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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We hope you are well and safe!

With California opening up this week, we still have some precautions to observe and our meetings will continue to be virtual probably throughout this year. The Temple is holding a meeting about outside groups meeting there and the executive director has told me I will be invited—but the meeting will probably not be until the Fall. For planning purposes for now, assume we will continue to meet by Zoom throughout the year. I have booked our December speaker, the executive director of the Arolsen Archives who is in Germany, so that fits with having that meeting also by Zoom.

On June 6th JGSCV was privileged to have Garri Regev, President of the Israel Genealogy Research Association (IGRA) talk to us. When this was booked she was in Israel, but when we had our meeting Garri was in California visiting with her kids so she didn't have to get up at 11:30 PM Israel time to talk with us! Garri's handout is on our website <https://jgscv.org/meetings-prior.html> See page 6 for the highlights of the program.

Thank you to Hal Bookbinder for facilitating the 'ask the experts' session. This part of the meeting allows members to ask questions on any topic before the meeting begins which is facilitated by a senior JGSCV member.

Our August meeting is being held slightly later than usual due to the IAJGS virtual conference August 1-5, 2021. We are not meeting in September due to all the Jewish holidays. Our August 15 meeting will be our annual *Genealogy in the Round* where members can share a success, brick wall, failure etc. Thus far, only two people have signed up for Genealogy in the Round: David Oseas and myself. Two people do not make a program. With 15 months of the pandemic



JGSCV's June speaker Garri Regev,
President of the Israel Genealogy
Research Association (IGRA)

NEXT MEETING

Sunday July 11th 1:30-3:30 PM

Members only ZOOM!

**JDC Archives as a Jewish
Genealogy Resource**



Jeff Edelstein is the digital initiatives manager at the JDC Archives where he is responsible for managing the collections database, the collections website, the digitization of text collections, and the JDC Archives Names Indexing Project.

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JGSCV is a non-profit organization run by enthusiastic volunteers dedicated to the sharing of genealogical information, techniques and research tools with those interested in Jewish genealogy and family history. Members who include beginners and experienced genealogists share with each other.

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many of us spent time on our genealogy and so I hope we can have at least 6-7 of you share your findings, success or brickwalls! Please contact me if you wish to participate. This program is always a hit and yet I always worry about not having enough participants.

WE NEED YOU!

JGSCV needs YOUR assistance!

The next issue of *Venturing Into Our Past* could be the last one unless you step up and volunteer to become its new editor. Allan gave the board his notice of resignation in February for six-months which means the August issue is his last one as editor. The newsletter is a critical instrument of our society. We need to fill this position now so they can work with Allan during his last month for the transition. Anyone who is interested in becoming the editor please contact me at: president@jgscv.org



See Hal Bookbinder's story about Dora Harrison Bookbinder, on page 14. This is your society's newsletter and we want as many of you as possible to write something to share in the newsletter. If you need assistance, Allan is eager to help. While we rely on your dues to operate, we also need additional revenue to keep up with what we do. There are two opportunities further to assist your society. First, by shopping at Ralph's or Food for Less and listing JGSCV as your charity of choice. And second, when shopping at Amazon please do so through the Amazon Smile program. Neither of these opportunities cost you any additional money and both result in contributions to JGSCV. We just received Ralph's (Kroger's) quarterly contribution of \$103.83 representing only 23 households out of 149-certainly more can do some occasional shopping at Ralphs or Food for Less and register beforehand so that JGSCV gets the contribution. Go to [noteworthy https://jgscv.org/noteworthy.html](https://jgscv.org/noteworthy.html) for more information.

The IAJGS Conference will be virtual August 1-5, 2021 with live-streaming and pre-recorded sessions on all the proposed themes. There will be an Expo Hall for exhibitors and sponsors, a Resource Library for at-home research. Registration for the 2021 IAJGS Virtual Conference is open and costs \$325. There is more information on page 13 and on the conference website: <https://s4.goeshow.com/iajgs/annual/2021/index.cfm>

Hal Bookbinder continues with his Practicing Safe Computing Series, "Protecting Your Credentials" on page 11. This is number sixty-eight in this most interesting and informative series.

JGSCV is still operating on the COVID-19 restrictions and our July 11 meeting will be by Zoom with our speaker Jeff Edelstein, digital initiatives manager of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (the Joint) talking about the JDC Archives as an Online Resource for Jewish Genealogy. See meeting notice on page 4. Handout for this meeting is posted at <https://jgscv.org/meetings.html>

Have an enjoyable July 4th holiday!

Stay well and stay safe!



Jan Meisels Allen

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Often when you think you're at the end of something,
you're at the beginning of something else. - Fred Rogers

Lebanon and the Jews of Sidon

The Museum of the Diaspora outside Tel Aviv has a website that includes cities with Jewish populations, past and present. Sidon, the third largest city in Lebanon, and south of Beirut has a history of Jewish residents dating back to 833 CE when the first synagogue was built. The last Jews left Sidon in 1985 when the Israel army withdrew from Lebanon.

<https://dbs.anumuseum.org.il/skn/en/c6/e253864/Place/Sidon>

Asylums as Research Topic

Looking for an ancestor who was hospitalized for Tuberculosis? Mental illness? Went to Reform school? *Asylum Projects* was created to help in the historical research of any institutions that can be classified as an asylum. It was established for serious researchers, those who are doing genealogical research, and people with an interest in asylums. The mission of *Asylum Projects* is to archive both historical and current information on asylums across the United States and around the world. Find them at asylumprojects.org and on Facebook [facebook.com/AsylumProjects/](https://www.facebook.com/AsylumProjects/)

Colorized photos from 1901 New York

Photochrom was a coloring process from the 1880s that allowed postcard publishers to print color reproductions for their inventory. (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Photochrom>) While current color processes are digital-based, Photochrom colorized locations using print methods, allowing us to *see colors of the same time frame as the photo when it was taken*. Again, on *Rare Historical Photos*, there are some remarkable 1901 photochroms of the Lower East side of New York which really bring that era to life. Not a movie set, but the real thing.

Enjoy at <https://rarehistoricalphotos.com/photochrom-new-york-city/>

Unified Search on JewishGen.org

When doing a search on Jewishgen.org, try the Unified search for your town OR surname. The Unified search will access all mention of your search term in a variety of locations. For example, on marriage records there is a reference to parents' residence or groom's birthplace, even if the wedding is in another region. Yefim Kogan of Bessarabia Research wrote that "the idea that Jews lived in a small shtetl and did not move is just a myth. To the contrary, Jews traveled short and long distances to get jobs, marry, study, shop or trade." <https://www.jewishgen.org/>



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

hold a **Zoom Meeting: Sunday, July 11, 2021 1:30-3:30 p.m.**

Open only to JGSCV Members (see below for membership application link)

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).



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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>

JGSCV Updates

NEW ADDITIONS to the JGSCV Libraries

Since we reported in the June 2021 newsletter, the following books have been added to the JGSCV permanent library by JGSV member *Ann Harris*. If you have genealogically relevant books that you would like to donate, please contact Jan Meisels Allen at president@JGSCV.org. The books in the traveling library are categorized A, B, C or D. Those without a letter categorization are in our Permanent Library. The majority of our books are now housed at the Agoura Hills Library (see new, partially opened hours below), a branch of the Los Angeles County Public Library. A full list of all of our permanent and traveling library holdings may be found on the website: www.jgscv.org.

ANN HARRIS BOOKS Donated for JGSCV Permanent Library

Dobromil: Life in a Galician Shtetl 1890-1907 by Saul Miller 90 pp English and also the original text in Yiddish Hard cover Lowenthal Press New York, NY 1980

From a Ruined Garden The Memorial Books of Polish Jewry paper 5 x 8 337 pages edited by Jack Kugelmass and Jonathan Boyardin Second Expanded Edition Indiana University Press
Bloomington, IN 1988

Genealogy Presentations Philip and Irene Mayer Paper 100 pp 8 ½ x 11 Group National Publishing, LLC Pueblo CO 2010

How To Find Naturalization Records Elaine Alexander Spiral bound 115 pp 8 ½ x 11 Delphic Press Los Angeles, CA First Ed. 2004

Noah the Water Carrier and Other Stories 5 x 8 Paper by Joe Lumer 100 pp iUniverse, Inc. Lincoln, NE 2006

Nothing Makes You Free: Writings by Descendants of Holocaust Survivors, Melvin Julius Bukiet Editor 6 x 9 hardcover 400 pp W.W. Norton Company New York, NY 2002

Silent Places: Landscapes of Jewish Life and Loss in Eastern Europe by Jeffrey Gusky 10 x 10 Photos and commentary, unnumbered. Hard cover The Overlook Press, Peter Meyer Publishers Inc. Woodstock, NY 2003

The Hidden Life of Otto Frank by Carol Ann Lee 6 x 9 hard cover 400 pages Harper- Collins Books First US edition Summit Books New York, NY 1983

The Precious Legacy: Judaic Treasures from the Czechoslovak State Collections, Edited by David Altshuler 8 x 10 paper 275 pp Summit Books New York, NY 1983

Websters New World Hebrew Dictionary Hebrew-English and English Hebrew paper 6 x 9 800 pp Wiley Publishing Cleveland, OH 1992

NOTE: The Agoura Hills Library has partially reopened. Library hours are: Tue: 1 – 8 pm; Wed – Sat: 11 am – 6 pm. For more information call the library at: 818-889-2278.

Highlights from: Want to Research Family in Israel?- Helpful Resources

By Jan Meisels Allen

On June 6, JGSCV members were fortunate to have Garri Regev (screen shot below) President of the Israel Genealogy Research Association



(IGRA) talk with us about researching family in Israel. Doing family research for records in

Israel can be daunting. More records are available now than ever before. Much of your research can now be done online. Understand the kinds of records possible to locate and where you may want to focus your efforts. Consider alternatives to vital records and learn how you can create a vivid picture of how your ancestors lived in Israel.

At the beginning of Garri's presentation, having heard us talk about the JGSCV cook book, and the need for ancestors' recipes, related that her live lecture in the participation in the 10th IAJGS conference was on gastronomic genealogy!

She also mentioned her Zoom background photograph is a gate from a building in St. Petersburg which is connected to her family and where her grandfather was before he immigrated to the United States in 1908. Garri has since provided a handout which is on our website under meetings prior with the June 6, 2021 date: <https://jgscv.org/meetings-prior.html>.

When thinking about genealogy and family research there are all kinds of different components that make up the history and the types of records that would be of interest to you and your family for future generations: births, deaths, marriages, census, military, newspapers, the Shoah etc.

Israel's Three Record Periods

One might expect to find the types of records we are used to obtaining, vital records, census records and finding relatives living next door to your family listed in the census. etc. That would be wrong!

Israel has a 70-year privacy requirement for confidentiality in vital records as well as identification numbers. Since Israel is only 73 years old it has not released any birth, marriage or death certificates since statehood. Census records also have not been released following statehood. They are starting to review how that will be handled as the privacy embargo for the early records is approaching its end.

However, in Israel there are three record periods:

- Ottoman Period –anything up until 1917
- British mandate period 1917-1948
- Israel as a state 1948-current

During the Ottoman Period there are five Montefiore Censuses between 1839-1875; and other types of listings such as baptisms but which include residents listed as "Israelites".

During the British Mandate of 1917-1948 one can find a voter list such as the Tel Aviv Voter list for 1936. This would have names, first and last, father's first name, sex, age if they were Ashkenazi or Sephardic and an address. There is an absence of uniformity each city/community had different kinds of a listing.

Name changes lists are also available. The lists were registered at the Office of the Commissioner for Migration and Statistics. Once the list was made, it was put into public directories. It gives the old given and surnames and the new names. The lists also provide information on where the person was from – their nationality – and where they are currently living. The lists were in English until close to

PUBLIC NOTICE
PERSONS CHANGING THEIR NAMES.

The following changes of names have been registered at the office of the Commissioner for Migration and Statistics.

Old Name		New Name		Nationality	Address
Surname	Other names	Surname	Other names		
Andorn	Ludwig	Andorn	Yehuda	German	Mayer Shefeva Haifa
Brauner	Wolf Lejb	Binjamini	Zew	Polish	Haifa
Bronstein	Markus	Ardon	Mordekhai	Undefined	Jerusalem
Bronstein	Marja	Ardon	Miriam	Undefined	Jerusalem
Bronstein	Mikhal	Ardon	Mikhael	Undefined	Jerusalem
Bursztenschmacher	Abram	Inbari	Abraham	Polish	Haifa

when Israel became a state and since then they are in Hebrew.

Garri said during the Mandate Period they have close to 50,000 marriage certificates that the Israel State Archives asked IGRA to help catalog and index. This is one of the few things that could be considered a vital record. The collection is not 100% complete but gives a good effort for this type of record and is being added to. The headings are both in English and Hebrew while the actual listing of where marriage occurred, the date is only in Hebrew. The information gives the names of bride and groom, names of the parents, where the marriage took place, the date of marriage, current residence, and names of witnesses.

Another type of record found on MyHeritage, not IGRA, are the Mandatory Palestine Naturalization Applications 1937-1947. (Note: MyHeritage is a subscription service. Access to most records on IGRA are available only with an IGRA subscription.)

MyHeritage has over 200,000 of this type of record which has information on name, place and year of birth, nationality, occupation, spouse's name and their date and place of birth and nationality. Some also include photographs of the person. MyHeritage has transcribed the records so it is also available in English when the record is not already in English.

What Do We Do Instead of Vital Records?

The name changes documents from the "state" period are public documents that can be found in several libraries.

There are also lists of Medical Practitioners, other candidates, and candidates for different offices and licensure lists which are placed in public domain documents. The documents do not provide an abundance of information but they do provide names and some basic information.

Name Changes 1954

שם הישנה		שם החדש	
שם הישנה	שם החדש	שם הישנה	שם החדש
בן דוד (כרמון)	יעקב	כרמי	יעקב
בן דוד (כרמון)	בדוליה	כרמי	בדוליה
בן יעקב	נאוו	צ'יפולס	נאוו
בן סוסן	שמואל	בן שושן	שמואל
בן סוסן	אסתר	בן שושן	אסתר
בעלאל	חנינה	בעלאל	חנינה
ברבי	אנשו	ברבי	אנשו
ברקוביץ	ניח	ברקוביץ	ניח
ברנמן	חיה	ברנמן	חיה
גמירין	ארינסט	גמירין	ארינסט
גובוסן	בריה	גובוסן	בריה
גמשי	פריחה	גמשי	פריחה

Where May the Documents be Found?

Israel has many archives and each city and kibbutz have its own set of documents. Many organizations are beginning to digitize their holdings to make them more available, however, not everything that is digitized is available online. In many cases where the records were digitized there is no index.

Garri gave a summary of what is available in the different archives. Below is a sample from two archives.

Other archives, such as municipal archives and the Central Archives of the History of Jewish People were also discussed. The Central Archives of the History of the Jewish People is moving from the campus of Hebrew University to the National Library in its new home in about a year, near the Knesset. The Central Archives of the History of Jewish People records are organized by community from all over the world not just Israel. As the records are in the vernacular of the particular country you may need a “cheat” sheet to help you decipher the words.

Garri reviewed a number of other potential resources:

Yad Vashem; The National Library of Israel, Historical Jewish Press, Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi, Jaobotinsky Institute of Israel, and ANU the Museum of the Jewish People formerly known as

FamilySearch, Find A Grave, Gravez, JewishGen, and MyHeritage. For help in finding gravestones, Billion Graves is the biggest, which went with MyHeritage and volunteers and digitally documented cemeteries in Israel. Additional names will need to be added since the end of the project. Through Billion Graves and MyHeritage one should be able to find a good percentage of the tombstones within in the state of Israel. The City of David website has a good representation of tombstones in the Mount of Olives Cemetery in Jerusalem. Find A Grave is less popular for finding tombstones in Israel. The website Gravez also has tombstones.

There are many websites that deal with the Army, however, information on Army service may not be available due to Army regulations.

Israel’s Genealogy Societies

Israel has two major genealogy societies: Israel Genealogy Research Association and Israel Genealogical Society (IGS). IGS’s website is specifically in Hebrew (www.isragen.org.il) with

Israel State Archives	Central Zionist Archives*
Many documents are scanned and on their website	Many documents scanned but only available on intranet. Most records are in Hebrew, some English or others
Documents from British Mandate (Country wide voter lists, immigration, marriage), some Ottoman and State of Israel	Voter Lists – Cities & settlements pre-State, immigration, Illegal Immigration...
Documents not all available by name index, English interface is only partial on website (website is being updated)	Documents not available by name index
Reading Room is not currently accessible	English interface is weak
Documents in Hebrew or English (or other)	Reading Room not currently accessible, Hebrew is necessary
Research questions are answered in time	Research questions are answered for a fee
	*In temporary headquarters for next 2 years

Beit Hatfutsot.

She also went over different websites that would be helpful: Compendium of Jewish Genealogy, Ancestry, Billion Graves, City of David, Facebook, July 2021

some items in English. However, IGS has not updated their databases in the last 10 years. IGRA has built up a large database which

continues to grow annually (<https://genealogy.org.il/>).

Archives outside of Israel also address Israel: The American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), The (UK) Montefiore Endowment, The (UK) National Archives, Library of Congress and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

The Israel Genealogy Research Association (IGRA) has a register button requesting some information. Afterwards you can research

IGRA also has an All Israel Database which includes approximately two million records. The information is divided by the three different time periods mentioned above, and a miscellaneous category. With the search box you can enter a given and surname in either English or Hebrew. Results will also be given in both English and Hebrew. The site has different filters: record type, record repository, record database and others. There is a virtual keyboard to assist those who are not able to type in Hebrew characters.

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directly with your username and password. There is a menu bar on the top to help navigate the website. On the website are a collection of articles that are available—older ones are available to the public; newer articles are restricted to paid-IGRA members-only. The majority of the articles are in English. Their website also has videos and webinars that have been done recently. Webinar recordings are available to the general public and after two weeks are restricted to paid IGRA members-only. There are also focused, shorter videos called Show and Tell—30-minute videos. These are available to anyone registered on the website.

The IGRA website also has a whole section of resources—not all are focused on Israel. There are research guides for each area of the world on the website.

In addition, IGRA's website has many links to doing research in Israel—many of them are finding aides. These links are aside from the All Israel Database. For ease of use, the compilation of Israel resources is in alphabetical order on the website. The websites are hypertext linked therefore, clicking on the link takes one directly to the archive mentioned.

It was suggested to place the search name in both English and Hebrew (separately) as some results may vary. If there are images along with the documents there is an icon on the right of the results that indicate an image. Jeffrey Malka has shared the information from SephardicGen, however, those records do not have images. If you are dues paying member you can access the records. If you are not a dues-paid IGRA member then you get a window suggesting you join IGRA.

Note: Some of their images are "heavy" and may take time to load. The image will tell you where the document came from.

If you need to have a Hebrew word translated it was suggested to use Google translate <https://translate.google.com/>. Copy the word (CTRL C) and paste the word into the left side of the box- but remember to click the down arrow for Hebrew and on the right side of screen click on English.

Cemetery Information

Before Billion Graves did their survey of gravesites, IGRA had done some of their own research and has photographs of those gravestones. This is available to non-IGRA members. The website may also have some records from Billion Graves without the photograph. However, at the bottom of the

record page about that grave there is a link for more information and it will take one directly to that gravestone on the Billion Grave website.

At the bottom of the page for the search are links for additional genealogy websites that might have information about the person, this includes the Israel Telephone Directory.

IGRA Membership

Garri encouraged JGSCV members to join IGRA. On their website homepage is information on how to join. The cost is \$45.00 USD for an out-of-Israel resident. Their membership year is similar to JGSCV's January through December but by joining in October, one gets 15-months for the price of 12.

There was a question on telephone directories. IGRA has the 1963 Telephone directory. Garri reminded us that in the early 1970's and before phones were not very common. Therefore, earlier directories provided a very small percentage of the residents at the time. There were some directories of where people lived although they did not own a telephone- and these go back to the 1930s and 1940s and are available through at IGRA.

Hal asked how complete the current telephone directories are, and whether people are permitted not to have themselves listed. They are permitted not to be listed. A large proportion of Israelis have given up their landline home

phones for their cellular phones. There are no directories for cellular phones.

Garri reminded us to check alternate spellings when searching. She recommended using the phonetic spelling box in many instances as the way people hear and how the name is written are different.

Marion asked about a relative and if she could find out how he died as she can't access the death certificate. Garri suggested looking at the historical press for possible obituaries and articles. In the Orthodox community the billboards are plastered with notices of death but will not provide any information as to the cause of death.

Mediterranean Basin is a project currently being worked on by IGRA for North Africa, Turkey etc. These countries do not have the kinds of repositories that permit gathering of materials and indexing them. Currently, they are accessing the Alliance Israelite Universale Schools records in, Morocco and Tangiers. The information on IGRA is not comprehensive, that is covering everything, rather it is a smattering of what is available.

Garri answered many questions and was gracious to look up JGSCV members' names in the IGRA search box to show if there were records for their family.

Garri Regev who has lived in Israel since 1978 and has been doing genealogical research for over 25 years. She has taught seminars, webinars and courses in Genealogy to a variety of adult groups, seminars at the Central Zionist Archives, David Yellin College and Yad Vashem. In addition, she has spoken at nine IAJGS Conferences and was involved in programming and running the 2015 IAJGS Conference in Jerusalem. She is a founding member and President of IGRA (Israel Genealogy Research Association) from 2012-2016 and began another term as President in 2020. Garri currently volunteers at the Genealogy Center at the National Library of Israel and at the Central Zionist Archives and serves as a Director on the Board of LitvakSIG.



Practicing Safe Computing

#68: "Protecting Your Credentials"

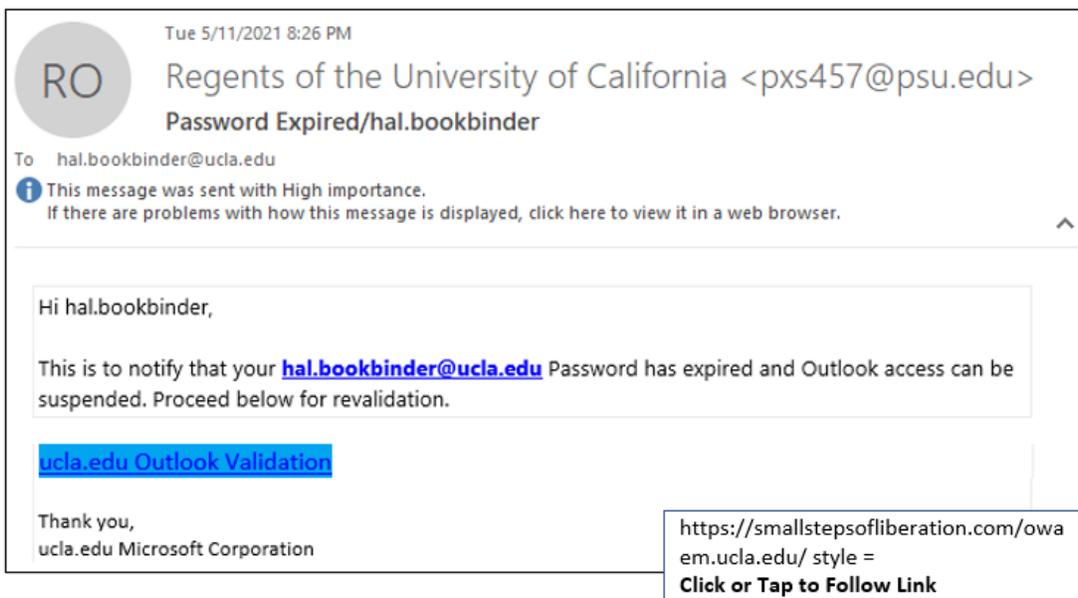
By Hal Bookbinder



Be cautious when notified that your password has expired or has been compromised and that you must immediately change it.

Having worked for UCLA for 24 years and as a retired UCLA employee, I routinely receive emails from the University. However, this email from the "Regents of the University of California" is bogus. 'psu.edu' is not even a University of California domain. In fact, the domain 'psu.edu' belongs to Penn State University. It appears that a cybercriminal found an exposed Penn State email address and spoofed it.

If I had gone to the link, I would have been presented with an official-looking page to update my UCLA credentials. I would be asked to identify myself by first entering my current ID and password. Likely, it would then display an "error message" letting me know that my request could not be processed and to try again later. All this would look quite official.



When I hover over the link, [ucla.edu Outlook Validation](#) this is what pops up.



You know the punch line; cybercriminals now have my actual ID and password. Be suspicious of any link in an email you did not request. Before you click on it, hover over it to see where it will actually take you. Then, DO NOT DO IT! If you feel it might be legitimate, close the email and log into the site as you would normally do so and only then update your credentials.

If you do fall for it (and you are not the first and will certainly not be the last), immediately go the site whose credentials you just gave away and update your password. If you use that password on any other sites, update them as well. Don't wait for the criminals to sell your credentials on the dark web!

This is the sixty eighth in a series of articles by JGSCV founding member Hal Bookbinder. Hal is also a Past President of JGSLA and IAJGS. He is the 2010 recipient of the IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award and his online skills are well documented. All the Safe Computing articles by Hal Bookbinder are available on the JGSCV website www.jgscv.org under Noteworthy.

Genealogy Odds and Ends

New and Updated Records at Ancestry.com



U.S. Obituary Collection 1930-Current

U.S. Cemetery and Funeral Home Collection 1847-Current

U.S. Atlantic Ports Arriving and Departing Passenger and Crew Lists, 1820-1959

U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947

New York Death Index, 1852-1956

New Jersey Wills and Probate Records, 1739-1991

Michigan Death Records 1897-1929

Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635-1991

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IAJGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

AUGUST 1-5, 2021



The IAJGS Conference will be virtual August 1-5, 2021 with live-streaming and pre-recorded sessions on all the proposed themes. There will be a virtual Expo Hall for exhibitors and sponsors, a Resource Library for at-home research. See below for Registration Fees and go here for updates:

<https://s4.goeshow.com/iajgs/annual/2021/index.cfm>

You can now see the schedule for Live-Stream lectures, SIG/BOF programs and On-Demand lectures.

There are several different Registration categories available.

- Full Conference registration allows access to all sessions, meetings, and presentations for one fee.
- Limited Access permits attendance at SIG, BOF, Research District, and Research Group meetings and the IAJGS Annual Meeting and the JewishGen2021 Annual Meeting only. Based on the fee selected, there is a choice of one or more meetings.
- Free Access allows attendance to only the IAJGS 2021 Annual Meeting, the JewishGen 2021 Annual Meeting, and the IAJGS-sponsored JGS Management Seminars.

The conference will feature over 50 live-stream presentations and more than 100 pre-recorded, on-demand video presentations covering virtually every aspect of Jewish genealogy.

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Type	Fee
Full Conference Attendee/Speaker	\$325
Spouse/Domestic Partner	\$75
Limited Access Attendee: 1 Meeting	\$10
Limited Access Attendee: 2+ Meetings	\$18
Free Access	Complimentary

JGSCV MEMBERS' FAMILY STORIES

Hal Bookbinder writes about *Dora Bookbinder* and her journey to become a US citizen

By Hal Bookbinder

This Petition for Citizenship has a world of genealogical information. It was filed by Dora Bookbinder in 1935 in which she renounced allegiance to King George V to reclaim her American citizenship. The details show that she was born in Jerusalem and came to this country as a toddler in 1896. Her father, Mendel Harrison, was naturalized in 1901. As an eight-year-old, she became an American citizen by virtue of her father's naturalization.

Yet, here we see that in 1935 that she is petitioning for citizenship. What could have happened in the interim? The issue was her marriage to Julius Bookbinder in 1920. Julius was an alien and based on the citizenship law passed in 1907, women's citizenship was determined by the citizenship of the husband. That law was not changed until 1922 and she was caught.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 5-202794
PETITION FOR CITIZENSHIP No.

To the Honorable the U. S. District Court of Eastern District of Brooklyn, NY
The petition of Dora Jenna Bookbinder, hereby filed, respectfully shows:

(1) My place of residence is 186 Kosciusko St. Brooklyn NY (2) My occupation is housewife
(3) I was born in Jerusalem Palestine on September 6, 1893 My race is Hebrew
(4) I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on X in the Country of NY
(5) I am married. The name of my wife's husband is Julius
we were married on May 5, 1920 at Brooklyn N.Y.; he was born at Dubno Russia on May 13, 1889; entered the United States at New York on Sept. 1909 for permanent residence therein, and now resides at 186 Kosciusko St. Brooklyn NY I have 2 children, and the name, date, and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children are as follows: Miriam Hyacinth, June 15, 1924, Bklyn NY. Beryl Joseph, February 11, 1927, Newark, N. J. Both reside at 186 Kosciusko St. Brooklyn. My father Mendel Harrison was naturalized in Kings Co. Court Bklyn NY. July 29, 1901 when I was eight years of age.
(6) My last foreign residence was Jerusalem Palestine I emigrated to the United States of America from Havre France My last entry for permanent residence in the United States was at Brooklyn NY, under the name of Dvora Shana Harrison on August 1896, on the vessel unknown
(7) I am not a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government or a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in or opposed to organized government. I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy. I am attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States. It is my intention to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to George V. by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland, and the British Possessions beyond the Seas
PRESENT SOVEREIGNTY IN PALESTINE AND THE LEBANON AND (OR) any other of whom (which) at this time I am a subject (or citizen), and this my intention to reside permanently in the United States. (8) I am able to speak the English language.
(9) I have resided continuously in the United States for the period of five years immediately preceding the date of this petition to wit since
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Future JGSCV Meeting Dates through December 2021



**ALL MEETINGS WILL BE RESERVED FOR
MEMBERS ONLY VIA ZOOM UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE**

**NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY, July 11th 1:30-3:30PM via Zoom
Jeff Edelstein will present "JDC Archives as a Jewish
Genealogy Resource"**

DATE	PRESENTER	PROGRAM
July 11	Jeff Edelstein	JDC Archives as a Jewish Genealogy Resource
August 15	Genealogy In The Round	
September	No Meeting - High Holidays	

DATE	PRESENTER	PROGRAM
October 3	Renee Steinig	Scandals, Shandehs and Lies: The Stories Families Don't Tell
November 7	TBA	
December 12	Floriane Azoulay	Researching the Arolsen Archives



From your ancestors:

Handed-Down Recipes

**JGSCV has a new project for our members
and we hope you will participate.**

To create a JGSCV (online) Cookbook, we are requesting your participation to submit a recipe handed down to you by *your* family. It can be baking, main dish, a side dish or specialty, holiday foods...even a kitchen custom.

It can be a digital copy of your recipe card or paper, or a typed recipe, along with your memory or “lore” of the recipe’s history.

Please include your name & contact info and email to

andrea@jgscv.org or president@jgscv.org

or snail mail to: Andrea Massion, 711 Ocean View Dr
Port Hueneme, CA 93041

Your Board of Directors is determining interest in this project. Let us know what you think! Submit your delicious family recipe by the end of September. Details will be forthcoming based on members’ input!

2021 Membership/Renewal Form

Jewish Genealogical Society

of the

Conejo Valley and Ventura County (JGSCV)*

*Member of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS)

www.JGSCV.org

Dues paid now are good through December 2021

Date _____

Check one:

This is a New Membership _____ Renewal _____

Single \$ 30.00 _____ + \$1.00** Family* \$35.00 _____ + \$2.00**

*family defined as two people living in the same household

** \$1 per person is a voluntary donation to the IAJGS Stern Award, granted annually when it recognizes institutions for outstanding work in the creation and availability of resources for Jewish Genealogy.

Additional voluntary contributions:

Library Acquisition Fund \$ _____ Programs Fund \$ _____

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Make check out to: JGSCV Mail application to: Helene Rosen,
28912 Fountainwood St.
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

Name (Print) _____

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Talents that you have to share (accounting skills, language skills, computer skills, translation, etc.)
