

# Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

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## Two Lectures on Sephardic Jewry

Sunday, April 25, 2010

1:30 PM

Temple Emanuel  
385 Ward Street, Newton Centre

### Sephardic Jewry after the Expulsion from Spain

Professor Jonathan Decter will talk about the Sephardi migration after 1492—to Portugal, the Ottoman Empire, Europe (including Eastern and Central Europe) and the Americas. He will discuss intellectual and economic connections across the Sephardi Diaspora, and the nature of Sephardi identity.

### Tracing Family to 13th Century Spain

Dr. Daniel Laby will describe his quest to trace his Laby-De La Caballeria family. Using both modern (DNA) and classical methods (microfilms), he was able to follow the trail from western Massachusetts and New York's Lower East Side all the way back to the Ottoman Empire and pre-Inquisition Spain.

**Jonathan Decter** is Associate Professor and the Edmond J. Safra Professor of Sephardic Studies in the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies at Brandeis University. His first book, *Iberian Jewish Literature: Between al-Andalus and Christian Europe*, won the Salo W. Baron prize for best first book in Judaic Studies, 2007.

**Daniel Laby** is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School and is a specialist in Sports Vision working with the Boston Red Sox as well as several other professional and Olympic teams.

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<http://emanuel.jgsgb.org>.

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

#### Upcoming Programs:

- May 23** **Finding Your Ancestors in Lithuanian Records** by Deena Berton  
**June 13** **Jacob's Cane: A Jewish Family's Journey from the Four Lands of Lithuania to the Ports of London and Baltimore; A Memoir in Five Generations**, by Elisa New

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