other people, as far as is known, had a genealogical concept of history. Clan, tribal and national relationships are expressed through the ascertainment of common ancestry to a single individual, the eponymous ancestor."

—Rabbinic Source

Understanding Genealogy: The Heritage of Biblical Israel, 1986

Celebrate your family heritage during Jewish Genealogy Month and all year round!
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Jewish Genealogy Month Posters – 1999 - 2011

2002

2001

2000

1999

Discover Your Family Heritage

From Generation to Generation

Bringing Back the Names

A Family Tree of the Jewish People
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Member Organizations

- Argentina
  - Asociación de Genealogía Judía de Argentina, "AGJA", (Association of Jewish Genealogy of Argentina)
- Australia
  - Australian JGS (Victoria), Inc.
  - Australian JGS, Inc.
- Belgium
  - Cercle de Généalogie Juive de Belgique, also, Kring voor Joodse Genealogie in Belgie (Jewish Genealogy Society of Belgium)
- Canada, Manitoba
  - Genealogical Institute of the Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada Inc.
- Canada, British Columbia
  - Jewish Genealogical Institute of British Columbia
- Canada, Ontario
  - JGS - Hamilton & Area
  - JGS of Ottawa
  - JGS of Canada (Toronto)
- Canada, Quebec
  - JGS of Montreal
- Denmark
  - JGS of Denmark
- France
  - Cercle de Généalogie Juive
- Germany
  - Hamburger Gesellschaft für Jüdische Genealogie e.V.
- Great Britain
  - JGS of Great Britain
- Israel
  - Amoetat Akevoth (Dutch Jewish Genealogical Data Base)
  - Israeli “Family Roots” Forum
  - Israel Genealogical Research Association
  - Israel Genealogical Society
- Jamaica
  - Jamaica Jewish Genealogical Society
- Sweden
  - Judiska Släktforskningsföreningen i Sverige, (JGS of Sweden)
- Switzerland
  - Schweizerische Vereinigung für Jüdische Genealogie (SVJG), Swiss Organization for Jewish Genealogy
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International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies
Member Organizations

- USA, Arizona
  - Phoenix JGS, Inc.
- USA, California
  - JGS of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County (JGSCV)
  - JGS, Los Angeles
  - Orange County JGS
  - JGS of Sacramento
  - San Diego JGS
  - San Francisco Bay Area JGS
- USA, Colorado
  - JGS of Colorado
- USA, Connecticut
  - JGS of Connecticut, Inc
- USA, District of Columbia
  - JGS of Greater Washington
- USA, Florida
  - JGS of Broward County, Inc.
  - JGS of Greater Miami, Inc.
  - JGS of Greater Orlando
  - JGS of Palm Beach County, Inc.
  - JGS of Southwest Florida
  - JGS of Tallahassee
  - JGS of Tampa Bay
- USA, Georgia
  - JGS of Georgia
- USA, Illinois
  - JGS of Illinois
- USA, Illinois/Indiana
  - Illiana JGS
- USA, Indiana/Michigan
  - Michiana JHS
- USA, Maryland
  - JGS of Maryland (not currently in good standing)
- USA, Massachusetts
  - JGS of Greater Boston, Inc.
  - Western Massachusetts JGS
- USA, Michigan
  - JGS of Michigan
- USA, Missouri
  - Jewish SIG (J-SIG) of the St. Louis Genealogical Society (StLGS)
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International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies
Member Organizations

- USA, Nevada
  - JGS of Southern Nevada, Inc.
- USA, New Jersey
  - JHS of Central Jersey
  - JGS of North Jersey
- USA, New Mexico
  - New Mexico JHS
- USA, New York
  - JGS of Buffalo
  - JGS of Long Island
  - JGS, Inc. (New York)
  - Sephardic Heritage Project
- USA, Ohio
  - JGS of Greater Cincinnati
  - JGS of Cleveland
  - Jewish Genealogical Group, Columbus JHS
  - JGS of Dayton
- USA, Oklahoma
  - JGS of Tulsa
- USA, Oregon
  - JGS of Oregon
  - JGS of Willamette Valley Oregon (JGSWVO)
- USA, Pennsylvania
  - JGS of Greater Philadelphia
  - JGS of Pittsburgh
- USA, Texas
  - Dallas JHS, Jewish Genealogy Interest Group
  - Greater Houston JGS
  - JGS of San Antonio
- USA, Utah
  - Utah JGS
- USA, Washington
  - JGS of Washington State
- USA, Wisconsin
  - Wisconsin JGS (not currently in good standing)
- Venezuela
  - Asociación de Genealogía Judía de Venezuela (AGJUVE)
International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies
Officers and Directors

President  Michael Goldstein (Jerusalem, Israel)
Vice President  Jan Meisels Allen (Agoura Hills, CA, USA)
Secretary  Joel Spector (Cherry Hill, NJ, USA)
Treasurer  Paul Silverstone (New York City, NY, USA)

Directors  Nolan Altman (Oceanside, NY, USA)
Daniel Horowitz (Kfar Saba, Israel)
Anne Feder Lee (Honolulu, HI, USA)
Kahlile Mehr (Bountiful, UT, USA)
Mark Nicholls (London, England, UK)
Jay Sage (Newton Center, MA, USA)
Jackye Sullins (Carlsbad, CA, USA)

Past Presidents
2005-2009  Anne Feder Lee (Honolulu, HI, USA)
2001-2005  Hal Bookbinder (Oak Park, CA, USA)
1999-2001  Howard Margol (Atlanta, GA, USA)
1998-1999  Karen Franklin (Yonkers, NY, USA)
1997-1998  Sallyann Sack (Bethesda, MD, USA)
1995-1997  Bob Weiss (San Francisco, CA, USA)
1989-1995  Gary Mokotoff (Bergenfield, NJ, USA)
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Annual Jewish Genealogy Conferences

2015 Jerusalem 35th IAJGS Int’l Conference on Jewish Genealogy
2014 Salt Lake City 34th IAJGS Int’l Conference on Jewish Genealogy
2013 Boston 33rd IAJGS Int’l Conference on Jewish Genealogy
2012 Paris 32nd IAJGS Int’l Conference on Jewish Genealogy
2011 Washington, D.C. 31st IAJGS Int’l Conference on Jewish Genealogy
2010 Los Angeles 30th IAJGS Int’l Conference on Jewish Genealogy
2009 Philadelphia 29th IAJGS Int’l Conference on Jewish Genealogy
2008 Chicago 28th IAJGS Int’l Conference on Jewish Genealogy
2007 Salt Lake City 27th IAJGS Int’l Conference on Jewish Genealogy
2006 New York City 26th IAJGS Int’l Conference on Jewish Genealogy
2005 Las Vegas 25th IAJGS Int’l Conference on Jewish Genealogy
2004 Jerusalem 24th IAJGS Int’l Conference on Jewish Genealogy
2003 Washington, D.C. 23rd IAJGS Int’l Conference on Jewish Genealogy
2002 Toronto 22nd IAJGS Int’l Conference on Jewish Genealogy
2001 London 21st International Conference on Jewish Genealogy
2000 Salt Lake City 20th Annual Conference on Jewish Genealogy
1999 New York City 19th Annual Conference on Jewish Genealogy
1998 Los Angeles 18th Annual Seminar on Jewish Genealogy
1997 Paris 5th Int’l Seminar on Jewish Genealogy
1996 Boston 15th Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy
1995 Washington, D.C. 14th Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy
1994 Jerusalem 4th Int’l Seminar on Jewish Genealogy
1993 Toronto 12th Annual Int’l Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy
1992 New York City 11th Annual Seminar on Jewish Genealogy
1991 Salt Lake City 3rd Int’l Seminar on Jewish Genealogy
1990 Los Angeles 9th Annual Seminar on Jewish Genealogy
1989 Philadelphia 8th National Seminar on Jewish Genealogy
1988 Washington, D.C. 7th Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy
1987 London 2nd Int’l Jewish Genealogy Conference
1986 Salt Lake City 6th National Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy
1985 New York City 5th National Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy
1984 Jerusalem International Seminar on Jewish Genealogy
Chicago 4th National Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy
1983 Los Angeles 3rd National Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy
1982 Washington, D.C. Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy II
1981 New York City Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy
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In Memoriam
Recognizing Jewish Genealogy Leaders Who Have Passed On (Z"L)

Nat Abramowitz (1917-2002), Founding member, Gesher Galicia, Introduced Alex Dunai to the Jewish genealogical community
Rosine Alexander (1918-2012), Founder of the CGJ and former General Secretary (1984-1988)
Norma Arbit (1920-2005), President, membership VP, JGS Los Angeles
Moses Aronson (1919-2002), Secretary, charter member, JGS of Greater Orlando
Mila Begun (1936-2005), JRI-Poland Shtetl CO-OP Leader
David Bernstein (1922-1999), Founding President, Board Member, JGS of Oregon, Forester
Allan Bonderoff (1938-2010), Treasurer, JGS Sacramento, 1999-2009
Judith Brinner (1944-2007), Secretary, Board of Directors, San Diego JGS
Beverly Brukman (1927-2008), Founding member of JGS of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County
Arthur Chassman (1930-2004), President, JGS of Greater Miami
Donna Dinberg (1942-2009), Librarian, JGS of Ottawa
Robert Drilsma (1928-2011), General secretary of JGS of Belgium; link between Belgium-Netherlands in Genealogy
Richard Ecuyer (1939-2006), Active member of the JGS of San Antonio, expert on Louisiana Jewish roots
Ivan Elion (d. 2005), Founder and chairman of JGS Johannesburg
Florence Ellman (1942-2008), IAJGS Director, Founding President, JGS in So. Alberta, coordinator, JewishGen Ukraine SIG
Sam Elpern (1930-1998), President and Founding Member, ROMSIG
Jan Engel (1924-2008), Published Engel Family genealogy, member JGSSFBA, JRI-Poland Volunteer
Stiefel Ernest (1921-2010), Charter Member and Board Member of JGS of Washington State
LaVerne Fefferman (1922-2011), Member, San Diego JGS from 1984, First editor of newsletter, Discovery
Aaron Fine (d. 2012), Long term member, JGS of Cleveland
Douglas First (1922-2002), Charter member, JGS of Greater Orlando, genealogical photographer
Ellen Fleischmann (1923-2010), Founding member, JGS of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County
Dorin Fräenkel (1945-2011), Expert genealogist in Bukovina area, generous & thoughtful researcher, pianist, teacher
Donald Frank (1926-2007), Editor, Branches, JGS of Greater Miami, Membership comm, JGS of Greater Orlando
Marshall Frenkel (1934-2004), Membership committee, JGS of Greater Orlando, lecturer
Nurit Galili (d. 2011), Member of The IGS Haifa branch
Rubin Schmer Gartenberg (1922-2007), Drohobycz projects, including cemetery restoration and a memorial to Shoah victims
Donn Gordon (1927-2007), Membership Committee, JGS of Greater Orlando
McDaniel Gordon (1943-2011), Long time translator of Russian language records and articles for LitvakSIG
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Gil Gorman (d. 2012), Member at large, Greater Houston JGS
Elinor Lynn Greenberg (d. 2012), Corresponding Secretary, Greater Houston JGS
Lucille Gudis (1933-2005), Vice president, JGS, Inc (New York), treasurer, AJH Society; professional genealogist
Miriam Hall-Hansen (1933-2011), Founding member, Utah JGS, Longest serving volunteer at the Family History Library (28 years)
Melvin Hanberg (1923-2007), First President of JGSLA Also founder of Polish Genealogical Society of California
Michael Honey (Honigwachs) (1929-2011), Compiled extensive rabbinic family diagrams ("Jewish Historical Clock")
Margery Yamins Hyman (1927-1990), Dedicated leader in the early years of the JGS of Greater Boston
Dr. Paul Jacobi (1911-1997), Dean of Israeli genealogy, reknowned expert/writer on more than 400 European rabbinic families
Nancy Jacobs (1941-2009), Member, JGS of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County
James Jaffee (1915-2003), Sponsor, History, JGS of Greater Orlando,
Melody Aroner Katz (1948-2004), Created the Ulanów, Poland webpage; member, Gesher Galicia Steering Committee
Solomon Katzen (1902-2001), Assisted many in Courland research His memoirs online illuminated day-to-day lives of our ancestors
Madeleine King (1913-2012), General Secretary of the CGJ (1988-1991) and Vice President (1991-1993)
Laura Horowitz Klein (1923-1994), President, JGSLA
Harvey Klevit (1931-2005), Treasurer, Board Member, JGS of Oregon
Aliza Koler (1948-2003), JGSGP German SIG Leader, JRI-Poland Shtetl CO-OP Leader, Data Entry Volunteer
Jack Kornbluh (1922-2003), Director, webmaster, JGS of Greater Orlando
Sam Kveskin (1924-2005), Resident artist, JGS of Broward County
Shelley B. Lantheaume (1949-1998), Founding member, JGS Long Island, held numerous positions of leadership in the Society
Alfred Leeds (1923-1999), President, JGS of Pittsburgh, Co-President of JGSPBCI
Ernie Lefkowitz (1919-2002), Jewish History, JGS of Greater Orlando
Monica Leondards (1957-2006), JRI-Poland Data Entry Volunteer
Bert R. "Budd" Levine (1925-2009), Devoted member of the JGS Los Angeles and JGS of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County
Amy Levinson (1932-2001), Past President, Board Member, JGS of Oregon, active in Belarus SIG
Sheiala R. Moskow (1929-1998), Treasurer, Gesher Galicia
Joan Naimark (1949-2009), Project Coordinator, JGS of Montreal; data entry and special projects volunteer, JRI-Poland
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Sonia Nayle (1933-2005), Webmaster, JGS Los Angeles
Estelle Nemoy (1939-2005), Program chair, JGS of Broward County; founding member, UkraineSIG
Harold Nissenthall (1938-2003), Executive member, JGS of Canada (Toronto); Coordinator, 2002 & 2003 IAJGS Conferences
Leslie Oberman (1927-2009), President, Australian Jewish Genealogical Society (Victoria), 1999-2009
Miriam Ohr (1918-2011), Co-Founder and Past President, JGS of Colorado
Arlene Parnes (1923-2003), Photography, JGS of Greater Orlando
Bonnie Phelphs (1955-2000), JRI-Poland Data Entry Volunteer
Anita ("Nikki") Pikus (1938-2007), President, JGS of Greater Washington and editor of Mishpacha
Sheldon Pivnik (1935-2005), e-mail Coordinator, JGS of Greater Miami
Barent Rae Melnick (1932-2010), VP, Programming & Publicity, and computer maven, JGS of Pittsburgh
Stehle Randy (1954-2009), Long time contributor to the Suwalk-Lomza SIG
Honora Rickler (1938-2005), Co-president of the JGS of Buffalo, local historian, lecturer and teacher
Wallace Rindskopf (1916-2000), Editor, "Discovery" & chair, computer committee, San Diego JGS
Rubin Rita (1930-2008), Second VP for JGSTB, Special Projects & Librarian
Kovalsky Rosaliee (1952-2010), Project Coordinator, JGS of Montreal; Cemetery photography and indexing volunteer
Leif H. Rosenstock (1926-2004), Founding member, director, JGS of Denmark
Jacob "Jay" Schleichkorn (1925-2010), Past president, newsletter editor and board member JGS Orlando
Joe Schuster (1937-2008), Charter member, JGSWS
Howard Seligson (1933-2002), Workshop coordinator, JGS of Greater Orlando
Dr. Hilde Shmerling (d. 2004), Secretary, member of managing committee, Swiss Society for Jewish Genealogy
Steven W. Siegel (1947-2012), Past President and founding member of JGS, Inc. Executive Council member from 1977 - 2012.
Marjorie Simon (d. 2012), Founding member of Jewish Genealogical Society of Connecticut (JGSCT)
Albert Sobol (d. 2004), President, member of managing committee, Swiss Society for Jewish Genealogy
Eunice Solomon (d. 2012), Active in JGS St. Louis; responsible for indexing Jewish marriage records
Harry Stadler (d. 2011), An early Austria-Czech SIG member, living in the UK.
Jonathan Emanuel Stein (1913-2001), President, JGS of Greater Philadelphia, 1st President, (I)AJGS; VP, Philadelphia Jewish Archives
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Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern (1916-1994), Dean of American Jewish genealogy, author of "First American Jewish Families"

Harold Sternberger (1925-2002), Secretary, VP program, JGS of Greater Orlando

Ralph Tannenbaum (1921-2006), Founding member, Utah JGS, Mapped and published Jewish burials in Salt Lake

Don Teter (d. 2012), Compiled ongoing listing of Jewish Burials in Texas, Greater Houston JGS

Norman Tillman (1927-2005), President, JGS of the Capital District (Albany, NY); lecturer on Lithuanian Jewish genealogy

Charlotte Title (1922-2001), Treasurer, JGS Los Angeles

Ellie Adler Tritchler (1938-2000), Editor, "Mekorot" JGS Buffalo; Cert Records Specialist Buffalo & Erie Co; LDS FHC teacher

Joseph Voss (1931-2009), Founding Member and President of JGS of Washington State

Gary Wallin (1940-2004), Founding president, JGS of New Hampshire

Joe Wein (d. 2012), Treasurer of the JGS of Pittsburgh

Stephanie Weiner (d. 2012), Co-Coordinator ROM-SIG; Krakow researcher; IAJGS PRAMC member

Norman Kaslowitz Winiker (1925-2005), Founding member and treasurer, JGS of Long Island

Michael Wippman (d. 2001), Developed and organized computer databases for the Courland Research Group

Yehuda Julius Witenoff (1924-2005), Treasurer Galil Genealogical Society, created database of Youth Aliya (Aliyat Hanoar) files

Benjamin (Wald) Ya'ari (d. 2006), Member IGS, dedicated his life to documenting and restoring Jewish cemeteries in Poland

Prof. Israel Zak (d. 2011), Member of IGS J-M branch since it's beginning

Sylvan Zeiden (1940-2004), Librarian, JGS Los Angeles
Jewish Genealogical Organizations

This section lists 147 organizations dedicated to Jewish Genealogy and supporting those who are researching their Jewish roots. Most are either members of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) or components of JewishGen. Other organizations, both nonprofit and commercial, have been included if their primary focus is the support of Jewish Genealogy.

The information in this section of the Yearbook was provided by representatives of the listed organizations and is current as of June, 2012.

We welcome your suggestions as to additional organizations to include in future issues of the Yearbook.

Hal Bookbinder, Editor
hal.bookbinder@ucla.edu
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Amoetat Akevoth (Dutch Jewish Genealogical Data Base)
Moshe Mossel, President
IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: Diemen in the Netherlands
Mission or primary activity: Research of the family origins & heritage of Dutch Jewry
Founded: 2006
Membership count: 64; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: None
Phone number: None
Primary Email: bnnch@zahav.net.il (Ben Noach)
Secondary Email: ben-noach@dutchjewry.org (Ben Noach)
Website: http://www.dutchjewry.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardecopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A
Library or database: The Dutch Jewish Genealogical Data Base: online at http://www.dutchjewry.org. Use of data is free provided ethics of source reference are adhered to.

2011 activities: Special project:-"Stenen Archief"-Ashkenazi Cemeteries in The Netherlands Digitization Project -Ref.:-Article in Avotaynu Volume XXVI, Number 4-Winter Issue 2011

Asociación de Genealogía Judía de Argentina, "AGJA", (Association of Jewish Genealogy of Argentina)
Daniel Ricardo Susevich, President
IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None
Mission or primary activity: AGJA has four primary activities: a) to assist people of all religions interested in researching their Jewish ancestors; b) to promote among young people (school age) the history of the Jewish immigration, idea of its origins and the search for ancestors; c) to preserve records and memory of the Jewish history in Argentina; and d) to join other Genealogical Societies in the world in exchanging information and experiences.
Founded: 1996
Membership count: Around 150, 120 in Argentina and 30 outside of Argentina (pending census update); Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: AGJA, Paranà 426 - 9 "G", C1017AAJ Buenos Aires, Argentina
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Phone number: N/A

Primary Email: info@agja.org.ar (Daniel Ricardo Susevich)

Secondary Email: cglikson@ciudad.com.ar (Carlos Glikson)

Website: None; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication Toldot; Frequency: Yearly, until further notice.; Hardcopy: Y; Email: Y; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: AGJA’s Paul Armony Jewish Genealogy Library is located in AMIA’s community building in Buenos Aires. Access is available by appointment. AGJA has a collection of books referred to Jewish genealogy and history/geography. We have also collected an important number of photocopies of special books: limited non-commercial commemorative editions celebrating the 50th, 75th or 100th anniversary of the foundation of different colonies by the Baron Hirsch organization (JCA), and also for "Colonia Rusa" (an independent Russian colony in the south of the country), founded in 1906. This material has not been gathered elsewhere, and AGJA is the only custodian for such a collection.

2011 activities: AGJA’s slow reorganization process interfered with our 2011 activities, including database enlargement and accessibility, and timely edition of Toldot, which lowered its frequency in 2011. Our over 220,000 burial records cover more than 65 cemeteries (53,000+ family names, maiden surnames for about 80,000 married women, also records for the La Paz Cemetery, in Bolivia). Other records include passengers from the first immigration ships, students of the first Jewish schools in the Baron Hirsch Colonies and Jewish communities and associations in Argentina, and from other sources, some for Chile, Peru and Uruguay. Ketubot for the 1930 -1950 period in the two largest Ashkenazi synagogues in Buenos Aires are photographed and are pending completion and data addition to previous ketubot. AGJA is looking forward to the renewal of the Board in 2012 and the revitalization of the Association with the necessary help of members, sponsors and volunteers.

Asociación de Genealogía Judía de Venezuela (AGJUVE)

Ignacio Sternberg, President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: To interest our community in Jewish Genealogy and History; To help the parents of our school children in Jewish Genealogy so that the children can accomplish the program suggested by Beth Hatfutsoth in Israel: “Buscando tus Raices”; and to help our members in their research.

Founded: 2001

Membership count: 9; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: Av 11 entre 6a y 7a Altamira Ed. Mystique 2B, Caracas, Venezuela 1060
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Phone number: (58212) 267.7610 or 264.7952
Primary Email: isternberg@attglobal.net (Ignacio Sternberg)
Secondary Email: IgnacioSternberg@gmail.com (Ignacio Sternberg)
Website: No; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: Bukowiener's in Venezuela, Coro Cemetery graves.
2011 activities: Preparing a list of all Jewish Cemeteries in Venezuela. Helping and training people in Jewish genealogy.

Australian Jewish Genealogical Society (Victoria), Inc.
Allan Jankie, President
Debbie Jurblum, Vice President

AJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The aim of the Society is to provide opportunities for people to research their Jewish ancestry through access to library resources and expert guidance. To achieve this aim the Society conducts lectures, seminars and workshops, gives individual assistance to its members, issues a newsletter and builds a library collection.

Founded: 1998 (Formed as a branch of the AJGS in 1995)
Membership count: 180; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: P.O. Box 189, Glenhuntly, Victoria, 3163, Australia
Phone number: 61 3 9523 6738
Primary Email: admin@ajgs-vic.org.au (Lionel Sharpe)
Secondary Email: sharpe@aapt.net.au (Lionel Sharpe)
Website: http://www.ajgs-vic.org.au; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication Jewish Genealogy Downunder; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y; Email: Y; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: The resource collection is housed at the Lamm National Library of Australia, 306 Hawthorn Rd., South Caulfield, Victoria 3161. The library is open to the general public, Monday to Thursday, 10.00 am to 5.00 pm and Sunday 2.00pm to 5.00pm except public and Jewish holidays.

2011 activities: Making Effective Use of JewishGen; Doug Elms, Genealogists Using Microcomputers; Ask the Experts; Sharing your Family Research Issues - a workshop; Bernie Kuran, From a Little Seed a Big Tree may Grow; Allan Jankie, Accessing Jewish Polish Family
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History Records; Lionel Sharpe, Dating Nineteenth Century Photographs. AJGS (Victoria) Three resource rooms established in the recently built Lamm National Library of Australia

Australian Jewish Genealogical Society, Inc.

Jeannette Tsoulos, President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: Our aim is to encourage and assist those with Jewish ancestry to research their family histories.

Founded: 1991

Membership count: 163; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: P. O. Box 42, Lane Cove, NSW, 1595, Australia

Phone number: None

Primary Email: society@ajgs.org.au (None)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.ajgs.org.au; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication The Kosher Koala; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: The Society's library has a wide range of publications about overseas research. Location and hours of availability of the Society's library can be found on the website at www.ajgs.org.au. Special arrangements might be possible by contacting society@ajgs.org.au.

2011 activities: Additions to the reference library were consulted at our workshops, which we hold twice a month. Our discussion group, AJGen, was a valuable resource for members and non-members hoping to solve their brick walls. Interest in our e-newsletter, the Kosher Koala, remained high with many members contributing helpful and interesting articles. Apart from the regular workshops, guests presented topics of interest including Jewish aspects of the Gallipoli campaign of 1915, research and travel in Poland, Latvia and the Middle East, a database of Jewish South African vital records and Russian Jewish immigration to Broken Hill, NSW.

Avotaynu

Gary Mokotoff, Publisher

Sallyann Amdur Sack-Pikus, Editor

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: Our flagship Avotaynu, the International Review of Jewish Genealogy, is
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now in its twenty-fourth seventh year of publication. Each issue consists at least 68 pages of useful, interesting articles that can help in your research. Issues have been as large as 100 pages. Primary focus is on U.S., Canadian, and Central and Eastern Europe research but virtually every country in the world has been covered in the more than 80 issues published to date. An index to articles for the first 24 years can be found at www.avotaynu.com/indexsum.htm. Each issue includes a summary of all publications of Jewish genealogical societies and Special Interest Groups worldwide. An international board of 21 contributing editors supplies information about genealogical activities and resources in virtually every country where Jews live today. Personal, human-interest stories are published in the winter issue of each year along with a list of all family history books that appeared in the preceding year. A CD of all issues from 1985 through 2008 permits searching for any and every word that appeared in these editions. Avotaynu publishes a weekly e-zine called Nu? What's New? that keeps family historians with Jewish ancestry abreast of the latest developments that affect their research.

Founded: 1985

Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: 155 N. Washington Avenue, Bergenfield, NJ 07621 USA

Phone number: 1 (201) 387-7200

Primary Email: info@avotaynu.com (None)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.avotaynu.com; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: No

Publication Avotaynu; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y; Email: Nu? What’s New?; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: Consolidated Jewish Surname Index is a gateway to information 700,000 surnames, mostly Jewish, that appear in 42 different databases. It is located at http://www.avotaynu.com/csi/csi-home.htm

2011 activities: Avotaynu also publishes books of interest to Jewish genealogists. Since 1991, Avotaynu has produced more than 60 reference works including Where Once We Walked, Sephardic Genealogy and A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Kingdom of Poland, all of which have won the prestigious “Outstanding Reference Book of the Year” by the Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL). In 2004, Avotaynu won the "Body of Work" award of the AJL. Other notable books include Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy, A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire, A Dictionary of Ashkenazic Given Names and Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy. Avotaynu also sells books and maps published by other companies. Rather than make available every book of potential interest to Jewish genealogists, only those considered the best in their area are sold. Thus, there is only one book made available on publishing a family history or holding a family reunion. Our website, www.avotaynu.com, includes access to the Consolidated Jewish Surname Index, a database of some 700,000 Jewish surnames that appear in 42 important databases for Jewish genealogy. There is also a “Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy” guide using the Internet.
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British Jewry List & Website
Sherry Landa, Administrator (UK)  Jackye Sullins, Administrator (US)

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: To provide an open and relaxed forum for anyone researching British Jewry whether their ancestors were just "passing through" or permanent members of British society. Posts relating to all aspects of life for British Jews as well as research methods, success stories and genealogy queries are welcome. Our website strives to provide research tools, history, and databases for all British-Jewry researchers at no cost.

Founded: 2002

Membership count: 437; Listserv subscribers: Send message in plain text to british-jewry-request@rootsweb.com that contains only the word subscribe and nothing else in both the subject line and main body.; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: None
Phone number: None
Primary Email: British-Jewry@rootsweb.com (None)
Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://british-jewry.org.uk/index.html; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication: None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: See http://british-jewry.org.uk/index.html for extensive list of free databases available to researchers.

2011 activities: Not reported

Bukovina BOF
Merle Kastner, Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The Bukovina BOF has its roots in "Ehpes", as it is affectionately known to its over 380 list members. Ehpes includes three loosely coupled entities on the World Wide Web: 1. The Czernowitz-L discussion group with its listserv at Cornell University, 2. The Ehpes website: http://czernowitz.ehpes.com, 3. The Ehpes off-topic Blog at: http://ehpes.com/blog1. The 'glue' that holds everything together is the list members' abiding interest in Jewish genealogical, historical, and cultural research in the Czernowitz/Sadagora/Bukovina area.

Founded: 1997
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Membership count: 400; Listserv subscribers: 400; Blog subscribers: 400
Mailing address: 4858 Cote des Neiges,# 904, Montreal, QC Canada H3V 1G8
Phone number: 1 (514) 735-4739
Primary Email: merlek@videotron.ca (Merle Kastner)
Secondary Email: bruce.reisch@cornell.edu (Bruce Reisch)
Website: http://czernowitz.ehpes.com; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Harcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: The Czernowitz-L discussion group with its listserv at Cornell University archive of posts located at: http://czernowitz.ehpes.com. This site also includes a Bukovina Family Finder, as well as Bukovina address directories from the 19th and 20th centuries. Associated blogs maintain digitized versions of a Czernowitz daily newspaper from the 1930s.

2011 activities: Associated organization (Czernowitz Jewish Cemetery Restoration Organization) continues to clear overgrown plants and trees from the Czernowitz Jewish Cemetery and to restore and maintain this cemetery. An associated blog site <http://czernowitzgallery.blogspot.com/> has posted digital versions of art associated with Jewish Czernowitz. Digitized versions of Der Tag (daily Czernowitz newspaper from the 1930s) continue to be posted, along with genealogical extracts. The Czernowitz cemetery database continues to expand on the JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry. Efforts have begun to create electronic indices to Jewish vital records from Czernowitz based on microfilms in the LDS Family History Library.

Canadian BOF
Merle Kastner, Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The purpose of this meeting is for Canadians attending the IAJGS Conference to get together to discuss new Canadian resources in Genealogy and existing ones that have been updated or improved. We also exchange information on common problems and network.

Founded: 2000
Membership count: ca. 35-50 (and counting; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 4858 Cote des Neiges, apt. 904, Montreal, QC Canada H3V 1G8
Phone number: 1 (514) 735-4739
Primary Email: merlek@videotron.ca (Merle Kastner)
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Secondary Email: smsdiamond@aol.ca (Stanley Diamond)

Website: http://jgs-montreal.org (JGS of Montreal home page); Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: Notices of the BOF are emailed in advance of the conferences.; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: None - updates are discussed at the BOF and handouts are distributed.

2011 activities: We get together every year at IAJGS conferences. We are usually about 35-50 in number and our numbers are growing. This gives us a chance to network, discuss common findings, common problems, and new research resources (as Canadian researchers).

Center for Jewish History

Michael S. Glickman, Chief Operating Officer

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The Center for Jewish History has served over one million people in more than 100 countries. It is home to five partner organizations-American Jewish Historical Society, American Sephardi Federation, Leo Baeck Institute, Yeshiva University Museum and YIVO Institute for Jewish Research-whose collections total more than 500,000 volumes and 100 million documents and include thousands of artworks, textiles, ritual objects, recordings, films and photographs. The Center's Ackman & Ziff Family Genealogy Institute provides a wealth of genealogical resources through the partners' collections, free access to over 90 genealogy websites and electronic databases, and more.

Founded: 2000

Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: 15 West 16th Street, New York, NY 10011 USA

Phone number: Ackman & Ziff Family Genealogy Institute: 1 (212) 294-8318
Primary Email: gi@cjh.org (Irit Gafni-Pinchovski)
Secondary Email: (None)

Website: Main: www.cjh.org, Blog: www.blog.cjh.org; Facebook: www.facebook.com/centerforjewishhistory; Twitter: www.twitter.com/thecjh

Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: The Ackman & Ziff Family Genealogy Institute’s open-shelf reference collection is located on the third floor of the Center for Jewish History. Resources include how-to books, guides to American and Jewish genealogy, name dictionaries, maps, gazetteers, historical atlases, translation guides, JGS and SIG publications, and directories of family history resources around the world. Electronic resources include Ancestry Library Edition, Encyclopedia
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Judaica, ProQuest Historical Newspapers, Biography and Genealogy Master Index, American National Biography, Marquis Who’s Who, World Biographical Information System, Columbia Gazetteer of the World, Testaments to the Holocaust, and a variety of other databases and CD ROMs. The Institute has more than 1,500 reels of microfilmed Jewish records on indefinite loan from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, and researchers may borrow additional films on short-term loan.

2011 activities: The Center for Jewish History recently announced a cooperative agreement with The Miriam Weiner Routes to Roots Foundation (RTRF), and this collaboration will bring together some of the world’s most comprehensive databases for researching Jewish genealogy. The Center will incorporate RTRF’s Eastern European Archival Database and Image Database into its online catalog, providing access to resources relating to Jewish and civil records in Belarus, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland and Ukraine. The Center’s Ackman & Ziff Family Genealogy Institute continues to provide on-site reference assistance, free of charge, to visitors from around the world. The Ackman & Ziff Family Genealogy Institute is open 6 days a week – Sunday, 11:00-4:00; Monday, 9:30-7:30; Tuesday-Thursday, 9:30-4:30; Friday, 9:30-1:30.

Central Zionist Archives (Israel)

Mr. Matityahu Dobles, co-Executive Chairman  Quito Hasson, co-Executive Chairman

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The CZA is an institution of the World Zionist Organization and serves as the historical archive of the Zionist movement.

Founded: 1919

Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: PO Box 92, Jerusalem, 91920, Israel

Phone number: 972-2-6204800

Primary Email: cza@wzo.org.il (None)

Secondary Email: familyresearch@wzo.org.il (None)

Website: http://www.zionistarchives.org.il/ZA/pMainE.aspx; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: The CZA holds the archives of the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish Agency, the Jewish National Fund, Keren Hayesod and the World Jewish Congress. In addition, it holds the archives of various other organizations and institutions, the papers of over 1200 people active in the Zionist movement or in Palestine/Israel, and much material of interest to genealogists. In 2004 a Family Research Section was established at the CZA. This Section provides a service which enables the location of records mainly about people who immigrated to this Palestine/Israel or submitted an application for immigration in the years 1919-1974, as well
as information about persons who approached the Relatives Search Bureau of the Jewish Agency in the past, were enlisted in the British Army, or were members of Youth Aliyah. The public is welcome to contact the CZA in order to access material.

2011 activities: Not reported

Cercle de Généalogie Juive
Bruno Bloch, President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: Marseilles, Nice-Côte d’Azur, Lorraine

Mission or primary activity: Not reported

Founded: 1984

Membership count: 564; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: 45 rue La Bruyère, 75009 PARIS, France

Phone number: (33) 1 40 23 04 90

Primary Email: office@genealoj.org (None)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.genealoj.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication Revue du Cercle de Généalogie Juive until April 2012; GénéaloJ after April 2012 (with J bolded and in large font); Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y; Email: N; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: Our books, documents, and journals are now deposited at the Library of the Alliance Israélite Universelle, 45 rue La Bruyère, 75009 Paris. Opening hours are the following: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 1 pm to 6 pm, Wednesday 1 pm to 7.30 pm. Until further notice, the references of the documents are the same as previously and the printed catalog is still valid. It can be ordered from our office (6 Euros) or borrowed on the premises (see Publications). You can also consult the on-line catalog below. Except for the books (references beginning by L), booklets (ref. B) and journals (ref. R), only CGJ members can consult our documents but anybody can order photocopies (see below).

Cercle de Généalogie Juive de Belgique, also, Kring voor Joodse Genealogie in Belgie (Jewish Genealogy Society of Belgium)

Daniel Dratwa, President          Marcel Apsel, Vice President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The society mission is to collect, keep and disseminate the knowledge about Jewish Genealogy.

Founded: 1997

Membership count: 26; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: c/o Jewish Museum of Belgium, rue des Minimes 21 Minimes-street; Bruxelles 1000 Brussels

Phone number: (+32) (0)2 512 19 63

Primary Email: d.dratwa@mjb-jmb.org (Daniel Dratwa)

Secondary Email: marcap@skynet.be (Marcel Apsel)

Website: http://www.new.mjb-jmb.org (website for the Jewish Museum of Belgium); Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: The Society's library is located at 21 rue des Minimes 1000 Brussels. It is open 10 am-5pm Monday through Friday.

2011 activities: Meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month in the museum building. In 2009, in cooperation with the Jewish Museum of Belgium, it was published in their Annual Review –MUSEON-, we made a database of all the Jews that asked for a Palestinian Certificate in 1943-1944 (the database is not online because of the Belgium law). We will be part as speakers and have a booth at the Paris Conference on Jewish Genealogy in 2012 with all our intranet databases.

Courland Area Research Group

Dr. Martha Lev-Zion, Co-Chair          Constance Whippman, Co-Chair

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: To promote archival and internet access to records from Courland. To help descendants of Courlanders find their roots and guide them to useful resources. To memorialize the 98% of the Courlander Jews who were murdered in the Shoah.

Founded: 1995
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Membership count: 364; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: POB 786, 84965 Omer, Israel
Phone number: 972 (8) 646-0494
Primary Email: martha@bgu.ac.il (Dr. Martha Lev-Zion)
Secondary Email: CWhippman@aol.com (Constance Whippman)
Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/Courland; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list;
Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: Databases are put up on our website as available.

2011 activities: Completed scans (other than some missing pages) of the Courland volume of the
1912 Baltische Verkehrsund Adressbuch. This makes accessible information on the history and
community organization of individual towns as well as extensive listings of individuals, including
their addresses and occupations.

Czestochowa-Radomsko Area Research Group
Daniel Kazez, President  Michel Goldschmidt, Webmaster
LAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The Czestochowa-Radomsko Area Research Group was founded in
2003. Since then, its membership has grown tenfold and CRARG's database of records has
grown to well over 600,000, including Holocaust, tombstone, synagogue, birth, marriage, death,
emigration, immigration, draft, taxation, craftsman, and 1790s census records. Among more
than 350 separate projects, CRARG has taken photographs of every tombstone in the Jewish
cemeteries of many of CRARG's core towns, has translated all of information on every
tombstone, and has made that information searchable by both given name and surname.

Founded: 2003
Membership count: About 200; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 1930 Audubon Park Drive, Springfield, Ohio 45504-1213 USA
Phone number: 1 (937) 327-7354
Primary Email: dkazez@crarg.org (Daniel Kazez)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.crarg.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication Newly acquired data shared with CRARG members; Frequency: Bi-weekly; Hardcopy: N;
Email: Y; Posted on Website: N
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Library or database: One of the largest free-access, no-registration-required databases of Holocaust data on the web (at www.crarg.org).

2011 activities: This year, we have added tens of thousands of new records to our free-access search engine for Holocaust-era material (at www.crarg.org/search.php). We have done intensive work on pre-1826 birth, marriage, and death records for many towns in the CRARG area and we have done further work in our effort to photograph, translate/transliterate, and type every tombstone in every cemetery in the towns in our area of Poland.

Dallas Jewish Historical Society, Jewish Genealogy Interest Group
   Debbie Tobias, Executive Director

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The Dallas Jewish Historical Society was established in 1971 with the mission of "preserving the precious past as a living legacy for all our community's tomorrows." The agency is the only one that actively collects, preserves, and records the history of the entire Jewish community in Dallas and its surrounding area. Its programs and archives are open to the public and an archivist is available to assist researchers.

Founded: 1991
Membership count: 242 – general membership; 45 - Genealogy Interest Group; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 7900 Northaven Road, Dallas, TX 75230-3392 USA
Phone number: 1 (214) 239-7120
Primary Email: dtobias@djhs.org (Debbie Tobias)
Secondary Email: croszell@djhs.org (Leslie Wagner)
Website: http://www.djhs.org; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: No
Publication Journal of the DJHS; Frequency: Monthly; Hardcopy: Y (available on request); Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: All books and publications held by DJHS are non-circulating and must be used in house. Hours are posted on our website. Queries should be addressed to the archivist.

2011 activities: Not reported
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Documenting Maine Jewry (DMJ)
Harris Gleckman, Leader
Ani Helmick, co-Leader

IAJGS Member: In process

Branches: Eleven Maine local districts

Mission or primary activity: A community-based history project providing information on Jewish citizens of Maine through a state of the art genealogical and historical resource reflecting the Jewish traditions of memory, remembrance and inter-generational learning

Founded: 2006

Membership count: Not a membership organization; Listserv subscribers: 1600; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: c/o Maine Jewish Museum, 267 Congress St, Portland, Me 04101

Phone number: 1 (207) 329-9854

Primary Email: dmj@mindspring.com (Harris Gleckman)

Secondary Email: mainejews@gmail.com (Ani Helmick)

Website: www.MaineJews.org; Facebook: Documenting Maine Jewry; Twitter: No

Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: On-line resources as of June 2012 include: 29,744 individual Jews with strong ties to Maine of which 2,321 show the first generation country of origin; 7,809 records of burial in Maine Jewish cemeteries for which there are 3,428 headstone images; 1,536 organizations important to the Maine Jewish community of which 511 are Jewish community institutions in Maine and 577 are businesses important to the Maine Jewish communities; 180 are oral histories of which 85 are available as .mp3 audio recordings on-line; and 2,716 bibliographic citations and sources of which 1,391 are photographs and 643 are original documents.

2011 activities: Documenting Maine Jewry has burial records from all 16 Jewish cemeteries in the state; reproductions of the data from memorial board extracts from ten synagogues; extracts of various census indicating likely Jewish residents; and published histories of Maine’s Jewish family. DMJ also brings together Mainers –in and out of the state - to reflect on their experiences as a Jew in Maine

GenAmi, Association de Généalogie Juive Internationale
Micheline Gutmann, President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The principal objective of GenAmi is to provide assistance to their members and to share between them information to trace their Jewish roots in France and worldwide. Members have access on GenAmi website to a forum dedicated to genealogical
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exchanges, to a large database including civil records mainly in France but also in other countries, censuses, mohel-books and genealogical trees provided by members. Many files are in free access, especially historical and cultural files

Founded: 1997

Membership count: 371; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 76 rue de Passy, 75016 Paris, France
Phone number: 33 (0) 1 45 24 35 40 or 33 (0) 8 71 75 21 53
Primary Email: asso@genami.org (None)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.genami.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication GenAmi (A committee for redaction has been created); Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y; Email: N; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: Library contains more than 800 books and many documents. On appointment, please contact Micheline Guttmann. GenAmi web site contains 9800 files.
2011 activities: Not reported

Genealogical Institute of the Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada Inc.
Daniel Stone, President

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The Genealogical Institute was founded in June 1990 and operates as a program component and committee of the Jewish Heritage Centre. It is dedicated to the development, preservation and distribution of Jewish genealogical knowledge and material, and the sharing of techniques and tools with others who may be searching their Jewish roots. We are a member of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS). We provide lectures, workshops, library facilities, and a variety of other benefits

Founded: 1999

Membership count: 400; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: C116 - 123 Doncaster Street, Winnipeg MB Canada R3N 2B2
Phone number: 1 (204) 477-7460
Primary Email: jewishheritage@jhcwc.org (None)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.jhcwc.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

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Publication: Newsletter of the JHC of Western Canada Inc.; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: A library and database are maintained at the JHC offices. The Institute has photographed every tombstone in all Jewish cemeteries in Manitoba and can supply photographs. Please contact the office for information.

2011 activities: Cemetery project updated.

German Jewish Community History Council / Obermayer Foundation, Inc.
Arthur Obermayer, President

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: For the past twelve years the Obermayer German-Jewish History Awards have been given annually to non-Jewish Germans who voluntarily have made extraordinary contributions toward preserving and recording the Jewish history, heritage, culture, synagogues, cemeteries and other remnants of their local communities.

Founded:
Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 239 Chestnut Street, West Newton, MA 02465-2931 USA
Phone number: 1 (617) 244-0180
Primary Email: obermayer@alum.mit.edu (Arthur Obermayer)
Secondary Email: germanaward@hotmail.com

Website: http://www.obermayer.us/award; Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Obermayer-Foundation-German-Jewish-History-Awards/195876023758725; Twitter: No

Publication: A Tribute: The Obermayer German Jewish History Awards; Frequency: Annual; Hardcopy: Y; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: None

2011 activities: Outstanding non-Jewish Germans received awards in the plenary chamber of the Berlin Parliament as the Parliament’s recognition of Holocaust Memorial Day. The award winners were: Christa Niclasen (Berlin). Since 1994, this principal of Berlin’s Löcknitz-Grundschule has had 6th-grade students prepare bricks for a schoolyard wall, each brick describing an individual local Jewish Holocaust victim. Werner Schubert (Weisswasser). This former Hitler Youth leader and soldier in the Nazi army have reconstructed the lost history of the Jews of Weisswasser. Wolfgang Batterman (Petershagen). This retired high school teacher led efforts to restore the abandoned former synagogue in Petershagen, along with the former Jewish school. Rolf Emmerich (Laupheim). A retired schoolteacher and City Council member, he has researched the Jewish past of Laupheim, co-founded a museum, and helped preserve
Laupheim’s Jewish cemetery. Fritz Kilthau (Zwingenberg). A retired chemical engineer, he has been researching, writing educating and initiating organizations to honor the memory of former Jewish residents of his region of Hesse.

Gesher Galicia, Inc.
Pamela Weisberger, President

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: Gesher Galicia is a non-profit, charitable, membership organization that promotes Jewish genealogical and family historical research in Galicia, a province of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire. Its goals are to promote a forum for researchers to share information and to engage in individual and group research. We hold an annual meeting at the summer IAJGS conference, and several regional programs throughout the United States, Europe and Israel during the year. We publish the scholarly quarterly journal, "The Galitzianer," offer the online Gesher Galicia Family Finder, and in 2011 launched the "All Galicia Database." Our website offers a wealth of additional research information for Galician genealogists.

Founded: 1993
Membership count: 688; Listserv subscribers: 2397; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 630 22nd St. Santa Monica, CA 90402
Phone number: 1 (310) 451-9844
Primary Email: pweisberger@geshergalicia.org (Pamela Weisberger)
Secondary Email: ge{}sher{}galicia@comcast.net (Shelley Pollero)
Website: http://www.GesherGalicia.org; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: No
Publication The Galitzianer; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y; Email: Y; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: In summer 2011 we launched the “All Galicia Database,” a searchable online compilation of information on over 200,000 Galician metrical, landowner, school, business directory and voting records spanning the early 1800s through the early the 20th century. Our continuing major overseas research initiative (now in its sixth year) is the Cadastral Map and Landowner Records Project which offers map and record images online and a searchable inventory of records held in Ukrainian and Polish archives. Our website also offers a wealth of additional research information for Galician genealogists.

2011 activities: Gesher Galicia participated in programs at the JCC in Krakow, Poland, and a symposium at Beit Hatfutsoth in Tel Aviv focusing on Lwow. The new All Galicia Database now provides access to information from Jewish vital records held in the Lviv archive, as well as “unusual” sources, such as school, land and voter records. One can search this database by "kinnui" (Jewish nickname), a new innovation in Jewish genealogical research. The "Cadastral Map and Landowner Record Inventory" shows what types of records exist for Galician town’s
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we've inventoried and the list is growing. Research is funded by the generous contributions of our members. We are launching our "Map Room" and the "Voices of Galicia" project hosting Shoah Foundation testimonies soon. Gesher Galicia is sponsoring Alexander Dunai who is speaking on behalf of Diana Pelts, director of the Lviv Historical Archives at the Paris IAJGS Conference in July 2012.

Greater Houston Jewish Genealogical Society
Anita Drexler, President
IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None
Mission or primary activity: The objectives of this Society are: to promote an interest in Jewish genealogy, to encourage and instruct members in Jewish genealogical research through careful documentation, and to maintain quality genealogical standards, to locate, preserve and index public and private Jewish genealogical records and make such records available to members and the general public, to assist and support any genealogical library in Texas which is open to the public and to publish genealogical and historical information in a regular newsletter or other publications as directed by the membership.
Founded: 1994
Membership count: 36; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 5410 N. Braeswood Blvd. #911, Houston, Texas 77096

Phone number: 1 (713) 723 - 5423
Primary Email: asleuth@att.net (Anita Drexler)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://ghjgs.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication None (suspended); Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: Currently housed in a room at the Greater Houston JCC
2011 activities: Assist people with genealogy "brick walls"; give assistance and encouragement to people new to genealogy; continue working on Houston Jewish Herald-Voice project.

Grodno Genealogy Group, Inc.
Judy Deutch Bennett, President
IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None
Mission or primary activity: Fostering Jewish Family History research in the former Grodno Guberniya. Providing an e-mail List (on Rootsweb) where members can post queries and information concerning Grodno genealogical research.

Founded: 1995

Membership count: 96; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: 5715 Clinton Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55419-1455 USA

Phone number: 1 (612) 861-7137 or 1 (952) 920-4344

Primary Email: benne034@tc.umn.edu (Judy Deutch Bennett)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/Belarus/Grodno; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication There is a GRODNO e-mail List on Rootsweb. See www.rootsweb.org and enter GRODNO; Frequency: As members post to the list; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: Refer to http://www.jewishgen.org/Belarus/Grodno/. The list can be searched for archived postings.

2011 activities: Regularly receive and respond to email inquiries regarding Grodno research.

Hamburger Gesellschaft für Jüdische Genealogie e.V.

Jürgen Sielemann, President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The society’s declared objective is to act as a platform for the maintenance and preservation of Jewish family research in Hamburg. Members discuss points pertaining to family research matters as well as make inquiries concerning their genealogical investigation, access an excellent library containing a variety of genealogical publications, broaden their knowledge base with a variety of lectures and excursions, and are partners in the continuous discovery of as yet unknown historical sources of Hamburg Jewish Genealogy.

Founded: 1996

Membership count: 80; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: c/o Juedische Gemeinde in Hamburg, Grindelhof 30, 20146 Hamburg, Germany

Phone number: 0049 40 44 09 4444

Primary Email: hgjg2011@googlemail.com (None)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: None; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
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Publication Maajan (in co-operation with the JGS of Switzerland); Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y; Email: N; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: None

2011 activities: Members of the society meet regularly every first Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M. (except July and August) in the Jewish Community Center (Grindelhof 30, 3rd floor). We present our society’s news, reviews as well as historical family depictions in the Hamburg Section of the 1/4 yearly issue of the Jewish Genealogical publication Maajan.

Illiana Jewish Genealogical Society

Trudy Barch, President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: To promote Jewish Genealogy in the southern communities of Chicago and northwest Indiana and others with Jewish Genealogy roots in our area.

Founded: 1984

Membership count: 30 families; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: P. O. Box 384, Flossmoor, IL 60422-0384 USA

Phone number: 1 (708) 957-9457

Primary Email: IJGS@comcast.net (None)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://ijgs.home.comcast.net; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication Illiana JGS Newsletter; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: The Society’s library is housed in one of the classrooms at Congregation Am Echad, 160 Westwood; Park Forest, IL. It is available during the weekday when the synagogue secretary is there. Please call the synagogue at 708-748-5722 for directions and to confirm hours of availability.

2011 activities: We learned the 'Origins of Our Names and Jewish Comedians’ and about ‘Famous Chicago Jewish Artists, Musicians and Sports’. We remembered the decade of the 1960s and shared what we were doing then. I learned what everyone was doing February 1946 - 65 years ago when I was born. We had a 'Personal Research Help - Members helping members and our Annual Picnic. Community friends spoke about their 'Shabbat Tales of a Wondering Jew', ‘Searching and meeting English cousins’. 'Growing Up Jewish in the Quad Cities', and Hal Bookbinder via GoToMeeting on 'Why Did Our Ancestors Leave a Nice Place Like the Pale?'
International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies

Michael Goldstein, President

IAJGS Member: N/A

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) is an independent non-profit umbrella organization with national and local Jewish genealogical societies (JGSs) from around the world and special interest groups as members. Its broad mandate is to provide a common voice for issues of significance to its members, to advance our genealogical avocation, to assist in the formation of and growth of JGSs, and to ensure the continuity and effectiveness of the annual Jewish Genealogy Conference.

Founded: 1988

Membership count: 71 member organizations, including 23 international societies.; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers; N/A

Mailing address: PO Box 3624, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034-0556

Phone number: 1 (856) 424-6860.

Primary Email: president@iajgs.org (Michael Goldstein)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.iajgs.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication: None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: No library. However resources posted at the IAJGS website include over 125 selected websites of genealogical interest categorized by: government archives with on-line document index; general interest, European, Holocaust, Israel, Latin America, Maps, Military Records, Newspapers, Sephardic, South African and the United States. The IAJGS International Jewish Cemetery Project which documents all Jewish burial sites throughout the world; the current edition of the IAJGS Jewish Genealogy Yearbook; a listing of Canadian and US legislative websites; a Statement on Ethics for Genealogists; a bibliography of North American Jewish Community books, and information concerning access to public records relevant to researching Jewish genealogy. In addition there are tools which are designed to assist the societies such as a programming power point presentation, legislative tool kit for records access, a template for a membership brochure and guidelines of effective brainstorming. There is also information on the International Jewish Genealogy Month annual program and contest.

2011 activities: IAJGS established a new Membership Development Committee which has created brochures on Reasons to Belong to IAJGS-both in English and Spanish; Why Join a JGS that a JGS can use with placing their own logo on the document and a Marketing blurb. There is a site for guidebooks published by IAJGS members. A Jewish Genealogy Calendar of Events is posted. A frequently updated “legislative alert” is posted listing current legislative actions that affect records access. IAJGS created a Society Editors Forum restricted to IAJGS member
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society editors.

International Institute for Jewish Genealogy and Paul Jacobi Center (IIJG)

Dr. Sallyann Amdur Sack, Chair of the Board   Dr. Chanan Rapaport, Chair of the Executive Committee

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: National Library of Israel

Mission or primary activity: i. To make Jewish Genealogy a recognized academic discipline within the field of Jewish Studies, principally through inter-disciplinary research and teaching of Jewish Genealogy at university level; ii. To help enrich and advance the endeavors of individual Jewish family historians; iii. To encourage interest in Jewish Genealogy and family history in contemporary Jewish life as a means of contributing to the future of the Jewish People.

Founded: 2006

Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: c/o National Library of Israel, Edmond Safra Campus, POB 39105, Givat Ram, Jerusalem, Israel, 91390

Phone number: 972 (2) 658-6967

Primary Email: director@iijg.org (Dr. Neville Lamdan)

Secondary Email: info@iijg.org (Dr. Neville Lamdan)

Website: http://www.iijg.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication None at this time; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: Many researches and articles posted on the Institute’s website

Library or database: i. Full access to the Israel National Library, Jerusalem - for details of its collections, catalogues, etc. see its Homepage at jnul.huji.ac.il/eng/map.html); ii. The Paul Jacobi Genealogical Library (several 1,000 works on Jewish and general genealogy); iii. The Paul Jacobi Research Papers (about 110 typed work-books, plus extensive handwritten materials, containing the genealogies of over 400 leading families, mainly rabbinic, from Germany and the Ashkenazi world in general). Access through Institute’s website. iii. The Shmuel Gorr Archive – full index of Shmuel Gorr’s genealogical researches. Access through Institute’s website.

2011 activities: i. Project entitled “200 Years of Scottish Jewry – a Demographic and Genealogical Profile” is underway. If successful, this ground-breaking project should raise Jewish Genealogy to a new plane and may serve as a model for other national Jewries with similar characteristics in terms of age and size emerged as an organised entity at the beginning of the 19th century; 50-60,000 “Scottish Jews” in total; most vital statistics readily accessible online). ii. A distinguished panel of experts has been set up to examine ethics in Jewish genealogy, headed by Baroness Ruth Deech of Oxford and London as Chair. Its formal terms of reference are to
examine ethical dilemmas in Jewish genealogy, with a view to recommending “ethical
guidelines" for Jewish family historians to consider as they proceed with their research work and
with plans to eventually publish the results. iii. A Joint Symposium is scheduled to be held with
the Russian Institute for Genealogical Research at the National Library of Russia in St.
Petersburg in September 2012. The theme is “Genealogy and Family History of Jews in Russia”
and papers will focus on Jews living in Russia outside of the Pale of Settlement.

Israel Genealogical Society
Lea Haber Gedalia, Chairperson

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: Haifa, Jerusalem, the Negev, Petach Tikva, Rehovot, Ra’anana, Tel Aviv, Tivon,
Modi’in

Mission or primary activity: The mission of the Israel genealogical Society is to encourage and
assist researching of family history. The IGS provides opportunities to members and the general
to research their roots through its programs and services. Activities and services include branch
meetings, seminars & workshops, expert knowhow, interactive website, fieldtrips, Special
Interest Groups, Sharsheret Hadorot a Journal on Jewish and Israeli genealogy and a library.

Founded: 1983

Membership count: 290; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers; N/A

Mailing address: P.O.B. 4270, 91041 Jerusalem, Israel

Phone number: 972 (4) 9543212

Primary Email: info@isragen.org.il (None)

Secondary Email: chairperson@isragen.org.il (Lea Haber Gedalia)

Website: http://www.isragen.org.il; Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/groups/112877852159953/;
Twitter: No

Publication Sharsheret HaDorot; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y; Email: N; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: The Jerusalem Library consists of general genealogical reference works,
family histories, histories of Jewish towns, memorial books, maps, clippings, information files,
audiocassettes, CD-ROM’s and a collection of worldwide Jewish genealogical societies’
publications. The main library in Jerusalem, and the branch libraries, is open to members and
colleagues for research prior to lectures. Calendar of meetings and events is published and
updated at www.isragen.org.il. Our website now has many exclusive databases covering the
period of the resettlement of Eretz Israel from the Ottoman Empire through the British Mandate
and up to the State of Israel.

2011 activities: Each branch held monthly lectures or visits to archives and libraries. We have
added 3 new chapters. We held 2011 annual seminar on Youth Aliyah and Youth immigration to
Eretz Israel. We have opened a Facebook page with over 700 members all around the globe
discussing genealogy. We gave lectures to many organizations on "tastes of Genealogy"; we conducted several courses for beginners in genealogy. We had 2 field trips with over 60 participants in each.

Israel Genealogy Research Association
Garri Regev, President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: Jerusalem, Omer, Petach Tikvah, Rehovot, Ra’anana, Tel Aviv and webinars.

Mission or primary activity: The Israel Genealogy Research Association (IGRA) is the revival of a genealogy society in existence since 1999. The society focuses on genealogy - helping people with their family research, and making available to the public a wide variety of material from the Ottoman period through the early years of Israeli Statehood, as well as additional documents about Jews from the Diaspora which are located in Israel. IGRA has begun to record lectures and make them available as videos on its website to all parts of Israel and abroad.

Founded: 1999

Membership count: 40; Listserv subscribers: Facebook – 100  Twitter: English – 50, Hebrew - 2; Blog subscribers: 500

Mailing address: P.O. Box 10578, 91105 Jerusalem, Israel

Phone number: 941-554-6058, 972-52-228-3480

Primary Email: president@genealogy.org.il (Garri Regev)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://genealogy.org.il; Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/israelgenealogy; Twitter: http://twitter.com/IsraelGenealogy

Publication Articles published on IGRA website; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: The Israel Genealogy Research Association [IGRA] has set as one of its primary aims the preparation of databases based upon various records, mainly found in Israel. Currently materials being worked on are from the British Mandate period available through archives as well as publications which are on open shelves in libraries. IGRA has a close working relationship with the Haifa Municipal Archive, the Petach Tikvah Municipal Archive and the Archive of Jewish Education in Israel and the Diaspora, as well as the National Archives of the United Kingdom in London. IGRA aims to scan the materials, build databases with the pertinent information, and then to link to the original scans, where archival permission has been granted. Surnames and first names will be transliterated from Hebrew to English, and vice versa, depending on the language of the original material.

2011 activities: Reorganization and regrouping.
Israeli “Family Roots” Forum
Arnon Hershkovitz, Coordinator

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The Israeli “Family Roots” Forum is an online non-profit genealogical organization, open for all the Hebrew-enabled genealogists worldwide and active 24/7 with meaningful ongoing genealogical activity. Our main purpose is to promote Jewish genealogical research of each one of our members, as well as of the whole genealogical community and others who find it interesting to learn about their origin. The main advantage of the Internet platform, which is the basis for the forum’s activities, is the ability to share and to create a very efficient human-genealogy-network, all the members of which are familiar with the others’ research all the time; this way, new ideas are really often pop-up, and the long way to solve long-time mysteries is getting much shorter (this is not only theory, it happens in practice for almost any participant).

Founded: 2001

Membership count: 20; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: C/O Rony Golan, 19 Hayetzira St., Ramat Gan, Israel 52521
Phone number: 972 (3) 575-7755
Primary Email: arnon.hershkovitz@gmail.com (Arnon Hershkovitz)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: forums.tapuz.co.il/roots; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication forums.tapuz.co.il/roots online discussion group; Frequency: On-line 7/24; Hardcopy: N; Email: N; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: None

2011 activities: In an average month, we have about 300 discussions regarding all aspects of Jewish genealogical research. We conduct both face-to-face and on line meetings. We host both Israeli and worldwide genealogy experts for Ask the Expert sessions. WikiGenia is a huge and innovative Wiki project established by the forum members. For more information please visit our website at forums.tapuz.co.il/roots

Jamaica Jewish Genealogical Society
Ainsley Henriques, President

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: To research and record the Family Histories of those families who were
the original Jewish settlers in Jamaica starting from 1655 and to trace their roots to the countries from which they came. The Jamaican society has many family names that were those of originally practicing Jews. One challenge is to trace these families back to their Jewish roots and origins.

Founded: 1997

Membership count: 35 local; Listserv subscribers: 132; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: 58 Paddington Terrace, Kingston 6, Jamaica

Phone number: 1 (876) 927-9777, Mobile (876) 329-9520

Primary Email: ainsley@cwjamaica.com (Ainsley Henriques)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: no website but information is now shared on the Congregation's website, http://www.ucija.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: The Jewish Family History Centre has been established in the Jamaican Jewish Heritage Centre in Kingston, Jamaica, as a part of the 350 anniversary celebrations of Jewish worship and life in the Island. The Centre is fully equipped with computer, scanner, and databases exceeding 20,000 persons. The library with its records and family history publications and the genealogical charts of outstanding Caribbean families are also available in the Family History Centre.

2011 activities: The comprehensive recording of graves in Jamaica’s Jewish Cemeteries continues. In 2011 6 volunteers participated. Work continued in the Orange Street Cemetery. Work was also undertaken on the graves at Lacovia. Volunteers are welcome for the continuing program planned for January 2013. The requests for family history research continue to come in to the JJGS. During the year we were able to certify a person in Africa as being Halachically Jewish from her Jewish maternal ancestry in Jamaica.

Jewish Family History Foundation

Dr. David Hoffman, President Sonia Hoffman, Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The primary project is the Grand Duchy Project to translate 18th Century (1784, 1765) poll-tax/census records of Jewish communities in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. This area later became Belarus, Lithuania, parts of Poland and Ukraine and is the ancestral home of 80% of the Jews alive today. Our goal is the creation of a searchable patronymic database.

Founded: 2001
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Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 5762 Graves Ave., Encino, CA 91316-1441 USA
Phone number: 1 (818) 776-1161
Primary Email: GDLProject@aol.com (Sonia Hoffman)
Secondary Email: Soniahoff1@aol.com (Sonia Hoffman)
Website: http://www.jewishfamilyhistory.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication None; Frequency: New data and articles are posted frequently.; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y;
Posted on Website: Y
Library or database: None

2011 activities: Published articles based on presentations at IAJGS conferences on Foundation website, and translated GDL records for additional communities (125 total). Spreadsheets were distributed to donors, and prepared for posting in a searchable database. Began to provide copies of original GDL town records to donors. Sponsored three shtetl research groups on Foundation website (Ariogala and Kelme, Lithuania, Rostov-on-Don, Russia).

Jewish Genealogical Group, Columbus Jewish Historical Society
Toby Brief, President, CJHS Carol Shkolnik, Genealogy Chair
IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None
Mission or primary activity: CJHS has a membership of approx. 350. The genealogy group is a committee of the CJHS and has no membership count of its own.
Founded: 1981
Membership count: As a committee of the CJHS, the Jewish Genealogical Group does not have a membership of its own.; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 1175 College Avenue, Columbus, OH 43209-2890 USA (CJHS)
Phone number: 1 (614) 238-6977 (CJHS)
Primary Email: history@TCJF.ORG (None)
Secondary Email: carols86000@gmail.com (Carol Shkolnik)
Website: http://www.columbusjewishhistory.org; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: No
Publication Legacy; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y; Email: N; Posted on Website: N
Library or database: Some oral histories have been transcribed and are on our web site. CJHS maintains a small non-circulating library of genealogical materials and Jewish history. Included in the library are family histories donated by members of the community. The archives and
library are open to the public by appointment only. If you're interested in viewing materials in the archives, please call the archivist at 614-559-3233, or send e-mail to history@tcjf.org to make an appointment.

2011 activities: CJHS was the proud recipient of the IAJGS Outstanding Project Award for "Legacy 2010: 170 Years of Jewish Life in Central Ohio", a major exhibit on the early Jewish settlement of the area. CJHS presented the exhibit "Reliving Rock: Jewish Columbus in the 1970's" in spring 2011. This exhibit was accompanied by two programs, one on rock and roll photography and one on Jewish DJ's in Columbus. The Genealogy Group presented the exhibit "Between the Branches" in fall, 2011 at the Jewish Center of Columbus to celebrate Jewish Genealogy month.

**Jewish Genealogical Institute of British Columbia**

Catherine Youngrenchair, Chair

*IAJGS Member:* Yes

*Branches:* None

*Mission or primary activity:* The Institute works to encourage genealogical research; to collect and disseminate information on genealogical resources and techniques; to assist and educate its members and the general public in the "how-to's" of finding one's Jewish roots; and to promote the preservation of and access to Jewish records and resources.

*Founded:* 1992

*Mailing address:* 950- West 41st Avenue, Vancouver, Canada, V5Z 2N7

*Phone number:* 1 (604) 321-9870

*Primary Email:* cy_design@telus.net (Catherine Youngren)

*Secondary Email:* leppec@shaw.ca (Cissie Eppel)

*Website:* [http://jgibc.shutterfly.com](http://jgibc.shutterfly.com); *Facebook:* Yes; *Twitter:*

Publication Meeting notice containing tips.; *Frequency:* Prior to scheduled meetings.; *Hardcopy:* E-mailed and sent in hard copy to those members without computer access; *Email:* ; *Posted on Website:*

*Library or database:* Our reference-only library is housed within the Jewish Historical Society office, on the second floor of the Peretz Centre for Secular Jewish Culture, 6184 Ash Street, Vancouver, B.C.

2011 activities: The JGIBC holds its monthly meetings at Temple Sholom, 7190 Oak Street, Vancouver. Meetings are the first Tuesday of every month from September through June. Information about the JGIBC programs is available on the Jewish Historical Society’s website.
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and in the Jewish newspaper, the Jewish Independent. The JIGBC offers mentoring - by appointment to researchers the last Sunday of every month in the offices of the Jewish Historical Society.

Jewish Genealogical Society - Hamilton & Area
Hazel Sandow Boon, President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: We welcome everyone exploring their Jewish roots, regardless of religious affiliation or level of experience. We offer assistance locally as well as through a vast network of resources available through the IAJGS, JRI-Poland, JewishGen and other resources. The study of Family History includes the search for family both living and deceased. The most interesting part of each journey is the study of the culture, political conditions & lifestyles of our ancestors within the countries and shtetls in which they lived as it is from this knowledge that we uncover their stories. We offer encouragement & assistance in starting out, finding resources, overcoming roadblocks and celebrating your genealogical victories.

Founded: 2004

Membership count: 24; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: 13-120 Beddoe Drive, Hamilton ON Canada L8P 4Z4

Phone number: 1 (905) 524-3345

Primary Email: president@jgsh.org (Hazel Sandow Boon)

Secondary Email: sbrock_oakville@hotmail.com (Steven Brock)

Website: http://www.jgsh.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication Treasured Times; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: early issues-Y

Library or database: Virtual listing of members' Libraries on the Members only portion of our website. Access to listings by individual contact.

2011 activities: Barry Rosen-Jewish Family Storytelling; Ralph Bloch-“Did Lazarus Morgenthau elope?”; Michael Rajzman-Unravelling the Mysteries of Photographs; Jewish Hamilton Project Speaker’s Series - Cuppy Katz; Jewish Hamilton Project Speaker’s Series - Max Mintz; Jewish Hamilton Project Speaker’s Series-Blanche Levitt; Hazel Boon-Making the Most of the JewishGen & JGSH Websites; Ralph Bloch-What You Can Learn from Tombstones: Explorations on an Historic Cemetery; Henry Blumberg-Reconnecting With the Past – A Personal Journey of Discovery of Henry and Marcia Blumberg; Research Roundtable Meeting
Jewish Genealogical Society of Broward County, Inc.
Nancy Wyman, President
IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None
Mission or primary activity: To educate, to promote and to preserve Jewish genealogical and family history and information. To encourage the preservation of our Jewish heritage through an understanding of Jewish history and the Jewish family. To achieve these goals by providing interesting and informative programs.
Founded: 1988
Membership count: 80; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: P. O. Box 17251, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33318 USA
Phone number: 1 (954) 873-4403
Primary Email: info@jgsbc.org (None)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.jgsbc.org; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: No
Publication Family Gatherings; Frequency: Monthly (10 times per year); Hardcopy: Y; Email: N; Posted on Website: N
Library or database: The collection includes over 300 books, as well as numerous magazines, journals and copies of other genealogical society newsletters from all over the world. The collection includes many out-of-print histories of U.S. and international Jewish communities, works on Jewish culture of the shtetl, copies of Avotaynu back to 1989 and more. The library is housed at the Soref Jewish Community Center. It is staffed by volunteers and is open one morning a week, for one hour prior to each meeting, and by appointment.
2011 activities: Not reported

Jewish Genealogical Society of Buffalo
Sharon Zysman, President
IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None
Mission or primary activity: The JGSB supports and encourages research, education, and celebration of our heritage for members and the Jewish community.
Founded: 1985
Membership count: 32; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 100 Fruehauf Ave, Amherst NY 14226
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Phone number: 1 (716) 689-9670
Primary Email: ZysmanB@verizon.net (Bernard Zysman)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/jgs/jgs-buffalo; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication Mekorot (not currently publishing); Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: The Society's library consisting of over 125 books, maps and some genealogies is housed at Ferne Mittleman's home. It is available during winter and summer work sessions or anytime by appointment.

2011 activities: Not reported

Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada (Toronto)
Harvey Glasner, President
IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None
Mission or primary activity: 1. To stimulate interest in the pursuit of Jewish genealogical research; 2. To facilitate the pursuit of Jewish genealogical research locally and globally; and 3. To provide an environment for fellowship and mutual exchange among persons with an interest in Jewish genealogy.
Founded: 1985
Membership count: 185; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 2901 Bayview Avenue, PO Box 91006, Toronto, ON, M2K 2Y6, Canada
Phone number: 1 (647) 247-6414
Primary Email: info@jgstoronto.ca (None)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.jgstoronto.ca; Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/jgstoronto?ref=ts; Twitter: No
Publication Shem Tov; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Back issues fully indexed
Library or database: The Society’s library is located in the Canadiana Room on the 6th Floor of the North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St., Toronto, Ontario. Materials do not circulate. They are available to the public every day during library hours.

2011 activities: In Sept. we published 44 of our members’ personal stories of family in Tracing Our Roots, Telling Our Stories. The book may be purchased through Family Chronicle Books,
www.familychronicle.com/books.htm. On June 4th, 4 of our authors will be conducting a reading at the Jewish Book Festival in Toronto. Thanks to the tireless work of Allen Halberstadt's Cemetery Committee all 12 of Toronto's Jewish Cemeteries have been indexed with the data being uploaded to JOWBR. JGS Canada launched a new blog, www.jewishgenealogytoronto.com. We have a very successful Speakers Bureau and are making great gains in reaching out to Jewish institutions and organizations to encourage genealogical studies.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Colorado
Ellen Shindelman Kowitt, Immediate Past President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: Meeting in Denver and in Boulder, Colorado, the JGSCO helps you trace your Jewish family history by providing programs, support and guidance to find and use resources located throughout the world.

Founded: 1995

Membership count: 190; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: 124 Facebook Fans

Mailing address: 12449 E. Amherst Circle, Aurora, CO, 80014 USA

Phone number: 1 (720) 221-6858

Primary Email: info@JGSCO.org (None)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.jgsco.org; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: http://twitter.com/#!/search/JGSCO

Publication No longer published. All Content on website.; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: JGSCO completed the fourth season of the Jewish Family Tree Initiative (JFTI) Workshop and Mentoring Series; a seven-part beginning Jewish genealogy curriculum run by JGSCO as part of a different synagogue adult education department each year. Regular monthly meetings are held on Sunday mornings in Denver or Boulder and announced via the Chai From Colorado Enews or online at www.JGSCO.org. Highlights of 2011-2012 included an all-day seminar with Warren Blatt; Ukrainian and Polish Jewish Archival Research with Kahlile Mehr; and The Shtetl: Myth and Reality with University of Colorado Professor Julie Lieber. Indices completed by JGSCO are the JCRS (Tuberculosis Sanitarium) Patient Application Records, all Colorado Jewish burials including translations, obituaries of the Intermountain Jewish News, and CO mohel records.

2011 activities: JGSCO created the Jewish Family Tree Initiative (JFTI) Workshop and Mentoring Series as a seven-part beginning Jewish genealogy curriculum run through synagogue adult education departments. Originally funded by a Limmud Learning Grant provided by the Rose
Community Foundation, JFTI enters its fourth season as a successful outreach initiative that has contributed to tripling JGSCO membership. Regular monthly meetings are held on Sunday mornings in Denver or Boulder and announced via the Chai From Colorado Enews or online at www.JGSCO.org. Highlights of 2010-2011 included a seminar with Steve Morse; A Panel on Researching Colorado Jewish Ancestry; a new lecture about Yizkor Books as a Genealogy Resource developed by Rachel Jablon, PhD candidate in Jewish literature; a new lecture developed by Rabbi Joshua Rose on Why Jews Do Genealogy; and Sherlock Cohn, the Photo Genealogist. Indices completed by JGSCO are the JCRS (Tuberculosis Sanitarium) Patient Application Records, all Colorado Jewish burials including translations, obituaries of the Intermountain Jewish News, and mohel records.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Connecticut, Inc
Doris Loeb Nabel, President

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: JGSCT's purpose is to help disseminate and preserve Jewish genealogical knowledge and information. The objectives are: promoting genealogical research, providing instruction in the use of research methodology and adherence to standards of accuracy, and fostering careful documentation and scholarly genealogical writing and publication.

Founded: 1988
Membership count: 106; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 76 Vernon St. Hamden CT 06518 USA
Phone number: 1 (860) 233.2955
Primary Email: info@jgsct-jewish-genealogy.org (Doris Loeb Nabel)
Secondary Email: moidame@comcast.net (Doris Loeb Nabel)
Website: www.jgsct-jewish-genealogy.org; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: No

Publication Quest; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y (if requested); Email: Y (if requested); Posted on Website: New website will be published summer 2012, and will include Quest

Library or database: JGSCT's library is housed at the Godfrey Memorial Library. A "Library of Genealogy & History", the Godfrey is located at 143 Newfield Street, Middletown, CT. JGSCT's collection is available to the public when Godfrey is open, and when the society holds Sunday meetings at the library. A list of JGSCT's library collection will be on www.jgsct-jewish-genealogy.org after the new website's publication Summer 2012.

2011 activities: JGSCT's Board: Doris Loeb Nabel, President & Webmaster; Barney Miller, Vice President; Monica Talmor, Secretary; Lewis Goldfarb, Treasurer; Linda Winkleman, Membership; Gail Kalison Reynolds, Publicity; Arthur Meyers, Quest Editor; Marcia Indianer
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Meyers, Quest Assistant Editor; Georgia Haken, Immediate Past President & Librarian; Shelley Schuman, Assistant Librarian; Jack Winkleman, Member at Large; Rabbi Edward Cohen, Advisor. Activities included: Personal Research Time "With Assistance"; Ava Cohn, Clued-In: Case Studies from Sherlock Cohn, The Photo Genealogist; Beth Mariotti, Godfrey Memorial Library Executive Director, Jewish Genealogy Research; Gail Kalison Reynolds, Technology Use & Application; David Gitlitz, The Lost Minyan; JGSCT presented "How To Uncover Your Family Roots" in New Haven, co-sponsored by Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel & Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven; Ruth Brennan, Gathering Family; Meredith Hoffman, Who the Heck Is Ida Gerskill? Challenges of Researching Jewish Names; Barney Miller, How To Find Family in the 1940 Census.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Dayton
Marcia Jaffe, Co-President Molly Blumer, Co-President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: Helping members develop their own genealogical lines, as well as adding to the databases on the Jewish community of Dayton, Ohio. To continue the education process on the rapid changing world of genealogy and all the computer enhancements that assist in the research.

Founded: 1987

Membership count: 18; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: 4624 Fayette Court, Dayton, OH 45415

Phone number: 1 (937) 275-2535 or 1 (937) 479-8880

Primary Email: pail@earthlink.net (Marcia Jaffe)

Secondary Email: jmblumer@hotmail.com (Molly Blumer)

Website: no website (see JFGD, CSO website, http://www.jewishdayton.org/page.aspx?id=26104); Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication None; Frequency: Monthly announcement of each meeting and contents of the presentations.; Hardcopy: Y; Email: Y; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: The Society's library is housed in its own room at Beth Abraham Synagogue, 305 Sugar Camp Circle, Dayton OH, 45419. Holdings include: computerized databases of necrologies, obituaries, marriage licenses, births, bar and bat Mitzvah dates associated with the Dayton Jewish Community since its inception in 1842; 40 years of Dayton, OH city directories, and of some nearby localities. More than 80 CD genealogical collections from ancestry.com and other sources; Many of the standard genealogical books, including "Source", "Where Once We walked", "The Unbroken Chain", atlases, histories of Jews of Cleveland, Boston, Columbus,
etc.; computerized listing of Jews who fought in World War II and received decorations, etc.

2011 activities: Not reported

Jewish Genealogical Society of Denmark
Elsebeth Paikin, International Liaison Officer

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The aim of the society is to create or strengthen the interest in Jewish genealogy in Denmark. To this end we hold meetings approx. 4-6 times a year, arrange tours to places of interest, publish a newsletter (2 issues annually).

Founded: 2004

Membership count: 120; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: Kildevaenget 37, DK-2100, Copenhagen O, Denmark
Phone number: 45 39 27 24 33
Primary Email: jgs-danmark@jgs-danmark.dk (None)
Secondary Email: elsebeth@paikin.dk (Elsebeth Paikin)
Website: http://www.jgs-danmark.dk; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication JGS-NYT; Frequency: Semi-annually; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: The already very good cooperation between the Danish Jewish Museum and JGS-Denmark has been further improved by cooperation on the databases: "Danish-Jewish Funerals and Tombstones until 1693-1886" (<http://tom.brondsted.dk/mosaiskebegravelser/?lang=en>) and "The Danish-Jewish Genealogical Database" (<http://tom.brondsted.dk/djgdb/?ged=1>)

2011 activities: Seven meetings were carried out in 2011. The two new databases below are continuously being corrected and new additions uploaded - not least thanks to information from the users. 1. "Danish-Jewish Funerals and Tombstones until 1693-1886" (<http://tom.brondsted.dk/mosaiskebegravelser/?lang=en>) It is a register of Jewish funerals/tombstones in The Old Cemetery in Copenhagen and the ten provincial cemeteries in Denmark. The database covers all known Jewish burials in Denmark from 1693-1886. The main objective of the database is to provide a complete photographic based register to the old (Hebrew) tombstones on the cemeteries. The database is open for all, and linked to "The Danish-Jewish Genealogical Database" created by Allan Falk, Board member of JGS-Denmark. The latter database encompasses 65,000+ individuals, but details are only accessible to members of the JGS-Denmark and JGS-Hamburg. These two databases are very valuable for those researching roots in Denmark.
Jewish Genealogical Society of Georgia
Gary Palgon, co-President  Peggy Mosinger Freedman, co-President

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The PURPOSE of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Georgia is to preserve and disseminate Jewish genealogical knowledge and information. The GOALS of the Society include: promoting awareness among the Jewish community of the possibility of tracing their ancestors, encouraging genealogical research, providing instruction on genealogical methodology and standards of accuracy, fostering the preservation of Jewish genealogical records and resources. Maintaining and improving our libraries of genealogical resources.

Founded: 1990
Membership count: 30; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
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Phone number: 1 (770) 458-6664
Primary Email: JGSG@thebreman.org (None)
Secondary Email: peggyl@mindspring.com (Peggy Mosinger Freedman)
Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsg; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: The society maintains its library at the William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum - Joseph and Ida Pearle Cuba Genealogy Library and Archives. It is available to the public. For current access information, see the museum’s website, www.thebreman.org.

2011 activities: Research workshops in Breman Museum Library, meetings on Travel to Poland and Lithuania and Publishing Your Family History.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain
Mark Nicholls, Chair  Joel Levy, Vice-Chair

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The principal objective of the Society is to assist members trace their Jewish ancestors - whether they came from abroad to the UK or went via the UK to other destinations.

Founded: 1992
Membership count: 852; Listserv subscribers: 420; Blog subscribers: N/A
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Mailing address: 33 Seymour Place London W1H 5AP England
Phone number: +44(0) 20 7724 4232
Primary Email: enquiries@jgsgb.org.uk (None)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.jgsgb.org.uk; Facebook: Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain (JGSGB); Twitter: No

Publication Shemot (Journal) and JGSGB Newsletter; Frequency: Shemot 3 times a year, Newsletter Quarterly
; Hardcopy: Y; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y (Members only area)

Library or database: The Library contains over 1000 books of genealogical interest, CDs, and computers and is situated in Central London at 33, Seymour Place, London W.1. The library has internet access. The Library catalogue is fully searchable on JGSGB’s website. Many thousands of records are held in the JCR-UK databases (www.jewishgen.org/jcr-uk/).

2011 activities: Regular meetings in main centre, other localities in London area, Chilterns, Manchester, Leeds and new groups in South East Essex and Birmingham. Annual all day Conferences in London and Manchester. Regular workshops in conjunction with other organizations e.g. Jewish Museum of London. Regular meetings of Society SIGs – Anglo-Jewish, Dutch/Sephardic, Eastern Europe, German. Guides to Jewish Genealogy – Poland; Germany and Austria; Latvia and Estonia; Lithuania (revised July 2011); United Kingdom (revised Feb 2011); Organizing your Family History Records; Reading Hebrew Inscriptions and Documents; Genealogical Resources within the Jewish Home and Family; Jewish Memorial (Yizkor) Books in the United Kingdom. Library sessions twice each month. A Mentoring and Education service. A genealogical enquiry answering service for members and the public
Continued development of JCR (Jewish Communities and Records) – UK project in conjunction with JewishGen. Joint exercise with the United Synagogue to make their marriage authorization records readily available Encouraging work on Jewish Genealogy taking place in schools. Maintenance of registers of genealogical projects being undertaken by members. Provision of speakers to various groups. A JGSGB Blog has also been created.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston, Inc.
Heidi Urich, President

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: To help people discover their Jewish family history, through monthly education programs and a comprehensive beginner's course, an extensive collection of research materials, and the award-winning journal Mass-Pocha.

Founded: 1982
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Membership count: 507; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: P.O. Box 610366, Newton Highlands, MA 02461-0366 USA
Phone number: 1 (866) 611-5698
Primary Email: info@jgsgb.org (None)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.jgsgb.org; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: No
Publication Mass-Pocha; Frequency: 3 times per year; Hardcopy: Y; Email: N; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: A database with information about Massachusetts' synagogues, Jewish cemeteries and Jewish newspapers is available on our website under "Resources." Our research library of reference books and a map collection are available for use at our monthly meetings at Temple Emanuel in Newton. We maintain a smaller library, accessible on weekdays, at the Boston branch of the American Jewish Historical Society, located at the New England Historic Genealogy Society, 99-101 Newbury Street, Boston.

2011 activities: JGSGB runs a popular program of educational speakers. Programs are chosen based on a survey of the research needs of the membership, indicating countries and subjects of greatest interest. The 2011-2012 year featured Prof. Antony Polonsky on the Jews of Poland & Russia; Tom Weiss on Vienna's Jewish Community; Yochanan Petrovsky-Shtern on Jews in the Tsar's Army; Pamela Weisberger on Innovative Research Methods; Rochelle Ruthchild on Jews & Revolutions in Russia; Alan Shuchat on Agricultural Colonies in the Russian Empire; YIVO History & Resources; Archives of the Joint Distribution Committee and HIAS; and Introducing Children to Genealogy. Additional programs included an annual "Help Day" with translation and research assistance, an evening at NARA on the 1940 census, and a regional meeting of Gesher Galicia. The Society also has a partnership with Hebrew College resulting in an annual joint lecture and an intensive 8-session course on Jewish Genealogy taught by Society members annually.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Cincinnati - Note: no update received.
Information shown is from prior Yearbook.
   Nancy Brandt, President
   IAJGS Member: Yes
   Branches: None
   Mission or primary activity: Not reported
   Founded: 1994
   Membership count: 34; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
   Mailing address: Jacob Rader Marcus Center, 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45220-2488 USA
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Phone number: 1 (513) 631-0233
Primary Email: nfbrant@aol.com (Nancy Brandt)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: None; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A
Library or database: No information
2011 activities: Not currently information active.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Miami, Inc.
Genie Milgrom, President
IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None
Mission or primary activity: To collect, preserve and disseminate knowledge and information with reference to Jewish Genealogy. To encourage interested persons to pursue and preserve genealogical data. To provide opportunities for the sharing of Jewish genealogical information. To aim toward the publication of worthy material in the field of Jewish genealogy
Founded: 1989
Membership count: 50; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 8120 S.W. 112 St. Miami, Florida 33156
Phone number: 1 (786) 299-3470
Primary Email: fjw6@comcast.net (Frances J. Waxman)
Secondary Email: jgsmiami@comcast.net (Frances J. Waxman)
Website: http://www.jgs-miami.org; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: No
Publication Branches; Frequency: quarterly; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: Library is located at the Greater Miami Jewish Federation Building, 4200 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, FL. Reference Books (non-circulating) are in the CAJE office and available when CAJE office is open and by appointment. Circulating library available at meetings and by appointment.
2011 activities: Monthly programs September 2012-June 2013 on various topics. JOWBR Cemetery Headstone Mapping Committee goes to different Jewish cemeteries, documents the headstones and sends results to JOWBR. Member Harry Stuart gave an excellent Power Point presentation on FTM 2011; Elizabeth Courson, How to Write an Entertaining Autobiography in 3 Easy Steps; Annual Hanukkah party and guest speaker Bernd Wolfschlager, MD, son of a Nazi
officer and his conversion to Judaism; Annual Q and A with members and guests and Harry Stuart's presentation on the pros and cons of using FTM2011 for creating a biography or autobiography; Anniversary celebration with two presentations by Steve Morse; Carol Deakter from the Holocaust Documentation Center in Hollywood, FL; Our new President, Genie Milgrom told the story of finding her Pre Spanish Inquisition Jewish Roots after doing her genealogy back to the 1400's. She is available for all Inquiries regarding the location of Pre Inquisition Spanish and Portuguese roots.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Orlando
Jerry Kurland, President

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: To Promote an interest in Jewish Genealogy in the community; instruct and inform members in genealogical research and methodologies; provide opportunities for sharing Jewish genealogical information; and to encourage the preservation of Jewish genealogical records in the Central Florida area.

Founded: 1990
Membership count: 48; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: P.O. Box 941332, Maitland, FL 32794-1332 USA
Phone number: 1 (407) 682-7799
Primary Email: jgsgo.president@gmail.com (Jerry Kurland)
Secondary Email: jgsgo.info@gmail.com (Marlis Humphrey)
Website: www.jgsgo.blogspot.com; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication Etz Chaim; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: Our JGSGO library continues to expand. Located in the Dworkin Learning Center of the Congregation of Reform Judaism, a complete re-organization was required and completed by our volunteer librarian, Marcie and Raeburn Wallen. New bookcases were added.

2011 activities: Not reported

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Philadelphia
Frederic Blum, President

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The primary objectives of JGSGP are to collect, preserve, and
disseminate Jewish genealogical knowledge; promote interest in Jewish genealogical research; foster careful documentation and promote scholarly publication; promote the preservation of Jewish genealogical records and resources; and hold meetings for the instruction and education of members.

Founded: 1979

Membership count: 199; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: 1657 The Fairway
# 145
Jenkintown, PA 19046

Phone number: 1 (215) 947-7161

Primary Email: President@jgsgp.org (Fred Blum)
Secondary Email: stevehwlt@aol.com (Steve Schecter)

Website: http://www.jgsgp.org; Facebook: Yes, Jewish Genealogical society of Greater Philadelphia; Twitter: No

Publication Chronicles; Frequency: Quarterly (in hiatus); Hardcopy: Y; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: Our JGSGO library contains approximately 300 assets. It is currently being moved to a permanent section within the Genealogy Department of the Orange County, Florida Public Library, Main Branch, Orlando. The move should be completed during the fall of 2012.


Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois
Mike Karsen, President

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: We are dedicated to educating and helping our members learn as well

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as perfect methods and techniques that will aid them in their collection and preservation of
documents, which are part of their ancestral research. Our Beginners' Workshop and Ask the
Experts, which are each presented twice a year, are examples of programs designed to
increase our members' research expertise. We have now begun a program of collecting,
digitizing, and making available records of interest to genealogists interested in Jewish Chicago
genealogy. Our online death index now has over 65,000 records searchable using the "Steve
Morse" search form.

Founded: 1981

Membership count: 245; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: PO Box 515, Northbrook, IL 60065-0515 USA

Phone number: 1 (312) 666-0100

Primary Email: President@jgsi.org (Mike Karsen)

Secondary Email: vp@jgsi.org (None)

Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsi; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication Morasha; Frequency: Three times per year; Hardcopy: Y; Email: Y; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: Our library is currently located in the lower level of Temple Beth Israel, Skokie,
IL, our monthly meeting place. Books and other media can be accessed before and after
meetings on Sunday afternoons; other library times are by appointment.

2011 activities: Not reported

Jewish Genealogy Society of Maryland - Note: no update received. Information
shown is from prior Yearbook.

Laya Bitman, President

IAJGS Member: Yes, but currently not in good standing.

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: To create a forum and host resources for Jewish Genealogical interests
and research efforts of historic Maryland cities and for Maryland residence with Jewish
Genealogy interests.


Membership count: 12 dues-paying; 25 on our email distribution; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog
subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: Jewish Genealogy Society of Maryland, c/o Laya Bitman, 2716 Cheswolde rd,
Baltimore, MD 21209

Phone number: 1 (410) 764-0567
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Primary Email: jgsmaryland@gmail.com (Laya Bitman)
Secondary Email: jewishgenmd@aol.com (Laya Bitman)
Website: [http://www.jewishgen.org/jgs-maryland](http://www.jewishgen.org/jgs-maryland); Facebook: Yes; Twitter: No
Publication: Traces; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: None
2011 activities: Not reported

Jewish Genealogical Society of Michigan
Adina Lipsitz, President

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The objectives of the Society are: To educate its members in the methodology of collecting Jewish family historical/genealogical data; To create a wider interest in genealogy in the community; To cooperate and, where necessary, affiliate with other local and national genealogical associations and enhance the Society's ability to serve its members; and to aim toward publication of worthy material in the field of Jewish genealogy.

Founded: 1985

Membership count: 132; Listserv subscribers: 226; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: PO Box 251693, West Bloomfield, MI 48325-1693 USA
Phone number: 1 (248) 968-4211
Primary Email: president@jgsmi.org (Adina Lipsitz)

Secondary Email: programs@jgsmi.org (Alexandra Goldberg, VP Programming)
Website: [http://www.jgsmi.org](http://www.jgsmi.org); Facebook: [www.facebook.com/jgsmi](http://www.facebook.com/jgsmi); Twitter: [www.twitter.com/jgsmi](http://www.twitter.com/jgsmi)

Publication: Generations; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y (to members); Email: Y (to other societies); Posted on Website: N

Library or database: The Jewish Genealogical Society of Michigan maintains its library within the Library and Archives of the Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus in Farmington Hills, Michigan. Our collection is open to members during the Center’s regular business hours (Sunday-Thursday, 10am-4pm and Friday 9am-1pm). Our library’s holdings are non-circulating. Our collection includes over 435 books, periodicals, videotapes, audiotapes, microfiche, and CD-ROMs, especially a vast collection of periodicals issued by Jewish genealogical societies and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) from around the world.

2011 activities: Monthly board meetings; recap of the 2011 IAJGS Conference; Sallyann Sack: Jewish Genealogy: Where Do We Go from Here? Possibilities and Problems; Day of Learning;
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coo-sponsoring with the David-Horodoker Organization Avrom Bendavid-Val, author of The Heavens are Empty at the 60th Annual Diamond Jewish Book Fair; film Who Shall Live and Who Shall Die?; two private tours of the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library; Jewish history in Central Europe; Free Genealogical Resources for Michigan Researchers and Beyond; Genealogical Success Stories and Strategies; Sy Brenner on his experiences growing up in Detroit and as a Jewish soldier and spy in WW2, based on his autobiography, The Night I Got Killed; co-sponsoring Remembrance at the 30th Annual Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival; Morris (z"l) and Betty Starkman Annual Genealogy Lecture and Election of Officers: Clued-In: Case Studies from Sherlock Cohn, The Photo Genealogist.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Montreal
Stanley Diamond, President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The JGS-Montreal fosters, encourages and supports Jewish genealogical research in the Montreal area through a program of education, information dissemination and on occasion, entertainment. The society also carries out and sponsors programs designed to make Quebec Jewish and Canadian genealogical information available to genealogists world-wide.

Founded: 1994

Membership count: 97; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: 5599 Edgemore Avenue, Montreal QC Canada H4W 1V4

Phone number: 1 (514) 484-0100

Primary Email: SMSDiamond@aol.com (Stanley Diamond)

Secondary Email: alan.greenberg@mcgill.ca (Alan Greenberg)

Website: http://www.jgs-montreal.org; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: No

Publication publication currently suspended; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: The JGS of Montreal partners with the Montreal Jewish Public Library. The JPL collection includes virtually all major Jewish genealogical reference books as well as more than 500 Yizkor Books.

2011 activities: The JGS of Montreal continued its ongoing series of meetings including lectures, movies and research circles, as well as its popular monthly "Sunday Morning Family History Workshops." The Society provides vital records and research advice to Montreal and Quebec researchers worldwide. The Society's web site includes research guides on various Montreal, Quebec and Canadian sources and topics. With the support of the 2005 Stern Grant, the Society continues to index all Canadian naturalizations from 1916 to 1952 - comprising an
estimated 600,000 individuals. An index of all burials for Montreal's two largest multi-section cemeteries with more than 70,000 burials (on JOWBR) will be updated and work is progressing on indexing the remaining cemeteries. Work is underway on indexing the 1968 "Who's Who in Canadian Jewry". JGS-Montreal has made a major financial contribution to the digitizing and indexing of genealogical content for the Canadian Jewish Heritage Network website: www.cjhn.org

Jewish Genealogical Society of New Orleans
Jacob Karno, Co-President Vicki Karno, Co-President
IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches:
Mission or primary activity: The Jewish Genealogical Society (JGS) of New Orleans is a non-profit organization for those who desire to research their Jewish roots in Louisiana and worldwide. Our purpose is to bring members together to share information and ideas, and to periodically present programs which will assist with such research, providing members with a broad base of knowledge regarding resources and research skills.
Founded: 1995
Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: P.O. Box 7811, Metairie, Louisiana 70010 USA
Phone number: 1 (504) 836-2720
Primary Email: jkarno@karnovsky.com (Jacob Karno)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsno; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A
Library or database: None
2011 activities: We are still inactive, but will field telephone inquiries and e-mail.

Jewish Genealogical Society of North Jersey
Susan Kobren, President
IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None
Mission or primary activity: The Jewish Genealogical Society of North Jersey is a non-profit organization dedicated to assist members with their genealogical pursuits.
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Founded: 1984
Membership count: 40; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: Y of Wayne, Charles & Bessie Goldman Library, 1 Pike Drive, Wayne, NJ 07470-2494 USA
Phone number: 1 (973) 595-0100 x36
Primary Email: president@jgsnj.org (Susan Kobren)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.jgsnj.org; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: No
Publication Yichus; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y; Email: Y; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: The Society maintains a resource library within the Charles and Bessie Goldman Library, Y of Wayne, 1 Pike Road, Wayne, NJ 07470. Recently organized, an updated list can be downloaded from our web site. Resources are available during library hours. Some books available for borrowing by members from meeting to meeting. Call the Y for library hours. (973) 595-0100.
2011 activities: Not reported

Jewish Genealogical Society of Oregon
Barbara Hershey, President
IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None
Mission or primary activity: To collect, preserve and perpetuate the records and history of our ancestors.
Founded: 1989
Membership count: 109; Listserv subscribers: We email to about 350 for announcements of meetings and such; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: P.O. Box 19736, Portland, Oregon 97280 USA
Phone number: 1 (503) 249-1976 (President’s number)
Primary Email: jgsoregon@comcast.net (Barbara Hershey)
Secondary Email: Barbara.hershey@comcast.net (Barbara Hershey)
Website: http://www.rootsweb.com/~orjgs; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication Shalshelet; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Limited to members without Internet access; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y, but not current
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Library or database: The Society’s library is housed at Congregation Neveh Shalom in Portland. Booklist can reviewed at: http://www.rootsweb.com/ orjgs/jgsolibrary.htm

2011 activities: Monthly programs from September through December included a brick wall session, a presentation about NARA by Carol Buswell from NARA in Seattle, DNA (Greenspan), Ukraine Resources (Ron Doctor). Other programs in 2011 were reported in last year’s report.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Ottawa
Hymie Reichstein, President John Diener, Vice President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: To collect, preserve, and disseminate Jewish genealogical knowledge and information; To promote interest in genealogical research; To stimulate and provide instruction in the use of research methodology and adherence to standards of accuracy and thoroughness in research; To foster careful documentation and to promote scholarly genealogical writing and publication; To promote the preservation of Jewish genealogical records and resources; To hold meetings for the instruction and education of its members and the general public; And to further such other related purposes as the organization may from time to time elect to pursue.

Founded: 1995

Membership count: 23; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: c/o Greenberg Families Library, Soloway JCC, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, Ottawa ON Canada K2A 1R9

Phone number: 1 (613) 829-5620 (Hymie Reichstein), 1(613) 828-5366 (John Diener)

Primary Email: reichstein@magma.ca (Hymie Reichstein)

Secondary Email: johndiener@ymail.com (John Diener)

Website: http://www.jgso.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: The Society’s library is located at Soloway Jewish Community Centre in Ottawa. Library hours are 10am-8pm, Mon-Thurs; 10am-2pm, Fri; 10am-4pm, Sun. Materials do not circulate. The JGSO has a collection of approximately 193 Yizkor books plus an extensive library of Jewish and general genealogical books. The catalogue of our holdings will be made available on the JGSO website. The JGSO maintains a database of the two Ottawa Jewish Cemeteries updating them every year. The database of the two Ottawa Cemeteries is available on JOWBR. The JGSO also has databases for the Jewish Cemeteries of Kingston Ontario and Cornwall Ontario. These two Cemeteries are updated this year and will be submitted to
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JOWBR. The JGSO has a database of the Jews of Ottawa in the Canadian 1911 Census. A searchable database of the Obits 1908-1932 from the Keneder Odler (The Jewish Eagle, a Montreal Yiddish Newspaper) will be available on our website.

2011 activities: Updating the databases of the two Ottawa Jewish Cemeteries. The JGSO has continued to work on a project to copy and then database a series of Canadian Privy Council documents pertaining to immigrants who were approved for entry to Canada by Orders in Council of the Canadian Government for the years 1931 and 1960. The JGSO held 10 monthly meetings providing seminars and research opportunities for its members and the general public.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.

Mark Jacobson, President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: JGSPBCI seeks to assist and promote the research of Jewish family history. Nine monthly meetings are held each year featuring the best speakers and programs. Special trips to libraries, repositories, mini-conferences, workshops and our annual 'Lunch and Learn' Luncheon. We publish a quarterly newsletter, Scattered Seeds, and award winning workbook, "Genealogy Resources". Our Speakers Bureau provides lecturers to local groups. We maintain a genealogy research library. New members are assigned an experienced mentor. Before meetings there are Brick Wall question and answer sessions. There are eight SIG groups that meet regularly, including our annual All Day SIG Meeting.

Founded: 1991

Membership count: 309+; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: P.O. Box 7796, Delray Beach Fl. 33482-7796 USA

Phone number: 1 ( 561) 487-9165

Primary Email: president@jgs palmbeachcounty.org (Mark Jacobson)

Secondary Email: mark_j1_2000@yahoo.com (None)

Website: http://www.jgs palmbeach county.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication Scattered Seeds; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: The JGSPBCI maintains an extensive research collection on permanent loan to the Rose Merry L. Plough Media Resource and Reading Center located in the Phyllis & Harvey Sandler Center for Jewish Life Enhancement at the Levis Jewish Community Center campus in Boca Raton, Florida. By appointment only.

2011 activities: Programming included: "Organizing Your Genealogical Records" by JGSPBCI Webmaster Gerald Naditch; "The Deceptive Ancestor? - Separating Family Fiction from Fact" by Paul Enchelmayer; "Barney Stumacher - A Family Hero - and his Rescue of 56 Ukrainians in
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1921" by JGSPBCI Secretary Gary Stone; "Your Jewish Roots in Poland: JRI-Poland, the Records and More . . ." by Mark Halpern; "United States Naturalization Records: the Why, the What and the Where" by JGSPBCI President Mark Jacobson; "Getting the Most out of JewishGen - for all levels" by JGSPBCI Board Member and JewishGen VP of Education Phyllis Kramer; "Two Paths to Florida - How Genealogy Helped Unite a Family and Tell its Story" by JGSPBCI member Harry Stuart; "Share our Success" featuring our members success stories. Attendance at our meetings averaged over 100.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Pittsburgh

Julian Falk, President Jack Greenberg, Vice President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: JGS Pittsburgh provides a forum for and assistance to members interested in researching their ancestors. JGS Pittsburgh offers its members research techniques, informative lectures and teaches modern research techniques on and off the internet.

Founded: 1983

Membership count: 25; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: 2131 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-5505 USA

Phone number: 1 (412) 471-0772

Primary Email: JulFalk@aol.com (Julian Falk)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/jgs-pittsburgh; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication Z’chor; Frequency: Currently not being published; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: Library has been donated to the Rauh Jewish Archives at the History Center for Western Pennsylvania, located on Smallman Street in the City of Pittsburgh.

2011 activities: Not reported

Jewish Genealogical Society of Sacramento

Victoria Fisch, President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The Jewish Genealogical Society of Sacramento (JGSS) is a nonprofit
organization dedicated to promoting the study of Jewish family history in order to learn about
our rich heritage and to preserve it for future generations. The JGSS meets every month so that
members can hear lectures by leading genealogy experts, access the JGSS’s outstanding
library, and share their skills and personal experience.

Founded: 1989

Membership count: 36; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: c/o Einstein Residence, 1935 Wright Street, #220, Sacramento, CA 95825 USA

Phone number: 1 (916)-861-0951

Primary Email: jgs_sacramento@yahoo.com (None)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.jgss.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: The JGSS has assembled an outstanding library of genealogy-related books,
video tapes, and other media, including journals and newsletters from around the world. All of
these materials are available for checkout by members at meetings.

2011 activities: Activities and Programs during 2011: Immigration Records Online; Update on
Potpourri of Internet Sites; Polish Genealogy; The French Connection; Newspapers Online;
DNA and Genealogy; Organizing Your Research; Research Logs - A Powerful Tool; Immigration
and Citizenship; The Jews of India; Surname study” or a “One Name Study”; Jeopardy
Genealogy; We also participated in the Jewish Heritage Festival; and CA Family History Day.

Jewish Genealogical Society of San Antonio
Marion Bernstein, President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: To inform members of the community how to follow their Jewish roots
through monthly meetings featuring resources for research, and success stories.

Founded: 2000

Membership count: 18; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: c/o Gloria Seitzman J.C.C., 12500 NW Military Drive, San Antonio, TX 78231
USA

Phone number: 1 (210) 302-6860

Primary Email: hlb@texas.net (Marion Bernstein)

Secondary Email: seitzg@jcc-sa.org (Gloria Seitzman)
Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida

Kim Sheintal, President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: To guide people with their Jewish genealogy via a wide array of monthly programs (November thru May at Kobernick House in Sarasota) and provide books and maps from the society library.

Founded: 1996

Membership count: 50; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: 4462 Violet Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34233-1825 USA

Phone number: 1 (941) 921-1433

Primary Email: klapshein@aol.com (Kim Sheintal)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.jgsswf.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication Mishpochology; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: The JGS of SW FL library is stored in a locked cabinet at Kobernick House/Anchin Pavilion Independent Retirement and Assisted Living Community, 1951 N. Honore Avenue, and is accessible at meetings or by appointment for members. Contact Kim Sheintal (president) or Bernie Spitalnick (librarian) to schedule an appointment.

2011 activities: January 2011 - The Family Tree and Between the Branches by The Six Pearls and Early Jewry in America by Phil Steel; February 2011 - My Uncle the Hollywood Producer: A Spicy Tale by Robin Seidenberg; March 2011 - Most Effective Way to Organize, Write, and Publish an Autobiography by Liz Coursen; April 2011 - The Table, The Diary, and the Road to Discovery by Mike Schwartz; May 2011 - Jewish Family Folklore by Dr. Eleanor Wachs; November 2011 - Making Connections by Sue Davis; December 2011 - Tracing My Grandfather's Journey from Lithuania to Riga to Dublin 1891-2009 by Jo Ann Goldwater
**Jewish Genealogical Society of Tallahassee**

Rhea Schwartz, President

Jeff Carlen, Vice President

**IAJGS Member:** Yes

**Branches:** None

**Mission or primary activity:** The purpose of the society is to facilitate the genealogical research activities of members by providing general knowledge of research sources, scheduling meetings to hear speakers on relevant topics and to share genealogical information, making members aware of publications and activities concerning Jewish genealogical study, and otherwise assisting members in becoming better informed about their own ancestors and the areas from which they came.

**Founded:** 1999

**Membership count:** 36; **Listserv subscribers:** N/A; **Blog subscribers:** N/A

**Mailing address:** 2483 Nugget Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32303

**Phone number:** 1 (904) 860-2681

**Primary Email:** andrew.waber@gmail.com (Andrew Waber)

**Secondary Email:** (None)

**Website:** [http://www.rootsweb.com/~fljgst](http://www.rootsweb.com/~fljgst); **Facebook:** No; **Twitter:** No

**Publication Communication** with our membership is by email with those who have email addresses, and fliers by snail mail to those who do not have email. We also publicize through the Temple Israel, Tallahassee, bulletin.; **Frequency:** N/A; **Hardcopy:** N/A; **Email:** N/A; **Posted on Website:** N/A

**Library or database:** The library where we are considering placing our small library is the Leroy Collins Public Library. You evidently left out “Collins” in the previous yearbook. Leroy Collins was the governor of Florida who brought our state into the era of racial integration and fresh striving for human rights.

**2011 activities:** We hold quarterly meetings and have held an annual Jewish Genealogy Fair. The Fair was in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the founding of the group.

**Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay**

Clint Elbow, President

Vicki Adelson, Janet Dixon, Natalie Armitage, Officers

**IAJGS Member:** Yes

**Branches:** None

**Mission or primary activity:** The purpose of the JGSTB is to encourage and assist its members in Jewish genealogical research. We do this by facilitating the exchange of research information,


encouraging and coordinating research activities, educating members to help themselves and others, acquiring and organizing research materials, arranging genealogical tours, and by publicizing our activities to our members and to the public.

Founded: 1999
Membership count: 47; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 14041 Icot Boulevard, Clearwater, FL 33760
Phone number: 1 (727) 786.5518
Primary Email: jgstampabay@gmail.com (None)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fljgstb; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication The Researcher; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: We are continually updating our library to include the most current reference and resource materials on Jewish Genealogy. We have more than 100 carefully selected items (books, videos, CDs, maps) in our library, all of which are available for checkout and home use by members.

2011 activities: During 2011 we held our monthly meetings in Clearwater, Florida. We have continued to expand our library which contains a large collection of Jewish genealogy material.

**Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County (JGSCV)**

Jan Meisels Allen, President

LAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The JGSCV is a non-profit organization dedicated to education of and the sharing of genealogical information, techniques and research tools with those who are interested in Jewish genealogy and family history.

Founded: 2005
Membership count: 112; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 6052 Hackers Lane, Agoura Hills, CA 91301 USA
Phone number: 1 (818) 889-6616
Primary Email: president@jgscv.org (Jan Meisels Allen)
Secondary Email: membership@jgscv.org (Helene Rosen)
Website: http://www.jgscv.org; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: No
Publication Venturing Into Our Past; Frequency: Monthly; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y
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Library or database: JGSCV has a non-circulating genealogy library, comprised of books, journals and pamphlets located at the information desk at the Agoura Hills Library, part of the County of Los Angeles Public Library System. The Agoura Hills Library is open Tuesday-Saturday and is located at: 29901 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, CA 91301. To check the hours of operation, please call the library at: 1-818-889-2278 or: http://www.colapublib.org/libs/agourahills/index.php. We have a non-circulating traveling library of over 270 books, and pamphlets that are available at the monthly meetings. The traveling library is divided into 4 classifications: A, B, C, D, please check our website to learn which books are expected at the upcoming meeting. Category A is always at the meetings, the second category rotates between classifications B, C, D, --one per meeting.

2011 activities: All our meetings are held at and co-sponsored by Temple Adat Elohim in Thousand Oaks, CA. Our programs included: "Authors, Authors, Authors" where 5 JGSCV members who had published books presented their stories; Why Did Our Ancestors Leave a Nice Place Like the Pale -Hal Bookbinder; Assisted Research Afternoon at the Los Angeles Family History Library; Jews of the Pacific Coast with Ava F. Kahn, Ph.D.; The First Massive Jewish Deportation: To Camp De Gurs 1940; Werner Frank; Wrongful Jewish Wraskals of the West-Ron Arons; Genealogy in the Round: Sharing Your Genealogical Successes, Brick Walls and Artifacts-JGSCV members; US Immigration and Naturalization-Hal Bookbinder; Finding Your Jewish Ancestors on Ancestry.com-Crista Cowan; How to Begin Your Genealogy-Jan Meisels Allen; From DNA to Genetic Genealogy: Everything You Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask-Steve Morse. See our website www.JGSCV.org for more details on the programs.

Jewish Genealogical Society of the Deep South

Besser Stone Donna, President

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: To maintain connections and preserve family histories of Jews who live/lived in the Deep South; Encourage, teach DeepSouth Jews to research, document, and share southern Jewish genealogy

Founded: 2010

Membership count: 10; Listserv subscribers: 33; Blog subscribers: 22

Mailing address: 11925 Mont Lake Drive, Boynton Beach, FL 33437

Phone number: 1 (561) 853-0688

Primary Email: Donna@JGSofttheDeepSouth.info (Donna Besser Stone, PhD)

Secondary Email: RJHankins@centurytel.net (Joann R Hankins)

Website: http://www.jgsofthedeepsouth.info; Facebook: Jewish Genealogy Society of the Deep South; Twitter: No
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Publication http://jgsofthedeepsouth.info/SouthernTapestry.html; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcover: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: Facebook reflects name change from genealogy to genealogical

2011 activities: Interaction with regional JGS; mini-meetings; discussions via email, Facebook, phone; DNA Project participation; JOWBR in progress; research assistance and data exchanges among members; facilitate contacts among members, and new member recruitment.

Jewish Genealogical Society of the former Soviet Union in Moscow
Vladimir Paley, President

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Ukraine

Mission or primary activity: Restoration of family histories of Russian Jews by archival research

Founded: 1992

Membership count: 14; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: 19, 4th Roschinsky St bld.2, c/o AJJDC Moscow office

Phone number: 7 (495) 797-4518

Primary Email: info@kehila.ru (Vladimir Paley)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://jgs.ru; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcover: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: Our library is available at Moscow House of Jewish Books. Address: 1, Nikoloyamskaya Street, Moscow 109189 Russia, open Mon-Fri 10a.m. - 7p.m. For more information (in Russian), see http://domek.ru.

2011 activities: Not reported

Jewish Genealogical Society of Tulsa
Phil Goldfarb, President
Bruce Singer, Vice President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: Establish a scholarly organization with the goal of pursuing, encouraging and preserving Jewish family history and genealogical data. Assist and promote the research of Jewish family history while elevating the status and role of genealogy in the
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Founded: 2005

Membership count: 30; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: c/o the Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art, 2021 East 71st Street, Tulsa, OK 74136 USA

Phone number: 1 (918) 492-1818

Primary Email: pgoldfarb@cox.net (Phil Goldfarb)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: jewishmuseum.net/jgs/jgs.html; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication The e-Muse; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: The Genealogy Research and Study area is located within the Library of the Museum. We have two State of the Art computers, printer, copier, etc. for members with access to all sites included ones that charge a fee (www.ancestry.com). We have subscribed to 8 Genealogical Journals for our library as well.

2011 activities: “Say Chai to Genealogy,” “Village verses Shtetl life,” Traveling to America in Steerage,” “The 1940 Census is Coming and how to be prepared,” “Keeping your computers Genealogy ready.”

Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State

Nancy Adelson, President Mary Kozy, 1st Vice President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The mission of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State is to: Collect, preserve and disseminate knowledge and information on Jewish family history; Assist and promote Jewish genealogy as a field of research within the Jewish and academic communities; Offer instruction in genealogical research techniques and resources; Encourage the study of Jewish family history while becoming acquainted with our rich cultural and religious heritage; Develop programs and add to the reference library.

Founded: 1998

Membership count: 65; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA 98040 USA

Phone number: 1 (425) 557-9528

Primary Email: president@jgsws.org (Nancy Adelson)
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Secondary Email: genmail@maryKozy.net (Mary Kozy, 1st Vice President)

Website: http://www.JGSWS.org; Facebook: Not active; Twitter: No

Publication The Evergreen Mishpacha; Frequency: Not currently publishing; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: JGSWS maintains a circulating library with over 200 books, maps and CD’s. The library resources are available for anyone to use at monthly meetings. Only current members can borrow materials for a month. The library materials and our meetings are housed at the Stroum Jewish Community Center on Mercer Island, Washington State.

2011 activities: JGSWS won the Archives.com Grant for our new project of researching and uploading to JewishGen valuable genealogical information from the WA State Jewish Transcript Newspaper which has been here for almost 100 years and difficult to find or access. JGSWS offered high quality lectures with experts from around the USA and Washington State like Steve Morse discussing 1940 Census, Hal Bookbinder covering Changing Eastern European Borders and the Pale, Michael Goldstein helping us break through brick walls, Daniel Horowitz sharing online genealogical resources in Israel, Ron Doctor discussing Ukrainian Ancestry, Bennett Greenspan explaining DNA and genealogy, Bob Herschkowitz illuminating research for Holocaust victims and survivors, Mary Kozy discussing 21st century genealogy gadgets, Professor Nancy Adelson presenting Jewish Genealogy research essentials and publishing family history, Professor Natan Meir covering Jewish history in Kiev, Professor Laura Leibman presenting Sephardi and Ashkenazi Jews in the Americas from 1620 -1820 and tracing family history through architecture.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Willamette Valley Oregon (JGSWVO)

Reeva Kimble, President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: We are a genealogy group dedicated to enhancing knowledge of those who came before us, enabling those who follow to enjoy and learn from our discoveries.

Founded: 1998

Membership count: 29; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

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Website: http://www.nwfam.com/jgswvo.html; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
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Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: E-mail is used, several times a week, to update our members on meetings, new databases and interesting genealogy information. Our website is used for meeting calendar and links to search engines, lists of members' family names and towns of origin.; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: Members may check out books, newsletters, CDs and videos from our library at meetings. We have a database of the early Jews of Eugene.

2011 activities: We had several programs to help our members plan their research, understand databases and find missing links. Professional genealogist Eliezer Froehlich showed us how to find ships' manifests and other documentation of our immigrant ancestors. Reeva Kimble demonstrated how to use genealogy software to keep track of relatives, organize sources and create family trees. We interviewed a very senior community member about memories of his immigrant parents and found records to help evaluate whether his recollections were based on fact or family stories. We also watched several video talks from the IAJGS conference and a documentary titled "Echoes That Remain". Members contributed articles relating to Jewish genealogy for publication in Jewish Federation of Lane County Newsletters. The articles are also available on our web site. We collected family recipes from our members and included them in an on-line magazine on our website. We now showcase the recipes at our annual potluck dinner.

Jewish Genealogical Society, Inc.
Roni Seibel Liebowitz, President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: To nurture, assist and promote Jewish genealogical research through innovative programs, seminars and workshops; disseminate information through a quarterly newsletter, web site, and publications; and support archival programs and repositories through financial grants

Founded: 1977

Membership count: 927; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: Jewish Genealogical Society, Inc., PO Box 631, New York, NY 10113-0631

Phone number: 1 (212) 294-8318

Primary Email: info@jgsny.org (None)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.jgsny.org; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: No

Publication Dorot; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y; Email: N; Posted on Website: Y (for older issues)
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Library or database: The Society’s collection is housed at (and combined with) the Ackman & Ziff Family Genealogy Institute at the Center for Jewish History, 15 West 16 Street, 3rd floor. The Institute is open to the public Sunday 11:00 to 4:00, Monday 9:30 to 7:30, Tuesday to Thursday 9:30 to 5:30, and Friday 9:30 to 1:30.

2011 activities: We held monthly programs (except July and August), and our annual membership brunch in December. Grant Donations issued to HIAS, Center for Jewish History and the American Jewish Historical Society.

Jewish Genealogical Society, Los Angeles
Sandra L. Malek, President
IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: JGSLA provides eleven programs each year on various topics relating to Jewish genealogy, history and culture, which are open to our members and the general public. In 2010, JGSLA was the sole sponsor and host of the 30th IAJGS conference on Jewish Genealogy held at LA Live, the newest redeveloped section of downtown Los Angeles. The conference was well received by all genealogists in attendance. About 40% of attendees were attending their first such conference. The JGSLA journal, Roots-Key, was awarded the 2010 IAJGS award for Outstanding Publication. JGSLA experienced an unusually large increase in membership following the conference, welcoming well more than 100 new members in the months following the conference.

Founded: 1979
Membership count: 631; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: All Members
Mailing address: P.O. Box 55443, Sherman Oaks, CA 91413-5443 USA
Phone number: 1 (818) 771-5554
Primary Email: President@jgsla.org (Sandra L. Malek)
Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.jgsla.org; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: No
Publication JGSLA Blog; Frequency: Electronically delivered when there is information to send.; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: The Society maintains two libraries. The Spiszman Traveling Library is available at meetings of the society. The main library collection is housed at the Los Angeles Regional Family History Center in Westwood. The library is open to the public Tuesday to Thursday from 9 – 9 and Friday and Saturday from 9 - 5. The catalog for both collections can be found at the society website, www.jgsla.org. Neither collection circulates. The Society is building informational databases to be accessed from its website.
2011 activities: A full year-long set of well-received programs included Ron Arons on researching Jewish Criminals and Black Sheep; an evening with Arthur Kurzweil; an evening with Stephen Smith, Director of the USC Shoah Foundation Institute; Warren Blatt on Jewish Given Names and Jewish Surnames; a Yom Hashoah program co-sponsored with the Wiesenthal Museum of Tolerance with Avrom Bendavid-Val, author of The Heavens are Empty: the Lost Town of Trochenbrod; Daniel Horowitz on researching Family in Israel and South America; and Digital Preservation of Memories; Hal Bookbinder on the Changing Borders of Eastern Europe; Steve Morse reviewing his hodgepodge of genealogical gems. A well-attended day-long and very successful seminar on Researching Your Roots was presented to the members and the general community at the Skirball Center. JGSLA again provided two private research days for its members at the Family History Library in West Los Angeles, newly re-opened after extensive renovations and updates, and housing the extensive JGSLA Library. We ended the year with a great Hanukkah party complete with latkes and all the trimmings, along with a program.

Jewish Genealogy Society of Cleveland
Helen Rosenstein Wolf, President

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The primary objective of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Cleveland, Inc. is to foster Jewish family history and genealogical research. In order to meet this objective, the Society educates the public and disseminates information on Jewish records, sources, techniques, archives and libraries, and has done so since its inception in 1982. The Society maintains its own research library and encourages the collection of genealogical material and family histories.

Founded: 1982
Membership count: 100; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: c/o Menorah Park, 27100 Cedar Road, Beachwood, OH 44122 USA
Phone number: 1 (216)-291-0796 (evenings)
Primary Email: president@clevelandjgs.org (Helen Rosenstein Wolf)
Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.Clevelandjgs.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication The Kol; Frequency: Three times yearly; Hardcopy: Yes - upon request-slight fee charged for printing and mailing; Email: Y; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: Our library has been relocated to Anshe Chesed-Fairmount Temple... (correction to the name of the synagogue)

2011 activities: Monthly meetings between April and November are generally held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Miller Board Room of Menorah Park, 27100 Cedar
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Rd., Beachwood. Ohio. December through March, our meetings are the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm at Park Synagogue East, 27500 Shaker Blvd, Pepper Pike, Ohio. We teamed up with the Cleveland Jewish Librarians Association in December to present a joint program to honor genealogy and Jewish Book Month. We offered a seminar for new genealogists and coordinated it with the use of Ancestry.com. Our calendar of events on our website www.clevelandjgs.org provides a review of recent speakers. Several members provide help with research when inquiries are sent to our association. We also provide speakers to other groups and synagogues in the community.

Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington
Dr. Jeffrey Malka, President

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: JGSGW welcomes members from Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. During 2007-8 meetings were held in all three jurisdictions: Mission includes: To collect, preserve, and disseminate Jewish genealogical knowledge and information; To promote interest in genealogical research; To stimulate and provide instruction in the use of research methodology and adherence to standards of accuracy and thoroughness in research; To foster careful documentation and to promote scholarly genealogical writing and publication; To promote the preservation of Jewish genealogical records and resources; To hold meetings for the instruction and education of its members and the general public; And such other purposes as the organization shall from time to time elect to pursue.

Founded: 1980
Membership count: 254; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
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Secondary Email: president@jgscgw.org (No Name)
Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsgw; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication Mishpacha (journal); Capital Collections; and Membership Directory; Frequency: Mishpacha (Quarterly); Capital Collections (semi-annual); and Membership Directory (semi-annually); Hardcopy: Y; Email: Y; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: We maintain a non-circulating library that is open to members of our society. It contains more than 2,000 books, maps, and CDs. The library is located in Rockville at the B’nai Israel Congregation. Consult our website for library hours.

2011 activities: For the sixth time in our 30 year history, JGSGW was the host society for the IAJGS Conference on Jewish Genealogy. More than 1,300 genealogists attended the
conference at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC. During the 6-day conference, there were more than 220 lectures, meetings, and special events. The Resource Center was the hub of the conference for research and we had classrooms for both PCs and MACs. The Keynote Speaker was Sara Bloomfield, Director of the USHMM. Our guest speaker at the GALA will be the 10th Archivist of the United States, David S. Ferriero. The society had 10 monthly meetings and we participated in the Annual NARA Genealogy Fair and other local events.

Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island  
Nolan Altman, President

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island works to encourage and disseminate information about Jewish genealogical research. Our well-attended monthly meetings (September to June) feature formal presentations plus the opportunity for attendees to network, use key reference books, and receive one-on-one mentoring. Our mission to motivate and educate Jewish genealogists is also served by our special workshops, including an annual Beginner's Workshop, our print and electronic publications, our fine library collection and our website. In addition, members of our Speakers' Bureau reach out to the community with their presentations to synagogues, Jewish groups, and public libraries.

Founded: 1985

Membership count: 195; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: 37 Westcliff Drive, Dix Hills NY 11746-5627 USA

Phone number: None

Primary Email: info@jgsli.org (None)
Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.jgsli.org; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: No

Publication Lineage & JGSLI ONLINE; Frequency: Lineage - periodically, JGSLI Online - monthly; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: JGSLI's unique genealogical reference collection is housed at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library, 999 Old Country Road, Plainview, (516) 938-0077, www.nassaulibrary.org/plainv. Holdings include books, periodicals, and microfiche, many available nowhere else on Long Island. A list of our library materials is published on our website - www.jgsli.org. Holdings do not circulate; the collection is available to members and to the public for use on-site only. The major part of the collection is available on a dedicated shelf across from the Reference Desk.

2011 activities: JGSLI continues to offer a combination of extraordinary speakers on a wide variety of topics. We are fortunate to draw from our own members as well as external experts in their
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field. In November, JGSLI presented our version of “Who Do You Think You Are – Roger Tilles?” well known for his work in real estate development and Jewish philanthropy. The year-long research project showed attendees how to develop a family history from scratch. JGSLI’s poster entry for International Jewish Genealogy Month, created by Jillian Beroza, our Communications Director, took first prize and was recognized at the annual IAJGS conference in Washington, DC. JGSLI continues to sponsor its Cemetery, Yearbook, DNA and Memorial Plaque projects. This year’s annual Family History Workshop for beginners and those wanting a refresher course, was one of our largest. A number of our members presented at the IAJGS conference in Washington, D.C. and many more attended.

Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada, Inc.
Earle Malkin, President  Michael Brenner, Program Chair

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The society holds educational meetings and workshops to further family history research.

Founded: 1998
Membership count: 70 (+70 on email list); Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
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Phone number: 1 (702) 528-4334
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Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.jgssn.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication Family Legacies, News to Note; Frequency: Family Legacies quarterly, News to Note monthly; Hardcopy: Family Legacies, News to Note; Email: Family Legacies, News to Note; Posted on Website: Family Legacies

Library or database: The society library is available by prior arrangement with Abe Simon, Librarian for access. Materials may be borrowed for local use. A security deposit is required.

2011 activities: Not reported

Jewish Historical & Genealogical Society of Western Australia Inc.
John Urban, President

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None
Mission or primary activity: The Society promotes Jewish genealogy and provides a forum for people sharing interest in Jewish family history and Western Australian social history.

Founded: 2003

Membership count: ~ 56; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: P.O. Box 225, Claremont, WA 6910, Australia

Phone number: 61 08 9375 3874

Primary Email: jhg@iinet.net.au (None)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: To be available in 2013; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication Perth Jewish Roots; Frequency: Quarterly; Harcopy: Y; Email: Y; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: An extensive and growing collection of books and recordings pertaining to Jewish Genealogy and Jewish History is located at the Northern Suburbs Synagogue (NSHC), Garson Court, Noranda and is accessed at Society Sunday Meetings and on request.

2011 activities: Meeting Presentations on: Jewish Fremantle (the port town for Perth); Jewish Pioneer Farmers of Western Australia; A History of South African Jewry; the Pioneer Samson Family; Four Jewish Pioneers; The Jewish Ochberg Orphans of South Africa; A Heritage Journey through Poland, Central Europe and Turkey. Computer workshops on genealogical information held on-line, including an address by local representatives for the Mormon Family History Centres. We continue with our collecting of family history stories, also of artifacts, photographs and memorabilia relevant to Jewish Genealogy and Western Australian Social History. We are at the centre of an initiative to develop a Jewish Museum in Perth. There is ongoing work compiling a data-base of Jewish burials throughout the State of Western Australia, including those in remote localities. A major project begun entails the photographing and digital recording of the Jewish section of the Karakatta Cemetery. Society office-bearers give talks to numerous non-Jewish organizations on Jewish Genealogy and Jewish Family History.

Jewish Historical Institute-Genealogical Research (Warsaw, Poland); The Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute; and the Jewish Genealogy & Family Heritage Center (Warsaw, Poland)

Yale J. Reisner, Staff Anna Przybyszewska Drozd, Staff

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: To assist Jews with Polish backgrounds and Poles with Jewish backgrounds to learn more about their Jewish family heritage; to provide research guidance to those conducting genealogical research; to trace missing relatives or determine their fate; to
help individuals seeking family-related documentation or needing to document their Jewish background to find the information they require. In addition, the Center frequently serves a consulting role for a variety of Polish institutions in matters relating, e.g., to Jewish culture, custom, naming practices.

Founded: 2009

Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

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Website: http://jhi.pl; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: No

Publication Family Matters; Frequency: Twice per year; Hardcopy: Y, on request; Email: Y, on request; Posted on Website: Planned for 2012

Library or database: The Institute holds considerable archival and bibliographic collections. An integrated Institute-wide database should go live by the end of 2011. The JG&FHC itself has a database containing family- and town-specific information collected in the course of its work since 1994. For privacy reasons, it is not publicly accessible, but it is consulted in responding to particular inquiries and appropriate information is made available to inquirers.

2011 activities: In 2011, as in other years, the JG&FHC has received and assisted over 1000 on-site guests and has responded to several thousand mail and e-mail inquiries. The Center brought about a number of reunions of long-separated relatives, provided extensive documentation for individuals and families seeking to learn more about their family history and helped many Polish (and other) Jews uncover their previously unknown or vaguely known Jewish roots. Center staff lectured to various groups in Poland and to school and tourist groups from many countries from Australia to the UK, from Israel to Argentina about issues related to Jewish genealogy. In addition, the JG&FHC commissioned the Institute’s first-ever data backup system and an integrated database for the Institute as a whole. The Center also helped raise funds for the Institute’s programs. In 2012 we will launch an interactive website and improved databases.

Jewish Historical Society of Central Jersey

Dr. Nathan Reiss, President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: We primarily deal with all aspects of the Jewish experience in Central New Jersey. We maintain an archival collection available to all researchers. We promote
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educational programs, and conduct lectures and exhibits for both the Jewish and general communities. We provide genealogical assistance. Our collection includes genealogical periodicals from the U.S. and other countries, records of synagogues and other Jewish organizations, family papers, oral histories, memorabilia and news clippings. Our research library contains an extensive book collection.

Founded: 1977

Membership count: 30 (genealogical interest group); Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
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Phone number: 1 (732) 249-4894
Primary Email: info.jhscj@gmail.com (None)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/jhscj/Genealogy.html; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication JHSCJ Newsletter; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y; Email: N; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: Library is accessible by appointment at the Society's office. Handicap-accessible. Collection focuses on Central New Jersey.

2011 activities: Our big event in 2010 was a reception and lecture in honor of Ruth Marcus Patt, the founder of the JHSCJ and an author of books on local Jewish history. About 150 people attended and the event was both a moving tribute to a remarkable woman and a successful fundraiser for the JHSCJ. Our American Jewish Experience Lecture Series continued for the 13th consecutive year with monthly lectures from April through November at two locations.

Jewish Kutno Group
Jose Klingbeil, Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: Publish and donate all kind genealogical data on Kutno, early BMD records, Yizkor book translations, support rebuilding of the cemetery and creation of a memorial to the ghetto victims.

Founded: 2007

Membership count: 110; Listserv subscribers: 110; Blog subscribers: 110
Mailing address: None
Phone number: None
Primary Email: jewish.kutno@free.fr (None)
Secondary Email: (None)
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Website: http://jewish.kutno.free.fr; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: None

2011 activities: Not reported

Jewish Records Indexing-Poland (JRI-Poland)

Stanley Diamond, Executive Director

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The mission of Jewish Records Indexing - Poland (JRI-Poland) www.jri-poland.org, an independent non-profit organization founded in 1995, is to create searchable online indices of Jewish records from current and former territories of Poland.

Founded: 1995

Membership count: 2661; Listserv subscribers: 2661; Blog subscribers: N/A

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Website: http://www.jri-poland.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: Database of approximately 5 million record indices from more than 550 towns. Record sources include LDS (Mormon) microfilms of Jewish vital records and records in the Polish State Archives not filmed by the LDS. Indexing generally completed of available 100-year old Jewish records including Jewish entries in Standesamt 1974-1905 Civil Records for a number of Prussian-Polish towns. Most of the 88 Galician towns (currently in Ukraine) with records housed at the AGAD Branch of the Polish State Archives have been fully indexed. Database includes indices of Books of Residents and Census records for a number of towns. Also, indices of cemetery records, government publications and newspapers

2011 activities: Indices to approximately 225,000 records were added to the JRI-Poland online database. An additional 300,000 records have been indexed but not yet placed online. The JRI-Poland Surname Distribution Mapper was introduced. The Surname Mapper is a tool designed to help genealogy researchers graphically understand where their family names first appeared in the 19th century records and visualize how the family spread throughout Poland by decades from the early 1800s into the first part of the 20th century.
Jewish Special Interest Group (J-SIG) of the St. Louis Genealogical Society (StLGS)
   Phyllis Faintich, Coordinator       Ilene Kanfer Murray, Co-Coordinator

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The Jewish SIG is affiliated with the St. Louis Genealogical Society. Holding quarterly meetings open to the public and of interest to anyone researching Jewish ancestors. We collect, preserve and publish Jewish records in the St. Louis area and provide speakers to groups interested in Jewish genealogy.

Founded: 2005
Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: 100; Blog subscribers: StLGS has just started a blog at stlgs.blogspot.com
Mailing address: Jewish SIG, #4 Sunnen Drive, Suite 140, St. Louis, MO 63143-3814 USA
Phone number: 1 (314) 647-8547
Primary Email: jewishsig@stlgs.org (None)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.stlgs.org; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: Yes

Publication News 'n Notes and St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly; Frequency: St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly, quarterly; News 'n Notes, monthly; Hardcopy: St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly; Email: Y (at option of members); Posted on Website: Yes, for StLGS members for the current year

Library or database: The St. Louis Genealogical Society office has a small research library staffed by volunteers. St. Louis County Library Headquarters, Special Collections, houses the bulk of the Society’s library and has a large holding of Jewish resources including an extensive collection of Yizkor books.

2011 activities: The J-SIG holds four meetings each year, each on a topic of interest to Jewish genealogists. Meetings are free and open to the public. For the most current information on J-SIG meetings, go to the StLGS website at www.stlgs.org. Use the “About Us” tab and stop at SIGs/Jewish.

JewishGen Austria-Czech SIG (formerly the JewishGen Bohemia-Moravia SIG)
   E. Randol Schoenberg, Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: Research and discussion of Jewish Genealogy and history in Austria
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and the Czech Republic (formerly Bohemia and Moravia)

Founded: 1999

Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: 1350; Blog subscribers: N/A

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Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/AustriaCzech; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list;

Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: The JewishGen Austria-Czech Data Base contains over 300,000 records.

2011 activities: The SIG hosted two speakers at the 2011 IAJGS in Washington, DC. Michael Miller spoke on "Freud's Moravia" and the Familiants Laws of 1726-27. Frank Gilbert, the grandson of Justice Louis Brandeis, recounted his family's history as early Bohemian immigrants to America. The SIG continued to work toward gaining online access to vital records, and this bore fruit in 2012 with the release of both the Czech records at http://www.badatelna.cz/fond/1073 and Viennese records at http://www.familysearch.org. The SIG contributed financially to the release of the Czech-Jewish records.

JewishGen Belarus SIG

David Fingold, Co-Coordinator Sharon Feldman, Co-Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The purpose of the JewishGen Belarus SIG is to combine our resources of time, expertise and money to aid Jewish genealogy researchers with an interest in the guberniyas (provinces) of Grodno, Minsk, Mogilev and Vitebsk, as well as in the Lida and Vileika uyezds (districts) of the Vilna guberniya.

Founded: 1998

Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: 2340; Blog subscribers: N/A

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Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/Belarus; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
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Publication JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: The JewishGen Belarus Data Base contains over 500,000 records. In addition, we have created/revised web pages describing all revision list and vital records currently in the JewishGen Belarus database along with detailed breakdowns according to the town where the records were recorded. For each town you can link to a page that gives further details on the source of the records. Soon you will be able to link to these pages from the main Belarus database page (http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Belarus/). For now you can use these direct links: Birth records: http://www.jewishgen.org/belarus/Database_webpages/Belarus_births.html; Death records: http://www.jewishgen.org/belarus/Database_webpages/Belarus_deaths.html; Marriage and Divorce records: http://www.jewishgen.org/belarus/Database_webpages/Belarus_marriagesanddivorces.html; Revision List records: http://www.jewishgen.org/belarus/Database_webpages/Belarus_revisionlists.html

2011 activities: In 2011/2012 we uploaded about 32,000 new records to the JewishGen Belarus Database. The newly added records include: 13,365 birth records: Karolin (1288 records), Lida (3426 records), Minsk (8069 records), Pinsk (393 records), Stolin (189 records); 1,166 marriage and divorce records: Lida (925 records), Minsk (239 records), Zembin (2 records); 773 death records: Koidanov (43 records), Lida (1846 records), Minsk (2819 records), Ostroshitsky Gorodok (60 records), Zaslav (5 records); 12,807 revision list records: Derechin (800 records), Dolginovo (17 records), Gorodische (1853 records), Iliya (1112 records), Nezvizh (6813 records), Radoshkovichi (1930 records), Svir (585 records), Vilejka (327 records).

JewishGen BIALYGen SIG, the Bialystok Region Jewish Genealogy Group
Mark Halpern, Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The primary function of JewishGen BIALYGen is to facilitate cooperation and discussion amongst Jewish researchers interested in the Bialystok region of Poland. This includes the city of Bialystok and nearby towns and villages currently in Poland that were formerly in Grodno Guberniya when these towns were under Russian rule. See www.jewishgen.org/bialygen/Towns.htm. BIALYGen is committed to the following objectives: 1. Sharing research and experiences, 2. Commemorating our ancestors and their lives, and 3. Cooperating on projects of value to all researchers.

Founded: 2003
Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: 840; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: c/o Mark Halpern, 275 Silverbell Court, West Chester, PA 19380 USA
Phone number: 1 (610) 363-7956
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Primary Email: Bialystoker@comcast.net (None)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/BialyGen; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list;
Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y
Library or database: None

2011 activities: JewishGen BIALYGen operates a mailing list provided by JewishGen. This Discussion forum is open to anyone with a genealogical or historical interest in Jewish Bialystok and nearby towns. Early in 2005, BIALYGen introduced its website. The following projects that have been completed by BialyGen and are accessible through its website: Indexing of the 1897 All Russian Census for Grodno Gubernia (in cooperation with Belarus SIG), Transliteration of the Yiddish people index of the “Bialystoker Photo Album”, English portion of the “Bialystoker Memorial Book” and Surname Index to records of the Regional Liquidation Office in Bialystok, index of information on 4,000 people that had Yahrzeit plaques at The Bialystoker Center in New York, and indexes to Russian business directories for 1895 and 1903. Project in progress as of 2011 is a JewishGen Yizkor Book project to translate “Pinkos Bialystok.”

JewishGen Borislav, Drogobych, Dobromil, Sambir and Vicinity Research Group
Mark Jacobson, Spreadsheet Project Manager Bill Fern, Holocaust Materials Specialist
IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None
Mission or primary activity: Group is not currently active, but continues to maintain a website and listserv for those with roots in the vicinity to exchange information.
Founded: 2000
Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: 240; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: c/o JewishGen, Inc., Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place, New York, NY 10280
Phone number: None
Primary Email: None (None)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/Drohobycz; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list;
Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y
Library or database: None
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2011 activities: There are a few new links to Drohobycz/Drogobych in the All Galicia Database; there is a new Israeli group which covers Drogobych and Borislav.

JewishGen Ciechanow Research Group
Stan Zeidenberg, Coordinator
LAJGS Member: No
Branches: None
Mission or primary activity: Our current mission, as it has been from inception, is to gather or point to as much genealogical and historical information as is possible with respect to Ciechanow.
Founded: 2000
Membership count: 125; Listserv subscribers: 125; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 265 Newton Drive, Toronto, Ontario Canada M2M 2P5
Phone number: None
Primary Email: stan@firstport.com (Stan Zeidenberg)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/ciechanow; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list;
Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y
Library or database: None
2011 activities: Our major accomplishments to date include the complete English translation of the Ciechanow Yizkor Book as well as the complete indexing of the Ciechanow Mormon produced microfilms that contain the vital records (births, marriages and deaths) of the Jewish community – from 1826 to 1865.

JewishGen Danzig/Gdansk SIG
Logan Kleinwaks, Coordinator
LAJGS Member: No
Branches: None
Mission or primary activity: We are a recently established Special Interest Group at JewishGen, focusing on genealogical research on the Jews of Danzig/Gdansk, its precursor communities of Allschottland, Langfuhr, Mattenbuden, Weinberg, and Danzig in der Breitgasse, as well as Tiegenhof/Nowy Dwór Gdanski.
Founded: 2006
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Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: 140; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: c/o JewishGen, Inc., Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place, New York, NY 10280

Phone number: 1 (703) 437-4284

Primary Email: kleinwaks@alumni.princeton.edu (Logan Kleinwaks)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/Danzig; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: We do not have a physical library, as we exist only online, as a part of JewishGen. Relevant publications are reprinted or cited on our website.

2011 activities: See website for status of our activities, including indexing and translation projects.

JewishGen Early American SIG
Marvin Weinberg, Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: We are dedicated to those whose ancestors were in the United States in the 1880 census. The purpose of this SIG is to be a resource for genealogists researching families who came to the US before the larger immigration wave of the 1880s and later. We share our knowledge and methods with each other by answering queries on the SIG mailing list as well as through links on our web pages. The web pages are organized geographically (by state) in order to give advice and information that is as specific as possible.

Founded: N/A

Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: 300; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: c/o JewishGen, Inc., Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place, New York, NY 10280

Phone number: None

Primary Email: Marvin10@aol.com (None)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/EarlyAmerican; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y
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Library or database: The JewishGen USA Data Base contains over 1,000,000 records.

2011 activities: Our Website was revamped thanks to Joshua Levy, our Webmaster. It gives information on how to look for relevant databases. It is especially helpful for those starting to find their early American ancestors. There are about 300 members who lived in or were working on their families in 35 of the 50 United States. Genealogists who are researching early Jewish immigrants to the US (pre-1880) have a different set of challenges and issues from the majority of Jewish Genealogy researchers. Unlike the majority, we do not have complete immigration records or living relatives who might remember "the old country" or what town the family came from. We may be 150 years or more removed from European roots. Most immigrants pre-1880 were spread out among small towns and rural areas in the south and Midwest and blended in with their non-Jewish neighbors rather than collecting in urban areas and keeping their culture. For these reasons, many times our research methods and resources have more in common with standard American genealogy, but with a few twists.

JewishGen Education Program

Phyllis Kramer, VP of Education
Nancy Holden, Instruction Manager

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: Teach students the methodology of genealogical research, including organization of data, documentation, and internet search, through text, internet links and one-on-one assistance with the research of one family branch.

Founded: 2006

Membership count: 4 instructors; 1500 students since 2006; Listserv subscribers: students subscribe only for a class; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: c/o JewishGen, Inc., Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place, New York, NY 10280

Phone number: None

Primary Email: jewishgen-education@lyris.jewishgen.org (Phyllis Kramer)

Secondary Email: jewishgen-education@lyris.jewishgen.org (Nancy Holden)

Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/education; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication Textbooks are associated with each class. They cover entitled "basic" "intermediate" and "using jewishgen" courses; Frequency: Textbooks are updated with each course.; Hardcopy: Textbookss are available for download; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: Most of our sources are available on the internet, many on JewishGen.org.

2011 activities: Courses year round: Basic(4), Intermediate US (1), Advanced (2), JewishGen (1) writing Web Pages(1) and Independent Study (2): Total number of students, 2011: 240
JewishGen French SIG
Rosanne Leeson, Co-Coordinator       Pierre Hahn, Co-Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: Our prime objective is to provide a forum for questions, exchange of information and discussion of matters involved in doing Jewish genealogical research in France, other French-speaking areas such as Belgium, Luxembourg and Switzerland, and in former French colonies such as Tunisia, Algeria, etc.

Founded: 2001

Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: 651; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: c/o JewishGen, Inc., Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place, New York, NY 10280

Phone number: None

Primary Email: rleeson@jewishgen.org (Rosanne Leeson)

Secondary Email: phahn@jewishgen.org (Pierre Hahn)

Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/French; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list;
Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: None

2011 activities: We are still in discussion with CGJ in Paris regarding obtaining cemetery documentations to go onto JOWBR. The second part of the very large database of over 30,000 is still being worked on - only 2 volunteer! We also hope to have discussion in Paris regarding the possibility of Belgian and Luxembourg data.

JewishGen Genealogy by Genetics Project with Family Tree DNA
Elise Friedman, Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The JewishGen Genealogy by Genetics Project with Family Tree DNA was organized in 1995 based on a partnership with Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) in order provide JewishGenners with a new avenue of research in connecting families. FTDNA puts us on the cutting edge of scientific technology when the paper trail ends and one must rely on DNA testing
to prove family connections.

Founded: 1995

Membership count: N/A; LISTSERV subscribers: 1200; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: c/o JewishGen, Inc., Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place, New York, NY 10280

Phone number: 1 (646) 437-4326

Primary Email: dna@lyris.jewishgen.org (None)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/dna; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication: JewishGen LISTSERV discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list;

Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: Online library provided by Family Tree DNA (ftDNA) accessible from our website's home page: www.jewishgen.org/dna

2011 activities: Please see our website: www.jewishgen.org/dna

JewishGen German-Jewish SIG (GerSIG)

Arthur Obermayer, Webmaster John Paul Lowens, Discussion Group Moderator

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: GerSIG was founded during the 1998 IAJGS Conference to run an email discussion group devoted to Jewish genealogy research in German speaking areas and for descendants of German Jews everywhere. The GerSIG Website is primarily a reference tool and resource guide. GerSIG considers its searchable Discussion Group Archives, hosted by JewishGen, to be an important resource for genealogists who are new to German Jewish research.

Founded: 1998

Membership count: 1800; LISTSERV subscribers: As of June 1, 2012, 1860 subscribers, about 33% residing outside the USA; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: 239 Chestnut Street, West Newton, MA 02465 USA

Phone number: 1 (617) 244-0180 or 1 (516) 432-5892

Primary Email: obermayer@alum.mit.edu (Arthur Obermayer)

Secondary Email: GerSigMod@Gmail.com (John Lowens)

Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/GerSIG; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
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Publication: JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: Refer to the Leo Baeck Institute Library. The JewishGen Germany Data Base contains over 225,000 records.

2011 activities: The 70 original members and other early GerSIG subscribers were experienced - some expert - in German Jewish family history research. In recent years the group has enjoyed a surge of interest from persons who have found links to previously undiscovered German Jewish ancestors. See also: www.obermayer.us/award

JewishGen Hungarian SIG (H-SIG)

Vivian Kahn, Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: Develop and maintain JewishGen's resources for researching Jewish families and communities in the area known as "greater Hungary" or pre-Trianon Hungary. This includes all of present-day Hungary and Slovakia and lands that are now within Romania, the Ukraine, Austria, Croatia, Bosnia, and Serbia.

Founded: 1993

Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: about 1,500; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: c/o Vivian Kahn, 737 Second Street #307, Oakland, CA 94607
Phone number: 1 (510) 842-0542
Primary Email: vkahn@kmort.com (Vivian Kahn)
Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/Hungary; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication: JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: H-SIG has created a library to include records, such as those from some archives in Hungary and Romania that are not readily available to the public. The source images for these records can be obtained from the H-SIG Records Librarian in exchange for a small donation to H-SIG's General Fund. For more information contact Librarian Bobby Furst at bobby1st@gmail.com.

2011 activities: H-SIG volunteers have continued to transcribe vital records that will be added to the JewishGen Hungary Database, which now comprises more than 1.1 million records. A large number of the records transcribed this year were records obtained from State Archives in Baia Mare, Romania. More than 16,000 records from Maramaros have already been transcribed and work is proceeding on registers from other counties including Szatmar and Bihar. New projects
include transcribing 600 pages of 20th century burial records and 10,000-12,000 inscriptions from 18th and 19th century headstones in the Miskolc, Hungary, Jewish cemetery. H-SIG has also launched JewishGen's first Family Search Indexing partnership project. The records cover Jewish births, marriages, and deaths, primarily for the years 1850-1895 for Bekescsaba, Szkesfehervar, Balkank, Buda, Obuda and other places. The completed index will be incorporated in the Hungary database.

JewishGen Jewish Communities and Records - United Kingdom (JCR-UK)
Mark Nicholls, Coordinator (UK-SIG meetings)  Louis Messik, Coordinator, Databases
IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None
Mission or primary activity: The aim of "JCR-UK" is to record in electronic format genealogical and other community related information about UK Jewish communities (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Gibraltar as well as some records from Ireland) and make this information freely available via the Internet. Jewish communities within the UK are in many instances dwindling and as time moves on some will simply cease to exist. There are individuals and groups actively researching these communities and there are many books and web sites displaying the information gathered. "JCR-UK" aims where possible to consolidate the efforts of researchers and provide a single point of access using the Internet.
Founded: 2001
Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: 1017; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: c/o JewishGen, Inc., Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place, New York, NY 10280
Phone number: None (contact by email only)
Primary Email: dshulman@netvision.net.il (David Shulman)
Secondary Email: louisemessik@gmail.com (Louise Messik)
Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/jcr-uk; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list;
Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y
Library or database: The databases are at www.jewishgen.org/jcr-uk. This website contains some 5,000 pages including details of more than 1,200 congregations and includes current communities and those that no longer exist. The JewishGen UK Data Base contains over 60,000 records. There are also separate JGSGB databases containing over 160,000 records.
2011 activities: As well as ongoing additions to existing databases and datasets the following new databases were added in 2011: A congregation page for the Andrade Synagogue, a 19th century independent Sephardi Synagogue in Islington, London, and added extracts of press reports relating to this congregation and the Andrade Family; A copy of section captioned
"Jews" from Dickens Dictionary of London 1888 was added, as were press reports relating to the Swansea Jewish community (pre-1871 and 1871-1889); A list of UK Synagogues destroyed by German Air Raids during World War II; An entirely new Gibraltar Community section, with several congregation pages created and vital records databases added. These records are very useful for Sephardi researchers, some 6,500 Gibraltar records dating back to 1800 with more to come and the inclusion of Gibraltar, its history and synagogues too; and Data relating to the various congregations in Sheffield have been updated and expanded.

JewishGen KehilaLinks Project (formerly, JewishGen ShtetLinks Project)

Susana Leistner Bloch, VP, ShtetLinks  
Barbara Ellman, Technical Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The JewishGen KehilaLinks Project personifies JewishGen’s mission of preserving our history for future generations. ShtetLinks is a venue for people to memorialize the places of their ancestral origins. Anyone with an interest in a town that had a Jewish population can commemorate it with pictures, personal memoirs, resources and links to sites providing additional relevant information. ShtetLinks not only memorialize these once vibrant Jewish communities but also serves as a resource for genealogists.

Founded: 1996
Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: c/o JewishGen, Inc., Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place, New York, NY 10280
Phone number: 1 (646) 437-4326, fax 1 (646) 437-4328
Primary Email: KehilaHelp@lyris.jewishgen.org (None)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: www.kehilalinks.jewishgen.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication KehilaLinks Owners & Volunteers <kehilalinks@lyris.jewishgen.org>; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y
Library or database: None

2011 activities: ShtetLinks has grown in the past year and we have added 78 new webpages dedicated to Jewish communities in Asia, Africa, Europe and South America. North America is well represented with webpages dedicated to old Jewish neighborhoods. The new webpage additions bring the total web pages to 547. We offered 2 courses in webpage design, taught by Mark Heckman and hope to continue with this program in the future. We have a team of 25 dedicated web design volunteers available to those who wish to create a webpage dedicated to their ancestral home but lack the technical skills.
JewishGen Latin American Research Group
Rob Weisskirch, Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The JewishGen Latin American Research Group mailing list is a means of helping JewishGenners who are researching families in Latin America as well as helping 'genners living in Latin America find their families elsewhere

Founded: 1998
Membership count: 705; Listserv subscribers: 705; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: c/o JewishGen, Inc., Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place, New York, NY 10280
Phone number: None
Primary Email: Rweisskirch@csumb.edu (Rob Weisskirch)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/LatAmSig.html; Facebook: No; Twitter:
Publication JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list;
Hardcopy: E-mailed; Email: ; Posted on Website:
Library or database: All messages since inception in 1998 in Special Interest Groups Archived Messages. Access via www.jewishgen.org/databases.

2011 activities: As a primary forum for discussion of research strategies and helpful suggestions, this group has engaged in no projects. For further information please see the JewishGen InfoFile at www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/LatAmSig.html

JewishGen Latvia SIG
Michael Eliastam, Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The JewishGen Latvia SIG is dedicated to enhancing the genealogy experiences of its members by providing: a quarterly newsletter, a growing on-line database of important historical records, a website facilitating genealogical research, a list serve enabling exchange of information, a bibliography of Latvian genealogical resources, historical information about Jewish Latvia, points-of-contact within today's Latvia, details of Holocaust events in Latvia, narratives of members' trips to ancestral towns, and a Family Finder of towns and surnames.

Founded: 1995
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Membership count: 90; Listserv subscribers: 700; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: Latvia SIG, c/o Michael Eliastam, 34 Golden Ball Road, Weston, MA 02493

Phone number: 1 (781) 248 4978

Primary Email: Eliastamm@aol.com (Michael Eliastam)

Secondary Email: bbshay@starpower.net (Barry Shay)

Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/Latvia; Facebook: Yes, Latvia-SIG/159538214157175; Twitter: No

Publication Latvia SIG Newsletter; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y, one year after original publication

Library or database: Since the beginning of the Latvia SIG, its members and the JGS of Washington, Peter Lande and Vadim Altskan of the USHMM provided materials related to the history, families and lives of Latvian Jewry as well as where they lived. The SIG continues to monitor Latvian-based websites with both historical and contemporary Jewish content. The SIG also participates in Latvian-based projects aimed at identifying Latvia Jews killed in the Holocaust. The JewishGen Latvia Data Base contains over 110,000 records.

2011 activities: Finally we are ready to bring online the 1897 All Russian Census for Dvinsk (now Daugavpils). Birth, marriage and death records for most of the shtetls of Latvia, These have been put on-line by the Latvian State Historical Archives in Riga. Christine Usdin has continued a remarkable job transliterating these birth, marriage, and death records so they can be accessed in English and French. A major project of the Latvia SIG is to convert these records to a JewishGen compatible format that can be uploaded to JewishGen and then become part of the searchable JewishGen Latvia Database. The Latvia SIG website is continually being upgraded in both form and content. This past year the complete library of Latvia SIG newsletters have been digitized and placed on the SIG website. Newsletters going back to 1996 can now be accessed from the website and downloaded as PDF.

JewishGen Lodz Area Research Group (LARG)

Roni Seibel Liebowitz, Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The primary function of the JewishGen Lodz Area Research Group (LARG) is to facilitate communication and cooperation among researchers interested in Lodz and the surrounding towns. These communities were in the area once known as the Kingdom of Poland, also known as Congress Poland or Russian Poland, occupied by the Russian Empire from 1815 until 1918. We strive to provide researchers with a forum, clearinghouse and resource for the collection and dissemination of genealogical and historical information relating
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to these approximately 80 Jewish communities in the Lodz area.

Founded: 1999

Membership count: 904; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 78 Stratton Road, Scarsdale, N.Y. 10583-7724, USA
Phone number: None
Primary Email: Roni19@optonline.net (Roni Seibel Liebowitz)
Secondary Email: debjkay@msn.com (Debra Kay Blatt)
Website: http://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/lodz/LARG.htm; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list;
Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: None

2011 activities: Continued translation of the Polish Last Letters from the Lodz Ghetto. Indexing of Polish and Russian language vital records for 8 new towns in the Lodz Area Region. Added Kehillalink for one additional town. Acquisition activity of new LARG material is in progress

JewishGen Rabbinic Genealogy SIG (RavSIG)

No current leader but Dick Plotz moderates the Discussion Forum,

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The JewishGen Rabbinic Genealogy Special Interest Group (RavSIG) is a forum for those interested in rabbinic genealogy or researching rabbinic ancestry within any geographic area or time period. RavSIG encourages and supports the discovery of sources of rabbinic genealogical data and maintains an Internet web site that provides a permanent home for information, research techniques, searchable databases, and resources on rabbinic genealogy

Founded: 2001

Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: 944; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: c/o JewishGen, Inc., Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place, New York, NY 10280
Phone number: None
Primary Email: ravsig@lyris.jewishgen.org (None)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/Rabbinic; Facebook: No; Twitter:
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Publication JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: Online articles and bibliography available from our website's home page: http://www.jewishgen.org/rabbinic

2011 activities: Please see our website: www.jewishgen.org/rabbinic

JewishGen ROM SIG
Rosanne Leeson, Co-Coordinator Jeni Armandez, Co-Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: By combining our resources of time, expertise and funds we hope to be able to aid Jewish genealogy researchers with an interest in this region. We are constantly seeking contact with sources in Romania to assist us in acquiring more records to share with our members. Also includes: Moldova, Southwestern Ukraine, and Southern Hungary, including the regions formerly known as Bessarabia, Bukovina, Transylvania, and The Banat.

Founded: 1993

Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: 1886; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: c/o JewishGen, Inc., Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place, New York, NY 10280

Phone number: None

Primary Email: rdleeson@comcast.net (Rosanne Leeson)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/romsig; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: We are in the process of acquiring many more thousands of records from various archives in Romania. We have set up special funds for this purpose. We are also working on a major project to document the 3 major cemeteries in the capital of Romania, Bucharest. We are continuing to work on the Bessarabia records that were in our possession, and will be adding many of them to our database shortly.

2011 activities: We have increased the amount of information on our All-Romanian Database to more than 300,000 records. And more are being created daily thanks to our many volunteers. We have also added some new, useful links on our webpage. Please check out our resources at: www.jewishgen.org/romsig! We have acquired several Yizkor books from the Romanian publisher, which have been translated for the Yizkor Book site on JewishGen, as well as the burial records of three cemeteries, to go to the JOWBR site. In addition, the USHMM will be
sending us more records through the year. This year we have increased the amount of information on our Romania-Moldova Database site to close to 700,000 records! We have more that we have acquired, and hope to get more volunteers to help in our efforts to get those data online on JewishGen.

**JewishGen Scandinavia SIG**

Elsebeth Paikin, Coordinator

*IAJGS Member:* No

*Branche:* None

**Mission or primary activity:** The purpose of JewishGen Scandinavia SIG is to gather information about resources on Jewish genealogy and Jewish life and history in Scandinavia, and to make it available online to those who are interested. Scandinavia SIG is now a forum for researchers with Jewish roots in Scandinavia (Finland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark) and also in former Danish colonies and protectorates: Schleswig-Holstein, Guinea (on the Gold Coast of Africa), Tranquebar, the Danish West Indies, (now the U.S. Virgin Islands), the Faroe Islands, Iceland and Greenland.

*Founded:* 1999

*Membership count:* N/A; *Listserv subscribers:* 290; *Blog subscribers:* N/A

*Mailing address:* Kilddevænget 37, DK-2100 Copenhagen O, Denmark

*Phone number:* 45 39 27 24 33

*Primary Email:* elsebeth@paikin.dk (Elsebeth Paikin)

*Secondary Email:* (None)

*Website:* [http://www.jewishgen.org/Scandinavia](http://www.jewishgen.org/Scandinavia); *Facebook:* No; *Twitter:* No

**Publication** JewishGen listserv discussion list; **Frequency:** Daily as members post to the list; **Hardcopy:** N; **Email:** Y; **Posted on Website:** Y

**Library or database:** The JewishGen Scandinavia Data Base contains over 12,000 records.

2011 activities: Due to illness in the family of the coordinator there has been no new activity. The JOWBR project stalled for the same reason, but as an impressive and time-consuming work by a member of JGS-Denmark, Tom Brøndsted, took upon himself: The creation of the database "Danish-Jewish Funerals and Tombstones until 1693-1886" (<http://tom.brondsted.dk/mosaiskebegravelser/?lang=en>) the JOWBR project for Denmark is no longer interesting. "Danish-Jewish Funerals and Tombstones until 1693-1886" is a register of Jewish funerals/tombstones in The Old Cemetery in Copenhagen and the ten provincial cemeteries in Denmark. The database covers all known Jewish burials in Denmark from 1693-1886. The main objective of the database is to provide a complete photographic based register to the old (Hebrew) tombstones on the cemeteries.) The database is open for all and is a very valuable tool for those researching roots in Denmark.
JewishGen Sephardic SIG
Jeff Malka, Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: a) Develop resources and encourage research into Sephardic genealogy. b) Sephardic SIG website: educational material and links to websites of interest to Sephardic genealogy. c) Sephardic Forum (Discussion group) - A meeting place to exchange ideas and interact with other researchers of Sephardic Genealogy.

Founded: 1996

Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: 833; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: c/o JewishGen, Inc., Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place, New York, NY 10280
Phone number: None
Primary Email: None (None)
Secondary Email: None
Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/Sephardic; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: None
2011 activities: Not reported

JewishGen Southern Africa SIG
Roy Ogus, Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The JewishGen Southern Africa SIG has been created to provide a forum for a free exchange of ideas, research tips and information of interest to those researching Jewish family history in the communities of South Africa, Lesotho (Basutoland), Botswana (Bechuanaland), Zimbabwe (Southern Rhodesia), Zambia (Northern Rhodesia), Swaziland, Mozambique, Kenya, and the former Belgian Congo, to reflect the homogenous character and traditions of Southern African Jewry, to address broader issues relating to the region’s Jewry and its institutions and maintain contact with them, to assist members intending to travel to the region, and to promote, support and assist projects relevant to the family history and genealogy of SA Jewry.

Founded: 1998
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Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: 540; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 5450 Whitley Park Terrace #901, Bethesda MD, 20814 USA
Phone number: 1 (301) 493-5179
Primary Email: mikegetz005@comcast.net (Mike Getz)

JewishGen Ukraine SIG

Ronald D. Doctor, Coordinator
Hal Bookbinder, Linda Cantor, Ariel Parkansky,
Marlis Humphrey, Victor Miller, Chuck Weinstein,
Board of Directors

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: Ukraine SIG’s Objective is to acquire, translate and make freely available, documents, data and other resources to assist researchers whose Jewish ancestors lived in Ukraine. We serve as a country-wide Landsmanshaftn, using modern technology to help us remember and understand the lives of those who came before us. We focus on the towns and districts of present-day Ukraine that were in the Russian Empire prior to World War I … Chernigov, Poltava, Kharkov, Kherson, Kiev, Podolia, Volhynia, Taurida, and Yekaterinoslav.

Founded: 2000
Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: 2862; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: c/o JewishGen, Inc., Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place, New York, NY 10280
Phone number: None
Primary Email: ukraine@lyris.jewishgen.org (forum mailing list) (None)
Secondary Email: rddpdx@gmail.com (Ronald D. Doctor)

Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/Ukraine; Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ukraine-SIG/180102942060505?sk=info; Twitter: No

Publication JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list;
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Library or database: The JewishGen Ukraine Data Base contains over 1,300,000 records.

2011 activities: The past year has been devoted to revitalizing Ukraine SIG. We have changed the way Ukraine SIG operates. We are more active in seeking out records, translating them, processing them and making them available. We changed the way the SIG is governed, appointed an entirely new Board of Directors, improved communication, and shifted our orientation from guberniyas (provinces) to towns and districts. We have completely restructured our website to reflect our new towns and districts orientation and to make data and information easier to find. We have recruited volunteers as Town Leaders for 136 towns. We have increased the number of KehilaLinks websites for Ukraine towns from 47 to 121. Our Discussion List now has 2,866 subscribers, up from 2,650 last year, an 8% increase. A new Facebook page supplements our SIG’s Discussion List. In addition to Town Leaders and KehilaLinks Owners we have gone from zero to more than 50 volunteers actively working, including 25 translators to help with Russian, Polish, Hebrew, and Yiddish documents. We created and posted 22 InfoSheets & “How-to” documents. These include two PowerPoint tutorials, one to help Ukraine SIG volunteers create name indexes for Yizkor Book translations, and one to help volunteers index the unindexed fields of the Ellis Island Database. We created an online Language and Skills Survey that has served as a model for other SIGs. It has provided us with a list of eager volunteers who have the skills we need for our projects. At the beginning of the year, the SIG had no active projects underway. Now, we have more than 15 very active projects. For more information, check our web site.

JewishGen Warszawa Research Group
Hadassah Lipsius, Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The primary mission of the JewishGen Warszawa Research Group is to facilitate communication and cooperation among researchers interested in the Capital City of Warszawa. The JewishGen Warszawa Research Group has undertaken the massive project of researching and indexing City business directories and life cycle information on the Warszawa community. We have begun with several projects and there is so much more to do. The JewishGen Warszawa Research group discussion group is hosted by JewishGen.

Founded: 1999

Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: 495; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: 144-19 Jewel Avenue, Kew Gardens Hills, NY 11367 USA

Phone number: None

Primary Email: nberline@club-internet.fr (None)
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Secondary Email: lipsius@verizon.net (Hadassah Lipsius)

Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/WarszawaGroup.html; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list;
Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: The Warszawa Research Group (WRG) maintains through JewishGen a
database of Warszawa Homeowners which has been collected from various 19th Century lists.
In addition the WRG has indexed Marriage announcements and is Death Notices from 20th
Century Jewish Newspapers.

2011 activities: Digitized versions of the 1897 and 1896 Warszawa Business Directories were
submitted to JewishGen in June 2011 for uploading on their website.

JewishGen Yiddish Theater and Vaudeville Research Group
Jonina Duker, Coordinator

LAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: JewishGen YTandV Research Group’s goals include: 1. providing an
electronic discussion group in the form of a JewishGen mailing list for genealogists tracing
people involved in Yiddish theater or vaudeville or related performance venues in any capacity,
in any location, and in any time period; 2. recording the combined expertise of genealogists
tracing people in this Jewish "micro-world" through JewishGen YTandV discussion group
archives and InfoFiles; 3. establishing YTandV databases and a primer on JewishGen; 4. facilitating members’ access to information in Yiddish language sources; 5. focusing on unusual
sources like song sheets, playbills, newspaper reviews, sound recordings, movies, and more.

Founded: 1999

Membership count: 225+; Listserv subscribers: 300+; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: c/o JewishGen, Inc., Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place, New York,
NY 10280

Phone number: None

Primary Email: ytandv@lyris.jewishgen.org (None)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/YTheatre.htm; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list;
Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: None

2011 activities: Members responded to requests for information about life cycle events and artistic
contributions of Yiddish theatre personalities. The history of Yiddish folk songs, as related to music used in the Yiddish films of the 1930's was a subject of numerous messages. On-line addresses for researching Yiddish music, theatre notables and special events were provided in member postings.

**JewishGen Yizkor Book Translation Project**

Lance Ackerfeld, Coordinator

*IAJGS Member: No*

*Branches: None*

Mission or primary activity: *Yizkor (Memorial) Books are some of the best sources for learning about Jewish communities in Eastern and Central Europe. Groups of former residents, or landsmannschaftn, have published these books as a tribute to their former homes and the people who were murdered during the Holocaust. The majority of these books were written in Hebrew or Yiddish, languages that many contemporary genealogists cannot read or understand. Therefore, translating these books into English is important for researchers who cannot read the books in their original languages. An important part of our work is translating articles from the 19 volumes of the Pinkas HaKehillot.*

*Founded: 1994*

*Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A*

*Mailing address: Kibbutz Yiftah, D. N. Merom Hagalil, 13840 Israel, or Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place, New York City, NY 10280*

*Phone number: 972 (4) 6952628*

*Primary Email: lance.ackerfeld@gmail.com (Lance Ackerfeld)*

*Secondary Email: (None)*

*Website: [http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor](http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor); Facebook: No; Twitter: No*

*Publication JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y*


*2011 activities: We added 63 books and 444 new entries and updated 294 books. A new project*
was set up – the Yizkor Books in Print - to print fully translated Yizkor Books, so that copies will be available for purchase by the descendants of those destroyed communities, as well as by museum, university and synagogue libraries. There are currently 8 books available for purchase and another 5 books will become available in coming months. During the year an additional 29,000 family names to our already existing Necrology database whose entries are extracted from 295 different Yizkor books and presently include some 270,000 entries. An additional 40,000 entries were added to the JewishGen Yizkor Book Master Name Index ("YBMNI") from 66 different Yizkor books.

JewishGen, Inc.
Warren Blatt, Managing Director

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: JewishGen, Inc. is the primary internet source connecting researchers of Jewish genealogy worldwide. Its most popular components are the JewishGen Discussion Group, the JewishGen Family Finder (a database of 500,000 surnames and towns), the comprehensive directory of InfoFiles, KehilaLinks for over 400 communities, Yizkor Book translations, and databases such as JewishGen Gazetteer and All Country Databases. JewishGen's Family Tree of the Jewish People contains data on more than five million people. JewishGen also serves as host to independent organizations such as Jewish Records Indexing - Poland. Created to assist those researching their Jewish ancestry and based on the concept of free sharing of information, JewishGen Inc. is staffed primarily by volunteers. It is a 501(c)(3) United States tax-exempt, non-profit corporation relying on the JewishGen-erosity of its users to ensure continued growth. To learn more about what JewishGen offers to anyone researching Jewish ancestry, we invite you to explore JewishGen.

Founded: 1985

Membership count: JewishGen is not a membership organization. Registered users as of the end of 2011 totaled 409,617.; Listserv subscribers: More than 5,000.; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: JewishGen, Inc., 36 Battery Place, New York, NY 10280

Phone number: 1 (646) 437-4326

Primary Email: support@jewishgen.org (None)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.jewishgen.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: At the end of 2011 online resources include all of the following: JewishGen Family Finder: 488,000 records, FTJP: 5 million individuals, Communities Database: 6,000 entries, JewishGen Gazetteer: one million places in 54 countries, Holocaust Database: 2.4
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million entries, JOWBR: 1.7 million names, Discussion Group & SIG Lists Archives: over 100,000 messages, The Yizkor Book Project Database: includes translations from 655 Yizkor Books, Necrology Database: 240,000 names from 265 Yizkor Books.

2011 activities: JewishGen's accomplishments are described on our “2011 Update” at http://www.jewishgen.org/JewishGen/PressRoom.html. As of the end of 2011 there were more than 400,000 registered users. There have been over 10 million searches of the JewishGen Family Finder, and over 3 million searches of the Family Tree of the Jewish People. KehilaLinks includes 469 localities online. The Yizkor Book Project includes 655 books online, with 1,636 translations. In JewishGen Education, 240 students participated in online classes.

JewishGen’s Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR)
Nolan Altman, Coordinator
IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR) is a database of names and other identifying information from Jewish cemeteries and burial records worldwide, from the earliest records to the present. It is a compilation of two linked databases: a database of burial records, and a database of information about each particular cemetery. JOWBR's aim is to catalog extant data about Jewish cemeteries and burial records worldwide. Photographs of the gravestones (matzevot) are also included in this database.

Founded: Not provided
Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: c/o JewishGen, Inc., Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place, New York, NY 10280
Phone number: None
Primary Email: NAltman@JewishGen.org (Nolan Altman)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Cemetery; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: None

2011 activities: As of July 2012, the JOWBR database will include in excess of 1.85 million records and 280,000 photos from more than 65 countries.
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Judiska Släktforskningsföreningen i Sverige, (Jewish Genealogical Society of Sweden)

Thomas Fürth, President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: To promote the interest for Jewish Genealogy; to give lectures on that subject, to make visits to archives and other institutions of interest as well as buying literature and make them accessible to the members. To inform about news in the field of Jewish Genealogy through our newsletter.

Founded: 1997

Membership count: 170; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: c/o Gerber, Box 7427, 103 91, Stockholm, Sweden

Phone number: + 46 70 657 12 42

Primary Email: fuerth.thomas@gmail.com (Thomas Fuerth)

Secondary Email: gun.licorish@comhem.se (Gun Moll)

Website: http://www.judgen.se; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication Mishpologen: medlemsblad för Judiska släktforskningsföreningen i Sverige (Mishpologen: Newsletter of the JGS of Sweden); Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y; Email: Y; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: The society provides books on genealogy to the Jewish Library in Stockholm. Check with that facility for operating hours.

2011 activities: JGS of Sweden had its 10th anniversary in 2007. Today we have more members than ever. In the last years we have had six to eight meetings every year. The society holds its meetings either in the Jewish Library situated in the cellar of the Stockholm synagogue or at the Jewish Center in Stockholm. We visit in one or two meetings per year different archives and libraries in the Stockholm area that are important for Jewish family history. We have had two different themes as a red thread through our meetings. One theme has been lectures about places outside Sweden where our ancestors used to live like Germany, Bohemia, Austria, Suwalki in Poland, Hungary, Ukraine etc. Another theme has been places within Sweden where Jews used to live like Sundsvall, Oskarshamn and other small cities outside the three main areas in Sweden where Jews today live. Then of course we have had members and others lecturing about their own family history. Sometimes these topics have been of Jewish families whose ancestors came to Sweden already in late 18th century when Jews for the first time were permitted to settle in Sweden. Other lectures have been about Jewish families that came to Sweden from Russia in the late 19th century or came to Sweden as refugees during the 1930s. We have also had a meeting with one of the participants in the Swedish version of the TV series Who do you think you are - a famous Swedish politician Ulf Adelsohn with a Jewish family background from Russian Poland.
Kol Ami Genealogy Group

*IAJGS Member:* No

**Branches:**

**Mission or primary activity:**

**Founded:** founded 2010, dormant as of 2012

**Membership count:** ; Listserv subscribers: ; Blog subscribers:

**Mailing address:**

**Phone number:**

**Primary Email:** ()

**Secondary Email:** ()

**Website:** ; Facebook: ; Twitter:

**Publication ; Frequency: ; Hardcopy: ; Email: ; Posted on Website:**

**Library or database:**

**2011 activities:**

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**Kolbuszowa Region Research Group (KRRG)**

Susana Leistner Blochproject, Project Coordinator

*IAJGS Member:* No

**Branches:** None

**Mission or primary activity:** The Kolbuszowa Region Research Group (KRRG) includes shtetlach within a 35 miles radius of Kolbuszowa, Rzeszow Province, Poland (formerly Galicia) in the following Administrative Districts: KOLBUSZOWA, LANCUT, MIELEC, NISKO, PILZNO, ROPCZYCE, RZESZÓW, STRZYZÓW, and TARNOBRZEG. The list of shtetlach is too long to include. Please go the KRRG website for full information. KRRG's collects and shares information about the Jewish Communities that once lived in our shtetlach and helps make family links. There is no cost or membership fee to join the group. KRRG is affiliated with Gesher Galicia.

**Founded:** 1998

**Membership count:** N/A; Listserv subscribers: 756; Blog subscribers: N/A

**Mailing address:** c/o Susana Leistner Bloch, 817 Montrose Street, Winnipeg MB Canada R3M 3M5

**Phone number:** 1 (204) 488 8704, fax 1 (204) 488-9006
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Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/Kolbuszowa; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication KRRG Newsletter; Frequency: 3 times/year; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: N/A
Library or database: None
2011 activities: Not reported

Kremenets District Research Group (KDRG)
Ron Doctor, Co-Coordinator Sheree Roth, Co-Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: Kremenets-Shumsk Association, in Israel

Mission or primary activity: Collect, translate, preserve and make publicly accessible documents and other resources about the Jewish populations of towns in the Kremenets District of Ukraine (formerly in Poland and in Russia). Document and restore the Jewish cemeteries of Kremenets District towns.

Founded: 2000
Membership count: 190; Listserv subscribers: 443; Blog subscribers:
Mailing address: 3815 SE Taylor Street, Portland, Oregon 97214
Phone number: 1 (503) 234-9528
Primary Email: rddpdx@gmail.com (Dr. Ronald D. Doctor)
Secondary Email: ssroth@pacbell.net (Sheree Roth)

Website: http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/Kremenets/web-pages/about-kremenets.html; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: All documents, translations and a master index of personal names and town names are published on our website. Proofread translations also are published on the JRI-Poland website

2011 activities: (1) Presentation at annual Kremenets-Shumsk Memorial Service in Israel; (2) translated 3,917 additional pages of Russian revision lists; (3) Translated 2,217 additional vital records from Belozerka, Oleksinet, Velikiye Berezhtsy, and Vyshgorodok; (4) finished editing, proofreading, and formatting our translation of all of the Hebrew chapters and selected Yiddish sections of 19 Landsmanshaftn Booklets published in Israel between 1967 and 1995 and posted translations on JewishGen Yizkor Book Translations website; (5) completed translation of Hebrew sections of the Vishnevets Yizkor Book and posted it on the JewishGen Yizkor Book
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Translation website; (6) obtained 9,912 pages of digitized vital records for Kremenets District towns for the years 1878-1938; (7) Expanded our One-Step searchable Concordance (Master Index) to more than 150,000 entries; (8) Created two PowerPoint tutorials, one to help Ukraine SIG volunteers create name indexes for Yizkor Book translations, and one to help volunteers index the unindexed fields of the Ellis Island Database; (9) Held our KDRG Annual meeting at the IAJGS Conference.

Kupiskis SIG
Ann Rabinowitz, Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The Kupiskis SIG which was formed in the 1990's as an outgrowth of prior landsmannschaftn, benevolent societies and cousins' clubs that were founded in the late 1800's and early 1900's. The membership is comprised of individuals who were either born in Kupiskis, Lithuania or their descendants and their relatives. Membership meetings are held annually during each IAJGS Conference and dues are collected at that time.

Founded: 1990

Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: None
Phone number: None

Primary Email: kupiskis@galitvak.org (None)
Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/kupiskis/kupishok.htm; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication Periodic Membership E-Mails; Frequency: Several per year; Hardcopy: Y; Email: N; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: SIG Coordinator keeps the Kupiskis library that includes materials from Lithuania, South Africa and America such as family trees, monographs, books, Holocaust materials, landsmannschaftn records, and other items of interest.

2011 activities: The Kupiskis SIG is now a fully functional worldwide group with members from America, Australia, Barbados, Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Israel, South Africa, and Zimbabwe. In addition, the SIG sponsors a KehilaLink Site on JewishGen, www.shtetlinks.jewish.org/kupiskis/kupishok.htm, which provides the latest information regarding genealogical research for the shtetl. A Yizkor Book, a historical monograph, a cemetery database, two commemorative DVDs of the Wall of Memory Holocaust Memorial Dedication which took place on July 13, 2004 ("Kupishok: For Eternal Memory" and "Unto Each Name a Person"), and a translated historical article, are products of Kupiskis descendants and available to members.
LitvakSIG
Eden Joachim, President

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: LitvakSIG is the primary internet source connecting researchers of Lithuanian-Jewish Genealogy worldwide. Our purpose is to discover, translate, present and preserve records and information about our ancestors who lived in Lithuania. Additionally, we strive to bring researchers together to work toward the same goals and enable our members to further their personal genealogical research.

Founded: 1997
Membership count: 660; Listserv subscribers: 2100; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 41 Country Club Lane, Pomona, NY, 10970, USA
Phone number: I (845) 694-8329
Primary Email: president@litvaksig.com (Eden Joachim)
Secondary Email: vicepresident@litvaksig.com (David Hoffman)
Website: http://www.litvaksig.org (for everyone), http://litvaksigmembersonlysite.shutterfly.com (for dues paying members only); Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication JewishGen listserv discussion list; Frequency: Daily as members post to the list; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: The LitvakSIG All Lithuania Database (ALD) is fully searchable on www.litvaksig.org and is updated quarterly. More than 1.25 million records are currently included. District Research Group Coordinators and other Project Coordinators maintain Shutterfly websites where Qualifying Contributors have access to all records translated to date. District Group and other Project Coordinators may be contacted via the LitvakSIG website at www.litvaksig.org. Dues paying members enjoy access to Lithuanian Archive catalogs and scholarly articles on the Members website. More information may be found at www.litvaksig.org.

2011 activities: LitvakSIG continued its paid membership growth for 2011, finishing the year with 660 dues paying members. We had a large presence at the IAJGS Conference in Washington, DC via the SIG Fair, our computer workshop, an Introduction to LitvakSIG presentation and a day of Litvak programming. Our luncheon speaker Ellen Cassedy was well received. Our SIG Annual Meeting had a large attendance. Records translations continued at a good pace (Acquisitions and Translations Coordinator Howard Margol) and the ALD is growing at a comparable pace. LitvakSIG welcomed new Board members Bill Israel and Bill Yoffee. For contact information for all LitvakSIG Key Personnel and to learn more, please visit our website, www.litvaksig.org.
MAC Users’ BOF
Doris Loeb Nabel, Founder, Coordinator and Forum Moderator

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The Mac BOF and optional online forum welcome veteran Mac users, newbies, and anyone considering switching to a Mac. The goals: to end trial and error attempts, and to avoid re-inventing the wheel. Participation offers the opportunity to ask for solutions to hardware and software issues, to share answers to questions, ideas, experience, and expertise. The website enables year-round discussions, questions, answers, uploads, and more. Members sharing unsolicited hints on the forum inspire others to think about projects they had not even imagined, and enable members to keep in touch and to make progress in their genealogy efforts.

Founded: 2007

Membership count: Attendance at BOF meetings has ranged from 40 – 60; Listserv subscribers: The online forum currently has 152 members; Blog subscribers; N/A

Mailing address: None

Phone number: None

Primary Email: gen-mac_users-schmoozers@yahoogroups.com (Doris Loeb Nabel)

Secondary Email: moidame@comcast.net (Doris Loeb Nabel)

Website: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gen-mac_users-schmoozers; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: Archive of posts is on website

2011 activities: BOF members celebrated the second IAJGS conference offering a Mac computer lab. Member Eli Savada obtained and delivered 15 Macs, built the lab, maintained, then dismantled it and returned the computers. He, Susan Kobren, Meredith Hoffman, and Vivian Kahn facilitated seven of the nine sessions. Members shared info at the Mac BOF table during the SIG/BOF Fair. The BOF program included presentations by two genealogy program vendors, followed by members’ demonstrations located around the room. Sharing their use of hardware, software, and materials produced, they offered attendees the opportunity to circulate, learn, ask questions, and network. Threads on the online forum included decisions related to buying an iPad versus a MacBook Air; upgrading OS; genealogy applications; keyboard shortcuts; requests for suggestions regarding peripheral hardware purchases; replacing iWeb, and MobileMe; browsers; malware issues; backup software; cloud backup; and heads-up posts about newly published articles.
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Michiana Jewish Historical Society
David Piser, President

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The mission of the Michiana Jewish Historical Society is to establish a "living museum" that will provide a comprehensive record of Jewish life in the Michiana area and to provide programs and undertake activities that will enhance the Jewish and general communities' knowledge of and appreciation for the Jewish experience in our area.

Founded: 1994
Membership count: ~ 100; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 3202 Shalom Way, South Bend, IN 46615
Phone number: 1 (574) 233-1164
Primary Email: mjhsociety@gmail.com (Maggie Goldberg)
Secondary Email: ()
Website: Soon!; Facebook: Soon!; Twitter:
Publication ; Frequency: ; Hardcopy: ; Email: ; Posted on Website:

Library or database: Not reported

2011 activities: As a historical society, MJHS focuses on programming, educational activities, building our archive, providing support for individuals and organizations interested in research, responding to inquiries from current and past residents of the area, and increasing participation from the entire community.

Museum of Family History
Steve Lasky, Founder, Director

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: Designed to honor and preserve the memory of our Jewish families, culture and history for the present and future generations.

Founded: 2005
Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: over 200
Mailing address: None
Phone number: None
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Primary Email: steve@museumoffamilyhistory.com (Steven Lasky)
Secondary Email: steve725@optonline.net (Steven Lasky)
Website: http://www.museumoffamilyhistory.com; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: No
Publication Perspectives; Frequency: At least once per year; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: Data on more than 200,000 burials in NY, NJ, CT, MA and RI (only searchable by town association and surname); Thomas Jefferson High School, Brooklyn, NY searchable database; immigration data to Ellis Island; Education and Research Center; large collection of Holocaust memorial photos and European synagogues; Yiddish theatre and literature databases: actors, plays, "Lexicon of the Yiddish Theatre" biography translations; listing of biographies from Reyzen's "Lexicon of Yiddish Literature, Plays and Philology".

2011 activities: New online exhibitions about the Yiddish theatre, including presentation of Yiddish-language radio programs; exhibition "Lives in the Yiddish Theatre: Tributes to a Bygone Era", as well as translations of nearly 1,800 biographies of those once involved in the Yiddish theatre; interactive museum floor maps; more than 100 short films from Tomek Wisniewski; photographs of synagogues that once existed in the boroughs of New York City, and much more. This plus the largest online collection of world Holocaust memorials and former synagogues of Europe.

Museum of the History of Polish Jews (Virtual Shtetl Internet portal)
Krzysztof Bielawski, Project Creator, Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The "Virtual Shtetl" is devoted to the Jewish history of Poland. Currently, our portal is a source of information, but in the future it will also include an interactive system by which Internet users will interact with each other. It will create a link between Polish-Jewish history and the contemporary multicultural world.

Founded: 2009

Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: sztetl@jewishmuseum.org.pl
Phone number: 48 22 471 03 83
Primary Email: astankowski@jewishmuseum.org.pl (Albert Stankowski)
Secondary Email: kbielawski@jewishmuseum.org.pl (Krzysztof Bielawski)
Website: http://www.sztetl.org.pl/en; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: http://twitter.com/#!/VirtualShtetl/ (we are also present on Flickr, http://www.flickr.com/photos/virtualshtetl/ And on Youtube, http://www.youtube.com/user/WirtualnySztetl)
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Publication "Judaica" book has been published through Carta Blanca; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: Our data base is the portal itself, where 34,552,471 charts, 68,920 archival and contemporary photos, 900 video and 115 audio recordings have been published thus far on websites devoted to 2265 towns. In addition, over 1,000 interviews with Israelis who want to share their life story in Poland, 1326 short biographies, 20,324 photos and scans have been published on the portal as part of the Polish Roots in Israel project. On our portal there are also presentations and lesson plans downloadable from the website and interactive maps integrated with Google Maps.

2011 activities: Two completed research projects in Belarus (the third one is currently in progress); projects completed with the Adenauer Foundation (creating and developing the German version of the Virtual Shtetl). The number of registered users has grown to 6912. We have recorded 4 thousand visits per day, which makes the total of 120,000 visit a month.

Nederlandse Kring voor Joodse Genealogie, (Netherlands Society for Jewish Genealogy)
Albert Bremer, Chairman

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The society's main goals and activities are: interchange of genealogical data about Jewish families having lived, or now living, in the Netherlands; study - in the framework of genealogical research - of the position of Jews in the Netherlands in various regions throughout the ages.

Founded: 1987

Membership count: 475; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: Rogier Foyer, PO Box 94703, 1090 GS Amsterdam info@nljewgen.org

Phone number: None

Primary Email: info@nljewgen.org (None)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.nljewgen.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication Misjpoge; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y; Email: Y (to libraries and other non-profits); Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: The library is located at the Liberaal Joodse Gemeente Amsterdam, Zuidelijke Wandelweg 41, 1079 RK Amsterdam

2011 activities: Lectures on various topics about typical Dutch Jewish subjects.
New Mexico Jewish Historical Society
   Dorothy Corner Amsden, President

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: Santa Fe and Albuquerque. NM

Mission or primary activity: The non-profit NMJHS was formed in 1985 to tell the stories of the many Jewish groups that came, stayed and helped make New Mexico a remarkable place. Its activities and programs include ongoing research, an archive, lectures, films, conferences, genealogy workshops, cemetery cleanups, booklets on pioneer Jewish families, and a quarterly newsletter, Legacy. The secular organization welcomes all interested individuals, regardless of religious affiliation. Its mission is to promote greater understanding and knowledge of New Mexico’s Jewish history within a broad cultural context.

Founded: 1985

Membership count: 392 individuals (276 memberships); Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: Planned

Mailing address: 5520 Wyoming Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109

Phone number: 1 (505) 348-4471

Primary Email: admin@nmjhs.org (Ruth Carter)

Secondary Email: president@nmjhs.org (Dorothy Corner Amsden)

Website: http://www.nmjhs.org; Facebook: No (but planned); Twitter: Planned

Publication Legacy; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardecopy: Y; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: The New Mexico Jewish Historical Society maintains archives at the New Mexico State Records Center and Archives, 1205 Camino Carlos Rey, Santa Fe, http://www.nmcrp.state.nm.us/. The collection consists primarily of Jewish pioneer family papers of – and articles about – NM Jewish pioneer families. Included: ledgers for various families, papers of Holocaust survivor Charles GROSS and Indian trader Solomon BIBO. Families and towns included: HERZSTEIN (Clayton); GUSDORF (Taos); KAHN - SPIEGELBERG (Santa Fe); KOHN/CALISCH (Tucumcari); NAHM- ILFELD- TAICHERT-SHIPMAN (Las Vegas); KLEIN – SPARKS – STERN (Carlsbad and Las Cruces). Subject files: materials on Congregation Montefiore (Las Vegas); papers of various contemporary New Mexico Jewish artists. Society records: administrative, Board, membership, event, programs/projects and financial records.

2011 activities: January: Board of Directors Annual Retreat, Santa Fe; Board meetings: March - Albuquerque; May - Santa Fe; July - Los Alamos; October - Albuquerque; November – Santa Fe; May: Annual cleanup, historic Montefiore Cemetery, Las Vegas, NM; June: Annual membership meeting, Santa Fe; presentation by Steven Ovitsky, "The Influence of Jewish Folk and Religious Themes on Classical Music;" Genealogy programs: April, "Genealogy Superstars" with Bennett Greenspan and Steve Morse; July, Schelly Talalay Dardashti, "Social Media for 21st-Century Genealogists;" October: Fall Conference, Albuquerque; “The Jewish Experience in 20th Century New Mexico and the Institutions that Made it Possible;" other events: January and
February lectures - Santa Fe; March "Songs from Sephardic Morocco" with Vanessa Paloma - Santa Fe, August - Albuquerque.

Orange County Jewish Genealogical Society (OCJGS)
Rabbi Frank Stern, President

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The purpose of this organization is to provide a society for persons interested in Jewish genealogy; to encourage interest in Jewish genealogy; to provide educational genealogical programs; to develop and execute genealogical projects; to serve as a service and support group for genealogical libraries and historical associations; and to provide a center for the exchange of surnames and genealogical material.

Founded: 2011

Membership count: 45; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 2 Mira, Irvine, CA  92603
Phone number: 1 (949) 854-8854
Primary Email: sandybee1@cox.net (Sandy Bursten)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.ocjgs.org; Facebook: Orange County Jewish Genealogical Society; Twitter: No
Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: Temple Bat Yahm Library, Newport Beach, CA

2011 activities: Excellent guest speakers, members shared their genealogical successes, had a tour of our local Family History Center, participated in Orange County's first Yiddish Festival and the annual Israel Expo, presented Three Generations Day genealogy workshop and picnic for families.

Phoenix Jewish Genealogical Society, Inc.
Janette Silverman, President

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: Our mission is to preserve the rich heritage of Arizona's Jewish history and to educate the public about the Jewish contributions to Arizona and American life.

Founded: 1981
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Membership count: 18; Listserv subscribers: 50; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 1118 E Glendale Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85021
Phone number: 602-944-3359 ext 123
Primary Email: jsilverman@bethelphoenix.com (Janette Silverman)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://relativeity.com; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: Our collection of books, journals, and databases are growing. Materials are stored at Beth El Congregation at 1118 W Glendale Ave, Phoenix, and at the Arizona Jewish Historical Society at the Cutler Plotkin Center. Access is by appointment.

2011 activities: Monthly research meetings, workshops on research strategies and overcoming challenges, classes on beginners and intermediate genealogical research

Poland Jewish Cemeteries Restoration Project
Norman Weinberg, Executive Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The PJCRP has four major missions: 1-reclaiming, restoration, and care of the 1200-1400 Jewish cemeteries of Poland desecrated and destroyed by German forces during WWII and fencing and memorializing the thousands of mass graves they created; 2-documentation through photographs, video, stories, books etc. of the matzevot in these cemeteries and the process of restoration for each cemetery project; 3-pursuing the Petition to the German Government to help restore the Jewish cemeteries and remediate the mass graves in Poland; 4-education of both Poles and Jews about the Holocaust, especially youth. Education also includes the PJCRP Annual Scholarship Awards for the best essays, poetry, artwork, photography and combinations of these presented to Polish high school students who write about the Holocaust, Jews and Jewish life in their former shtetl, about Polish Jewish relations before War II or about the importance of respect for others and reconciliation. Over 3500 submissions by students have been made to date.

Founded: 2001

Membership count: Hundreds of volunteers and donors, worldwide, including Jews and Christians.; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 131Hidden Ridge, Amherst, NY 14221 USA
Phone number: 1 (716) 688-5272; 1 (866) 610-8457 (fax)
Primary Email: weinberg36@gmail.com (Norman Weinberg)
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Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.pjcrp.org; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: No

Publication: PJCRP Newsletter; newspaper articles published about the PJCRP in the Buffalo Jewish News and Sarasota-Manatee Jewish News; Toronto Jewish News; AmPol Eagle News-Polish Newspaper; PJCRP Discussion Group, see PJCRP@v2.listbox.com; Frequency: Semi-annually; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: See website for recent updated information, www.pjcrp.org

2011 activities: The PJCRP through May 2011 has participated in the successful restoration of more than 60 cemeteries, with about another 30 in various stages. In a new initiative assisted by the Polish provincial government, more cemeteries are expected to be cleaned and restored by the end of 2011 using prison inmates. Documentaries have so far been made or are in the making of the cemetery restoration projects for the following former shtetls: Ozarow, Ilza, Ivansk, Wachock, Szadek, Losice, and Tarlow. The PJCRP initiated a Petition to the German Government in 2005 asking that the German Government take responsibility and pay their fair share of the estimated cost required to restore the cemeteries German forces destroyed and fence the thousands of mass graves they created. The Petition is found at: www.petitiononline.com/1200des/petition.html. Many organizations have given their written support to the Petition and to PJCRP’s activities. These organizations now represent more than 60 million Jews and Poles and include the Polish Government, Polish American Congress, World Jewish Congress and many synagogues and Jewish foundations worldwide. The Petition was presented by a delegation comprising Rabbi Michael Schudrich, Chief Rabbi of Poland, members of the PJCRP team and a representative of World Jewish Congress, to the German and Austrian ambassadors to Poland in September 2011 with copies to the US and Israeli ambassadors. Both the German and Austrian ambassadors expressed that they expected their countries would help in our mission to restore the cemeteries and asked about how their youth could participate. Negotiations are ongoing. An affiliate organization, the Foundation for Holocaust Education has developed a play entitled, “Who Returned My Soul” written by the playwright Kelly Brock in which high school students enact the parts of actual Holocaust survivors. Our intention is to bring German, Austrian, Polish and American youth together in Poland to perform the play in conjunction with our cemetery restoration projects and to fulfill the wishes of the German and Austrian ambassadors.

Professional Jewish Genealogist Group (PJGG)

Laurence Harris, Coordinator

Israel Pickholtz, Secretary

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: Membership of the Professional Jewish Genealogist Group (PJGG) is open to any genealogist offering, or aspiring to offer, Jewish genealogical research services on a professional basis. We are a self-help group set up to provide advice to our group members on matters relating to offering professional Jewish Genealogy research services. We operate
mainly via an email discussion group and once a year we have a meeting at the IAJGS annual conference.

Founded: 1989

Membership count: ~ 130; Listserv subscribers: Approximately 130. To join this discussion group go to http://www.jewishgen.org/JewishGen/DiscussionGroup.htm and select the mailing list titled “Professional Genealogists”; Blog subscribers; N/A

Mailing address: None

Phone number: None

Primary Email: laurence@ancestorstraced.co.uk (Laurence Harris)

Secondary Email: IsraelP@pikholz.org

(IIsrael Pickholtz)

Website: None; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: A list of members of PJGG offering professional services has been produced.

2011 activities: Meeting at IAJGS annual conference.

**Rokiskis SIG**

Ann Rabinowitz, Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The Rokiskis SIG was formed in the late 1990’s as an outgrowth of interest in Jewish genealogy. Presently, the membership is comprised of individuals whose families originated in Rokiskis, Lithuania and surrounding towns. Membership meetings are held annually during each IAJGS Conference.

Founded: 1998

Membership count: 100; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers; N/A

Mailing address: 205 West End Ave #6L, New York, NY 10023 USA

Phone number: None

Primary Email: rokiskis@galitvak.org (None)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/rokiskis/rokmain.htm; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A
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Library or database: None

2011 activities: The Rokiskis SIG has members from North America, Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Israel, and South Africa. In addition, the SIG sponsors a KehilaLinks Site on JewishGen, which is located at: www.shtetlinks.jewish.org/rokiskis/rokmain.htm, and provides the latest information regarding genealogical research for the shtetl, supports the translation of the Yizkor Book, genealogical information obtained from Lithuanian Archives, and other research tools.

San Diego Jewish Genealogical Society
Marge Kealey, co-president Jean Moss, co-president

IAJGS Member: Yes

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: To collect, preserve, and disseminate knowledge and information with reference to Jewish genealogy. To encourage interested persons to pursue and preserve genealogical data. To provide opportunities for the sharing of Jewish genealogical information. To aim toward the publication of worthy material in the field of genealogy.

Founded: 1982

Membership count: 54; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: PO Box 927089, San Diego, CA 92192-7089 USA

Phone number: None

Primary Email: info@sdjgs.org (Marge Kealey)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.sdjgs.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication Discovery (not currently publishing); Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y

Library or database: The San Diego JGS library has over 450 books, plus maps, periodicals and journals from JGSs around the world, and CD's and tapes of lectures. Our library is located at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, Executive Drive & Genesee Ave., La Jolla, CA. Members have borrowing privileges. It is available to the public as a reference library. The library is open at all meetings and is generally available for research Mon-Thurs, 12-3 through the JCCs Astor Judaica Library. It is best to call the JCC library prior to visiting in case there are any changes.

2011 activities: Forensic genealogist Colleen Fitzpatrick speaking about how to find living people; Hal Bookbinder, "Changing Borders of Eastern Europe"; Stephen Smith, executive director of the Shoah Foundation explaining how to use their resources; a follow-up field trip to UCSD to view some of the holdings of the Shoah Foundation; "American Passage: the History of Ellis Island" on DVD; "Using the Resources of the SDJGS Library"; Hands-on help using Internet
sources for research; Yale Strom and Elizabeth Schwartz sang Klezmer music at our annual Hanukkah party.

San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society
Jeremy Frankel, President

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The aim of the Society is to promote the knowledge and information available for people to research their Jewish heritage. We do this by holding monthly meetings, occasional outings to local research institutions, publish a quarterly newsletter and a Resource Guide. We also provide experts for an additional monthly 1-on-1 meeting sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education's Jewish Community Library in San Francisco.

Founded: 1981
Membership count: 225; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: P.O. Box 318214, San Francisco, CA 94131 USA
Phone number: 1 (510) 525-4052
Primary Email: jfrankel@lmi.net (Jeremy Frankel)
Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/sfbajgs; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: No

Publication ZichronNote; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y; Email: Y; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: The SFBAJGS supports the libraries located at their three Bay Area meeting places. When new appropriate genealogy books are published three copies of each are purchased and donated to each library for the benefit of the local community.

2011 activities: The Society continued indexing burials in Bay Area Jewish cemeteries. Contact was made with San Jose's Home of Peace where some 1300 Jews are buried, some dating back to the Gold Rush era. Once indexed, these will be added to JOWBR.

Schweizerische Vereinigung für Jüdische Genealogie (SVJG), Swiss Organization for Jewish Genealogy
Chana Berlowitz, Co-President Katharina Glass, Co-President

IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: Networking among members with the aid of meetings, special interest evenings and a Family Finder (first Issue April 2011)
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Founded: 1986
Membership count: 96; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: Postfach 2774, 8021 Zurich, Switzerland
Phone number: ++41-44-482 0080
Primary Email: info@svjg.org (None)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.svjg.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication Maajan – Die Quelle (Maayan – The Source); Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y; Email: Y (soon); Posted on Website: Y
Library or database: Our Archive is now held in the Zurich City Archive and maintained by them. Our library has a large collection of genealogical books and magazines in many languages, including English, German, French, and Dutch.
2011 activities: We continue to hold bi-monthly special interest evenings and tours on varied genealogical-related subjects. We also visited a small cemetery in the north-center of the city of Zurich, which is no longer in use. This summer we will conduct a walking tour on the famous Bahnhofstrasse, pointing out Jewish places of interest, as well as conducting a day-long visit to a meeting in the Alsace-Lorraine.

Sephardic Heritage Project
Sarina Roffe, Project Manager
IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None
Mission or primary activity: To identify and preserve genealogical records of the Syrian Jewish community.
Founded: 2011
Membership count: 12; Listserv subscribers: 2100; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 825 E 18th St, Brooklyn, NY 11230
Phone number: 1 (347) 434-3927
Primary Email: sarina@roffe.com (Sarina Roffe)
Secondary Email: ()
Website: Sephardicheritageproject.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication Genealogy Detective; Frequency: bimonthly; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y
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Library or database: Identified, translated and added to our database britot, marriage and eulogies from Aleppo, Syria: Aleppo Britot, More than 7500 records dating from 1868-1945, Aleppo Marriage Database - 1354 records - For the most part, the data covers 1847-1850, 1868-1877, and 1893-1934. However, we included a few records found in 1811 and 1855 that were derived from Ketubot manuscripts. Eulogies Database - Deaths in Aleppo, Syria, covering sporadic entries from periods as early as 1716 - 1946.

2011 activities: Obtained the cemetery records of the Aleppan Jewish community in Mexico City for JewishGen.org as part of the JewishGen Online Burial Registr Published articles and gave presentations of genealogical work at conferences.

SephardicGen
Jeff Malka, Principal

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: SephardicGen: website with extensive searchable databases, Sephardic history, bibliography, Sephardic gazetteer, calendar conversions, and links to websites of interest to Sephardic genealogy.

Founded: 2005

Membership count: N/A Over 1.5 million visits.; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: None
Phone number: None
Primary Email: JeffMalka@SephardicGen.com (Jeff Malka)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.SephardicGen.com; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: None

2011 activities: Added databases.

Sociedade Genealogica Judaica do Brasil - Note: no update received. Information shown is from prior Yearbook.
   Paulo Valadares, President

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None
Mission or primary activity: Jewish genealogical research and counseling.
Founded: 1993
Membership count: 20; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: Caixa Postal 1025, Campinas, CEP 13001-970, Brasil
Phone number: 5511-36617585
Primary Email: prsvaladares@terra.com.br (Paulo Valadares)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: None; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A
Library or database: None

2011 activities: Not reported

Stephen P. Morse Webpages
Stephen P. Morse, Principal
IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None
Mission or primary activity: Creating One-Step Utilities
Founded: Not provided
Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 1313 Lombard Street, San Francisco, CA 94109 USA
Phone number: 1 (415) 775-0810
Primary Email: steve@stevemorse.org (Stephen Morse)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.stevemorse.org; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A
Library or database: None

2011 activities: Stephen Morse continued to add extensive functionality to his various “One-Step” web pages with numerous search utilities under the following categories: "Ellis Island Search Forms and Ship Arrivals", "Castle Garden Years", "Other Ports of Immigration", "US Census", "Phonetic Matching and Soundex", "Canadian and British Census", "New York Census", "Births, Deaths, and other Vital Records", "Calendar, Sunrise/Sunset, Maps", "Dealing with Characters
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in Foreign Alphabets", "Holocaust and Eastern Europe", "Genetic Genealogy (DNA)", "Creating your own Search Applications", "Publications", "Awards", "Biographies and Interviews", and, the ever-popular, "Miscellaneous".

Sub Carpathian Research Group
Marshall Katz, Sub-Carpathia SIG Coordinator

IAGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The Sub-Carpathia SIG has been created for researchers with Jewish roots in villages and towns located in present-day Ukraine, but were formerly located in those parts of the pre-1918 Hungarian counties of Bereg, Maramaros, Ugoça and Ung, that became part of Czechoslovakia (Podkarpatska Rus' or Subcarpathia Russia) from 1919-1939, and was later annexed by Hungary from 1939 to 1944. This group has a discussion mail list for the exchange of information among researchers in this area. To complement the Sub-Carpathia SIG email list, a Sub-Carpathia SIG web site was created for the specific purpose of gathering, presenting and preserving genealogical and historical information about Jewish life in Sub-Carpathia, as defined above.

Founded: 2011

Membership count: 200+; Listserv subscribers: 200+; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: None
Phone number: 1 (717) 889-3405 (leave message for callback)
Primary Email: Packard40@aol.com (Marshall Katz)
Secondary Email: amos.zezmer@orange.fr (Amos Israel Zezmer)
Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/Sub-Carpathia; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: The Sub-Carpathia SIG web site contains information regarding holdings in various archives.

2011 activities: Our web site was launched May, 2011 and was designed to be informative to current and future researchers. The web site contains a plethora of information of interest to researchers with Jewish roots in Sub-Carpathia, in current-day Ukraine. Since that time, we have had visitors from 44 countries and 7,000+ views. Today, the top five countries are USA, Israel, Ukraine, Canada and Hungary. In the Summer of 2011, we visited 48 towns and villages in Sub-Carpathia and photographed 28 cemeteries. As of this writing, collectively, the Sub-Carpathia SIG has fifty (50) KehilaLink web sites and more are either in development or are planned. Several projects are under consideration at this time, including transcribing records.
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Suchostaw Region Research Group (SRRG)

Susana Leistner Bloch, Project Coordinator   Edward Rosenbaum, Webmaster

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The Suchostaw Region Research Group (SRRG) includes shtetlach within a 35 miles radius of Suchostaw, Tarnopol Province, Ukraine (formerly Galicia) in the following Administrative and Judicial Districts: BORSZCZÓW, BUCZACZ, CZORTKÓW, HUSIATYN, SKALA, SKALAT, TARNOPOL, TREMBOWLA, ZALESZCZYKI, and ZBARAZ. The list of shtetlach is too long to include. Please go the KRRG website for full information. SRRG collects and shares information about the Jewish Communities that once lived in our shtetlach and helps make family links. There is no cost or membership fee to join the group. SRRG is affiliated with Gesher Galicia.

Founded: 1999

Membership count: 565 (from all over the world); Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: c/o Susana Leistner Bloch, 817 Montrose Street, Winnipeg MB Canada R3M 3M5

Phone number: 1 (204) 488 8704, fax 1 (204) 488-9006

Primary Email: bloch@mts.net (Susana Leistner Bloch)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/Suchostaw/SRRGhome.html; Facebook: No; Twitter: No

Publication SRRG Newsletter; Frequency: 3 times per year; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: None

2011 activities: Our website and shtetlpages are updated on a regular basis. We have been successful in making “matches” between members researching the same surname. Projects continue to photograph Matzevot in local cemeteries.

Suwalk - Lomza SIG

Marlene SilvermanPh.D., Chair

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: To advance genealogical and historical research on the Jewish experience in the former guberniyas of Suwalki and Lomza (c. 18th and 19th centuries).

Founded: 1990
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Membership count: about 400; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: Box 228, 3701 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20008 USA
Phone number: 1 (202) 244-5014 (2pm-5pm, DC time)
Primary Email: mjsilverman@verizon.net (Marlene Silverman, Ph.D)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.jewishgen.org/SuwalkLomza; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication Landsmen; Frequency: Semi-annually; Hardcopy: Y; Email: N; Posted on Website: N
Library or database: None

2011 activities: We continued our ongoing publication of detailed civil records for several Suwalk-Lomza towns, including many records purchased directly from Vilnius, and others not microfilmed by the Mormons. Published more English translations of foreign language material not available on the internet. Current emphasis is on integration of our holdings for transition to online searchable databases. Our website includes brief summaries of contents of Landsmen back issues (from 1990-2010), and offers of extensive free guidance to prospective new members concerning material in our holdings of relevance to their specific research interests. Further improvements in progress for our website include offers of discounts for small packages of back issues customized to suit new members’ interests. Plans are in progress for on-site visits to the Suwalki and Lomza District Archives in Poland in order to obtain detailed data from actual records not microfilmed by the Mormons, which are currently available on the internet only in very marginal index form.

The Douglas E. Goldman Jewish Genealogy Center at Beit Hatfutsoth
Jacob Perry, Chairman, Board of Directors'

IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: The Douglas E. Goldmann Jewish Genealogy Center at Beit Hatfutsoth - The Museum of the Jewish People is dedicated to the study of the Jewish Family, its history and heritage. The Center maintains a genealogy database boasting millions of individuals recorded by Jewish families from all over the world.

Founded: 1985
Membership count: 31; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: P.O. Box 39359, Tel Aviv 61392, Israel
Phone number: 972 (0)3 745-7858
Primary Email: bhgnlgy@post.tau.ac.il (None)
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Secondary Email: odelle@bh.org.il (None)
Website: http://www.bh.org.il/database-about.aspx?genealogy; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: No
Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: The Douglas E. Goldman Jewish Genealogy Center has a collection of 1,200 LDS films with Jewish vital records. Researches from all over the world may order photocopies of vital records from this collection – for full details see the Museum's website http://www.bh.org.il/lds-microfilms-table.aspx?genealogy. In addition, the genealogy center has a rich collection of Jewish genealogy related books from all over the world.

2011 activities: The integrated Beit Hatfutsot database currently contains nine different types of content, including a rich collection of digital family trees. This unique system allows integration of genealogical material with multimedia providing a comprehensive reconstruction of Jewish life and heritage for Jewish communities and individuals throughout the Diaspora. The Douglas E. Goldmann Jewish Genealogy Center has for the last couple of years collaborating with MyHeritage.Com in a common effort of collecting data from the public and encouraging the younger generations to document their family histories. The Douglas E. Goldmann Jewish Genealogy Center continued its fruitful collaboration with JRI-Poland. Thanks to the dedicated work of the Museum's volunteers, The Douglas E. Goldman Jewish Genealogy Center was able to enrich the database of JRI-Poland with English translations of Jewish vital records from additional towns, most recently from Radom. Full details about the Center's activities are available at the Museum's website: http://www.bh.org.il/database-about.aspx?genealogy

The Irish Jewish Genealogical Society & Family History Centre, (A division of the Irish Jewish Museum)
Stuart Rosenblatt PC FGSI, President
IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None
Mission or primary activity: To codify every Jewish person ascendant or descendant who either came to Ireland or has an association to Ireland. At present there are 47,000 individual records. There 17 16 publications may be viewed in the National Library, National Archives and Irish Jewish Museum, Dublin
Founded: 1999
Membership count: 1; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers; N/A
Mailing address: Jasonia Centre, 76 Dame Street, Dublin 2 Ireland
Phone number: 353 1 677 3808
Primary Email: srosenblatt@irishjewishroots.com (Stuart Rosenblatt)
Secondary Email: (None)
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Website: http://www.irishjewishroots.com; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication The Yidiot’s Guide to Irish Jewish Ancestry; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: None

2011 activities: The further development of our web site WWW.irishjewishroots.com and to encourage everyone to make personal contact by phoning + 353 1 6773808 and the publication of The Yidiot’s Guide to Irish Jewish Ancestry. This guide as to where Jewish records may be sourced is a valuable time saving way of discovering a heritage which is fast disappearing. Copies may be ordered from Stuart Rosenblatt. srosenblatt@irishjewishroots.com £25 including postage.

The Israeli Institute for Genealogical Research and Study (TIIGRS)
Diana Fine-Sealtiel, Principal
IAJGS Member: No
Branches: None
Mission or primary activity: We specialize in Holocaust research for individuals and institutions, Dutch research, US research and research in Israel
Founded: 2000
Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: P.O. Box 3266, Holon 58132, Israel
Phone number: 972 (77) 752-1020
Primary Email: ns_tiigrs@bezeqint.net (Diana Fine Sealtiel)
Secondary Email: drsealtiel@bezeqint.net (David Robert Sealtiel)
Website: None; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A
Library or database: None

2011 activities: We work for a number of law offices to find proof of relationship for Holocaust victims’ heirs, as well as handling private research projects. We are available for consultation and lectures on the Holocaust, Jewish history and genealogy.

The Miriam Weiner Routes to Roots Foundation, Inc.
Miriam Weiner, Project Manager
IAJGS Member: No
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Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: Purpose of the Foundation: (1) Survey, study, research, inventory and document Jewish material, archives and Judaica in Eastern European archives; (2) Foster and promote the study and preservation of Jewish genealogical material; (3) Assemble, catalogue, publish and disseminate information from research and study of Jewish materials; (4) Compile, maintain and update library and/or archive of collections of Jewish historical, cultural and genealogical information; and (5) Sponsor educational lectures and seminars.

Founded: 1994

Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: 136 Sandpiper Key, Secaucus, NJ 07094 USA

Phone number: 1 (201) 866-4075

Primary Email: mweiner@routestoroots.com (Miriam Weiner)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.rtrfoundation.org; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: No

Publication None; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A

Library or database: None

2011 activities: None reported

Tucson Jewish Genealogy and Oral History Group - Note: no update received. Information shown is from prior Yearbook.

Andy Rosen, Coordinator

IAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: Tucson Jewish Genealogy and Oral History Group meets regularly at the JCC on second Sunday of each month. We’re an established group of Jewish genealogists and oral historians, many with years of experience and some of us very new. We welcome everyone with an interest in Genealogy and Oral History to participate. Experience is absolutely not required!

Founded: 2009

Membership count: 20; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: None

Phone number: 1 (520) 237-6470

Primary Email: arosen2@cox.net (Andy Rosen)
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Secondary Email: (None)
Website: None; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
Publication N/A; Frequency: N/A; Hardcopy: N/A; Email: N/A; Posted on Website: N/A
Library or database: None
2011 activities: Not reported

Utah Jewish Genealogical Society
Banai Lynn Feldstein, President
IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None
Mission or primary activity: To promote interest in Jewish genealogy; to locate, preserve and make accessible public and private Jewish genealogical records in Utah.
Founded: 2002
Membership count: 35; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A
Mailing address: 5173 Pieper Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT 84118 USA
Phone number: 1-801-432-0436
Primary Email: president@ujgs.org (Banai Lynn Feldstein)
Secondary Email: (None)
Website: http://www.ujgs.org; Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/UtahJGS; Twitter: http://twitter.com/#!/ujgs
Publication http://ujgs.org/blog/; Frequency: Varies; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: Y
Library or database: None
2011 activities: Five meetings with presentations by Banai Lynn Feldstein, Daniel Horowitz, Todd Knowles, Kahlile Mehr, Genealogy in the Round, and our first Library Research Night, where members gather at the Family History Library to do their research and receive expert advice from other members.

Western Massachusetts Jewish Genealogical Society
Joanne Saltman, President
IAJGS Member: Yes
Branches: None
Mission or primary activity: Provide resources and help for those tracing their family lineage. Provide activities to enhance knowledge and understanding of Jewish culture and history.

Founded: 2002

Membership count: 20; LISTSERV subscribers: 20; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: 26 Nutting Ave., Florence, MA 01062 USA

Phone number: 1 (413) 575-0526

Primary Email: WMJGS@aol.com (None)

Secondary Email: js24saltman@gmail.com (Joanne Saltman)

Website: http://www.wmjgs.org; Facebook: Yes; Twitter: No

Publication JGSGB sends us copies of MassPocha to distribute to our members. They include articles by our members as well as a schedule of our meetings.; Frequency: Quarterly; HARDCOPY: Y; Email: N; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: In 2005, WMJGS received funds from Harold Grinspoon Foundation, Arts and Culture Initiative, Springfield, MA, to purchase books for a Jewish genealogy resource center at the Forbes Library, Northampton, MA. It is now the largest collection of Jewish Genealogy reference books in Western Massachusetts.

2011 activities: Not reported

Wisconsin Jewish Genealogical Society
Marilyn Lane, President Penny Deshur, Alternate

IAJGS Member: Yes, but currently not in good standing.

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: Our goals are to help each other learn, to promote research, to aid Jewish genealogical education, to collect and preserve the records of our heritage and to publish our accomplishments for generations to come.

Founded: 1990

Membership count: 28; LISTSERV subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

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Phone number: 1 (414) 915-2306

Primary Email: merrilane@aol.com (Marylin Lane)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: None; Facebook: No; Twitter: No
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Publication Family Finding; Frequency: Semi-annually; Hardcopy: N; Email: Y; Posted on Website: N

Library or database: The Wisconsin Jewish Genealogical Society maintains a library at the Jewish Museum Milwaukee offices in the Milwaukee Jewish Federation building, 1360 N. Prospect Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202-3094. Accessibility by visitors during regular business hours has been increased by this new cooperative relationship.

2011 activities: We have put more emphasis on "cyber genealogical services" with increased involvement with the Milwaukee Jewish Museum. Our Online Query Assistance is proving popular. Several members help people with their personal genealogy research through the Milwaukee Jewish Museum website. In the first month of this newly offered service, we have received many requests and have been able to assist them all. We do some lookups as well as direct inquiries to available resources, many of which are online web sites. E-mail Genealogy Updates continue. Members of WJGS receive e-mail informational updates and new links to articles and news from the "genealogical world." Workshops continue to be offered in cooperation with the Milwaukee Jewish Museum.

Yad Vashem
   Avner Shalev, Chairman

LAJGS Member: No

Branches: None

Mission or primary activity: As the Jewish people’s living memorial to the Holocaust, Yad Vashem safeguards the memory of the past and imparts its meaning for future generations. Established in 1953, as the world center for documentation, research, education and commemoration of the Holocaust, Yad Vashem is today a dynamic and vital place of intergenerational and international encounter.

Founded: 1953

Membership count: N/A; Listserv subscribers: N/A; Blog subscribers: N/A

Mailing address: Yad Vashem, The Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, P.O.B. 3477, Jerusalem 91034 Israel

Phone number: 972 (2) 644-3400

Primary Email: General.information@yadvashem.org.il (None)

Secondary Email: (None)

Website: http://www.yadvashem.org; Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/yadvashem; Twitter: https://twitter.com/yadvashem

Publication Yad Vashem Jerusalem; Frequency: Quarterly; Hardcopy: Y; Email: N; Posted on Website: Y
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2011 activities: In 2011, Yad Vashem embarked on an Israeli national campaign, "Gathering the Fragments," an 11th hour campaign to rescue personal items from the Holocaust period. During the year 40,000 items were donated including 113 diaries, 268 works of art, 10,067 personal artifacts, 8,355 letters and 16,310 photographs. During the course of the year some 900,000 individuals visited Yad Vashem, 300,000 educators, soldiers and students from Israel and abroad took part in activities of the International School for Holocaust Studies, 4 million pages of documentation were added to the Archives (now totaling 142 million pages), and 12 million visits were recorded on Yad Vashem’s website. This year 4 new YouTube channels were launched, in Farsi, German and 2 channels containing the complete film track of the Eichmann trial – one in Hebrew and one with English simultaneous translation, joining the websites in Hebrew, English, Spanish, Arabic and Russian. The International Research Institute held 30 international research workshops and symposia and released some 40 publications. Yad Vashem recognized 555 individuals as Righteous Among the Nations. There are now more than 24,300 individuals that have received the honor.
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