



THE JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TORONTO

Wednesday, 19 February 2025 at 7:30 p.m. ET
via Zoom only

Vienna, Austria, Jewish Emigration Applications 1938-39: A Treasury of Genealogical Information

Speaker: Dr. Steven Turner

This program is open only to members of the society. A link will be sent prior to the event. If you're not already a member of JGS Toronto, or if you haven't yet renewed your membership for 2025, [click here to join.](#)

After the Anschluss of March 1938 and then Kristallnacht in November of that year, it was very clear to the 200,000 Jews of Vienna that they needed to leave. Most of them applied to leave through an emigration application, some of which were many pages long. These applications contain much genealogical information, such as when the person arrived in Vienna and from where; work histories; and names, dates, and locations of birth of parents, children, and siblings. Many of the papers also contain the names and addresses of family overseas where the applicant would want to go.

In his presentation, Steven will disclose how these applications are a treasure of information and will present how to access and study them.

Dr. Steven Turner spent his holidays davening at a Galitzianer shul with his grandparents in Brooklyn, New York. That was the start of his journey into genealogy as he tried to prove that his family surname was never changed. He has written about this journey as a blogger for *The Times of Israel* and in various genealogical publications. He joined the board of Gesher Galicia, a non-profit organization carrying out Jewish genealogical and historical research on Galicia, in 2017 and has served as its president since 2019. A product of the New York City public schools, Steven has a BA in Sociology from Queens College and a D.D.S. from the NYU College of Dentistry. He is now retired from his 44 years of practice in General Dentistry and Facial Cosmetics in Howard Beach, NY.

FAQ for this program

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