

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

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What's in a Name? Trouble! & Nifty Technologies for Genealogical Research Analysis

Ron Arons

Sunday, November 16, 2014, 11:00 am & 1:30 pm
Cong. Beth El-Atereth Israel, Newton

AN OPTIONAL LUNCH WILL BE OFFERED AFTER THE MORNING SESSION—SEE DETAILS BELOW.



11:00 am *What's in a Name? Trouble!* Ron Arons' great-grandfather, Isaac Spier, served time in Sing Sing Prison for bigamy and committed other crimes. Though Isaac Spier is an uncommon name, during his research Ron has come across records of other men with the same name who were born in the same general time frame, lived in the same places, and who also found trouble, either in business or with women. Ron will show how he untangled and organized these documents to determine how many distinct individuals the records represent.

Lunch 12:30 pm With a reservation and advance payment of \$20, enjoy an optional kosher buffet lunch of cold cuts and vegetarian dishes catered by The Butcherie.

Reserve at: jgsgb.org/event/buffet-lunch/.

Please note: the Temple does not permit people to bring their own food from outside.

1:30 pm *Nifty Technologies for Genealogical Research Analysis* Ron will discuss and demonstrate a variety of very cool tools for genealogical analysis and documentation including timelines, genograms, mind maps, technologies that can be used together to translate books, and more.

Ron Arons is a professional genealogist and popular international lecturer. He earned a B.S. in Engineering from Princeton and an MBA from the University of Chicago. He's written *The Jews of Sing Sing, Wanted! U.S. Criminal Records*, and *Mind Maps for Genealogy*. Ron appeared on the PBS special *The Jewish Americans* and was awarded a Hackman Research Grant from the NY State Archives for his research on historical Jewish criminals in New York.

*Cong. Beth El-Atereth Israel is at 561 Ward St., Newton Centre, MA.
For detailed directions and maps, visit our web page at
jgsgb.org/congregation-beth-el-atereth-israel.*

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

You may come to either or both sessions.

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 9 2–4:30 pm, our first **Research Sunday** at Temple Emanuel. Explore the JGSGB research library and consult with experienced researchers. Members only.
- Dec 14 2–5:30 pm, Sharon Pucker Rivo, *Jews in Focus: Film Clips from Eastern and Central Europe between the Wars*; SPOTLIGHT: Leora Tec, *I'm Not Polish: My Discovery of Identity*, Temple Emanuel, 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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