



# LUNCH AND LEARN @



## **Southern California Genealogical Society and Family Research Library**

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**Saturday, July 13, 2019**

Doors open at 12 noon

**Lunch** - 12:00 noon to 1p.m.

Sit, chat, and share your genealogy stories while eating your brown bag lunch.

**Learn** - 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. with questions and answers

**Speaker** - **Hal Bookbinder**

**1:00 - 2:00 p.m. “Born in St. Louis, Naturalized in Newark, Why?”**

Although a natural-born American citizen, on marrying in 1917 Sara Sacharow lost her citizenship. Years later she is naturalized. This talk discusses naturalization rules over the years, including the treatment of women, children, blacks, Asians and Indigenous peoples. It even discusses how John Adams tried to avert Thomas Jefferson’s election by changing the laws of naturalization.

**2:15 - 3:15 p.m. “Ships of Our Ancestors”**

Most of our ancestors came to America by sea. This talk describes how this voyage changed from the 16th to 20th centuries including its duration, cost and dangers. It also discusses how our ancestors got from their village to the port and on to their eventual destination in America. Finally, it addresses some of the myths about name changes, entry denial and the horrors of steerage class.

**Hal Bookbinder** is currently focused on Jewish history, finding missing relatives, European border changes, immigration, citizenship and safe computing. He has authored articles and spoken at numerous conferences and society meetings, both in person and through live webinars from his office at UCLA. He is a former president of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) and currently serves on the JewishGen Board of Governors. He was lead co-chair for the 2014 IAJGS conference in Salt Lake City. In 2010, he was honored with the IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award. Hal has identified over 4,000 relatives in 26 states and 8 countries. He traces his and his wife’s roots to modern Ukraine and adjacent areas of Moldova, Poland, Belarus and Russia.

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