

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

presents

Finding Family History in Probate Records

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Sunday, March 15, 2015, 1:30 pm
Cong. Beth El-Atereth Israel, Newton



Probate court records, which cover wills and estates of deceased persons, are an often overlooked genealogical resource. But they are rich with information and can provide routes around research roadblocks.

Allan Jordan will describe what a probate file is; show how to determine if someone was likely to have a probate record and how to go about finding the record; and demonstrate what you may find searching in a probate record.

Jordan will show how to get started finding your family files and illustrate some of the ins and outs of searching for wills and estates, using examples of typical records and the “unique finds” he has located in his quest through the courts.

Allan Jordan applied his research skills as a historian to become what he likes to call a “professional amateur” genealogist. He has followed his family from Courland and the Ukraine to the United States, Scotland, South Africa, Australia and Israel. He enjoys helping people with research in the New York area.

Cong. Beth El-Atereth Israel is at 561 Ward St., Newton Centre, MA.
For detailed directions and maps, visit our web page at bethel.jgsgb.org.

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

Refreshments will be served.

✦ ✦ 12:30 pm Ask the Experts! ✦ ✦

 12:30 pm SIGs—Bessarabia, Litvak–Baltic (Lithuania, Latvia & Estonia), Poland 
4:00 pm SIG meeting—Belarus

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.
- Apr 12 1:30 pm & 3:00 pm, Schelly Talalay Dardashti, 1:30 *Jewish Genealogy's Other Side: Sephardic Research*; 3:00 *Belarus Research and My Sephardic Roots*, Temple Emanuel, Newton.
- May 17 1:30 pm, Ellen Cassidy, *Jewish Life in Lithuania Before the War*, Cong. Beth El-Atereth Israel, Newton.

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