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IAJGS Virtual International Conference on Jewish Genealogy Set for Aug. 21-25; Registration now open

The 42nd Annual IAJGS (International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies) International Conference on Jewish Genealogy will be held virtually Aug. 21-25.

Participants are expected from across the US and around the world. The Conference will feature approximately 60 live-streaming presentations, 100 pre-recorded presentations and 40 group meetings.

Registration is now open, with Early Bird fees available until May 31. Link to the conference website: www.iajgs2022.org for details.

For the first time ever, Early Bird registration offers an additional benefit beyond the reduced price. Several unique bonus pre-Conference recorded sessions from our sponsors – My Heritage, Ancestry, and Family Tree DNA, will be available starting May 2022 to Early Bird registrants only.

“Challenging the Conference Committee to create an exciting and memorable event, both pre-recorded and live-streamed sessions will cover the gamut of the 2022 themes,” said Judi Missel, lead co-chair. Themes will include Philadelphia and Western Pennsylvania research, and DNA experts explain the basics, as well as more sophisticated analysis in multiple presentations. Learning how families lived across the world from small towns of America to Germany and the Caribbean allows researchers to add depth to their family experience. Those who want to document their family history will be able to listen to sessions on writing the stories and documenting them through multi-media and networking.

There will be a robust virtual Expo Hall with our Conference Sponsors and Exhibitors and an updated digital Resource Library. The Mobile App will be available for all attendees and our traditional Family Finder function will be found in the Attendee Service Center. Using a newly

updated appointment system, mentors and translators will once again be available to help attendees.

Programs at the Conference will be geared from first-timers to conference veterans, and will include lectures as well as networking through Special Interest Groups (SIGs), Research Divisions (RDs), and Birds of a Feather (BOFs). An Exhibitor Hall and Resource Room will include genealogy experts and archivists for a one-stop research experience.

The Conference is hosted by IAJGS, an umbrella organization of more than 93 Jewish genealogical organizations worldwide. Judi Missel of AZ and Hadassah Lipsius of NY are Conference Lead Co-chairs. The Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia (JGASGP) is the Local co-host. Fred Blum, a past president of the Philadelphia Society is Conference Local Co-co-chair. "Although we are disappointed that visitors will not be coming to Philadelphia this summer, we are excited to still provide virtual information about the vibrant Jewish community and genealogical resources in our city," he said.

The IAJGS coordinates and organizes activities such as its annual International Conference on Jewish Genealogy and provides a unified voice as the spokesperson on behalf of its members. The IAJGS's vision is of a worldwide network of Jewish genealogical research organizations and partners working together as one coherent, effective and respected community, enabling people to succeed in researching Jewish ancestry and heritage. Find the IAJGS at: www.iajgs.org and like us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/iajgsjewishgenealogy>.