

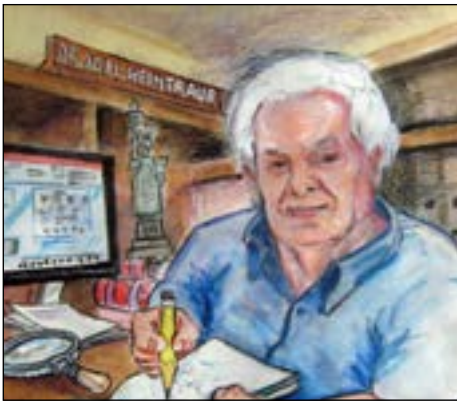


Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society

Researching the World



SBCGS Virtual General Meeting Saturday, October 17, 10:30am



Please join us on Saturday, October 17,
for our virtual general meeting.

[You must register for this meeting.](#)

*After registering, you will receive a confirmation
email containing the link to join the class.*

10:30 - 11:00am

Business Meeting with President
and Committee Reports

11:00 - 12:00 Noon

Elizabeth O'Neal, VP, Introduction of Speaker

"Introduction to Jewish Genealogy"

Speaker: Joel Weintraub

About the Program:

Join Joel Weintraub as he sets out to find the roots of his "Russian" maternal grandfather. Using records in time and space, oral history, research sites, and major online websites including JewishGen and Yad Vashem, a clearer picture of his ethnic and genetic ties to the past become evident. The journey led him to the discovery of a previously unknown Great Aunt. This talk also includes Joel's research of some of the genealogy of Roz Chast, author of *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?* And, that information leads to a surprising discovery by Joel.

About the Speaker:

A native New Yorker, Joel is an emeritus Professor at California State University Fullerton, whose work in genealogy spans over 20 years. Joel volunteered for nine years at the Southern California National Archives and Records Administration, and produced locational tools for the 1900 through 1940 censuses and the New York City censuses (1905, 1915, & 1925) for the Steve Morse "One-Step" website (stevemorse.org). He published articles on the US Census, searching records in NYC, the Ellis Island "Name Change Myth," and gave presentations on census research, immigration and naturalization, Ellis Island, and Jewish genealogy.

Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/census1950>



For October, you must register for all meetings and classes including the General Meeting:

https://zoom.us/join/register/tJEgf-GprjIsGNW_ZookZsGqGR1isCpmwLp

General Information:

1. You will need a computer, tablet, or smartphone with speaker or headphones.
2. After you register, you will receive a your link to SBCGS General Meeting.
3. At the start time of your meeting, click on the link in your invitation to join. You may be instructed to download the Zoom application.
4. You will be sent to our waiting room. Our Zoom host, will admit you. This process insures the security of our Zoom meeting.

Meeting Information Virtual Meeting

- Zoom Meeting Saturday, October 17, 2020
- 10:30 am

Special Interest Groups on Zoom

12 Noon, Oct. 21, DNA Lunch and Learn meets under the leadership of George LaPlante

12 Noon, Oct. 13 & 27, Genealogy Lunch and Learn meets under the leadership of Rosa Avolio.

1:00 PM, Oct. 22, New Member and Beginning Genealogy, under leadership of Jean Foster and Norma Johnson

[You must register for these classes.](#)
Then, the URL will be mailed to you a few days before.

Other October classes will be found on the October Zoom Flyer in this newsletter.

Attachments to this newsletter:
Outreach
October Zoom Classes

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Stay home.

Stay healthy.

President's Message

Connie Burns, President



Dear Society Friends,

In July 2019, when I was elected President Elect of the Society, I had big plans for when I would become President in July 2020! I spent the year learning more and more about the Society from all the competent and energetic Board members, officers, and the Society's Committee members. What I mostly learned was what a great organization this is!

But, as you, know, nothing ever goes as planned, and just this past August, our kids convinced my husband and me that NOW is the time for us to move down to Laguna Hills to be close to family. They threw a bunch of compelling reasons at us, and so, after a great deal of agonizing, off we go!

We listed our house, and it sold literally overnight. Escrow closes this Tuesday, Oct. 6th. What a whirlwind of decisions and activities!

Randy and I look forward to the adventure of a new community, of being closer to the kids and grandchildren, a new genealogical society, and lots of other activities. But, of course, my biggest disappointment is that I won't be following up on the plans I made for and with the Society. I will miss you all a great deal, and I'm so proud to have been part of this Society as it continues to grow in stature, professionalism and technologic improvements to better serve all our members.

This was made abundantly clear in last Saturday's Seminar, which was very well attended, very educational, entertaining, fun, and brought us all together. What a marvelous job the Seminar Committee did! Kudos to Marie Sue Parsons, Diane Sylvester, Rosa Avolio, Elizabeth O'Neal, Robin McCarthy, and Marilyn Compton (and *Connie Burns* --Ed.) for a job very well done!

And, as long as we still have Zoom meetings and seminars and webinars, you will still see me popping up on the screen and hear my giggle in the background. I will still have the same email address and cell phone, so please keep in touch. connieburns12@hotmail.com, 805 698-1089

Lots of love to you all!
Connie



Once upon a time...



Your Ancestors West Committee really loved the idea of our Winter edition being about holiday traditions of our ancestors..... alas, we must have been the only ones. Or, no one in the Society had ancestors who celebrated anything.

So, Good News! We will happily accept all those fascinating stories you have been waiting to share. You pick the ancestors; you pick the topic.

The Other News is that we would like to have your story to us by October 15, if possible. We hate to have to cancel the Winter issue and know we can count on YOU to keep the Ancestors West tradition going.

500 to 2,500 words; we love to include photos and other visuals. Questions? antkap@cox.net

~ Kristin and the Incredible Ancestors West Group

Zoom Events Switching to Registration Basis

Effective October 1st, the society will begin requiring individual registrations to attend our Zoom meetings and classes (some exceptions may apply, such as Committee and Board meetings).

You do not need a Zoom account to register for any society Zoom event. Simply click on the registration link for the desired event in our Events Calendar. Fill in your complete name and email address on the pop-up form to receive an email containing the Zoom link to attend the selected event.

You must register separately for each event you want to attend. You can register to obtain the Zoom event link even after the event has begun. We publish upcoming events several times throughout the month in email newsletters.

Why are we doing this? The reasons are many.

- Most societies have adopted this practice for their virtual events.
- Some of our events are open to the public. The email process we've been using only reaches our society members. Non-members must contact Membership to request the Zoom link to attend public events.
- Remembering to send out the email notifications for the numerous upcoming events was becoming cumbersome. We want to know the actual names of people attending our events. Some people were still joining with obscure IDs and not renaming themselves. (Please note that registrations without complete names will be canceled.)
- Having a list of registered attendees allows us to easily send follow-up information for an event, should that be needed.

We hope that you won't find this new process problematic. If you have questions or encounter issues, please reach out to us at membership@sbgen.org or sbcgs-education@sbgen.org and one of our technology specialists will get back to you.

Recognizing Our Volunteers: Gretchen Murray



This month, SBCGS recognizes and thanks **Gretchen Murray**. Gretchen joined the society in 2016 and recently joined the Membership Team as the Membership Records Administrator, in charge of membership renewals and new member applications. Thank you, Gretchen! And thank you for sharing a little about yourself.

"I am a 39 year resident of Santa Barbara county, native of California, and was pulled into genealogy by my mother, Edith Zannon – a Life Member of SBCGS. I researched my father's family, as he was 4 generations removed from a Revolutionary War patriot. Since that generation spoke German, researching was a bit more difficult to document. When my mother passed away, I inherited her records, and versions of different family ahnentafels. I am in the process of transferring them to current electronic versions, and correcting where I am able.

I completed a Ph.D. in pharmacology from UCLA, and worked in clinical research and medical product registrations (a field called regulatory affairs). The highlight was having overall registration responsibility for the diagnostic test required at the time Herceptin was registered for treatment of breast cancer. It was a 2 year collaboration with Genentech, and participation in the product introduction to the FDA panel which approved the drug, and presentation to the FDA panel for the diagnostic. I bicycle and walk for exercise and have been singing with the Santa Barbara Choral Society for more than 20 years."

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Tech Tips, October 2020 Milt Hess, Technology Chair



The Technology Team provides the platform and tools that members use to create, control, and access content – both genealogical data and Society records and files.

Have you ever wondered how we are able to keep all the computer and networking equipment at the Sahyun Library working reliably? There are 17 computers – Mac, PC, and Chromebook; 8 scanners; a Drobo file server for the records preservation project; and network equipment tying it all together.

Rather than try to keep all this equipment and software up-to-date and operating smoothly ourselves, we contract with a local firm, Latitude Technologies 34, to do it for us. Their staff have remote access to our entire configuration and can monitor, diagnose, and usually correct any problems that we may encounter.

That lets the Technology Team focus on software tools for genealogical research, records management, and – especially this year – remote access. Rosa Avolio and Robin McCarthy took the lead in making Zoom available for our membership activities – monthly meetings, Lunch & Learn, Happy Hour, classes, and more.

In future Tech Tips I'll talk more about the software we support.

Do you have a background in IT, either as a professional or as a knowledgeable user? If you do and would like to join the team, I'd love to talk to you.

Milt Hess

ITchair@sbgen.org

SBCGS Lunch & Learn

Tuesday Lunch & Learn - Virtual during September
Rosa Avolio

Tuesdays, Oct. 13 and 27.

Registration Required:

<https://sbgen.org/eventListings.php?nm=216>

DNA Lunch & Learn - Virtual during September
George LaPlante

October 21, 12 Noon

Registration Required:

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New Member & Beginning Genealogy - Virtual
Thursday, October 22, 1:00 PM

Leaders: Jean Foster and Norma Johnson

Registration Required:

<https://sbgen.org/eventListings.php?nm=216>

**Need help with your DNA test results
for solving your brick walls?**

20 minute DNA One-on-One Virtual consultations with
Mary E Hall. Free to SBCGS members.

Membership Corner by Molly Gleason



Hello all, Welcome to “Virtual” Family History Month! I hope you make several exciting discoveries this month and add some missing leaves to your genealogy trees.

A Warm Welcome to our new members and thank you continuing members for your renewals in September!

Our new members since the last issue of Tree Tips are:

Crisis Coaching (organization),

**Linda Everly, Audra Johnson, Sue Kadner, Elaine Lane,
Jane Palmer Morrison, Margaret Thorpe, and
John and Lorelee Weaver**

The SBCGS New Member Packet is now on our website! Click on Members Area / New Member Packet.

New members: The packet includes helpful information about the library and instructions for renewing as well as adding or changing information in your individual profiles. In addition, it includes “how to get started in genealogy” tips, forms, and references to several genealogy sources including free websites and Santa Barbara County facilities for local and worldwide family history research. Paper copies of the New Member Packet will also be available at the Sahyun Library and the monthly General Meetings, once we resume normal operations.

MEMBERSHIP EVENTS

- **Virtual New Member Orientation and Library Tour** to be held Saturday, October 10th, 10:00AM to Noon. Members who joined in September 2019 or later will automatically receive an email with the Zoom link. However, the class is open to ALL members. If you are a longer term member and wish to attend, please contact me at membership@sbgen.org.

REMINDERS AND TIPS

- **Family History Month is here!** Several virtual classes and events are being held this month – including, of course, the recent Seminar on October 3rd. Click on the October Family History Month flyer or the Events Calendar on the home page of our website for the schedule and registration details. In addition, there will be two special virtual exhibits this month. Read more about these in the “Outreach” column.
- **New procedure for virtual events.** Members will need to register for all virtual events open to the public – including the General Meeting. Note: The New Member Orientation, which is open to members only, does not require registration.
- **Member Surnames List** on our website. This month you might think about adding your family surnames to our website if you haven’t already done so. Or perhaps think about adding new ones you discover to your profile. Those

names added by our members are listed on the surname page, which you can access by clicking on the Surname Research link in the sidebar of the home page. To add your own surnames, you must log in first then click Profile listed under Members Area in the sidebar. Your membership profile information screen will appear. Click on the Surnames tab. To add a surname, click on the plus symbol in the top right corner of the surname box. Enter your surname information in the “Surname Research: Add” pop-up screen and click Save. You can add as many surnames as you like.

- **Need help? Work with a Mentor.** The Society has over thirty volunteer mentors in our Mentor Program who are ready to share their extensive expertise in several areas of genealogical research with our members. Please contact our Mentor Coordinator, Kathy Cremeen, kajcremeen@gmail.com, if you would like help – or would like to become a Mentor. To view a list of our mentors on our website, click on the Members Area/Mentors for Members link in the sidebar of the home page.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me at membership@sbgen.org with your questions, comments, and suggestions.



Thank you and looking forward to “seeing” you at the month’s events! Molly

Our Jewish Heritage Exhibit

<https://sbgen.org/cpage.php?pt=331>

Presented by JewishGen Special Interest Group.

Don’t miss this virtual exhibit!

There are 10 presentations showcasing three Society members’ Jewish Heritage:

Charlene Daly

Milt Hess

Jane Honikman



Outreach

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Presentation Titles Include:

Charlene Daly: From Romania to China to Australia

The Deli Family of Soroki, Bessarabia, Romania

The Rosenberg Mystery

The Streitmans of Ostroweic, Poland

What's in a Name?

A Death on Moffit Street

Jane Honikman: Finding Cantor Levy

Milt Hess: Florstadt- Preserving Jewish Heritage

Siegmund- WWI Uniform

Musikantenweg 39



["Family Matters" Virtual Student Art Exhibit](https://sbgen.org/cpage.php?pt=332)

<https://sbgen.org/cpage.php?pt=332>

Our first virtual student art exhibit is now ready to view! This is another exhibit not to miss! Our student artists, 6 to 16 years old, share how their family matters. Due to the exhibit turning virtual, we were able to open up our geographic scope from Santa Barbara to around the world. We have artists from Santa Barbara, Goleta, North Hollywood, Washington, Thailand, Switzerland, and Australia!

*You will be able to click on each artwork to view a larger view of the artworks and details from the artists.

You can access both exhibits by clicking on the links or images above OR

Go to sbgen.org-> [Outreach](#)

Please share!

Interested in helping the Outreach Committee with events and/or exhibits? Do you know of an organization that would like a fun virtual genealogy presentation? Email Holly Snyder at Outreach@sbgen.org.



Family History Month — October 2020!

SBCGS Presents Virtual Webinars, Classes, and Meetings Throughout the Month of October

*All events (excluding the Thomas Jones Seminar) during Family History Month are **free and open to the public** unless otherwise noted. Advance registration is required. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing the link to join the class. The registration links can be found below each event. Ordinarily these events are a benefit of SBCGS membership. If you like what you see and you are not a member, please consider [joining](#).*

Monday, Oct. 5, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

RootsTech Webinar

German Research for the Everyday American Where should you start? Don't worry! With the proper tools and some training, you can delve into a whole new world of research. This class will discuss the key resources and techniques for bridging the continental gap and finding your people.

Presented by: Karynne Moses

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Handy Online Tips and Tools

Robin McCarthy, Instructor

Learn about nifty tips, tricks and tools to make your online life easier.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Friday, Oct. 9, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Finding Scottish Ancestors Online

Nancy Loe, Instructor

This class will help you use leading websites and lesser-known databases for Scottish research, featuring search strategies for finding parish records, civil registrations, marriages, wills, tax lists, property assessments, burial registers, and other records. You'll also find resources for Scottish place names and geographical location research, and discover supporting resources, including help with Scottish handwriting, clans and tartans, and tutorials to advance your skills with Scottish records.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Saturday, Oct. 10, 10:00 - 12:00 Noon

October New Member Orientation

Molly Gleason, Host; Members, please contact [Molly](#) if you wish to attend. Registration not required.

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 12 Noon - 1:30 pm

Genealogy Lunch & Learn

Beginner to Advanced

Rosa Avolio, Host

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Tom Jones, Day-Long Seminar

October 3, 2020



[REGISTER HERE](#)

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

RootsTech Webinar

Finding Your Elusive Female Ancestor

Finding the wife of your ancestor or identifying a maiden name can be challenging. Learn how to find U.S. records which may contain clues for your female ancestors and which methods are best for discovering the women in your family lines.

Presented by: Julie Stoddard

[REGISTER HERE](#)

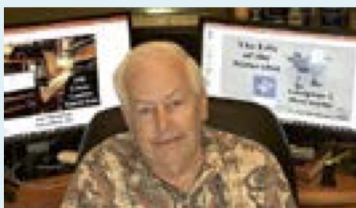
Virtual General Meeting

October 17, 10:30am

Speaker: **Joel Weintraub**

Topic: **Introduction to Jewish Genealogy**

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Monday, Oct. 19, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

From Doing Research to Making a Gift to Offer Your Family

Presenter: Sharon Summer

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

RootsTech Webinar

New York Research Essentials

Learn how to power through your New York brick wall. Session includes vital and state census records, using The Record and new online resources, and exploring New York's newspapers, deeds, and probate records. Presented by: Susan R Miller, D. Joshua Taylor, Frederick Wertz

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 12 Noon - 1:30 pm

DNA Lunch & Learn

George LaPlante, Instructor

We'll talk about recent changes in some of the tools that are available for analyzing your DNA results.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Thursday, Oct. 22, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Newcomers and Beginning Genealogy

Jean Foster and Norma Johnson, Hosts

Have questions for Jean and Norma? Email [sbcs-education@sbgen.org](mailto:sbcgs-education@sbgen.org) before Oct 21st.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Friday, Oct. 23, 11:00 am

RootsMagic User Group Meeting

Elizabeth O'Neal, Moderator

Bring your questions about this popular genealogy software program.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 12 Noon - 1:30 pm

Genealogy Lunch & Learn

Rosa Avolio, Moderator

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Thursday, October 29, 1:00 pm

The History of the Jewish Community in Santa Barbara

Erin Graffy, Local Historian and Author



In this lecture, Erin begins with Cerf Levy and his family, immigrants from Alsace-Lorraine, who settled in Santa Barbara in 1868. Her lecture continues with the fascinating history of the Jewish community from 1868 to the present.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Friday, Oct. 30, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

RootsTech Webinar

What's New at Ancestry

Presented by: Crista Cowan (The Barefoot Genealogist)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

JewishGen SIG Virtual Exhibit

Will Open Around October 1

The Rosenberg Mystery; From Romania to China to Australia; The Streitmans of Ostrowiec, Poland; The Deli Family of Soroki, Bessarabia, Romania;

by Charlene Daly

Finding Cantor Levy,

by Jane Israel Honikman

A German Town Works to Preserve Its

Jewish Heritage, by Milt Hess

My Uncle in a World War I Military

Uniform, by Milt Hess