

2009 – 2019 Timeline

2009

The 29th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy takes place on August 2-7th, 2009 at the Sheraton Philadelphia Hotel, Philadelphia, PA. The conference is co-hosted by the IAJGS and the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Philadelphia. Over 1000 individuals from around the world attend the conference.

A comprehensive Resource Directory containing 142 pages is compiled by the Resource Directory committee, chaired by Steve Schecter.

Harry Boonin receives the IAJGS award for “Outstanding Contribution to Jewish Genealogy via the Internet, Print or Electronic Product”. He authored two books pertaining to the Jewish community. They are “The Jewish Quarter of Philadelphia: A History and Guide 1881-1930” and “The Life and Times of Keshet Israel”.

2010

The IAJGS award for “Outstanding Project” is given to our society for the 2009 Philadelphia Area Resource Guide.

2011

The first Annual JGSGP Genealogy fair is held at Temple Shalom in Broomall, PA on June 12, 2011.

2012

The second Annual JGSGP Genealogy fair takes place at Temple Beth Shalom in Cherry Hill, NJ on June 10, 2012.

2013



Steve Schecter, Vice President of Programming, passes away from injuries sustained in a fall.

The third Annual Jewish Genealogy fair takes place at Congregation Tifereth Israel of Bucks County.

JGSGP becomes a sponsor for the Jewish film, “Misa’s Fugue”.

Fred Blum, our president is elected to the Philadelphia Jewish Archives Board of Directors.

2014

A memorial tribute to the late Steve Schecter is given at the October Meeting. Steve’s family is given the “IAJGS Outstanding Project Award” Plaque for the 2009 Philadelphia Area Resource Guide. Steve was the chairperson of the Project. A Memorial Lecture is given by Glenn Dynner, PHD, on “Yankel’s Tavern: Jews, Liquor and Life in the Kingdom of Poland”.

Volunteers from the JGSGP participate in a 2-day Genealogy fair sponsored by PBS and WHYY



Leonard Markowitz, a former JGSGP president (1995-1999; 2002-2003) passes away.

The fourth Annual Jewish Genealogy fair takes place at Main Line Reform, Wynnewood, PA on June 8, 2014

2015

The JGSGP library at Gratz College is moved to the following locations:

Philadelphia Jewish Archives, Temple Univ. : JGSGP Articles of Incorporation; Back issues of "Chronicles" to 1982; **Historical Society of PA** – Books and rest of collection

The fifth JGSGP Genealogy fair takes place June 14, 2015 at Congregations of Shaare Shamayim in Philadelphia, PA

2016

The Sixth JGSGP Genealogy fair takes place September 11, 2016 at Keneseth Israel, Elkins Park, PA

The Third Annual Steve Schechter Memorial Lecture features Rabbi Lance Sussman, Keneseth Israel, on the topic of "The Golden Age of Philadelphia

Joel Spector, becomes Programming Chair for the 2016 IAJGS Conference in Seattle, WA

2017

In June, a trip to the South Jersey Agricultural Colonies takes place.

The 4th Annual Steve Schechter Memorial Lecture features Hankus Netzky, Lecturer and Performer on the topic of Klezmer Music in 20th Century Philadelphia

Member, Michael Levin announces the creation of the website, Tsal Kaplun Foundation.org. He co-founded the site to preserve the heritage of the Jewish people from the Russian Empire and Soviet Union

2018

Mark Halpern, VP of Programming receives a Lifetime Achievement Award from the IAJGS, at the 2018 IAJGS Convention in Warsaw, Poland

A new society website is created by member, Joanne Grossman

Member, Leonard Duboff and his wife donate an extensive collection of their family histories to Temple University, PJAC Collection

The new slate of officers is: Fred Blum, President; Felicia Mode Alexander, VP; Mark Halpern, VP, Programming; Marilyn Golden, Secretary & Membership; Barry Wagner, Treasurer; Directors, Evan Fishman, Mickey Langsfeld, Linda Ewall-Krocker; Joel Spector.

2019

Member, Ira Poliakoff author of the "Synagogues of Philadelphia" and the "Synagogues of Long Island" passes away

A June trip to the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City takes place. The highlight of the trip is a museum exhibit " Auschwitz: Not Long Ago, Not Far Away

The Society combines with PJAC to become the Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia

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| Mickey Langsfeld, Board member and past president of PJAC passes away |
| A 40 th Anniversary (of the former JGSGP) Celebration is planned for May 2020 |
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