

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

The Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County (JGSCV) will hold a **Zoom** meeting, Sunday, July 11, 2021 1:30-3:30 p.m. Open only to JGSCV members (see below for membership app). Ask the Experts/Schmoozing Corner begins at 1:10 PM **Zoom link will be emailed to members a few days before the meeting.**



The Program: The JDC Archives as an Online Resource for Jewish Genealogy



The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC; popularly, "the Joint") has borne witness to pivotal events of twentieth-century Jewish history. The JDC Archives has established a prominent online presence, with 3.6 million pages of text collections, 75,000 photographs, and an index of more than 600,000 names digitally available via a searchable database that has become a major resource for those researching their family history. In this presentation, Jeff Edelstein, Digital Initiatives Manager, will provide an overview of the content of the JDC Archives website (archives.jdc.org), Names Index, and collections database. Participants will learn how the site is organized; review documents in the Names Index, including recently indexed lists; view examples of genealogical records, photos, and film clips; and discover how to conduct searches in its online databases.

Speaker: Jeff Edelstein is the digital initiatives manager at the JDC Archives, where his responsibilities include management of the collections database and website, the digitization of text collections, and the JDC Archives Names Indexing Project. Prior to his arrival at JDC in 2013, he had a long career in academic reference publishing, culminating as project director of The YIVO Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe. He has presented on digital resources of the JDC Archives at numerous conferences and workshops, including IAJGS, IGRA, the Association of Jewish Libraries, the Association of Jewish Studies, EVA Minerva, and the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI).

There is no charge to attend the meeting. Anyone may join JGSCV. Annual dues are \$30 for an individual and \$35 for a family. Anyone may join JGSCV <https://www.jgscv.org/pdf/membership%20application.pdf>

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