

# California Genealogical Society & Library

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### Upcoming Events

#### **Annual CGS Membership Meeting** **Saturday, January 12, 2008 1:30 p.m. - CGS Library**

Please join CGS President, Jane Lindsey, for a quick review of the society's accomplishments in 2007, and a look forward to what's in store for 2008, our 110th year of helping people find their roots.



This important session will include Colleen Huntley's power point presentation on the history of the society, an update on our website and new [blog](#), brief committee reports, approval of the society budget and election of new board members. There will be time for questions and answers.

The annual meeting is always well attended so arrive early to get a front seat, see old friends and meet some new ones. Light refreshments will be available before the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

#### **Universe of Immigration Records, 1882-1954** **Sunday, January 13 2008 1:00 p.m. - Jewish Community High School, S.F.**



[The San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society](#) presents *The Universe of Immigration Records 1882-1954* by noted immigration historian Marian Smith, at its membership meeting on Sunday, January 13, 2008. Dr. Smith's presentation will focus on records of the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS, now USCIS) found at the National Archives and in Agency custody. It will begin with an overview of all types of records created and maintained over time, and how these records are distributed between the two agencies. Her talk will also

cover the services and records becoming available through the new U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Genealogy Program. A question and answer session will address the particular interests and concerns of researchers.

#### Time and Place:

Jewish Community High School  
1835 Ellis Street  
San Francisco, CA

Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Lecture begins promptly at 1:00. Admission free.  
Free parking: enter parking garage from Pierce Street.

Marian Smith is the Senior Historian at the [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services](#), Department of Homeland Security. She regularly lectures at national and international genealogy conferences on the history and uses of [immigration](#) and [naturalization](#) records held in the National Archives, Washington, D.C.

## **CGS Membership Coffee - Berkeley/Oakland/Piedmont** **Thursday, January 24, 2008 - Private Home, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Another in a series of coffees will be held for members who live in Berkeley, Oakland or Piedmont. Members living in these East Bay communities have already received a personal invitation by email. The get-togethers are a fun way to meet members who live locally and are designed to help us link up with others who share similar genealogy research interests. The coffees are also a great way to set up car pools for future CGS meetings, events or research trips. CGS President, Jane Lindsey will give guests an update on current events at the society.

If you live in our target area, please let us know if you can come, and let us know if you need transportation so we can help you arrange a carpool. For details about the location or to RSVP, [Contact CGS Publicity](#) or call the society.

## **CGS Celebrates 110 Years with The Photo Detective** **Saturday, February 9, 2008 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Concord Hilton**

The California Genealogical Society and Library will celebrate 110 years of helping people find their roots at a day-long program with Maureen Taylor, the [Photo Detective](#) at the [Concord Hilton](#).

Maureen will present four seminars exploring ways to identify and preserve photographs to enhance our family history:



*Tales from The Photo Detective*  
*Identifying and Dating Family Photos*  
*Preserving Family Photographs*  
*Reading Immigrant Clues in Photos*

\$45.00 includes all seminars, lunch and a silent auction.  
Private photo consultations with Maureen are available.

Maureen Taylor is a nationally recognized photo identification and family history expert. She is the author of a number of [research articles](#) and books, including [Uncovering Your Ancestry Through Family Photographs](#) and [Preserving Your Family Photographs: How to Organize, Present, and Restore Your Precious Family Images](#).

For further information about this event, visit the [CGS website](#) or download the [event flyer and reservation form](#). For additional information about Maureen visit her [website](#) or [Photo Detective blog](#).

## CGS Calendar of Events

President Jane Lindsey and volunteer, Carolyn Steinberg, have been hard at work planning CGS events for 2008. View upcoming membership and society meetings, events, research trips, "First Saturdays FREE" and other important dates on the new CGS interactive calendar. Just click on any item in the calendar for further details. Be sure to

bookmark the link.

[CGS Google Calendar](#)

## Can You Help?

**Did you know** that CGS is a 100% volunteer organization? A variety of opportunities exist for you to be involved in an ongoing position or occasionally when you have time. Let us know your areas of expertise or interest and we will find a job that you will love that fits into your busy schedule. [Contact CGS](#) for more information.

**Family Tree Magazine** is working on a feature article that will honor libraries with outstanding genealogical collections. Our marketing volunteer, Kathryn Doyle, is scrambling to complete the [lengthy questionnaire](#) by the January 14 deadline. If you have knowledge of or experience with a particular aspect of our library collection, please [email her](#), ASAP! Or, if you are planning to attend the Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 12, please come early (11 a.m.) bring your lunch and help her to count books!

**Silent Auction items** are needed for the upcoming February 9, 110th Celebration with Maureen Taylor. Something that you have around the house that is too nice to give away will help CGS. Please call CGS or [contact by email](#) to let us know about your donation.

## Suggested Links

[Genealogy Blog Finder](#)

[We Relate - Take the Tour!](#)

[250+ Killer Digital Libraries and Archives](#)

[Steve Danko's Second Look at Immigrant Passenger Manifests](#)

[Ethnic Toolkits - Family Tree Magazine](#)

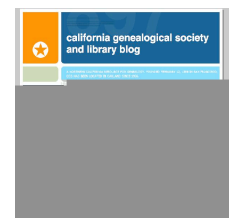
[Family Tree Magazine - Free Downloadable Forms, Free Genealogy](#)

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<http://calgensoc.blogspot.com/>

The link is also accesible from the homepage of our website:

<http://www.calgensoc.org>



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Founded February 12, 1898 in San Francisco, CGS, a non-profit, all-volunteer organization that seeks to aid, educate and encourage research in family history, is presently located in Oakland, California. The society maintains a library, gathers and preserves vital records and disseminates information through publications, meetings, seminars, workshops, its [website](#), [blog](#) and [online catalog](#).

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