



St. Louis Genealogical Society

Jewish Special Interest Group 2025



The Jewish Special Interest Group (J-SIG) provides a forum for those interested in their Jewish ancestry to network, share genealogical research, study, and preserve their history. The SIG is a member of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS). Meetings are held four times a year at the locations designated below. **All times are Central Time Zone.**



J-SIG 2025 Meeting Schedule

Sunday, 2 February 2025 *An Introduction to Finding Your Jewish Roots*

10:00 a.m. *All-day workshop at the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum*

This will be a special event that will require pre-registration and payment for lunch.

Join us for three lectures and a box lunch: "Migration Paths of our Ancestors," "First Steps in Doing Jewish Genealogy," and "U.S. Record Sets for Documenting Your Family." More information and registration information forthcoming on the Jewish SIG page of our website. (Use the QR code below for quick access.)

Featured Speakers: Ilene Murray and Carol Waggoner, Jewish SIG co-leaders

Sunday, 1 June 2025 *The Newest Resources from the Southern Jewish Family Research Center at the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience*

1:00 p.m. *This meeting will be Zoom only.*

Located in New Orleans, the museum's new center serves as a valuable hands-on resource for family historians dedicated to exploring and safeguarding southern Jewish history. Our speaker will delve into some of the unique family narratives housed in the center and provide insights on how genealogists can access the archives.

Featured Speaker: Lizzi Meister, MSJE Public Programs Manager

Sunday, 24 August 2025 *Understanding Jewish Cemeteries*

1:00 p.m. *This meeting will be hybrid at the StLGS office and via Zoom.*

Jewish cemeteries have some unique features, which vary depending on where the cemetery is located. We'll explore some of the traditions, monuments, and record sets that might be available to researchers both in St. Louis and beyond.

Featured Speaker: Ilene Murray, StLGS publications director and J-SIG co-leader

Sunday, 7 December 2025 *How to Find Any Shtetl on Topographic Maps*

1:00 p.m. *This meeting will be Zoom only.*

It is possible to find even the smallest shtetl on highly detailed and downloadable topographic maps. Our speaker will give step-by-step directions on how to do so for Eastern Europe, Germany, and the Austro-Hungarian empire.

Featured Speaker: Andrew Kapochunas, expert on historic maps



Visit <https://stlgs.org/about-us-2/sigs-and-special-programs/jewish-special-interest-group> for more information and updates to the schedule (or use the QR code below).

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