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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DORIS LOEB NABEL

### THE 38th IAJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY

#### WARSAW, POLAND, AUGUST 5–10, 2018

Do you have ancestors who lived in Poland, or other Eastern or Central European countries?

Perhaps you did a DNA test and discovered matches/cousins in countries other than the ones in which your direct ancestors lived. Given that populations moved to, and from areas in this region in response to political and social concerns, these results would be expected.

The 2018 IAJGS conference, the first in a former Communist country, will offer genealogists and roots travelers the opportunity to learn more about their ancestry.

Co-hosted by the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews and The Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute of Warsaw, the conference will take place at the Hilton Warsaw Hotel & Convention Center.

The conference committee is working with the Polish State Archives to optimize opportunities. Records from the current and former Polish territories, incorporating towns now in Poland, Germany, Lithuania, Belarus, and Ukraine, as well as the former empires of Prussia, Russia, and Austro-Hungary, reside in the archives. Archivists will show examples of their special collections in the conference Resource Village at the Hilton.

The committee plans to announce the conference programming details in April 2018. Check <https://www.iajgs2018.org> frequently for updates. The official language of the Warsaw Conference will be English. The early-bird registration rate is valid until April 28, 2018.

Some highlights of the upcoming conference; for more information, visit <https://www.iajgs2018.org/index.cfm> or <https://www.facebook.com/IAJGSConference/>

- More than 150 lectures, panel discussions, and workshops focusing on genealogy methodology, available resources, and the history of all Jewish communities with special emphasis on the Jews of Central and Eastern Europe
- Presentations for genealogists including newbies and first-timers, to experts and conference veterans
- “Resource Village” featuring the Vendor Exhibit Hall and Resource Room with genealogy experts, mentors, archivists, local NGOs, and crafts people

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

- Opportunities for one-on-one conversations with archivists from Europe, including Poland and Lithuania
- Networking via Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and Birds of a Feather (BOFs) meetings and luncheons
- Special "Welcome to Warsaw" activities on Sunday, August 5, 2018, including walking tours of the city and introductory lectures
- In-depth DNA workshops
- Tours of Poland's rich Jewish history and visits to Holocaust memorial sites both before and after the conference

A focus on:

- The 1000 year history of Polish Jews, including the development of Ashkenazic, Chassidic, and Yiddish cultural and spiritual life within the empires that ruled Central and Eastern Europe at various points during that period.
- The epic tragedy of the Shoah (Holocaust), the honoring of the Righteous Among the Nations, the reconstruction of Polish Jewish life afterwards, and the preservation of our collective Jewish heritage.
- The opportunity to explore local sites, do research in local archives.
- Spend time with conference friends and cousins, make new friends and meet new cousins, and network with people who share the same interests.



## UDITSKY 80TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

### SUBMITTED BY LINDA WINKLEMAN

From The Jewish Voice Rhode Island, by Lois Cohen (sister of Linda Winkleman), January 4, 2018

*Uditsky Family  
Forms Society  
At Party, Sunday*

More than 100 descendants of Moishe Hirsh Uditsky gathered in Temple Beth-El Vestry, Sunday night, for a reunion, and permanent organization of the family. The object of the organization is to produce a better feeling and intimate acquaintance with every member of the family. The group will meet semi-annually. Officers elected were Maurice H. Uditsky of this city, president; Philip Goldsmith of Providence, vice presi-



Original announcement of the Uditsky Family Association, February 21, 1937

Moishe Hirsh Uditsky was born and died in the Russian Empire. Despite pogroms and oppression, he never immigrated to the United States, but at least six of his nine children did, finding a life of freedom and success. They mostly settled in Fall River, Massachusetts in the first decade of the 20th century, multiplied and made their mark on the Fall River and Providence, Rhode Island communities. The seven generations that followed produced several hundred descendants, who now live in over a dozen states.

In 1937, the family organized a reunion in Fall River, which was attended by over 100 Uditsky descendants. Today, his descendants are far-flung and have new family names, but that didn't stop some of them from traveling to a family reunion in October.

Several of the family members are active in genealogy and family history. Two, sisters Lois (Silverman) Cohen, of Cranston, and Linda (Silverman) Winkleman, of Connecticut (Uditsky's great-great-granddaughters), had the idea of holding this event, which they dubbed the "80th anniversary reunion."

The group this time was smaller, but 16 family members came from as far as Maryland and Florida to meet in a Warwick restaurant on Oct. 28. Stories were told, third cousins met for the first time, precious old family photos were scanned and swapped.

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## UDITSKY FAMILY REUNION (CONTINUED)

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Some couldn't wait for this reunion – in March, Lois and Linda's sister Arlene (Silverman) Landesberg, who lives in Delray Beach, Florida, contacted a dozen Uditsky cousins who live in Florida. They met for lunch, got to know each other and shared family stories.

Family research continues, but details about Eastern European ancestors are notoriously difficult to find. Despite this challenge, the 1850 revision list (Russian Census) revealed to Arlene's daughter, Karen (Landesberg) Steinfeld, of Maryland, and Linda Winkelman that the family was living in Moshny, Cherkassy, Russia, in 1850. The census also listed Moishe Hirsh's siblings, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. The data also included the dates of birth and two dates of death.

Another of Uditsky's great-grandchildren, Philip Goldsmith of Florida, is writing a book about the Goldsmith family, 1905 immigrants from Russia to Providence. By incorporating the research of his "newly found" Uditsky cousins, he's now able to tell the story of his great-grandmother, Basya Uditsky, who remained in Russia.



At the Uditsky family reunion on Oct. 28, 2017 in Warwick: Seated left to right: Karen Landesberg Steinfeld, Cathy Horowitz Saltzman, Esta Uditsky Jacobs, Lois Silverman Cohen. Second row left to right: Harlan Shabshalowitz, Linda Silverman Winkleman, Elaine Ballon Leipf, Arlene Silverman Landesberg, Howard Jacobs. Back row: Phil Goldsmith, Jack Winkleman, David Leipf, Mel Landesberg. Not pictured: Rick and Marcy Cohen

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## UDITSKY FAMILY REUNION (CONTINUED)

*From Boris  
March 2012*

1850 census of Moshny meshchane, Cherkassy uezd

1. Faivish (? – before 1834?)

2. Son: Berko (**1793???** – 1837)

Lived in Moshny from before 1834

3. Son: Samson-Leib (**1796???** – 1847)

Wife: Beyla-Gudya, daughter of Elya (1798)

4. Son: Khaim (1820)

Wife: Golda, daughter of Mordko (1820)

5. Moshko (1838)

5. Elya (1841)

5. Volk (1844)

5. Samson (1848)

4. Son: **Moshko (1826)** ←

Wife: Khaya, daughter of Gershko (1827)

5. Son: Shlema (1844)

5. Son: Daughter: Fejga-Rukhlya (1847) ← *Janny*

5. Son: Daughter: Shama-Liba (1849) — *Sarah Uditsky Brynes*

4. Son: Pinkhas (1832)

Wife: Feiga, daughter of Leib (1832)

4. Son: Elya (1835) —

4. Son: Daughter: Rysya (1836)

1850 Russian Revision list (census) with Uditsky family information

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### FROM NU? WHAT'S NEW?

Nu? What's New? has placed on the internet all back issues of the publication—except for the most recent weeks. Use the Google search engine to discover past items of interest. Back issues can be found at <http://www.avotaynu.com/nu.htm>.

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**Did you know that the Jewish genealogical society of Connecticut is a 501(3)c organization? Donations are always appreciated and are tax-deductible!**

## PATHS TO THE PAST, AND FORWARD TO THE PRESENT

### ARTHUR S. MEYERS

There are many reasons we explore genealogy or (my preference) family history. One friend likes to see how far back his family can be traced through the computer. Another friend proudly shares his pre-Mayflower roots. Still others work in a determined way (and against some “brick walls”) for basic documentation, such as Marcia, my wife.

Some are handed published research (my German side.) Others are content to find in written history enough information to understand what it was like in that time and place for families, without having all the documentation or knowing specific details. (I wondered what my Russian side ate on the ships they came on and there it is in books today.)

By borrowing books through your local library, such as *Photographing the Jewish Nation: Pictures From S. Ansky's Ethnographic Expeditions* (Brandeis Univ. Press; Univ. Press of New England c2009), you can see what Czarist Russia looked and felt like for people in the Pale. Or you can visit outstanding free, nearby exhibits as an individual or on a group tour – <https://www.yiddishbookcenter.org/visit/permanent-visiting-exhibits>

Another path to the past is through attending conferences and weekend programs, as Marcia and I did in October at the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, MA. We had attended another program there two years ago but this one was truly outstanding. The Center brings in eminent scholars, who are excellent in communicating. In this instance it was Gabriella Safran, very knowledgeable Professor in Jewish Studies at Stanford Univ.

Over three days, we explored the life and writings of S. Ansky, Russian and Yiddish writer, ethnographer, and revolutionary. He wrote *The Dybbuk*, the cornerstone of the Jewish theater in both Hebrew and Yiddish, during devastating war and violent revolutions. Professor Safran led us in learning about the writer’s life and work and the connections between political crisis and Jewish creativity through lectures, a film screening, guided readings, and much discussion among the participants, who came from around the country with a wide range of ages and backgrounds. For the next such weekends, call 413/256-4900, or look at: <https://www.yiddishbookcenter.org>

Still another path to the past (and forward to the present) is to reflect on our own stories, as I did 30 years ago, during an earlier national debate on immigration, when I wrote:

*We walked across the frozen Bering Strait  
And spread out across the land,  
explored the northeast coast  
But decided not to stay,  
came in search of opportunity  
And found it,  
came for religious freedom  
But not for everybody,  
were forced to come, and remained,  
If we didn't die during the passage,  
were starving and had no other choice,*

## PATHS TO THE PAST, AND FORWARD TO THE PRESENT

### ARTHUR S. MEYERS (CONTINUED)

*So we worked and prospered,  
were fleeing tyranny,  
And heard about this land,  
came to be with family,  
But didn't always stay,  
had no choice,  
If we wanted to live.*

*We came on ships  
planes  
any transport  
walked  
hid  
bribed  
lied.*

*We are here now.  
We all came here.*

(By the way, my Russian family came through “chain migration,” as the first ones worked to save money to bring the others.)



## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

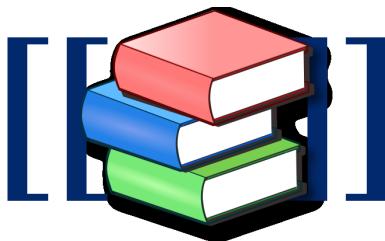
Daniel Fine considers himself a beginner in genealogy. His area of interest is Russia. Surnames are GITLIN and FINE.

Paul S. Moverman is an intermediate researcher. His countries of origin are Ukraine and Poland. Family surnames are MOVERMAN, GOLDSTEIN, KUTZENCO, and ZELMAISTER.

Adrienne Pearl Hopfer is interested in the countries of Russia, Poland, and Lithuania. Her surnames are PEAR, KATZ, GARBER, POLSTEIN, HOPFER, and STRAUSS.

Eleanor Goldman is a novice researcher with computer and writing skills. Her countries of origin are Poland, Lithuania, Russia, and Ukraine. Family surnames are PERLIS, GELFAND (variations), BRANDMAN, ROTHBART, and BLOCK.

Sue Perry is a beginning researcher, interested in the countries of USSR and Poland. Surnames are KAHN, BASS, BLOOMGARDEN, and SCHIFF.



## LIBRARY CORNER

Janet Carlson - JGSCT Librarian

Our JGSCT library has experienced great growth! Our librarian, Janet Carlson shares our newest acquisitions:

### Family Tree Historical Maps Book Europe. Allison Dolan.

This is a series of maps of European countries from various time periods—1736, 1831, 1865, 1883, 1925. There are some maps of individual cities.

### Following the Paper Trail - A multilingual translation guide Jonathan D. Shea and William F. Hoffman.

This is a guide to translating vital records that immigrants brought with them. For each language there is an alphabet, information about the language, pronunciation, as well as typical documents. The languages are: German, Swedish, French, Italian, Latin, Portuguese, Spanish, Czech, Polish, Russian, Hungarian and Lithuanian.

### Genealogy Do-Over Workbook. Thomas MacEntee.

Since the author's initial genealogy research began a great deal of changes in techniques and technology have changed. He decided to step back and reexamine what he had done and what conclusions had been drawn to determine whether or not they were still valid. This workbook will teach the reader the latest tools and technologies to improve his research.

### Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy: 2016-2017. Gary Mokotoff.

This is a true beginner's guide that includes information about online free and subscription websites.

### How to Archive Family Keepsakes - Learn how to preserve family photos, memorabilia and genealogy records. Denise May Levenick.

You have all of Grandma's stuff, what now? Here is a step-by-step advice to help organize, distribute and preserve family heirlooms.

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## NEW BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY (CONTINUED)

How to Archive Family Photos - A step-by-Step guide to organize and share your photos digitally. Denise May Levenick.

Learn to digitize, organize, and preserve your family photos whether they are a hundred years old or brand new. Be able to share them with family no matter where they are.

Jewish Personal Names - Their origin, derivation and diminutive forms. Rabbi Schmuel Gorr

This is not a complete list by any means, but a beginning look at the origins of personal names and how they came about.

Organize Your Genealogy Strategies and solutions for every researcher. Drew Smith

Readers will learn how to manage their genealogical research. The newbie can get started on the right track before forming inefficient habits and the experienced researcher can learn new ways to keep track of physical and online information.

Planning a Future for Your Family's Past. Marian Burk Wood

Learn to organize your documents, stories, and artifacts that make up your family's story so it can be passed on to the next generation.

Unofficial Guide to Familysearch.org. How to find your family history on the world's largest free genealogy website. Dana McCullough.

This step-by-step how-to guide takes the reader through a progression of steps toward finding ancestors using Familysearch.org. Easy to understand explanations, charts and screen shots said the user.

Write a Captivating Family History. Don't bore your history to death-add context to the story. Gary W. Clark.

Add depth to your family's story by describing what was happening to them and the world at the time they were alive. This would include their lifestyle, weather, and war to name a few.

## BOOK REVIEW

### DEBORAH SAMUEL HOLMAN

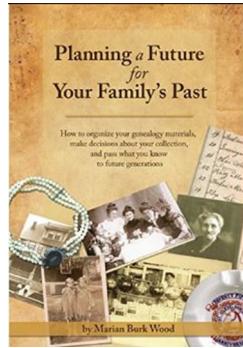
In her book, Planning a Future for Your Family's Past, which is written in an easy-to-read conversational style, Marian shares her PASS system:

**P**repare by organizing materials.

**A**llocate ownership.

**S**et up a genealogical will.

**Share with heirs.**



The book is organized by topic and chapter and designed as a step-by-step process, but Marian suggests which chapters to focus on depending on where you are in the process. A summary of specific points is listed at the end of each chapter. As a teacher, I appreciate that Marian provides this “takeaway” of the points she wants you to focus on.

Personal examples of how using her methods helped her solve specific problems makes it easy to understand how to apply the methods to your own work.

In Chapter 5 Marian describes the value of indexing your inventory. I had no issue with doing an inventory but I was a little skeptical of spending all of that time doing indexing. After reading the chapter (complete with examples and templates) and learning how she was able to solve a family mystery, I got it. Another great feature is the inclusion of many links to explore for further information on the specific strategies she describes.

I had done pretty well on the first two steps, but step three - set up a genealogical will - was something I had yet to do. (Admittedly, I do have a problem with wills, a trait I might have inherited from my mom - we wrote hers during the last few weeks of her life. My husband and I have yet to write one ourselves. Thank goodness nothing bad happened when the kids were young!)

In Chapter 9 Marian shares suggestions for identifying heirs, and something I'd never considered- getting permission to bequeath your collection BEFORE you send someone your “life’s work”! Her tips on giving things away while I'm still here might help me connect with my living relatives - something I'm not really good about!

Chapter 10 is all about writing your genealogical will. A sample template is provided along with some very practical advice, such as leaving a sum of money to help your heirs care for your collection.

The final step of the PASS process is sharing with your heirs. Marian provides many ideas for sharing your research now. If you haven't yet started writing your story, get going! Marian's tips are very helpful; making what can be a daunting task easier - write a blog, write a story, make a commemorative keepsake, etc.

Whatever the size of your collection, the practical information in Planning a Future for Your Family's Past will help you to keep the stories alive!

## START WITH THE DEAD

### MERYL BLAU MENON

*The following statement is included as a request from the publisher: "This article first appeared in AVOTAYNU, the International Review of Jewish Genealogy, Vol. XXXIII, No. 1, Spring 2017." The piece has been slightly revised since this publication.*

After my ninety-seven-year-old uncle died in 2009, for some inexplicable reason I decided to look into a box that held items related to my father and my mother. I am sure I had gone through the papers more than thirty years ago when my father died, thirteen years after my mother. At that time, however, I had not noticed documents that included an unfamiliar name for my mother, Hana Cunea.

Why had I not embarked on the task of going through the papers again until a week after my Uncle Oscar, my mother's brother, died? Uncle Oscar, who had wonderful recall and often regaled his daughter, my cousin Donna, and me with stories of his youth, would surely have been able to tell me the history of that name. If only I had explored the box a few weeks earlier, he would most likely have explained why neither he nor my mother had ever mentioned the name, why it was on her birth certificate (which I only learned about through the newly found documents), but not on his or on the documents of their parents. A sense of lost opportunity prompted me to try to learn more about the mystery name.

The first document I found in that box was a letter meant to help my mother emigrate from Montreal to New York. It referred to her by a familiar name but then continued, "formerly known under the name of Hana Cunea," a name that I had never before heard. The heading on the stationery was "Genin, Trudeau & Co., Limited, Manufacturer of Briar Pipes and Wholesale Importers of Tobacconists Supplies." The letter was signed by J. A. Trudeau and dated July 29, 1931, about a week before my parents' wedding.

My first step was to contact Cousin Donna. She remembered that our grandparents had indeed known a Trudeau. Her father had mentioned how helpful this Trudeau was when my grandparents first arrived from Romania; they may have been involved in a similar trade. My cousin also mentioned that her father had maintained warm feelings and good relationships with the French-Canadian community, partly as a result of this early connection, even through trying times in Montreal when the Quebecois party talked of seceding. Although Donna and I both thought J.A. Trudeau might be a member of the family of the former-and present-prime minister, we learned that he was part of a completely different Trudeau branch.

Since the Internet showed that the Trudeau business was still in existence, I called the telephone number, explaining my reason for calling. Much to my surprise, the CEO, although traveling, got back to me within an hour. He was pleasant and acknowledged that the person who wrote the letter I had found was indeed his grandfather. However, after the Director of Human Resources at the company looked into their records, she could not find any further information on my family.

The second document in which I found the name was a letter from my mother to my father who had started a job in New York and was waiting for her to move there from Montreal. In the letter, she referred to

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## START WITH THE DEAD (CONTINUED)

### MERYL BLAU MENON

"an old family name" on her birth certificate that needed to be clarified before she could obtain the necessary papers for emigration. With these letters in hand, I have been trying since 2009 to learn more about the name Cunea.

Serendipitously, around the same time, I came across an announcement of a meeting of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Connecticut (JGSCT) which included an Introduction to Genealogy. As the meeting was near my home, I decided to attend. "Start with the dead," said one speaker, Monica Talmor, a JGSCT board member. So, on my next trip to Montreal, where my parents grew up, I solicited the help of Cousin Donna as well as a cousin on my father's side, Sandy. The three of us decided to visit the Baron de Hirsch Cemetery where many of our relatives are buried. Given the Jewish tradition of listing the deceased's Hebrew name (with accompanying patronymic) on the tombstone, I hoped I might learn something about a different family name at my grandfather's grave. The English on the tombstones did not reveal much new information and the Hebrew, as expected, included the given name of my grandfather's father, but nothing about the unfamiliar surname on my mother's birth certificate.

Energized by the discovery of my maternal grandparents' graves, we decided to look for the graves of my father's family. Another, even more productive discovery—although not part of my original quest—awaited us. First, in a fairly neat row, we viewed the tombstones of my paternal grandparents and two uncles, brothers of my father whom I had known. Sandy and I had heard only brief mention of two additional brothers, twins, who had died at an early age. After learning about the existence of an area in the cemetery for children, we examined the map carefully and found two tombstones with the same family name and same father as had been written on my uncles' stones. Although the year of birth was not visible on one of the children's tombstones, the other indicated a year of birth that fit neatly between the births of Sandy's father and another uncle, my father being the eldest.

Here was the answer to another question I had asked myself: the reason for the ten-year difference between my father's birth and that of his youngest brother. Sandy and I learned the first names of the twins as well as the years of their deaths, one having died about eight years after the other. We wondered what caused their early demise - another family mystery to unravel.

I was still left, however, with the mystery of my mother's family name. One possibility was that my mother had been adopted. This solution fits with a narrative that my uncle had told Donna and me. It seems that our grandparents, having moved to Montreal from Romania in the early 1900s by way of New York, tried unsuccessfully for several years to have children. They consulted the trusted family doctor who suggested an unusual medical remedy: they should return home to Romania! They followed the suggestion, returned to Romania, and indeed did conceive my mother and, about two years later, my uncle. When my mother was three years old and my uncle six months, the family returned to Montreal. What if the truth varied from this story? Might they have found that, even in Romania, they still could not have children? Would they have considered adoption? My uncle looked very much like my grandfather, but my mother did not have a strong resemblance to either parent. Might Donna not really be my biological cousin although over the years we have often compared health notes on the assumption that we share some genes? Should we have a DNA test to reveal if we really are related? After investigating various ways to have a DNA test, we chose one and pur-

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## START WITH THE DEAD (CONTINUED)

### MERYL BLAU MENON

chased the kit online. The results showed Donna's name immediately as my first cousin at the top of the list of relatives. Now I knew that my mother had not been adopted.

So what should be my next step? Following the success of using one type of technology, I tried another. I searched on Facebook for the name Cunea and wrote to one person whose profile looked promising. She replied that, although she now lives in Western Europe, her family was from Romania and was Jewish. We tried, but could not find a family link. I now knew, however, that the name was used by Romanian Jews. Despite having made some progress, I was about to give up on my quest for additional information when, in 2014, I followed another of Talmor's suggestions, that I contact Sorin Goldenberg in Israel. He is the coordinator of a Botosani research group that has acquired and indexed records from Jewish locations in Botosani County, Romania, as well as a few other locations in Romanian Moldova. After I contacted him, he wrote:

*"Surnames are new to most Ashkenazi Jews. They were first required to adopt them in the Austrian Empire late in the 18th century, after that in the next decades in the other European countries. However, Romania never required the Jews to adopt surnames. Thus, the process was slower and not ordered. So, your mother's family could adopt the family name you know, never bother to register it, and be known after the first name of the father, or the grandfather—Cunea."*

That was an interesting idea, but I had no idea what to do with it. However, in 2015, I joined the Romanian SIG (Special Interest Group) of JewishGen (a genealogy web site for people with Jewish ancestry) in which I again heard from Goldenberg about Cunea being a first name. Then, in 2016, he contacted me with more information.

*"I think I've found a record that proves my theory, the marriage record of a half-brother of Joseph [my grandfather]. He is from Falticeni, the son of Hascal sin Cune and his first wife Ruhla who died in 1866."*

Eureka! Donna and I had heard of a half-brother of my grandfather, son of our great-grandfather and his first wife who had died. The name Hascal also fit with our family as it is on my uncle Oscar's birth certificate and likely was his Hebrew name.

A few weeks later, Goldenberg sent yet another message:

*"Found the marriage record of losub, son of Hascal sin Cunea + Haia Golda d. of Haim and Dvoira."*

All the names match. This is my grandfather's marriage record. Who would have thought that a stranger in another part of the world would send me information about my family? I have heard that genealogy involves patience and luck, that breakthroughs happen in strange ways, but I thought those breakthroughs would happen to other people more experienced in the skills associated with the field. I am now amazed that I have solved to some extent the mystery of my mother's name. Indeed, questions remain. Why was the name on my mother's birth certificate not associated with other family members I knew? Can I find any relatives in Romania or elsewhere with that name? Perhaps most important, why am I so absorbed by this quest to solve family mysteries? At the beginning of my investigation, I wondered what would have been the outcome if only I had looked in the box a few weeks earlier. Now I know I would not have explored the world of genealogy and that the advice to "Start with the dead" led to a fascinating journey that is still very much alive.

## NEW VIDEOS FROM JEWISHGEN EDUCATION

Phyllis Kramer recently announced the following: We have created a few short videos to help newcomers to JewishGen. You can find them on the first timer page and the education page, <http://www.JewishGen.org/education>, or directly from YouTube. They are:

Prepare for Your Search: <https://youtu.be/mUufbJ5rZIA>

How to Navigate JewishGen: <https://youtu.be/LLyn3VMRyQc>

Communicate with Other JewishGenners using JGFF: <https://youtu.be/dD8u2eiY3JM>

Communicate with JewishGenners on our Discussion Lists: <https://youtu.be/yazJ3Ziw5I4>

JewishGen Courseware: [https://youtu.be/Rx8\\_lV95508](https://youtu.be/Rx8_lV95508)

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### FROM JGS LI

The Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island (JGS LI), winner of the IAJGS 2015 Outstanding Publication Award for its You Tube Channel, is pleased to announce its latest videos. You can access all of the short instructional videos directly from their You Tube Channel at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUV8xttIn93AwJX2\\_I0AIAg/feed](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUV8xttIn93AwJX2_I0AIAg/feed).

#### "Finding Information on Your US 20th Century Veteran Family Members"

During the 20th century, many of us had relatives that served in one of the branches of the US armed forces. Whether they enlisted, were drafted or made the military their career, being part of the armed services was an important part of their life to document. This video will address some of the information available that can help you research veterans who served from World War I, forward.

You can access all 36 short instructional videos directly from the You Tube Channel at <https://tinyurl.com/z8kpgka> or from the website <http://jgsli.org/>

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