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ONE-DAY GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

Presented by
The Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois

Sunday
June 9, 2013

DIGGING DEEPER RESEARCHING OUR ANCESTORS WITH TECHNOLOGY



New
FREE MINI-CONFERENCE for YOUTH
6th to 12th GRADE

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SPECIAL SPEAKERS

Warren Blatt

Managing Director, JewishGen

Warren Blatt, managing director of JewishGen, will deliver a keynote address on advanced searching with JewishGen. Previously, as JewishGen's Editor-in-Chief, Warren authored the JewishGen FAQ (*"Frequently Asked Questions About Jewish Genealogy"*), and dozens of JewishGen InfoFiles. He is the author of *Resources for Jewish Genealogy* in the Boston area, co-author of *Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy*, and many other works. He chaired the 15th International Seminar on Jewish Genealogy in Boston in 1996, and, in 2004 was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) in Jerusalem.



A graduate of Columbia University, Warren studied at Harvard University and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Before assuming his current position, he was a software engineer.

Duff Wilson

Senior Product Manager, Family Tree Maker



Duff Wilson has worked for Ancestry.com since 2004. He has 20 years of software design and development experience and earned national awards for his work. He holds a master's degree from Utah State University in instructional technology with an emphasis in computer-based instruction. Duff is an avid genealogist.

Conference Location:

Temple Beth Israel
3601 W. Dempster Street
Skokie, Illinois

JGSI Jewish Genealogy Conference to be held at Temple Beth Israel in Skokie

8:15-9:15 a.m. REGISTRATION and REFRESHMENTS

9:15-9:25 a.m. OPENING REMARKS

9:25-10:40 a.m. KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Warren Blatt - Advanced Searching on JewishGen.org
 A strategic overview of key Jewishgen.org databases with search tricks and tips. How to tailor your searching when seeking information on specific towns and surnames in databases focused on countries, communities and families. Examples may be included from the yizkor book translations, Kehilalinks, JRI-Poland, and Belarus and Lithuanian databases, among others.

10:50-11:50 a.m. SESSION 1

1A **Genetic DNA: Making Sense of all the Tests and Test Results** – Alvin Holtzman
 Learn the differences between each type of test, how to interpret the results, and how to find and determine possible relations with others.

1B **Give Me...Your Huddled Masses Yearning to Breathe Free: Immigration and Naturalization** – Jeanne Bloom
 Learn about the naturalization process and how to locate naturalization documentation for Jewish ancestors.

1C **An Overview of Jewish Life in the Russian Empire's Pale of Settlement** – Elliot Lefkowitz
 Traditional aspects of Jewish religious, socio-economic and intellectual life in the Pale, and why these elements changed during the 19th century.

LUNCH noon-1:15 p.m.
 Lunch and Networking by Geographic Areas

1:25-2:25 p.m. SESSION 2

2A **Getting Started with Family Tree Maker for Beginners** – Duff Wilson
 Introductory course to learn basic concepts including adding people, working with relationships, managing files, maps, searching for information, and sharing your tree online.

2B **Jewish Surnames** – Warren Blatt
 The history of Jewish surnames – their origins, types and etymologies. Classifications of surnames. Common surnames in the U.S., Eastern Europe and Israel.

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

3A **FamilySearch.org—What's Here for the Jewish Family History Researcher?** – Christine Bell
 An overview of FamilySearch.org focusing on resources of particular interest to Jewish genealogists.

3B **Tracing the Footsteps of Your Ancestors in 19th Century Polish Records** – Judith Frazin
 Understand the amazing content of 19th century civil registration documents. Discover ancestors' occupations and relationships.

3:50-4:50 p.m. SESSION 4

4A **Getting the Most out of Family Tree Maker (intermediate to advanced)** – Duff Wilson
 Learn concepts such as adding and organizing media, documenting sources, creating printed output and using the Internet to grow your tree.

4B **Using Your Home Computer to Find Headstones and Obituaries** – Alvin Holtzman
 How to use online resources to find your ancestors' headstones and obituaries.

4C **An Introduction to Jewish Given Names** – Warren Blatt
 Practical issues for genealogical research, including name equivalents, nicknames, patronymics, and Polish and Russian declensions.

FREE Mini-Conference for Youth 6th to 12th Grade

Speakers are experienced genealogists and JGSI board members.

1:25-2:25 p.m. 1Y **Where is Great-Grandpa?: Introduction to Jewish Genealogy** – Robin Seidenberg
 A lighthearted view of how to begin your detective work unearthing fascinating information about your forebears.

2:40-3:40 p.m. 2Y **Stepping Stones to Researching your Family's Jewish Roots** – Harriet Rudnit
 Learn how to successfully begin researching the who, what, where, when, and how about known and unknown members of your family.

The Mini-Conference is free. Registration fee required for students interested in attending the full conference.

REGISTRATION

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

Registration fee includes all sessions and Kosher lunch (please select):

- Turkey sandwich Tuna sandwich
- Grilled veggie wrap

Please select a country for your lunch table discussion:

- Belarus Lithuania Poland Ukraine
- Other _____

Please select the sessions you will attend:

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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 Hampton Inn & Suites Chicago-North Shore/Skokie at a special rate of \$119/night, which includes complimentary breakfast, free Wi-Fi, and free shuttle service within 3 miles of the hotel (Temple Beth Israel, the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, and Westfield Old Orchard shopping mall are within this radius). Reserve your room now at <http://bit.ly/14zseDW>. The special room rate is guaranteed until May 9th.

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