JGSGW January Meeting
Sunday, January 7, 2018

B'nai Israel Congregation, Rockville, MD

1:00 PM Shmooze and Mavens Table

1:30 PM Meeting: *"My Family History Blog: A Multi-purpose Tool"*

with Mary-Jane Roth

"What is a BLOG? Why might I want to write one? How might it help me in my research?" JGSGW VP-Programs, Mary-Jane Roth, will discuss the basics of Blogging and how it can become another tool for the researcher. Mary-Jane started her blog, "MemoryKeeper's Notebook", when she was looking for a way to interest the younger members of her family in the people and stories of the generations who she knew growing up. She wanted to share more than just their names and dates, but also to give these cousins some idea of who their ancestors were as people. As she worked, posting photos and stories, she realized that the process of writing the blog was also helping her improve her research, and connecting her with family far and wide. In her presentation she will review how to start your own blog, and reveal how her own family history has been enriched in the process.

Bio: Mary-Jane began understanding her family history sitting at holiday tables listening to four generations of relatives play "Jewish Geography" telling stories about family members and arguing about who had the story right. She started more than twenty years ago building family trees and checking them with the older generations. She has done serious research for more than fifteen years, spreading the branches of her tree far and wide looking for clues to solve some of the mysteries she uncovered.

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