



JGSGW December Meeting

Sunday, December 3, 2017

B'nai Israel Congregation, Rockville, MD

SPECIAL NOTICE: Early Library Opening: 11AM-1PM

1:00 PM Shmooze and Mavens Table

**1:30 PM Meeting: "Research at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum"
with Mr. Steven Vitto, U.S. Holocaust Museum**

The presentation will begin with an overview of the development of the Holocaust Survivors and Victims Resource Center at the USHMM from its origins as the Registry of Holocaust Survivors, emphasizing the development of its scope, collections and tools for research. Emphasis will be on the names database and the International Tracing Service collection. Mr. Vitto will share a few examples of stories he's been involved with - a reunion, helping a survivor and his family find critical information 70 years after they were told there is no documentation and others. Throughout, he will focus on how staff in the Resource Center and Library/Archives collections can be of use to genealogists - what they have/what they do not have. He will also highlight what resources can be accessed from your home computer, and which require a visit to the USHMM. He will also discuss the World Memory Project, which is a way for anyone anywhere in the world to help make names and documents available to researchers.



Bio: Now in his 27th year with the Museum, Steven Vitto is a Researcher and Senior Information Retrieval Specialist in the Holocaust Survivors and Victims Resource Center (formerly known as the Survivors Registry). During his career at the Museum as the first Reference Librarian in the then newly established Museum Library and now as a researcher working primarily in the Public Reference desk, Steven has worked intimately with thousands of survivors and their families providing information and documentation on the individual experiences of survivors and victims during the Holocaust. Ten years ago, he was among the first to be allowed direct access to the then newly accessible records of the International Tracing Service in Bad Arolson, Germany and works regularly in this collection and others. A former teacher, Steven is a graduate of the St. John's College Great Books program and has a Master's degree from the George Washington University.

JGSGW Guest Attendance Policy: A non-member may attend the monthly JGSGW meeting as a Guest for a \$5.00 fee payable at the sign-in table. The \$5.00 Guest fee may be applied toward payment of annual JGSGW membership dues if dues are paid at the same meeting at which the guest fee was paid. JGSGW members requiring personal assistance at a meeting due to a health condition or disability may bring someone to assist them free of charge.