



LUNCH AND LEARN @

Southern California Genealogical Society and Family Research Library

417 Irving Drive, Burbank, California 91504
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Saturday, March 11, 2017

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 3:45 p.m. with questions and answers

Speaker - Joel Weintraub, Ph.D.

1:00 - 2:15 p.m. "Ellis Island 101: Barriers to Immigration"

About 70% of immigrants to the U.S. during 1892 through 1924 came through Ellis Island. The history of the Island and changing federal laws which impacted immigration and ship manifest questions will be discussed. We will be introduced to the Manifest, Detention, and Special Inquiry documents of the time.

2:30 - 3:45 p.m. "Ellis Island 101: Searching for Names"

This workshop will provide, through case studies, how to find "missing" Ellis Island passengers on the ship manifest, even if that scanned manifest is incomplete. Six different approaches will be used and we will see the strengths, weaknesses, and assumptions behind each. We will also debunk the persistent myth of name changes at Ellis Island. After these talks the audience should have a clear idea of the process the immigrants went through, and a greater appreciation of the Manifest as a genealogy research tool. Actual documents will be shown in both presentations.

Joel Weintraub, Ph. D. is an emeritus Professor at California State University Fullerton, and was a volunteer for nine years at the National Archives, then in Laguna Niguel, CA. For over a decade, Joel has created search tools for the U.S. and New York City censuses that are freely available on the Steve Morse "One-Step" website. He has given presentations on census (both federal and NYC), immigration and naturalization, biographical and Jewish genealogy topics and has published articles on many of those topics.

The library will not be open for research. Times are approximate.
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