

NEW YORK CITY JEWISH GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES 2011-2

1) JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC. 212-294-8326 www.jgsny.org

JGS, Inc. holds meetings with invited speakers, every month (except July & August), usually on the third Sunday of the month, at the Center for Jewish History (15 West 16th Street) 2 - 3:30 pm. In addition, the Ackman & Ziff Family Genealogy Institute is open for networking and access to resource materials and computers before the meetings from 11 am. Regular annual membership (\$36) includes the quarterly, Dorot, and free entrance to all meetings (\$5 for non-members). For more details, go to their website. Call 212-294-8326 for possible cancellations due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Future meetings in 2012 are:

Jan 15 Property Registration Files and Records of Restitution in Austrian State Archives – Hubert Steiner
Feb 19 What They Saved - Pieces of a Jewish Past – Nancy K. Miller
Mar 25 We are Here: Memories of the Lithuanian Holocaust - Ellen Cassedy
Apr 15 Special Program at the Museum at Eldridge Street
May 20 Jews on the Chocolate Trail – Rabbi Deborah R. Prinz
June 10 What, Where and How to Search for Displaced Persons – Valery Bazarov

2) NEW YORK GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES www.jgsny.org

The book *Genealogical Resources in New York*, (2003) by Estelle Guzik, is the most comprehensive guide to genealogical and biographical resources in New York City and Albany. It can be ordered from the JGS, Inc. web-site, (\$12) or purchased at the gift shop at the Center for Jewish History.

3) BASICS AND BEYOND SEMINAR www.jgsny.org

The “Basics and Beyond” Seminar is given most years on a Sunday in the spring. It include a beginner’s track as well as one for more advanced genealogists. A modest fee includes a kosher luncheon buffet and a syllabus. There is no seminar in 2012.

4) INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY www.iajgs.org

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) is the umbrella organization of about 70 Jewish genealogical societies around the world. It annually sponsors a conference hosted by one society. The next conference will be hosted by the JGS of Paris July 15-18, 2012 at the Marriott Rive Gauche Hotel and Conference Center. There will be lectures on all subjects of Jewish genealogical interest by experts. There will be ample opportunities for research, tours, special hotel rates, networking, etc. Future conferences will be Boston, MA Aug 4-9, 2013 at the Park Plaza Hotel, and Salt Lake City, Utah 2014. The 2012 conference site is: www.iajgs2012.org

5) CENTER FOR JEWISH HISTORY (CJH) 15 W 16 St NYC www.cjh.org

CJH has excellent resources in their library and archives. Hours M 9:30-7:30, T-Th 9:30-5:30, F 9:30-1:30, Sun 11-4. They are closed for all national holidays. The 5 member organizations are:

YIVO Institute for Jewish Research (Eastern European Resources)	www.yivoinstitute.org
Leo Baeck Institute (Resources of German speaking Jewry)	www.lbi.org
American Jewish Historical Society	www.ajhs.org
Yeshiva University Museum	www.yu.edu/museum
American Sephardi Federation	www.amsephfed.org

6) ACKMAN & ZIFF FAMILY GENEALOGY INSTITUTE <http://cjh.org/p/34>

Located at the CJH, and the hours are the same. Volunteers and resources are available.

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7) JEWISHGEN

www.jewishgen.org

Jewishgen is the main website for Jewish Genealogy founded by Susan King, and maintained by Warren Blatt. Join the discussion group and ask your genealogical questions. Find genealogical information on every country. Research the many databases. Search the JGFF (Jewish Genealogical Family Finder) and find others researching the same towns and surnames, and submit your own surnames and towns. Join a SIG (special interest group). Search the vital records of Poland - JRI-PL (Jewish Records Indexing - Poland). Take the beginner's class. See 12 below.

www.jewishgen.org/education

8) OTHER WEBSITES

JGSNY contains Brooklyn Naturalizations, landsmanschaft cemetery data, etc.

www.jgsny.com

JEWISH WEB INDEX Has links to many Jewish sites.

[//jewishwebindex.com](http://jewishwebindex.com)

ANCESTRY Requires yearly membership fee (or free use at NYPL & CJH).

www.ancestry.com

YAD VASHEM Searches can be made of Pages of Testimony

www.yadvashem.org

STEVE MORSE Portal to Ellis Island and many other databases

www.stevemorse.org

9) AVOTAYNU

www.avotaynu.com

The major publication Avotaynu, The International Review of Jewish Genealogy, is a professional quarterly edited by Gary Mokotoff and Sallyann Amdur Sack. They edited the new definitive guide to Jewish genealogical research, The Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy, published in 2008. It includes articles by over 60 experts on research in 17 countries and more. Avotaynu publishes and sells books, CD's, etc.

10) FAMILY HISTORY CENTERS

www.familysearch.org

The LDS (Latter Day Saints) have FHC's (Family History Centers), that house libraries and microforms of genealogical importance. Microforms found in their library catalogue (on-site and at their web-site) can be ordered from Salt Lake City for a nominal fee. Microfilm & microfiche readers, copy machines, computers are available free. The microforms can be ordered online at familysearch.org/films. Hours at the Manhattan FHC are: T,W 12-9, Th 10-9, Sat 10-4.

The FHC's in NYC are at:

Brooklyn 718-434-8245

Manhattan 212- 799-2414

Woodside, Queens 718-478-5337

Bronx 718-561-7824

125 Columbus Ave

Staten Island 718-698-0668

11) METRO NY COMPUTERS AND GENEALOGY SIG

Monthly meetings are held at the NY G & B Society at 36 W 44 St (5-6 Ave) 7th floor, the first Tuesday of each month from 6-8pm (except July & August). Occasionally there is a change of date. Future meetings in 2012 are Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1, June 5.

<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~metrony/schedule.htm>

12) ONLINE BASIC and ADVANCED JEWISH GENEALOGY COURSES

Basic beginners course consists of 8 text lessons, delivered online twice weekly, downloadable, with facility to ask questions. There are also classes for intermediate and advanced researchers. Check the website for dates.

www.jewishgen.org/education