



# JGSCV

## VENTURING INTO OUR PAST

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THE CONEJO VALLEY AND VENTURA COUNTY

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### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I hope you had a pleasant August and are ready to return to JGSCV meetings for the rest of the year. We have added some programs and still have some more to plan. See the meeting schedule on page 14.

JGSCV was well represented at the 33<sup>rd</sup> IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy held in Boston, with IAJGS member JGS of Greater Boston being a co-host. JGSCV members who attended included: Jan Meisels Allen, Debra Kay-Blatt, Warren Blatt, Hal Bookbinder, Dalya Dektor, Barbara Levasseur, Marion Rothstein and Steve Rothstein. The conference was one of the best if not THE best IAJGS conference ever—and many said that not just me! This was a sea change for IAJGS conferences in many ways: it was the first conference with IAJGS Boston LIVE! (Live Streaming – 70 hours of Jewish genealogy broadcast), SHARE Fair, an app for the conference—and much Social media. Read more about the conference beginning on page 6.

The Nominations Committee is being chaired by Hal Bookbinder, honorary immediate past president, with Helene Rosen, JGSCV vice president and JGSCV member Susan Birdsall. Members will be hearing from Hal very soon, asking those who are eligible if they would like to serve on the JGSCV Board. Each year half of the



**NEW IAJGS BOARD (Standing L-R):** Mark Nicholls, Michael Goldstein, Daniel Horowitz, Nolan Altman, Kahlile Mehr. **(Seated L-R):** Paul Silverstone, Jackye Sullins, Marlis Humphrey, Jan Meisels Allen (Missing: Jay Sage)

### NEXT MEETING

**SUNDAY, September, 15<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30 PM**

### Beyond The Family Tree

JGSCV board member Marion Werle explains and demonstrates how to make your family tree more interesting than just names and dates.

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board seats are up for election. The board application is posted on our website - [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org) go to "contact us" and click on the link. This year there are five seats that are up for election. Existing board members are also invited to apply to continue to serve. More on this after the Nominations Committee makes its report later this fall. Even if you don't want to serve on the board but want to get more involved, let Hal know!

JGSCV recently joined the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), National Genealogy Society (NGS) and the California State Genealogical Alliance. The JGSCV board thought it was important to belong to the greater genealogical family and each has specific assets and benefits for JGSCV. We will review membership in these organizations on an annual basis.

We still have six openings for the Computer Class on the FamilySearch website to be offered on October 20 with facilitator Barbara Algaze. Remember, there is a \$10 fee at the door. We will start a wait list if necessary but we are not able to accommodate more than a total 24 in the class and eighteen have already signed up. See page 10 for more information. This is for JGSCV members only!

I have not heard from anyone regarding interest in the proposed visit to the Autry Museum for *Jews in the Los Angeles Mosaic*. We will need at least 10 people for a personal docent led tour. Let me know if you would be interested in attending. Once we know there is interest then we will set a date.

Most of JGSCV's traveling library has been transferred to our permanent library in the Agoura Hills Library. We will only bring those approximately 60 items left in the traveling library to meetings regardless of classification. The list of permanent library items and traveling library items will not be posted on our website until after this newsletter is issued. However, it will be made available before the October edition is published. We are waiting for all items to be catalogued before making revisions.

Do look at our list of upcoming meetings on page 14. The programs are set through the end of the year and some programs into 2014. Our September 15th program is with our own Marion Werle speaking on: "Beyond the Family Tree - Bringing Your Family Stories to Life". Marion will discuss approaches to adding interest to your family stories. She will cover what to write about, where to begin and how to keep from being overwhelmed.

Looking forward to seeing you on September 15<sup>th</sup>!

On behalf of the JGSCV Board of Directors have a happy, healthy and safe New Year. L'shana tova!

*Jan Meisels Allen*



**ABOUT JGSCV . . .** The Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County meets once a month, usually on a Sunday. Meetings are oriented to the needs of the novice as well as the more experienced genealogist. Members share materials, research methods and ideas as well as research success or failures. Members have access to the JGSCV library located on special shelves at the Agoura Hills Public Library. Members also receive our monthly newsletter, which is circulated by email.

2013 dues are \$25.00 for a single membership and \$30.00 for a household unit. To join, please send a check in the appropriate amount to JGSCV and addressed to Helene Rosen at 28912 Fountainwood St., Agoura Hills, CA 91301. Obtain the new/renewal membership form on our website at [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org) by selecting the membership button.

### **GESHER GALICIA ADDS TO DATABASES**

Eight new databases shown below have been added to Gesher Galicia's All Galicia Database.

Brzezany Jewish Births (1846-1864);  
Brzezany Jewish Marriages (1825-1874)  
Grzymalow School Records (1926)  
Nadworna Jewish Deaths (1902-1911)  
Podwoloczyska Jewish Birth Records (1901-1910)  
Podwoloczyska Jewish Marriage Records (1883-1911)  
Skalat Jewish Death Records (1934-1940)  
Zbaraz Jewish Marriage Records (1904-1910)

You can search these as well as major updates to existing databases including Nadworna Jewish Birth Records (1850-65 and 1903-08) and Zbaraz Jewish Birth Records (1815-76; 1897; 1899; 1906-12) at <http://search.geshergalicia.org/>

### **INSIDE 'WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE'**

TV's most popular genealogy show currently airing on TLC is offering an inside look at how the show is filmed and edited. The most recent show traced model Cindy Crawford's ancestors back to Charlemagne. See the entire episode (and all prior broadcasts) at <http://tinyurl.com/knuc2wh>

### **DATABASE OF MEDIEVAL SPANISH JEWISH SURNAMES**

According to Jeff Malka of SephardicGen.com, Mathilde Tagger helped complete 25 years of work by completing a database of documented Jewish surnames in Medieval Spain that have survived as surnames into the present. The database includes 20,526 citations for 12,134 unique name spellings and provides sources for the information. This is the culmination of 6 years of methodical research for Mathilde through 138 books and 600 periodicals over multiple repositories. You may search this database at <http://tinyurl.com/kzvvodv>

### **FREE ACCESS TO 1911 UK CENSUS VIA ANCESTRY.COM**

The 1911 census of England and Wales is available at no charge until Oct.14 via <http://tinyurl.com/98ecw4q>. This is an ancestry site so if you do not have a paid subscription you will be required to register before obtaining access.

### **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW- PBS PROGRAM**

PBS will be showing a new genealogy program to run September 23-October 14 9-10 PM combining history and science uncovering stories of diverse Americans.

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

The JGSCV will hold a general meeting, co-sponsored with and located at Temple Adat Elohim, on



**Sunday, September 15, 2013 1:30-3:30 PM**

2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

## The Program:

### *Beyond the Family Tree - Bringing Your Family Stories to Life*

When you bring out your family tree and genealogy reports at a family gathering, do your relatives' eyes glaze over? Are you overwhelmed with data after so many years of research and wonder how to tell your family's story without getting lost in the details? Have you done so much research that you don't even know where to start in telling your family's tale? If so, this program is for you. Marion Werle will discuss approaches to adding interest to your family stories. She will cover what to write about, where to begin and how to keep from being overwhelmed. She will discuss various techniques like how to add background and context to make your ancestor come alive and how to use timelines to help tell your story. She will also discuss the importance of sharing your own life history.

**Speaker: Marion Werle**, began her family history research over 17 years ago, researching family from Lithuania, Latvia and Belarus. She is on the board of JGSCV, is a past president of the Latvia SIG and has also been on the board of JGSLA. She is a member of the SCGS Writers Group and has attended a number of lectures on family history writing, and has several writing projects in progress. She has master's degrees in both European History and Library Science from UCLA.



The Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County is dedicated to sharing genealogical information, techniques and research tools with anyone interested in Jewish genealogy and family history.

There is no charge to attend the meeting. Anyone may join JGSCV.

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## UPDATES . . .

JGSCV's permanent library is now housed at the Agoura Hills Library (29901 Ladyface Circle, 91301). The Library is open every day except Sunday and Monday. For more information call 818-889-2278. A complete list of the traveling library books available at each meeting will be posted on our website <http://www.jgscv.org> within the next month.



THE SCHMOOZING CORNER is open 20 minutes before all meetings. Come to the front right corner of the meeting room and look for a sign like the one on the left where a knowledgeable JGSCV member will be available to help with insights specific to your genealogical questions.

“Venturing Into Our Past” is not only a channel for the JGSCV to communicate with members, but also a channel for members to communicate and share with each other. We are constantly seeking your genealogical stories, brickwalls and insights to publish in “Venturing Into Our Past” so the entire JGSCV community may benefit from research or insights garnered from individual sleuthing, hard work and (so often) just plain luck. We welcome your stories and offer our help to bring your stories to the written page. Please contact Allan Linderman, editor of “Venturing Into Our Past” ([newslettereditor@jgscv.org](mailto:newslettereditor@jgscv.org)) with ideas or thoughts. Allan will help organize your thoughts to get started or write your story for you. Or anything in

between. We have many, many stories in our society and can surely help each other with insights into our genealogical journeys.

You can help JGSCV when you shop at Amazon.com by simply entering the Amazon site from JGSCV's **home page**. Start at



<http://www.jgscv.org> and scroll to the bottom to click on the Amazon graphic (like the one on right). This will take you to the same page you always start at – except JGSCV will receive a marketing fee at no cost to you.

Ralphs requires everyone to reregister annually—September 1<sup>st</sup> — for their community contribution program. If you have a Ralphs card and are not yet signed up, please do so and include JGSCV as your ‘community’. Your groceries cost the same but Ralphs will send JGSCV a contribution. If you need help setting this up, please ask at the front desk when you arrive at the next meeting or see <http://www.jgscv.org> under “notices”. See more details on page 12.

If you enjoy and are enriched by JGSCV programs, please remember to renew your membership or join for the first time. JGSCV dues helps defray the costs required to develop such a full schedule of fertile programs and speakers to enhance your genealogical research and experience.

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## Highlights From:

# The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual IAJGS Conference

*By Jan Meisels Allen*

The 33<sup>rd</sup> IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy was held August 4-9, 2013 in Boston. It was co-hosted by IAJGS member, JGS of Greater Boston. There were 1,251 attendees, including 498 first timers, from 21 countries!

Marlis Humphrey, the new IAJGS president and one of the three conference co-chairs announced three firsts for the conference:

1. Handouts were downloadable from the website
2. An app including an electronic daily planner
3. IAJGS Conference Live

There were 1,035 app users. IAJGS Conference Live (video streaming) provided 70 hours of Jewish Genealogy broadcasts totaling 2,368 videos viewed at the time of the banquet. Sessions will be available for playback for three months after the conference. Handouts, where provided by the speaker, are available via download. *IAJGS Conference LIVE!* (webcasts of many of the conference programs) was produced by the IAJGS and FamilySearch, thanks to the generosity of Harvey Krueger. You can still view these webcasts—for more information go to: <http://www.iajgs2013.org/live.cfm>. There is a charge—you can pay by PayPal and the list of recordings is included. There was also a first-time SHARE Fair (SIGS and BOFs, Historical Societies, Archives,

Repositories, Eminent local JGSs.) Even Dick Eastman attended the SHARE Fair.

IAJGS directors are elected in even numbered years and officers are elected in odd numbered years. The Nomination Committee selections for officers elected by acclimation were:

- President: Marlis Humphrey-Vice President of JGS Greater Orlando
- Vice President: Jan Meisels Allen-President, JGSCV
- Secretary: Mark Nicholls, Member, JGS of Great Britain
- Treasurer: Paul Silverstone, Member of JGS, Inc New York Executive Council.

With Mark moving up from a director slot, the president will nominate a replacement director candidate to the IAJGS Board for approval. Leaving the board is Joel Spector who was Secretary. Joel now becomes the appointed archivist. Michael Goldstein became immediate past president. Anne Feder Lee also left the board.



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There was also a bylaw amendment put before the JGS presidents at the annual session. As proposed, the bylaw required the IAJGS Secretary receive written advance notice 60 days prior to the annual meeting, of the introduction of an item of business. As a JGS president, I was not in favor of this proposed bylaw as written and was one of many who spoke against it. My concerns were several fold: there was no provision for an emergency to allow any item to come up in less than 60 days—as worded the proposal would have prevented the members for even discussing items not on the agenda. Also, I was among many who believed the 60 days notification was too long. The majority of the presidents voted down the proposed bylaw.

IAJGS gained three new members since last year: The Kremenets District Research Group; Jewish Genealogical Society of South Africa and the Triangle (NC) Jewish Genealogical Society. As of this report IAJGS has 73 members.

It was announced at the opening session by then IAJGS President, Michael Goldstein that IAJGS future conferences will be held:

- 2014- Salt Lake City, UT July 27-August 1, 2014—hosted by IAJGS and the JSG of Utah
- 2015- Jerusalem, Israel July 6-10, hosted by IAJGS.
- 2016- Seattle, WA August 7-12, 2016 hosted by the IAJGS
- 2017- to be announced probably in Southeastern or Midwest US\*
- 2018- tentatively in Eastern Europe\*

\*2017, 2018 locations may be interchanged depending on further research



One of the highlights of each conference is the awards that are presented at the annual banquet. This year the four prestigious

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awards went to (see photos page 9):

**Life Time Achievement Award:** Neville Lamdan for his pioneering work to establish the International Institute for Jewish Genealogy and Paul Jacobi Center in Jerusalem. He shaped the IJG into a driving force working to gain recognition of Jewish genealogy as an academic discipline.

**Outstanding Contribution to Jewish Genealogy via the Internet, Print or Electronic Product:** JewishGen KehilaLinks. KehilaLinks encouraged and assisted the creation of over 600 web pages commemorating the places where Jews have lived.

**Outstanding Program or Project Award:** Geshet Galicia for its Cadastral Map & Landowner Records Project and the Geshet Galicia Map Room. These maps, show details as market squares, houses, synagogues, cemeteries, roads, and rivers, enable family historians to visualize where and how their ancestors lived, and the landowner records to capture details of everyday lives not found in traditional sources.

**Outstanding Publication by an IAJGS Member Association:** Jewish Genealogical Society of Toronto, for its book, *Tracing Our Roots, Telling Our Stories* written in celebration of its 25th anniversary, shares family stories, first-person narratives, and accounts of research and discovery written by 44 of the Society's members.

**The Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern Grant** in the amount of \$3,000 was awarded to Oded Yarkoni Historical Archives of Petah Tikva for the purpose of recording the oral history of the settlement, by interviewing the descendants of the founders of Petah Tikva, its first industrialists, teachers and adults who learned in the first schools in Petah Tikvah. The materials will be made available to genealogists, family historians and the

public via the archives. IGRA nominated the Archives for the grant.

In 2012 IAJGS received \$15,000 from the estate of Jon Stedman to honor his late father, John Stedman. The IAJGS Board decided to award \$3,000 in each of the next five years in the memory of John Stedman under the Stern Award. The first of the **John Stedman Memorial Grants** went to the Gesher Galicia Website going toward making Gesher Galicia a multilingual site enabling more international users to easily research their Galician roots.

The keynote speaker was Aaron Lansky the founder of the Yiddish Book Center. His amusing and poignant story on how he saved over one million books headed for dumpsters also told the importance of saving the Yiddish language as it was the portal into European history. “Yiddish is the language of martyrs who died in the Holocaust”. To address the problem of storage for so many books, in 1997 they opened the Center on the campus of Hampshire College in Amherst, MA. Yiddish sheet music has also been saved as have live recordings of Yiddish authors reading their books.

Many books were falling apart as the books were printed on 100 percent acidic paper. This resulted in the digitization of the books beginning in 2009. There are 11,000 titles available online free of charge. The Center has recently partnered with the National Library of Israel [National Archives] and it is expected that in four years every last Yiddish book title will be digitized (40,000 titles) making Yiddish the first language completely digitized. JGSCV's library has a copy of *Outwitting History*, Lansky's book.

Other Highlights:

David Marwell, Director of the Museum of Jewish Heritage, A Living Memorial of the Holocaust which is the parent of JewishGen.org, discussed that 2013 is the

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tenth anniversary of the Museum ownership of JewishGen and the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary since JewishGen's founder, Susan King left the organization. Today there are 30 SIG discussion lists, 200 infofiles, multiple Yizkor book projects and Kehila Links. There are 748 Yizkor books translated with 86,000 names from the Yizkor Book Master Index. Warren Blatt, Managing Director of Jewish Gen and JGSCV Founding Member and Board Member mentioned a new all country database for Canada, JOWBR (The JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry) has 2 million records and the Memorial Plaque project has 30,000 names from Massachusetts, New York, Kentucky and Rhode Island. An interesting statistic shared was the time spent on JewishGen since June 1 2012-June 1, 2013 **collectively** was 22 years, 8,232 days and 197,588 hours—are we addicted!

Crista Cowan, “the barefoot genealogist ©” from Ancestry.com gave several lectures and she will be JGSCV's December meeting guest speaker. As always there is something new to learn from Crista and new databases on Ancestry.com---including Jewish databases.

JRI-PL luncheon speaker was Andrzej Folwarczny, the founder and president of the Forum for Dialogue Among Nations who talked about change in the perception of Polish/Jewish relations in Poland by discussing the accomplishments in 25 years. Today Poland is one of Israel's best friends not just as a business trading partner but is Pro-Israel in the European Union. The Forum trains teachers for Polish-Jewish history interest in Jewish culture amongst non-Jews. In the spirit of Tikkun Olam [repairing the world], the Forum goes to small shtetls to educate about the Jewish history of their towns—as part of the focus to inspire the youth to get interested in the Jewish history of their towns.

At JRI-PL's presentation the new agreement with the Polish State Archives [PSA] making digitized records available free on the PSA website was reviewed. There is also a new order processing system with a separate order process for each town. The first to go up will be the largest, Lublin--it is expected that by the end of this year all Lublin images of vital records will be online. Another new item on the JRI-PL website is the "your town" pages are updated when the PSA lists are updated. The PSA database includes 30 new towns not previously listed for having Jewish records. Other types of records are now listed such as census, books of residents, cemetery records, school records, ghetto records and newspapers.

The French SIG sponsored Ward Adrieans, archivist of Kazerne Dossin, The Memorial and Museum of the Holocaust in Belgium. Kazerne Dossin is now involved in huge digitizing project aimed at centralizing all documents concerning racial persecution of

Jews and Gypsies in Belgium, now some one million. Adrieans talked about the Europeans that fled to Belgium as their original homeland placed their religion on their identity papers, the Nazis were able to identify those who were Jewish—unlike the native Belgians as Belgium prohibits listing ethnicity on their identity papers. I had the privilege of meeting Archivist Adrieans last year and learned first-hand what a fantastic treasure trove the Kazerne Dossin has (you can read my write up on this Museum in last year's *Venturing Into the Past* October 2012 Vol 8 #1 which is available on our website).

Genie Milgrom who presented to JGSCV last November again was superb in her telling of her genealogical journey talking of her 400-years of a Catholic family back to the records of the Inquisition to prove her original Jewish roots.

We hope many JGSCV members will attend the 34<sup>th</sup> IAJGS Conference next year in Salt Lake City!

## 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL IAJGS CONFERENCE AWARDS

### LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT



Neville Lamden

### OUTSTANDING INTERNET



(L-R) Barbara Ellman, Susan Leistner Bloch

### OUTSTANDING PROGRAM or PROJECT



(L-R) Brooke Schreier Ganz, Pamela Weisberger, Jay Osborn

### OUTSTANDING PUBLICATION



Les Kelman

# Only Eight Openings Left For The Second Computer Workshop

JGSCV's second *Members-Only* computer workshop is booking up fast. The "introduction to the Family Search Website" will take place on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 PM at the Conejo Valley Adult Education Center in Thousand Oaks. JGSCV is delighted to announce new arrangements with the Conejo Valley Adult Education Center in Thousand Oaks to hold another *Members-Only* computer workshop session on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 1-4PM. Family Search (<https://www.familysearch.org>) has millions of records that have been digitized and are available free online. JGSCV member, Barbara Algaze who is also a volunteer at the Los Angeles Family History Center and JGSLA Librarian will be the instructor. Barbara also provides the excellent overview at our annual assisted research afternoon at the LAFHC.

**This workshop is in addition to our monthly programs held at Temple Adat Elohim, and is offered exclusively to 2013 dues-paid members. If you have not yet renewed or joined JGSCV for 2013 this is an excellent reason to do so now!**

***There are only 8 openings remaining. Please act soon if you plan to attend! There is no room for overflow.***

"An Introduction to the Family Search website" will be available on a first-come first-serve basis. **To participate, you must register through JGSCV.** You may NOT register through the school. If you are interested, contact Jan Meisels Allen at [president@jgscv.org](mailto:president@jgscv.org). (Note, only Conejo Valley Adult Education Center computers will be used for this workshop. Please do **not** bring your own

laptop.) **There is a \$10 participant fee for this workshop to help defray a portion of the cost.** JGSCV will pay the balance. Registered participants will be required to pay the fee upon entrance by check or cash.

The class will start ***promptly at 1:00 PM on October 20<sup>th</sup>***. Late arriving registrants will be admitted but will be required to catch up on their own. Please plan to arrive early enough to be ready to begin at 1PM. **The Conejo Valley Adult Education Center is located at 1025 Old Farm Road in Thousand Oaks.**

JGSCV is required to provide The Adult Education Center with information about each registered participant. If you have a family membership to JGSCV and both members want to participate - that is considered two (2) registrations (two \$10 fees) and both must submit the information below. Therefore, in your email to Jan please provide the following information:

## **How to Register for "An Introduction to the Family Search Website"**

Only emails to Jan Meisels Allen at [president@jgscv.org](mailto:president@jgscv.org) with the following information will be accepted

(Do Not Contact the School Directly):

1. Name
2. Address
3. Phone number (cell or landline)
4. Birth date including birth year (this is the unique identifier used by the school)

NOTE: If you have a family membership to JGSCV and both members wish to attend, you **MUST** provide the above information *separately* for each family member.

The school assures us that this information will not be used for solicitation or other purposes unless you give them permission to contact you following the class.

For those who register, it will be helpful if you bring a USB (flash) drive with you to copy and bring home any documents you may create or want to download. Please bring with you the family names and towns you wish to research. A handout will be provided at the class to those who are registered.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

1. Be a JGSCV 2013 dues paid member- neither spouses nor friends that are not current JGSCV members may attend and

those who are current members need to be individually registered.

2. **You must be proficient in basic computer skills:** how to work a mouse- including the difference between right and left clicking, opening and closing a window, getting on the internet, migrating through webpages and **following directions.** The computers use Windows 7 operating system. **This is not a class on learning how to use a computer.** The only assistance given will be how to use the Family Search website.

The 8 remaining spaces will go quickly so please sign-up now if you plan to attend! Additional information will be provided to registered participants. If you have any questions contact Jan at [president@jgscv.org](mailto:president@jgscv.org)

## **JGSCV MEMBER BENEFITS**

- Annual assisted research afternoon at the Family History Library
- Members-only emails from the president announcing special events and free opportunities with Ancestry and other genealogical organizations and other items of genealogical interest
- Use of the traveling library at president's home – with an advance appointment
- For the first year of membership, JewishGen's Warren Blatt will assist with one concise question per month. He won't do your genealogy but with well thought out questions, he can help you on your genealogical journey.
- NEW! Members-Only Workshops on valuable genealogy tools

# JGSCV and RALPHS

JGSCV's partnership with Ralphs is an important part of our revenue. Your Board relies on fees received from **Ralphs Community Contribution Program** to help defray the cost of many of our programs, speakers, books and more. The Community Contribution program makes a contribution to JGSCV each time you shop at any of the Ralphs stores with no cost to you. It is the least expensive and easiest way to generate additional funds for your JGSCV. Everyone, even people you know who are not JGSCV members, can help by signing up for this program.



First, join Ralphs' Club. September 1<sup>st</sup> each year you must re-join (even if you are already a member) Besides helping JGSCV, Ralphs Club members also receive special discounts on featured purchases.

If you are already a registered participant, you will remain active only until August 31, 2013 at which time you will have to re-register. You can re-register for the new term at [www.Ralphs.com](http://www.Ralphs.com) starting **September 1, 2013**. Even if you registered as recently as July you will be required to register again starting September 1<sup>st</sup>!

**Remember: You can renew or register for the first time at the JGSCV's meetings—but you must first have a Ralph's Card. You can easily obtain a card by going to the customer service desk at a Ralphs store near you. For more information contact Karen Lewy at [Karen@jgscv.org](mailto:Karen@jgscv.org).**



Once you have a Ralphs Club card, register for the September, 2013

Community Contribution Program as follows:

Go to [www.Ralphs.com](http://www.Ralphs.com) and click on register/sign-in. This will register your Ralphs card so you will be entitled to discounts on featured items throughout each store. Include your email and create a password.

**After you have registered your Ralph's Rewards Card you can sign-up for the Community Contribution Program and help JGSCV by following these steps:**

1. **Sign-in with your email address and the password you created**
2. **Click on "Community" across the top of the page after it welcomes you with your name. Or, scroll down to bottom of page to click on "Community"**
3. **Click on Community Contribution (left hand side under "Community")**
4. **Click under participant where it says enroll**
5. **For participant questions click where it says "click here" above "enroll"**
6. **Click on enroll**
7. **Type in the first words of our organization i.e. "Jewish Gen" (if you only type in "Jewish" a number of organizations appear including ours, so by typing in the first few letters of our second name only we appear) and click on "search" and our name will pop up: "Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley &". Or key in our 5 digit NPO number 84732 and click 'Search'. Make certain it is our Society**

as there are other Jewish Genealogy Societies registered!

8. In the 'Select Your Organization Section', click on the bubble next to our name
9. Click on 'Save Changes'. Our name (Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley &.) will appear on the right side of this page. You have now completed your Online rewards card registration AND your Community Contributions registration.
10. Click on 'Logout' at the top of the page

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# L' Shanah Tovah

## Have a sweet year!



# JGSCV Meeting Dates Through June, 2014\* at

Temple Adat Elohim  
2420 E. Hillcrest Drive  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30 PM "Beyond the Family Tree: Make Your Family Stories Come Alive"** Marion Werle, JGS Board member will teach you techniques about turning names, dates and places into interesting family stories to keep your family members' eyes from glazing over when you share your family history.

**Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30 PM "Jewish Given Names"**

Warren Blatt, Managing Director of JewishGen and JGSCV board member will explain the history and patterns of Jewish first names

**Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00 PM "One Step Webpages +" and a new Case Study using the One Step Webpages**

Steve Morse will explain how one-step webpages (and others) can be used to develop entire family histories.

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30 PM "Smarter Searching on Ancestry.com"**

Crista Cowan of ancestry.com will return with more insights and tricks to more easily navigate the site.

**Sunday, January 5, 2014 1:30-3:30 PM Program TBD**

**Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 1:00-5:00 PM "Assisted Research Day"**

At LA Family History Center. Only current members. May join at the door.

**Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:30-3:30 PM Program "German Jewish Genealogy Pre World War I"**

Roger Lustig, research coordinator for GerSIG and researcher and genealogist specializing in the history of German Jewry

**Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00 PM "Navigating FindMyPast.com"**

Josh Taylor of FindMyPast.com will demonstrate navigation techniques. **Tentative awaiting confirmation**

**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30 PM "Yom Hashoah" (Holocaust Memorial)**

**Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 1:30-3:30 PM Program TBD**

\*All programs subject to change. Check website [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org)