

Report on SFBAJGS 2023 Activities and Financial Overview

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This report to members covers our 2023 activities, financial results, and grants to other organizations. We continued running the Society as in the previous year: Our meetings were all virtual, via Zoom. Although we did not gather in person, meeting online enabled us to expand our reach to include members and non-members from far and wide who otherwise would not have had the opportunity to benefit from our presentations.

Our virtual audience was larger than our in-person meetings, last held in 2019. Our free, SFBAJGS News was regularly emailed to SFBAJGS members and other subscribers, a total of 925, highlighting our activities, those of other groups, and items of genealogical interest.

Our award-winning quarterly journal *Zichron*Note offered interesting and informative articles about Jewish genealogy, many of them written by our members. The volunteer work of our members continued, and in 2023 we focused on digitization of previously unavailable newspapers published in San Francisco before the Great Fire and Earthquake of 1906.

Our members take active roles in moderating Research Groups online for JewishGen, and participating in other efforts to find and provide public and online access to vital records and other records of genealogical interest.

Although our name is “San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society,” we note that “San Francisco Bay Area” merely reflects that the majority of our members reside here. Our members and our interests are worldwide, as were our ancestors and are our living relatives.

We can be as valuable to members whose ancestors lived in Ukraine, Bohemia, Galicia, Russia, or South Africa as to those whose families have been in the Bay Area for four generations or more. All of our families, like yours, came from “someplace else,” and we have knowledge of and connections to many of those places.

Our members continued to research their family histories; new information is always being added to online databases; and we fielded questions from researchers near and far. Several Society members attended the 42nd IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, held in London in 2023. Society members helped organize the conference and made presentations.

Our members continued to make generous donations to the Society in addition to paying dues, affording us the opportunity to further our objectives:

- Support and improve online sharing of data useful to researchers everywhere doing Jewish genealogy;
- Make formerly closed or unavailable records available online that support Jewish genealogical research;
- Support efforts to research and remember existing and vanished Jewish communities.

We supported activities in our own backyard consistent with these objectives. For example, ongoing volunteer projects included transcribing data from local cemeteries and funeral homes, and continuing to seek out sources for vital and other records, with the goal of making those data available online for researchers everywhere.

Other work fulfilling these objectives is always taking place wherever Jewish communities and records are located, often far from us.

We are grateful for our members’ generosity, which enabled us to continue our tradition of making donations to other organizations that are working in other communities and archives.

We support projects 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 access restrictions.

Members are welcome to email Treasurer@SFBAJGS.org with questions.



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to other organizations.

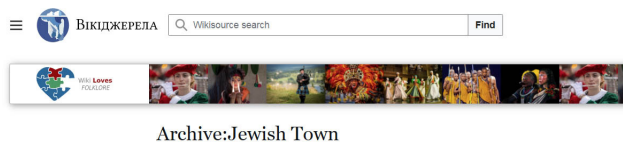
Donations to other organizations working in ways that support our mission

Thanks to the generosity of our members in 2023, we donated \$1,250 to two other organizations whose efforts provide valuable information and data to genealogists. We present the purpose of our donations and the URLs of these organizations so that you can learn more about their activities if you wish.

National and International



- [International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies](#): Rabbi Malcom Stern Fund: The IAJGS provides grants to "...encourage institutions or organizations to pursue projects, activities and acquisitions that provide new or enhanced resources to benefit those researching Jewish Genealogy." Past recipients can be found [here](#).



- **Ukraine** – [The Krakovsky Project](#): supporting Alex Krakovsky and his team in gaining access to and scanning metric books, indexes, name lists, revision lists, and censuses in Ukrainian historical government archives. Scans, (unindexed, untranslated), are posted to his wiki page. (Google Chrome browser can automatically translate the page). Work continues despite the war in Ukraine.

Financial Results for 2023

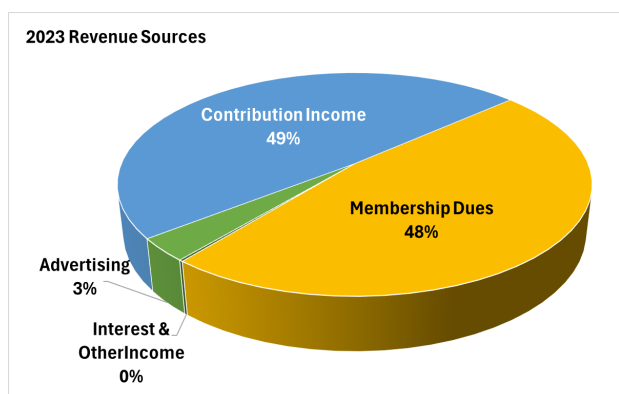
Total Revenue for 2023 was just over \$8,400, with \$4,002 in dues payments and the remainder in donations and other income.

Expenses totaled just over \$7,600. Significant categories of expense include publication of *ZichronNote*, meeting honoraria and Zoom costs; website and email communications costs, Membership expenses, and the contributions given to other organizations described above.

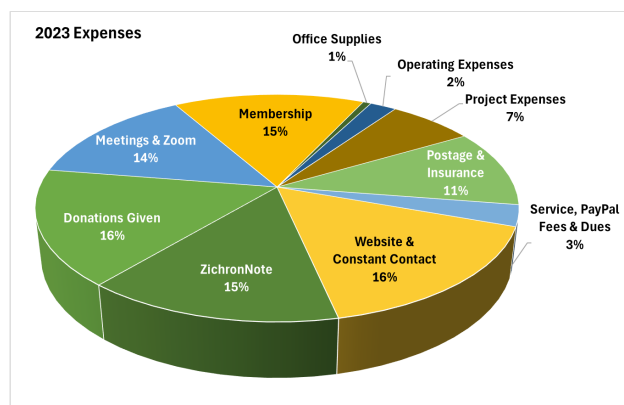
For the year, the Society had a net retained surplus of about \$834.

We thank you again as we do every year, for your membership, your donations, and your interest in Jewish genealogy and family history.

SFBAJGS Revenue for 2023



SFBAJGS Expenses for 2023



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