



## *JGSGW September Meeting* *Sunday, September 10, 2017*

B'nai Israel Congregation,  
6301 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD

**12:30PM Shmooze and Mavens Table**

**1:00 PM Meeting (note early start time)**

**Speaker: Dr. Janette Silverman**

### *Ancestry.com: Tips and Tricks from a Professional Genealogist*

“As a professional genealogist, I spend all day, every day researching trees for many different people from many different backgrounds. This discussion will focus on helping you navigate the many databases and search options on [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com), utilizing those shaky leaves and developing strategies for noting new finds on your own [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) tree. We will look at documents found as a result of searches on Ancestry and its partners, and how to use your own personal documents and pictures to enhance your tree.”

Dr. Janette Silverman is a Senior Genealogist Research Manager at *AncestryProGenealogists*, specializing in Jewish genealogy. Because Jewish genealogy involves so many different cultures, countries and languages, as well as non-Jewish members of Jewish families, she finds herself to be a generalist in many different areas.

Janette’s doctorate is in Jewish Studies and her dissertation, *In Living Memory*, explored her research into her own family’s background in

Eastern Europe and their immigration to the United States from 1885-1925. She began her family research as a hobby with her dad over 35 years ago. This hobby became an obsession and now a full-time career. Her family’s origins span what is now Ukraine, Belarus and Romania — Skvira, Zhitomir, Ivano-

Frankivsk, Gusiatoryn, Suceawa, Tovste and Kurenets just to name a few places.

She has spoken at conferences and meetings throughout the United States and overseas. Janette was the lead chair of the 2016 IAJGS conference in Seattle Washington. She has written articles published in *Avotaynu*,

*APG (Association for Professional Genealogists) Quarterly*, *The Galitzianer*, *Lineages*, and *The Tennessee Historical Quarterly*. She is currently working on two book projects, one with her dissertation at its core, and the other about the passengers on the March 3, 1949 sailing of the *SS Marine Jumper* from Hamburg to Boston.

