President’s Report

Marlis Humphrey
IAJGS President

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS
PROMOTING OUR SOCIETIES

JEWISH ROOTS?
OUR MEMBER SOCIETIES CAN HELP

1. Interviews & Networking
2. DNA Tests & Studies
3. Jewish Names Research
4. Local Research
5. Overseas Research

- From Beginners to Advanced
- Local Meetings & Events
- Annual International Conference
- Discover Your Family History
- Join us on Facebook and Twitter

International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies | www.iajgs.org
FIND YOUR JEWISH ROOTS
"The Nuts & Bolts of Jewish Genealogy"
Kenneth Bravo
RT2444

Thu 2/4
4:30 pm
Room 251D

WIN!
"Getting Started Kit"

15 Minute Presentation
Fri 2/5
1:00 pm
Expo Hall Demo Theater
HEADSTONES

HEBREW TRANSLATION

“Here lies Avraham Moshe ben (son of) Yirmiyahu

Who died during the days of
Passover 5731

May his soul be bound up in the
bonds of eternal life.”
## PROMOTING OUR SOCIETIES

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PROVIDING YOU WITH NEW LEADS

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Conference attendees in Seattle are NOT affiliated with a JGS
JEWISH COMMUNITIES OUTREACH
Society Locations

Argentina  USA IL
Australia   USA IN
Belgium    USA MA
Canada     USA MD
Denmark    USA ME
France     USA MI
Germany    USA MN
Great Britain USA MD
Israel     USA NC
India      USA NJ
Jamaica    USA NV
South Africa USA NY
Sweden     USA OH
Switzerland USA OK
USA AZ     USA OR
USA CA     USA PA
USA CO     USA TX
USA CT     USA UT
USA DC     USA WA
USA FL     USA WI
USA GA     Venezuela

Jewish genealogy is a proven way to inspire and connect many Jewish people who have been previously unengaged in Jewish life.

— L.E., Denver

I want to leave a family tree to my grandchildren that links them to me and to our ancestors.

— M.H., Orlando

Genealogy is elemental to the Jewish experience. The Torah is the foundation which inspires us to bear witness to the lives of our ancestors and preserve their voices for future generations.

— R.G., New York

For more information
info@jgsio.org
407 494-4230

Bring the World of Jewish Ancestry to Your Members

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Choosing a Family Discovery Offering

Partner with your local Jewish Genealogical Society and develop a creative Pilot Initiative centered on researching family history. Following is a sampling of collaborative initiatives run 100% by genealogy society volunteers.

Join the local Jewish community and prepare your membership for the 37th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy. Bring the JGSGO led Workshops to your members and prospective members. Start them on discovering their Jewish ancestors.

Pilot Initiatives

**FAMILY DISCOVERY PROGRAMS-IN-A-BOX** We supply programs such as “What’s Jewish about Jewish Genealogy” or “Test Your DNA and Unveil a Family Tree”

**GENEALOGIST IN RESIDENCE** We assign a local genealogist to your organization to provide individual or group consultations

**MULTIGENERATIONAL PROGRAMS** Paired elders and young work together on family history projects

**FAMILY HISTORY DAY FAIR** Provide a day of genealogy, DNA testing, database demonstrations, video recordings, kid activities, crafts, etc.

**KIPPLE EXHIBIT** Host a “From Generation to Generation Showcase” in your gallery

**RECORD YOUR FAMILY HISTORY** IGS volunteers record oral histories before they are lost

**RESERVE ONLINE** Create an all-member online family tree and look for relationships

**HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM** Students learn about the Holocaust by indexing historical records through the World Memory Project

Workshops

**CREATE A BASELINE** How to start building your family tree

**DNA PRIMER** Who to test, where to test, and how to analyze the results

**GET CONNECTED** Where to contact experts, learn methodologies and what records are available, and get your questions answered

**CONDUCT U.S. RESEARCH** Methods to learn the ancestral names and town names in the old country

**JEWISH NAMES** Greek and name elements, variations, meanings, and traditions

**BOUNDARIES** Historical changes in the Pale

**CONDUCT ANCESTRY RESEARCH** How to research locations overseas

**FAMILY TREE DATABASE** How to use Ancestry, MyHeritage, and others

**HOLocaust** How to research those who perished and those who survived
“MORE MEMBERS, LESS TIME”
The Illiana Jewish Genealogical Society (IJGS) is comprised of people researching their Jewish roots—people whose families came to the United States from all parts of the world. Most are Jewish, some are not, but they seek to reclaim the history of some Jewish ancestry. Usually they live in Illinois or Northwest Indiana. However, IJGS has members from all over the country.
TAKING THE CONFERENCE TO NEW PLACES

GEOGRAPHICALLY

IN THE WAY WE EDUCATE
AND…

- Financial Reporting Improvements
- Metrics Phase 1
- Conflict of Interest Signed by Our Board Members
- Policies & Procedures Review & 1st Draft
- Awards Program Improvements
- Cemeteries Database Improvement Plan
WHERE ARE WE?
MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Member Societies

Members of Members
WHAT WE MIGHT KNOW

http://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=4141

Survey results indicate genealogists join societies for camaraderie

Posted on July 24, 2014 by Gail Dever

Are you listening, genealogical societies? Here are the results to last week's survey question: What are the most important factors that make you decide to join a genealogy society?

Background
Due to publicity on blogs, Facebook, and Twitter, 490 people participated in the survey that provided 37 multiple-choice answers. More than 40 people checked the Other box and provided additional responses.

http://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=4585

Survey results indicate people leave societies because little value offered

Posted on August 15, 2014 by Gail Dever

While the most important reason to join a genealogy society may be camaraderie, the top reason people decide not to renew their membership has less to do with networking with people and learning from other genealogists and more to do with what they receive for the cost of their membership.

According to the results of last week's survey, What were the main reasons you did not renew your genealogy society membership?, the number one
WHAT WE DON’T KNOW
THE “CASUALLY CURIOUS”

- HOW TO FIND THEM?
- HOW TO REACH THEM?
- WHY DON’T THEY JOIN?
- WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT?
PLANS

BRANDING PHASE 2

CONFERENCE-IN-A-BOX

OUTREACH TOOLS & PLAYBOOKS

“CASUALLY CURIOUS” STUDY

MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
THE 2 YEAR VISION

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

• 20% aggregate membership
• 50% increase in new societies worldwide
• 10 year decrease in median age of members

SOCIETY CAPABILITIES

• None below critical mass
• Casually Curious know-how
• On Society 2.0 platforms
• “More members, less time”

CONFERENCE 2.0

• 2,000 person conference
• LIVE! remote becomes interactive
• General->Specific
• Genetic Genealogy, StoryTelling, Standards come to the forefront

THE WHOLE IS GREATER THAN...

• Unleash the potential of the collective network to tackle game changing projects Jewish genealogy.
## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

### Posts
- **Webmaster**: Banai Feldstein
- **Lists Administrator**: Daniel Horowitz
- **Leadership Forum Co-Moderator**: Merle Kastner
- **Leadership Forum Co-Moderator**: Mark Nicholls
- **Records Access Alerts Moderator**: Mark Nicholls
- **Webinar Organizer**: Daniel Horowitz
- **Webinar Organizer**: Marlis Humphrey
- **Webinar Organizer**: Garri Regev
- **Webinar Organizer**: Mark Nicholls
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- **Cemetery Project Co-ordinator**: Ellen Sadove Renck
- **Cemetery Project Webmaster**: Kitty Munson Cooper
- **Technology Coordinator**: Ken Bravo
- **Social Media Coordinator**: Doug Cohen
- **IAJGS Salutes Committee**: Mark Nicholls
- **Strategic Planning Committee**: Jeanette Rosenberg
- **WDYTYA?Live! Booth Organizer**: Jeanette Rosenberg

### Committees

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- **Chair**: Jan Meisels Allen
- **Member**: Paul Silverstone
- **Member**: Marlis Humphrey (ex-officio)

#### MDC
- **Chair**: Mark Nicholls
- **Member**: Janette Silverman
- **Member**: Daniel Dratwa
- **Member**: Merle Kastner
- **Member**: Barbara Hershey
- **Member**: Carol Shkolnik
- **Member**: Chuck Weinstein
- **Member**: Debbie Long

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- **Co-Chair**: Jeanette Rosenberg
- **Member**: Bruno Bloch
- **Member**: Catherine Youngren

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- **Chair**: Ken Bravo
- **Member**: Doug Cohen
- **Member**: Mark Nicholls
- **Member**: Amy Wachs

#### Bylaws Revision Committee
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- **Member**: Hal Bookbinder
- **Member**: Amy Wachs

### RootsTech 2016
- **Chair**: Mark Nicholls
- **Member**: Lara Diamond
- **Member**: Jan Meisels Allen
- **Member**: Bliss Mehr
- **Member**: Marlis Humphrey
- **Member**: Ken Bravo
- **Member**: Gary Bowen
- **Member**: Beth Long
- **Member**: Todd Knowles
- **Member**: Annasophia Clark
- **Member**: Eugene Alpert

### Stern Grant 2016
- **Chair**: Mark Halpern
- **Member**: Daniel Dratwa
- **Member**: Emily Garber

### Nominations 2016
- **Chair**: Lara Diamond
- **Member**: Merle Kastner
- **Member**: Ken Bravo

### Achievement Awards 2016
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- **Member**: Debbie Wang
- **Member**: Leigh Dworkin
- **Member**: Shipley Munson
- **Member**: Garri Regev
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|                                      |                                            | Jen Mohr Morse                  |

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THANK YOU!

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