

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

presents

The Genetic Ancestry of the Jewish People

Dr. Karl Skorecki

Sunday, April 30, 2006

1:30–3:30 PM

Gann Academy, 333 Forest Street, Waltham

Dr. Skorecki, head of the Technion Jewish Genome Project, which is tracing the origins of the Jewish people through DNA, will discuss his research. Skorecki became known worldwide in Jewish genetics when he helped to determine that half of the Jewish people claiming descent from the priestly class, the Cohanim, are descended from one man who lived 3,000-3,800 years ago. In a recent study, he and his colleagues reported new information on the origins of the Jewish population in Europe, determining that just four women who lived about 2,000 years ago in the Middle East are the ancestors of 40 percent of Jews whose families came from eastern and central Europe.

Professor Skorecki is the director of the Nephrology and Molecular Medicine Research Laboratory at the Technion Rambam Medical Center in Haifa. He is an internationally recognized authority in the Jewish genome. A native of Toronto and the only child of holocaust survivors, Prof. Skorecki received his medical degree from the University of Toronto with the highest overall standing. He did his post graduate clinical and research training in Boston at the Peter Bent Brigham and the Massachusetts General Hospitals. After 10 years of teaching and research at the University of Toronto, he and his wife fulfilled a lifelong ambition and moved to Israel.

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Admission is free for members, \$5 for non-members.

Refreshments will be served.

Upcoming programs:

May 21 “How to Read a Cemetery Stone” by Judi Caplan

Jun. 11 “The Jews of Greater Boston” by Ellen Smith

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