

Our meeting this month was a viewing of the video "Genealogy Goals for 2017", which has good information for any year. The presenter listed four kinds of goals you can set to improve your genealogy skills and get better results: Research, Education, Service and Housekeeping. If you missed the meeting or want to view it again, here is the URL:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tu1zFVRu7ck>

Sharon Bruni of the Mt. Lebanon Library attended the meeting to announce that the Friends of Mt. Lebanon Library is making funds available to our group so we can pay speakers that we have been unable to schedule in the past. We greatly appreciate this support and will use it to make our programs even better than they have been.

Sharon noted that [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) is available to use for free at any library in Allegheny County. Jim Stuber noted that it's the institutional edition that gives access to U.S., Canadian and U.K. records, but not the World Wide edition that includes European records and those from other countries. For those records [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) is a better source anyway, and is free to use at an PC anywhere in the world.

Here are several opportunities in the month of October to meet your education goals:

Jim Stuber is doing a presentation "Getting Started in Genealogy" at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library on October 3rd at 7:00.

The Western Pennsylvania Genealogy Society is having many events at the Carnegie Library in Oakland in October. All are free but some require registration due to limited space. There are surely one or more of these that would be useful to advance your skills and knowledge.

<https://wpgs.org/eventListings.php?nm=20>

The Heinz History Center is sponsoring two talks about the Jewish experience in Italy. Not exactly genealogy, but they may be of interest for historical perspective.

<http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/story-hidden-jews-southern-italy>

<http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/italian-jews-world-war-ii>

We hope to see you at our next meeting on October 16th.