



## **JGS of Greater Miami**

**Sunday, January 20, 2019**

**At the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, 4200 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, FL**

**Special Treat to Members and Friends of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Miami**

### **Double Feature Presentation**

**GUEST SPEAKER: Hal Bookbinder**

Hal writes and lectures extensively on diverse genealogical topics, including border changes, migration, citizenship, safe computing, Jewish culture and Jewish history. He has identified over 4,000 relatives to the mid-1700s in modern Ukraine. Other roots reach into adjacent areas of Moldova, Poland, Belarus and Russia. He has served as president of the IAJGS and has been honored with its Lifetime Achievement Award

#### **The Changing Borders of Eastern Europe at 11:00 am**

An ancestral town may have been under the rule of several countries over time. Recognizing which governments were in control at various times can help in understanding the environment in which ancestors lived, events that stimulated migration, languages in which records were kept and likely locations where these records might be found. As the Russian Empire expanded west in the 17th and 18th centuries, millions of Jews found themselves within the Empire and Russia found that it needed to deal with a people it had tried to exclude for hundreds of years. This lecture traces a millennium of border changes in Eastern Europe and the impacts of these changes on our Jewish ancestors. (Russia, Poland, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Bessarabia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia)

#### **Ship of Our Ancestors at 1:30 pm**

During the active years of Ellis Island, 83,000 ship arrivals were recorded. Between 1880 and 1914 about two million Jewish immigrants arrived from Europe, with most passing through Ellis Island. Until the age of flight, immigrants arrived by sea, first on sailing ships and after the middle of the 19th Century, on steamships. This presentation focuses on the

ships on which our ancestors traveled, discussing the shift from sail to steam and the governmental regulations which made ship travel safer and more civilized. It will address the experience of our ancestors in getting to the port of embarkation, being processed for passage, life aboard the vessel, on Ellis Island and in getting to their final destination. It will also address various erroneous myths such as the inhuman conditions in steerage and name changes on Ellis Island

**\*\*\* Reservation Required! Please RSVP [ymillman.jgs@gmail.com](mailto:ymillman.jgs@gmail.com)**

**-Indicate which event you plan on attending**

**Bring your own dairy lunch if you plan on attending both events.**

**Refreshment will be served**

Admittance fees of \$10.00 apply to non-members.

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**Parking to the premises is through the back street of the building. Use Entrance Code: 001#. If using GPS or Google map, put in 4199 Federal Highway, Miami Fl. 33137. Federation Telephone: 305-573-0274 Security – for the day of the event**