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A Taste of Jewish Genealogy
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Family history research—whether Jewish or non-Jewish—is more than just charts of names, dates, and places. It's learning about your family, where they came from, how they lived, when and how they got here, what they might have experienced on their trip to America, and more.

Using samples of documents, this lecture will give you a taste of family history research, and you'll see

- that you can identify the exact place where your family came from and locate it on a map;
- that contrary to popular belief, not all the records were burnt up, and you can obtain copies of records from the old country;
- that yes, you can identify your family's original surname, and no, that contrary to whatever your family members told you, your family's surname was not changed at Ellis Island;
- that yes, you can prove or disprove family traditions.

It'll just be a taste of genealogy, but by the end of the lecture you'll be eagerly anticipating the whole meal.

Nancy Levin Arbeiter, CGRS, is a full-time professional genealogist specializing in Jewish family history research and immigration topics. Among her many publications, she wrote the chapters on immigration and naturalization in the recently published *Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy*. She is a seasoned lecturer and has led the beginner's workshops at nine of the past annual Jewish genealogical conferences.

The program is free and open to the public.

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston is a nonprofit organization of individuals interested in genealogical research. It conducts monthly educational programs.

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