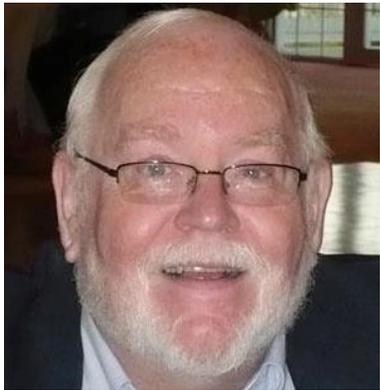




# JGSLI Programs – Sept. 2016 to June 2017

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Date	Location	Speaker(s)	Topic
<p><b>Sunday, Sept. 18</b> 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. (Mavens 1:30 p.m.)</p>	<p><b>Mid-Island Y-JCC</b> 45 Manetto Hill Road Plainview <a href="http://www.miyjcc.org">www.miyjcc.org</a></p>	<p><b>Stephen P. Morse</b></p>  <p><a href="http://stevemorse.org">stevemorse.org</a></p>	<p><b><i>The Genealogy of Renee Kaufman: Using the One-Step Webpages</i></b></p> <p>We look forward to welcoming back Steve Morse, computer guru and creator of the award-winning genealogy One-Step Webpages. He will present a case study showing how he used his One-Step tools plus a few other websites to create an entire family history from minimal information in about four hours! He will also demonstrate how to find records despite misspellings and how to avoid accepting incorrect information that appears online.</p>
<p><b>Sunday, Oct. 30</b> 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. (Mavens 1:30 p.m.)</p>	<p><b>Mid-Island Y-JCC</b> 45 Manetto Hill Road Plainview <a href="http://www.miyjcc.org">www.miyjcc.org</a></p>	<p><b>Fred Voss</b></p> 	<p><b><i>Stories From Ellis Island</i></b></p> <p>Ellis Island opened on January 1, 1892 as the nation's first federal immigration entry point. For 32 years, it was the busiest U.S. inspection station, processing over 12.5 million people. Fred Voss, a professional genealogical researcher, educator, and lecturer, volunteers at Ellis Island, leading tours of the recently re-opened hospitals on the island's south side. He will give an illustrated talk about the past, present and future of this iconic American landmark and he'll share some of his favorite immigration stories.</p>

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**Sunday, Nov. 6**  
12:30 – 5:00 p.m.

**Mid-Island Y-JCC**  
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**Bonnie Birns, Chair**



***Jewish Genealogy 101:  
Four Hours+ to Your Family Roots***

**JGSLI's 26th Annual  
Family History Workshop**

... a review of the fundamentals of Jewish genealogy. Topics include interviewing relatives; identifying ancestral towns; Holocaust research; using censuses, city directories, ship's manifests, naturalizations, vital records, and other U.S. sources; European records; and internet resources. Early-bird rate (through Oct. 30): \$45. After Oct. 30 and at the door: \$55. Additional family member: \$15. Fee includes a workbook (one per family, on a flash drive), a copy of Avotaynu's *Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy*, a light lunch, and 2017 membership dues. Send checks to JGSLI, Attn. Bonnie Birns, 28 Madison Ave., Jericho NY 11753. Questions? Contact Bonnie ([workshop@jgsli.org](mailto:workshop@jgsli.org), 516.433.0130).

**Sunday, Nov. 20**  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
(Mavens 1:30 p.m.)

**Mid-Island Y-JCC**  
45 Manetto Hill Road  
Plainview  
[www.miyjcc.org](http://www.miyjcc.org)

**Andrew Zalewski**



<http://thelzopress.com>

***Galician Portraits:  
In Search of Jewish Roots***

Andrew Zalewski is the author of *Galician Portraits* - the story of his father's family and much more. Set in large cities, small towns, and tiny villages of Austrian Galicia -- the region that from 1772 to 1918 spanned parts of today's Poland and Ukraine -- the book reflects on centuries of Jewish history in the region, on the interaction between its ethnic groups, and on the debates and tensions within the diverse Jewish community. Despite the challenges to tracing Jewish heritage anywhere in Europe, especially in the years of the Holocaust, Dr. Zalewski has discovered many voices that had long been forgotten, as well as surprising details about his own family. His talk will be illustrated by genealogical findings and by archival pictures and old maps of Galicia.

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<p><b>Sunday, Dec. 18</b> 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. (Mavens 1:30 p.m.)</p>	<p><b>Mid-Island Y-JCC</b> 45 Manetto Hill Road Plainview <a href="http://www.miyjcc.org">www.miyjcc.org</a></p>	<p><b>Brooke Schreier Ganz</b></p>  <p><a href="http://www.reclaimtherecords.org">www.reclaimtherecords.org</a></p>	<p><b><i>Reclaim the Records!</i></b></p> <p>Brooke Schreier Ganz is the founder of Reclaim The Records, a new not-for-profit activist group that uses state Freedom of Information requests to obtain inaccessible genealogical and archival records and then freely return them to the public. Tired of being told that the records you want are "unavailable" to the public, or only available if you can travel to the archive? Ms. Ganz will describe RTR's recent victories – including the release of NYC marriage and voter registration records -- and will teach you how to file your own Freedom of Information requests for records that you would like to see returned to the public domain.</p>
<p><b>Sunday, Jan. 22</b> 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. (Mavens 1:30 p.m.)</p>	<p><b>Mid-Island Y-JCC</b> 45 Manetto Hill Road Plainview <a href="http://www.miyjcc.org">www.miyjcc.org</a></p>	<p><b>Amanda Seigel</b></p>  <p><a href="http://nypl.org/about/divisions/jewish-division">nypl.org/about/divisions/jewish-division</a></p>	<p><b><i>Yikhes: Researching Your Roots in NY Public Library's Jewish Division</i></b></p> <p>Amanda Seigel, a librarian at the Dorot Jewish Division of the New York Public Library, will describe its holdings -- one of the largest Judaica collections in the world -- and she will highlight some of the diverse and even surprising sources there for genealogical research. Ms. Seigel's research specialties include Yiddish language and culture and American Jewish history. She is also co-author of <i>Jews in America: From New Amsterdam to the Yiddish Stage</i> and has herself performed on the Yiddish stage in the U.S. and internationally.</p>

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**Sunday, Feb. 26**  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
(Mavens 1:30 p.m.)

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**Rhoda Miller  
Renee Steinig  
Chuck Weinstein**



***Lithuania, Galicia, Ukraine:  
Research Sites and Sources***

Back by popular demand, our trio of JGSLI past presidents will provide an overview of Jewish genealogical sources for three major areas of Jewish settlement – Lithuania, Galicia (now southeast Poland and western Ukraine), and Russian Ukraine – and will highlight the newest developments in records access for these regions. In addition to researching their own families in Lithuania (Rhoda), Galicia (Renee), and Ukraine (Chuck), the speakers are active in Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and other projects for the regions. Rhoda is LitvakSIG's Svencionys District Research Coordinator and manager of a Svencionys DNA group; Renee is a board member of Gesher Galicia, moderator of its JewishGen email discussion group, and its Family Finder editor; Chuck is a Ukraine SIG board member, its Towns and Districts Director, and a moderator of its discussion group.

**Sunday, March 19**  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
(Mavens 1:30 p.m.)

**Mid-Island Y-JCC**  
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**Olivia Mattis**



<http://sousamendesfoundation.org>

***Sousa Mendes's List:  
The Search for Survivors***

Dr. Olivia Mattis is president and co-founder of the Sousa Mendes Foundation, which works to identify families who received lifesaving visas from the Portuguese diplomat Aristides de Sousa Mendes in Spring 1940. Sousa Mendes, stationed in Bordeaux, France, rescued thousands from the Holocaust -- including 12 members of Dr. Mattis's family -- by providing them visas to Portugal, a neutral country with a port to the free world. Dr. Mattis will describe Sousa Mendes's heroic efforts, which defied his government's strict orders and for which he paid steep personal price, and she'll explain the process of learning more about the refugees.

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<p><b>Sunday, April 30</b> 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. (Mavens 1:30 p.m.)</p>	<p><b>Mid-Island Y-JCC</b> 45 Manetto Hill Road Plainview <a href="http://www.miyjcc.org">www.miyjcc.org</a></p>	<p><b>Michael Simonson</b></p>  <p><a href="https://www.lbi.org">https://www.lbi.org</a></p>	<p><b><i>The 1939 German Minority Census</i></b></p> <p>The German Minority Census of 1939 was an enumeration by the Nazi authorities of over 400,000 Jews who lived in Germany, annexed Austria, and the Sudetenland in Spring 1939. It serves today as an important genealogical resource as well as a tool for understanding German-Jewish history and a record of victims of the Shoah.</p> <p>We'll learn more about the census from Michael Simonson, an archivist at the Leo Baeck Institute in Manhattan, which holds the entire census on microfilm. He works closely with genealogists using the LBI and his genealogical skills have been called upon to solve cases of book restitution to descendants of the families of original owners.</p>
<p><b>Sunday, May 21</b> 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. (Mavens 1:30 p.m.)</p>	<p><b>Mid-Island Y-JCC</b> 45 Manetto Hill Road Plainview <a href="http://www.miyjcc.org">www.miyjcc.org</a></p>	<p><b>Ron Arons</b></p>  <p><a href="http://www.ronarons.com">http://www.ronarons.com</a></p>	<p><b><i>Creative and Critical Thinking for Genealogists</i></b></p> <p>Much attention has been paid in recent years to the standards of proof used by professional genealogists and hobbyists alike. But until now, no experts have discussed how to THINK. Ron Arons has brought together the best ideas from leaders in the field and will discuss strategies and tactics to improve the thinking and creativity we apply to solving genealogical problems. A popular speaker at IAJGS conferences, Ron Arons is the author of three books – <i>Mindmaps for Genealogists</i>, <i>The Jews of Sing Sing</i> and <i>WANTED! U.S. Criminal Records</i> – and he appeared on the PBS television special <i>The Jewish Americans</i>.</p>

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**Sunday, June 25**  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
(Mavens 1:30 p.m.)

**Mid-Island Y-JCC**  
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[www.miyjcc.org](http://www.miyjcc.org)

**Janeen Bjork**



<http://janeenslist.com/>

***The Rest of the Story:  
Finding Your Family in Online Newspapers***

Janeen Bjork applies to genealogy the detective, analytic and presentation skills she garnered in a 30-year career as a television researcher. Her own family tree, and the trees she has done for friends and clients, are richly illustrated with newspaper stories that range from the mundane to the sensational. She'll introduce us to some of the characters she has discovered and to the research methods that made it possible for her to find and preserve their legacies.