Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston
presents

Introducing Children to Jewish Genealogy

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Sunday, May 6, 2012, 1:30 pm
Congregation Bethel-Atereth Israel, 561 Ward St., Newton Centre

Dr. Hershkovitz will present some concepts and ideas for introducing children to Jewish genealogy, including how to engage your own younger generation in your genealogy research and their family heritage, how to spread the word of your genealogy research through your extended family, and how to promote genealogy to groups of children within your community.

Genealogy research today has two major advantages which make it easily communicable to children. First, it is a fascinating process from its very beginning (“I had no idea how to find my great-grandfather’s lost brother”), through its various steps (“And then I found a manifest from 1897 on the Internet!”), to its often surprising findings (“I’ve found a 3rd cousin of mine who lives just a few blocks from me!”). And much of it is done on the Internet, which is today’s younger generation’s playground.

Arnon Hershkovitz is a passionate genealogist involved in genealogy since 1999. A native Israeli, he holds a Ph.D. in Science Education and is currently a post-doc at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He is active in a variety of online genealogy education initiatives, in Hebrew, and has taught genealogy to both children and adults. He served as the Head Genealogy Consultant for the Israeli production of “Who Do You Think You Are?”.

Congregation Bethel-Atereth Israel is at 561 Ward St, Newton Centre, MA.

Admission is free for members, $5 for non-members. Refreshments will be served.

Upcoming programs:

May 20 1:30 pm at Coolidge Corner Branch Library, Brookline. Stephen Denker, Organizing & Preparing Manuscripts for Self-publishing: What to Include & How to Do It

Jun 10 1:30 pm at Temple Emanuel, Newton. Linda Levi, Archives of the Joint Distribution Committee: A Resource for Genealogists; followed by Spotlight: Heidi Urich on HIAS Records


Volunteers Wanted: JGSGB is the proud co-sponsor of the 33rd IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, coming to Boston 4–9 August 2013. We are now seeking volunteers to help with putting on the conference. You can find more information and the volunteer form at www.jgsgb.org/conf2013.

The JGSGB is dedicated to helping people discover and research their Jewish family history. We offer monthly education programs and a comprehensive beginners’ course, maintain an extensive collection of research materials, and publish the award-winning journal Mass-Pocha.

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