

Summer 2017

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Meetings are held on Sunday afternoon
at B'nai Yehuda Beth Sholom (BYBS)
1424 W. 183rd St. Homewood, Illinois

Our Board meetings are at 1:00 open to all paid members
Our General meetings are at 2:00 members and guests welcome

JUNE 4 (1st Sunday) book review by Deby Eisenberg

Author of *Protecting Paige* & *Pictures of the Past*

With her first novel, *'Pictures of the Past'*, Deby Eisenberg became a part of the Jewish Book Council Author Network, engaging audiences on her national speaking tour. Inspired by her love of literary research, art, architecture, Jewish history, and travel in the United States and Europe, with *'Protecting Paige'*, she once again envisioned a multi-generational love story that would inform as well as entertain. A Book Club leader for over twenty years, Eisenberg is a former English teacher and journalist, with a Master's Degree from the University of Chicago.



This program is open to the public. Invite your friends, relatives, neighbors, everyone.
Please let us know if you are bringing a guest so we may have enough snacks.

JULY 9 (2nd Sunday) 'The Curious Life of Grace Mailhouse Bernham McDonald'

Member Barry Finkel and genealogist for many years will tell us how he discovered Grace and traced her life."

AUGUST 6 (1st Sunday) Annual 'Deli Dinner' at Bergstein's New York Delicatessen

4:30 pm - 7:30 pm - \$15.00 per person

Please RSVP if you prefer corned beef/turkey OR dairy platter.
see page 3 for 'Deli Dinner' flyer

37th IAJGS Annual Conference and the JGS of Greater Orlando
will host the annual 2017 conference in Orlando, Florida
at the World Disney Swan Resort
July 23 - 28, 2017

Trudy's Topics

After a couple of years of de-cluttering my house in Homewood (40 years of memories and accumulation), Sid and I took a major step and purchased a residence in North Fort Myers, Florida.

They say things happen in threes and this has proven true for us. Is that good or bad?

THE FIRST QUARTER

- 1) We left, Homewood on Friday, January 13. (a lucky day for us).
- 2) Our bid was accepted on my birthday, February 2.
- 3) Closing day was on March 16 (the day before - St. Patrick's Day). So we have a bit of Irish Luck also.

CHICAGO CONNECTION

- 1) The realtor we used in Florida-his parents lived in Chicago for many years.
- 2) the salesman at the tile store in Florida had just returned from vacation. Politely I asked 'where he went?' He replied Chicago.
- 3) On the road home, one of the motel clerks when she saw our home address said that she worked at a nursing home in Homewood, a mile from my house.

THE SAD THREES

- 1) while my daughter-in-law and son were on a weekend cruise, her old dog died. On a Sunday early morning, what do I do? Finally after three telephone calls, I got a human who helped me through this situation. Long and short, his team came to the house took the dead dog, and held the animal until the children returned home. Sadly, I had to telephone my children and tell them what happened. On their way home from their cruise, they stopped at the vet place and finalized the plans. For those that know me, I am not an animal lover and was happy to be told that I did the right thing.
- 2) I lost the diamond from my wedding ring.
- 3) the day before we left for Chicago, my 4 year old grandson accidentally stepped on the neighbors dog who in turn bit his foot. What a horrible way to end his spring break. Monday he had a doctor visit and gradually started healing. I was told he was becoming a good hopper and loved being pushed around on the desk chair.

ILLINOIS COMPLETION

I just hope that Illinois will be another easy three

- 1) finish de-cluttering,
- 2) another garage sale,
- 3) selling furniture.

If you know someone needing furniture at reasonable prices, please let me know.

IJGS Tribute Cards

To purchase donation cards at \$1.50 each please email IJGS@comcast.net or call Trudy to arrange pick up at a prearranged time.

We also have beige color stationary - "Greetings from one leaf on our family tree to another"

Both calligraphy by Roslyn Greenberg, may she rest in peace.

Future Programs

If you have a suggestion for a program that you would like to hear or learn about, please let anyone on the board know.

From Our Historian

If you see an article(s) in the newspapers or bulletins pertaining to our monthly meetings please save it for our society scrapbook. You can give it to me or Trudy at a meeting.

Thank you, Evelyn

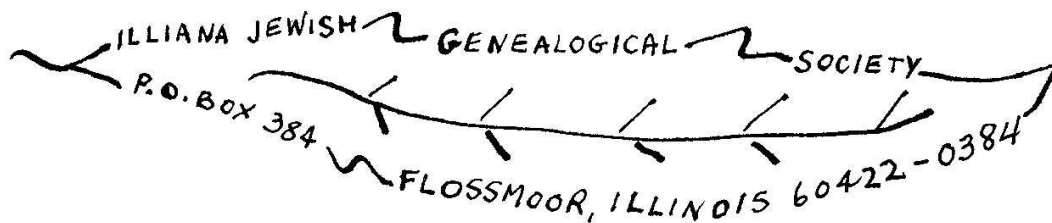
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Renewal form for the 2017/2018 season can be find on page 7



Annual Deli Dinner

SUNDAY, August 6, 2017

Bergstein's NY Delicatessen
200 Dixie Hwy.
Chicago Heights, Illinois

4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Choice of 1) Meat Platter - Corned Beef and Turkey

OR

2) Dairy Platter - herring and fish salads

\$15.00 per person

Includes hot and cold drinks and dessert

RSVP by July 27

to

Sandy and Fred Miller
(815) 806-0599

- 1) Your preference of meat or dairy platter
- 2) IF you are planning on bringing a dessert

Guests and friends are welcomed

If you would like a flyer sent to a friend/relative,
please let us know.

Early Chicago Naturalization Records

by Phyllis Kramer

If your ancestors naturalization was before 1917 in Chicago, you can contact IRAD in Chicago. First step might be to find the 1920 census as it requests the year of naturalization.

IRAD...stands for the Illinois Regional Archives Depository.

You can request 2 surnames-they will search the soundex for the name and if found send you the info-at no charge...i believe they ask for a donation. Call or write for their informational handouts and lists of the documents for the county you are interested in. They not only have naturalizations, but births, deaths and marriages, divorce, residence, real property, personal property, estates, school attendance, court actions, paupers, professions. (not all of the types of records listed above is held by IRAD for every county in Illinois). Most of their records are from 1877 to 1917.

For Chicago/Cook County: IRAD, Northeastern Illinois University, Ronald Williams Library, 5500 N. St Louis ,Chicago, IL,60625, PH# (773)794-6279.

For other counties: IRAD Information Services, .Illinois State Archives, Springfield, IL 62756; telephone (217) 785-1266. They will take phone requests.

New free online searchable JGSI Jewish Chicago Database (JJCD)

The JGS of Illinois has expanded its existing database of Chicago-area cemetery burial information to include several other useful collections of information with the total number of records now more than 80,000.

To access the JJCD, go to <http://jgsi.org/databasesearch>. One can search the entire database or limit the search to a single component of the full database.

The cemetery information in the JGSI Jewish Chicago Database comprises entries that often include date of death, date of birth and plot location numbers within Chicago-area cemeteries.

Among the additions to the newly expanded database are:

- > Memorial plaque transcriptions and photos from two Chicago synagogues: *B'nai Zion-Shaare Tikvah* and *Lawn Manor Beth Jacob Congregation*
- > Intake reports from the Drexel Home for the Jewish Aged
- > Death notices published in the JUF News from 1994 to 2005
- > An index with date of birth and date of death information extracted from *Chicago Tribune* death notices published in the latter half of the 1990s

Database information is still being processed from two Chicago orphanages: the Chicago Jewish Orphans Home, which operated from 1894 to 1942, and the Marks Nathan Jewish Orphan Home, which operated from 1906 to 1948.

The JJCD project has an ultimate objective of combining all possible Chicago-area Jewish genealogical data. A compilation of frequently asked questions related to the JGSI Jewish Chicago Database can be found at <http://jgs.jgsi.org/acjd/faq.html>.

Sinai Temple - Champaign, Illinois

By Allen Avner

In 2003, Sinai Temple members put together a book in observance of their 100th anniversary. It is fully indexed and includes chapters on Jewish war veterans, Jewish burials in the area, and other Jewish organizations in that was part of the early Jewish community (including the world's first Hillel Foundation at the University of Illinois). A brief description of the book is available at <http://www.sinaitemplecu.org/centenary.html>

Though a downstate congregation, many Chicago area residents who attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign may have attended services at Sinai and some may even have been married there.

Pre-1907 Indiana Naturalization Index

by Melissa C. Tennant

Genealogy Gems: News from the Fort Wayne Library No. 158, April 30, 2017

When researching naturalization records for an immigrant ancestor, you will find the records informative and personal, documenting how that the immigrant became a United States citizen. Records created during the naturalization process include the Declaration of Intent, the Petition for Naturalization, and the Naturalization Certificate. A Declaration of Intent or First Papers documented when an immigrant initially declared in court an intention to become a citizen. The Petition for Naturalization or Final Papers was filed when an immigrant completed the application for citizenship. Finally, the Naturalization Certificate was issued when the judge approved the application and declared the immigrant to be a U.S. citizen.

Prior to 1906, no uniformity existed with respect to naturalization forms. Immigrants could apply to become a U.S. citizen at any court with a seal. Hence, in Indiana, one can find naturalization proceedings documented in the circuit, probate, common pleas and superior courts. In Indiana, clerks would write notes of the court proceedings, which included naturalizations, within the court order books. "An Index to Naturalization Records in Pre-1907 Order Books of Indiana County Courts" (977.2 In1015a), published by the Indiana Historical Society, indexes the naturalization notes found in the court order books from Indiana's nine-two counties. Initially a Works Progress Administration project, this volume was updated by the Indiana Historical Society after index workers completed a page-by-page review of court order books by searching and documenting these naturalization notes.

The index is organized alphabetically by surname, and then by given name. Each reference includes the county name and the court type, as well as the volume and specific page number. If available, the years covered within the individual volume are also documented, using the last two numbers of the years. When referring to the years, researchers should remember that the index covers records dating from the 1820s to 1906.

With Indiana nicknamed the "Crossroads of America," the state attracted many immigrants, who journeyed through it during the 19th century. For those who settled permanently, it was a time of growth and population shifts. "An Index to Naturalization Records in Pre-1907 Order Books of Indiana County Courts" is a valuable resource for anyone seeking an immigrant in pre-1907 Indiana. Once an ancestor is found, the citation is all that is required in order to locate the court orders. With these details, one can also follow-up with the local court for copies of the naturalization documents that were created at the time of the court orders.

Jan Meisels Allen. Chairperson,

IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee 10/30/2015

The Midwest Genealogy Center has launched a new research source: free index to 1.5 million National Railroad Pension Records. This collection is being offered in association with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). It is available from the Genealogy Quick Look from the Midwest Genealogy Center in Independence MO. You can access the Genealogy Quick Look at: <http://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy> and clicking on the "Genealogy Quick Look" link.

Remember this is for the index to the records, not direct access to the records. To access their records directly you have to request them from the National Archives. The information on the index assists in finding the correct record. In addition to having the first and last name of the retiree it helps if you have date of birth and date of death. The records are located in the Atlanta branch of NARA.

To learn more about the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, an independent agency of the executive branch of the U.S. government go to: http://www.rrb.gov/opa/agency_overview.asp.

D. Joshua Taylor Named as One of the “Movers & Shakers 2017 Educators” by Library Journal

Eastmans Online Genealogy Newsletter
Dick Eastman 3/18/2017



D. Joshua Taylor, President and CEO of New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, one of the hosts on PBS Television’s *Genealogy Roadshow*, former president (for four years) of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and all-around “good guy” has received another honor. Library Journal has named Josh as one of the movers and shakers in the industry.

According to the magazine article, “Working with different libraries on the show and in other pursuits, Taylor has helped to highlight the many ways librarians are go-to resources for all genealogists, as guides to online services and by leveraging their own on-site collections.”

Genealogy and Seniors

Eastmans Online Genealogy Newsletter
Dick Eastman · January 31, 2017

Kimberley Fowler has written an introductory article that describes some of the reasons why senior citizens are often attracted to genealogy. She writes:

“Retirees across America are leaving their families an unconventional legacy — knowledge of their family’s ancestral roots. In the age of the internet, ancestry and genealogy research has increased with additional access to online historical records. Genealogy and Seniors

“Older adults who are retired and have time on their hands are taking advantage, making “genealogy the second most popular hobby in the U.S., after gardening,” according to Time.”

You can read the full article in a Place for Mom blog at
: <http://www.aplaceformom.com/blog/1-30-17-genealogy>

AARP magazine (January 2017) mentioned several sites that might be of interest to you.
share your family story online at thehistoryproject.com
design a personal pillow, blanket, calendar at collage.com
convert old photos to digital files at difmypics.com

500 Years of English Slang in an Online Dictionary

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Dick Eastman 10/20/2016

Find a word or phrase in an old document that you do not understand? If it is slang, you probably can find the meaning in the free, online *Green’s Dictionary of Slang*. For instance, did you know that a *mickser* is an Irishman who has emigrated to the UK?

Green’s Dictionary of Slang contains nearly 100,000 words supported by over 400,000 citations that go all the way back to the middle ages.

It is the largest historical dictionary of English slang available anywhere, either online or in print.

Written by Jonathon Green over 17 years from 1993, it reached the printed page in 2010 in a three-volume set containing nearly 100,000 entries supported by over 400,000 citations from circa AD 1000 to the present day. The main focus of the dictionary is the coverage of over 500 years of slang from circa 1500 onwards.

The dictionary is now available in updated online form for the first time, complete with advanced search tools enabling search by definition and history, and an expanded bibliography of slang sources from the early modern period to the present day. Since the print edition, nearly 60,000 quotations have been added, supporting 5,000 new senses in 2,500 new entries and sub-entries, of which around half are new slang terms from the last five years.

Green’s Dictionary of Slang is available at <https://greensdictofslang.com>

10 Ways To Jump Start Your Genealogy
WGGS Quarterly 40 Volume XXXV, Number 2
Thomas MacEntee's blogs

Goal Setting: Make a written list of what you want to accomplish.

Embrace Change: If you don't change the way you do things, you will always get the same results. One important first step is to declutter, both our minds and our environment:

Networking: Connect with other researchers, on message boards, mailing lists Facebook and societies.

Education: Going to conferences is fine, but many of us don't have the time or resources to commit to that level of education. That's where webinars and on-line courses and conferences come in. Many are available for free. Many are available on YOUR

schedule. **Advice:** Here are some ways to get free advice, in addition to those networking methods above:

Limits: You decide what stays and what goes. Focus on what is important to you.

Organization: Clean-Up and Maintenance can be a dreaded activity, but you must if you are going to accomplish your genealogy goals.

Get Out!: It is untrue that everything is now available to genealogists online. Visit a genealogy library, join genealogy societies, attend genealogy conferences, take research trips.

You: Find out what makes you happy, set goals, take care of yourself, embrace change, network, ask for help and understand the roles of others. Don't wait to master all these steps.

If you have been paying attention, perhaps you noticed
that all the above steps spell **G-E-N-E-A-L-O-G-Y**

ILLIANA JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Renewal of Family Membership dues for our society year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 is due now – Please renew at our annual Deli Dinner or you may pay at our summer meetings or send a **check for \$20.00** payable to IJGS P.O. Box 384 Flossmoor, Illinois 60422-0384

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