

Sunday 20 October 2019

JGSGB

26TH ANNUAL LONDON ONE-DAY CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Introduction

DNA has caught the imagination of genealogists, and for many it seems to offer the prospect of delivering quicker results than paper trails. As always, care is needed and it is to be hoped that speakers at our 2019 Conference will help guide us through some of the problems which are there to trap us. The day starts with Laurence Harris covering some of the DNA techniques, databases and resources he uses. He hopes that some of these will help you start or expand your own DNA toolbox, and help you make your own exciting discoveries.

Later in the day, Penny Walters will consider some of the ethical implications of genealogical research, which can assume greater importance when DNA is involved. Penny will address the difficulties of identifying DNA relationships due to endogamy, and the etiquette of collaborating (or not) with DNA matches. She will also consider whether there is a need to ask family members for consent to include them on your tree and what you should do if someone asks you not to include their information.



We had hoped that Anne Webber would be able to come and talk further about her work as Co-Chair of the Commission for Looted Art in Europe and Director of the Central Registry of Information on Looted Cultural Property 1933-1945. Sadly, her work is preventing her from joining us but she has arranged for Richard Aronowitz to take her place and to talk about the work of Sotheby's Restitution Department. Richard is also a novelist and poet, and has written a history of his own family – his mother being a Kindertransport child.

We will also hear from John Minkes about the work that is being done by the Jewish History Association of South Wales (JHASW) to tell the story of that community, which has links back to the 1730s when, according to oral tradition, the first settlement was established in Swansea.

Finally, Michael Shade, who is the convenor of the Society's Sussex group, will tell us about some of his own research tracing his family.

Conference Registration

Places at the Conference may be booked by completing the Conference Registration Form, which can be found on the final page of this programme, or online through the JGSGB Shopping Website.

Go to the Shop (<http://shop.jgs.gb.org.uk/>) and then click Downloadable Books & Tickets. If you use this method, please keep the purchase receipt and bring it to the Conference.

Please print this programme and bring it with you, as extra copies will not be available on the day. Please note that we are planning once again to video the talks so that they can be posted on the website for the information of members. The focus will be on the speakers rather than the audience, who will normally be seen from behind. If you do not want to be in view, please let me know and I will ensure that you are seated out of camera range.

If you have any queries about the Conference, please email secretary@jgs.gb.org.uk

Martin Hill, Secretary, JGSGB

PROGRAMME

- 10.00am REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
- 10.30am Welcome: Chairman, Leigh Dworkin
- 10.35am My DNA Toolbox
Laurence Harris
- 11.45am Voices of the South Wales Jewish Community
John Minkes
- 12.30pm Lunch supplied by Deliphone
- 1.35pm Lost & Found: the Work of Sotheby's Restitution Department
Richard Aronowitz
- 2.25pm Ethical Dilemmas in Genealogy and DNA Testing
Penny Walters
- 3.15pm Tea
- 3.35pm Pedlar's progress: How Isaac Frankenstein got from Poland to Savannah via Brighton, and Why
Michael Shade
- 4.25pm Closing speech: President, **David Jacobs**
- 4.30pm Close
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SPEAKERS' PROFILES

Laurence Harris is a professional genealogist, helping his clients to trace their family history or to find living relatives. He has researched several personalities with Jewish ancestry for the “Who Do You Think You Are?” TV series. Laurence was formerly Head of Genealogy (UK) for MyHeritage, with responsibilities including marketing, genealogical records acquisition, and leading several pro bono genealogical research and tracing projects. Laurence is a JGSGB Council Member, leading the DNA SIG and the Strategy subcommittee.



Michael Shade's grandparents all emigrated from Eastern Europe to London. His parents were born there and he was too. Formerly a teacher of Spanish language and culture, he was also involved in developing the use of online learning in language education. Now he is trying to find his ancestors. He is a member of the JGSGB, and convenor of the Sussex group. He is also a member of the Gombiner Society, helping to organise shtetl visits to Poland last year and this. He has spoken at several IAJGS Conferences in recent years, and at the Lubliner Reunion in 2017.



Dr Penny Walters' PhD researched ethical dilemmas, and she is a university lecturer in psychology and business studies. DNA testing and collaboration with second-cousin DNA matches revealed 91% Irish heritage. DNA testing has also revealed fascinating insights into her children's cultural heritage. Adoptee Penny lectures internationally and writes for *Family Tree* magazine about the psychology of searching, ethical dilemmas in genealogy, adoption, diaspora, black British heritage, and combining DNA results with a paper trail. Penny has recently published

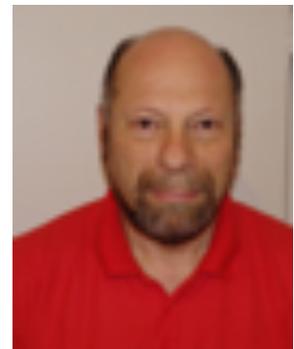


her book *Ethical Dilemmas in Genealogy* and will be publishing *The Psychology of Searching* soon.

Richard Aronowitz first joined Sotheby's in 1997 and worked as an Impressionist and modern art specialist there. He left the auction house to become director of the Ben Uri Gallery in 2003 and then returned to Sotheby's as European Head of Restitution in 2006. He is also a writer, and his most recent novel is *An American Decade*.



John Minkes grew up in Birmingham but his family roots were in Cardiff and he has lived there since 1990. He has been involved with the Jewish History Association of South Wales since it was formed in 2017.



Conference Registration Form

I wish to register for the 26th Annual London One-Day Conference to be held on Sunday 20th October 2019, 10.00am – 4.30pm.

The Jewish Museum, Raymond Burton House, 129-131 Albert St, London NW1 7NB
(wheelchair accessible)

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Registration fee per person: £40.00 (£36 if registered before 22 Sept)

Non-members £45.00

Fee includes lunch and refreshments.

Name(s) of attendee(s):

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Number of tickets:

Cheque enclosed for £..... (Cheques to be made payable to JGSGB)

All catering is kosher but not supervised. We regret we cannot provide vegan food.

Please tick here if you require vegetarian food

Please tick here if you require gluten-free food

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