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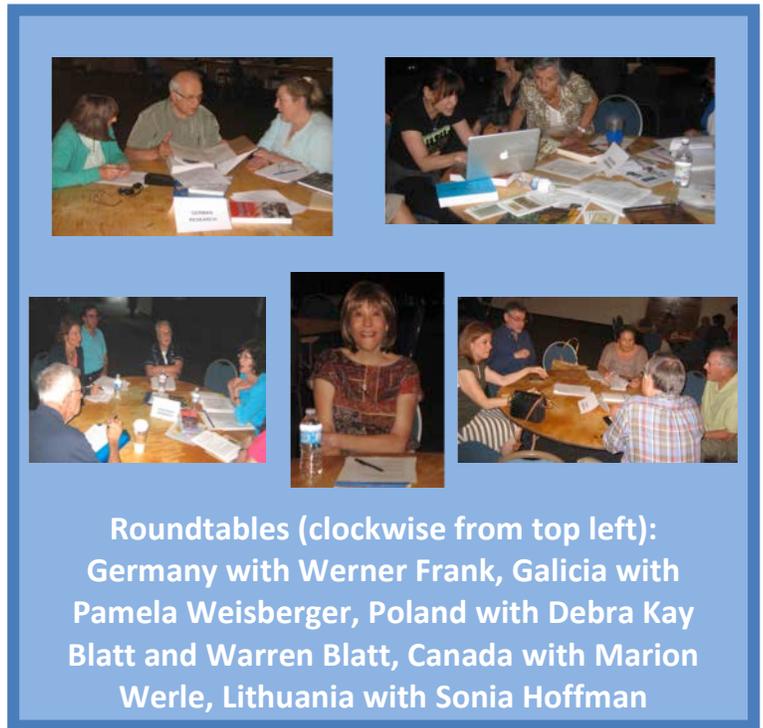
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### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

JGSCV held Genealogy Roundtable Discussions for our June program where we had JGSCV senior members and JGSCV friends facilitate the various country tables. It was very successful! There were tables on Canadian (led by Marion Werle), Galician (Pamela Weisberger), German (Werner Frank), Hungarian (Sandra Malek), Latvian (Marion Werle), Lithuanian (Sonia Hoffman), Polish (Debra Kay Blatt and Warren Blatt) and US (Karen Lewy) research. The handouts for Canada, Galicia, Poland and the United States have been posted to the JGSCV website under meetings, prior and the June 1, 2014 date. See page 6 for more on the meeting.

Temple Adat Elohim has provided JGSCV with our meeting dates through June 2015 and the Board is now actively working on developing programs. We are very appreciative of all that Temple Adat Elohim does to support the JGSCV meetings. As the Temple is holding its bi-annual musical and rehearsals in the Social Hall we are unable to have Sunday afternoon meetings during October and November. Instead we will meet for two consecutive months on Monday evenings, and our annual Chanukah/Membership renewal program will be held during Chanukah on Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup>! Please see page 15 for the list of future meeting dates.

JGSCV is offering a new computer class for JGSCV members-only! Crista Cowan, the



Roundtables (clockwise from top left): Germany with Werner Frank, Galicia with Pamela Weisberger, Poland with Debra Kay Blatt and Warren Blatt, Canada with Marion Werle, Lithuania with Sonia Hoffman

### NEXT MEETING

**SUNDAY, August 10<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30 PM**

### **Genealogy in the Round**

JGSCV members and friends share their successes, brickwalls and artifacts. Hear how others uncovered family history insights and maybe offer help to breakthrough someone's brickwall.

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Barefoot Genealogist® of Ancestry.com will facilitate the computer class on Sunday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at the Conejo Valley Adult Education School: "Getting The Most Out of the Ancestry.com website". This is a JGSCV benefit for members only and while JGSCV defrays most of the costs, **there will be a pre-paid, non-refundable \$10 charge for those who register.** I am certain that the class will fill quickly as there are only 29 computers available for use and Crista is a favorite of JGSCV. Please see page 8 for more information on the class and how to register and prepay.

At the last several meetings JGSCV treasurer Karen Lewy provided, and in the newsletter we included two survey documents: 1 asking about future JGSCV computer class survey asking for feedback on future topics; and 2. sharing your genealogical stories for our newsletter. Copies of the survey documents are on page 14. If you did not complete one at the meeting please do so now and email it to [treasurer@jgscv.org](mailto:treasurer@jgscv.org). We haven't received many responses and would appreciate your completing one or both of the surveys.

Our growing permanent library now has a searchable database on our website: [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org). We have approximately 250 books and the collection continues to grow. Thank you to JGSCV Librarian, Issie Perel, for creating the spreadsheet—a tedious job—with an excellent outcome. JGSCV also thanks JGSCV Webmaster David Oseas for converting the spreadsheet to html enabling our members and friends to search by book title, author's name, publisher, place of publication year of publication and catalog number. All you have to do is click on any column header to resort the table by that column. See page 10 for more information.

Remember that the IAJGS 34<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Jewish Genealogy program is posted to their website. The Breakfasts with the Experts, SIG Luncheons, computer workshops and the banquet are also posted. Hotel rooms are going quickly so make your registration now. See the conference website for more information: [www.iajgs2014.org](http://www.iajgs2014.org).

If you are unable to personally attend, consider purchasing a LIVE! subscription for 60 live-streamed sessions. Click here for more information about LIVE! <http://conference.iajgs.org/2014/Live.cfm>. Access to the sessions are good for three months following the conference. See more on this on page 9. JGSCV members received notification from me about a 10% discount for LIVE! I encourage you to use the JGSCV-members only discount. If you no longer have the email with the special code, contact me. The discount is only available to current JGSCV members and is not sharable!

We are not meeting in July due to the IAJGS conference. Our next meeting is August 10, for our annual Genealogy in the Round. This is your program—please contact me at [President@jgscv.org](mailto:President@jgscv.org) to let me know that you are going to share a genealogical success, brickwall or artifact. We always have a great time at this meeting. Depending on the number of participants each person may take 5-10 minutes to share. Whether you are a JGSCV member or friend we'd love to hear your genealogical story!

Looking forward to seeing you on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

*Jan Meisels Allen*

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**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.

2014 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.

### **NEW RECORDS ON FAMILYSEARCH**

FamilySearch has added more than 4.9 million indexed records and images from Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Venezuela and the US. Collection updates include more than 600,000 images from Portugal's Viana do Castelo, Miscellaneous Records, 1636-1962. <https://familysearch.org/node/2550>.

### **450,000 WWII RAF RECORDS RELEASED**

In partnership with the National Archives, Findmypast, a subscription site, released almost 450,000 service records from the RAF and Royal Flying Corps. The records include peacetime and military data as well as physical description, religious denomination and family status. To review go to <http://tinyurl.com/p7mvpfl>

### **TIPS FOR TRACING EARLY AMERICAN ANCESTORS**

For some excellent ideas on overcoming the challenges of researching Colonial and Early American ancestors, read the Q&A at *family tree* magazine's 'genealogy insider' blog: <http://tinyurl.com/lmqwuuh>. The interview with Lindsay Fulton of the New England Historic Genealogical Society includes some resources you may not have considered before.

### **ONE MILLION+ VINTAGE CANADIAN PHOTOS**

The entire 20<sup>th</sup> century photographic archives of the Toronto Star are now available for viewing at the Toronto Public Library with selected images also available on their website: <http://tinyurl.com/mvr2u2w>.

### **NEW AT ANCESTRY.COM**

- US Register of Civil, Military and Naval Service, 1863-1959
- British Army WWI Pension Records, 1914-1920
- Gothenburg, Sweden Passenger Lists, 1869-1951 (in Swedish)
- Ireland Casualties of WWI, 1914-1922
- Poland, Lodz Ghetto Register Books, 1939-1944
- Czech Republic Censuses, 1857-1921 (in Czech)

Start your search at [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) (Ancestry.com is a subscription site)

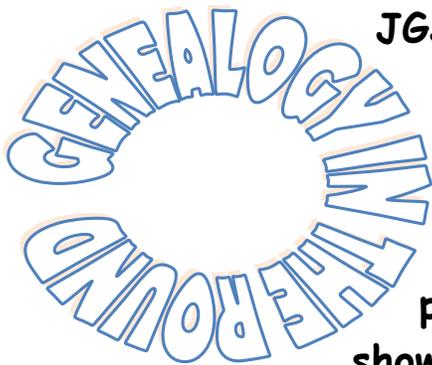
### **EUROPEAN HISTORY PRIMARY SOURCES**

For a simply searchable data index of primary sources of European history, by country, go to the EPS website: <http://tinyurl.com/o9qhkg2>



The JGSCV will hold a general meeting, co-sponsored with Temple Adat Elohim, on Sunday, August 10, 2014 at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

## The Topic: 'Genealogy in the Round'



JGSCV members and friends are welcome and *encouraged* to share their genealogical experiences. Everyone would like to hear how your diligence (or just plain luck) allowed you to discover a relative or a place or some other piece of your family history. And, feel free to show how you got to your current brickwall. Maybe someone has been in that same place already and can offer some help. This is also a great time to show off family treasures discovered when you finally opened grandma's trunk.

"Genealogy in the Round" is the one meeting each year that belongs to members and friends. The length of each presentation will be based upon the number of presenters. But each presenter will have at least 5 minutes. Please contact Jan Meisels Allen if you would like to participate as a presenter: [president@jgscv.org](mailto:president@jgscv.org).

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. Annual dues are \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family.



# JGSCV UPDATES . . .



**JGSCV** really, really needs an assistant editor for our newsletter, “Venturing Into Our Past”. The assistant editor will need to devote only about of 2 hours (at your own pace) throughout each month researching and accumulating the records updates and insights that appear on page 3 of this publication. Help in writing will be provided if necessary. Please contact Allan Linderman if interested: [newslettereditor@jgscv.org](mailto:newslettereditor@jgscv.org)



THE SCHMOOZING CORNER is available If you would like individual insights for your genealogical pursuits from an experienced JGSCV member. JGSCV founding member Debra Kay Blatt (in photo left with a JGSCV member Sara Applebaum) led the Schmoozing Corner prior to the June



1st meeting. Come to the front right corner of the meeting room and look for the SCHMOOZING CORNER sign 20 minutes before the meeting is scheduled to begin.

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 here). This will take you to the same page you always start at – except JGSCV will receive a marketing fee at no cost to you.



Don’t forget to sign-up or renew your Ralph’s Community Contribution Program. JGSCV receives significant contributions from Ralph’s when you use your Ralph’s Card and have chosen JGSCV as your participant organization. See “Notices” at the JGSCV website [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org).

If you enjoy and are enriched by JGSCV programs, please remember to renew your membership or join for the first time. JGSCV dues help defray the costs required to develop such a full schedule of fertile programs and speakers to enhance your genealogical research and experience. A form is on the website [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org)

JGSCV Computer Workshops are one of the many benefits of membership. To help plan future Workshops, please fill out the form on page 12 and tell the board what interests you most. You may hand it in at the sign-in desk at the next meeting. If you prefer, just ask for the form at the desk at the next meeting and fill it out there.

JGSCV would like to include your genealogical discoveries in our newsletter. Maybe it is a photo or a document that you have uncovered. Maybe you have connected with a new relative. Or, maybe you’ve encountered a brick wall that you’d like to share. Please take some time to summarize what you would like to share and we will contact you for more details if necessary. See page 14 for more details.

# Highlights From:

## Genealogy Roundtables

JGSCV doesn't often arrange for meetings where speakers or experts can address questions specific to an individual's family search. The Roundtables are an exception since every person has the opportunity to participate in very small groups (sometimes only 1 or 2) and get true, meaningful help from someone with expertise in the geographic area being researched by that individual. The Country Research tables were available for two 45 minutes sessions, to provide the opportunity to visit more than one table. (Some countries had only one session.) Participants were very fortunate to have had the opportunity for very personal help from some of the most recognized Jewish genealogists. Alphabetically, *Debra Kay Blatt* and *Warren Blatt* (Poland), *Werner Frank* (Germany), *Sonia Hoffman* (Lithuania), *Karen Lewy* (US), *Sandra Malek* (Hungary), *Pamela Weisberger* (Galicia) and *Marion Werle* (Canada and Latvia) received universal acclaim – and sincere “thank you's” from all participants.



Because each of the tables offered individual insights, there are no *Highlights* to report. However, the table leaders did offer some thoughts on the overall direction and questions from each table. At the Polish Research table for example, Warren Blatt noted that the questions were quite challenging. Most of the help requested centered on using JRI-Poland to locate towns. And, he said there were also non-Poland questions regarding DNA.

Tables led by Marion Werle's included first Canada and then Latvia. Marion said both groups had general questions although the Latvia group wanted to know what records were available.

Sonia Hoffman said questions about Lithuanian research ranged from simple to complex with the overwhelming question, “How do I access information from the old country?”



Most of the questions were at a high level for Sandra Malek at the Hungary Research table. She was able share information on new data becoming available in the JGSLA section of the Los Angeles Family History Library.

Pamela Weisberger was very busy at the Galicia Research table partly because she was able to access the Temple's Wi-Fi network and had internet availability. Pamela did many searches on All Galicia Database <http://search.geshergalicia.org/> and Yad Vashem for the participants at her table who had specific interests in those areas.



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# BIRTHEARS OF VETERANS

Ancestry.com knows the kinds of problems faced when researching family members who served during any of the various US Wars. The infographic they created makes it easy to determine the approximate birth year if you know the war in which your family member served. OR, if you know the war, this will help determine the approximate birth year. Either way, if you are missing some insights for a family member who served during a war, you will surely find this useful.



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# NEXT MEMBERS-ONLY WORKSHOP: “GETTING THE MOST OUT OF ANCESTRY.COM”

A computer workshop on Ancestry.com will be held at the Conejo Valley Adult Education Center (1025 Old Farm Road) in Thousand Oaks on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-4:30 PM. Entitled, “Getting the Most Out of Ancestry.com”, the workshop will be led by Crista Cowan, the “Barefoot Genealogist”<sup>®</sup>. JGSCV has been privileged to have Crista talk to us several times, so we know this will be a fast-sell out. The workshop is limited to the 29 spaces available in the single computer room so if you are interested, it is suggested that you act quickly. This is in addition to our monthly programs and is only offered to 2014 JGSCV dues paid members. If you have not



renewed or  
joined JGSCV for  
2014, this is an excellent reason to  
do so now!

Crista will show you how to get the most out of your Ancestry.com searches. This is a step-by-step workshop with demonstrations of tips and tricks to maximize your searches and find even more treasures on Ancestry.com. Registration for “Getting the Most Out of Ancestry.com” will be available on a **first-come first-serve basis for those who register through JGSCV**. You will only be able to register through JGSCV. The Conejo Valley Adult Education Center will *not* accept direct registrations. 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.) While JGSCV will  
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absorb most of the costs, **the participant fee is \$10**. *The \$10 fee is per person even if you have a family membership to JGSCV*. Once you let Jan know by email and she confirms the reservation, **the \$10 fee must be paid in advance** by check payable to JGSCV and mailed to our treasurer: Karen Lewy, 4500 Henley Court Westlake Village, CA 91361. **Deadline for receiving the check is September 1** so that those on the waiting list may be contacted. **Payment will only be refunded if someone on the waiting list can fill the previously reserved space**. This new provision has been put in place since five pre-registrants did not attend the last workshop leaving some disappointed members who remained on the waiting list while 5 seats were vacant.

The date is **Sunday, September 14 from 1:30-4:30 p.m.** The workshop will start **promptly at 1:30 p.m.** Late arrivals will have to catch up on their own so please plan accordingly. **The Conejo Valley Adult Education Center is located at 1025 Old Farm Road in Thousand Oaks.**

## Eligibility Requirements

1. Be a JGSCV 2014 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 how to learn how to use a computer**. The only assistance given will be how to use the Ancestry.com website.

### Registration

The Adult Education Center requires JGSCV provide information for each person using the facility. If you have a family membership and both members in the membership want to participate, that is considered two (2) registrations - and two \$10 fees. Therefore, in your email to Jan, please include the following information for each individual registering:

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)

REMINDER: 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, you may find it helpful to bring a USB (flash) drive in order to copy and bring home any documents you may create or want to download.

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

# 34<sup>th</sup> IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy



The 2014 IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy will be held in Salt Lake City July 27-August 1. The full program is now available on the website <http://iajgs2014.org>.

Registration is open and you may make your hotel reservation at the conference rate now. Registration for the Full Conference is \$325. It is \$365 to register on-site. FAQ's regarding registration can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/l3hgysym>. Hotel rooms are limited so make your reservation now if you plan to attend. There is no penalty to cancel the hotel reservation up to 24 hours before the check-in date. Remember, there are SIG breakfasts, luncheons and other events that require pre-registration. When registration fills up, the event is closed so plan

ahead. The trip to Ancestry.com is sold out.

IAJGS is making more than 60 sessions available as a live stream that may be viewed in the comfort of your home, in front of your computer, tablet or smartphone. And, those videos will be available to be viewed for 3 months after the conference. **"LIVE!"** may be ordered on the conference website. You can view a sample here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8NzRwleH9c&feature=youtu.be>. IAJGS member societies like JGSCV receive a 10% discount on "LIVE!". Please contact Jan Meisels Allen for a special code to receive that discount: [president@jgscv.org](mailto:president@jgscv.org).

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# JGSCV Permanent Library Book List

## Now Searchable on JGSCV Website

JGSCV has two libraries: permanent and traveling. JGSCV's permanent non-circulating library is housed at the Agoura Hills Library a branch of the County of Los Angeles Public Library. The traveling library comes to each of our meetings. As of early June, the JGSCV permanent library list of books has been made into a searchable database. It is searchable by book title, author's name, publisher, place of publication year of publication and. All you have to do is click on any column header to resort the table by that column. In the near future a new column will be added: category title, such as Eastern Europe, Holocaust, and Sephardic etc. Go to [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org) and click on library and then permanent. Scroll down on the page you just entered you will see the searchable database.

To make it easier for our members, JGSCV librarian, Issie Perel took our list of approximately 250 books in the permanent library and put it in a spread sheet. Then JGSCV webmaster, David Oseas, converted the spreadsheet to html enabling the reader to easily search and sort by title, author, County of Los Angeles Public Library catalog number, other headings, and eventually by category. Amy Trulock, one of the librarians at the Agoura Hills Library, has placed the LA County Library catalog numbers on the list. As JGSCV books are added to the LA Library catalog their catalog numbers will be added to the list. While the books are being processed the column that lists the catalog number will say "IN PROCESSING".

**Permanent Library**

JGSCV's Permanent Library is **non-circulating** and is comprised of over 300 books, journals and pamphlets. See the table below for a complete listing of the Permanent Library's books. Click for a listing of the Permanent Library's [titles](#).

The majority of the books previously located in our traveling library have been relocated to the permanent library as of September 2013. As books are added to our library collection they will be added to the permanent library collection. In addition to being listed on the JGSCV website, the books are listed in the County of Los Angeles on-line catalogue.

The permanent library is located in the Agoura Hills Library, part of the County of Los Angeles Public Library System at 29901 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, CA 91301

The Agoura Hills Library is open Tuesday-Saturday. To check the hours please contact the library at [818-889-2275](tel:818-889-2275).

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| Title  | Author                            | Place of Publication | Publisher                      | Year | Call Number          |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|------|----------------------|
| A Brotherhood of Memory Jewish Landsmanshaftn in the New World                         | Weisser, Michael                  | NY                   | Basic Books                    | 1985 | R 974.7              |
| A Century of Ambivalence: The Jews of Russia and the Soviet Union 1881- present (1990) | Gleiman, Zvi                      | NY                   | Schocken Books                 | 1988 | R 947.204924         |
| A Dictionary of Jewish Names and their History   | Kagonoff, Benzion C.              | NY                   | Shocken Books                  | 1977 | R 929.4              |
| A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire, 2nd printing                  | Beider, Alexander                 | NJ                   | Avotaynu                       | 1993 | R 929.4089024547     |
| A Documentary History of the Jews in the United States 1654-1875                       | Schappes, Morris                  | NY                   | Citadel Press                  | 1950 | R 973.94624 SCHAPPES |
| A Documentary History of the Jews in the United States 1654-1875                       | Schappes, Morris                  | NY                   | Citadel Press                  | 1950 | R 973.94624 SCHAPPES |
| A Field Guide to Visiting a Jewish Cemetery  | Segal, Rabbi Joshua L.            | Nashua, NH           | Jewish Cemetery Publishing     | 2005 | R 929.1 SEGAL        |
| A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Lithuania   | Aaron, Sam                        | London               | JGS Great Britain              | 2005 | R 929.1072089 AARON  |
| A History of Jewish Costume  | Rubens, Alfred                    | NY                   | Funk & Wagnalls                | 1967 | R 391                |
| A History of the Jewish People   | Margolis, Max and Mark, Alexander | Philadelphia, PA     | The Jewish Publication Society | 1945 | R 933 MARGOLIS       |
| A History of the Jews (4 <sup>th</sup> Ed. Revised to 1953)                            | Sachar, Abram Leon                | NY                   | Knopf                          | 1956 | R 933 SACHAR         |
| A History of the Jews (From the Babylonian Exile to the end of WWII)                   | Grayzel, Solomon                  | Philadelphia, PA     | The Jewish Publication Society | 1947 | R 296                |

The books are the property of JGSCV even though they are listed in the County of Los Angeles Public Library catalog, and they are for use in the Library ONLY-even JGSCV members may not check them out. The library has computers and printers and is open several evenings a week as well as Saturdays—making it easily accessible for everyone.

JGSCV's growing collection of journals, newsletters and pamphlets are also housed at the Agoura Hills Library and are also non-circulating, and may be accessed also under the permanent library and clicking on the link "periodical".



Agoura Hills Library



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If you have any books to donate to the JGSCV permanent library please check the on list first to make certain that it is one we do not already own.

Our non-circulating traveling library comes to each meeting and has about 100 items in that library. To find what is available in the traveling library go to: [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org) and click on library and then click on traveling. The permanent library periodical list is updated monthly as we continually receive new journals and newsletters. This library is also non-circulating.

For information on the hours of operation and location for the Agoura Hills Library go to the permanent library page listed above and the address, phone number and hours are listed.

## VENTURA COUNTY FAIR



Once again the Ventura County Fair (July 30-August 10) will take place at the Ventura County Fairgrounds located at 10 W. Harbor Blvd. in Ventura. This year's theme is: "A Country Fair With Ocean Air". Genealogical awards and prizes are offered as part of the Hobbies Department. For entry details go to <http://tinyurl.com/khyxc8o> or original url: <http://www.venturacountyfair.org/fair/departments/hobbies/>

On the lower right of that page in the yellow box you can download the *Entry Guide*. You can enter online June 1-July 14, 2014 or bring your items to the Gem & Mineral building at the fairgrounds on July 26, 27 & 28 between 10 am-5 pm. Division 462 is genealogy and the requirements are included in the Entry Guide.

JGSCV members have volunteered in past years in the genealogy booth and enjoyed it! The IAJGS conference ends on August 1 so there are still many days you can volunteer at the Fair! Genealogy volunteers are needed for each day. Volunteers participate in 4 hour shifts 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. It is best if volunteers are familiar with Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org as well as other popular programs to show the fair attendees how genealogy is researched. Training sessions will be held for those needing an update on the latest programs. Volunteers are admitted to the Fair free but there are no parking privileges. For more information, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/qgrmn7p> or original url: <http://www.venturacountyfair.org/fair/>.

If you are interested in volunteering please email Kristin Stiles at [kstiles222@yahoo.com](mailto:kstiles222@yahoo.com).

# NEW ADDITONS TO JGSCV LIBRARIES

Since we reported in January 2014's newsletter the following books have been added to the JGSCV library. If you have genealogically-relevant books that you would like to donate, please contact Jan Meisels Allen at [president@JGSCV.org](mailto: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, 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](http://www.jgscv.org).

A Convenient Hatred: The History of Anti-Semitism Phyllis Goldstein Anti-Defamation League Facing History And Ourselves Mass 2012

A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames From the Russian Empire - Alexander Beider Avotaynu, New Jersey First Printing 1993

A Historical Bibliography of Polish Towns, Villages and Regions (Except Warsaw and Krakow) Edward A. Peckwas Polish Genealogical Society Chicago, IL 1990

A History of the Ukraine Paul Robert Magoscsi University of Toronto Press Toronto 1996

Behind Enemy Lines The True Story of a French Jewish Spy in Nazi Germany Marthe Cohen Harmony Books NY 2002

Canada's Jews A Social and Economic Study in Jews in Canada in the 1930s Louis Rosenberg McGill-Queen University Press Montreal 1993

Cassell's Italian Dictionary Italian-English-English-Italian Piero Rebora MacMillan Publishing New York 1967

Everyday Jewish Life in Imperial Russia Select Documents 1772-1914 Brandeis University Press MA 2013

Finding Italian Roots John Phillip Colletta, Ph.D Genealogical Publishing Company Baltimore MD 1993

For the Sake of the Children The Letters Between Otto Frank and Nathan Straus Jr. Joan Adler Straus Historical Society NY 2013

Generations A Millennium of Jewish History in Poland from the Earliest Times to the Holocaust told by a Survivor From an Old Krakow Family George J. Alexander Congress of Jewish Culture 2008

Great Jewish Women Elinor Slater and Robert Slater Jonathan David Publishers New York 2003

Guide to Jewish History of Oświęcim Auschwitz Jewish Center Poland 2011 (English and Polish)

Guide To Naturalization Records of the United States Christina K, Schaefer Genealogical Publishing Baltimore MD 1997

Historical Atlas of East Central Europe Paul Robert Magoscsi Vol I University of Washington Press 1995

How Your Ancestors Lived Jewish Lives Britain 1750-1950 Melody Amstel Arieli 2013 Pen & Sword Books, South Yorkshire, United Kingdom

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I Am Still Here: My Mother's Voice Clara Knopfler Author House Bloomington IL. 2007

In Search of Your German Roots A Complete Guide to Tracing Your Ancestors in Germanic Areas of Europe Third Ed. Angus Baxter Genealogical Publishing Company Baltimore MD 1994

In Their Words A Genealogist's Translation Guide to Polish, German, Latin and Russian Documents Jonathan D. Shea and William F. Hoffman Vol I: Polish Language and Lineage Press New Britain CT 2000 (Category B)

In Their Words A Genealogist's Translation Guide to Polish, German, Latin and Russian Documents Jonathan D. Shea and William F. Hoffman Vol II: Russian Language and Lineage Press New Britain CT 2002

Jewish Cemeteries of Hartford Connecticut: The Cohen/Goldfarb Collection Vol 1 Edward Cohen and Lewis Goldfarb Heritage Books Bowie MD 1995

Jewish Cemeteries of Hartford Connecticut: The Cohen/Goldfarb Collection Vol 2 Edward Cohen and Lewis Goldfarb Heritage Books Bowie MD 1998

Jewish Roots in Poland: Pages From the Past and Archival Inventories Miriam Weiner YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, New York, NY 1997

Kielce Yizkor Book Sefer Keltzy Tel Aviv 1957 ( photocopy)

Langenscheidt's Pocket Dictionary Spanish-English Langenscheidt Germany 2001

Lives Remembered: A Shtetl Through a Photographer's Eye Photographs by Zalman Kaplan Museum of Jewish Heritage A Living Memorial to the Holocaust NY 2002

Polish Genealogy and Heraldry Janina W., Hoskins Hippocrene Books New York 1990

Polish Surnames: Origins and Meanings William F. Hoffman Polish Genealogical Society of America Chicago, IL 1992

Ten Green Bottles The True Story of One Family's Journey From War-Torn Austria to the Ghettos of Shanghai Vivian Jeanette Kaplan St. Martin's Press NY 2002

The Family: Three Journeys Into the Heart of The Twentieth Century David Laskin Viking Penguin NY 2013

The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy Ed. Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking Rev. Ancestry 1997

They Came In Ships A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record Second Editions Revised John P. Colletta, Ph.D. Ancestry 1993 (Cat A)

Tombstones of Your Ancestors Louis Schafer Heritage Books Bowie MD, 1991

The Erica Miller Story: From Trauma to Triumph Erica Miller Cold River Studio Ashville, TN 2009

Uncovering Your Ancestry Through Family Photographs Maureen Taylor Betterway Books, Cincinnati OH 2000

Where Once We Walked Gary Mokotoff and SallyAnn Amdur Sack Avotaynu New Jersey 1991

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# Will You Share Your Genealogical Stories?

To all JGSCV members: We would like to include your genealogical discoveries in our newsletter. Maybe it is a photo or a document that you have uncovered. Maybe you have connected with a new relative. Or, maybe you've encountered a brick wall that you'd like to share. Please take some time to summarize what you would like to share and we will contact you for more details.

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## Future JGSCV Computer Classes Survey

To all JGSCV members: Thank you for taking the time and effort to respond to this survey. We want to know what interests you. We have listed some topics, but please add anything else you want to learn.

\_\_\_\_\_ Jewish Gen – Data Base Searches

\_\_\_\_\_ JGSCV.org Website Resource Links

\_\_\_\_\_ How to use Google for Genealogy searches

Genealogy software programs (write on the line below)

\_\_\_\_\_ Other  
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Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

# 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.
- Members-Only Workshops on valuable genealogy tools

## JGSCV Meeting Dates Through June, 2015\*

At Temple Adat Elohim

**Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30 PM Program “Genealogy in the Round” JGSCV members and friends share their successes, brickwalls and artifacts**

| <u>2014</u>   | <u>2015</u>   |
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| Sunday Sept. 7, 1:30-3:30 PM<br><i>Warren Blatt JewishGen.org</i> | Sunday January 4 1:30-3:30 PM   |
| <b>MONDAY</b> October 6, 7-9 PM                                   | Sunday February 8 <b>1-5PM</b> , “Assisted Research Afternoon” at LAFHL |
| <b>MONDAY</b> November 3, 7-9 P                                   | Sunday March 1, 1:30-3:30 PM  |
| Sunday Dec. 21, 1:30-3:30 PM                                      | Sunday April 12, 1:30-3:30 PM   |
|   | Sunday May 3, 1:30-3:30 PM  |
|   | Sunday June 4, 1:30-3:30 PM   |

\* All programs except October and February, to be announced. Check website [www.jgscv.org](http://www.jgscv.org)