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Vast array of databases to be available at 36th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

The 36th annual conference of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies will offer an extensive and rich array of research databases at this year's conference at the lovely Sheraton Hotel in the heart of downtown Seattle. The conference runs from August 7 to 12, 2016. Banks of computers in the Sheraton's resource room will be linked to a vast array of paid subscription and "behind the wall" databases, all of which will be available for free.

Among the databases that will be running for the duration of the conference are: the Ancestry family of websites (including Ancestry.com, Fold3.com, Newspapers.com and Archives.com); FindMyPast; GenTeam; MyHeritage family of websites (including MyHeritage.com, Geni.com and World Vital Records); Godfrey.org; the New England Historic Genealogical Society; Jewishdata.com; and many more. Yad Vashem and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum will also make their extensive archives available through dedicated computers.

In addition, on Wednesday August 9, for one day only, the uniquely comprehensive ProQuest newspaper archive will be available in its entirety. "Last time we offered ProQuest, there were lines out the door," says Jan Meisels Allen, who is in charge of the conference databases. "Our conference has a unique emphasis on research," Allen adds. "You can further your research while enjoying all the other benefits of the conference."

This summer's conference will also feature a Jewish Film Festival put together by leading Jewish film scholar and teacher of cinema Eric Goldman. Other highlights of the Seattle conference include the opening night keynote address by Dr. Devin Naar, chair of the University of Washington Sephardic Studies Program, and the banquet address by "legal genealogist" Judy Russell, a Certified Genealogist and Certified Genealogical Lecturer. And, as at previous conferences, remote streaming of selected programs will be available through LIVE!

The conference's Early Registration period, which runs until April 30, offers the lowest fees, with savings of \$55 for the full conference. For more information, contact the conference co-chairs Janette Silverman, Phyllis Grossman, and Chuck Weinstein through the conference website www.iajgs2016.org.