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ONE-DAY GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

Presented by

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois



**Sunday
June 7, 2015**



NAVIGATING THE GENEALOGY WORLD

Keynote Speaker

Marlis Glaser Humphrey



Marlis Glaser Humphrey is President of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS), and President of the Florida State Genealogical Society (FSGS). Marlis recently received the FSGS 2014 Distinguished Service award. She has successfully discovered all her ancestral shtetls. Marlis is founder of myAncestories, a company that helps genealogists create family histories to treasure. Marlis holds a B.A. in Russian and an M.S. in Management of Technology.

ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS

Martin Fischer
JGSI Program Vice-President

Judith Frazin
JGSI Past President

Sandra Schon Kiferbaum
JGSI Publicity Vice-President

Scott Meyer
JGSI Recording Secretary

Paul Milner
Past Board Member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Federation of Genealogical Societies

Curt B. Witcher
Senior Manager for Special Collections at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana

Conference Location:

Temple Beth El • 3610 Dundee Road • Northbrook, IL

Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois
PO Box 515 • Northbrook, Illinois 60065-0515



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JGSI JEWISH GENEALOGY CONFERENCE to be held at Temple Beth El in Northbrook

- All attendees will be provided the syllabus on a USB Thumb Drive.
- Pre-registered attendees will receive an email by June 1st with the syllabus materials.
- Attendees registered by May 15th may request a printed syllabus, at a cost of \$6.00, on their registration form.

REGISTRATION - 8:15-9:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS - 9:00-9:10 a.m.

9:10-10:20
a.m.
KEYNOTE
SPEAKER

Hidden Gems of Jewish Genealogy – Marlis Glaser Humphrey
Discover the hidden gems of Jewish genealogy – great resources that are not widely known. Explore the latest trends in Jewish genealogy to know where the latest hidden gems are being developed. Hear what is becoming available due to partnering, crowdsourcing, digitization; the growing acceptance of DNA testing; the “I am a cousin” movement; the shift from genealogy to family stories; the push for academics; the challenges of records preservation and access; standards development; and new technologies that are being applied to both discovery and sharing of our genealogy.

10:30-11:45
a.m.
BREAKOUT
SESSION 1

- 1A Beginner’s Workshop, Part I – Judith Frazin**
Learn how to research your family’s history step by step in this practical workshop. After explaining how to get started, how to interview relatives, and how to use certain important internet and print resources, the workshop will focus on which records are available, where they can be accessed and what information they may contain about your family.
- 1B Harnessing Social Media for Jewish Genealogy: Making the Most of On-line Social Networks – Martin Fischer**
This presentation will include an introduction to social media, which ones are most popular and most likely to lead to your relatives, tips on finding relatives through social media, and examples of Jewish genealogy blog-like and SIG emailing list-like features on social media.
- 1C From Sea to Shining Sea: Discovering the Journeys of our Ancestors – Scott Meyer**
We are a nation of immigrants. But how can we discover what brought them to America’s shores (and beyond)? In which sands did they leave their footprints? We will explore where and what type of documents can be found relative to the travels of our ancestors.

NOON - 1:00 P.M. — LUNCH and NETWORKING

1:10 - 2:20
p.m.
BREAKOUT
SESSION 2

- 2A Beginner’s Workshop, Part 2 - Judith Frazin**
- 2B Overcoming the Dead End Doldrums – Paul Milner**
In our research, when we run out of ideas, like a sailing ship we are becalmed, not sure of what to do next. Learn about ideas, tools and resources to get your ship moving again. Identify how to step back and take a fresh approach to resolving problems and progressing in your research.
- 2C Using Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to Find Your Ancestors – Marlis Glaser Humphrey**
SIGs are groups of people whose common interest is a geographic region of ancestral origin or a special topic. There are more than a couple dozen various Jewish genealogy SIGs. Get an update on the latest projects underway by the SIGs. Learn about the myriad of resources available through them, how to access them, and how to utilize this resource to discover your ancestry.

2:30-3:40
p.m.
BREAKOUT
SESSION 3

- 3A Adventures in Genealogy Travel – Sandra Schon Kiferbaum**
Take a life-changing journey to your ancestors’ hometowns. Explore why, how, when, and where to go and how to prepare to get the most out of your experience.
- 3B Navigating Libraries and Archives from Near and Far – Curt B. Witcher**
Learn about the process of finding original records and published materials in libraries and archives nationwide. A strategy for identifying key repositories will be discussed and a number of important online repositories will be reviewed.
- 3C Getting Connected – Marlis Glaser Humphrey**
Getting connected is the way to stay current and learn from others, whether it is through news reports, experts in Jewish genealogy or others researching similar names and towns. We will review the best “must do” resources you should tap into from the world of blogs, discussion lists, online classrooms, webinars, conferences, downloadable lectures, newsletters, journals, social media, online trees, how-to-guides and more.

CONFERENCE WRAP-UP - 3:45-4:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION

- Member \$50.00*
Member rates extended to all IAJGS member societies.
- Non-Member \$65.00*
- Student (all day)..... \$25.00*
- Printed Syllabus..... \$6.00
- *Early registration fees, before May 15th; after May 15th add \$10.00 to individual registration.*

Registration fee includes all sessions and Kosher lunch sandwich (please select):
 Turkey Tuna Grilled Veggie Wrap
Please select the sessions you will attend:

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
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REGISTER EARLY - Space is limited

Send registration form with check made payable to:
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PO Box 515 • Northbrook, IL 60065-0515
OR register and pay online: www.jgsi.org
Questions: email conference@jgsi.org or call 312.666.0100

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Out of town attendees are invited to stay at the **Embassy Suites Chicago North Shore** at a **special rate of \$103.00**, plus applicable taxes, for the night of June 6th. The rate includes breakfast, free Wi-Fi and free shuttle to Temple Beth El. The hotel is located at 1445 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, IL. To reserve a room, call Central Reservations at 1-800-362-2779, provide the hotel name and Promo Code “jgs.” Special rate guaranteed until May 9th.

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