

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

presents

Ten Things I Learned About My Family from My Couch

Tammy Hepps

Sunday, October 26, 2014, 1:30 pm
Temple Emanuel, Newton



New to genealogy and short on time? Tammy Hepps will demonstrate how to make amazing discoveries using online resources! These true research examples, taken from the stories of Jewish immigrant families, illustrate the breadth of materials available. Hepps focuses especially on Jewish web sites and suggests next steps for when you have time to go deeper. She will present a variety of Jewish-specific research techniques to help you overcome the unique challenges of our ancestry.

Tammy A. Hepps is the founder of Treelines.com, a family story-sharing website and winner of the RootsTech 2013 Developer Challenge. She holds a degree in Computer Science from Harvard, and with more than fourteen years experience in digital media and more than two decades doing genealogy research, she brings a fresh perspective on sharing family history in engaging ways that take advantage of the latest technology.

Spotlight Talk: Sam Shamoon: *By the Rivers of Babylon: The Story of the Jews of Baghdad.* Sam will describe Jewish life in Baghdad during the 20th century and present highlights of the community's history, starting with the Babylonian captivity in 586 BCE and concluding with the decimation of the Jewish community in the middle of the twentieth century. Sam was born in Bombay, India, shortly after his parents fled from Baghdad, Iraq; then the family went to Teheran, Iran, where many Baghdadi Jews lived. He moved to the United States and ultimately settled in Rhode Island, where he served as Director of Planning for the City of Providence for twenty years and where he serves on many boards including the Touro Synagogue Foundation.

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! ◆ ◆
◆ ◆ 12:30 pm SIG meetings—Bessarabia, Litvak–Baltic, Poland ◆ ◆
4:00 pm SIG meeting—meet with the new Belarus SIG

Upcoming programs:

- Nov 2 3:00–5 pm, Harry Ostrer, M.D., *The Genetic History of the Jewish People*, Annual Lecture at Hebrew College, Newton. Free and open to the public, reservations are recommended. For information and to register: annuallecture.jgsgb.org
- Nov 16 11 am–3:30 pm, Ron Arons Presents Two Lectures; optional buffet lunch, Cong. Beth El-Atereth Israel, Newton.

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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