

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

presents

Collaborative Genealogy: A Revolutionary New Approach to Building Our Family Trees

Adam Brown

Sunday, January 11, 2015, 1:30 pm
Cong. Beth El-Atereth Israel, Newton



Collaborative genealogy is a process in which many researchers contribute to a common, extended family tree. Adam Brown will describe the ways in which Internet sites and social networking have already begun to bridge the gap between collaborative trees, family-specific trees, and the large record and DNA databases hosted by organizations such as JewishGen. As we take advantage of these exciting new developments over the next few years, our opportunities for making breakthroughs in building our family trees will increase exponentially. A panel discussion on collaborative genealogy with JGSGB members Jay Sage and Meredith Hoffman will follow the lecture.

Adam Brown has researched his family's Ashkenazi and Sephardi origins for over three decades. He is the founder and coordinator of a genealogical database at FamilyTreeDNA.com with more than 2,300 participants and is a curator of the Geni/MyHeritage World Family Tree. He is the author of two articles on collaborative genealogy in *Avotaynu*: "The Coming Big Bang in Genealogical Research: Automated Matching of Databases and Family Trees" (Summer 2013) and "Interactive Web Site Brings Our Family Tree to Life" (Fall 2009).

*Cong. Beth El-Atereth Israel is at 561 Ward St., Newton Centre, MA.
For detailed directions and maps, visit our web page at
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Admission is free for members, \$5 for non-members.

Refreshments will be served.



3:30 pm—Belarus SIG Meeting



Upcoming programs:

- Jan 25 2–4:30 pm, Research Sunday, Temple Emanuel, Feldberg Room. Explore the JGSGB research library & consult with experienced researchers. Members only—option to join at the door.
- Feb 8 1:30–4:30 pm, Workshop, Sheila Green & Beverly Olsberg, *Planning Your Family Reunion*, Cong. Beth El-Atereth Israel, Newton.
- Feb 22 1:30 pm, Suzette Martinez Standring, *Plucking Stories from the Family Tree*; & Julie Michutka, *Scrivener Software, a Tool for Writing Your Family History*, Temple Emanuel, Newton.

REGISTER NOW: 8-wk course, Foundations of Jewish Genealogical Research, Wednesdays 7–9 pm starts February 18, 2015 (jgsgeb.org/jgsgeb-genealogy-course)

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