



36th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

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2016 IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy to inaugurate special program for Jewish educators

At the 36th annual conference on Jewish genealogy this summer, the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies will offer something it has never done before: a special program designed expressly for Jewish educators. The first ever IAJGS educators' program will take place from 9am to 2 pm on Sunday, August 7, the opening day of the weeklong conference (August 7 to 12) at the lovely Sheraton Hotel in downtown Seattle.

“Genealogy meshes perfectly with all aspects and all levels of Jewish education,” says Carol Starin, an esteemed Seattle-based educator who has directed the education council of the Jewish Federation of Seattle. “This new educators’ program will offer a series of workshops on how to incorporate genealogy and family history into the school curriculum – whether it’s a day school or a high school.”

Lead co-chair Janette Silverman notes that the educators’ program will consist of 10 sessions that run concurrently with the morning sessions on the first day of the conference. “I am delighted to be part of the program,” says Silverman. “I’ll be addressing Jewish educators who bring their passion for genealogy into the day school and religious school classrooms.”

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. For more about the educators’ program, contact Carol Starin at costarin@me.com.