

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

presents

Jewish Genealogy's Other Side: Sephardic Research (1:30pm)

Belarus Research and My Sephardic Roots (3:00pm)

Schelly Talalay Dardashti

Sunday, April 12, 2015, 1:30 and 3:00 pm

Temple Emanuel, Newton



Schelly Talalay Dardashti will introduce the growing field of Sephardic research, surveying websites, discussion groups, books, journals, conferences, archives and libraries, ongoing research projects, researchers, and DNA projects. She will include information on the Sephardic presence in Eastern Europe, a topic that has not been explored widely by researchers.

In her second talk, Dardashti will cover the resources available for searching for family from Belarus. She will overview key historical events and their impact on the Jewish community. Finally she will discuss Mogilev and its Jews, presenting family trees, family archival records, and photos that focus on the Sephardic connection in Mogilev.

Pioneer Jewish genealogy columnist (*Jerusalem Post*, "It's All Relative," 1999-2005) and blogger ("Tracing the Tribe: The Jewish Genealogy Blog," since 2006) **Schelly Talalay Dardashti** is the US Genealogy Advisor for MyHeritage.com. Her noted articles have appeared in *Avotaynu*, *NGS Quarterly*, *The Forward*, and *Hadassah*, among others. She co-administers the IberianAshkenaz DNA Project at FamilyTreeDNA.com, which has successfully confirmed the Sephardic origins of some Eastern European Ashkenazi families.

Temple Emanuel is at 385 Ward St., Newton Centre, MA.

For detailed directions and maps, visit our web page at www.emanuel.jgsgb.org.

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

Refreshments will be served.

✦ ✦ 12:30 pm Ask the Experts! (for US research) ✦ ✦
👤 12:30 pm SIGs—Bessarabia, Litvak–Baltic (Lithuania, Latvia & Estonia), Poland 👤
4:00 pm Belarus SIG

Upcoming programs:

Mar 29 2–4:30 pm, Research Sunday. Explore the JGSGB research library & consult with experienced researchers; **NEW!** translators available in **German, Hebrew, Polish, Russian, & Yiddish**. Sign-up in advance to meet with researchers and translators (jgsgb.org/jgsgb-research-sunday). Members only—option to join at the door. Feldberg Room, Temple Emanuel, Newton.

May 17 1:30 pm, Ellen Cassidy, *Jewish Life in Lithuania Before the War*, Cong. Beth El-Atereth Israel, Newton.

Jun 7 1:30 pm, Ava (Sherlock) Cohn, *Clued-In: Case Studies from The Photo Genealogist*, preceded by Annual Meeting, Gann Academy, Waltham.

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