

## SFBAJGS Financial Report for 2015

Jeff Lewy, SFBAJGS Treasurer

SFBAJGS achieved another strong financial performance in 2015. Thanks to dues and donations paid by you, our members, revenues remained stable. We continued our efforts to offer programs of interest to our members, and to digitize more Jewish records so that they can be more easily accessible on the internet.

### Digitizing Project

In 2015 we began to digitize the "burial slips" created by Sherith Israel Synagogue in San Francisco after 1861 for the Hills of Eternity cemetery maintained by Sherith Israel in what is now Dolores Park in San Francisco. The burial slips are in the Sherith Israel archives held by the University of California at Berkeley.

This project is part of our goal to find and present data that can partly substitute for the local public records destroyed in the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire. We have made digital photographs of the slips and have begun to transcribe and index them as a partial substitute for the destroyed city death records in San Francisco before 1906.

In the earliest years, the burial slips contained just names and dates of burial. Over time, more data were added to the burial records, such as age, cause of death, and birthplace. The cemetery in San Francisco was closed in the 1880's and the bodies were moved to Colma more than 100 years ago. These data may allow us to evaluate the burial registers of those moved, which may not be complete.

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Below left are simple pie charts showing the major categories of our income and expense for 2015. We recognize that our financial position does not show the value of the volunteer efforts of your Board of Directors and other members of SFBAJGS, whose contributions of time and expertise add so substantially to the activities of the society. We thank our members and Board for their volunteer activities.

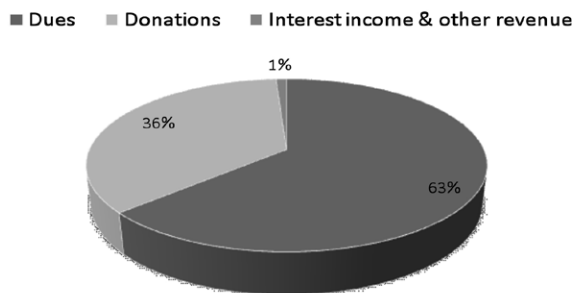
Our revenue this year was just over \$8,100. Almost two thirds of this revenue came from dues paid by just over 220 members. In addition, you, our members, donated more than \$2,800, or 35% of total revenue, to support our activities. We are very grateful for these donations, as they allow us to support our projects and those of other groups to document and remember our Jewish past.

Our major categories of expense were:

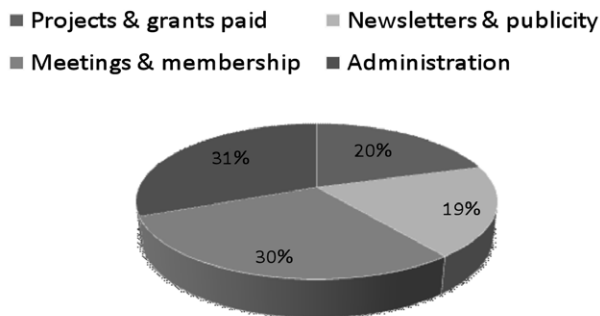
- about \$1,600 to present 18 meetings, including room rentals, honoraria for speakers, and handouts, and to maintain contact with members and solicit new members and renewals
- about \$800 to create, print, and mail four issues of our *ZichronNote* newsletter to our members and to other organizations which have expressed interest in our work, including more than 120 other Jewish genealogical societies worldwide and about 40 local congregations and libraries
- about \$800 to professionally organize and photograph the Sherith Israel burial slips
- other administrative costs, largely for publicity, insurance, and Web site maintenance

Thank you for your support of SFBAJGS! Please let us know if you have any questions or comments on our finances or any projects you would like to see us support. And let us know how we can most effectively help you with your genealogical research.

SFBAJGS Revenue - 2015



SFBAJGS Expense - 2015



### **Your Story Belongs in ZichronNote**

Have you met a cousin at an IAJGS conference (maybe this year)? Have you had a breakthrough in your family history, solved a family mystery through painstaking research, discovered a better way to use resource materials, or walked where your ancestors walked? Have you had success or made progress at the Genealogy Clinic with the Mavens? Have you made contact with a “tenuously, absurdly distant” cousin?

Tell us your story, share your discovery! We want to read about it in *ZichronNote*. Please submit materials to [newsletter@sfbajgs.org](mailto:newsletter@sfbajgs.org).

### **Amazon Smile Donations**

Amazon donates to San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society when you shop at AmazonSmile. Use <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2948891>.

### **Design Contest for International Jewish Genealogy Month**

The purpose of International Jewish Genealogy Month (IJGM) is to help promote and celebrate Jewish family history. IJGM is held during the Hebrew month of Cheshvan, which in 2016 runs from 2–30 November. One of the activities is a competition to design the artwork used for the poster that publicizes the event. The winner of the contest wins free registration to the IAJGS annual conference, held this year from 7–12 August in Seattle, or free access to the conference recorded sessions. Go to <http://www.iajgs.org/blog/ijgm/poster-competition/> for more information and for instructions on how to submit your design. The deadline for the competition is **20 June 2016**.

### **Brainstorming with the Mavens**

The San Francisco Jewish Community Library hosts a free genealogy clinic every month (except July and August) from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Bring copies of family charts, documents, and other information and let experienced SFBAJGS Jewish genealogists help point you in the right direction in your research. 1835 Ellis Street, San Francisco. There is free, secure parking in the building. Call (415) 567-3327 x704 or write [library@jewishlearningworks.org](mailto:library@jewishlearningworks.org) for more information.

The Mavens are on hiatus for the summer but will return in the fall.

### **State and National**

Sunday–Tuesday, 26–28 June 2016. “Redefining Crypto-Judaic Identity: Then and Now.” Society for Crypto-Judaic Studies 2016 Conference. Drury Plaza Hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico. <http://www.cryptojews.com/>

Sunday–Friday, 7–12 August 2016. 36th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy. The program is now available online! Seattle, Washington. <http://www.iajgs2016.org/>

Monday–Friday, 8–12 August 2016. Eastern European Family History Conference. Salt Lake City, Utah. <http://feefhs.org/>

Wednesday–Saturday, 31 August–3 September 2016. “Time Travel: Centuries of Memories.” FGS Annual Conference. Springfield, Illinois. <http://www.fgsconference.org/>

Thursday–Saturday, 15–17 September 2016. 2016 New York State Family History Conference. Syracuse, New York. <http://www.nysfhc.org/>

Thursday–Sunday, 3–6 November 2016. The Holocaust in the 21st Century: Relevance and Challenges in the Digital Age. Claremont, California. <http://goo.gl/3DGfsU>

### **International**

Wednesday–Saturday, 1–23 June 2016. “Out of the Shadows: Rediscovering Jewish Music and Theatre” festival. Leeds and York, England. <http://ptja.leeds.ac.uk/festivals/>

Monday, 20 June 2016. “Welcome to Britain? Refugees, Then and Now” day conference. King’s College, London, England. <http://bit.ly/1XX5193>

Tuesday, 28 June 2016. Professor Hillel Kieval, “Blood Inscriptions: Science, Modernity, and Ritual Murder in Fin de Siècle Europe.” Pears Institute for the Study of Antisemitism, Birkbeck, University of London, England. <http://wp.me/pd5Ci-WL>

Sunday–Thursday, 10–14 July 2016. First International Conference on Founder Populations: Lessons from the Jewish Genome. Haifa, Israel. <http://www.founder-genomics.com/>

Monday–Wednesday, 22–24 August 2016. Jews in Colonial and Postcolonial Africa. University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa. [dahan.center@mail.biu.ac.il](mailto:dahan.center@mail.biu.ac.il)

2–30 November 2016. International Jewish Genealogy Month. <http://www.iajgs.org/jgmonth.html>

