



**International Institute for Jewish Genealogy
and Paul Jacobi Center
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Faculty Workshop on Teaching Jewish Genealogy

A number of young faculty members have expressed an interest in giving elective courses on Jewish Genealogy or, alternatively, in working elements of Jewish Genealogy into courses they may already be giving on subjects such as Jewish history, sociology or even literature. At the same time, they have indicated that, before embarking on an initiative of this kind, they would welcome the opportunity to discuss, in an academic setting, the potential of Jewish Genealogy for teaching and research at the university level. In practical terms, they are seeking advanced guidance on how to frame their ventures into essentially unknown territory.

To answer this perceived need, it is proposed to hold an intensive 4-day workshop in the UK or the US on teaching Jewish Genealogy at the BA or MA level. The workshop will be attended by 12-15 junior faculty members and 6-8 more senior members of faculty acting as instructors. Each of the “students” will be expected to present a proposed curriculum illustrating his/her suggested approach to the subject, or to deliver a paper on a research project they have done into some aspect of Jewish genealogy. The instructors will lecture on teaching Jewish Genealogy from the perspectives of their different academic disciplines. All the participants will examine together the utility of the “Academic Guidelines”, developed by IJG (at < <http://ijg.org/teaching/> >) for the formulation of university courses in Jewish Genealogy. The proceeding of the workshop will be recorded and posted selectively on the Institute’s Website.

The estimated cost of the workshop is £25-30,000 if held in the UK (in Oxford, for example) or \$25-30,000 if held in the US (where transport costs to bring the participants together should be somewhat less).

The outcome will be the production of a motivated cadre of perhaps a dozen young faculty members committed to teaching Jewish Genealogy in one form or another at the university level.