**Webinars of interest to family historians during the COVID-19 shutdown**

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**Genealogy webinars** are being offered at several places online. Most of the following are free:

---The *Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois* has available to paid JGSI members more than 50 recordings of past meeting presentations at: <https://jgsi.org/Past-Meeting-Videos-and-Handouts>

---*Legacy Family Tree Webinars* is rotating a different free genealogy webinar each day. See [https://familytreewebinars.com/#](https://familytreewebinars.com/). Register for multiple future free webinars from Legacy Family Tree at <https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars-multireg.php>

---*IGRA*, the Israel Genealogy Research Association, is holding free webinars mostly in English about Jewish genealogy research resources. See: <https://genealogy.org.il/2020/04/23/igra-2020-webinar-series/>. On June 23, 2020, Israeli time, IGRA will hold an all-day Annual Seminar Day. See <https://genealogy.org.il/2020/06/01/igra-annual-seminar-day-june-23-2020>

---*The Center for Jewish History* is holding a free virtual Genealogy Coffee Break webinar at 2:30 p.m. CDT *every Tuesday* on Facebook Live. If you are on Facebook, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/centerforjewishhistory/501317183869918>

---*RootsTech* has an online archive of recorded presentations from their February 2020 conference at: <https://www.rootstech.org/category/2020-rootstech-sessions>

---*MyHeritage* has a list of Facebook Live sessions and Ask the Expert webinars at <https://blog.myheritage.com/2020/04/upcoming-online-events-on-myheritage>

---“Resources for Sephardic Jewish Research: An Introduction” by Schelly Talalay Dardashti can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywoXcY2YRis&feature=youtu.be>

--- “Mishpokhe—Jewish Polish Genealogy, Part 1: Pre-WW II Jewish Family History” from *Your Rots in Poland* can be viewed at <https://yourrootsinpoland.clickmeeting.com/webinar-recording/6VjDc83bf>

---*The Jewish Genealogy Society of Cleveland* has planned Zoom presentations that are listed at <http://jgscleveland.org/index.asp>

---*The Jewish Genealogical Society of Connecticut* is holding free genealogy webinars via GoToWebinar. See the registration links at: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/jgsct/posts/>

---*The Jewish Genealogical Society of North Jersey* has compiled a list of links to online genealogy courses and webinars at: <http://www.jgsnj.org/learn-read-blog-watch.html>

--- ConferenceKeeper.org has compiled a list of virtual genealogy webinars at <https://tinyurl.com/ycsesnbc>

---*The Orange County California Jewish Genealogical Society* is offering virtual meetings that require an OCJGS membership of $25 or a $5 payment per meeting. See registration links at: <https://www.ocjgs.org/>

---Joel Weintraub, an amateur but experienced Jewish genealogist, has a YouTube channel with several genealogy lectures that he has created at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTyvL4MKwcPnDSz0FTLZf6Q>

**Around the U.S.**, state genealogical societies, historical societies, history museums, and other institutions are presenting live-streaming events, many of which have a genealogical focus. Google them to find relevant groups located in the states where your ancestors lived. Examples include:

---*The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society* is holding free webinars, some of which have a New York focus, while others have a general genealogy focus. See the events list at: <https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/calendar>

--- *The YIVO Institute for Jewish Research* has made their online classes available for free, plus many past programs can be viewed on YouTube. For information and relevant links, see: <https://www.yivo.org/digital-release>

---*The Missouri History Museum* has a schedule of online programs about St. Louis and Missouri history at <https://mohistory.org/events?icon=Virtual%20program>

---*The State Historical Society of Missouri* has a webinar schedule at <https://shsmo.org/events>

**If your ancestors lived in Chicago**, some of the free virtual neighborhood tours being offered by two Chicago tour companies may be of interest because of their focus on Chicago history:

---*Mysterious Chicago* does Facebook Live tours at:

<https://www.facebook.com/mysteriouschicago/>

Mysterious Chicago also has a few recorded tours on its YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIdUGXqzyrjad03XOe48CEA>

---*Chicago Detours* Tour Co. has been offering several tours each week at various times. See their virtual tours schedule at:

<https://www.chicagodetours.com/architecture-tours/>

Chicago Detours also has a YouTube channel collection of recorded tours at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/chicagodetours>

**If you are new to using Zoom**, the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston has an easy to understand Zoom tutorial on their website at: <https://www.jgsgb.org/zoom-help/>