

SFBAJGS Financial Report for 2016

Jeff Lewy, SFBAJGS Treasurer

2016 was another successful year for SFBAJGS. We held 16 meetings, with interesting and informative presentations on research sources, techniques, and personal family histories. We also cosponsored five additional presentations. We had a substantial turnout of 45 members at the annual IAJGS conference in Seattle in August, and 12 Society members made presentations at the conference. We are not the largest society in IAJGS, but we are one of the most active in supporting its goals of educating members and others on techniques and sources for their genealogical research.

On a more local note, we hosted a visit to the Colma Jewish cemeteries with a guide from the Colma Historical Society, and about 23 members and guests heard and saw an example of the value and interest of personal visits to a cemetery for their research.

Our members are generous donors to the Society, giving us the opportunity to support our mission:

- support and improve online sharing of data useful to researchers doing Jewish genealogy
- make new records available that support Jewish genealogical research
- support efforts to research and remember existing and vanished Jewish communities

We support activities in the local area that are consistent with this mission. Much of this work takes place where the communities and records are located, however, so it would be difficult for us to do the work ourselves. Therefore, we continued our practice of making donations to other organizations that are working in those communities and archives. We select projects to support based on their value to the broadest possible audience of researchers, the need to preserve and protect fragile sites, and the need to record data where the repositories and archives are newly open or at risk of restricting access.

This year, we donated \$7,400 to ten organizations for their activities. We include their URL's so that you can learn more about their activities if you wish.

Local

- Jewish Community Library: to maintain and expand the very strong collection of materials related to Jewish genealogy and history in the San Francisco Bay Area
<http://www.jewishlearningworks.org/jewish-community-library/>

- Commission for the Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and Landmarks in the West: to protect and maintain the seven Gold Rush-era Jewish cemeteries in the gold country of the Sierra foothills

<http://www.pioneerjewishcemeteries.org/>

- Oakland FamilySearch Library: to expand its collection of materials for Jewish research and support our Oakland meeting location

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Oakland_California_FamilySearch_Library/Contact_Information

- Oakland Public Library Oakland History Room: to digitize photographs and other materials relating to the history of the Jewish communities of the East Bay

<http://oaklandlibrary.org/locations/oakland-history-room>

These materials are uploaded to the Online Archive of California and the Digital Public Library of America. We suggest you look at these two online portals, which are joint efforts of numerous libraries and archives in California and the U.S.

National and International

- International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) Stern Fund: to increase the availability of resources for Jewish genealogical research

<http://www.iajgs.org/>

- Italian Genealogical Group: to support its ongoing online indexing of New York vital records

<http://www.italiengen.org/>

- Jewish Records Indexing-Poland: to support ongoing digitization and indexing of Jewish records, primarily from Polish archives

<http://jri-poland.org/>

- JewishGen: to the General Fund supporting the primary online site of Jewish genealogical records and instruction for researchers

<http://www.jewishgen.org/>

We also made specific gifts to support JewishGen projects for (1) ROM-SIG indexing of records from Romanian archives, (2) Yizkor Book Translation Project, and (3) indexing of records from the former Hungarian county of Maramaros, now in Romania and Ukraine.

- Kirkuty: to support photography of Jewish cemeteries in Poland, both extant and desecrated, drawing attention to the remaining signs of the prewar presence of the Polish Jewish community

<http://kirkuty.xip.pl/indexang.htm>

- Nowy Dwor Jewish Memorial: to support recovery of gravestones of the desecrated cemetery of Nowy Dwor, Poland and construction of a memorial wall

<http://www.nowydworjewishmemorial.org/Mission.html>

SFBAJGS Receives IAJGS Salute

The San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society was recognized by IAJGS for our contributions to other worthy genealogical organizations. This honor was only possible due to the generosity of our members, who have donated money in addition to their dues. So we salute you, our members, and thank you for allowing us to help make more records available to researchers. If you wish to read the salute, it can be found at <http://www.iajgs.org/blog/awards/iajgs-salutes/salute-to-sfbajgs/>.

Financial Results for 2016

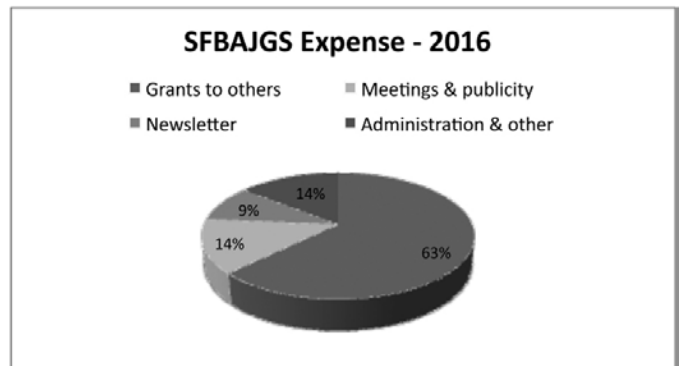
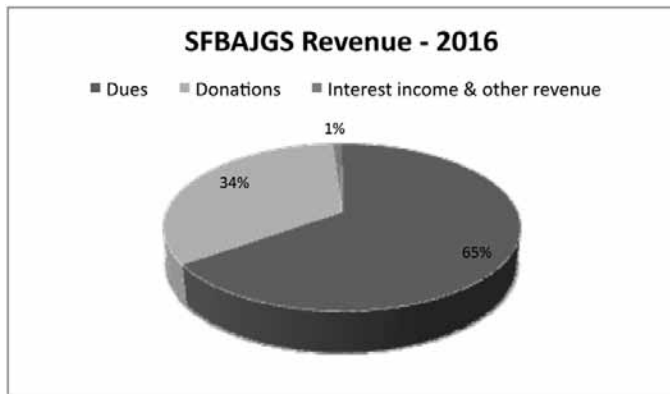
Revenues for 2016 were just over \$8,000, consistent with performance in past years, with more than \$5,000 in dues from 225 members, more than \$2,500 in donations, and a small amount of interest and other income. Thank

you for these donations, which support our activities and those of other groups doing work of great value to you, our members, and to the worldwide Jewish genealogical community.

Expenses totaled almost \$12,000, generating a loss of about \$3,900. This loss was incurred on purpose and was primarily a result of the \$7,400 in contributions. We did not make any contributions in 2015 and consequently decided to make about double our historic level of contributions (generally about \$3,500) in 2016. Details of those contributions are described above. Other major categories of expenses were meetings and publicity (\$1,600) and publication of the *ZichronNote* journal (\$1,100). All other expenses, including insurance, Web site maintenance, and other administrative expenses, totaled about \$1,900.

Below are simple pie charts showing the primary categories of revenue and expenses.

Thank you for your membership, your donations, and your interest in Jewish genealogy and family history. Please let us know if you have any questions on our performance and activities, and how we can most effectively help you with your research. Also let us know if there are any projects or activities you would like to see us undertake or support. We look forward to an informative and productive year in 2017.



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<http://www.jewishgen.org/sfbajgs/about.html>