St. Louis Genealogical Society
Jewish Special Interest Group 2027

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 StLGS office and via Zoom at 1:00 p.m. (Central). (Registration required to attend virtually.)

J-SIG 2027 Meeting Schedule

Sunday, 7 February 2027 ***Judaism in East St. Louis (Illinois)***

East St. Louis, Illinois, just east of St. Louis, over the Mississippi River, had a thriving Jewish population in the early twentieth century. We'll explore the congregation of Agudath Achim in East St. Louis, organized in 1911. We'll look at the evolution of the congregation as well as the evolution of the neighborhood it once called home.

Featured Speaker: **Dr. Andrew "Andy" Theising, emeritus professor of political science at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, and author of *Made in U.S.A.: East St. Louis***

Sunday, 6 June 2027 ***St. Louis Streetcars: Memories of the Past, 1859–1966***

The #15 Hodiamont Line was the last operating streetcar route in St. Louis, ceasing service on 21 May 1966. Mark Goldfeder rode that day and will speak about the final chapters of the original St. Louis streetcar operation. He will share photos and video clips in this walk back to yesteryear multimedia presentation.

Featured Speaker: Mark D. Goldfeder, transit historian

Sunday, 22 August 2027 ***St. Louis Through the Lens of Jewish Photographers***

Lauren Sallwasser, associate archivist, and Levi Cullifer, digitization and cataloging specialist, will discuss Jewish photographers in the collections of the Missouri Historical Society. The presentation will include commercial photographers such as Isaac and Al Sievers, Ephraim and Jacob Block, and Irv Schankman, whose work documents the lived experience of St. Louisans from the 1910s through the 1990s.

Featured Speakers: Lauren Sallwasser and Levi Cullifer, Missouri History Museum

Sunday, 5 December 2027 ***Russian Records: What I Did Not Know!***

Carol will present basic background knowledge of the Jewish Russian records in the Pale of Settlement. This should help both the beginning and the more advanced researcher to better understand what one can expect to find and what the information may mean once you find a record.

Featured Speaker: Carol Waggoner, Jewish SIG co-leader

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